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Pals



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McKinnlee Criswell and her turtle, Butterscotch, were among those attending the burn out contest Saturday at Recreation Park. Other four-legged members of the audience included a bulldog.

Pampa Garden Club disbands

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

An important part of Pampa slipped into history this week.

With the final meeting Monday afternoon, the Pampa Garden Club ceased to be.

Founded in 1956, the club called it quits at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center shortly after lunch Monday.

Over the past 51 years, the Pampa Garden Club had planted and taken care of the flower beds at the Post Office, helped plant flowers in the city parks and planted trees at nursing homes. They sponsored the Festival of Trees at Christmas and gave scholarships to high school students.

They started the tradition of art and sculpture in city parks to celebrate their 30th anniversary in 1986 with a

sculpture by Pampa artist Gerald Sanders.

"We started a Butterfly Garden across from Pampa High School," said Ruth Barrett, the club president who brought down the gavel for the last time.

Barrett, Thelma Bray, Mary Gruben, Clara Quarry and Leny Howard were all that was left as they gathered in one of the meeting rooms at the Senior Citizens Center.

"There are no young members to take our places," said Gruben.

"There are no young women to join," Barrett said, "and we got too old."

Founded to promote civic pride in Pampa's appearance, the club's first project was the plantings of red bud trees in 1957, under the direction of Mrs. V.E.

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Sales tax receipts show healthy future for Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

"Things are good in Pampa," City Manager John Horst said this week as he looked at the monthly sales tax receipts.

In the first nine months of the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the city of Pampa has received almost \$300,000

more than they expected from sales taxes.

At \$294,415.31, they are more than 12 percent ahead of what they had budgeted.

They are \$331,541.07, or about 13 percent, ahead of where they were last year this time.

Of the total collections to date this

fiscal year of \$3,616,351.55, the city has received \$2,712,263. The Pampa Economic Development Corp. has received \$904,087.89.

"We have added \$380,000 to the budget this year for street repair," Horst said.

Even with the \$380,000 already budgeted, he said the city was run-

ning almost a \$295,000 surplus.

"We are confident we will end the year with at least a \$300,000 surplus," Horst said.

If the present trend continues, he said, the city is projecting a surplus of \$359,214.07 by the end of the fiscal year.

Woman free on \$100,000 bond

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman is free on \$100,000 bond after her arrest Friday morning in the death of her infant daughter.

Mary Lee Bolin, 27, of 1800 N. Wells, left Gray County Jail Friday at about 2:30 p.m., an hour after Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set her bond during arraignment at the jail.

Bolin was arrested and jailed between 7:30 and 8 a.m. Friday on a warrant for capital murder in connection with the death of 6-week-old Kenzee Renae Bolin. Kenzee, who was born April 10, was pronounced dead May 21 at Pampa Regional Medical Center about an hour after she was brought in by emergency services personnel, according to police records.

The warrant was issued at about 4 p.m. Thursday, according to 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer. The case may go to a grand jury as early as June 28, Switzer said.

A member of the infant's family called 911 at 1:15 a.m. May 21 to report a baby having breathing problems at a Pampa residence, according to police records. The baby was transported by Guardian EMS Ambulance to PRMC, where emergency personnel attempted to revive her for about an hour, according to Pampa Police Department Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

Preliminary autopsy results from a Lubbock medical examiner indicate that the cause of the baby's death was blunt force

See BOND, Page 3

Nervousness leads to arrest

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman's nervous movements may have helped land her in jail Saturday after she was stopped in her vehicle for an alleged traffic violation.

