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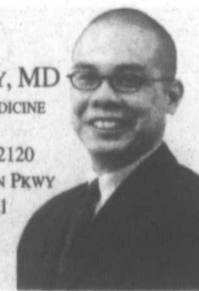
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Mariah and Carla Schiffman of Pampa stand beside a 1976 Ford Bronco owned by Bob Schiffman of Pampa. The Bronco was one of a park full of entries in Saturday's car show at Recreation Park.



Terry Scobee poured on the smoke and noise to reach a runoff against Casey Cunningham of Dumas in Saturday's burnout competition at the park. Scobee took first place in the outlaw division with his converted Jeep postal truck while Cunningham placed second in his white Fury.

Burnin' the Bricks weekend filled with nostalgia

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampans got a chance to immerse themselves in nostalgia Saturday and Sunday as the fourth annual Burnin' the Bricks in June events unfolded.

A car show, craft show and burn out competition were held Saturday in Recreation Park. Crafters showed their wares in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion as vehicles of every vintage were on display across the road. Trophies for first, second and third

places in 26 categories of vehicles were awarded by the show's sponsors, High Plains Cruisers, at 3 p.m.

Smoke and noise filled the air beginning at 11 a.m. as a burnout competition sponsored by Pampa Peace Officers Association got under way. Runoffs had to be called in all three competition categories -- stock, superstock and outlaw -- when it became too close to call a winner.

Cruise Night allowed entrants to cruise Pampa's old drag Saturday

evening. The drag, a loop encompassing parts of Cuyler, Foster, Purviance and Francis streets, was blocked off for the event. Spectators lined the route to watch the procession of vehicles from every era of automaking history.

Sunday was devoted to the "Run What You Brung" drag races at Perry LeFors Airport. There were 133 registered entrants, up from last year's 78. Categories of competition included high school, a ladies' divi-

tion, imports and stock.

Contestants paired up to see who could travel a quarter mile the fastest. Trophies were awarded for first and second place in 10 categories.

Cruise Night was sponsored by High Plains Cruisers and 99.3 KEFH FM radio station. The drag races were sponsored by High Plains Cruisers and FBA Racing Team of

City streets, golf fees top city commission's agenda

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

City streets, the golf course, police department, personnel appointments and the library will all figure into Tuesday's Pampa City Commission.

The commission will award the bid for this summer's seal coating project of city streets. It is expected to be in the \$375,000 to \$400,000

range.

The city commission will also consider a resolution increasing fees at Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course.

The city is proposing to set daily green fees at \$12 during the week and \$15 for weekends and holidays. Daily green fees for seniors (62 and older) would be \$9 during the week.

Daily green fees for juniors (18 and younger) would be \$8 during the week and \$10 on weekends and holidays.

Annual permits for juniors would be \$225. Annual permits for seniors would be \$425. Senior husband and wife annual permits would be \$475.

The fee for a single person would be \$525. A husband and wife permit

would be \$600. A family permit would be \$650.

The golf pro is proposing to set the fees for golf carts at \$12.50 for a single rider for 18 holes and \$12 for nine holes for double riders and \$22 for 18 holes with double riders.

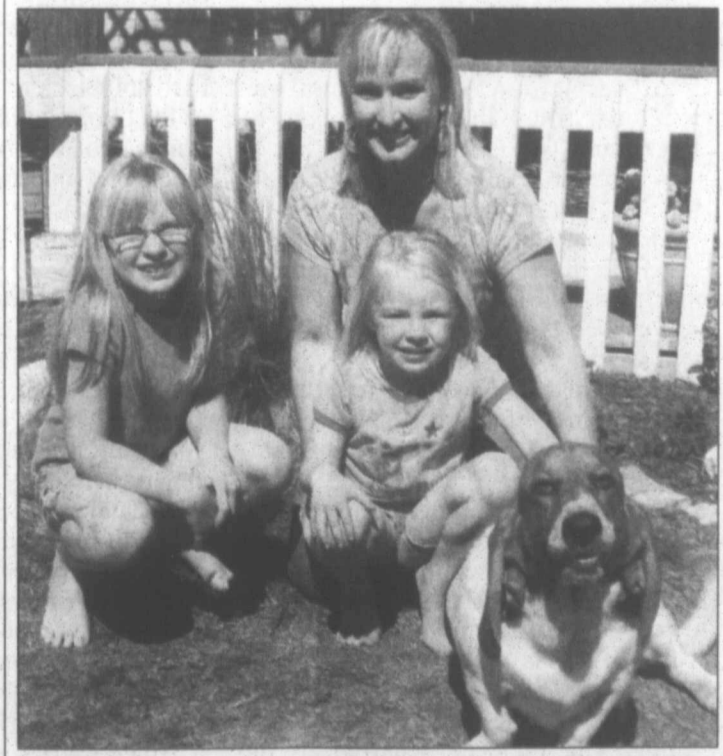
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School board to consider renovations

Consideration to approve proposals for renovations at Pampa High School is on the agenda for a special meeting called by the Pampa Independent School District to be held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

The board will consider and possibly approve proposals for asbestos abatement, demolition of portions of the PHS facility and renovations of those same areas as part of the 2006 school bond issue that was passed by voters.

Bids for custodial supplies will also be considered and possibly approved.



Rachel Pooley and daughters Meredith, 8, left, and Allison, 5. Also pictured is the family pet basset hound, Gertrude.

Pet sitter business keeps woman busy

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

What do you do with your pets, mail, newspapers and flowers when you go on vacation?

Until recently, you boarded your pets, had your mail and newspapers stopped and hoped that one of your neighbors would water your flowers. But now you can hire the local pet sitter to take care of all of those needs.

Rachel Pooley's husband, Jason, was transferred here a few years ago with the hog farm. They have three children, Meredith, 8, Allison, 5, and Jackson, 3,

so she did not work outside of the home.

On the occasions when they went out of town, they did not like boarding their animals at kennels because the pets seemed unhappy being penned up all day.

Rachel Pooley decided to solve the pet boarding problem for others in town and also form a job for herself doing something she loved, being around animals, that would allow her to take her children along also.

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Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

LARAMORE, JoCarol — 10 a.m. Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. CHILDERS, Donald Dean — Graveside services 10 a.m. Fairview Cemetery.

JoCarol Laramore, 60

JoCarol Laramore, 60, died June 8, 2007, at Princeton, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa.

She married James D. Laramore LCC in Ruidoso, N.M., in 1974. They have one son, Jason C. Laramore.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Laramore was born Dec. 22, 1946, in Borger to Milburn and Elaine Oden. She graduated from Borger

High School in 1965 and attended Frank Phillips College. She worked at several jobs in the Dallas area and in Oklahoma.

She worked for the Girl Scouts of America office in Pampa and was a volunteer for the Abilene Hospital unit



Laramore

in Abilene. She was a current member of the First Christian Church of McKinney and was a former member of the First Christian Church of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, James D. Laramore, of the home; one son, Jason Laramore and wife Emily of Allen; one brother, Spencer Oden and wife Janet of Georgetown; one grandson, Braxton Laramore of Allen; two uncles, Loel Box

and Duane Box, both of Pampa; and two cousins, Kathy Steadman of Borger and Sharon Moorman of Maryland.

MEMORIALS: Heart to Heart Hospice, 1500 Waters Drive, Suite 100, Lewisville, TX 75057.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home in Pampa from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 11.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Donald Dean Childers, 82

Donald Dean Childers, 82, of Pampa died Sunday, June 10, 2007, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Fairview Cemetery, with Jim Wart, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Childers was born July 26, 1924, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Don's father, Albert Leonard Childers, moved the family to the Texas Panhandle during the Texas Panhandle oil boom.

Following his military service, he became a member of the Pampa business community where he owned and operated Don's TV Repair Service. He was a member and elder

of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was an avid outdoor enthusiast that included fishing, camping and motorcycle trail bike riding.

Childers also loved music and was a self-taught musician, playing the steel guitar, electric guitar and fiddle.

Above all, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Alexia preceded him in death on July 13, 2004. Alexia, his wife of 61 years, was his greatest love of all and he



Childers

had missed her every day for the past three years.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Childers and wife Patty of Louisville, Colo., and Bruce Childers and wife Lee of Alvarado; one brother, Bob Childers and wife Aileen of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Hillery and Clinton.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 Interstate 40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

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

Friday, June 8

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

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of North Nelson and the 300 block of Tyng.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of North Christy, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 500 block of North Wells, the 300 block of Miami, the intersection of Gwendolen and Naida streets, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1100 block of South Sumner, the 700 block of East 14th, the 200 block of South Nelson, the 1900 block of North Sumner, the 400 block of Hazel, an unreported location, the intersection of Varnon Drive and Huff Road and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of West Coronado and the 100 block of East Craven.

