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Habitat for Humanity project begins to gain ground in Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Dr. Joe Donaldson wants to start a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Pampa. Donaldson said he was visiting a friend in Arkansas last month who had become involved in the program. "He said he'd almost quit playing golf," Donaldson said. "He said he'd never done anything that he'd enjoyed more." Donaldson said he went to a dedication for a house the people in the Habitat for Humanity had built at Hot Springs, Ark., and was impressed. "There was a little cul de sac of 12 houses," Donaldson said, "and this was the 12th house that they'd built in this area." He said he was most impressed. "I wouldn't say that I had a Damascus Road experience," Donaldson said, "but I

was thoroughly impressed." Since he returned from Arkansas, Donaldson has talked to various churches and civic clubs about such a project. "This is not anything that will be the city commission's business," Donaldson said. "Habitat for Humanity is volunteer Christian organization that's locally run." Donaldson told the Pampa City Commission about his plan at the commission's Tuesday night's meeting, explaining that the city would have little to do with the program, but he was asking for their support. The city would be involved with the utilities and possibly paving, although Donaldson said that the places he's looked at were on paved streets.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Dr. Joe Donaldson expresses his desire to establish a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Pampa during Tuesday's city commission meeting.

Mutual aid, tax bids, continued burn ban on county agenda

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Mutual aid agreements and tax bids make up the bulk of Gray County Commissioners' agenda for their Friday meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse.

Commissioners will also vote on whether to declare an updated emergency disaster declaration and continue the current burn ban and ban of certain aerial fireworks. Mutual aid agreements with Briscoe, Potter and Randall Counties will be

considered, as will bids on tax delinquent property. The property, all of which is in McLean, is the south 10 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lots 9 and 10, Block 17; the east 75 feet of Lots 18-20, Block 55; and the east 70 feet of Lots 16-20, Block 20.

Gray County's participation in Red Deer Watershed projects will be discussed, as will a request from the 31st District Attorney to supplement the salary of the assistant district attorney from forfeiture funds. Other agenda items include a road crossing

request from the City of Lefors to ditch a pipeline at Skyline Drive 400 feet east of Spur 398, acknowledgment of the county treasurer's continuing education, budget amendments, and recognition of county employee Bill Billingsley on his retirement.

PISD board to discuss budget tonight

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will be dealing with the 2006-2007 budget at their meeting tonight and will make their final budget amendment to the 2005-2006 budget.

There will be public hearing on the 2006-2007 budget and tax rate at their special meeting at the Pampa High School Library, 111 E. Harvester. The school board meeting starts at 6 p.m. The public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. and public comments are scheduled for 7 p.m.

The board will also consider the district's quarterly financial and investment reports.

In addition, they will consider the 2006-2007 Pampa High School Choir trip.

The board is scheduled to decide on the sale of delinquent tax property, consider Region XVI contracts and revise the 2006-2007 school calendar.

During their meeting, they will hear on first reading policy changes from the Texas Association of School Districts policy audit.

School board members will review employment

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Moving ahead



Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS Matt Parks, left, and Scott Hudson work the trenches while Johnny Williams mans the backhoe for Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating and Air. The crew was working on a conference center that will complement Americinn and overflow from M.K. Brown auditorium, according to contractor Chuck Morgan.

Firefighters to be honored at breakfast

Local fire departments will be honored at a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Friday at Duke Energy Field Services, 11703 Highway 152.

State Rep. Warren Chisum will attend to express his personal support for the fire departments.

Duke Energy Field Services will also make a \$15,000 corporate contribution to the Top of Texas Wildfire Benefit, which supports the efforts of 47 volunteer fire departments that fought the Panhandle wildfires earlier this year.

"We saw first-hand the devastation that struck the Panhandle," Bob Hunter, asset manager, said. "We believe it's important to make a contribution that will assist fire departments in being prepared and able to respond whenever they are needed."

Too much booze lands couple in jail

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A U-Haul van yielded two intoxicated occupants when Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Clark Teague responded to a call concerning a disturbance at the Taylor Mart in Lefors Tuesday evening. Gray County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 8 p.m. Tuesday

in which the caller reported an intoxicated person in the parking lot of the convenience store who was causing a disturbance, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the GCSO. Teague responded, and while en route to Lefors, was notified that the intoxicated person was in a U-Haul van headed south on Highway 273. Teague stopped the vehicle south of

Lefors and found a male driver and female passenger.

The deputy conducted a field sobriety test and then told the driver he was under arrest pending investigation for driving while intoxicated.

"He told the driver to put his hands behind his back," Hoard said. "The

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This tri-colored dog's long hair might be a reason to seek shade on a cool concrete surface as temperatures are expected to be in the 90s for the next several days.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94.
 South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 95. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10

and 15 mph.
 Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.
 Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 69.
 Independence Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.
 Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.
 Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 91.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Hobart and Francis streets and the 1000 block of Duncan.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Animal complaints were received from the 1100 block of Alcock, the intersection of North Crest and Crescent, the 2200 block of North Wells, the 300 block of Anne, the 700 block of North Faulkner, and the intersection of Browning and Magnolia streets.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Frost and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Sexual assault was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan. The incident occurred in the 500 block of West Montagu.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Market and Dwight streets.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

Theft was reported at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. A pistol with gold etchings and writing, made for display only and valued at \$1,695, was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Farley. A lawn mower valued at \$269 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$31.02 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Malone and the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight. Two glass windows, a door padlock and electrical box were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$105.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, June 28

James Leroy Logan Jr., 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for harassment.

Thursday, June 29

Delfino Camacho Ortiz, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Lefors by Pampa Police Department for no valid driver's license, no insurance and an Immigration and Naturalization Service hold.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 28

10:23 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 100 block of East 27th on a carbon monoxide check.

12:39 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Cuyler on a vehicle accident to clean up hazardous material.

12:48 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill to assist police.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 28

12:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to an undisclosed location on Highway 273 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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Shuttle launch countdown now under way

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown to a launch of space shuttle Discovery moved smoothly today with expected storm clouds remaining the only obstacle to only the second U.S.-operated spaceflight since the Columbia tragedy.

The countdown to a Saturday afternoon launch

for a 12-day trip to the international space station was proceeding without any technical problems, said Pete Nicolenko, NASA test director.

"At this point, we're right where we want to be, which is on schedule and tracking no significant issues," Nicolenko said.

Weather was a different story.

There was a 60 percent chance that thunderstorm clouds bringing lightning and isolated showers would prevent a launch Saturday, and the forecast didn't improve on Sunday or Monday, said Kathy Winters, shuttle weather officer.

The launch time, set for

3:49 p.m. EDT on Saturday, will be bumped up by 22 minutes with each passing day, improving the chances of avoiding Florida's volatile afternoon showers.

"Our main concern will be weather," Winters said. "That launch window moving up earlier is something that might help us out."

Nicolenko said the space agency most likely would try to launch Discovery on Saturday or Sunday, take a break on Monday and then try again on Tuesday.