Elizabeth Diane Lang, 34, of Pampa was stopped by Gray County Sheriff's Deputies Rhett Rollins and Steven White for a traffic violation in the 800 block of West Kingsmill at about 12:15 a.m. Saturday, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

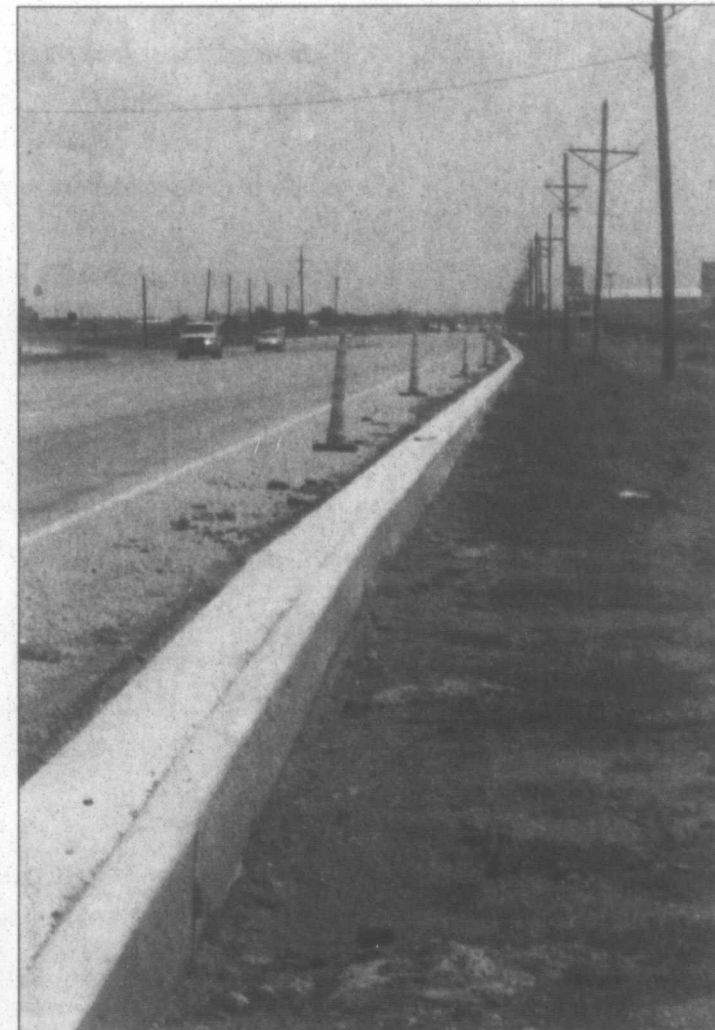
"She was very nervous and kept reaching

into the seat," Hoard said of Lang.

As deputies removed her from her vehicle, Hoard said, she "got hold of something." Deputies found that Lang held several plastic bags of a suspected controlled substance believed to be methamphetamine, Hoard said.

Lang was booked into the jail at 12:36 a.m. Saturday on a felony charge of possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance, according to jail records. She was released on bond later that day.

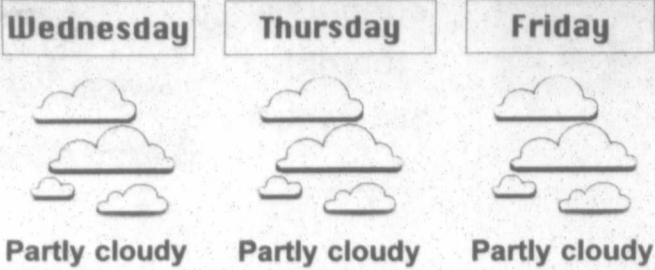
Safety curbs



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

These are among quite a few new curbs that are being poured on Highway 60 from the Carson County line to Pampa, which are being used for safety on the roadway.

NEXT DAY FORECAST



Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
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Celanese	37.30	-0.08
Cabot Oil Gas	37.94	+0.40
Coca Cola	51.39	-0.24
VLO	73.51	-0.31
HAL	34.95	-0.31
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Eleven traffic stops were made.
 A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of North Hobart.
 A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of East Browning.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1500 block of North Christy, the 1800 block of North Russell, on two occasions in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 300 block of Henry, the 500 block of Montagu, the 400 block of North Russell, the 600 block of North Dwight and the 700 block of Sloan.
 Found property was reported in the police department lobby, the 500 block of West Kentucky and the 2100 block of North Dwight, where a bicycle was found.
 Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet and contents were found in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Jordan and Wynn streets.
 A missing person was reported in the 1600 block of Duncan.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.
 A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Somerville.