A civil matter was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1800 block of Evergreen.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Hamilton, the intersection of Buckler and Nelson streets and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart. A vehicle was keyed. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 2300 block of Duncan. A global positioning system device and case were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$630.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A car stereo, MP3 player and baseball cap were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$520.

Saturday, June 9

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

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Foster and West streets and the 1800 block of Evergreen.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Gray and Foster streets.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Driving while intoxicated, second offense, was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen, the 900 block of South Wells, the 1300 block of Alcock, the 900 block of East Harvester and the 2300 block of Duncan.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

Welfare checks were made in the 1700 block of Gwendolyn, the 500 block of West Foster and the 1100 block of West Coronado.

A civil matter was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1700 block of North Banks, the 400 block of North Wells and the 700 block of Barnes.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 11800 block of Highway 60 West.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Jordan, the 700 block of East Locust, the 1800 block of North Banks, the 300 block of Tignor, the 500 block of Doucette, the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of Lefors and the 1300 block of Garland.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner. The incident involved approximately \$2,400.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Lefors. Between three hundred and four hundred pounds of scrap electrical cable valued at \$1,000 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Sunday, June 10

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

Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Zimmers.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Somerville and Francis streets.

Driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, public intoxication and pedestrian in roadway were report-

ed in the 500 block of West Foster. At least two arrests were made in connection with the incident.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Terry Road, the 1300 block of North Banks, the 2400 block of Charles, the 300 block of Miami, the 2200 block of Evergreen, an unreported location, the 600 block of Reid, the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway, the 700 block of South Barnes and the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 152, the intersection of Wilks and Oklahoma streets, the intersection of Highway 273 and County Road 11, and Loop 171, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person call was received from the 600 block of North Faulkner.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor, the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and on two occasions in the 2100 block of North Dwight, where an arrest was made in connection with the second occasion.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. A garage door was painted and two tires on a trailer were cut. Estimated cost of damage is \$450.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 500 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Frost.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster, the 600 block of North Wells and the 1800 block of North Wells, where a toolbox valued at \$150 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Frost, where cash valued at \$400 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief were reported in the 100 block of West Georgia. Four tires were slashed, the headlights and brake lights were broken, the driver's side window was broken out and the stereo was taken. Estimated cost of damage and loss is \$5,000.

Monday, June 11

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Marie.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Jordan and Deane Drive.

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Border Guardsmen charged in smuggling

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Three National Guardsmen assigned to help authorities stop illegal immigration along the Texas-Mexico border were arraigned today on charges that they ran an immigrant smuggling ring, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Pfc. Jose Rodrigo Torres, 26, and Sgt. Julio Cesar Pacheco, 25, both of Laredo, and Sgt. Clarence Hodge Jr., 36, of Fort Worth were arrested last week near Laredo.

A Border Patrol agent found 24 illegal immigrants inside a van Torres was driving along Interstate 35 near Cotulla, Texas, about 68 miles north of the border, the U.S. attorney's office said. Torres was in uniform at the

time of his arrest. Prosecutors accused Hodge of helping Torres pass through a Border Patrol checkpoint on the highway by making it look like the two were conducting Guard business. Both are assigned to Operation Jumpstart, President Bush's initiative to place Guard troops at the border to help local and federal authorities with immigration enforcement. All the soldiers are volunteers. Pacheco has been accused of recruiting soldiers to transport the migrants for \$1,000 to \$3,500 a trip. He and Hodge were arrested Friday. Prosecutors say the soldiers participated in several smuggling trips before last week's arrests.

Williams to step down as top election officer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams announced Monday he is stepping down as the state's top elections officer July 1.

Williams, a prominent Republican fundraiser and car dealer before Gov. Rick Perry named him secretary of state in 2004, issued a statement saying he is leaving to "pursue other opportunities."

Along with serving as Texas' elections officer, the secretary of state oversees business and public filings, acts as the governor's chief liaison for border affairs and oversees international protocol for the state.

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DITMORE SIBLINGS Reunion, June 12 & 13, in Pampa. Staying at Best Western Northgate Inn. Sons & daughters (raised in Lefors) of Fred & Alga Ditmore are: Alga Lee, John Allen, Steve Eugene, Fredina, Juanita & Margie. Anyone who remembers these, are invited to reception at The Plaza in Pampa, Wed. June 13, 6pm.

Crafter



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Dannie Stover of Amarillo makes a pair of earrings at his booth at the craft show held Saturday in Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. The craft show was held as part of the Burnin' the Bricks in June weekend.

City

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ting the public use policy for the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium at Tuesday's meeting.

The policy being proposed would set the rental fee for the auditorium, the meeting room at the north end of the library building, at \$10 per day. Only non-profit and charitable organizations would be allowed to use the auditorium.

Those using the meeting room would have to provide a \$25 cleaning deposit, which is refundable, and the reservation would have to be made in person at least three days prior to use.

Renters would also have

to provide liability insurance.

These fees may be waived for groups involved with the library.

The load occupancy of the meeting room is 184. No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the meeting room.

All meetings have to be over by 10 p.m.

The city commission will also consider a resolution Tuesday afternoon to increase the number of non-paid officers in the Pampa Police Department's Reserve Officer Program from five to 10.

The commission will also consider naming Karen Price, who has been acting city secretary since the retirement of Phyllis Jeffers, to the office of city secretary.

Bricks

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Dumas.

Proceeds from the weekend's events which are sponsored by High Plains

Cruisers go to fund a local auto-tech scholarship.

The High Plains Cruisers is a non-profit organization which in the last three years has awarded \$9,500 in scholarships to students going to college and majoring in the automotive field.

Pets

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they were comfortable in their own home and surroundings," Pooley said. "Since we didn't think anyone in Pampa had that service, I decided to start one up. I feel qualified because I worked as a veterinarian technician for six years while attending college, so I know how to take care of animals and how to give them medication."

Pooley formed Critter Sitters about one year ago and said it is great to make a little money on the side and

also be able to take her children with her.

The first time someone uses her service, Pooley goes to the client's house to meet them and their pets. They show her the pet's normal routine and where everything is located and also just let the animals get to know her. She also gets a key from them at this time along with all of the phone numbers where the owners can be reached if necessary.

Normally, she is at each home for 30-40 minutes each visit. The client decides how many times they want her to come each day. They are also welcome to call her everyday to check on their pets if they feel the need. Pooley

also gets their veterinarian's name in case the animals get sick.

"I normally prefer a few days notice for the first visit so I can make sure I have all of the information that I need," Pooley said. "But, I will do what I can if someone has to leave quickly on an emergency. After the initial visit, I just need a little bit of notice. Some of my clients just have me keep their key and then they can just call and tell me when they need me to start coming over again."

She said she'll take care of any type of pet, not just dogs and cats.

Pooley can be reached at 662-6800 or 665-3809.

Record

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A suspicious vehicle call and recovered stolen vehicle were reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky. The vehicle had been stolen from Perryton. One alarm was reported.

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

Saturday, June 9

Toby Clemmons, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Joshua Robbins, 21, of Houston was arrested in the 1100 block of North Hobart by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, June 10

Dan Hickerson, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of West Foster by PPD for public intoxication and pedestrian in roadway.

Brandon Boyd, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of West Foster by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Walter Thatcher Jr., 51, of Bridgeville, Del. was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Alicia Boling, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Dwight by PPD for public intoxication.

Michael John Schmidt, 47, of Texola, Okla. was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Monday, June 11

Miguel Angel Chavez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for disruption of class.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 9

10:40 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to Recreation Park, one mile east of Pampa, on standby for Burnin' of the Bricks.

4:27 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a lifting assist.

4:45 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Browning on a medical assist.

Sunday, June 10

9:24 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Duncan on a medical assist.

7:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Cinderella for hazardous material cleanup.

8:39 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1300 block of Foster on a Dumpster fire.

10:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

Guardian EMS Ambulance reported

the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 9

4:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, June 10

3:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Russell. Call was canceled.

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perry Lefors Airport for drag race standby.

9:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

5 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park for rodeo standby.

9:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Viewpoints

Government energy policy leaves a lot to be desired

Almost everyone believes that the earth is getting warmer. After all, a recent U.N. study points out that during the last 100 years the earth's temperature rose 1 degree Fahrenheit or 0.7 degree Celsius.

The consensus of opinion also seems to be: (1) the rise in temperature is primarily due to human beings, and (2) there has been an increase in carbon emissions, and (3) all of this is bad and it needs to stop.

The degree of severity and the possible solution(s) is where most people start to differ with each other.

For example, NASA administrator Michael Griffin said recently, "I have no doubt that global — that a trend of global warming exists. I'm not sure it's fair to say that it is a problem we must wrestle with."

