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Pampa school board votes on new budget

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
The Pampa Independent School District has a new budget today. During a marathon session Thursday night, the PISD board of trustees passed a \$24,516,674 budget.

The district staff presented two balanced budgets for the school board's consideration. One was based on a \$1.33 per \$100 valuation for the general operating budget and the other was based on a \$1.37. Under pressure from the Texas

Supreme Court, the Legislature in a special session in May capped the tax rate at \$1.33 this year, but left school districts with the option of adding four cents at the local level. Next year, the tax rate will be lowered to one dollar.

"It was a chicken thing for the Legislature to do," said Place 1 board member Derrell DeLoach. "They put us in a bad position." DeLoach accused the Legislature of taking the burden off themselves and putting it on the local school boards.

He complained the Legislature put the onus on school boards to raise taxes, but PISD Business Manager Carol Fields pointed out that the reason the state got sued was due to a lack of discretion by school boards in setting their tax rates.

Prior to the special session, most school districts were at the \$1.50 cap, which the Texas Supreme Court ruled left local school board no discretion in setting their tax rates on property taxes. The court ruled that essentially set a state property tax rate, which is prohibited by the

Texas Constitution. The two proposed budgets were almost the same. The major difference was the lower budget, based on the \$1.33 tax rate deleted money for facility and plant maintenance.

DeLoach pointed to an expected bond issue this fall and said he didn't believe the school district could ask taxpayers to approve the bond issue for new facilities or renovations on old facilities if the board approved the budget based on the \$1.37 tax

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Mann roof collapses from water weight

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor
A portion of the roof at Pampa Independent School District's Mann campus collapsed late last week, the result of rainwater pooling at a weak point on the roof.

The location of the collapse is above the school's cafeteria and a part of the Food Services Director's office, according to information from Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

"As a result of our facility study, the engineers who performed the work made the administration aware of several deficiencies in the roof support in various parts of the building," Haenisch said. "We immediately removed offices and pro-

grams that were located in the weak areas.

"There was no one who had an office or worked in the affected areas. The Pampa Boxing Club had used the 'old' cafeteria for many years, but we asked them to move from the building earlier in the spring.

"Everyone else who worked in the areas of concern were moved the day the administration was informed."

Haenisch said the district's maintenance and grounds supervisors, warehouse personnel, food service director, records management director, elementary school librarian, technology

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Courtesy photo

A portion of the roof at PISD's Mann facility has collapsed as a result of rainwater pooling on a weak part of the roof.

County continues ban on burns, some fireworks

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Continued dry conditions despite recent rains in some parts of the county prompted Gray County commissioners this morning to continue the emergency disaster declaration, burn ban and ban of sales and use of certain aerial fireworks.

"The Texas Forest Service has a county-by-county report as to whether there is a high fire risk and severe drought conditions," said County Judge Richard Peet prior to the vote on the three items. "Gray

County is still in that category, as far as they're concerned."

All four commissioners agreed that their respective precincts were still experiencing dry conditions.

"Various fireworks stands have contacted us," Peet said. "Our ban on aerial fireworks is in relation to the law, and concerns only bottle rockets and any aerials which have projectiles like fins on them. Those are the only ones banned."

Ron Kotara, who with Randy Milligan owns the Jumbo's Fireworks stand at Highway 60 and

Price Road, was the only one to address commissioners and spoke on the ban of certain fireworks.

"I would be definitely in favor of continuing the aerial ban," Kotara said. "We've been in this business for 45 years. This is not the worst, but one of the worst times."

Kotara said he and Milligan had stocked their stand with approximately 90 percent "kid stuff," such as snakes, tanks and sparklers. They also sell some of the aerials not included in the ban and which travel high into the air to explode and dis-

integrate. "We've tried to remove all the in-between stuff," Kotara said.

He suggested naming a designated area in the county where residents could safely and legally use their fireworks, and said some area cities, including White Deer and Panhandle had done so.

Commissioners took no action on naming such a designated area.

"To me, right now, the livelihood, the life and the property of the peo-

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Police uncover meth lab here

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor
The Pampa Police Department, acting after an investigation by Pampa Narcotics Agents, uncovered a suspected methamphetamine lab Wednesday in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Lt. Fred Courtney of PPD said in a press release that the search warrant and investigation was the culmination of Crime Stoppers tips, neighborhood com-

plaints, information from confidential informants, information from patrol officers, and information from the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

No one was at the house, and officers reported a strong odor of ether in the house, which prompted a call for the Pampa Fire Department to assist in assessing the probability of hazardous conditions inside the house.

Officers Dave Thomas

and Casey Ingersoll, certified meth lab technicians and trained in the safe handling of hazardous materials associated with meth labs, put on air tanks and searched the house.

They found a large glass jar containing both a liquid and a white rocky substance. The white substance field-tested positive for meth.

At least two warrants will be sought, Courtney said, but further investigation may increase that number.

County named in lawsuit

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Gray County is one of 13 counties listed in a lawsuit by the Texas Pyrotechnic Association for enacting temporary bans concerning fireworks.

"The county attorney and our insurance people are looking into the suit," said County Judge Richard Peet at this morning's county commissioners' meeting. Donley County was also included in the

suit. "The defendants have each wrongfully prohibited the sale and/or use of all fireworks anywhere within their respective county limits," the suit states. An injunction, along with recovery of court and other legal fees to bring the suit, is requested by the association.

Gray County's ban concerns only bottle rockets and any aerial fireworks with fins.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MALONE, Gregory Scott — Celebration of life services, 10 a.m., Broadview Baptist Church, Lubbock.
SHATTUCK, Herb "Sonny" — 2 p.m., Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home Benton Chapel, Amarillo.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Aletary Grain of White Deer.	
Wheat	4.48
Milo	3.13
Corn	4.03
Soybeans	4.64
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
OXY	102.84 +0.59
BP PLC ADR	69.74 +0.49
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Celanese	520.48 +0.09
Cabot Oil Gas	46.07 -0.51
Coca Cola	43.28 +0.22
VLO	65.79 -0.34
HAL	73.68 -0.04
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KMI	99.94 +0.04

XCEL	19.18 +0.03
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Scott Malone, 48

Scott Malone, 48, pastor of Broadview Baptist Church of Lubbock, died June 28, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo. Celebration of life services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Broadview Baptist Church with burial at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Gregory Scott Malone was born Oct. 24, 1957, to Graley R. and Maxine (Gentry) Malone at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine. He received his bachelor's degree in theology from the Bible Baptist College in Springfield, Mo., in 1980. Pastor Malone entered the U.S. Navy in 1982, aboard the USS America then the USS Nimitz. He went on to get a master's degree in psychology from Liberty University at Lynchburg, Va., and a master's of religious studies from Wayland Baptist University. He married Brenda Jean Mueller on June 3, 1978, in Galesburg, Ill.



Malone

Malone worked for the Department of Corrections between eight and nine years as a clinical psychologist. He was pastor at Turnersville Baptist in Turnersville for three years prior to moving to Lubbock in 2001, where he worked one year at Buckners before joining Broadview Baptist Church as education minister and then as pastor. He was preceded in death by his father, Graley. Survivors included his

wife, Brenda Malone of Lubbock; his daughters, Heather Malone of Lake Jackson, Hilary Malone of Lubbock and Holly Malone of Gatesville; his mother, Maxine Malone of White Deer; a brother, Randy Malone of White Deer; a sister, Julie Malone of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Broadview Baptist Building Fund, 1402 N. Frankford, Lubbock, TX 79416.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Herb 'Sonny' Shattuck, 71

AMARILLO — Herb "Sonny" Shattuck, 71, died June 28, 2006. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Cox-LaGrone Benton Chapel with the Revs. Ben Corbitt and Royce Elms officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Cox-LaGrone

Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Shattuck was born Jan. 9, 1935 at Coal Creek, Colo., and grew up in Florence, Colo. He was baptized in a stock tank at the age of 9. He



married Nancy Elliott in 1961 at Hutchinson, Kan. He retired from the City of Borger as street supervisor in 1998.

Mr. Shattuck moved to Amarillo from Pampa in 2006. He was an

avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Bertha Shattuck.