Saturday's launch would be just the second shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003, which killed seven astronauts, and the first since the liftoff of Discovery last July.

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VLO	65.23	+1.80
HAL	71.25	+0.66
TRI	39.15	+0.30
KML	99.87	+0.32
XCEL	19.04	+0.06
Kerr McGee	69.58	+0.32
XOM	61.82	+0.70
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Habitat

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The program is based on building homes for people that need them, he said.

"They'd built 56 homes in Hot Springs," Donaldson said. "I could not believe it."

Hot Springs, Ark., has a population of 30,000.

"What they call the theology of the hammer really benefits the people that need housing," Donaldson said.

The program targets people in the lower to middle income bracket that have jobs but spend 50 percent of their monthly income for rent.

"This gives them a chance to own a home that they can keep up and take pride in," Donaldson said.

He said it should improve neighborhoods. If there are two or three nice homes in a neighborhood, he said, it's an incentive for the neighbors to keep their homes up.

"It's not a giveaway," Donaldson said. "Most of the work is volunteer. A good part of the materials are donated. The local community has to do this."

The family selected for a home is expected to put in some sweat equity, either on their house or another house being built.

"They get involved in the program as well," Donaldson said.

Donaldson said it would probably take 12 to 18 months to get an affiliate organization approved by Habitat for Humanity.

"We're not going to build a house next week," he said.

The average house, two or three bedrooms, is frame with vinyl siding and composite shingles on the roof. There's no garage.

"When the house is completed," Donaldson said, "they're given a Bible, a flag to fly, a tool box for repairs and the keys to the house."

The average cost is about \$60,000 nationwide, Donaldson said, but his friend in Arkansas told him they'd gotten it down to \$40,000 when they started. Now, they're building the houses for about \$20,000.

The family pays for the house through a non-interest bearing loan.

"To me, it is a wonderful program," Donaldson said.

There are 1,500 affiliates in the United States. Worldwide they've provided homes for 200,000 people.

"So far," Donaldson said, "local affiliates have raised over \$9 million for overseas."

Local affiliates tithe 10 percent of the money they raise to the national organization for the overseas Habitat for Humanity.

"I think Pampa will be a better community if we get involved in it," Donaldson said. "I think those families that are looking for a home will be better Christians, their families will be raised in a more Christian atmosphere and I think the kids that are raised in this home with a house of their own will probably be less likely to be involved in drugs and crime."

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contracts and are expected to announce the hiring of several new personnel.

They will meet in executive session to consult with an attorney regarding litigation.

The board will hear a report on the facility study from architects with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc.

They will also hear reports on student enrollment, American Disabilities Act efforts, accidents and injuries involving the district, arrests and federal applications.

3 arrested in scam

NEW YORK (AP) — They should have seen it coming.

Three women were arrested for running phony fortune telling operations, including one who tried to dupe an undercover police officer out of more than \$1,000 for an exorcism to banish evil spirits, authorities said Wednesday.

Police said the women violated a state law that requires all readings be done for entertainment or amusement purposes only, authorities said.

The three suspects

weren't amused when they discovered their clients were undercover police officers taking part in a sting operation. The probe began in March.

One suspect, who operated under the name Readings by Julia, told one undercover agent that she could eliminate evil spirits for an additional \$900 on top of her usual fee, prosecutors said. A second undercover officer was told that a \$1,300 payment would return her wayward boyfriend, authorities said.

Arrests

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driver ran and jumped back into the van and tried to drive off."

The van's ignition became the focus of interest of both driver and deputy, as

one was trying to turn the key and get the van in gear while the other was trying to turn off the engine and gain control of the vehicle and driver, Hoard said.

"After a small scuffle, the driver gave up," Hoard said.

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper arrived and took the driver, Richard Scott Collins, 49, of

Caldwell, Idaho, to Gray County Jail. Collins was booked on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

Collins' passenger in the U-Haul, Tamerra A. Davis, 43, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on

charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Collins remained in jail as of press time in lieu of \$4,500 bond on the DWI charge plus \$2,500 bond on the resisting arrest charge, for a total of \$7,000 bond, according to jail records. Davis was released Wednesday.

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Viewpoints

Pollster says house churches growing trend

This week while surfing the Web in pursuit of something to write about in this space, I came across an article that interested me. The focus of the article was the impact of house churches on the current Christian landscape in America.

Ever heard of a 'house church'? Funny thing is I hadn't — heard of a house church, that is. (Bear in mind: I've never suggested I know everything.)

For those of you in the same boat as I was, a "house church" is exactly what it says it is — a church that meets in a house, whose members gather to worship in a private residence of

some sort.

Now, my understanding is that house churches are common outside the United States. But, according to an article penned by James Rutz of Megashift Ministries, this method of congregating is becoming increasingly popular here within the States, as well.

Rutz's article was based on survey results from a polling source called the Barna Group, led by an individual Rutz described as a well-respected "U.S. church pollster" named George Barna.

"They (the statistics) are based on a full-on, four-month scientific survey,"

Rutz reports, "of 5,013 adults, including 663 blacks, 631 Hispanics, 676 liberals and 1,608 conservatives."

Furthermore, said Rutz, the research was conducted with a sampling error of +/-1.8 percent. The following statistics were provided verbatim by Rutz in his article published online at WorldNetDaily.

— In a typical week, 9 percent of U.S. adults attend a house church.

— In absolute numbers,

that 9 percent equals roughly 20 million people.

— In a typical month, about 43 million U.S. adults attend a house church.

— All told, 70 million U.S. adults have at least participated in a house church.

Focusing only on those who attend some kind of church (which I (Rutz) recall is about 43 percent of us), 74 percent of them attend only a traditional church, 19 percent attend both a traditional and a

house church, and 5 percent are hard-core house church folks.

As an indication of how long house churches have been around, Rutz's article quoted scripture (Acts 2:46) and explained that the house church was the norm up until the fourth century when Emperor Constantine came along and changed the way Christians met and congregated.

Of course, America's house church population is still relatively small, but Rutz pointed to China's house churches and their influence which, he says, are growing in both sway and scope.

"In China, the world's largest church (120 million)," he writes, "is 90 percent based in homes. ... Yes, even while Christians in many provinces are hunted down and tortured, CEOs of corporations in areas with freedom are changing the way government looks at Christianity. That is major."

Hear. Hear. May God's church continue to flourish beneath steeped roofs, mud huts, ornate chapels or fancy fellowship halls. As we prepare to enjoy the Fourth, let us not forget what a significant freedom the freedom of religion is and how fortunate we are to enjoy it in America.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 29, the 180th day of 2006. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1946, British authorities arrested more than 2,700 Jews in Palestine in an attempt to stamp out alleged terrorism.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage

facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1981, Hu Yaobang, a protege of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, was elected Communist Party chairman, replacing Mao Tse-tung's hand-picked successor, Hua Guofeng.

In 1995, the shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit.

Ten years ago: U.S. allies backed President Clinton's demand that Bosnian Serb leaders indicted for war crimes be forced "out of power and out of influence."

