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Grand jury hands up nine indictments

A Gray County grand jury handed up nine indictments Aug. 10 in 223rd District Court, including one first-degree felony.

Brian Jonathan Riggs, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000. On Sept. 7, 2005, Riggs allegedly attempted to deliver 400 grams or more of controlled substance containing methylenedioxymethamphetamine.

James Clyde Benson Jr., 36, was indicted for assault on a public servant. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Oct. 22, 2003, Benson allegedly caused bodily injury to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson while Henderson was attempting to arrest the defendant.

K'Day Elijah Thorpe, 25, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On April 6, 2005, Thorpe allegedly was found in possession of between five and 50 pounds of marijuana.

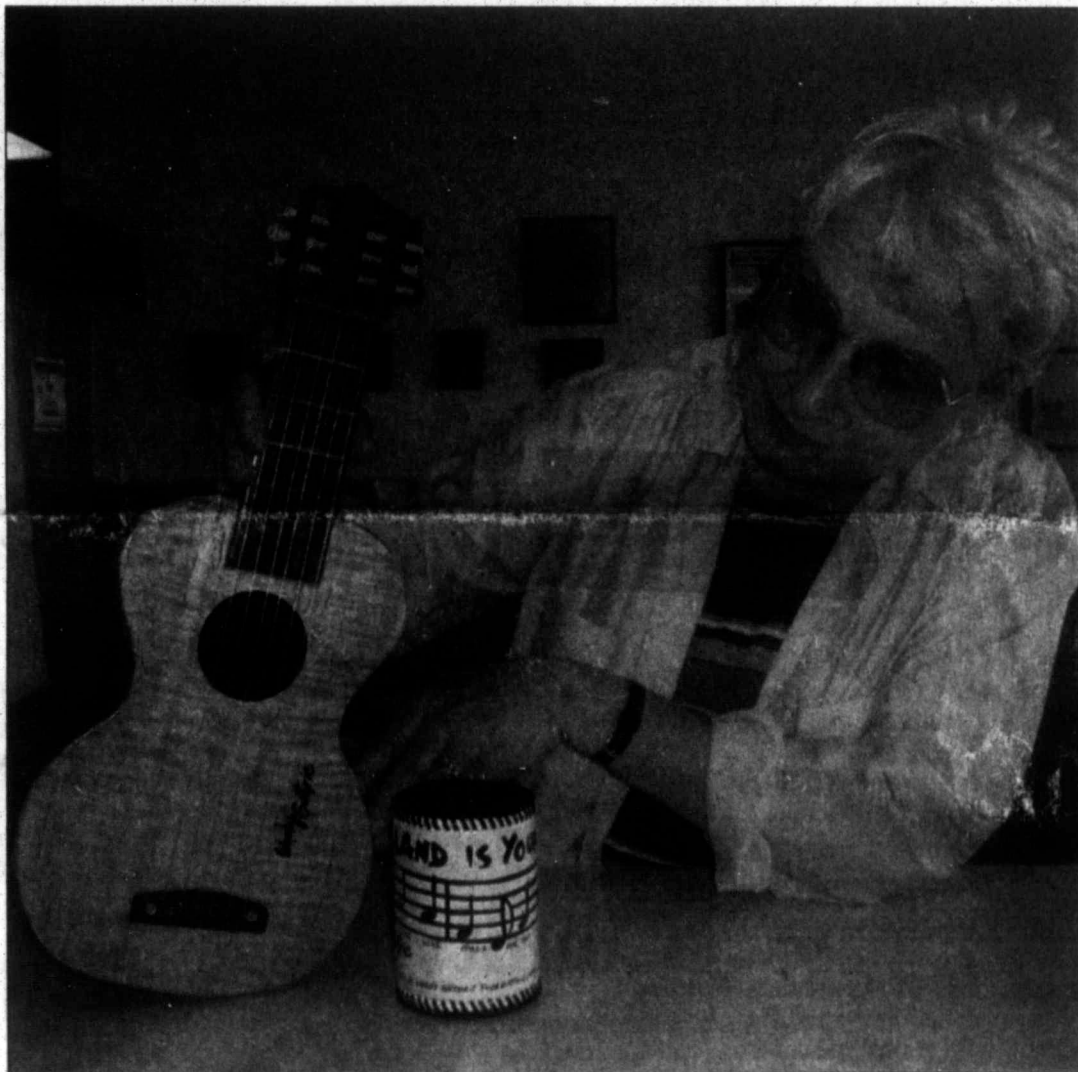
Dewayne Eugene Chilton, 27, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000. On Sept. 3, 2005, Chilton allegedly was found in possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine.

James Clyde Benson, Jr., 36, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On Oct. 22, 2003, Benson allegedly was found in possession of five pounds or less of marijuana.

Jason Paul Allen, 34, was indicted for burglary of a building. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

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Guthrie tribute



Inmates at the Jordan-Baten prison units in Pampa made these craft items, displayed here by Loralee Cooley, for sale during the upcoming Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie "2006 Tribute to Woody Guthrie event" Oct. 6 and 7. The crafts provided by the prisoners will be on sale during the annual event at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler. Cooley is a Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie board member.

County agenda full for Tuesday

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A lengthy agenda of 19 new items and two items of old business has been posted for Gray County commissioners' Tuesday meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The two items of old business are a con-

tinuation of the fiscal year 2007 budget discussions and a maintenance renewal for automated victim notification services.

The service automatically notifies victims when perpetrators of crimes against them are released from incarceration. Commissioners tabled action on the contract at their Aug. 1 meeting due to the

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Panhandle Groundwater district eyeing budget for next year

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Next year's budget and tax rate will be on the agenda for Wednesday's Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District meeting here.

Set for 9 a.m., Wednesday at their

offices at 201 W. Third in White Deer, the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors will consider the district's budget and tax rate for their 2006-2007 fiscal year.

They will also consider the resignation of one of their own. John McKissack, the board member rep-

resenting Potter County, submitted his resignation last month, citing an increased workload at his job.

The board will also consider a bid for a tax delinquent lot in Clarendon. They will also review the second quarter transportation and production reports.

They will consider drilling permit

applications for wells smaller than four-inches from Joe Richardson in Gray County, Ted Hutto in Gray County, Jimmy Williams in Potter County, Raymond Custer in Potter County, Monte Lundgreen in Potter County, Stacey Johnson in Potter County.

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REVENUES

Sales tax receipts exceed expectations

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

"Astounding" is how Pampa City Manager John Horst today described August's sales tax receipts.

For 10 of the past 11 months, sales tax receipts have exceeded the city's projections. They have also exceeded actual collections from last year.

"We're running 20 per over budget," Horst said, "and 20.36 percent over last year."

While the city normally makes conservative projections on sale tax revenues, Pampa is now over budgeted income projections by a half million dollars. At this rate, the city is projecting a \$551,627.93 budget surplus by Sept. 30, the end of its fiscal year.

"August was phenomenal," Horst said.

The August sales tax report showed revenues 33.06 percent over budget and 33.40 percent over August 2005.

That follows July, which was 33.59 percent over budget and 33.93 percent over July 2005.

While the 2005-2006 sales tax revenues started off comparatively slowly — October 2005 was about 10 percent over budget and November was 14 percent — the last three months, June, July and August, have been more than 30 percent over monthly budgeted revenues. April and May were more than 20 percent over budget.

March showed a sharp decline from 30 percent over budget in February to a minus 7.20 percent in March, but sales tax revenues rebounded in April to 20.99 percent over budget.

The December sales tax revenue report was over budget, but only by 3.11 percent.

So far this fiscal year, the city has collected a total of \$3,032,871 in sale taxes. That's \$506,724.82 over the projected budget.

"With fuel prices like they are," Horst said today, "we need it."