Griffin re-energized the climate change debate by also stating that he doesn't think that it's within the power of human being to assure that the climate does not change "as millions of years of history have shown."

More and more policymakers are looking at the environmental "gains" to be achieved from each proposed solution and the economic "pain" caused from each. For example, some global warming advocates believe that the United States should take the lead in cutting carbon dioxide emissions at all costs. However, President Bush believes all countries must share in the economic pain, especially the rising economies of China and India.

Another example would be the implementation of a carbon tax or a

cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions. These proposals have drawn the attention of the crude oil and natural gas industry, because it would be hit very hard by such ideas. The industry has pointed out

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that a carbon tax or a cap-and-trade system puts further restrictions on the industry to bring a safe, reliable and affordable product to consumers. They would limit supplies further, and drive prices even higher.

Some advocate government

mandates of conservation and fuel choices. One example is the state of Texas has mandated that electric utilities will purchase electricity generated by wind turbines and they cannot take into consideration cost. The federal government has dictated fuel efficiency standards for vehicles for years and is looking at increasing those standards for the future.

Obviously, all of these "solutions" have a price; some are economic, which are obvious in the wind energy and fuel efficiency standards examples, and others are aesthetic, such as Sen. Kennedy not wanting windmills off the coast of Massachusetts.

Additionally, in some magical fashion some form of energy, like ethanol, becomes the darling of the nation and its "warts" become

immaterial. Ethanol has received an average \$5.5 billion each year in subsidies from the federal government since 2000. Never mind that it takes more energy to generate a gallon of ethanol than it makes.

President Reagan said in 1986 that government's view of the economy could be summed up this way: "If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, subsidize it." Even after 20 years, government's energy policy hasn't changed very much.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 11, the 162nd day of 2007. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence calling for freedom from Britain.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon.

In 1770, Capt. James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1947, the government announced the end of household and institutional sugar rationing, to take effect the next day.

In 1963, Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc set himself afire on a Saigon street to protest the government of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

In 1970, the United States presence in Libya came to an end as the last detachment left Wheelus Air Base.

In 1977, a 20-day hostage drama in the Netherlands ended as Dutch marines stormed a train and a school held by South Moluccan extremists. Six gunmen and two hostages on the train were killed.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.

In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, N.J., at age 31.

In 2001, Timothy McVeigh was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Ten years ago: The parents of Timothy McVeigh pleaded for their son's life during the penalty phase of the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Five years ago: Congressional investigators released a report which said Clinton administration workers had defaced equipment and left behind prank messages as they departed the White House in January 2001; but the investigators failed to uncover the widespread problems alleged by some Republicans.

Rock star Paul McCartney and Heather Mills were married in a remote Irish castle.

'It is only believers in the Fall of Man who can really appreciate how funny men are.'

— Malcolm Muggeridge
British author and commentator (1903-1990)



Higher energy costs are here to stay ...

Most of today's politicians would rather pass public-relations type legislation than actually solve problems or, for that matter, obey the Constitution, which severely limits their authority.

With rising gasoline prices in the news, Congress wants a law that will allow the U.S. government to sue the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. What nonsense. In what court will it be sued? And how will any judgments be enforced? This is another of the many nonsense bills that Congress passes to demonstrate to the gullible public that it is concerned about whatever is in the news.

The price of gasoline in the United States — still the cheapest of any of the industrial countries — has nothing to do with OPEC. It has much more to do with Congress.

Take, for example, the

devaluation of the dollar, which is a direct result of Congress's excessive spending and the Federal Reserve's monetizing the debt. A dollar today will buy you what 25-cents bought you in 1967. In other words, about 75 percent of the cost of a gallon of gasoline is due to the devalued American currency, often mistakenly referred to as inflation.

Then add the taxes, which in some places average as high as 50-cents per gallon. Do the math, and you'll see that gasoline prices have not risen unreasonably.

The immediate cause of the current rise in pump prices is a shortage of refinery capacity. And whose fault is that?

Congress has passed so many environmental laws that it is now extremely difficult and expensive to build a refinery. The immediate problem is not crude oil which is what OPEC

exports, but refining capacity and transportation problems.

Congress and many Americans are extremely prone to looking for scapegoats rather than taking responsibility for their own actions. Inflation, gasoline taxes and impediments to building refineries are not the fault of OPEC — or, for that matter, the major oil companies. So many Americans who want cheap gas don't want a refinery in their backyard.

Well, when I was a kid in Port Arthur, Texas, one of the world's largest refineries

was literally in my backyard, separated from my back door only by a field and a reservoir. And yes, it stunk to high heaven, but, as was said in Texas at that time, it was just the smell of money. We didn't mind it.

Gasoline was 15- to 20-cents a gallon.

Americans have to face the fact that we cannot have both an industrial society and a pristine environment at the same time. You can't make, manufacture, operate, mine or drill anything without creating byproducts, many of which pollute the air and the water. Like the human body itself, all processes involving the burning of energy excrete wastes.

And don't look for cheap gas in the future. The world is running out of oil at the same time that countries like China are industrializing and

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Houston Chronicle on the price of seeking citizenship in America:

While Homeland Security officials are working on plans to tighten control of the United States' southern border to keep out illegal immigrants, their Citizenship and Immigration counterparts just made it tougher for people to become legal immigrants.

It's a strange way to reward those who obey the law when pursuing their dream to live and work in America.

Those seeking permanent residency

or green cards must fork over \$930, roughly triple the previous fee. The cost of applying for citizenship nearly doubled to \$595. The cost to a couple and two children to apply for residency is \$3,060, up from \$1,100.

Federal officials justify the hikes as a way of funding immigration services while speeding up the processing of applicants. Not surprisingly, pro-immigrant groups see the increases as a punishment for those who follow the rules. Rosalind Gold of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials told the Chronicle's Michael Hedges that higher application costs will be a major barrier that "will definitely put naturaliza-

tion beyond the reach of many."

U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate from Illinois, is sponsoring a bill in Congress to increase funding for the Citizenship and Immigration Service to offset some of the fee hikes. The measure would demonstrate that while those who seek citizenship and legal residency should bear a share of the cost, our government recognizes their commitment to work within the law.

So-called coyotes demand outrageous payments for smuggling immigrants into the country.

Tripling the cover charge for legal applicants will drive more people in their direction.

Va. Tech victims' families upset with probe, money Johnson scholarship

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Relatives of the Virginia Tech shooting victims demanded representation today on a gubernatorial panel studying the killings, saying in a letter that they feel "ostracized."

They also questioned the status of a memorial fund that has generated millions of dollars to honor the 32 victims of the student gunman.

"We are angry about being ostracized from a government-chartered panel investigating a government-sponsored university, and about how the university has used the names and images of our loved ones to raise millions of dollars without any consultation," the families said in a statement to be presented to the review board Monday during its third public meeting.

The statement was written on behalf of 13 families, said Holly Sherman, the mother of slain student Leslie Sherman.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine appointed the eight-member panel, which includes former Secretary of Homeland

Security Tom Ridge, psychiatrists, educational specialists and former law enforcement officials, to review the tragedy, the circumstances that led to it and the response.

Kaine received several hundred requests from Virginians and those outside of the state wanting to serve on the panel, including some family members, panel Chairman W. Gerald Massengill said as today's meeting began.

"Family is important to us. It's also important, I think, to the governor that he have a panel that was viewed as being totally objective and not driven by emotions," said Massengill, a former Virginia State Police superintendent who oversaw the agency's response to the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon and the 2002 Washington-area sniper attacks.

The panel's third public meeting was held today, when members hoped to get some insight into how the student gunman was able to skirt Virginia's mental health system.



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Jay Johnson recently presented the Evelyn and H.J. Johnson Scholarship to Craig Crowell. The scholarship, in honor of Johnson's parents, is awarded annually based on academic achievement and extracurricular activity. Crowell plans to attend Dallas Baptist University in the fall.

'Sopranos' leaves viewers with challenging finale

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Soprano carries on.

The much-awaited conclusion of HBO's "The Sopranos" arrived Sunday night in a frenzy of audience speculation. Would New Jersey mob boss Soprano live or be killed? Would his family die before his eyes? Be forced to enter witness protection? Would Brooklyn boss Phil Leotardo, who had ordered a hit on Tony, prevail?

In the end, the only ending that mattered was the one masterminded by "Sopranos" creator David Chase. And playing against viewer expectations, as always, Chase refused to stage a mass extermination, put the characters through any changes, or provide his

viewers with comfortable closure. Or catharsis. After all, he declined to pass moral judgment on Tony — he reminded viewers all season what a thug Tony is, then gave him a pass.

But Chase was true to himself, and that's what made "The Sopranos" brilliant on Sunday night, and the 85 episodes that went before. The product of an artist with a bleak but illuminating vision, "The Sopranos" has always existed on its own terms. And it was seldom tidy.