Survivors include a daughter, Laurie Kemp of Amarillo; a son, John Shattuck of Amarillo; a twin sister, Alice Beddingfield of Kansas City, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following inci-

dents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Seventeen traffic stops were made.

One traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 800 block of North Hobart and the 2800 block of North Charles, where a hit and run took place.

An assault / kidnapping / theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Huff where the victim was released with minor injuries. No arrests have been made.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2000 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby, the 500 block of North Lowry, the 900 block of South Barnes, and the 300 block of North Wynne.

A report of abandoning/endangering a child was received in the 300 block of Sunset.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1300 block of West Somerville, the intersection of Kingsmill and Wynne, and the 2200 block of North Christy.

A missing person was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

A burglary was reported in the police department lobby.

A 911 hang-up call was received from the 700 block of East 15th.

Violation of a city ordinance was investigated in the 800 block of North Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Evergreen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Sloan.

A forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Thefts were reported in the police department lobby, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 700 block of North Wells.

Welfare checks were made in the area of 23rd and Hobart and the area of Frederic and Barnes.

An animal complaint was received in the 700 block of East Locust.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Sloan.

Assistance to other agencies was provided in

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7

a.m. today.

Thursday, June 29
 6:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC, the 500 block of North Sumner and the 400 block of North Cuyler.

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

Thursday, June 29
 Bernice Mireles Solis, 25, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of harassment.

Oscar Santillana Castro, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Robert Lee Pearson, 38, of Perryton was arrested by GCSO on two charges of forgery of a financial instrument.

Taylor Anthony Adkins, 22, of Briscoe was arrested by GCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Michael Blaine Cochran, 22, of Midland was arrested by GCSO on a charge of credit card abuse.

Paul Thomas Gerik, 44, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of defective equipment and disorderly conduct.

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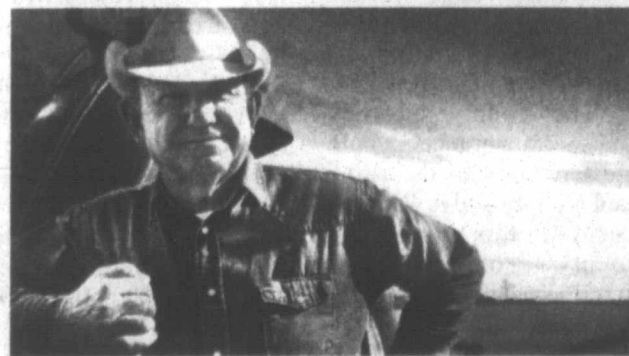
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Bill Billingsley, center, a 19-year employee of Gray County, was recognized by county commissioners at their meeting this morning upon his retirement from Precinct 4. Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley, left, presented Billingsley with a certificate. At right is Billingsley's wife, Jerry.

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ple are more important than shooting off fireworks," Peet said.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich received approval to use \$6,805 from the county records management fund to upgrade computers in her office.

Also approved was a request by 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer to use forfeiture funds to supplement the salaries of her assistant district attorney and investigator.

Participation in Red Deer

Watershed projects was turned down, continuing the county's previous stance on the subject.

"About 10 or 12 years ago, we sent a letter opting out of the watershed project," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

The project would result in about six Gray County property owners having watersheds built on their land. The county would be responsible for the upkeep of the watersheds.

A mutual aid agreement with Briscoe, Potter and Randall counties was approved so that those counties could file for reimbursement of their expenses when

they assisted Gray County in fighting wildfires earlier this year. Other entities which helped Gray County but did not already have a mutual aid agreement in place are included in this morning's agreement.

The mutual aid agreements are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement to be approved, Peet said.

Commissioners approved a road crossing request from the City of Lefors to ditch a pipeline at Skyline Drive, 400 feet east of Spur 398.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's continuing education was acknowledged.

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rate instead of the \$1.33 tax rate.

Board member Lee Porter indicated he didn't believe the school board could ask taxpayers to approve the bond issue without approving the money to maintain any new or renovated facilities.

Ultimately, DeLoach was the one who made the motion to adopt the budget using the \$1.37 tax rate.

Porter noted that the school board doesn't have to set a tax rate, however, until August. At that point, the tax rate may change or the school board could amend the budget.

"We can amend the budget," Porter said, "but the tax rate is set in stone."

That, coupled with a 6.5-cent tax rate for debt service, brings the proposed total tax rate up to \$1.435 per \$100 valuation.

While the tax rate for property taxes was pushed down, Fields said that most people in Pampa will probably see a rise in their property taxes because of increased appraisals.

During a public hearing on the budget at their special meeting Thursday night at the Pampa High School Library, no one came forward to make any comments.

Architects from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., the firm studying facility needs for the district, said their initial study was complete, and they would move on to the master planning phase of the project.

Jay Edwards, a partner in Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., said the master-planning phase would narrow the focus on renovating or replacing district facilities and set priorities. The architectural firm will meet with the 40-member citizens advisory committee beginning next week to set those priorities.

Edwards warned that the district will probably not be able to raise enough money to correct all the building problems they face.

He said that while most of the elementary schools were in fairly good shape, Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High are in need of major renovation or replacement. The support services building, stadium and track also needed major work.

Edwards laid out a time line that called for the firm to meet with the citizens committee at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Pampa High School library. Further meetings are scheduled for July 12 through 14 and July 18.

The school board will meet Aug. 3 to review the master plan and set priorities. They will meet again Aug. 8 to approve those priorities.

The board is scheduled to meet with the architects again on Aug. 17 and Aug. 24.

The school board will meet in special session Aug. 29 to call for a bond election on Nov. 7.

In other business, the board approved the tax delinquent sale of lots at 920 Jordan and 1117 Huff Road to Scott Lindsey of Las Vegas, N.M., for a bid of \$110 for each lot.

The board also approved the quarterly financial and investment reports and a final 2005-2006 budget amendment. The school dis-

trict's new fiscal year begins Saturday.

They reviewed federal funding programs. Federal funding will be down this year by \$58,818 across eight programs.

Supt. Barry Haenisch told the board that the district finished the school year with a total of about 3,311 students and an average daily attendance of 3,062.6. He said that was a slight drop from the previous year.

Haenisch also reported that there were 19 students injured on district property during the past school year. There were five teachers, staff or cafeteria workers injured.

In a report to Haenisch from Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, Pitner reported there were 26 arrests at Pampa Middle School during the year and 38 arrests at Pampa High School.

The board spent almost two hours in executive session consulting with an attorney regarding litigation.

They also approved contracts for Kaleb Snelgrooves, John Lapacka, Laura Villareal, Mary Oles, Rhianna Anglin, Mary Llamas, Ceeli Hunt, Karla Criswell, Molly Williams and Gary Cahill.

The board also approved the 2006-2007 choir trip to New York City on May 4 through 8. Students on the trip will miss 1.5 days of school.

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personnel, and the Pampa Learning Center all are housed at Mann.

"There are some asbestos clean-up issues that we are addressing as quickly as we are able," Haenisch said. "Our guess is that some in town are aware of the roof collapse, and the district wants to assure the community that the area is secured, and cleanup of the affected part of the building is proceeding rapidly."

Viewpoints

Political trends don't count until last week of polling

Current surveys show a tendency toward the Democrats but do not show a rout as of yet. Any Republican strategists who take comfort from that did not live through 1986 or 1994, the two most recent years when a party trend swept through Congress like a plague, killing the deserving and the undeserving alike.

In both of those years, the trend toward the party that eventually won manifested itself only in the last week of polling and really only in the last few days. So it will be in 2006. Whether there will be a rout or not is anybody's guess — mine is that there will be and that the Democrats will win both houses of Congress. But you won't see the process one

way or the other in today's polling data.

In 1986, the Republicans had no idea they would face a decimation of their Senate delegation. Many party leaders were insecure, because the Reagan Revolution class of 1980 was coming up for re-election and they worried that many of these young senators had not sufficient time to sink their roots and came from states where a Democrat would probably win in normal times. But nobody could foresee the extent of the Democratic Party victory, enough to keep the Senate in their control until 1994 despite losing the White House in 1988.