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney, experiencing heart problems for the third time since the November election, announced he was going back to the hospital. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was elected to a second term.

One year ago: President Bush, embracing nearly all the recommendations of a White House commission, said he was creating a national security service at the FBI to specialize in intelligence as part of a shake-up of the disparate U.S. spy agencies.

Mexico released a series of postage stamps depicting an exaggerated black cartoon character known as "Memin Pinguin," prompting protests from U.S. activists.

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Ergonomics studies effects of work on body

Have you ever been sitting at your desk, decided to get up and your back began to hurt? How many times do you rub your eyes or your neck when you work at your computer for long stretches? After typing multiple pages of information, do your hands ache or feel like they're "burning?"

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, you need to know about ergonomics. No, it's not that course you flunked out of in college. It's the study of the relationship between humans and their environment.

For the longest time, ergonomics was not a respected field of study. It was considered a witch doctor science. But when more and more people turned up with carpal tunnel syndrome, experts took notice. Today, engineers, medical practitioners, product design specialists work hand-in-hand to produce "human-friendly" processes.

As it relates to an office environment, ergonomics can be divided into three areas of study:

- Hand/Wrist pain
- Back pain
- Eye strain

Hand and wrist pain has definitely stolen the limelight when it comes to ergonomic problems. You can't stand around the office water cooler too long before hearing someone talking about Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

This condition is caused by bone pressure exerted on the median nerve at the wrist. The median nerve provides feeling to the thumb-side of the palm, and to the thumb, middle finger, index finger, and the thumb-side of the ring finger. It also supplies mobility to part of the hand.

The nerve enters the hand

through an opening formed by the wrist bones (the carpal bones) and the tough membrane that holds the bones. This opening is called the carpal tunnel.

The tunnel is stiff, so swelling of any of the tissues in this area can cause compression of the nerve, causing pain. By the way, if you're looking to impress your friends with your condition, call it "median nerve dysfunction."

To avoid this painful condition, take time out from your daily routine and perform some hand stretching exercises. For instance, every hour or so, clench your hands as tight as you can and then open them, stretching your fingers as hard as you can. Another easy exercise involves pressing your hand against a hard surface, stretching your fingers at the

same time.

If you have a little money, invest in a keyboard wrist pad, so your hands don't have to bend so awkwardly to type. Some keyboards have also been created that are split down the middle and slanted. These help keep the arms straight and help avoid fatigue.

While wrist and hand pain get most of the attention, more people suffer from back pain than any other type of work-related ailment. In fact, statistics point out that 90 percent of us will encounter a back-related disabling episode sometime in our lives. Unfortunately, in most cases, we can only treat the symptoms and not the cause. That's mainly because doctors can only diagnose a physiological reason for 20 percent of back pain sufferers. So, what can you do?

First, listen to your third grade teacher, and sit up straight! Poor posture is the

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 19

Austin American-Statesman on Juneteenth:

Although Juneteenth doesn't make the list of top Texas exports, it should. On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger landed at Galveston with the news that the Civil War was over and that slaves were freed.

The announcement came two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued by President Lincoln, but even belated, the news was joyously welcomed by African Americans. Freedom didn't automatically bring dignity nor did it bestow automatic

equality but it was a move in the right direction.

The anniversary of Granger's landing and announcement has been a day of celebration in Texas ever since. It was something of an underground celebration for many years. Juneteenth was once strictly an African American celebration of freedom, but it didn't stay that way.

It is now an official state holiday in Texas. Officially and finally recognized by the state Legislature during the 1979 session, it became a state holiday in 1980.

Long before it was official in Texas, the celebration had spread across the country as African Americans, from Texas took the observance with them.

Just as freedom knows no bound-

aries, neither does a celebration of it. Today, you'll find Juneteenth celebrated from Austin to Boston and way beyond.

It is a sort of July Fourth and Thanksgiving rolled into one a truly Texan export that endures and grows.

Today, Juneteenth enjoys official recognition in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Delaware, Idaho, Alaska, Iowa, California, Wyoming, Missouri, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan and New Mexico. Other states that recognize Juneteenth include Oregon, South Dakota, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Montana, Wisconsin,

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Pain

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leading cause of mild, daily back pain. Two types of posture-related activities can cause back pain: constant leaning forward in your chair and sitting in one position for long periods.

Obviously, to combat this condition, change your position often and try to sit back in your seat. Buy a lumbar support or roll an old towel and put it behind your lower back. Stand up from time to time and stretch your back. Put your hands on your hips, lean forward, back, and then side to side.

Eye strain is the third most common malady caused by poor ergonomics. A number of factors (all fixable) can cause eye fatigue during

normal office day. First, let's start with the lights.

Fluorescent lights are evil and should be destroyed. While they are great at diffusing light in a large room, they can wreak havoc on your eyes over time. If you have your own office, turn off the fluorescent lights and use normal light bulbs. If this means bringing a few lamps to your office, so be it.

Next, take a look at your computer monitor. Are you having to tilt your head up or down to read it? Position your monitor so that looking straight ahead puts your vision in the middle of the screen. Also, check your resolution.

Resolution refers to the number of pixels (dots) that make up a monitor's screen image. Most monitors have three basic settings in this area: 640 X 480, 800 X 600, and 1024 X 768. You can see your current settings by right clicking on your desktop and choos-

ing "properties." Then choose the "settings" tab on the display window.

From my personal experience, if you have a 14-inch monitor, stay with the 640 X 480 resolution. If you have a 15-inch monitor, you might try 800 X 600, but at the first sign of fatigue, switch back. If you are lucky enough to have a 17 or 19 inch monitor, work at a minimum of 800 X 600 and see if you can work at 1024 X 768.

Remember, at the first sign of eye-strain, choose a lower resolution. If you wear contacts or glasses, check with your optometrist about special prescriptions for people who work on computers.

As time goes on, you'll see newer and more ingenious ways to stay comfortable while working on your PC. Just remember, don't trust every snake-oil, ergonomic doodad salesman you run into ...

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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Maryland, Virginia and Colorado. Juneteenth is also a holiday in the

District of Columbia.

Though state legislators have slowly but surely come to recognize the significance of Juneteenth, the U.S. Congress has been blind to it.

There is a movement to make Juneteenth a national holiday. That is an opportunity for members of

Congress who cherish freedom to celebrate it fully.

Slavery left an enduring and negative legacy.

An official recognition of the end of it won't cure that, nor will it heal the ill effects that linger, but it would be a move in the right direction

Industrial democracies want Iran's answer by July 5

MOSCOW (AP) — The United States, Russia and other industrial democracies said Thursday they expect Iran to answer "yes" or "no" next week to an international offer to bargain over Tehran's disputed nuclear program.

"We are disappointed in the absence of an official Iranian response to this positive proposal," said a statement from foreign ministers of the Group of Eight industrial nations. "We expect to hear a clear and substantive Iranian response to these proposals" at a meeting scheduled July 5 between the European Union's foreign minister and Iran's nuclear negotiator.