Civil matters were reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.
 Sex offender registration was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of North Christy, the 1800 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Maple and Barrett streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1500 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the police department lobby and the 1500 block of Williston.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.
 Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.
 Assault was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported.
 Forgery was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight. Prescription medication valued at \$100 was taken.
 Theft was reported at Frank's True Value, 401 N. Ballard. Two checks were written on a closed account to pay for merchandise.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen. A 2004 Nissan Altima was taken.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, June 11
 7 a.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a legally parked 1996 Plymouth Voyager, owned by Jason Aaron Stephenson of 1112 E. Browning in the 1100 block of East Browning. The unknown driver and vehicle then left the scene. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Monday, June 11
 Cody McKay Ellis, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Duncan by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Fire

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

Monday, June 11
 10:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a lifting assist.
 11:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Wells on an odof investigation.

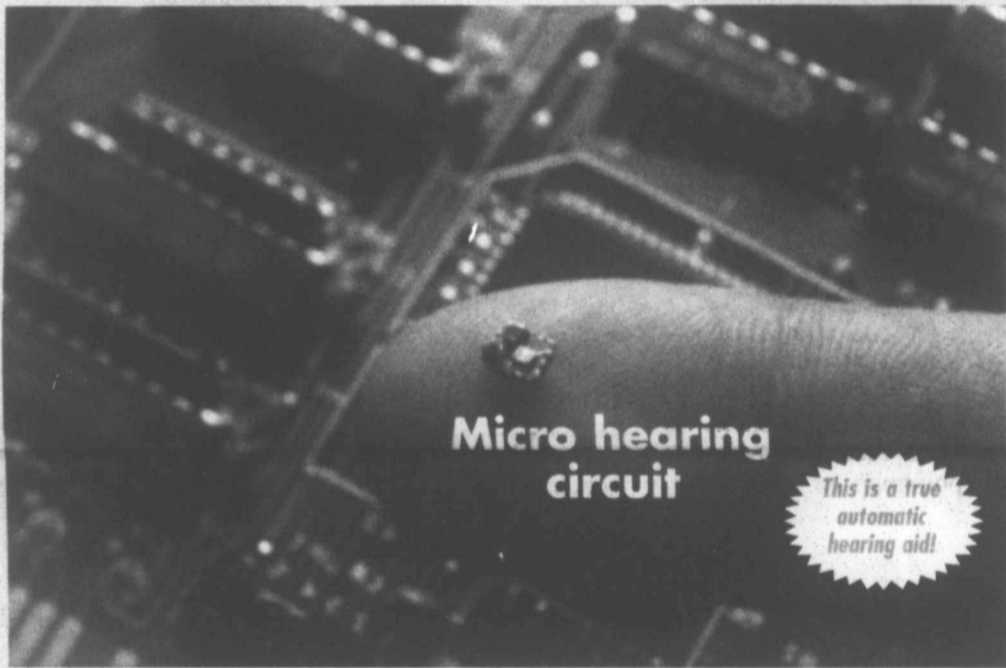
Ambulance

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

Monday, June 11
 8:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
 9:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.
 9:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.
 1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Panhandle.
 5:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of Highway 152 east and transported a patient to PRMC.
 8:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.
Tuesday, June 12
 1:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

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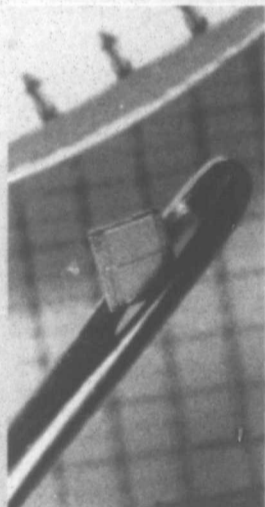
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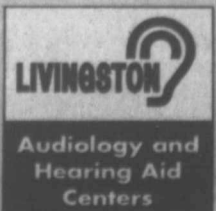


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Astronauts to get 2 extra days in space

HOUSTON (AP) — A new set of solar panels gleamed in the sunlight Tuesday on the international space station as the freshly

installed array started opening up.