The only neat development in the finale was that Leotardo was crushed. Otherwise it was perversely non-earth-shaking — just one last visit with the characters we have followed so devout-

ly since 1999.

Here was the funeral for Bobby Bacala, Tony's soldier and brother-in-law, who was shot dead on Leotardo's orders last week. Here was Tony (series star James Gandolfini) paying a hospital visit to his gravely injured consigliere, Silvio Dante, also targeted by Leotardo.

Tony's ne'er-do-well son A.J. (Robert Iler) continued to wail about the misery in the world, and voiced a fleeting urge to join the Army and go fight in Afghanistan (Tony persuaded him to get involved in filmmaking, instead). Daughter Meadow (Jamie-Lynn Sigler) harped on her plans to be a lawyer.

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demanding more and more energy.

The price will be bid up, not down. A finite, irreplaceable resource is being used up, and the false god — technology, which so many secular people worship — will not save us. As with religious people in the Middle Ages, most of the worshippers of technology don't have a clue about its reality.

Our single biggest prob-

lem is our political system, which produces office-seekers who are demagogues, who are intellectually dishonest and who, for the most part, are poorly educated and ignorant of the world they presume to govern. They have more mouth than brains.

The only solution to higher energy costs is to use less of it. That will not lower prices, but it will keep more money in our own pockets.

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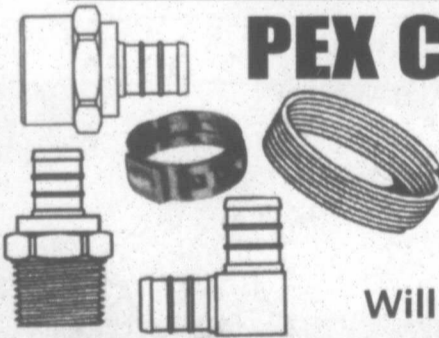
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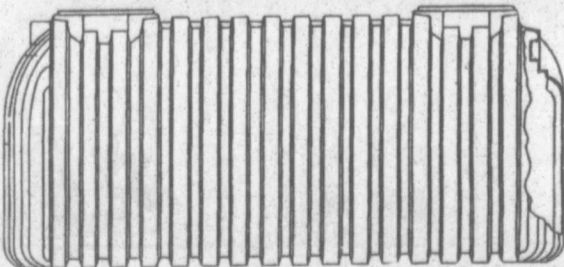
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Is 16 too young to know you're truly in love? My boyfriend, "Miles," and I both feel that we're truly in love and want to spend the rest of our lives together. We realize that it will be a few years at the least before we can marry, but we're willing to wait. My older sister laughs at me when I say that I know I'm in love. She says I am way too young, and I need to be older and more mature -- like she is -- to understand. She's 17 1/2, so she's really not that much older. I have a large picture of Miles in our room, and when she has friends over, she points at it and says, "That's Judy's true love forever," and they all laugh about it. Can you be truly in love at my age? -- **JUDY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

DEAR JUDY: Yes, it is possible to be truly in love at 16. However, at 16 you are still maturing emotionally and intellectually. The problem with making a lifetime commitment at this age -- although some people have done it -- is that both of you are still "growing" as individuals. Not all people grow at the same rate, and their interests often diverge. Does this mean the couple is not truly in love? No. But it does mean that it's better to be older before making a promise to stay with someone "forever." That said, your sister is wrong to belittle and ridicule your feelings. And for her to do so is a reflection of her own immaturity.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a certain man for about eight months. We get along wonderfully most of the time. However, when we're out in public, he is very cold to

me and standoffish. Four months ago, we were at a trade show where he ran into friends of his and stood and talked for 15 minutes without ever introducing me. I finally walked off. The same thing happened again on Mother's Day. Some friends of his approached, and they visited awhile. The difference this time was one of the men in the group noticed me standing there and interrupted the conversation to introduce himself, as did everyone else then. My so-called boyfriend never said a word. As we were leaving, the main speaker at the clinic where we were stopped him and asked, "Is this your wife?" -- which I am not, but I also am not as he introduced me. He replied, "No, this is my friend." (We are intimate!) I do not like the way my boyfriend treats me in public, and I am tired of his being noncommittal. Am I being unreasonable? -- **TIRED IN COMANCHE, TEXAS**

DEAR TIRED: Your "boyfriend" either was never taught good manners, or he is so into himself that he has no concern for your feelings. Instead of pretending you were part of the pattern on the wallpaper and ignoring your presence, he should have immediately introduced you. What happened at the clinic should be your wake-up call. Although you are intimate and consider him to be your "boyfriend," he has stated publicly that he considers you only a friend. (With benefits!) If that's how you wish to be regarded, then continue seeing him. If not, give your ego an enormous boost and walk away. He's obviously still looking, and so should you.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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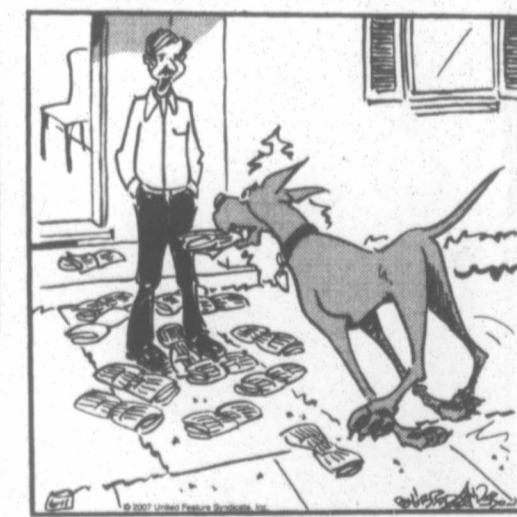
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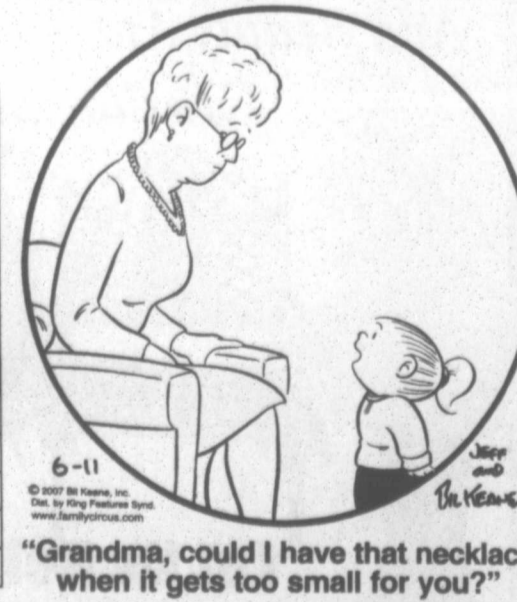
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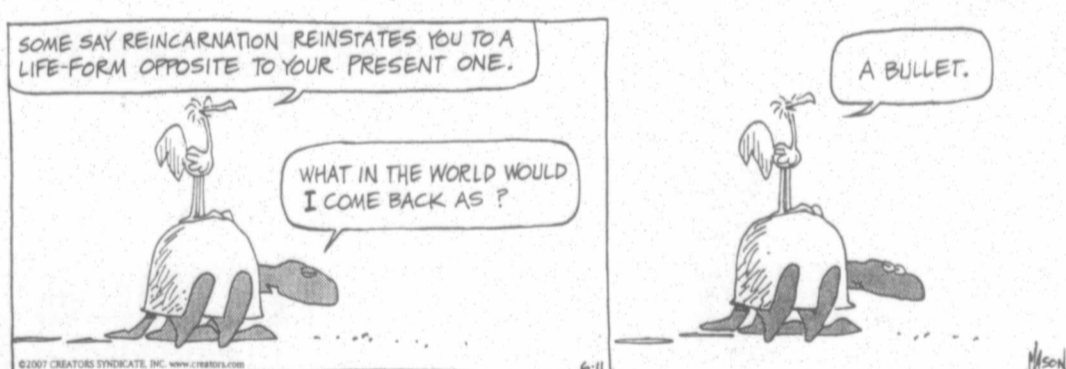


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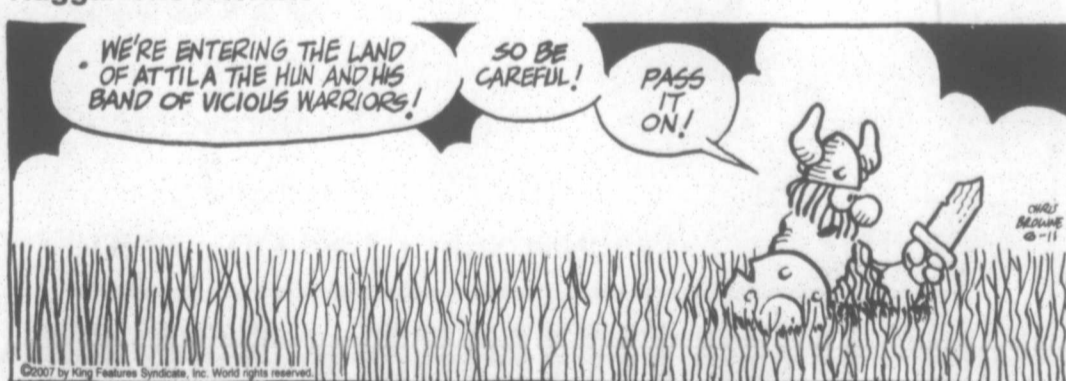
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Sports Day

South comes back to tie North at Greenbelt Bowl

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

In a game that looked promising for the North well into the fourth quarter, the South caught up and came back to tie the 58th annual Greenbelt Bowl at 17.