Woman allegedly hit by flower pot

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A woman who was the victim of a robbery in the 700 block of East Browning early Sunday was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance after she was hit on the head with a flower pot.

The extent of the woman's injuries are unknown. She did not lose consciousness as a result of the incident, according to Pampa Police Department reports.

Pampa Fire Department and police officers first responded to the scene after the call was received at 3:14 a.m.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-five traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of Mary Ellen, the 500 block of Magnolia, and the police department lobby.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 700 block of North Hobart and an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of South Dwight, the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets, the intersection of Frederic and Graham streets, and the 1100 block of Sirroco.

Animal complaints were received from the intersection of Crawford and Clark streets and the 800 block of East Foster.

Warrant service was attempted on five occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Hobart and Francis streets and the intersection of Georgia and Mary Ellen streets.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of East Kingsmill and the 700 block of North Frost.

Lost property was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson. A mountain bike was found.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. A handgun was found.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. Approximately 0.2 grams of a substance reported to be cocaine was found.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of Duncan, the 2100 block of North Williston, the 2200 block of North Sumner, on two occasions in the 1200

block of North Russell, and on three occasions in the police department lobby, including one report concerning child custody.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of North Russell, the 2800 block of Charles, and the 600 block of Jupiter.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of South Banks, the 500 block of Linda Drive, the 800 block of Deane Drive, and the 900 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of Wall.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 1200 block of Darby, the 400 block of Doucette, the intersection of Sumner and Oklahoma streets, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 2200 block of Mary Ellen, the intersection of 18th and Wells streets, the intersection of Twiford and Doucette streets, and the 1800 block of North Zimmers, where threats by e-mail were reported.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 600 block of Wall.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of West Wilks, an unreported location, and the 200 block of South Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East 17th. A double-paned glass house window was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Road, the 500 block of Lowry, and the 1900 block of Holly.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of Varnon Drive and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbances

were reported in the 400 block of Hughes, the 900 block of South Nelson, and the 1800 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby on two occasions. One incident occurred in the 1100 block of Darby and involved telephone threats.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of Garland and at One Medical Plaza.

Two open doors were checked.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A bottle of prescription medication valued at \$560 was taken from the 1200 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis, the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1100 block of East Frederic, and the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1700 block of Charles. A bicycle valued at \$90 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Warren. Cash valued at \$80 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$30 was taken.

An information report concerning unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was taken in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The incident involved a 1996 Chevrolet Z-71.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive, and the 500 block of North Frost, where a bicycle, Sony PlayStation, and computer were taken, for an estimated loss of \$550.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Lea.

Robbery was reported in the 700 block of East Browning. A purse, leather wallet, money, Social Security card and Texas driver's license were taken, for an estimated loss of \$380.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, Aug. 13

7:05 a.m. — A 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee, driven by Rita Isela Espino, 29, of 501 Sloan, and a 2002 Chevrolet C/K 1500, driven by Fred Dominey Jr., 64, of 1421 Charles, collided at the intersection of Starkweather and Browning streets. Dominey reported possible injuries but was not transported by ambulance. Espino was cited for a stop sign violation.

3:34 p.m. — A 1996 Ford Explorer, driven by Mindy Ann Ham, 24, of 2235 N. Nelson, and a 1990 Chevrolet S10, driven by Hubert Dean Hinnenkamp, 44, of Wheeler collided at the intersection of Graham and Frederic streets. No injuries were reported. Ham was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive and no valid driver's license.

5:53 p.m. — A 1998 Toyota Camry, driven by Sue Adrienne Garner, 57, of 1507 N. Wells, collided with a legally parked 2001 Pontiac Sunfire, owned by Brittney Christine Cox, 318 N. Gillespie, in the 1100 block of Sirroco. No injuries were reported. Garner was cited for backing without safety.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Aug. 12

Jimmy Lee Gilmer, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of West Gwendolyn by Pampa Police Department for popping fireworks in the city and failure to appear.

Rafael Martinez, 31, of Pixley, Calif., was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Sunday, Aug. 13

Pamela Kaye Davis, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of South Sumner by PPD for expired

registration, no insurance, failure to change address, and two counts of failure to appear.

Jeffery Lofton, 23, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1800 block of Coffee by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence and disorderly conduct/fighting.

Timothy Broadbent, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion for enforcement of child support.

Jose Ray Palacios, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Wall by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, no driver's license, and expired motor vehicle registration.

Debora Bowers, 47, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Aug. 12

11:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.

6:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a call for medical assistance.

10:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Kentucky and Sumner and extinguished a vehicle fire.

Sunday, Aug. 13

2:52 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Warren on a med assist.

3:29 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Browning on a med assist.

7:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Starkweather and Browning on a vehicle accident. One person was transported from the scene to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:28 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171

on a downed power line. The unit stood by until officials with Xcel Energy arrived.

3:38 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Frederic and Graham on a vehicle accident. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Aug. 12

11:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Somerville. No transport.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th.

Sunday, Aug. 13

2:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Warren and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Browning and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Perry and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Browning and Starkweather and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Graham and Frederic. No transport.

6:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Wynne. No transport.

6:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 8000 block of County Road 4. No transport.

Gray County Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. East-northeast wind between 10

and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Cloudy, with a low around 61. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.

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District, extension of a warranty on the courthouse security system, 2007 sheriff and constable fees, updating the Clyde Carruth Pavilion rental agreement, a contract with Pacific Telemanagement Services regarding a pay phone at Perry LeFors Airport, and a request by the district attorney to replace an employee are on the agenda.

Commissioners will also consider a request by the City of Lefors to place a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Shaw and Second streets.

Bids for tax-delinquent property at 309 S. Ballard, 315 S. Ballard, 301 - 305 S. Ballard, 713 Octavius, 405 Maple, 1064 Varnon Drive, and 702 S. Gray will be presented.

Other items on Tuesday's agenda include payment of bills and salaries, line-item transfers, budget amendments, the county treasurer's report, and miscellaneous items.

absence of a representative from the district attorney's office.

A joint election agreement with Pampa Independent School

Jury

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On Dec. 3, 2005, Allen allegedly committed theft by illegally entering a building owned by Steve Stauffacher.

Leonardo Alonzo III, 28, was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000. On Sept. 15, 2005, Alonzo allegedly fled detention and/or arrest by peace officer Tobie Bias.

Keisha Ladon Ross, 35, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On Oct. 22, 2003, Ross allegedly was found in possession of five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.

Brett Luther Shannon, 35, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500. On Oct. 29, 2005, Shannon allegedly was found in possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Flower pot

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Sunday. The woman said she was hit on the head from behind with a flower pot as she was walking down the street.

Her purse, leather wallet, money, Social Security card and Texas driver's license were taken in the robbery. Estimated value of the items is \$380, according to police reports.

The case remains open and is under investigation. There was at least one witness to the incident, according to a police department spokesperson.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	4.04
Milo	3.07
Corn	3.87
Soybeans	4.37

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	102.85	-2.33
BP PLC ADR	69.70	+0.38
Cabot Corp	31.31	-0.10
Celanese	18.19	+0.19
Cabot Oil Gas	53.16	-1.11
Coca Cola	44.02	+0.26
VLO	62.90	-1.86
HAL	33.28	-0.59
TRI	42.87	-0.01
KMI	100.35	-0.05
XCEL	20.59	+0.11
Kerr McGee	70.47	NA
XOM	69.01	-0.72
Nat'l Oilwell	63.52	-1.28
Limited	26.31	+0.52
Williams	24.25	-0.10
MCD	34.98	+0.29
Atmos	28.65	+0.09
Pioneer Nat	42.61	-0.69
JCP	65.76	+0.56
COP	67.17	-1.21
SLB	62.81	-1.15
Tenneco	22.62	+0.18
CVX	66.68	-1.17
Wal-Mart	44.86	+0.17
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New York Gold.....632.35
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Water

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County, Jimmy Franks in Potter County and Lenore Ann Ayres in Potter County.