Two astronauts hooked up the new 300-foot panels during a spacewalk Monday, and during the night engineers at Mission Control began remotely unfolding the array from its storage box. The movement was to continue slowly throughout the day to let the panels warm gradually in the sunlight and prevent them from sticking together.

"It's really good to look out there and see those solar array blankets extended" a distance of one segment, said shuttle commander Rick Sturckow.

The shuttle astronauts arrived at the station on Sunday and have been granted an extra couple of days in orbit to allow time to fix a thermal blanket near the shuttle's tail that peeled back during its launch.

Experts don't believe the gap would pose any threat to the astronauts, though it could allow damage to the shuttle during its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

Installation of the new solar array — part of the station's third pair of solar panels — started Monday.

After the array was moved into place on the station's girder-like backbone by the station's robotic arm, astronauts James Reilly and Danny Olivas removed locks and restraints on the new segment.

The start of their space-

walk was delayed by more than an hour because the four spinning gyroscopes that keep the space station properly positioned became overloaded; Atlantis was used to help control the station's orientation until the gyroscopes were able to take over again.

On Wednesday, an older solar array will be folded up into a box so it can be moved during a later shuttle mission. The retraction of that array will allow the newly installed pair of panels to rotate, following the direction of the sun.

Engineers at Johnson Space Center in Houston were already practicing techniques the astronauts might use to repair the thermal blanket.

"It was a 100 percent consensus that the unknowns of the engineering analysis and the potential damage ... under the blanket was unacceptable and we should go in and fix it if we could," said John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team.

The thermal blankets are used to protect the shuttle from searing heat during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. Engineers didn't think the intense heat generated by re-entry could burn through the graphite structure underneath it and jeopardize the spacecraft, but they worried it might cause some damage that would require repairs on the ground.

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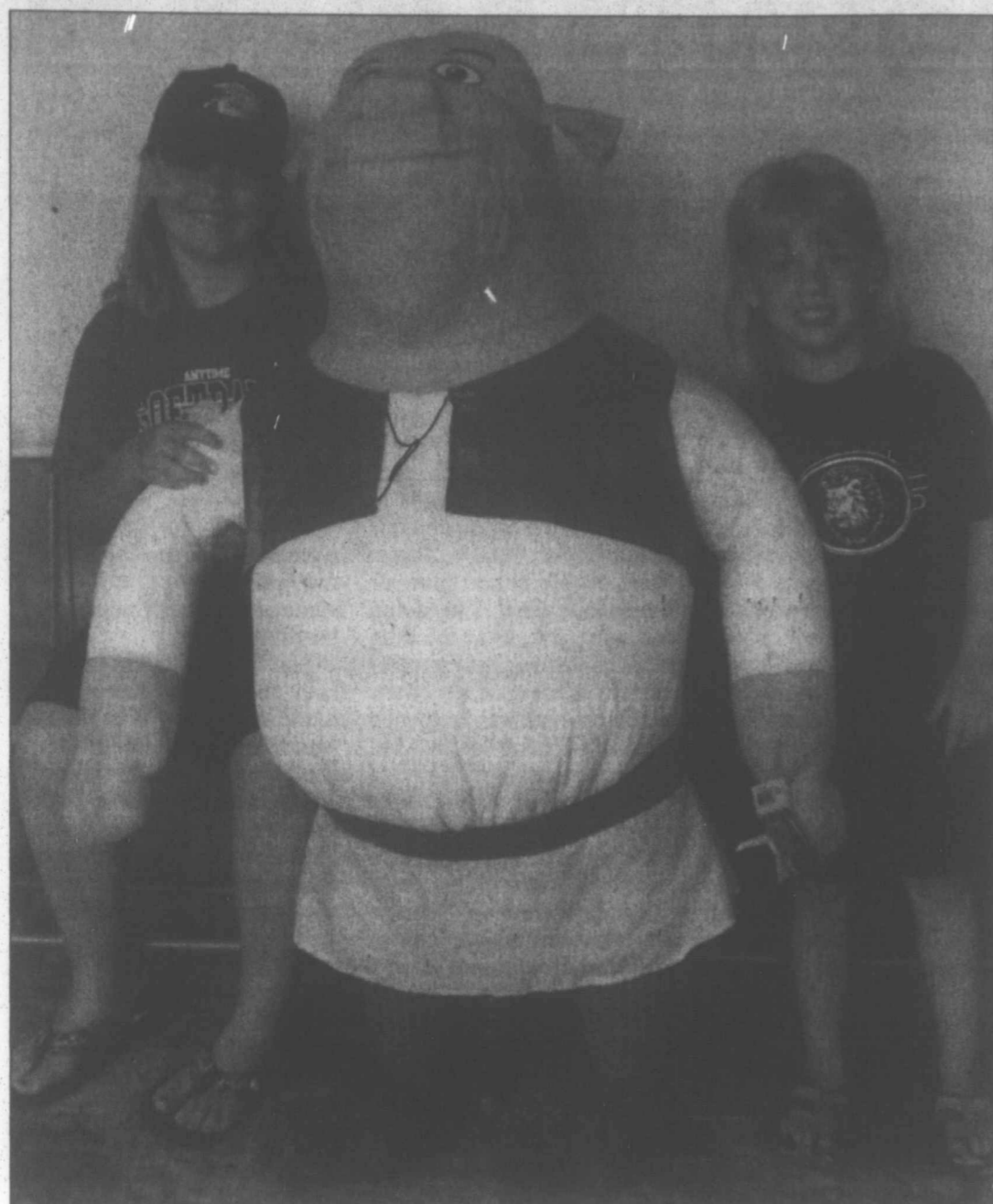
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Shrek winner