In 1994, the trend was even less evident. President Clinton traveled to the Middle East two weeks

before the election to oversee — and take credit for — the signing of a peace accord between Jordan and Israel. When he returned, his approval ratings were higher than they had been in months and he was brimming with confidence that the Democrats would hold onto both houses.

When the debacle struck, he was totally surprised and unnerved as were Democratic strategists from coast-to-coast.

Why does party trend manifest itself so late in the polling process? Why is it so hard to pick up early on?

Despite the promptings of

pollsters, voters do not focus on Congressional or even Senatorial races until much later in the process. Beforehand, they watch and listen but do not collect their thoughts or correlate their overall partisan inclinations with the votes they must cast in their own specific race. That thinking takes place only at the end.

To understand it, think of sports fans. Those who follow football avidly probably can handicap the Super Bowl on the first day of the regular season. But those who pay little or no attention have no idea what is going on. But on the day

of the Super Bowl, everyone — fan or not — knows who is playing and likely knows some of the subplots the media has invented to hype interest in the game.

The reciprocal of this example would be Christmas shopping. Most men buy their wives' presents during the few days before the holiday while their wives have purchased theirs' in September or October. A Christmas ad in the fall will reach the shoppers but leave their spouses unmoved. An ad on Dec. 23 will make little difference to those who have already done their shopping but would be of great moment to the others.

So what is the state of play of the Congressional hand-capping now?

A bit less than half of all

voters say that the country would be better off if the Democrats ran Congress while a bit more than one-third say they would like the GOP to remain in charge. Bush's ratings are regularly below 40 percent and his profile on the issue that voters care about most — energy prices — is virtually nonexistent. The main GOP issue is terrorism but, as we succeed in the War on Terror, its saliency is dropping every month. Corruption has become a one-party issue and the blame is falling squarely on the Republican leadership in Congress.

That a Kennedy fell off the wagon and McKinney flew off the handle are not enough to besmirch the

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Dick Morris
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 30, the 181st day of 2006. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed into law the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1921, President Harding appointed former President Taft chief justice of the United States.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his "blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany.

In 1936, the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its TV debut on CBS.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

"The good Lord set definite limits on man's wisdom, but set no limits on his stupidity — and that's not fair!"

— Konrad Adenauer
German statesman
(1876-1967)

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead inside their spacecraft after it had returned to Earth.

In 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

In 1986, in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults (however, the nation's highest court effectively overturned this decision in 2003).

Ten years ago: President Clinton paid tribute to the 19 killed and hundreds wounded in the truck bomb attack in Saudi Arabia as he attended memorial services at Eglin Air Force Base and Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic responded to international pressure to step aside by handing his powers to an equally nationalist deputy.

Five years ago: Doctors implanted a dual-purpose pacemaker in Vice President Dick Cheney's chest. President Bush met with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi at Camp David.



People who live on the coast are gamblers

Have you ever stopped to think how many wonderful things in this life are free? The four seasons are one example. I love them all.

Winter adds poignancy to spring and fall, but summer, for me, is the best of all.

The lush green of the forests, the magnolia and crape myrtle blooms, and the warm and hazy afternoons are pure blessings. Along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts there are magical sights of the seas and marshes. Something in the air tells you to relax and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells.

Another blessing is the weather. How dull it would be if the sun shone every day. I love the afternoon thunderstorms. In Florida, we depend on these and, yes, on tropical storms and hurri-

cans to replenish the Florida aquifer from whence the state gets most of its water.

The damage to nature that hurricanes do is quickly repaired by nature. It's the damage to man-made structures that is so difficult and expensive to repair.

Well, that's really not the hurricanes' fault. Hurricanes just do what they have to do, and if people wish to build in their paths, then that's their problem. It wouldn't bother me if, after they have all been evacuated, a storm leveled every high-rise condominium on the coasts. They are monuments to greed and mar-

the view.

It's a tragedy when people lose their homes and, even worse, their lives. But people who choose to live on the coasts are gamblers, and for

most of them, it's a good bet. Even with last year's hurricane season, there were more places where hurricanes didn't hit than there were where they did.

To add to the list of good things that are free are public parks, including national parks, and public libraries. Technically, they are not really free, since they are provided with tax dollars, but user fees at most parks are low, and libraries have

none. I, by the way, am against user fees for any public facility.

Libraries have a special place in my heart because long before I could afford to buy anything more than a paperback, the library filled my need for books. If people would only use libraries, they could provide the equivalent of a graduate-level education. Thanks to libraries, I read most of the works of Charles Dickens, Ernest Thompson Seton, William Thackeray, the Bronte sisters, Dostoyevsky, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Hendrik Van Loon and others while I was in high school.

If kids today substitute
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Texas Thoughts

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A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 19
San Antonio Express-News on U.S. foreign aid and political reforms:

The House of Representatives took a symbolic stand this month when it passed its foreign aid bill.

The \$21.3 billion measure was \$2.4 billion less than the White House request, reflecting a desire to free up money for domestic spending in a tough budget environment.

And a small part of the savings came from lining out foreign aid to Saudi Arabia.

The oil-rich kingdom was scheduled to receive \$420,000 to participate in U.S.-backed counterterrorism training.

But House members upset at the slow pace of efforts to stem the flow of funds from Saudi Arabia to terrorist groups and official indulgence or outright endorsement of religious intolerance voted overwhelmingly, 312-97, to strip the Saudi aid.

On a more substantive stand, however, lawmakers came up short. An effort to reduce the \$1.7 billion aid package for Egypt by \$100 million failed.

A bipartisan group pushed the cut to demonstrate American displeasure with the lack of progress toward Egyptian political reform and a recent crackdown on opposition leaders.

Last month, an Egyptian appeals court upheld the trumped-up fraud conviction of Ayman Nour, the leader of the democratic reform movement.

Nour will serve five years in prison for challenging the 25-year rule of President Hosni Mubarak.

Nour's imprisonment is part of a broader, sometimes violent offensive against democracy activists by the Egyptian government.

"The charade is over," Georgetown University Professor Samer S. Shehata told the Washington Post. "Egypt is going back to an earlier period of repression."

If democracy is ever going to take root in the Middle East, America's putative allies, as well as its enemies, will have to accept democratic norms of behavior. Cracking the heads of peaceful demonstrators and imprisoning political opponents only gives succor to extremists.

Hearings on Guantanamo expected to impact few detainees

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's rebuff of the Bush administration's Guantanamo military tribunals knocks the issue into the halls of Congress, where GOP leaders are already trying to figure out how to give the president the options he wants for dealing with suspected terror detainees.

That way forward could be long and difficult. Congress will negotiate a highly technical legal road — one fraught with political implications in an election year — under the scrutiny of the international community that has condemned the continued use of the Guantanamo prison.

The ruling does little to clear up the immediate future of the 450 prisoners inside the razor wire at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, since most have never been charged with crimes and may never go to trial.

Within hours of the high court's ruling that the military tribunals were illegal under U.S. and international law, President Bush said he would work with Congress to fix the problem. Still, Bush vowed that the result "won't cause killers to be put out on the street."

Congress' options include everything from legalizing the administration's proposed military tribunals to using the U.S. court system or enacting laws that, as Justice John Paul Stevens recommended, use military courts-martial as a template.

Stevens, writing for the court in the 5-3 ruling, said the Bush administration lacked the authority to take the

"extraordinary measure" of scheduling special military trials for inmates, in which defendants have fewer legal protections than in civilian U.S. courts.

Nothing in the ruling suggests shutting down the facility or challenges Bush's authority to detain enemy combatants.

'I'm confident that we can come up with a framework that guarantees we comply with the court's order but at the same time none of the bad people are set free.'

— Sen. John McCain

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he would introduce legislation after the July 4 recess that would authorize military commissions and appropriate due process procedures. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., introduced a bill Thursday that did essentially that.

"To keep America safe in the war on terror, I believe we should try terrorists only before military commissions, not in our civilian courts," Frist said.

Sen. John McCain said Friday that, with the Supreme Court ruling guiding the way, "we can now get this system unstuck."