The board will also consider permit applications for wells larger than four inches from Dream Investment Corp. in Armstrong County, Renda Fuqua Beeson in Donley County, Dan Sawyer in Donley County, Linda Kay Bell in Donley County, Bill Tolbert of the Lard Ranch in Roberts County and Boone Pickens in Roberts County.

PISD menu

Week of August 15-18

Pampa Schools

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Chicken strips or pizza, mashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.
Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, pineapple, garlic toast.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelets, toast.
Lunch: Corn dogs or chef salad, vegetarian beans, corn, fruit, gelatin.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Burritos or burgers, fries, spinach, burger salad, pears.

Chautauqua



Pampa Fine Arts Association is currently preparing for its annual Chautauqua celebration Labor Day, Sept. 4, in Central Park. Girl Scout Leader Mary Green, above, takes a break from manning the Girl Scout cotton candy booth at one year's Chautauqua. Chautauqua offers a variety of fun activities for the entire family including games, entertainment, a fun run, food booths and more.

Chicago saying au revoir to foie gras after animal rights victory

CHICAGO (AP) — These are dangerous times for waterfowl in Chicago.

With the city's ban on foie gras — a delicacy made of duck and goose liver — days away from going into effect, upscale restaurants in the city are serving it up like never before. They've put together special menus featuring it in course after course — searing it, chilling it, throwing it into salads and turning it into sauce.

At the same time, foie gras (pronounced fwah-GRAH) enthusiasts are

cooking up a lawsuit to keep it on menus or put it back after the ban takes effect Aug. 22, holding fundraisers to finance their fight and asking diners to sign petitions in support of it.

And those diners? They're savoring it a lot more — or at least more often — than they would have had the City Council not sided with animal rights activists in April by banning it. Many consider foie gras cruel because the geese and ducks are force-fed to make their livers bigger.

"There are other things I might have ordered, but I thought, I'm on the clock," said Ben Goldhirsh, a mortgage banker who recently enjoyed the extensive "Foie Gras, Farewell To Our Good Friend" menu at the restaurant MK.

"I want to eat enough of it so when the ban comes I won't care about it," said Donna Shanley, a real estate broker who's also stepped up consumption of what foodies refer to simply as "foie."

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Viewpoints

Venerable truth: 'Not all that glitters is gold'

Washed in golden sunset, from a distance Llano County's Sharp Mountain looks like a giant Paleolithic flint hide scraper lying on its side.

At 1,594 feet above sea level, the landmark barely deserves its mountain designation. Its summit rising 400 feet above the land around it, the huge pile of cedar-studded rock sits on private property about five miles southeast of Llano. Few today know about the long-abandoned mine shafts the mountain hides.

The nation's economy rested in a dark, deep hole itself back in 1936, when energetic promoters touted Sharp Mountain as another American gold bonanza.

"Profits in Gold," read a

brochure distributed by the Laburma (for Llano, Burnet and Mason counties) Corp., "Not in Alaska, Mexico, Africa, But right here in TEXAS."

Whoever wrote that Depression-era sales piece would have done any snake oil hawk proud. The six-page brochure talked of the ancient lure of gold, a quest that has long attracted man because "GOLD is the measure of empire and with GOLD empires are made, and lost."

The brochure continued: "After years of prospecting, opening cross-cuts, sinking shafts, driving tunnels on Sharp Mountain an enormous body of gold bearing ore has been discovered. Assays of ore show high val-

ues which are increasing with the depth."

Indeed, since the days of the Spanish missions in Texas, the belief persisted that the Hill Country held gold and silver as well as quartz, pyrite and other minerals. In the late 1890s, someone did discover a gold ore deposit in Llano County and mining operations began on the Heath Ranch. Two freight cars of ore shipped to Pueblo, Colo., for smelting in 1901 assayed at \$35 a ton. That's roughly 1.75 ounces of gold per 2,000 pounds of ore.

Mike Cox
Columnist

Though hardly equivalent to Colorado's storied Cripple Creek district (which by 1935 had produced \$500 million worth of gold calculated for the most part at \$20 an ounce), some production continued in the Llano area until 1916. A local bank displayed a 32-ounce gold brick made from Llano County ore that would be worth more than \$18,000 today. But that may have been the most gold that ever came from the area.

The 1936 claims by Laburma might have sounded promising to some, but many Llano residents had

been previously deprived of their hard-earned money in assorted unsuccessful mining ventures. Most local folks took news of the latest "find" with a grain of another mineral — salt.

"People here have been taken so many times you couldn't sell stock in Llano for a nickel-a-\$100-share," one old-timer recalled in the late 1970s. He said jaded locals came to call mine promoters "snake hunters."

To compensate for that cynicism, Laburma brought potential investors to Llano from San Antonio and other places by bus, putting them up at the old Southern Hotel. Taken to the mine site after being subjected to a dog and pony show, the prospects saw armed guards patrolling

the fence around the 800-acre property, examined ore samples and read optimistic assay reports. Then they got the opportunity to buy shares of Laburma stock.

"Procrastination is the thief of time," the Laburma brochure warned. "THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW: WISHING, THINKING, and CONSIDERING! will not develop mines; help to build up the mineral wealth of Texas, or enable you to share in the millions that should be obtained from the production of Laburma Mines."

In the end, the only people who made any money off the Llano County gold mine were the property owners,

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2006. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 14, 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was established.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1947, Pakistan was established as a modern state, independent of British rule.

In 1956, German dramatist Bertolt Brecht died in East Berlin at age 58.

In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 1980, President Carter and Vice

'Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think. And there is no freedom of thought without doubt.'

— Bergen Baldwin
Evans
American author
(1904-1978)

President Walter Mondale were nominated for a second term at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital, three months after being wounded in an attempt on his life.