The statement said the international coalition that made the offer to Iran "will assess the situation before mid-July." That would be just before leaders of the Group of Eight industrial nations meet July 15-17 in Russia, where they are expected to consider the Iran situation.

The G-8 diplomats also discussed a range of pressing issues. They condemned the abduction of an Israeli soldier in the Gaza Strip and asked the Palestinian government to "take immediate measures" to free him. And the group asked Israel "to exercise utmost restraint in the current crisis. The detention of elected members of the Palestinian government and Legislature raises particular concern."

Israeli troops arrested dozens of ministers and lawmakers from the Palestinians' elected Hamas leadership Thursday.

The United States has not issued its own separate response, but Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signed on to the joint statement, which is a coded criticism of Israel.

At a news conference following lengthy meetings with the diplomats from Russia, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, France, Canada and Japan, Rice noted the call for restraint from Israel.

"With restraint, perhaps, we can get back to a place where there are hopes again for a peace process," Rice said.

On Iran, the G-8 diplomats called Tehran's nuclear program "a source of international concern," and endorsed the offer to Iran to accept economic incentives in return for swearing off disputed aspects of the program, which Tehran claims is peaceful.

"An agreement of this sort would allow the Iranian people to enjoy the benefits of modern civil nuclear power and would bring Iran many other long-term political and

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— Statement from foreign ministers of the Group of Eight industrial nations

economic advantages," the G-8 ministers' statement said.

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The ministers also discussed world hotspots includ-

ing North Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans. And they issued a call to international donors for new aid.

On Iraq, they offered support to the new permanent Iraqi government and commended its new national rec-

onciliation initiative, which some U.S. politicians have criticized as too accommodating toward insurgents.

Russian Prime Minister Sergey Lavrov did not directly respond to a question about whether United Nations economic sanctions would follow if Iran fails to reply or rejects the proposed bargain. Russian and China, permanent veto-holding members of the U.N. Security Council, have opposed harsh measures for their commercial partner Tehran in the past, but U.S. diplomats say those nations are expected cooperate if the Iran case gets that far.

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Events calendar

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- **Sayre Main Street Community Theatre** of Sayre, Okla., will present an "Oklahoma Music Celebration" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the city's high school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Group and senior discounts are available. To find out more or to make a reservation, call (580) 928-3355. Proceeds will be used to restore Sayre's historic Stovall Theater for community use.
- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced a breast cancer screening clinic July 25 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will offer immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., July 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.
- **The Texas Photographic Society** is sponsoring a photo contest for both amateur and professional photographers in Texas. The deadline to submit slides for the contest is July 5. The exhibition will be on display at the Dougherty Art Center in Austin in September. An artist's reception is planned Sept. 5. For an entry form, guidelines and rules, log onto www.texas-photo.org on the Internet or call (210) 824-4123.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My youngest daughter, "Liza," is going through a divorce that has turned ugly, with her soon-to-be ex, "Dick," choking and threatening to kill her. The problem is, my oldest daughter, "Mimi," has remained in contact with Dick. She claims she doesn't want her children "to suffer the loss of an uncle they really love." Mimi had promised Liza she would no longer speak to Dick, but when Liza went to her former home to pick up some personal items, she saw on the caller ID that Mimi had been calling there several times a week. Liza is devastated and feels Mimi has betrayed her. When she called Mimi to discuss it, Mimi refused. Liza then announced that she would never speak to Mimi again. I feel that Mimi did betray Liza, but I had hoped there would be further communication. Mimi is now avoiding me. There have been other sticky situations in the past when Mimi has deprived family members — including me — from seeing her children as a means of punishment. I am at a loss. I feel supportive of Liza because I know she really needs me and is being subjected to problems of all kinds from all sides. — **HEARTBROKEN MOTHER IN OHIO**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: What a mess. You have my sympathy. However, Liza may have jumped to the wrong conclusion when she spotted Mimi's number on Dick's caller ID. Caller ID registers the number the call was made from and to whom that number is registered. It does not necessarily reveal the identity of the caller. Rather than Mimi calling, it might have been one or more of her children wanting to talk to "an uncle they really love." One thing is

clear. There is trouble between your daughters. Whether it's recent, or the ill feelings go all the way back to their childhood, you'd be better served to let "the girls" work it out between themselves than to allow yourself to be put in the middle. You can't be their referee forever. You're all adults now, and it's time they resolve their own conflicts without dragging you into it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been in love with "Jordan" for three years. I know he loves me, too. My problem is I am not sure where Jordan leaves off and I begin. He is older — 27 — and I almost feel like I haven't had a chance to become my own person. My dilemma is that I'm afraid if I leave him and venture out on my own, I might lose him forever. I don't want to make a mistake. I am also afraid that if I leave him and meet someone, and it doesn't work out — I'll be left all alone. Please tell me what to do. Everyone I ask has a different opinion. — **CAN'T DECIDE IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS**

DEAR CAN'T DECIDE: As risky as it may seem now, take a break from Jordan. You didn't mention whether you are still in school. If you are, tell Jordan that you need time to concentrate on your studies and get involved with campus life. It's the truth. If you are not, then consider taking some classes to further your education and help you develop independently. Before making a lifetime commitment to anyone, it is imperative to have established some independence both emotionally and financially. If your romance is so fragile that a little time apart will destroy it, then it wasn't strong enough to begin with.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

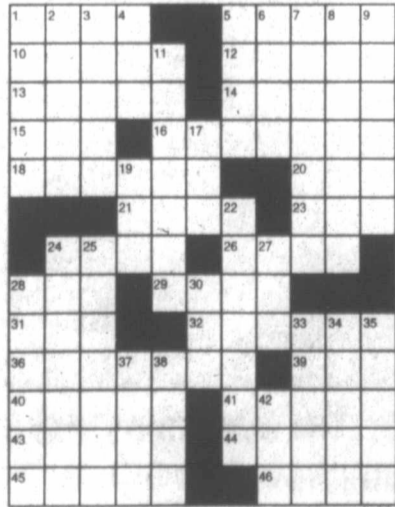
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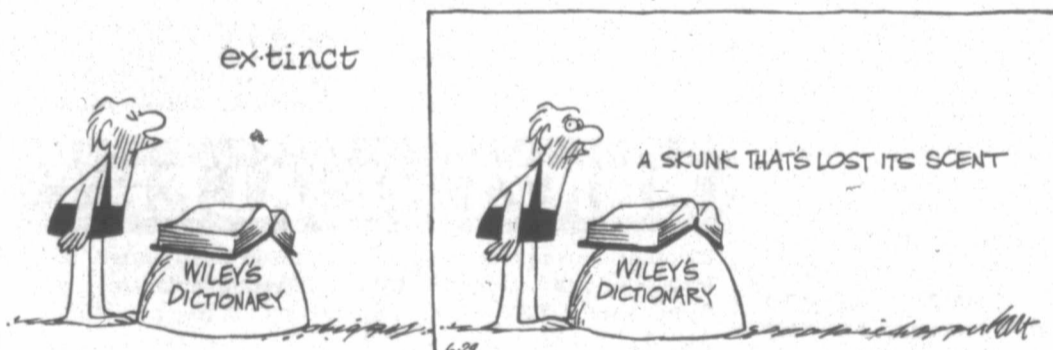