Kansas Wesleyan's Dave Dallas was brought in to coach the North team, and Jeff Lynn of New Mexico Military Institute coached for the South.

As picked by the Greenbelt Bowl selection committee, Pampa's Robbie Dixon played as a defensive lineman for the North team, which held a steady 14-3 lead over the South until there were less than three minutes remaining in the game.

The South's Bryn Garnett of Spearman got the ball rolling 7 minutes into the first quarter with a field goal that was shortly followed by a North touchdown run by Wheeler's James Rivera.

A failed field goal attempt by the South with 2:03 remaining in second quarter wrapped up the first half of play with 7-3 in the North's favor on the scoreboard.

With less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter, Quannah's Matthew Hill ran 16 yards for a touchdown to bring the North to a 14-3 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, Crosbyton's D.J. Padilla picked up an interception.

Seconds later, North quar-

terback Ryan Howard of Perryton was sacked to make it 2nd and 22, and was forced to punt on fourth down.

With 5:04 remaining in the game, Brandon Rainwater of Floydada kicked a 32-yard field goal to put the North ahead at 17-3, seemingly ending the game for the South team.

Plainview running back Evan Hearn ran for the South's first touchdown to start the comeback with 2:31 remaining.

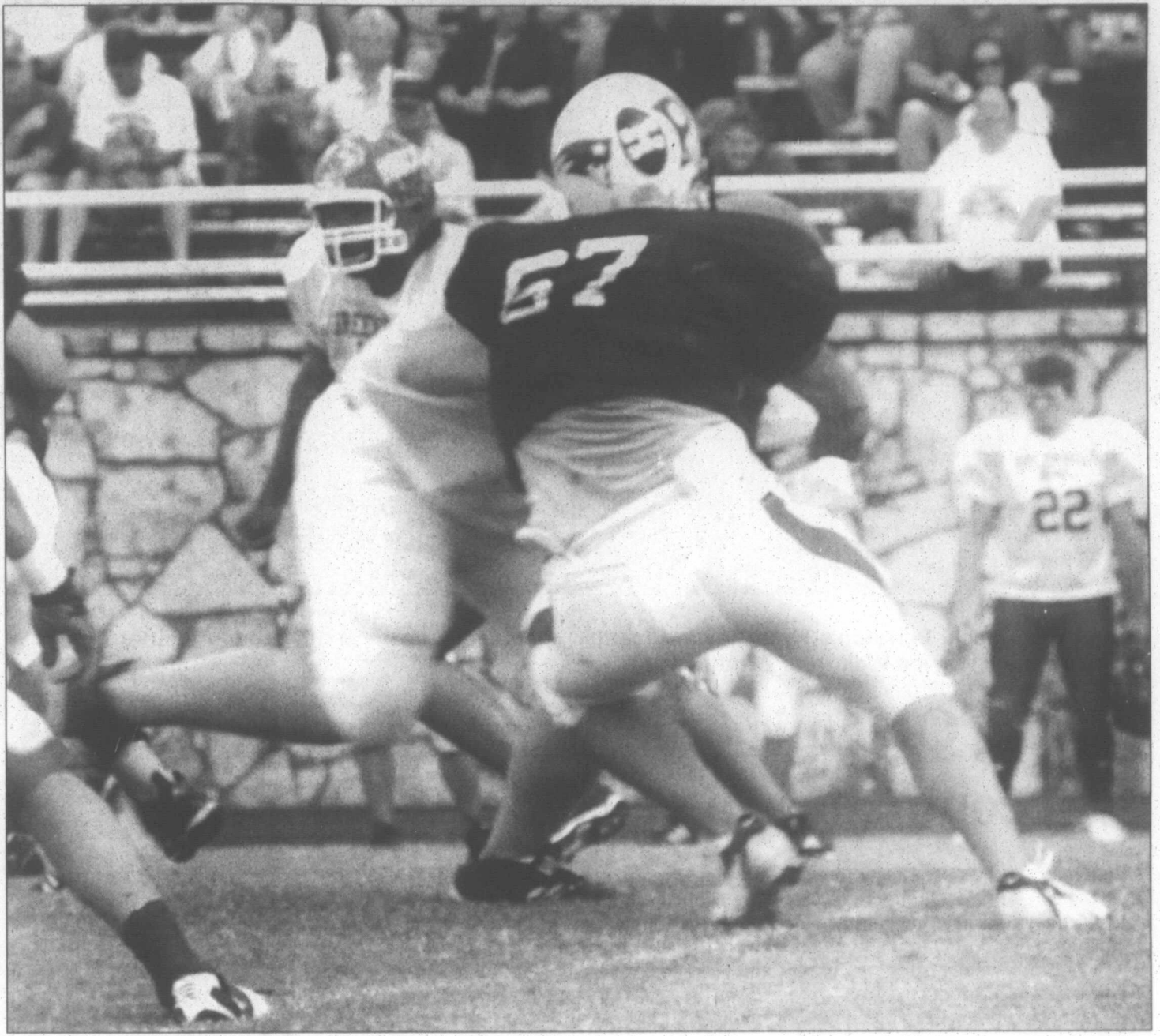
On a pass by South quarterback Moe Coronado of Slaton, receiver Chris McDaniel, also of Slaton, scored the South's second touchdown to tie the game with 47 seconds left.

Due to a nearby thunderstorm, coaches Lynn and Dallas decided to call it a draw at 17-17.

After the game, several players were recognized for their efforts in the game as McDaniel of the South was given the MVP award.

Timmel McFalls of Memphis and the South team was recognized as the outstanding defensive lineman, and the South's Waylon Wolf from Windthorst was the outstanding defensive back.

The North's Regan Crim of Hamilton was the outstanding offensive lineman, and Paducah's Shae Patterson of the North team was recognized as outstanding offensive back.



Pampa's Robbie Dixon and the North team hold off the South offense and force a punt with seconds remaining in the first quarter.

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Merlin Rose, Fred Simmons
- 3rd Place (66)**
Scott White, Greg White
- 5th Place (67)**
J.K. Harrison, Joel Burleson

- 5th Place (67)**
Ryan Zemanek, Max Simon
- 7th Place (68)**
Bob Hitt, Ricky Colinsworth
- 8th Place (69)**
Daniel Heuston, Bill Heuston

First Flight

- 1st Pace (64)**
Jon East, Bill Sherrill
- 2nd Place (67)**
Anthony Tiedt, Lonnie Fowler
- 3rd Place (69)**
Bill Allison, Cody Allison
- 3rd Place (69)**

- Terry Hall, David McGill
- 3rd Place (69)**
John Sparkman, Billy Hawkins
- 6th Place (70)**
Randy Holt, Brandon Hill
- 7th Place (71)**
Jeff Fields, Cody Rodgers
- 8th Place (73)**
Mike Goad, Aaron Fulcher

Second Flight

- 1st Pace (65)**
Tim Brown, Ron Whipkey
- 1st Place (65)**

- Howard Reed, Butch Thompson
- 3rd Place (66)**
Jimmy Logan, Mark Logan
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Seth Stribling, Steve Williams
- 5th Place (67)**
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- 7th Place (69)**
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Brewers defeat Rangers in 12-inning standoff

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Everyone except Geoff Jenkins was getting hits — until the end.

Jenkins hit a three-run homer in the 12th inning and the Milwaukee Brewers stopped a three-game losing streak, beating the Texas Rangers 9-6 Sunday night.

Jenkins was hitless in his first five at-bats before connecting against Willie Eyre for his 11th home run of the season.

"It was nice to pitch in," Jenkins said. "We had 22 hits and to that point, I didn't have any of them. Eyre throws hard, 94, 95. You look for a fastball and hope you can square it up."

Eyre had been the Rangers' most dependable reliever, pitching 16 2-3 innings without allowing an earned run. But Jenkins did not let him get away with a slider that was up and over the plate.