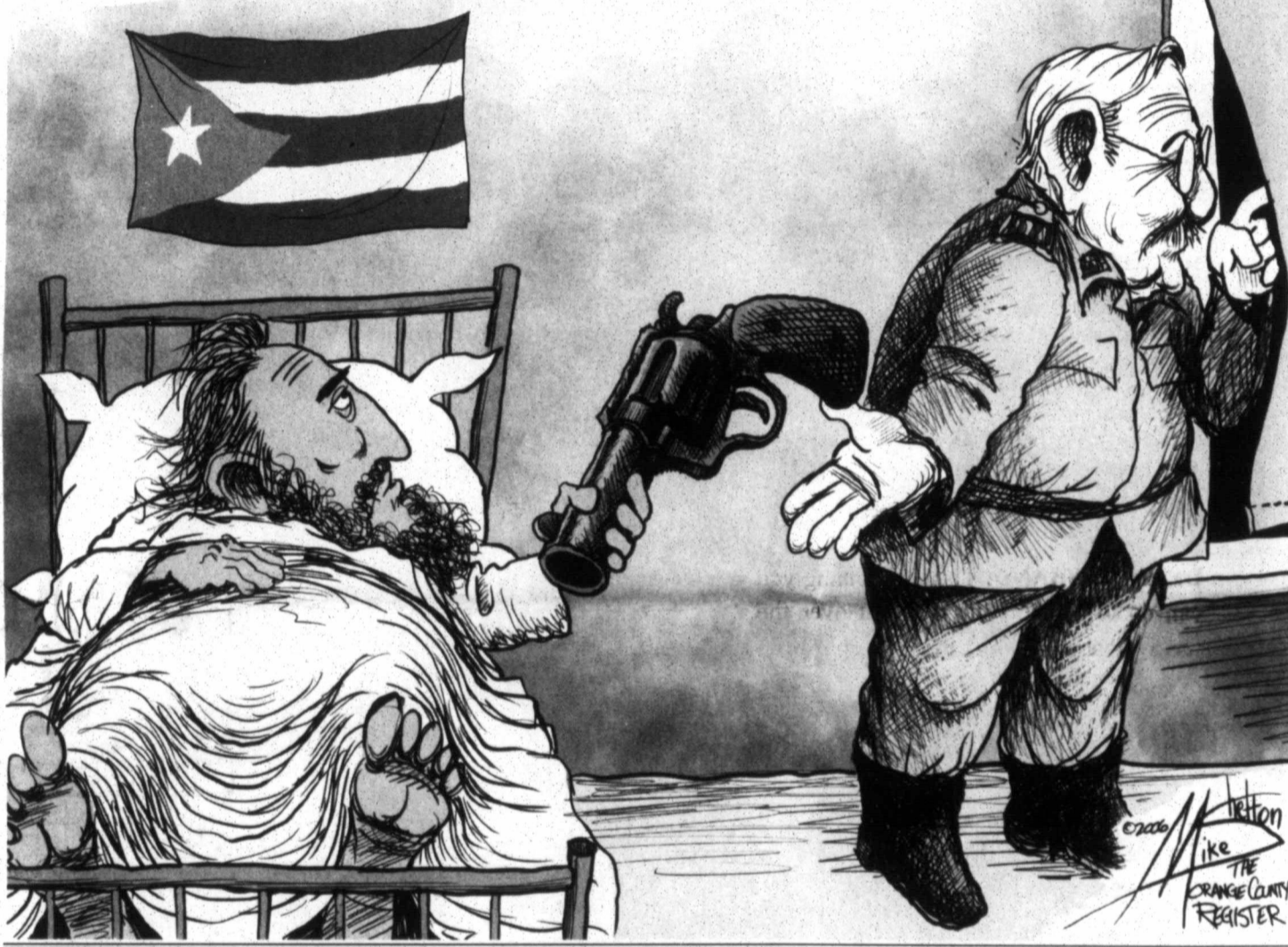
In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Ten years ago: The Republican national convention in San Diego nominated Bob Dole for president and Jack Kemp for vice president in an evening that featured a talk-show-style testimonial by Elizabeth Dole, who strolled the convention floor with a wireless microphone. In Peru, 35 people were electrocuted when a stray rocket during a fireworks show knocked down a high-tension line.

Five years ago: Twenty people detained in riots at the Group of Eight summit in Italy the previous month were ordered released by a Genoa court — 15 Austrians, three Americans, a Slovak and a Swede.

One year ago: Israel sealed the Gaza Strip to Israeli civilians, signaling the start of the historic withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

PASSING THE POWER



Overwhelming power and over confidence

One of the most useful devices of general semantics is the use of numbers and dates to remind ourselves of individuality and change. Cow-1 is not the same as cow-2, and Israel-1967 is not the same as Israel-2006.

In 1967, Israel launched a blitzkrieg attack against Egypt, Syria and Jordan, and in less than a week had captured and occupied the Sinai, Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

Israel-2006, however, has been fighting for days as of this writing and captured only one small village about two miles above the Israeli border with Lebanon. Capturing that little village took three days and cost the Israelis a number of casualties, tanks and helicopters. Nor has Israel been able to

stop the rockets from striking Haifa and other cities in the north of the country despite virtually round-the-clock, seven-days-a-week bombardment by air, artillery and naval gunfire.

Israel has not gotten weaker in terms of conventional military power — not with American aid that now is estimated

to cumulatively total \$108 billion. The Israeli Defense Force and the Israeli air force could still defeat the conventional forces of Syria, Jordan and Egypt. But it would not be as easy as it was in 1967. It would be harder, more like the 1973 war, but certainly doable.

One month before the conflict with Hezbollah began, Lt. Col. Itay Brun was explaining Israel's new military concepts, according to a story on the Middle East Newswire. Most of Israel's operations, the air-force officer

explained, would be conducted from the air. Fighter jets would destroy guerrilla strongholds, helicopters would pick off enemy combatants, while unmanned aerial vehicles would select and track targets. Those are essentially the tactics America used in Afghanistan.

So why has the Israeli notion of invincible air

power been shattered by a small guerrilla outfit? For basically the same reason the British lost the American Revolution. Overwhelming power leads to overconfidence, which leads to hubris, which leads to underestimating one's opponents. It is also a lesson in general semantics. Hezbollah guerrillas-2006 are not the same as PLO fighters-1982. In 1982, the Israeli army smashed its way into Beirut without too much difficulty and routed the PLO. That conflict and the 18-year occupation by Israel of southern Lebanon gave birth to Hezbollah.

Hezbollah's guerrillas, however, are well-trained, well-armed, disciplined and well-dug-in. Though you

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 6

Houston Chronicle on Houston's Hurricane Katrina evacuees:

Like many specialists, workers at nonprofit social service agencies can be contentious, jostling each other with conflicting diagnoses and prescriptions for helping those in need. You'd think they'd differ all the more after the paradigm-cracking events of Hurricane Katrina.

So it was all the more striking to find consensus here last week during a statewide forum on post-hurricane

housing. More than a dozen nonprofits from across Texas sponsored the meeting; by the end, they had agreed on what is needed to prevent a wave of homelessness from washing over Katrina evacuees.

In Houston alone, as many as 100,000 evacuees live in federally subsidized apartments. According to John Henneberger, co-director of the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, no reliable data about Hurricane Rita evacuees is available. He estimates as many were displaced by that hurricane as by Katrina. What is known is that Rita damaged or destroyed the homes of at least 75,000 low-income Texans.

The Katrina evacuees will lose their emergency housing assistance by March, at the latest. In Houston, these families consist mostly of women, generally poor and uneducated, with children. Almost all are still reeling from their losses. They are uniquely ill-prepared to start anew in a city so much larger and more complex than New Orleans.

But the problem has a second dimension. Coming from a city that did not encourage self-sufficiency, these evacuees face a housing market that thwarts many Houstonians. In Texas, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apart-

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Chamber

CHAMBER LETTER



Vanderpool

Back to school!

Well, it's time to go back to school! Do you have your excuses ready for those inevitable days when you'll miss school? If not, try these:

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.

Or maybe ... Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

No matter how diligent you are about doing your best in school, or at work, or at home, there may be those days when you just don't seem to be all that you can be. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Isn't it great that we have so many good folks trying so hard to make Pampa great? Maybe they're not perfect, but the work they do is invaluable. I hope we'll take time to say thanks as we enter the school season and Fall for all those who volunteer so much for our community.

Let's clean up our homes and businesses by participating in the City Wide Garage Sale on August 26, then sit down in our newfound space and see what we can do to join hands with those who we see out there working on our behalf. I see them every day. Want to be one?

Pat Vanderpool

Executive Director
Pampa Chamber

City-Wide Garage Sale

Clean out your garage! Get rid of those old clothes that don't fit! Join in the fun by participating in the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any household or business in the immedi-

ate Pampa area is eligible to participate. There will be a \$15 charge for each address to help cover the cost of advertising. The Chamber will advertise the Garage Sale extensively, both locally and in surrounding communities. We'll also produce a map which

will be available throughout a number of locations throughout town on the day of the sale.

The deadline for entry is August 18th at 5 p.m. Call the Chamber at 669-3241 for more information or come by the Chamber to sign up.

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Sports Day

Rangers sweep Mariners with 10-6 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Texas has stayed in the American League West race with its solid play against division foes.

The Seattle Mariners may have fallen out of postseason contention because of their inability to win against their rivals.