Morris

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Democrats. Jefferson's Louisiana lar-

cy — keeping \$90,000 in his freezer, a new definition of frozen assets — is also not enough to offset the spectacle of DeLay resigning and the House leadership running for cover. So this year will probably be a

wipeout for the GOP. Enough to lose control? Probably. But, the point of this column is that it's too soon to tell.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Reese

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video and iPod downloads for reading, they will be cheating themselves. Great books are the only means available to travel in time and space. They also provide an invaluable insight into the human experience. No educated person should be shocked to discover sin, yet through the years I met college graduates who were surprised that government didn't work the way they had been told it worked.

Among the blessings that are free are good friends. There is a reason

why solitary confinement is used as a punishment. We are herd animals, and for most people solitude in more than small doses is dangerous. We need the companionship of people. Shared experiences are better than lone experiences. We are just made that way by nature.

And there are animals. I buy big jars of peanuts to feed the squirrels on my back patio. If I forget, they will come up to the sliding glass door and peer inside, and if I still do not respond, they will climb up on the screen. Squirrels remind me of children because they are so perky and playful. One day, a black snake slithered up to the sliding glass door and looked inside for a moment and then

glided away.

Birds are also plentiful, and I keep water and a feeder to encourage them. There are doves, cardinals, mocking birds, blue jays and, at certain times of the year, purple grackles. I'm not a "birder," because I'm colorblind, but I like to watch them, as well as lizards and other critters. Birdseed and peanuts are cheap compared with the pleasure I get from watching the animals.

As the song says, these are a few of my favorite things, and I'm sure you can add to it. It's easy to forget the good things in life if we get caught up in the rat chase.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Events calendar

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• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to

pay. The following clinic 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.

• **Hereford High School Alumni Association** will hold its first annual multi-class reunion July 14-15 at Grapevine. For more information, log onto www.herefordalumni.com; e-mail info@herefordalumni.com; write HHS Alumni Association, 1108 Oakridge Dr., Euless, TX 76040; or phone (817) 267-2068.

• **Ogallala Water Gardens Annual Pond Tour** will be conducted July 15 in Amarillo. This year the tour will include structured ponds as well as manicured gardens and lawns. A day tour will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and a night tour from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Tickets are \$5 apiece and may be purchased at Coulter Gardens, Panhandle Green House, Fish Pro, Accent Embroidery, Uncommon Twists Garden and Patio Shop in Amarillo.

• **Registration for the second summer semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will last through July 17.

"I'm confident that we can come up with a framework that guarantees we comply with the court's order but at the same time none of the bad people are set free," McCain, R-Ariz., told NBC's "Today" show.

The court ruling focused on Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a one-time driver for Osama bin Laden who has spent four years at Guantanamo Bay. He faces a single count of conspiring to commit terrorism.

Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift, Hamdan's Navy lawyer, said he told the Yemeni about the ruling by telephone. "I think he was awe-struck that the court would rule for him, and give a little man like him an equal chance. Where he's from, that is not true," Swift said.

Human rights groups endorsed proposals to use the courts-martial proceedings, saying it is a fairer proceeding. But military officials say changing the procedures to mimic courts-martial — which are largely similar to U.S. court proceedings — would bring problems.

Katherine Newell Bierman, counterterrorism counsel at Human Rights Watch, said courts-martial provide the basic fair trial guarantees that are lacking in the proposed military tribunals.

In the tribunals, she said, the accused have less access to the evidence against them, particularly if it is considered classified. Courts-martial, she said, have rules about how to deal with classified evidence, and they also have more stringent rules about prohibiting evidence that was acquired unlawfully, such as through duress or forced confessions.

Curt Goering, deputy executive director of Amnesty International, said any new rules should specify that evidence obtained under pressure should not be admissible.

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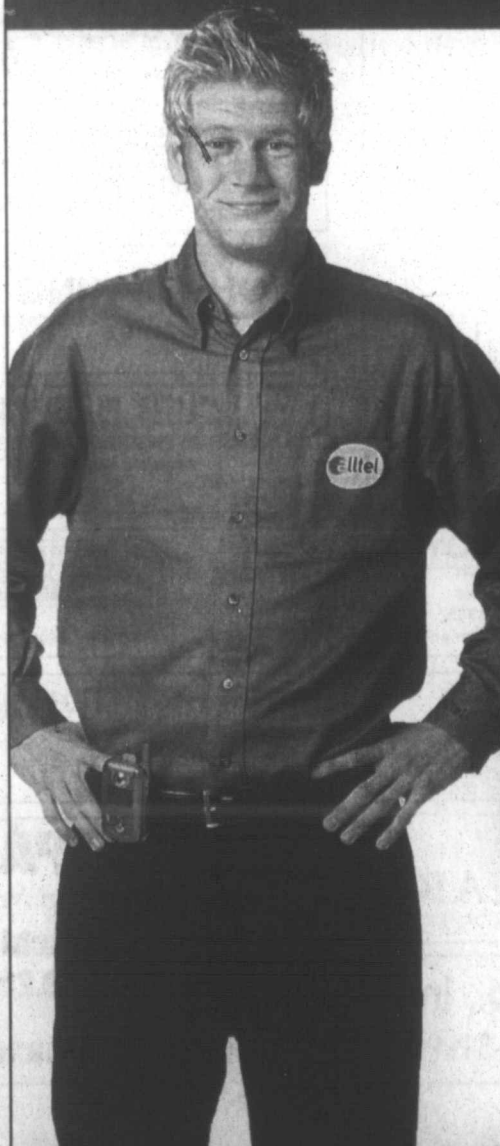
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Story behind our national anthem

The significance of the Star Spangled Banner in our country's history cannot be overemphasized. The War of 1812 was against Great Britain, and in 1815 it ended in a draw, but there was a time in 1814 after Britain whipped Napoleon and sent many of those seasoned troops to America, that the war looked bleak for America.

The Red Coats planned a three-pronged assault: 1) north — down Lake Champlain toward New York and control New England; 2) south — up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west; and 3) central — head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York.

British troops arrived for the "central" attack and quickly conquered Washington, D.C. President Madison had to run. The next step was to conquer Baltimore. On Sept. 12, 1814, the Red Coat navy arrived to do the job.

Before the battle started, Francis Scott Key, a young

lawyer, boarded one of the British ships to negotiate the release of William Beanes, an American doctor who had been arrested by the British on trumped-up charges. They agreed to release Beanes, but since Key and Beanes saw that the American Flag preparations, they were to be held until after Baltimore had been taken over.

On Sept. 13, for 25 hours the British Navy bombarded Fort McHenry with 1,500 shells, weighing 220-pounds each. As the sun disappeared behind the horizon, Key and Beanes saw that the American Flag was still flying. But as night passed their hope was replaced with painful concern. How could anything withstand this overwhelming assault?

As morning neared they each kept asking the other, "Can you see the flag yet?"

Finally one of them said, "Yes, our flag is still there." Fort McHenry had held and the central attack was beaten back. It was a true turning point in the war.



Mike Sublett
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After his release, Francis Scott Key wrote a four-stanza poem titled, "The Defense Of Fort McHenry." That poem is our National Anthem.

Here are all four verses. Please take a minute to sing them to yourself. Travel back in time and ask God to let your mind see and your heart feel the excitement and joy of that first glimpse of Old Glory in the early morning hours of that September morn in 1814.

Verse 1
Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly

streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Verse 2
On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

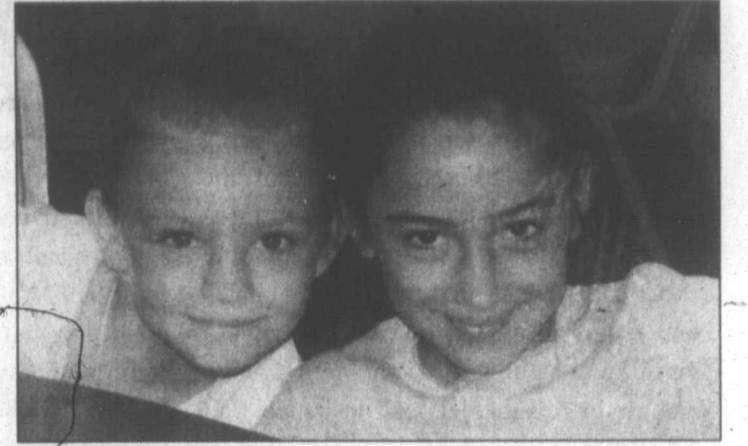
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream

'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Verse 3
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion

See SUBLETT, Page 12



Raley Walker, left, and Erin Rankin participated in vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church recently. The school's theme was "Arctic Edge." The target age group was age 5 through grade five. First Baptist enrolled 381 students and saw an average attendance of 308.