"He made a mistake and Jenkins will make you pay," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Jenkins did what good hitters do."

Prince Fielder connected for his NL-leading 23rd home run and Johnny Estrada and Tony Graffanino each had four hits.

Texas sent the game into extra innings on Marlon Byrd's tying single with two outs in the ninth.

With the game 6-all, Ryan Braun led off the Milwaukee 12th by reaching on second baseman Ian Kinsler's fielding error. One out later, Corey Hart singled off the right leg of Eyre (2-3), setting up Jenkins.

Carlos Villaneuva (5-0) pitched two hitless innings and Claudio Vargas got three outs for his first career save.

Craig Counsell, who homered, Fielder and Braun each had three hits as the NL Central leaders ended their seven-game road losing streak.

"Through this little stretch right here, they've all kept

their heads up," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "They keep after it every day. Nobody's panicked, nobody's quit or hung their head. We hit a lot of balls hard tonight. A lot of things happened. But we couldn't get over that little hump."

Michael Young had three hits and drove in three runs for Texas. Byrd had four hits, matching a career high.

The Brewers had a chance for the go-ahead run in the 11th. Pinch-runner Tony Gwynn Jr. tried to score from second on a single by Graffanino, but was thrown out by center fielder Kenny Lofton.

Brewers closer Francisco Cordero had a blown save for the second straight night against his former team, giving up Byrd's single. Cordero had converted his first 22 save opportunities until Texas' come-from-behind 4-3 victory Saturday night.

"We fought back in a ninth against a great closer," Young said. "This doesn't help us in the standings but we came back and hopefully we can take something from this."

Texas' Sammy Sosa failed to homer in his 16th straight game as he tries to become the fifth player to reach 600. Sosa was hitless in five at-bats and has gone 12-for-64 (.188) since his last homer — No. 598 — on May 22.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead in the first against starter Dave Bush on Young's run-scoring single and Frank Catalanotto's RBI groundout.

Texas made it 3-0 in the third when Milwaukee third baseman Braun threw into the stands on Byrd's grounder for a two-base error, and Young singled.

The Brewers led eight baserunners in the first four innings but Rangers starter Vicente Padilla was able to pitch out of trouble each time.

Parker, Spurs spin Cavs, take 2-0 lead

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Once Cleveland's stirring comeback ended and the Cavaliers had finally succumbed for the second time in these NBA finals, giddy Spurs fans began dreaming of another finish.

"Sweep, Sweep!" they sang in the hallways of AT&T Center.

Coach Gregg Popovich didn't join them.

"We don't think about sweeps or anything like that," he said. "We always plan for a long, drawn-out, seven-game series. We plan for seven all the time."

Might be time to change those plans, Pop.

Tony Parker scored 30 points, Manu Ginobili 25 and Tim Duncan added 23 as the Spurs moved halfway to a fourth championship by dominating Cleveland for 3 1/2 quarters and beating the Cavaliers 103-92 on Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

Except for a fourth-quarter letdown when they allowed the Cavs to cut a 27-point lead to eight, the Spurs were in control. They took advantage of early foul trouble against LeBron James

and easily pushed around the Eastern Conference champions, who have to hope the 1,500-mile trip home can fix their problems.

Right now, they've got a bunch of them.

"We have to make some adjustments," said Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas. "They're outlasting us. They're playing harder than us. That's all there is to it."

The Spurs, clicking on offense and digging their sneakers in on defense, were up by 11 after one, 25 at half and 27 after three, thoroughly embarrassing the Cavaliers, whose first visit to the finals couldn't be going worse.

In the first half, the Spurs' Big 3 of Duncan, Parker and Ginobili combined for 43 points — 10 more than the Cavs — and as both teams walked off the floor, the arena's p.a. announcer, Stan Kelly, summed up the first 24 minutes with a comment that would have been funny if it wasn't so painfully true for Cleveland.

"Spurs by a bunch," he said.

And at the same time, a fan held up a sign saying,

"Bring Out LeBroom."

James, limited to 14 points in his finals debut, scored 25 Sunday on 9-of-21 shooting to lead Cleveland. But the Cavaliers' superstar played less than three minutes in the first quarter because of foul trouble, sitting when the Spurs ran away to their huge lead.

"It doesn't matter if we lose by 1 or if we lose by 30, a loss is a loss," James said. "We've been down 2-0 before. We have to find a way to bring the intensity to Game 3."

The Cavaliers, who also came out flat in Game 1, used a 22-4 spurt to pull within 95-87 on a three-point play by James with 4:53 left, a stunning turnaround for a team that looked done minutes earlier.

However, the Spurs, who got sloppy and perhaps disinterested, responded as they almost always do.

Ginobili stopped Cleveland's rally by hitting a 3-pointer and was fouled by rookie Daniel Gibson. The four-point play made it 101-89 with 2:24 remaining.

"That was a heck of a play and a heck of a shot by

Manu," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "He tricked our young fella and leaned right into him."

Gibson's 3-pointer got the Cavs within nine, but Duncan grabbed a rebound and scored inside to bail out the Spurs, who were outscored 30-14 in the fourth quarter.

"We knew it was coming," Parker said of the Cavs' comeback. "They are an NBA team and have LeBron James. They played very good in the fourth quarter. They made a big run, but in the end we made a couple of stops and got the win."

With two more victories, small-market San Antonio, often overlooked in the conversation of great teams, can join the Boston Celtics (16 titles), Los Angeles Lakers (14) and Chicago Bulls (6) as franchises with at least four championships.

"Four for Four" has become the popular catchphrase among San Antonio fans in these finals, and the Spurs are making it stick.

"We took what was ours," Ginobili said. "We just maintained home-court advantage."

Greenbelt Bowl



North quarterback, Perryton's Ryan Howard (center), gets taken down in the second quarter by South defensive back Waylon Wolf from Windthorst.

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Beijing Olympic officials may cancel contracts with companies in violation of labor rules

BEIJING (AP) — Red-faced organizers of the Beijing Olympics threatened Monday to cancel the contracts of companies using child labor and violating minimum-wage rules to make Olympic-licensed products.

In a report released Sunday, PlayFair 2008 — an alliance of global trade union and labor groups — cited four factories in southern China for labor violations and accused the International Olympic Committee of doing too little to monitor the production of products carrying the official Olympic five-rings logo.

"We have very clear requirements and specific rules and regulations to manage the manufacturing," said Jiang Xiaoyu, executive vice president of the

Beijing organizing committee, speaking Monday in Hong Kong.

"If they breach our regulations, then we will tackle this problem seriously. If they very seriously breach this regulation, they will no longer work as our manufacturer."

Officials of the organizing committee said they had not seen the 30-page report until Monday. It details the use of workers as young as 12 and accuses companies of falsifying employment records and coercing workers to lie about their terms of employment.

The Beijing Olympics are expected to be the most profitable in the games' history, attracting 500,000 foreign visitors. Corporate sponsors have swarmed to BOCOG, hoping to use the event to

crack China's rapidly growing consumer market.

Beijing is spending about \$40 billion to rebuild the Chinese capital for the games, a sharp contrast of the legal minimum wage in southern China of \$90 monthly.

"BOCOG attaches great importance to the production and sales of our licensed products," Jiang added. "We have specific and explicit, very clear requirements on the manufacturer of our licensed products. Right now, BOCOG is investigating and if the issue really exists, BOCOG will tackle it very seriously."

"To use child labor is also against the government's laws and regulations," Jiang added.

Gordon uses risky call to win rain-shortened race at Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — With dark clouds looming at Pocono Raceway, so was a crucial decision for Jeff Gordon's crew chief, Steve Letarte.

Gordon's No. 24 was running out in front when Letarte called the car into the pits for an early service call. Gordon relinquished the lead on the stop, but Letarte figured his driver would cycle back to the front after everyone else made their scheduled stops.

The gamble worked and Gordon was soon back in a soggy Victory Lane.

"I guess it was incredibly stupid," Letarte said. "Sometimes stupid works."

Gordon held off a charging Ryan Newman in the rain to win the abbreviated Pocono 500 on Sunday night and give the points leader his fourth win this season.

"Steve made that great call," Gordon said. "Everybody had that same opportunity to make that same call. We were lucky, fortunate, whatever you want to call it, the rain came when it did."

Letarte assumed it would start raining while Gordon was leading. It was a gamble, because an earlier pit stop had put Gordon off sequence with the rest of the field. If it didn't rain quickly, he'd have to pit much earlier than everyone else and would fall deep into the field after the stop.

But if it did rain in that short window, they'd be out front and inherit the win when the race was called.

"Once we got in front, I think we showed what we had," Gordon said.