Michael Young hit a tiebreaking two-run triple, Gary Matthews Jr. drove in three runs and the Rangers beat the slumping Mariners 10-6 Sunday night to complete a four-game sweep.

Carlos Lee also drove in three runs for Texas, which won its fifth straight game and remain five games behind division-leading Oakland in the AL West. The Rangers have scored 51 runs during their winning streak.

Texas improved to 19-14 within its division - including an 8-2 mark against Seattle.

"We're playing a good brand of baseball right now," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "We're hoping to

have some fun in September. We still have half the month of August before we can make a run at this thing."

Seattle has lost 13 straight games against the AL West and is 10-25 in the division. The Mariners were last swept Sept. 15-18, 2005, against the Rangers. That was also Texas' last four-game sweep.

The Mariners fell a season-high nine games out of first place.

"We've got a lot of baseball still to play," Seattle manager Mike Hargrove said. "We're not done. We've got a long uphill battle ahead of us."

Young's triple off Felix Hernandez gave the Rangers a 5-3 lead in the fifth inning and put Kevin Millwood (11-8) in the winner's circle.

Millwood gave up three runs in six innings. He allowed eight hits and struck out four to win at home for the first time since June 16.

"It will go down as a quality start," Millwood said. "But for me, there's a lot of things I could have done better. I

was not putting the ball where I wanted it."

Millwood was the beneficiary of some great defense from Matthews, who made a leaping catch near the wall in left-center in the fifth to rob Adrian Beltre of extra bases.

Matthews, who has made several highlight-reel catches in center this season, also had a three-run double in the second.

"It was pretty close to going out," Matthews said. "Maybe it would have been off the top of the wall. I thought I had a good shot at it and then I lost it for a minute. You just have to time your leap to get the ball at its highest point."

Kenji Johjima and Ben Broussard homered for the Mariners.

Hernandez (10-10) allowed seven runs in 5 2-3 innings. The right-hander yielded six hits, struck out eight and walked four in a career-high 117-pitch outing

Monday's Golf Capsules

PGA International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) - Dean Wilson earned his first PGA Tour win with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff, topping Tom Lehman at the International at Castle Pines on Sunday.

After Lehman barely missed wide on a 30-foot putt for birdie, Wilson sank a 6-footer to win the \$990,000 first-place prize. His best previous finish was a tie for third at the 2004 Valero Texas Open.

Lehman would've vaulted into seventh place in the Ryder Cup standings with a win. He is captain of the U.S. team that will travel to Ireland next month to try to bring home the cup for the first time since 1999.

Under the special Stableford scoring system that is used nowhere else on the PGA Tour, golfers at the International get five points for eagles, two for birdies, nothing for pars and minus-one for bogeys and minus-three for double-bogeys or worse.

Canadian Women's Open

LONDON, Ontario (AP) - Cristie Kerr overcome an eight-stroke deficit to hand Angela Stanford a crushing loss for the second time in

three months, shooting a bogey-free 7-under 65 for a one-stroke victory.

Kerr, who came from four strokes back to beat Stanford in May in the Franklin American Mortgage Championship in Tennessee, finished with a 12-under 276 total on the London Hunt and Country Club course. She earned \$255,000 for her eighth career win.

Stanford, four strokes ahead of second-place Meena Lee after the third round, three-putted the par-18th for a 74. Pat Hurst shot a 68 to finish third at 10 under, Lee (74) followed at 7 under and Jee Young Lee (74) was another stroke back.

Scandinavian TPC

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Tournament host Annika Sorenstam birdied the last hole for an 8-under 65 to tie the lowest score on her home course and edge Lorena Ochoa by one shot.

The Swede finished with a 21-under 271 total at the Bro-Balsta course, where she began playing golf when she was 12. Ochoa, a Mexican ranked second in the world behind Sorenstam, closed with a 66.

Padres 7, Astros 2

HOUSTON (AP) - Woody Williams likes being home on the road.

The San Diego right-hander pitched seven strong innings in another successful homecoming, leading the Padres over the Houston Astros 7-2 Sunday.

"I feel comfortable here," said Williams, whose home is about 25 minutes from Minute Maid Park. "There's nothing like being at home."

Williams (5-4), who was born in Houston and went to the University of Houston, scattered eight hits, struck out three and walked none.

Just six days before his 40th birthday, Williams, who lives in nearby Fresno in the offseason, upped his career record against the Astros to 11-6, his second most wins against any team. He has 12 against Milwaukee.

Williams improved to 9-3 at Houston's current home, which is the most victories by an opposing pitcher.

"I know I've always felt this way when I have pitched here," Williams said. "It's always nice to sleep in your own bed and be with your family."

Manager Bruce Bochy has noticed Williams' comfort level at Minute Maid.

"He just has pitched great here," Bochy said. "I guess he likes that home cooking."

"I know it's always a

busy time for him when he's here. But it seems he's always pitched well here and he manages to stay focused."

The Astros won't argue that.

"We just couldn't put anything together against him," Eric Munson said. "It was just one of those days. Woody really pitched good. You have to give him credit. He's a good veteran pitcher and he's got a pretty good idea of what he's doing out there."

Mike Cameron hit a two-run homer and finished with three hits for the second straight game for San Diego, which won two of three in the weekend series.

"I like it here," Cameron said. "I hate the grass, but otherwise this place has always treated me well."

"Winning these last two games couldn't have been better for us, especially after losing the first four on this trip. Now we can go home for two weeks against teams in our own division. We can only build on these two wins."

It was bad for the Astros, who had won four straight and eight of 10 before dropping these two.

"We've still got a lot of good things going on right now," manager Phil Garner said. "We'd at least like to have won the series while we're at home, but we couldn't seal the deal. Now we've got to get back on track."

DALLAS COWBOYS

Romo plays well

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) - After three years of watching, Tony Romo is off to a good start in proving he has learned what it takes to play quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys.

Romo took all the snaps for the Cowboys in their preseason opener Saturday night and guided Dallas to a 13-3 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. He completed 19 of 25 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown.

"I'm pleased that we won," Romo said. "That's the bottom line for me."

After a sloppy first series that included two incompletions, Romo completed his next 12 passes. That included a 9-yard touchdown to Patrick Crayton and a scrambling third-down pass to rookie Sam Hurd that had kept the drive going.

"He fumbled two snaps you can't do that," coach Bill Parcells said. "Other than that, I thought he got us out of some trouble. ... I thought he generally managed the game. He moved around in the pocket himself. So, that was good. I'm glad I got him the work."

Romo has been Mr. Preseason for the Cowboys the last three years, making the club in 2003 as an undrafted rookie out of Eastern Illinois.

He crept up the depth chart, passing Drew Henson for No. 2 behind Drew Bledsoe, but has only gotten on the field as a holder and to run out the clock on some inconsequential game-ending

series. He's yet to throw a pass in a game that counts, raising anticipation among fans under the theory that the backup quarterback is almost always the most popular guy in town.

"I just wanted to get a good look at him," Parcells said. "You have been dying to see him."

At 34 and going into his team-high 14th season, Bledsoe didn't mind the night off. With new leading receiver Terrell Owens out with an injury, it wasn't like the tandem were missing a chance to get their timing down.

Although Bledsoe got the playing itch during warmups, he stood on the sideline watching Romo.

"He played about as I expected," said Bledsoe, in his second year playing with Romo. "He's very efficient in practice and he's a smart guy. He needed to show he could come in and play winning football for this team. And he did that tonight."

Dallas players were off Sunday. They return to practice in Oxnard on Monday, starting their last week of training camp with an afternoon workout.

Owens' status is uncertain. He hasn't practiced since Aug. 2 because of a hamstring problem that didn't show up on an MRI but continues to nag him.