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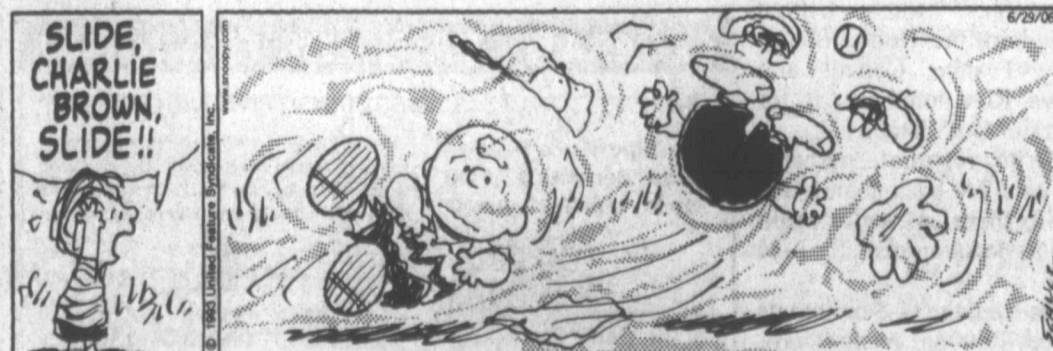
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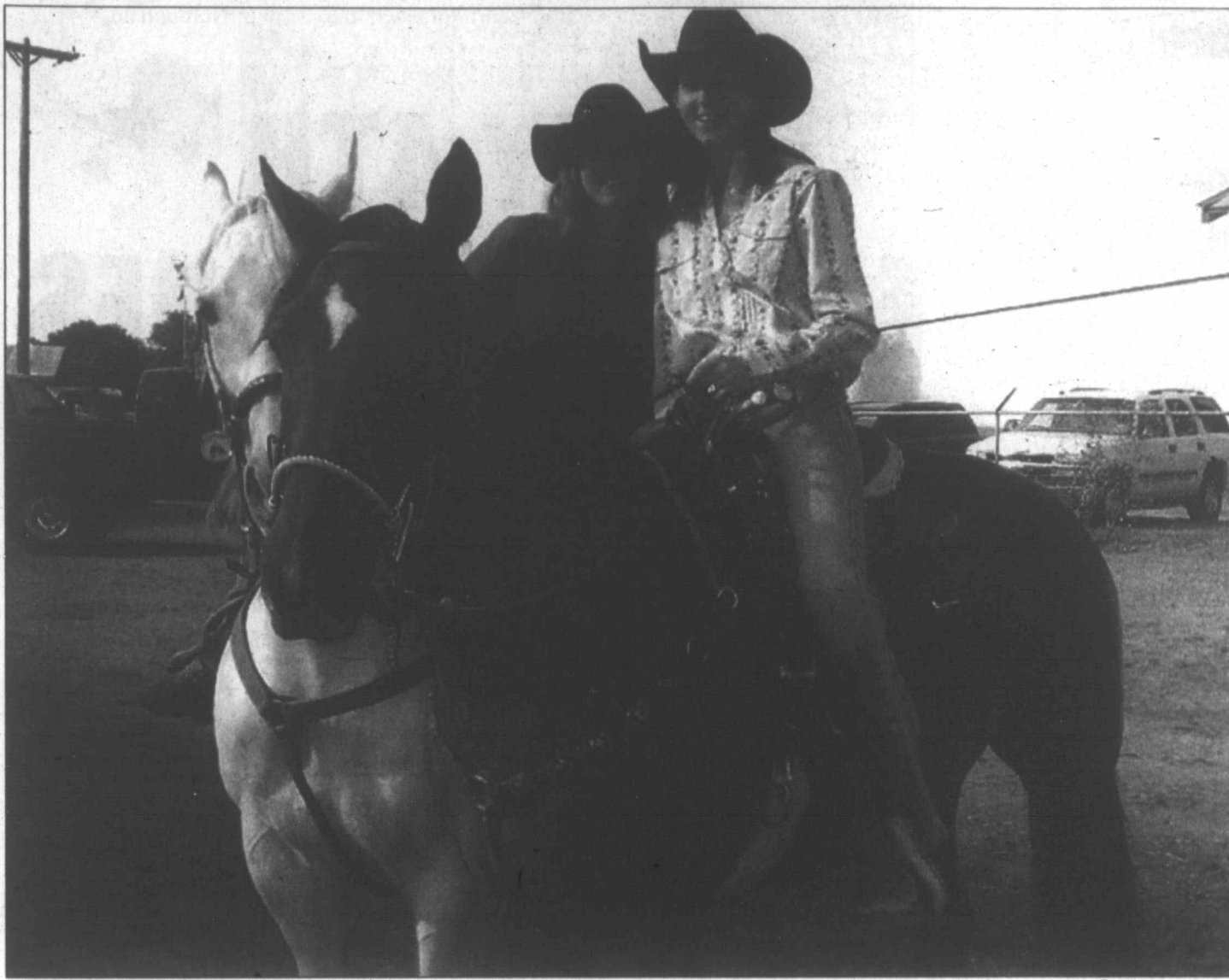
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Sports Day



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Richardson, Jones bound for Nationals

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Carley Richardson and Kalynn Jones are on their way to the National High School Finals Rodeo competition after turning in solid performances at the state level.

Jones placed third in both pole bending and barrel racing at the tri-state rodeo competition June 2-4 in Vernon. She was fifth in poles and fourth in barrels at the state rodeo finals June 17-24 in Abilene.

The top four competitors at state level earn the right to compete in the national event, Jones said; fifth place winners are alternates.

Richardson was named Rookie of the Year and all-around winner at the tri-state event. She placed third in breakaway roping, first in barrel racing, third in pole bending and fifth in goat tying at Vernon.

She won the right to compete in the national rodeo event by placing second in poles at Abilene.

The national final competition is scheduled for July 23-30 in Springfield, Ill.

◀ Kalynn Jones, left, and Carley Richardson, both of Pampa, paused in the action at the recent Tri-State High School Rodeo Competition in Vernon for a photo of them astride their quarter horses. Both went on to state level competition, where they each earned top five placement in one or more events. Jones and Richardson will now compete at the National High School Finals Rodeo, July 23-30 in Springfield, Ill.