The race was red flagged after 106 laps of the scheduled 200-lap, 500-mile race with darkness and rain falling. The cars went back to pit road and waited about

35 minutes for NASCAR to call the event, handing point-leader Gordon his fourth win at Pocono and first since 1998.

It all played out perfectly, as the sky opened seconds before Newman closed in on Gordon and NASCAR stopped the race.

"Steve made a gutsy, great call based on looking at the radar," Gordon said.

Hendrick Motorsports recorded its 10th win in the last 12 Nextel Cup races.

"A lot of what people see is luck," Letarte said. "Today with the weather, it was a lot of luck."

Newman's late charge put him second, extending his miserable run of having no wins to show for all his poles. The race pole sitter seemed poised to catch Gordon right before the caution came out and instead stretched his winless drought to 59 races.

Newman has eight poles — including four this year — since his last win in September 2005. He finished second last week at Dover.

"I'm not mad by any means," Newman said. "I won my first race because it rained out and got too dark. I guess it's only right I lose one that way at some point."

After last week's race at Dover was pushed back a day because of rain, drivers had this one delayed three hours.

The Pocono 500 became a race to the 101st lap to make it official, leading to some hard and frantic racing early on a track more known for some leisurely stretches in the first half.

Martin Truex Jr. was third and Casey Mears fourth in the first Nextel Cup race since former NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. died on Monday.

The only guy in the universe Roger Federer can't beat

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

Goliath had David, Chamberlain had Russell, Roger Federer has Rafael Nadal.

It's nature's way of reminding even the biggest, baddest, swiftest and most skilled among us that somewhere out there is the one somebody who has your number.

It was a lesson even Tony Soprano seemed destined to learn the hard way in a New Jersey diner Sunday night — and if not then, the series left you with the impression that it would happen soon enough. But there was nothing remotely open-ended about what happened to Federer a few hours earlier on the other side of the Atlantic.

"Obviously, if I would have won today, I would have had not many other goals to chase in my career," he said after losing the French Open to Nadal in four sets for the third time in as many years.

Three years ago, the defeat was in the semifinals; the last two years, if it's any consolation, they've been the last two standing.

"Like this, it stays open," Federer added. "And, eventually, if I get it, the sweeter it's going to taste."

If that little bit of rationalization makes it easy for the Swiss to wake up Monday morning in Paris and point himself toward the next stop on his schedule, more power to him.

Goliath never recovered from his only meeting with David. Wilt Chamberlain lost seven of eight playoff series against Bill Russell's Celtics, and won one of his only two NBA championships during the time both played in the league. Over that span, Russell won nine.

Federer-Nadal isn't as dire as either of those rivalries, but it's definitely trending in the Spaniard's direction. He won the first five matches between the two on clay, lost to Federer last month at the Hamburg Masters, then arrived at Roland Garros and went about his business as if it never happened.

Counting Sunday's final, Nadal is a stunning 21-0 at the stadium

and 34-0 in best-of-five clay-court matches. Just 21, he already owns three French Open titles and is well on his way to establishing himself as the best player on the surface his sport has ever seen.

More to the point, it's hard to see how Federer, so much better than any of his peers on grass or hard courts, and better than everyone except Nadal on clay, is going to loosen the left-hander's stranglehold on the tournament. Federer's dominance of his sport's major tournaments rivals Tiger Woods, and like Woods, he's clearly better at just about every phase of the game than any of his competitors.

The one exception may be Nadal's remarkable ability to cover the entire court, a slight advantage that can turn into a large one on clay.

On clay, the balls bounce a little higher and sit up a little longer, making it easier to impart the vicious spin that makes Nadal's confounding forehand an even more formidable weapon. In a bid to change things up, Federer played more aggressively returning serve

and coming to net.

But while he earned 17 break points, Federer cashed in only one. He won 13 of 14 points at the net in the first two sets, then just 8 of 20 the rest of the way. Usually, Federer is the player imposing his style of play. This time, he made 59 unforced errors, nearly twice as many as Nadal.

"I couldn't really impose my game like I wanted to. He didn't allow me to do that too well today," Federer said. "I can't particularly say my backhand or my forehand was bad or my volley or my serving. It was all OK, you know. It was just a tough opponent."

Only Don Budge and Rod Laver, who did it twice, have ever won a Grand Slam in a calendar year and only three others — Fred Perry, Roy Emerson and Andre Agassi — have managed to put one together over the course of a career. Clay courts have been particularly tough on those aspirations.

Pete Sampras, who dominated the game before Federer's ascendance, was only the latest in a long

line of players who collected tennis' three other majors and stalled at the French. And both Federer and Sampras can claim some illustrious company — John Newcombe, Jimmy Connors, Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg never won there, either.

After losing to Nadal in the 2005 French Open semifinal, Federer won the next three majors: Wimbledon, the U.S. and Australian Opens; then lost the 2006 French Open final to Nadal and did it again.

Had the Spaniard never come along, chances are good that Federer would have won the last nine majors in a row. But he was in no mood to play what-if.

"I couldn't care less how I played the last 10 months or the last 10 years. At the end of the day," Federer said, "I wanted to win that match."

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Heartswideopen wins Ruidoso Futurity

RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — Heartswideopen, flawless from starting gate to finish line, on Sunday won the \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity for 2-year-old quarter horses at Ruidoso Downs.

The impressive filly scored her fourth win from five starts and hit the wire 1 1/4 lengths in front of second-place finisher Eye of Glory.

"She made no mistakes. The further we went the faster she ran," said winning jockey Oscar Hernandez.

The filly earned \$250,000 for the three partners from Mexico who purchased her

for \$60,000 last year in a sale in Ruidoso. The Ruidoso Futurity is the first of the three Grade 1 futurities at the south-central New Mexico track.

If Heartswideopen wins the Rainbow Futurity in July and the All American Futurity in September, she would earn a bonus of \$4 million.

Heartswideopen covered the 350 yards in 17.089 seconds. Three Past Six finished third behind Eye of Glory.

Sent off as the even-money favorite, Heartswideopen paid \$3, \$3, \$260.

U.S. Open odds don't worry Austin after third career victory

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Woody Austin knows only too well that no one has followed up a PGA Tour victory by winning the U.S. Open the next week, and he won't be a favorite at Oakmont Country Club.

He doesn't care.

The 43-year-old is going to the major tournament he thinks fits his game best coming off the best final round on tour this year, a stunning 8-under 62 that rallied him from a four-stroke deficit to a five-stroke victory Sunday at the Stanford St. Jude Championship and his third career win.

"Obviously, the odds are still really good it's not going to happen," Austin said.

"But I know personally ...

that's always been my one tournament I felt like I could always play, and the fact that I'm now getting close to where I feel like my game is coming around, that's just going to give me that much more confidence."

This event featured six of the world's top 12 golfers, Adam Scott trying to become the tour's first wire-to-wire winner this year, and John Daly's messy personal life overshadowing the golf when he accused his wife of waking him up by attacking him with a steak knife Friday morning.

Daly, playing on a sponsor's exemption, went from tied for eighth after 18 to 79th out of 80 players.

Austin turned the attention back to golf with the

best final round in the 50-year history of this tournament and the tour's lowest closing round since Brad Faxon's 61 at the 2006 Buick Championship.

He went bogey-free over the final 49 holes and carded an eagle and six birdies Sunday for a 13-under 267 total on a course where his best finish had been a tie for 44 in 2005. His winner's check was \$1.08 million, his first since the 2004 Buick Championship, with the best round this week.

Austin also won the 1995 Buick Open.

Not bad for someone who turned 43 in January and had missed five cuts with his only top-25 showing coming with a tie for 18th in New Orleans in April.

"I played one of those dream rounds of golf," Austin said.

Scott would have moved up a spot to No. 3 in the world with a victory, and he opened with a three-stroke lead. He had a share of the lead with Austin through 12 holes before falling apart with a triple bogey and four bogeys down the stretch.

He finished with a 75 and finished seventh at 276.

"I'm going to be hard on myself. I really should be," Scott said.

Brian Davis (66) was second with a 272, followed by two-time Memphis winner David Toms (69-273), Brian Gay (70-274) and Brandt Snedeker and Dean Wilson, who tied with 68s for 275.

Cruising



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Vehicles from various decades and auto makers cruised Pampa's drag Saturday night during the fourth annual Burnin' the Bricks in June weekend. The cruise ran from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and drew spectators who sat along the drag to see the restored, unrestored and customized entries.

Crews start working after Atlantis docks with station

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The crews of Atlantis and the international space station greeted each other with hugs and handshakes Sunday after the space shuttle arrived at the orbiting outpost.

But amid the smiles and salutations, engineers in Houston 220 miles below started evaluating whether a peeled-back thermal blanket should be fixed by astronauts.