Owens and several other injured players stayed in California receiving treatment instead of joining the team in Seattle.

Harvick passes Stewart to win at The Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) - With a lot of skill and loads of luck, Kevin Harvick stole a road race at Watkins Glen International that seemed to be Kurt Busch's from the start.

Harvick, who moved into contention when Busch was penalized for pitting too soon midway through the 90-lap race, passed Tony Stewart with three laps to go Sunday and won the caution-plagued AMD at The Glen.

It was Harvick's first road win and his second victory of the year driving for resurgent Richard Childress Racing. And it was stunning because Stewart had won three of the previous four races here.

"I knew my only shot to get him back was getting into (Turn) 1," said Harvick, who moved up one spot to third in the points standings. "I knew I was only going to have a couple of chances, so I took my chance, it stuck, and I went on by."

The pass was made coming out of 11th turn. Harvick outbraked Stewart through the turn, edged past him on the front straightaway and completed the pass entering the first turn, a 90-degree right-hander. He then pulled away over the final two laps over the 11-turn, 2.45-mile layout.

"I think I just overdrove the entries and exits, and he was good," said

Stewart, who moved up two spots to seventh in the points race.

The race changed midway on an error by Busch's crew. Joe Nemechek spun off course and brought out a caution for debris. Busch, with instructions from crew chief Roy McCauley, entered the pits for tires and fuel in what would be his last stop. But he crossed the commitment line a split second before the pits closed and was forced to go to the rear of the field on the restart.

"Kurt, I don't know what to say. I'm about in tears," McCauley said over the radio. "I'm sorry, Kurt."

"I think I'm OK," Busch said.

He was, but not for long. Seconds after the race restarted, Busch was caught in a multicar crash that also involved Matt Kenseth. Busch's No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge sustained front-end damage, and his chances for a victory vanished for good.

"We put ourselves in position for NASCAR to make a call, and it didn't end up in our favor," said Busch, who rallied into the top 10 but spun out on the final lap and finished 19th. "We're going to stand here and discuss it, but it doesn't do any good now."

The top 10 drivers in the standings qualify for the 10-race Chase, now in its third year. And Busch, 13th and

fighting for the last spot with Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne and Dale Earnhardt Jr., appeared set to make a big jump. Instead, he remained 13th, 172 points behind Earnhardt, who remained 10th after an 18th-place finish.

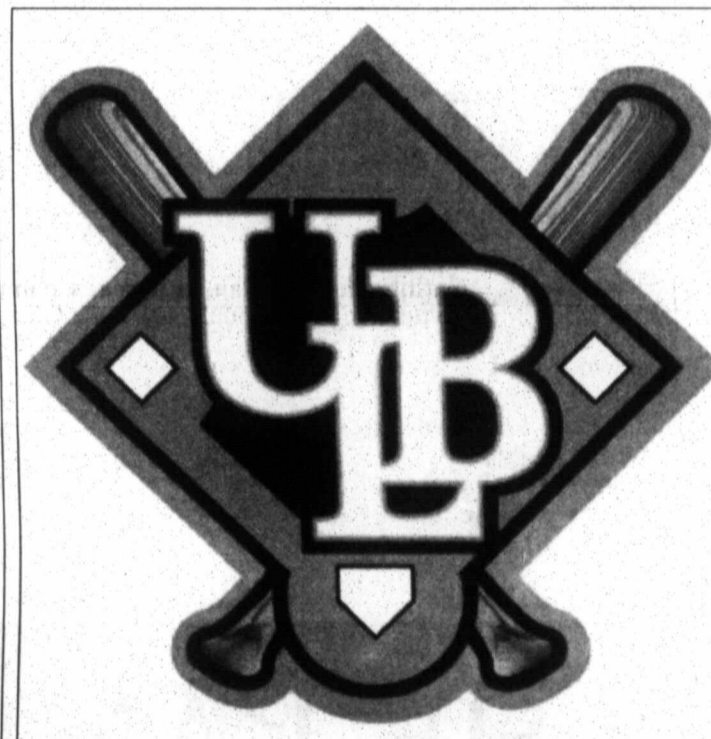
The top 10 in the standings will be reset in four weeks - after the 26th race of the season - into five-point intervals. Those 10 drivers will then race for the Nextel Cup title over the final 10 races of the season.

Busch, fresh from his stirring victory over Robby Gordon in Saturday's Busch Series race at The Glen, began from the pole.

And he was the class of the field from the start, leading 36 of the first 53 laps.

Neither Jeff Gordon, Stewart, nor Robby Gordon, who had combined to win 16 of the previous 18 races on NASCAR's two road courses, had anything for Busch in the first half of the 220.5-mile race.

Stewart ran second much of the time, and every time there was a caution, Busch had a rearview mirror full of Stewart's bright-orange Chevrolet. But Stewart, one of the best in Cup on restarts, was unable to snooker Busch on three tries.



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Edinburg	50 31 .617
San Angelo	43 38 .531 7
Alexandria	40 41 .494 10
Amarillo	38 43 .469 12
Laredo	37 43 .463 12 1/2
Rio Grande Valley	34 46 .425 15 1/2

Sunday's Games
Amarillo 12, Rio Grande Valley 8, 7 innings*
 Alexandria 7, Edinburg 6
 San Angelo 13, Laredo 0

Monday's Games
 No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
 Alexandria at Laredo
Amarillo at Edinburg
 San Angelo at Rio Grande Valley
 *Power failure

Maskaev: Newest heavyweight hero

LAS VEGAS (AP) - The newest heavyweight champion is a 37-year-old father of four who emigrated to the U.S. 11 years ago to chase the American dream.

Oleg Maskaev captured it in a compelling fight against Hasim Rahman on Saturday night, knocking out the WBC champ in the 12th round for his first title in a career many thought was over four years ago.

The former Russian Army officer who toiled for years with poor management and training - who was once knocked out three times in five fights - finally ascended to the top of his sport. Some see Maskaev's belt as another indictment of a much-criticized division, but the less cynical can appreciate the thrill of a classic underdog story.

"It's an honor," Maskaev said. "Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, it's great to be among great fighters like that. It's been a dream of mine for a long time."

Maskaev is talkative, charming and upstanding, with a comfortable life with his family in Staten Island in New York. Throw in his late-career flourish, and Maskaev is everything a heavyweight champion should be. And he's the closest thing to an American champ in a downtrodden division long dominated by U.S. fighters.

Rahman was the only remaining American-born heavyweight belt-holder. Maskaev's ascension leaves all four significant titles in the hands of fighters from former Soviet republics.

NFL Preseason Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	13	14
Miami	0	1	0	.000	26	31
New England	0	1	0	.000	23	26
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	3	16

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	24	14
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	26
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	17	19
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	16	19

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	7	20
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	13	21

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	17	3
Denver	0	1	0	.000	13	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	13	3
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	30	23
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	19

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	26	23
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	14	13
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	19	16
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	16	3

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	14	28
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	3	17

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	21	13
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	3	13

Friday's Games
 Tampa Bay 16, N.Y. Jets 3
 Detroit 20, Denver 13
 N.Y. Giants 17, Baltimore 16
 Atlanta 26, New England 23
 San Francisco 28, Chicago 14

Saturday's Games
 Arizona 21, Pittsburgh 13
 Jacksonville 31, Miami 26
 Carolina 14, Buffalo 13
 Houston 24, Kansas City 14
 New Orleans 19, Tennessee 16
 Dallas 13, Seattle 3
 San Diego 17, Green Bay 3

Sunday's Game
 Cincinnati 19, Washington 3

Monday's Game
 Oakland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Portis sidelined by shoulder injury

CINCINNATI (AP) - Clinton Portis has more reason to hate the preseason. The Washington Redskins lost their top running back indefinitely to a shoulder injury Sunday night during a 19-3 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals - one that Portis thinks he should have sat out.