If you think... chiropractors only treat bad backs

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Comfort from hurting no matter how dark the hour

One of the greatest attributes of our Lord and Savior is the fact He can bring comfort even in the toughest experiences of life.

Comfort (Isaiah 40:1-2). The Southern Kingdom (Judah) had sinned against God, and He had sent several prophets to warn them of His impending judgment on them. God calls Isaiah to comfort His people by telling them He had forgiven them and their suffering was over.

The Hebrews would eventually be released from captivity by Cyrus, King of Persia (verse 44:28). They would experience God's pardon or forgiveness for their sins. God's call to the prophet sought to change. He wanted the people of Israel to know that God was alive and in charge.

The Bible often mentions God's role as comforter of His suffering people. He is described as the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-4). Paul writes of His comfort, and Jesus told His disciples in the upper room that God would send the Holy Spirit to be the comforter after He offered comfort and help to those

who felt weary and burdened by life's demands (Matthew 11:28-30).

Revelation (Isaiah 4:3-5). God had a construction project under way — a highway of hope. The gospel writers understood this text as a prediction of the role of John the Baptist's announcing the arrival of Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 3:3).

Dr. Jimmy Flynn

Church of the Brethren



The description of the preparation of the highway (verse 40:4) reflects the ancient custom of road building for a king.

The purpose of God's arrival would reveal His glory (verse 40:5). God's command for His people to prepare the way reminds us to be open to His coming to us. Our sin acts as road barriers between us and God. We need to confess our sin to make smooth His way to us.

Problem (Isaiah 40:6-8). His message was about human limitation. Like the grass, humans are temporary.

Like the flowers, humans flourish for a while but pass away (verse 40:7). In sharp contrast to the temporary nature of humanity is the enduring word of God that never passes away. The word of God is not obsolete; it is eternally powerful and relevant.

Content (Isaiah 40:9-11). God's power is like a military victor. God is strong enough to liberate His people from their captivity. Isaiah describes God as a shepherd gathering His flock. He is like a gentle giant.

He is all-powerful. Isaiah's description of God's strengths and tenderness reminds us that He is always available to help us in life's difficult times. He is the almighty Lord of the universe but also tender and compassionate.

You and I need comfort. Life is so fragile, but God can bring comfort. Comfort comes in God's time. Comfort comes in the personal presence of God.

Jesus says, "I am with you always, even until the end of the world."

Organizers planning next gospel jubilee in Goodlett

GOODLETT — The Corinth Singers will take center stage during the next Goodlett Gospel Jubilee set to begin at 7 p.m. July 8 at the Pease River Theater located in the historic rock gymnasium at Goodlett.

Members of the Corinth Singers are

Donna Mefford, Beth Manney, Genevieve Smith, Terri Mefford and Pastor Mark Farr. This will likely be Farr's last concert with the Sisters as he is taking a new pulpit assignment in Hydro, Okla.

The Singers will continue as hosts

for the Jubilee's Sept. 30 performance with Master's Voice.

Dinner will be served prior to the jubilee at 5:30 p.m. in the Ole Town Cotton Gin in Goodlett. For dinner reservations or to find out more, call (940) 674-2477.

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"The Star-Spangled Banner"
On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote new words for a well-known drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven," to celebrate America's recent victory over the British at Fort McHenry, one of the forts defending Baltimore. He was so delighted to see the American flag still flying after the shelling of Fort McHenry that he wrote a poem to commemorate the occasion. It wasn't until 1931, however, that the "Star-Spangled Banner" was officially adopted by Congress as the national anthem after a twenty year effort during which more than forty bills and resolutions were introduced. In fact, the Army and Navy adopted the anthem before Congress.
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an outdoorsman with 20-plus years of experience in backpacking and camping. I'm very happy that the woman I'm planning to marry enjoys these activities with me, but she has very little experience. Last Christmas, she bought a tent for us to use on our outdoor adventures, knowing that I was shopping around and comparing models and trying to find the perfect one. She was very excited to see me tear off the wrapping paper, and I truly appreciate her affection and effort. However, the tent she purchased is much too heavy and bulky to use for backpacking. We are young and have modest incomes, and we both value thriftiness, so should I ask her to return the tent and purchase one that would be more suitable for our adventures? Or should I keep quiet, purchase the lightweight tent that I desire, and use her gift just when she and I are traveling together on less demanding outings? How can I get the tent I need without dampening her enthusiasm for outdoor activities? -- **OUTDOORSMAN IN LOVE**

DEAR OUTDOORSMAN: Explain that you love her for wanting to surprise you, but some things are better selected together -- such as wedding rings and houses. I am almost positive that she'll understand your logic if you put it that way. However, if she doesn't, then pack up the tent and suggest that the two of you take a short hike together with HER carrying it.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to ask your advice on how to deal with a dear friend of many years. She informed my husband and me last week that she is pregnant "accidentally" for the second time by a man she doesn't want to be with. She spent several hours crying and looking for support and advice from me, but I am not sure how to

give it. You see, after two miscarriages last year, my husband and I are trying very hard to conceive again. I am taking progesterone and going through a huge mental and physical struggle to have a child, and it is difficult for me to console her in her pregnancy complaints and upset over the circumstances of her condition (for the second time!). I just want to cry out to her that I would give my right arm to have the child she is carrying. She knows my situation, and I have tried to tell her how hard this is for me. I am not sure how to save my sanity and still be a friend to her. Please help! -- **HURTING IN WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.**

DEAR HURTING: Your friend's egocentricity is shocking under the circumstances. If she had any empathy for your situation, she would not have sought out your shoulder to cry on. Because I can't "fix" her, the best advice I can offer is to tell her exactly what you have told me. If she's going to remain your friend, she needs to hear it.

DEAR ABBY: My godparents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary soon. However, one of them is suffering from Alzheimer's and is in a nursing home. I would like to send a care package to honor their special day, but I don't know what to include since the Alzheimer's patient can't use many of the things some elderly people might enjoy. Any suggestions? -- **DEVOTED GODCHILD**

DEAR DEVOTED: I am sure that if you created an album of special memories for the couple, it would be deeply appreciated. Also, some tapes or CDs of music from "their era" -- the '40s, '50s and '60s -- might bring them both pleasure.

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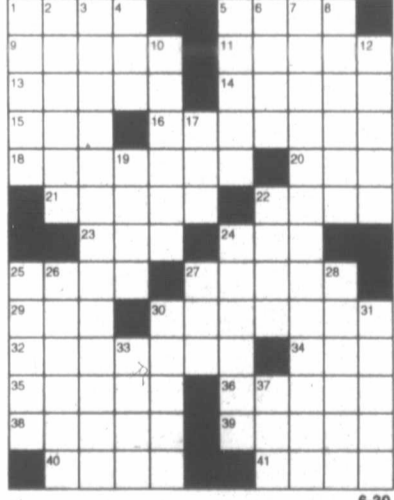
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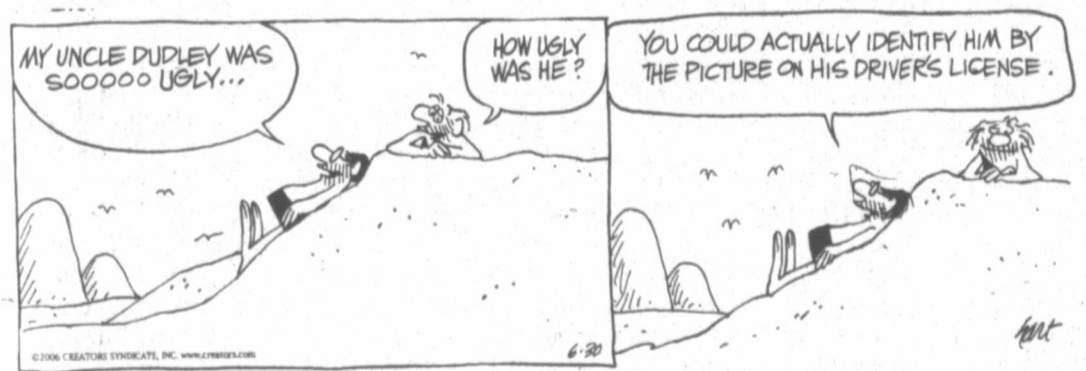


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Sports Day

Northwestern coach Randy Walker dead

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Northwestern University football coach Randy Walker died of an apparent heart attack Thursday night. He was 52.