Hidden Hills results

Senior Regular Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course June 28, 2006	Marvin Allison 3rd Place (63) Jim Brashears Jess Mathis Duane Cash Bob Brandon 4th Place (64) Tom Lindsey Jim Cantrell Oscar Sargent John McGuire Closest to the Pin Jim Cantrell (#6) Jim Bridges (#15)
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San Angelo	23	16	.590	7
Alexandria	19	20	.487	11
Amarillo	17	22	.436	13
Rio Grande Valley	15	24	.385	15
Laredo	13	26	.333	17

Wednesday's Games
Amarillo 11, San Angelo 1
Edinburg 8, Rio Grande Valley 7
Alexandria 8, Laredo 2

Thursday's Games
Edinburg at Amarillo
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo
San Angelo at Alexandria

CRYING, EMOTIONS AND SENSITIVITY

Morrison's were not tears of passion

Wahdam Morrison
On ESPN's "Mike & Mike in the Morning" radio show this morning, the subject of crying in sports was brought up for debate. The spark for the fodder was provided by Charlotte's drafting of Gonzaga's Adam Morrison in Wednesday night's NBA draft.

During the NCAA basketball tournament earlier this year, the 6'8" Morrison began to weep with just under three seconds left in a game against UCLA at the Oakland Coliseum. OK, the kid started bawling. Flood gates opened and alligator tears rolled down his contorted face. He was almost inconsolable, even as a couple of Bruins players tried to help Morrison up off the Coliseum floor.

The debate this morning dealt with the appropriateness of tears in sport. Is it OK to cry? Of course it is. We as humans are prone to giving into emotion. Just as adrenaline and endorphins allow us to perform at levels normally beyond our natural ability, once the outcome of a game, match, bout, contest or other test of skill becomes clear — and we are not on the good side of the final ledger — and our body's natural energy boosters wear off, emotion

sets in. And despite an athlete's best attempt to stem the flow, the tears come. But they usually come after the fact, not while you or your team still has a shot at victory. At the very least, a chance at a tie and possible redemption.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Morrison's blubbing tirade began with time still left on the clock. A lot of time in basketball. His team still had a chance. What must it have looked like for his teammates to see their team leader in a stage of emotional breakdown more akin to one having watched a favorite pet jump into a wood chipper?

Michael Jordan — who bought into the Bobcats franchise only recently — was asked about Morrison's crying incident shortly after drafting him with the third overall pick Wednesday night. Said Jordan, "It is hard to find people who are willing to put their

heart into something so much that they become emotional about it." He added, "It is a trait that you just don't take for granted."

Yes, but Jordan is confusing Morrison's tears with those of heartbreak. Truth is, they were most likely tears of "this isn't supposed to happen to me."

There is a profound difference between the emotion of having left all you have on the field or court, and that of realizing the jig is up and quitting on your team with time left on the clock.

The Land of Ozzie Guillen

Some one please tell me what the heck 'Sensitivity Training' is and why Chicago White Sox skipper Ozzie Guillen was sentenced to it? If it was really due to his choice of words in describing a particular reporter, what then the price of free speech? If the tables were turned, the reporter would most likely wear Freedom of Speech like a suit of armor. By the way, have you looked 'that' word up in the dictionary? It has more than one meaning. Seems the Brits use it quite often. They must be very insensitive.

Agassi, Sharapova cruise into third round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andre Agassi advanced to the third round of his 14th and final Wimbledon on Thursday with a 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-4 victory over Andreas Seppi of Italy.

The 36-year-old American, the oldest player in the men's draw, dropped serve only once — while serving for the second set — and broke three times to subdue the 68th-ranked Seppi.

Just as he had after his opening round win Tuesday on Centre Court, Agassi received a raucous standing ovation from the fans on Court 1. Agassi, who won the first of his eight Grand Slam titles here in 1992, announced last weekend that he will retire after the U.S. Open in September.

Agassi will next face French Open champion Rafael Nadal, who came from two sets down to avoid a huge upset against 237th-ranked American qualifier Robert Kendrick.

Kendrick, who plays mainly on the lower-tier challenger circuit, came within two points of victory in the fourth set before the Spaniard took charge to win 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-4. It's only the second time Nadal come back from a two-set deficit.

Maria Sharapova, the 2004 women's champion, overpowered Ashley Harkleroad 6-2, 6-2 in 67 minutes. The match was slightly tougher than her 51-minute 6-2, 6-0 win the previous day over Anna Smashnova.

"I didn't think I had a enough of a challenge to see where my game was at in the first round," the third-seeded Russian said. "The points were very quick. But today I played a few rallies and I definitely did a lot of good things."

Sharapova had too much power and consistency for the 76th-ranked American, who had reached the second round for only the first time in four attempts.

Sharapova, her shriek-like grunts carrying beyond the Court 2 stands, took control by winning 14 of 15 points at one stretch in the first set.

She finished with 27 winners and 12 unforced errors. Harkleroad, mostly on the defensive, had four winners and seven errors.

Sharapova saved a break point — the only one she faced — and needed five match points before she closed out the contest when Harkleroad sent a backhand wide.

"I definitely played pretty solid today," the Russian said. "But it's only going to get tougher from here. It's a matter of stepping it up and coming up with the goods when I need it."

Defending champion and three-time winner Venus Williams was up later against Lisa Raymond, with top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo facing Samantha Stosur.

On the men's side, 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt and two-time runner-up Andy Roddick were also scheduled to play second-round matches.

Getting the day off was Roger Federer, who says he's never been in such dominant form so early in the championships — a scary thought for any player planning to stop him from winning his fourth straight title on the All England Club grass.

"I've had a different kind of draw, where people are expecting me to struggle more," the top-ranked Swiss star said.

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NASCAR to change 10-race championship format in 2007

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR chairman Brian France promised slight changes to the sport's championship format, hoping to add more drama to the 10-race title hunt.

"What I have always said about the Chase was we needed a few years under our belt to see how it evolves, how it changes in strategy, see how the actual formula we have really works," France said today. "Now in our third year ... it's the ideal time for us make adjustments."

France did not specify what areas will be changed in an offseason facelift that will take effect in 2007.

The Chase for the Nextel Cup was devised by France when he took over as chairman in 2004. The format was designed to spice up a stale championship race in which winners were running away with the title and routinely clinching before the season finale.

France wanted more excitement and a dramatic playoff system that could compete with the NFL for television ratings.

The result was the Chase, which uses the first 26 races of the season as a qualifier to set up the title run. The top 10 drivers in the standings automatically make it in, and any

drivers within 400 points of the leader are also eligible.

They then compete over the final 10 events to decide the championship.

Although the first season was a success, with five drivers in mathematical contention to win the title heading into the finale, Tony Stewart's 2005 dominating run lacked the same punch.

Several flaws in the system have also been revealed along the way.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon, NASCAR's two biggest stars, were both locked out of the Chase last year because of subpar seasons. The 400-point mark has yet to come into play, and it's been proven that one or two poor finishes — especially at the start of the Chase — can cripple a driver's title hopes.

"We'll be looking at nothing new — everything that we'll be looking at has been brought up by various people the last couple of years," France said. "Just various things that we think will build what we're hoping for, which are big moments and a bigger stage for the drivers."

"That's what the Chase has always been about. It's about showcasing their skills."