"For whoever's watching: Let's get rid of some of these games," Portis said, his left arm in a sling. "Four games is ridiculous. Then you play a 16-game season and the playoffs behind that."

With Portis hurt, it will be more difficult for Washington to make it back to the playoffs.

Coach Joe Gibbs wanted to play his starters a couple of series on offense Sunday, trying to get them in sync for the season. Portis got the ball on the first play and ran 8 yards.

Then, he turned into a blocker for Mark Brunell, whose sixth pass was intercepted by Keiwan Ratliff. Portis ran him down and made a hard but awkward tackle with his left arm.

The shoulder partially dislocated for a moment, sending a jolt of pain through Portis' body. He left the game for an MRI that confirmed the injury - one that will sideline him indefinitely and linger even when he returns.

"Right now, it's tough to say," coach Joe Gibbs said. "Obviously, it's going to be a while."

Not what the Redskins need.

They seemed settled at just about every starting position heading into the first preseason game. Portis, who ran for a club-record 1,516 yards last season, didn't see a need to play.

"After that 8-yard run, I was like, 'Get me out of that game,'" Portis said. "That's what I was thinking. It's foot-

ball. It can happen to anyone. It happened to me."

Gibbs planned to be cautious with his starters, but wound up having one of his most vital players hurt.

"We wanted to have one good drive," Gibbs said. "We didn't want him to carry the ball more than one or two times. I think it was probably on me, if anybody's going to be second-guessed on it."

The standard treatment is rest and strengthening exercises. It's a difficult injury for a running back, who has to lower his shoulder to get extra yards and drive it into a pass rusher while blocking.

Redskins cornerback Shawn Springs saw his glum teammate on the sideline in the second half and tried to cheer him up.

"I told him you might have missed your calling, you should be a nickel back for us," Springs said, referring to the costly tackle. "I hate to see him go down that way. Hopefully he'll be back soon. If not, other guys will have to step up and make plays."

His main backup last season was Ladell Betts, who missed four games because of a knee injury. Betts didn't get into Sunday's game.

"He just didn't feel comfortable," Gibbs said. "I talked to him last night and he said, 'Hey, I haven't really tested it.' So when somebody tells you something like that, I kind of felt like the best thing to do was to keep him out."

While the Redskins tried to sort out their unexpected troubles at running back, the Bengals got their first glimpse of where they stand at quarterback.

Carson Palmer was on the sideline

in a white T-shirt and gray sweats while Anthony Wright ran the offense for the first time, showing how far he has to go in order to get comfortable in a new system.

The Bengals signed Wright four months ago because of the uncertainty over whether Palmer will be able to start the season. Palmer had reconstructive surgery after his left knee was hurt in a playoff loss to Pittsburgh last January.

During the first three series with most of the regulars on the field, Wright looked uncomfortable - two sacks, no first downs.

"It's been an interesting four months," Wright said. "I'm just trying to get as much as I can. I was talking with my coach the other day, and I said, For a quarterback to really get comfortable in this offense, he needs at least a year."

He completed a 52-yard pass off a flea-flicker - a trick play seldom-used during preseason - and finished 9-of-16 overall for 101 yards and a touchdown to Chris Henry, one of six Bengals either arrested or suspended in recent months.

"I thought Anthony played well," receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh said. "Getting into sync with him will take time. He's picked up the offense pretty fast. It's going to take a while getting on the same page and getting the timing."

Notes: Redskins backup LB Chris Clemmons sprained a ligament in his left knee late in the first quarter. ... WR Mike Espy, an undrafted free agent from Mississippi who is the son of former Agriculture Secretary Michael Espy, caught four passes for 56 yards for Washington.

Weekend Sports Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
 (AP) - BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Activated RHP Kris Benson from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Julio Manon to Ottawa of the IL.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS-Recalled RHP Jeremy Guthrie from Buffalo of the IL and then optioned him back. Recalled RHP Andrew Brown from Buffalo. Designated INF Ramon Vazquez for assignment. Traded C Einar Diaz to the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Named J.J. Picollo director of player development. Named Rene Francisco special

assistant to the general manager for international operations.
National League
 ATLANTA BRAVES-Named Paul Snyder director of baseball operations and Matt Kemp director of player development.
 CHICAGO CUBS-Placed RHP Mark Prior on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 11. Recalled RHP Angel Guzman from Iowa of the PCL.
 CINCINNATI REDS-Placed LHP Kent Mercker on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Chris Michalak from Louisville of the IL. Designated INF Williams Bergolla for assignment. Optioned RHP Elizardo

Ramirez to Louisville. Recalled LHP Brian Shackelford from Louisville.
 HOUSTON ASTROS-Designated OF Preston Wilson for assignment. Recalled RHP Jason Hirsh from Round Rock of the PCL.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 DETROIT LIONS-Waived FB Matt Bernstein.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS-Resigned DB Gemara Williams.
 NEW YORK JETS-Claimed FB Jamar Martin off waivers from New Orleans. Waived WR Jovan Witherspoon. Placed DT Sione Pouha on injured reserve.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006:

Others look up to you. Whether you like it or not, you are an authority figure this year. Accept your role with grace, also understanding that many people are confused or see life differently from you. Not everyone will agree with you. High energy and a willingness to give define your presence. If you are single, you often meet people when you are out and about. You will have quite a playing field. Choose your sweetie with care. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit if you become a little less demanding and domineering. TAURUS can be challenging.

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)

*** You feel as if a restraining order has come into your planetary life and is holding you back. Work with a sense of restriction, dreaming of what could be but not draining yourself by fighting windmills. Sooth you will act, and the Force will be with you! Tonight: Don't push yourself, or anyone else. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Someone could hold you back or rain on your parade. Use your innate resourcefulness and strength. Others bend to the incomparable endurance of the Bull. Head down the path you want. Let others move out of the way. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Intellectualize rather than act. Ponder different approaches, solutions and ideas. You might not encounter a

receptive audience, and/or others are full of criticism. Can you use their comments constructively to tighten up an idea? Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Aim for what you want, but curb any financial commitments, as you might be extravagant and/or expenses might be a bit too high. Don't feel intimidated, but know that there is a solution. Friends surround you. Tonight: Find fun and friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You could come off a lot sterner than you realize. Think through a decision with care. Your fiery temperament might feel hedged in or as if you cannot get others to see the light. Don't worry. Let it go. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** If facts don't coincide with what you know or think, do more research. You could be a bit overwhelmed by what heads down your path. Use your creativity within your daily life. Test out your ideas on others. Tonight: Curl up with a book or movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Dedicate your attention to what counts and what is important. You might feel that someone is pushing you. Rather than distance yourself, just work with the energy. Ultimately, a hassle will work itself out. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Know when to let others run the show, like today. You will find life much easier as a result. Bucking trends is a waste of energy. Matters involving home and family might not be as you see them. Look for a break in your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Dedicate yourself to clearing your desk and to getting must-do's done. You are not able to see situations with your normal clarity. Knowing that, make no major decision. Others might not be saying what they want. Tonight: Keep a relaxed pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You are full of ideas and willing to back them up with action. Risk-taking still could be a problem, as some of your opinions or facts are off. Play with information. Seek out other opinions. Tonight: Midweek fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You might be confused or might not be getting the whole story. Why this haze is occurring might not be as important as recognizing that it is. Avoid major decisions until you have gained more insight. A decision made right now could be difficult. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Say what you think, but don't make assumptions about what others are feeling. Reading others' motives could be a mistake, as on some level you could be seeing what you want to see. If you are tired, cut out early from work. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

BORN TODAY

Actress Debra Messing (1968), actor Ben Affleck (1972), actor Mike Connors (1925)

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Official newspaper releases new photos of Cuban dictator

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's Communist daily published new photographs of ailing leader Fidel Castro on Monday, showing him in bed on his 80th birthday during a visit with his brother Raul and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

The official Granma newspaper posted the six photographs on its online edition, one day after the Communist Youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde published the first images of Castro since the Cuban leader announced two

weeks ago he had undergone intestinal surgery and was temporarily ceding power to Raul, the defense minister and No. 2 in the government.