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United Supermarket recently had a drawing for a stuffed "Shrek," which turned out to be taller than the winner, Caitlynn Budd, 5, right. Her sister, Bailee Budd, 9, is also pictured with the winning character.

Bush tries to block resistance

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, wading deeper into an issue that bitterly divides his party, hopes a personal appeal to fellow Republicans at lunch today can save his immigration bill.

Bush scheduled a rare visit to the Capitol, seeking to change enough minds among GOP senators to salvage a top domestic priority. The measure, which legalizes up to 12 million unlawful immigrants and tightens border security, stalled last week in the face of broad Republican opposition.

"I think one of the things that we have to do is answer the skeptics, answer the doubters," White House press secretary Tony Snow said today.

"We not only have a good sound bill, but it's also one that a lot of conservatives, when they get a chance to look at it, will say OK," he said on NBC's "Today" show.

Scott Stanzel, another White House spokesman, said Bush "will talk about the fact that immigration reform is too important to let this opportunity pass, and this is the best opportunity that we have had in decades to reform the broken immigration system."

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., told CNN today that

Bush "needs to help us write a better bill and not push a bill that so many of us cannot support."

It's the president's latest and most overt attempt to sell Congress on the immigration overhaul, which was shaped by his views and drafted by an unlikely liberal-to-conservative coalition in close consultation with

two Cabinet secretaries.

"I'll see you at the bill signing," Bush predicted Monday.

The measure exposes deep divisions among both parties, but it was Republicans who stood in its way last week when all but seven of them blocked a Democratic effort to put it on a fast track to passage.

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U.S. adds to human trafficking blacklist

By MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today added seven nations, including several key U.S. allies in the Middle East, to its human trafficking blacklist for failing to halt what it called the scourge of "modern-day slavery."

Countries on the list are subject to possible sanctions for not doing enough to stop the yearly flow of some 800,000 people, 80 percent of them female and more than half of them children, across international borders for the sex trade and other forms of forced and indentured labor.

Among U.S. friends getting a failing grade were Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar, which along with Algeria, Equatorial Guinea and Malaysia joined for the first time perennial offenders like Myanmar (Burma), Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria in the State Department's annual "Trafficking in Persons Report."

Sixteen states in all — four more than in 2006 — were given so-called "Tier 3" status in the 236-page survey

of global efforts to combat trafficking in people, many of whom are seeking to escape poverty in Eastern Europe, South and Southeast Asia and are sold into the commercial sex trade, manual labor or mistreated as domestics.