Walker died after feeling chest pains around 10 p.m. at his suburban Chicago home, said Mike Wolf, the school's assistant athletic director for media services.

"This is a devastating loss, not only for our athletic program, but for the entire Northwestern community," athletic director Mark Murphy said in a statement early today. "Randy truly embraced Northwestern and its mission, and cared deeply for his student-athletes, both on and off the field."

Walker was the first Northwestern coach to lead the school to three bowl games. The Wildcats lost to UCLA 50-38 in the Sun Bowl last December.

In October 2004, Walker checked himself into a hospital after experiencing chest pains. He was diagnosed with myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle; the condition is not a common ailment, and is usually caused by a virus.

Walker was out of the hospital in two days, and said he was taking a new approach to his diet and work schedule.

"I've really taken my doctor's orders to heart, because frankly, I want to see my grandkids someday," he said at the time.

Two months ago, Northwestern gave Walker a four-year extension through the 2011 season. He joined the school in 1999 after nine years at Miami of Ohio.

Walker's Wildcats posted 37 wins, going 7-5 last season. He led the team to three bowl games since 2000.

Northwestern shared the Big Ten title in 2000 and went to the Alamo Bowl. The Wildcats also went to the 2003 Motor City Bowl.

Walker was the first Wildcats coach to guide the team to four seasons with at least six wins since C.M. Hollister in 1899-1902.

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—Mark Murphy
Athletic Director,
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One of the most difficult times during Walker's tenure at Northwestern came in August 2001, when defensive back Rashidi Wheeler collapsed after participating in a conditioning drill and died. His parents sued the school, claiming officials did not give their son, an asthmatic, timely or adequate medical treatment.

After years of court wrangling, the player's family was awarded a \$16 million settlement. A judge approved the settlement last August.

Walker was an assistant coach at North Carolina from 1978-87 and then coached running backs at Northwestern in 1988 and 1989 before becoming head coach at Miami of Ohio, his alma mater. In nine seasons he compiled a 59-35-5 record, his .621 winning percentage the best in school history when he left.

Walker's 1998 team at Miami went 10-1.

A native of Troy, Ohio, Walker was a fullback at Miami of Ohio and graduated in 1976 with a degree in social studies education. Five years later he got a master's degree in education administration.



Courtesy photo

Still time to get dirty

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

There is still time to register for the third annual World Championship Mud Volleyball Tournament to be held in Dumas Tuesday.

The Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce will accept entrants through Monday night.

Contact Deana Houlette, (806) 922-6863. Entry fee is \$10 per player. Each team must have a minimum of six players.

The tournament is part of a day-long Independence Day celebration held in Dumas' McDade Park, which will include food, live entertainment and fireworks later in the evening.

According to Moore County Chamber of

Commerce office manager Sandra Carbajal, "The mud volleyball tournament just keeps getting bigger."

She added there is a growing feud between last year's winners, Jimenez Auto, and inaugural champs — a team that travels from Seagoville near Dallas — just for this event.

"They (Seagoville) sent Jimenez Auto T-shirts with a message on them explaining they will be taking their championship back to Seagoville," said Carbajal. "It would be great if a different team stepped in and won it."

Additional information and a registration forms can be obtained by accessing the chamber's Web site, www.dumaschamber.com.



▲ Members of the 2005 World Championship Mud Volleyball winning team, Jimenez Autos are all smiles after taking the second annual title. Seagoville won the first title and will be among the teams in Dumas Tuesday hoping to regain it.

▲ Moore County Judge Kari Campbell waves to onlookers during a game last

TOUR DE FRANCE

Doping scandal eliminates favorites

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — A doping scandal knocked Tour de France favorites Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso out of the race today and threw the world's most glamorous cycling event into chaos.

The decision to prevent Ullrich, Basso and likely dozens of others from competing was made a day before the Tour began. Tour director Christian Prudhomme said the organizers' determination to fight doping was "total."

"The enemy is not cycling, the enemy is doping," he said.

Riders being excluded will not be replaced, meaning a smaller field than the 189 racers originally expected.

It is the biggest doping crisis to hit the sport since the Festina scandal in 1998 nearly derailed the Tour. The Festina team was ejected from the race after customs officers found a large stash of banned drugs in a team car.

Basso, winner of the Giro d'Italia, and Ullrich — the 1997 Tour winner and a five-time runner-up — were among more than 50 cyclists said to have been implicated in a Spanish doping probe that has rocked the sport for weeks.

Basso and Ullrich's teams said Friday that because their names had come up in the probe they were being withdrawn from the Tour. Ullrich's T-Mobile squad said it also suspended rider Oscar Sevilla and sporting director Rudi Pevénage because of their involvement.

Basso was heading back to Italy, his team said.

The team of Spanish racer Francisco Mancebo, a top rider who finished fourth at the Tour last year, said it was also barring him.

Tour officials did not immediately say how many other riders were out of the race.

The Spanish scandal erupted in May when police there carried out arrests and raids, seizing drugs and frozen blood thought to have been readied for banned, performance-enhancing transfusions.

Since then, the names of riders said to have had contacts with Eufemiano Fuentes, a doctor among those arrested, have leaked in Spanish media.

Then, after more leaks on Thursday, Spanish authorities released details from the probe to Tour organizers and other cycling bodies, showing which riders were implicated in the investigation. It was on the basis of that official information that Tour teams decided to act.

T-Mobile received information implicating Ullrich, Sevilla and Pevénage from Tour organizers, including documents from the Spanish government, team spokesman Luuc Eisenga said.

"The only thing I can tell you is that the information is clear enough and didn't leave any doubt," he said.

Another T-Mobile spokesman, Stefan Wagner, told Germany's n-tv television that the team was acting on information indicating "that there was contact between the two riders and Rudi Pevénage and the Spanish doctor ... who is at the center of this doping story."

Asked whether T-Mobile would consider cutting ties with Ullrich completely, he replied "certainly ... we are now demanding evidence of his innocence."

"If this evidence can be provided, then we have a completely new situation," he said. "If it cannot be provided, nothing will change about this situation."

United League All-Stars named

EDINBURG — A 22-man United League Baseball All-Star ballclub has been named and will see action in the league's first ever All-Star game, at Edinburg Stadium on July 12.

Announcement of the 22 players and eight replacement players was made Thursday by Byron Pierce, chief operating officer of the ULB.

"The league managers selected the All-Stars by their votes and have come up with 22 excellent players," Pierce said.

"I would put these men up against any other All-Stars in any independent league," he said. "We also are pleased that the All-Star game will be played in Edinburg, where we have developed a very strong fan base."

The first-place Edinburg Coyotes landed seven players in four of them pitchers — on the league's All-Star squad. But they won't be playing on that ballclub at the All-Star game. That's because they will be playing on their own club, the Coyotes, who will face the All-Stars.

As it was set up, the Coyotes, the first place club in the ULB, will face the All-Star players from the other five clubs in the All-Star game.

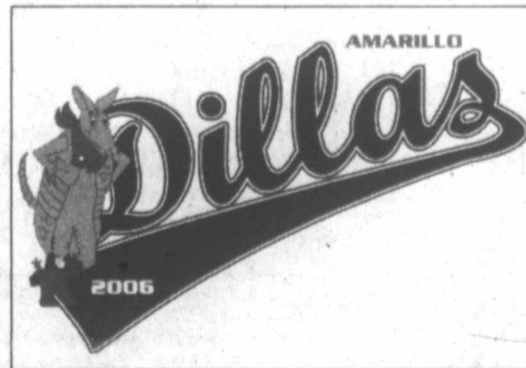
The Alexandria Aces, in third place in the ULB, placed five players on the All-Star unit, while votes from the ULB managers put four players from the second-place San Angelo Colts on the All-Stars.