Chavez's visit came the same day Castro sent a message to the Cuban people, warning them that he faces a long and difficult recovery after his surgery.

In all of Monday's pictures, Castro is in bed, wearing what looks like a red sweatshirt. In a seventh photograph, Raul Castro is shown embracing Chavez

when he arrived in Havana on Sunday. It was the younger Castro's debut appearance as acting Cuban president.

"Three Hours of Emotional Exchange," Granma said of the afternoon visit by Chavez, who is Castro's closest friend and political ally in Latin America.

"An Unforgettable Afternoon Among Brothers," the newspaper entitled its story, with the lead photograph showing Chavez and

Raul Castro standing next to the elder Castro's bedside. All three smiled next to a large portrait of the Cuban leader on an easel.

Castro and Chavez shared "more than three hours of emotional exchange, anecdotes, laughs, photos, gifts, a frugal snack and the happiness of close friendship," Granma said.

The newspaper quoting Chavez as saying, "This is the best visit I've ever had in my life." Expressing surprise at his recovery, Chavez

reportedly commented: "What kind of human being is this? What material is it made of?"

"It is, as you people say, made of caguairin," Chavez reportedly said, using the name of the tropical hardwood tree that Granma has used to describe Castro in recent days.

It was the first report in Cuban media about the visit. Venezuela's state news service ABN reported Sunday that Chavez gave Castro a dagger and a coffee cup that

had belonged to South American independence fighter Simon Bolivar.

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Events calendar

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "The Centurymen" 7 p.m., Sept. 20, First Baptist Church in Pampa; pianist Alpin Hong, 2:30 p.m., Oct. 1, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association**, which represents all Airborne veterans, present active and past, is planning Southern California Airborne Days Oct. 6-8 in Cypress, Calif. For complete details and material for membership, call (937) 898-5977, e-mail srgabn@aol.com or write Airborne USA, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, OH 45414.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. A

bingo party will follow. Members are asked to bring prizes. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

• **The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art** will be from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 17. This Third Thursday will include coffee tasting from 7:30-8 p.m., music, children's and adult's art activity and the film "Smithson and Serra: Beyond Modernism." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **Pease River Productions**, a non-profit group, will present the musical play "Always ... Patsy Cline" Aug. 17-26 at Pease River Playhouse in Goodlett. Tickets are \$15 and includes refreshments at intermission. For more information, call (940) 674-2477.

• **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., Aug. 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler,

Pampa.

• **Happy's "40th Annual Happy Days Celebration"** will be staged Aug. 18-19. A dance will be from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. both days at Happy Community Center for a \$10 per person fee. Other events and activities will include a rodeo, crafts exhibits in the park, a parade, an old timers barbecue, Little Britches Rodeo and more. For craft booth or parade inquiries, call (806) 558-2411 and (806) 627-4257, respectively.

• **College-bound high school students** have until Aug. 25 to register for the next ACT test to be administered Sept. 16 in Texas and several other states. The early registration deadline for the exam is Aug. 18. An extra fee is required for those registering after the 18th. To find out more, log onto www.actstudent.org.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Aug. 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both 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.

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Cox

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who got \$1,000 a mile for creek frontage to the center of the bed. Lawrence Bruhl, who as a young lawyer represented the corporation, later estimated he paid \$20,000 to \$30,000 in cash to ranchers used to eking out a living back when roast beef sold for 29 cents a pound.

The Laburma mining operation, Bruhl told a reporter in the 1970s, "was not a fraudulent deal. The mines were open, they were digging and sending samples to Denver. The [assay] reports were good."

Just not good enough. The mine never produced ore in sufficient quantity to make the members of the Laburma Corp. any money, not to mention all the hapless investors, left with nothing but fancy stock certificates as reminders of the venerable truth that "not all that glitters is gold."

Reese

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might not guess it from the same clips of some Hezbollah celebration with marching troops that television keeps showing over and over, Hezbollah is unostentatious. One observer noted that traveling in southern Lebanon, you could see virtually no trace of Hezbollah fighters, but "you felt they were around."

And this brings up just one of several examples of how out of touch with reality the Bush administration is. The Bush people keep talking about getting rid of Hezbollah as if it were some foreign entity occupying Lebanon. It is a Lebanese organization. It is the Lebanese people in that area. It has members elected to parliament, and some serving as ministers in the Lebanese government. It

operates an extensive welfare/education/medical services network.

You can't "throw" Hezbollah out of Lebanon unless, of course, you intend to exterminate or expel 40 percent of the population. I'm sure the neocons and the Israelis would be perfectly willing to do that, but I don't think world opinion would tolerate it.

Israel was prepared for this operation and only waiting for an excuse. Israeli officers were showing PowerPoint presentations of their plans to crush Hezbollah to officials in Washington on a hush-hush basis as early as a year ago, according to some news reports.

Now, mighty Israel is embarrassed. Its savage bombardment of Lebanon has won Hezbollah more supporters, not fewer. Hezbollah doesn't have to win any battles. It just has to survive to the point in time when the Israelis give up trying to destroy it.

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

Katrina

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ment is \$691 a month. In order to afford that, a minimum wage worker must work 103 hours a week every week of the year.

In short: Regardless of how one reached Texas, decent housing is out of reach for most average low-income workers.

The groups gathered at the George R. Brown Convention Center proposed a rational plan to attack this problem. Though it was devised by social service agencies, the plan defends the interests of all Texans. It's Texans' schools, charities, police departments and homeless shelters, after all,

that will be hit with gale force if the evacuees become public charges.

Mayor Bill White, the keynote speaker, identified the first key to success: the evacuees themselves. The able-bodied, he said, need to pull out all the stops now in finding work. They should not wait to feel settled. They should not wait until their future housing is certain. They should not even wait until they find something in Houston. If they can't find work in this car-centric, far-flung metropolis, he rightly suggested, they need to cast their net elsewhere.

With that tough love established, the other proposals could work. Above all, the advocates agreed, the federal government must provide more help to Texans in resettling tens of thou-

sands of fellow Americans. It's time to:

Insist that the Federal Emergency Management Agency inventory Rita evacuees and their needs.

Properly care for elderly and disabled evacuees with permanent rent vouchers.

Grant Texas \$97.5 million in low-income tax credits, which would give developers an incentive to build affordable housing.

Grant Texas an additional \$822 million in community development block grants. Even if Congress approves these funds, Texas nonprofits and governments will have to strain to get evacuees to self-sufficiency.

But denying this state the economic foundation for this huge task is like leaving us exposed before another monster hurricane.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Grandview-Hopkins ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, September 12, 2006 in the Meeting Room at 11676 FM 293, Groom, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.210000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance & operations	(11.26%) (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	(11.26%) (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$96,752,177	\$123,490,602
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$106,470	\$28,451
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$88,175,197	\$114,870,912
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$106,470	\$28,451

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.320000	\$0.000000	\$1.320000	\$11.917	\$741
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.270000	\$0.000000	\$1.270000	\$11.917	\$741
Proposed Rate	\$1.210000	\$0.000000	\$1.210000	\$10.650	\$825

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$17,777	\$17,912
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$2,777	\$2,912
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.320000	\$1.210000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$36.66	\$35.24
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(1.42)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.210400. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.210400.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$430,710
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0