A decision likely will be made in the next day or two, and if the answer is to fix it, another decision will be made on whether it will be done during one of three scheduled spacewalks or during an extra, unplanned one.

Astronauts James Reilly and Danny Olivas planned to make the mission's first spacewalk today to help attach a new 35,000-pound segment to the space station.

Engineers who had studied past damage to the blanket area, located on a pod of engines near the shuttle's tail, on other shuttle missions were uncomfortable with the safety margins of a piece of the blanket sticking out during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere when temperatures on the shuttle's heat shield can reach as high as 2,900 degree Fahrenheit during re-entry.

Temperatures at the blanket's location only reach 700 degrees to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The concern is that if it sticks up, you get additional heating," said John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team.

Engineers were confident the loosened blanket was caused by aerodynamic forces during launch, not by being hit by a piece of debris during lift off.

"Since this wasn't an impact blow, we have high confidence that the structure beneath it is pristine," Shannon said. "There's no damage."

The rest of the vehicle appeared to be in fine shape, NASA said. Sensors reported six hits on the wing during launch but engineers were not concerned about them.

Hatches between the two spacecraft opened about 1 1/2-hours after the shuttle docked with the space station following leak checks.

"Atlantis arriving," U.S. space station resident Sunita Williams said after the traditional ringing of a bell.

Atlantis' astronauts floated into the space station's Destiny laboratory and hugged each of the station's residents, which besides

Williams includes commander Fyodor Yurchikhin and cosmonaut Oleg Kotov.

After exchanging greetings and receiving a safety briefing from Yurchikhin, both crews resumed working.

Before reaching the space station, Atlantis commander Rick Sturckow told Yurchikhin that shuttle astronaut Clayton Anderson was ready to relieve Williams on the station.

"Are you sure Clay is onboard?" Yurchikhin said.

"Yes we checked before we launched from Florida," Sturckow said amid laughter.

Sturckow eased the shuttle into the space station's docking port. Latches fastened the shuttle and orbiting space lab together at 3:36 p.m. EDT. The shuttle's two-day chase of the space station ended about 210 miles above southeastern Australia.

It was the first visit this year by a shuttle to the space station. The shuttle was delivering Anderson, the newest member of the space station's crew, as well as a new segment to the orbiting outpost.

Prior to Atlantis' arrival, astronaut Danny Olivas took additional photographs from inside the shuttle of the area where the thermal blanket had peeled back. The images were sent to Mission Control for analysis.

Astronauts inside the space station also took photographs of the shuttle's belly when Atlantis was 600 feet below the orbiting outpost.

The pictures were taken when Sturckow maneuvered the shuttle into a 360-degree back-flip — part of an inspection technique. Engineers want to make sure there is no damage from launch like the kind that doomed Columbia in 2003.

Reviewing the photos, nothing "jumped out at us," Shannon said, although there did appear to be a few pieces of gap filler sticking out.

Gap filler is material fitted between thermal tiles to prevent them from rubbing against each other. Two pieces of gap filler had to be removed from Discovery's belly during a spacewalk in 2005 because of concerns they would cause problems during re-entry.

After the hatches opened, Williams and Anderson traded out seatliners on the Russian emergency vehicle attached to the station. The seatliner exchange marked the official replacement of Williams by Anderson as a space station resident. Williams will return to Earth aboard Atlantis after more than six months in space.

Roller coaster riders left hanging

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — A dozen riders on a roller coaster spent half an hour hanging upside down — 150 feet above the ground — after a power outage shut down the attraction.

It took about 30 minutes for the city Fire Department to rescue the riders using a ladder truck Saturday evening, said Aundrea Cray, spokeswoman for the Springs & Crystal Falls amusement park.

Spectators cheered when the riders were brought to the ground from the highest point of a loop on the X-Coaster, but one passenger threw up after reaching safety.

The X-Coaster was one of several rides brought to a halt by the outage that originated somewhere near the park.

"You could tell who got off the (X-Coaster) because their faces were red," said Angela Salter. She was riding the Gauntlet, another coaster, and said park employees worked quickly to free her.

The park resumed normal operations, although the X-Coaster remained closed.

One X-Coaster passenger, Jay Plummer, 37, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center in Hot Springs after complaining of neck pain and a headache.

"It was very scary," said his girlfriend, Connie McBride. "I love the amusement park, but I will never get on the X-Coaster again."

The park has experienced outages before, but usually they last only seconds, said Dan Aylward, Magic Springs president and general manager.

Entergy Corp. was investigating but crews found no faulty wiring.

"The cause could be a (tree) limb or as simple as an animal (on the lines)," said Mark Hunt, general manager of customer service for Entergy. "We could find no faults, but we are going to continue to investigate until we find the cause."

Watergate figure Colson warns of militant Islam

By ERIC GORSKI
AP Religion Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Watergate figure Chuck Colson warned a gathering of Southern Baptist pastors Sunday night against what he described as two dire threats: the deadly marriage of Islam and fascism and a new, militant atheism growing in popularity in the West.

Colson, a former Nixon "hatchet man" who became a born-again Christian and founded an evangelical ministry to prisoners, called on Christians to do a better job of explaining their religion's worldview.

Colson, 75, spoke at a conference that precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which begins here Tuesday.

At one point, Colson said "Islam is a vicious, evil ... " and then before finishing the sentence, said, "Islamofascism is evil incarnate."

"Islamists," Colson said, "are very different. We will die for what we believe. They will kill for what they believe."

"The problem isn't terrorism," Colson said. "The problem is an ideology that is mixed with fascism ... We are in a long war, a long struggle."

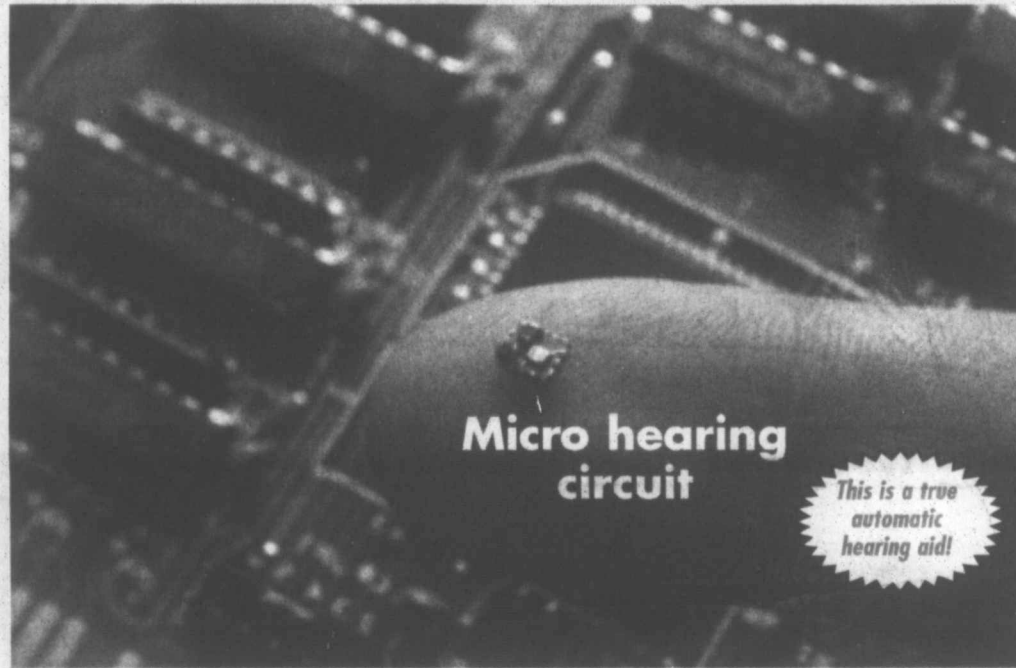
Comments about Islam have generated controversy at past Southern Baptist meetings. In 2002, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, the Rev. Jerry Vines, called Muhammad, the Muslim prophet, a "demon-possessed pedophile."

The second threat, Colson said, was evident in the popularity of several best-selling books espousing atheism by Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris and others.

"This is a virulent strain of atheism which seeks to destroy our belief system," Colson said.

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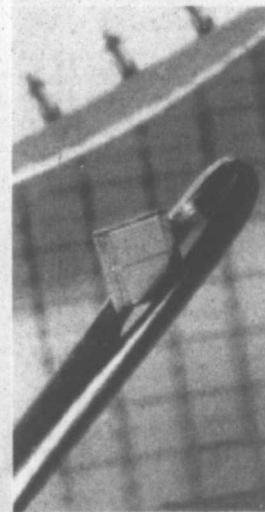
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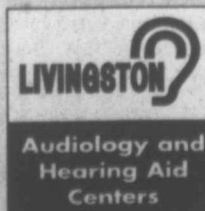


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