Also making the All-Stars were three players from the Laredo Broncos, two from the Amarillo Dillas and one player from the Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings.

Coyotes field manager Vince Moore will, of course, manage his club, while Aces manager Ricky Van Asselberg will take the duty for the All-Star squad. San Angelo

Colts manager Doc Edwards was to be coach the All-Stars, since his club is in second place, but due to personal commitments, he is unable to attend the All-Star game.

The ULB's executive manager, Craig Brasfield, is in Edinburg making arrangements for the two-day event in connection with the July 12 game.



Included in the July 11-12 festivities will be a Home Runs for Charity Challenge where some players will 'compete' with members of the media, with proceeds to go to charitable causes. This will take place at 5:45 p.m. on the day of the game, which is to begin at 7:20 p.m.

"There will be a number of fun and ceremonial events, which we are now establishing and will announce soon," Brasfield said. "It will be a full two days of activities," he said.

Receiving the most votes was Aces outfielder Keto Anderson, the league's number four hitter (.368) and number one in hits with 65 and number one in stolen bases with 21. He also has the most triples (4).

Coyotes outfielder Evan Cherry (.309) was second; Dillas outfielder Bryce Morrison (.321) was third; followed by No. 4, Colts outfielder Brian Baker, who is third in home runs (10) and fourth in RBIs (38); and No. 5, Coyotes infielder Jose

Olmeda, who is second in home runs (11) and is hitting .296.

Among other All-Stars selected are Colts third baseman Jason Crosland, who leads the ULB in home runs with 13, RBIs with 45 and is number one in extra base hits with 13; and his teammates designated hitter Kevin Bass, who leads the league in hitting (.386) and outfielder John Anderson, number two in hitting (.368) and who broke the independent leagues record of hitting in consecutive games at 31.

Here are the other All-Stars: Edinburg — catcher Robinson Cancel (.301), pitchers Edward Ramirez (who has pitched in 20 games and has 15 saves); Eric Montoya (3.22 ERA and 5-1); Neomar Flores (3.71 ERA and 5-1); and Julio Ruiz (1.93 ERA and 4-0, in relief).

Alexandria — shortstop Luis Gance (.321); Eric Mejias, second in RBIs (39); and pitchers Fontella Jones, (.285 ERA and 5-1); and Santo Hernandez, who has the most strikeouts (48).

Laredo — utility Edwin Maldonado, No. 5 in home runs (6); catcher Jose Salas fourth in number of hits (53); and pitcher Darryl Roque, who has pitched 58 innings (4.50 ERA and 5-4).

Amarillo — pitcher Christopher Waters (3.29).

Rio Grande Valley — relief pitcher Adam Clary, who has a 2.65 ERA and has four saves to his credit.

The replacement players include: Alexandria — outfielder Trey Beaman, first baseman Adam Bonner, pitcher Adam Cox.

San Angelo — catcher Tony Sanguinetti, pitchers Adam Hanson and Brantley Jordan.

Amarillo — catcher Kevin Griffin and pitcher Mike Kesten.

Terrific toddlers



Photos by KATHY TINNEY



Lefors Toddler T-Ball teams, Great Plains Pest Control (above) and First Baptist Church did their best to sit still long enough to have their picture taken recently. The two teams, coached by Monica Warner and Pam Franks, have been facing off in games of fun. Pictured are (top, left to right)- Madison Franks (4), Tyler Twait (5), Zack Robinson (4), Brady Brotherton (2), Alannah Justice (3) and Emily Hickerson (2). Bottom- Tyler Webb (3), Reilly Czubinski (4), Garrett Woodard (4), Kahlan Reeves (2), Olivia Flores (3), Selaney Tucker (3) and Todd Fry (3). Not pictured- Jaydin Elkins (4) and Hayden Henson (3).

United League Baseball standings

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Thursday's Games

Edinburg 13, Amarillo 4
Laredo 3, Rio Grande Valley 0
San Angelo 5, Alexandria 3

Friday's Games

Edinburg at Amarillo
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo
San Angelo at Alexandria

Saturday's Games

Edinburg at Amarillo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 1, 2006.

You can and will make a difference to many in your life this year. You open up to new perspectives and unconventional lifestyles. The unexpected occurs throughout the year. Travel and education could play a significant role in your choices. Be open to doing what you haven't done before. Be willing to change directions. Learn to flex. If you are single, you will meet someone through your daily life. Put yourself out there. Communication will be intrinsic, no matter what your status — single or attached. In-laws could play a big role for those who are attached. VIRGO draws you out.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Your plans will be subject to a quick change. Don't fight the inevitable. Recognize that sometimes others will get confused, but right now the unexpected and surprise are themes. If you flex, it will be no big deal. Tonight: Lounge and relax to your heart's content.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might be delighted by what happens. Surprises head your way, especially when your creativity and imagination are involved. If creative by nature, your imagination will soar to a new level. Friends could do the unpredictable. Tonight: Playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Basic values come into play in a situation that involves your personal life. What might occur could surprise you, though you are capable of handling what

comes down your path. See the glass as half-full, not half-empty. Tonight: Close to home work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Speak your mind or get past a problem, if you don't, or hold on to anger, you might be on quite a roller-coaster ride. Think positively about change and don't hold on to something that doesn't work. Tonight: Adapt, adjust, flex.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You might want to strangle your checkbook before expenses get even more touchy and difficult. You have the discipline and creativity to keep yourself out of a bind. Start acting like it as well. A partner or friend might not be a positive association when it comes to money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You are a powerhouse. Though you are sure of yourself and radiate confidence, others easily act up. You might want to distance yourself from someone who is unpredictable, for your own peace of mind. You need more stability. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take your time and find out what is ailing someone who is important to you. Actually, this person could be you. Might you need some time off? Sometimes everyone becomes saturated and overwhelmed with what they must do. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Carefully think through a decision. You will have to stand on your own in order to achieve your goals. Think positively, and you will gain only positive results. Socialize and get together with your pals; you need more fun in

your life. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Stand up for what you believe and know. At times, you could be overwhelmed by what happens. Upheaval surrounds your immediate circle and domestic life. Know what you are doing; remain secure. Don't play into others' stuff. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Feel shake up the status quo. You could plan like everything you plan on, every action you take, every conversation has a wild, unpredictable theme. You might have difficulty staying centered and honoring others' needs. Tonight: A movie or concert, where you don't need to talk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Work with others and scan plans for costs. You shouldn't go overboard, for your own sake. At the same time, a partnership is very important to cater to. You know better than to put monetary value on an emotional bond. Tonight: With your favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your unpredictability draws reactions, some of which you might not appreciate. Accept responsibility for creating some of what is happening. If you can trigger these responses, you can also not trigger them. Tonight: Say yes.

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Monday Night Scramble results

Monday Night Scramble
Hidden Hills Golf
Course
June 26, 2006

1st Place
Tim Davis
Jerry Hill

Carlos Cortez
Carolyn Allison
Yolanda Guelker

2nd Place
Clint Miller
Bob Cook
Bob Brandon

Jackie Harper

Note — The Monday Night Scramble is sponsored by the Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association. The next event is scheduled for July 10.

Jose Canseco back in baseball

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jose Canseco accused several top players of steroid use, once had a ball bounce off his head and go over the fence for a home run, and blew out his elbow in his only big league pitching appearance.

Now he's back in baseball, having agreed to a contract with the independent San Diego Surf Dawgs. He's planning to be their designated hitter and — get this — pitch.

The deal comes some 16 months after Canseco attracted Congress' attention with an autobiography, "Juiced," that accused several top players of steroid use.

In March 2005, he testified before the House Government Reform committee that he used performance-enhancing drugs as a player.

The Golden Baseball League announced the agreement Thursday night, saying the former AL MVP and Rookie of the Year will make his Surf Dawgs debut Monday night on the road against the Chico Outlaws — one day after his 42nd birthday.

A call to Canseco's cell phone got this message: —

"Hello, Jose Canseco. I have lost my cell phone. If you can, please leave a number when you call. Thank you."