"What I have always said about the Chase was we needed a few years under our belt to see how it evolves, how it changes in strategy, see how the actual formula we have really works."

— Brian France
Chairman, NASCAR

Spurs select, then trade, Markota with 59th pick

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs selected Damir Markota, a 6-foot-10 center from Sarajevo, in the second round of Wednesday's NBA Draft and then traded him to the Milwaukee Bucks for future considerations.

The 20-year-old Markota, the 59th pick overall, averaged 8.3 points and 4.4 rebounds last season for Cibona Zagreb in Croatia's Adriatic League.

The Spurs will get the better of two Milwaukee second-round picks in next year's draft.

R.C. Buford, general manager of the Spurs, said the team attempted to move up in the draft to get any of three or four "target" players.

"We had calls going all night long," Buford said. "We were diligent in trying to move up into the middle to late first round. Once our guys were gone, we figured let's keep some flexibility. Next year's draft will be one of the better ones in a long, long time."

The Spurs did not have a first-round selection this year. The team traded the pick, along with reserve forward Malik Rose, in a deal with the New York Knicks for center Nazr Mohammed and Jamison Brewer during the 2004-2005 season.

On Wednesday, the Knicks used the pick, the 29th overall, to select Mardy Collins, a 6-6 shooting guard who was an All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection from Temple.

The Spurs gave up the first-round pick and the fan-favorite Rose, and they got inconsistent production from Mohammed.

Mohammed quickly moved into the Spurs' starting lineup, including a starting role in the team's run to the 2005 NBA championship. But he lost his starting spot this season when the Spurs met the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference semifinals.

An unrestricted free agent, Mohammed's future with the team is uncertain.

The team released Brewer following last year's deal.

Cruise

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"That I came through that convincing obviously gives me a lot of confidence.

Sends out maybe a little bit of a message for the other players."

Federer looked untouchable Tuesday as he routed four-time semifinalist Tim Henman 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 on Centre Court to reach the

third round, extending his grass-court winning streak to 43 matches. He dropped only seven games in his previous match against Richard Gasquet, who was coming off a grass-court tournament win in Nottingham.

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TEXAS BASEBALL

Rangers, Astros both fall

RANGERS
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Noah Lowry has struggled at times in this, his second full season in the majors, so the success he enjoyed two years ago seems like that much more of a feat.

He began his career 7-0, the second-longest winning streak by a Giants starter to open his career behind Hooks Wiltse's 12-0 record to begin the 1904 campaign.

After a stint on the disabled list earlier this season, Lowry hopes he is back on track. He received all the run support he needed on Ray Durham's grand slam, winning for only the second time in nine starts in the San Francisco Giants' 5-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

"Wins are tough to come by," Lowry said. "Early on, they didn't know what I brought to the table. You have to make adjustments. ... I've been through a rough streak. It feels good to get a win. Hopefully I can build off it."

San Francisco topped the Rangers for the second straight night to secure its second series win in three interleague sets since being swept in Seattle from June 16-18.

Durham, batting fifth behind slugger Barry Bonds, connected for his fourth career grand slam in the third with a shot into the tunnel in left field to give the Giants a 5-0 lead — his eighth home run of the year and second in four games. It was Durham's first grand slam since Sept. 20, 2000, at Detroit while with the Chicago White Sox — and first batting from the

right side of the plate.

ASTROS
DETROIT (AP) — Justin Verlander's latest sensational performance made him the first rookie in four years to have at least 10 wins before the All-Star break.

Verlander pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and the surging Detroit Tigers took advantage of defensive miscues by the Houston Astros in a 5-0 victory Wednesday. Verlander (10-4) struck out seven and walked none, winning his third straight start.

"This was probably my best," said Verlander, who has lost only one of his last 10 outings. "I felt really good, and had everything working well. I can't complain."

He joined Kazuhisa Ishii, who won 11 games for the Los Angeles Dodgers before the 2002 All-Star game, as the only major league rookies to get off to such strong starts in the past four years.

"When you have stuff like that, it's easy to have savvy and confidence," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Detroit's hard-throwing right-hander wanted to pitch the ninth for a shot at his second shutout, but Leyland wasn't interested.

"We don't worry about that stuff anymore," he said.

The Tigers have won six straight and 17 of their last 20 games, maintaining the best record in baseball. Detroit swept a six-game homestand against Houston and the St. Louis Cardinals, the past two NL champions.

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You are unusually verbal and creative this year, drawing options left and right. You could find this year to be exciting and dynamic. If you ask enough questions before making a decision, then you won't regret what happens, as you are likely to naturally head in the proper direction. Think positively and thoroughly. Your creativity flourishes. If you are single, romance might already be knocking on your door. Certainly love will not elude you this year. If you are attached, you will find your relationship heading on a more dynamic path. VIRGO brings out the chatterbox in you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Extremes define your day. You seem to be an all-or-nothing person at the moment. Do something just for yourself. Fundamentals count. A partner or associate pitches in, helping you see all the possibilities that surround you. Make an extra effort. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Sometimes you cannot put a halt to your innate creativity. You might have a hard time turning in another direction, as you are on a roll. Do you really want to? Others cheer you on. Listen to those around you. Positive vibes flow. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Stay anchored, knowing what you want to happen. Get as much accomplished as you can while you have the energy. Use your creativity to add to the

pleasant or humorous quality of your life. Understanding helps you make a difference where it counts. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Talk through a problem. Listen to what is happening with someone you care about enormously. A child or romance could be dicing up your life. Just let it happen. You know what to do and where to go. Trust your intuition. Tonight: Happy with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Expenses demand your attention. Work with your sixth sense when dealing with funds and people. You know when something is enough. Yes, you will have a tendency to go overboard, but still, you might be much more grounded than you realize. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You swing well with changes and the moment. You hear a lot; you say a lot. Sort through good will, facts and flirtation. As a result, you will be able to make positive decisions. You will get the true story. In fact, you might know it already. Think positively. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Knowing when to use your instincts could determine your success or failure. Knowing when to back off and go with the flow could also be a factor. Use your innate skills, and you will be pleased with what occurs. Tonight: Step back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You have a winning style. Take charge and handle key people as directly as possible. Friends and associates play a big role in what goes down in the near future. Trust your judgment. Tonight: What makes you happy. Honor

what you want.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Step up to the plate knowing full well what feels appropriate. Your instincts and knee-jerk reactions play a strong role in your decisions. A partnership needs time and respect; follow through. Tonight: Know that others might be checking you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Taking an overview and detaching will ultimately draw the reactions you desire. You could be taken aback by someone who is overly challenging. You can handle this person. Trust yourself. Tonight: Schedule a movie or some other happening where you don't need to talk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Deal with others directly, and you'll draw positive results. Do nothing halfway and remain positive. Don't hesitate to take the lead. Others will respond even if you think you might be a touch bossy. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Others are only too happy to accommodate your efforts. You might be thrilled by the different perspective you gain if you just roll with what is happening. Romance, children and creativity are highlighted. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

BORN TODAY
Boxer Mike Tyson (1966), actor Brian Bloom (1970), singer June Valli (1930)

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Grasslands sequester greenhouse gases, too

By Robert Burns
Extension News

OVERTON — New equipment will enable Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists fine-tune grassland management to sequester carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

The new equipment, a carbon, nitrogen, sulfur analyzer, will also allow him and other researchers at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton to more quickly analyze the nutritive value of forages, said Dr. Vincent Haby, Experiment Station soil scientist.