The six-time All-Star will be playing for the league maximum of \$2,500 per month.

Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke, told The

Associated Press that the GBL contacted Canseco. A few years ago, the slugger said he was being blackballed and kept out of major league baseball.

He hit 462 home runs in a 17-year career with Oakland, Texas, Boston, Toronto, Tampa Bay, the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox.

"Jose's been playing in a summer league, a semipro league in the L.A. area, and he's hit a whole bunch of back-to-back home runs," Saunooke said. "He's knocked the ball out of the park. He's still a very talented athlete. He never stopped being a talented athlete."

The GBL is essentially baseball's lowest rung. Rickey Henderson played for the Surf Dawgs last year as he tried to attract the attention of a big league team.

Canseco, once one of baseball's most-feared hit-

ters — and one of its most colorful figures, on and off the field — hasn't played in the big leagues since 2001 with the Chicago White Sox, who purchased his contract from the independent Newark Bears.

"I'm looking forward to having fun in professional baseball again, as I've really missed it," Canseco said in the Surf Dawgs' news release. "I love what this league is doing for players, communities and families, and I want to be part of it. Rickey had a great experience with the Surf Dawgs last year and it will be great playing for Terry Kennedy and reminding him of the stomping my A's gave his Giants in the '89 World Series."

The GBL said Canseco has agreed to be subjected to its drug-testing policy "that immediately expels any players found using steroids or illegal drugs."

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

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A S O R Y — H P D X S G E S K C Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EARLY TO RISE AND EARLY TO BED MAKES A MAN HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND DEAD. — JAMES THURBER

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19 Situations
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BABYSITTING
In my home, 7 days a week. Call Nina 669-2374

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CLASS A CDL drivers needed. The pay is good and we offer benefits and retirement plan. For info, please call 719-846-1522.

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GARAGE Sale 2318 Charles.

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69a Garage Sales

MAKE offer yard sale. Need to downsize. Worth the drive to 307 Birch, Skellytown. Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9am-4pm

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GARAGE sale Saturday 8-12. 2424 Navajo. Bathroom vanity and cabinet, furniture, tools, misc.

1533 N. CHRISTY Sat. 8am-?? Boys clothes, toys, misc.

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INSIDE sale. 1109 S. Wells. Cheap! Cheap! Make offer. Some baby items. Saturday 9-7 and Sunday, 10-3.

BIG Garage Sale. Fri. Sat. 735 S. Barnes. Furni., refrig., 2 campers, dishes, clothes, shoes, much more

BACK YARD SALE! 2101 Coffee St. Fri & Sat 8am-3pm Lots of items!

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PICK UP rental list from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

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2 bdr., 1232 Duncan. \$375 mo., \$200 dep. Ref. req. 662-7557.

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669-0007

1921 Lynn 3 bdr., 2 ba., 2 lg. liv. areas, 2 fireplaces, new laminate floor, class 4 roof, cov. patio, deck, 2500 sf. Must see. Call 669-6964 or 683-9114 for more information.

4.5 lots w/ nice 2-story home near Greenbelt Lake. Beautiful landscaping and large trees. Many, many amenities incl. storm cellar and playhouse, tennis court, swimming pool. 2 screened-in porches. Deer and turkey feed in front yard. 4 bdr., 4 ba., detached gar. w/parking for up to 8 cars, RV parking. 243 Palacio, Howardwick. 2228 sq. ft. \$209,900. For more info, contact ROY NORTHRUP, COLDWELL BANKER FIRST EQUIT. REALTORS, 676-2070 cell, 376-6264 residence.

103 Homes For Sale

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A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave

From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Verse 4

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand

Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n - rescued land

Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,

And this be our motto—"In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

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Any family evacuation plan should include pets

By LORRI JONES
Extension News

HOUSTON — As Gulf Coast residents brace for what weather experts are forecasting as another busy hurricane season, a Texas Cooperative Extension expert said every family should have an evacuation plan that includes the family pet.

"Typically for a family, the first thing on their mind would be their kids and their family," said Wayne Thompson, Extension agent for agriculture in Harris County. "But the pet is part of the family as well, so preparation for that pet is critical."

Thompson said three areas of preparation are essential: identification, supplies and means of transportation.

"It's hard to say exactly what the situation will be like during an evacuation for a disaster, so the key is to have all the pet's paperwork prepared," he said.

Thompson offered these suggestions for pet identification:

- Be sure the pet has an identification tag.

- Label all carriers, bags and pet supplies with permanent marker or other method besides a sticker



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by LORRI JONES)
Pet owner Katherine Jones, of Houston, practices loading her dog, Lieou, and his supplies for emergency evacuation.

label, which can be removed or fall off.

- Prepare an identification bag that includes the pet's shot records, current photo and an index card with the owner's name, address, and phone numbers. This card should also include the contact information of a neighbor or rela-

tive who knows the pet and its owner.

When gathering pet supplies, Thompson said to include water and food for several days; any medications, clearly labeled with their name and instructions, and bowls, cleanup supplies, toys or other comfort items.

Thompson represents Extension on the Harris County Disaster Animal Task Force, which is developing emergency plans specifically for evacuating animals in the Greater Houston area during a hurricane or other emergency, such as a toxic chemical spill or terrorist attack.

In the wake of two major evacuations on the Gulf Coast last summer, many communities are including pet evacuation plans for residents who do not have their own transportation, he said. And whether evacuating on your own or relying on provided transportation, the family pet should be ready to travel.

"On your way out the door, get that animal ready," he said. "Large dogs should be muzzled; small pets, cats and little dogs can be placed in a little carrier."

Thompson recommended that pet owners let their animal practice going in and coming out of the carrier several times before an actual emergency.

"The time to get ready for emergency is well in advance of an official warning," he said. "If it's going to happen tomorrow, that means we should be ready today."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Just about every member of the musical Marsalis family has been a part of Greensboro's Eastern Music Festival.

Now, patriarch Ellis Marsalis can be counted among them.

The 71-year-old jazz pianist talked with music students and then performed a short concert Wednesday. Marsalis' sons Wynton, Delfeayo and Jason attended the festival as students, and his saxophone-playing son, Branford, has performed there.

Students wanted to know everything from how Marsalis got interested in music to why his sons followed the same path to his own musical preferences.

Marsalis encouraged them to

become familiar with today's composers and to take a course in musical composition, which he said "introduces you to a holistic approach to music."

He told students that radio programs introduced him to music as a youngster. But hearing Dizzy Gillespie and his jazz band play live in 1949 hooked Marsalis for good, he said.

"I knew that's what I wanted to do, right there," he told students.

Marsalis, who is considered the premier modern-jazz pianist in New Orleans, taught jazz for 34 years at several schools.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicolas Cage has donated \$2 million to help former child soldiers

worldwide.

The donation by the Oscar-winning actor will help provide shelters and medical and psychological rehabilitation services, said Larry Cox, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

Cox accepted the donation Wednesday at a United Nations Conference in New York. Amnesty International will administer the funds.

"I understand that this pledge is not a solution for the problem," Cage, 42, said when he announced the contribution by video.

"It's my hopeful wish that today's discussions on this tragic subject at the United Nations conference may bring us closer to eradicating the nightmare of child

soldiers."

Cage said he has worked with Amnesty International for more than two years.

The United Nations estimates there are at least 300,000 child soldiers participating in armed conflicts in the world today.

Cage won an Oscar for his role in 1995's "Leaving Las Vegas."

On the Net:
<http://www.amnestyusa.org/>

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mariska Hargitay, star of TV's "Law & Order: SVU," and her husband Peter Hermann welcomed their first child, her publicist told The Associated Press.

Hargitay delivered a baby boy

named August by Caesarean section Wednesday in Los Angeles, publicist Leslie Sloane Zelnick said Thursday in an e-mail.

"Mariska and the baby are doing great," she said.

People magazine and Us Weekly reported the baby was a week overdue but Zelnick would not confirm or deny that.

Hargitay, 42, and Hermann, an actor, married in August 2004.

The actress won a Golden Globe last year for NBC's "Law & Order: SVU."

Her mother, blond screen siren Jayne Mansfield, died in a car crash in 1967. Hargitay's father is former bodybuilder Mickey Hargitay.

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