Carbon sequestration is an important research area because of the rising concentrations of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere. Rising carbon dioxide is now widely recognized by the scientific community to be linked to global warming.

All plants, to varying degrees, take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and biologically tie-up or "sequester" carbon in the soil, said Dr. Maria Silveira, Experiment Station post-doctoral associate in soil science.

Most people probably associate carbon sequestration with forests, she said. But many don't realize that scientific authorities believe grasslands may cover 25 percent or more of the Earth's land area.

"(Grasslands) provide an important component of terrestrial carbon dioxide sequestration," Silveira said. "Unlike tropical forests, however, where the majority of the carbon is in the above-ground vegetation, the major carbon pools in grasslands are located in the soil."

In soil, carbon is sequestered two ways. One way is by a physical process: Carbon can be tied up by soil particles so that microorganisms cannot access it and release it back into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide.

The second is biochemical: Carbon in organic matter, such as roots, breaks down into stable compounds. Many of these compounds do not readily degrade further, and thus tie up the carbon for decades or more, Silveira said.

Variety selection and management strategies can affect how much carbon is delivered to the soil, how long it is sequestered, the size and diversity of soil microbes, and other factors, she said.

"For example, overgrazing often results in grassland degradation and decrease in carbon stocks," Silveira said. "In contrast, (the scientific literature) suggests that well-managed pas-

ture can increase soil organic carbon by an average of 8 percent."

Experiment Station scientists at the Overton center have controlled pasture studies and are constantly evaluating new forages, Haby said. Some of these studies have been ongoing, leaving the soil undisturbed except for animal traffic, for as long as 35 years. Other studies are shorter-lived, but many present unique opportunities now that the team can analyze soil and plant samples for carbon.

For example, the team is currently seeking federal grant support to:

- Investigate how different types of cattle stocking and grazing rotation plans affect the amount and the type of carbon turnover rates in the soil.

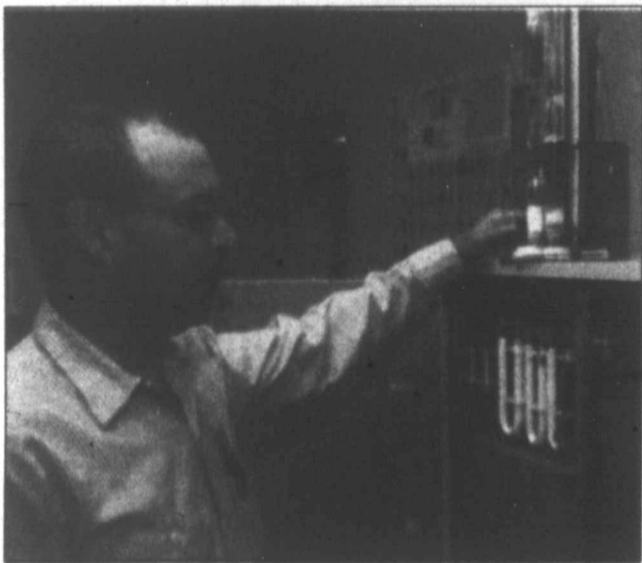
- Study how different fertilizers affect soil carbon sequestration.

- Compare how different forage varieties and species — bermudagrass and legumes — affect carbon sequestration.

- Look at how chicken litter, which is used to fertilize pastures in Texas, affects both above-ground and soil carbon levels.

- Look at how sequestered organic carbon is protected and how the soil microbes are changed in intensively managed pastures.

The new equipment burns samples



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by ROBERT BURNS) Allen Leonard, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research associate, begins the setup procedure on the new instrument to analyze carbon, nitrogen and sulphur.

and analyzes the resulting gases. The old method, involved first dissolving the samples with sulphuric or nitric acid, and created byproducts that had to be neutralized before disposal, Haby said. The new instrument produces no hazardous byproducts whatsoever.

Also, carbon analysis could not be performed with the old methods, and sulphur analysis was so "tedious and laborious" that it was more often farmed out to other labs, he said.

Plant nitrogen content is used to estimate crude protein. Sulphur is an essential component of amino acids, the building blocks of plant proteins, Haby said.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After 4,538 "good mornings," Charles Gibson is ready to say "Good evening."

The veteran ABC newsman toasted the end of his near 19-year tenure on "Good Morning America" on Wednesday, surrounded by his real and television families. He's now the anchor ABC's "World News Tonight."

"Charles is a night person," said his wife, Arlene, who retired Friday as head of the Spence school in Manhattan. "That's the strange thing about this job. I never see him in the morning — and that's a good thing."

It was the second farewell in a month to a morning television star who's leaving to become an evening news anchor. Katie Couric exited NBC's "Today" and will start at the "CBS Evening News" in September.

Gibson held his composure through nearly two hours of testimonials and video clips, finally misting up when ABC News

announced it will award an annual college scholarship in his name that also includes an internship at "Good Morning America."

"You got me," he said, wiping away a tear.

He paid tribute at the show's end to several colleagues and friends, including former "GMA" hosts David Hartman and Joan Lunden, there for the send-off.

"For 19 years my mornings have not just been good," he said. "They've been great."

Keeping with Gibson's button-down style, Wednesday's goodbye was considerably more low-key than Couric's three-hour farewell. Gibson doted on his family, including his 3 1/2-month-old grandson, Kelly Ripa, Cal Ripken Jr. and Kermit were it for celebrity guests.

There were no film clips of embarrassing hairstyles for Gibson, 63; just gray strands invading his black hair.

He started at "Good Morning America" in 1987, paired first with Lunden. Gibson left the show in 1998 but was back with

Diane Sawyer less than nine months later after ratings went into a free-fall. Most of Gibson's era — including every week of his second tenure — was in second place in the ratings to "Today."

Gibson was named "World News Tonight" anchor last month, replacing the ill-fated pair of Elizabeth Vargas and Bob Woodruff, and the Walt Disney Co.-owned ABC has already been touting his experience in the role.

Co-hosts Sawyer and Robin Roberts greeted Gibson with coffee and a glazed doughnut when a car picked him up outside of his New York home before dawn. Except for his opening interview with a recovering judge who had been shot by a sniper in Nevada, the show's script was kept from Gibson.

Ripken delivered Gibson a framed Baltimore Orioles jersey with number "19." Gibson said he read Ripken's autobiography and was impressed by how the former ironman shortstop said it was important to bring enthusiasm to his job every day.

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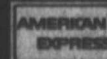
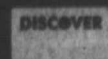
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