Despite the additions, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said "more and more countries are coming to see human trafficking for what it is — a modern-day form of slavery that devastates families and communities around the world."

"We hope this report encourages responsible nations across the globe to stand together, to speak with one voice and to say that freedom and security are nonnegotiable demands of human dignity, and to say ... 'No one is fit to be a master and no one deserves to be a slave,'" she told reporters.

Countries with "Tier 3" ranking "do not fully comply with the minimum standards (to fight trafficking) and are not making significant efforts to do so," which makes them eligible for U.S. economic sanctions.

Three countries that had been placed on "Tier 3" in 2006 — Belize, Laos and

Zimbabwe — were promoted to "Tier 2" this year for improving their records, according to the report. "Tier 2" countries are those that do not fully comply with minimum standards but are making significant efforts to do so.

The recognition is rare U.S. praise for Zimbabwe, long singled out by Washington for harsh criticism on its overall human rights record, a point noted by Rice's pointman on the trafficking issue, Mark Lagon.

"Our relationship with the government is in a very critical state on other grounds but the facts are that through our leveraging and through our prodding, Zimbabwe has actually taken some tangible steps," he said.

Such lobbying has had far from a universal effect.

The seven newcomers to "Tier 3" were all demoted from "Tier 2 watchlist" status, which now covers 32 countries, including India, Mexico and Russia, that have been cited for poor anti-trafficking records for numerous consecutive years.

USDA proposes changes to help farmers

By CHET BROKAW

Associated Press Writer

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department is proposing changes in farm programs to better help farmers hurt by droughts, floods and other disasters, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said.

Current price support programs tend to help farmers when they grow the biggest crops, but give them too little help when they are unable to grow normal crops, he said Monday in a talk with 10 governors attending a Western Governors' Association annual meeting.

Johanns said farmers have told him "you pay me the most when I need you the least, and you pay me the least when I need you the most."

Under the current system, when farmers grow a bumper crop of corn,

soybeans or wheat, prices tend to drop and farmers qualify for price-support payments, Johanns said. But a farmer with a crop failure cannot get those payments.

Under the department's proposal, farm revenue would be taken into account in determining payments to farmers, Johanns said.

Johanns, a former governor of Nebraska, spent about an hour discussing the 2007 Farm Bill with the governors. He said he hopes Congress will pass the measure by September.

Farmers now are left wondering each year whether Congress will approve some drought disaster relief, Johanns said.

"There is nothing more unpredictable for farmers than wondering if disaster relief will come forward in a legislative package," he said.

Club

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Wagner, then the club's president.

They worked with the city on the parks. Mrs. Jimmy McCune drew up landscape plans for what is now Aspen Park. R.L. Studebaker designed the Yeager-Starkweather Park with terraced slopes. Mrs. Irvin Pursley designed

Ward-Hobart Park.

In 1960, the club gave 600 red bud trees to fourth grade students with instructions on planting and caring for the trees.

In 1963, they planted 50 rose bushes at the Central and South Fire Stations.

Bray originated the plan for the Hike and Bike Trail in 1967. It was designed by Hazel McCune. The Gray Pampa Foundation provided \$10,000 in funding.

The club designed and developed the Harvester-

Duncan Park in 1968.

In 1970, Mrs. James Malone, then president of the club, designed a capsule garden with a green brick patio on the north side of Pampa High School.

It was the Pampa Garden Club that landscaped M.K. Brown Auditorium in 1974.

That part of Pampa's history has now come to an end.

"It was a great organization," said Bray, last of the 55 charter members that started the club.

Bond

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trauma to the head, Switzer said. A complete autopsy report has not yet been received, she said.

Child Protective Services was also notified of the incident and has been conducting their own investigation into the death, according to police records. Obituary records indicate that there is one other child in the home.

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Viewpoints

Random acts of kindness warm the heart

I wrote in a previous column about random acts of kindness. I experienced another such incident during the Burnin' the Bricks in June events last weekend.

I had driven out to Perry LeFors Airport and found a parking space at the landing strip where the drag races were being held. I got out my camera and notepad and locked my car, and I headed for the temporary fence marking the boundary between spectators' country and the area for racers, event staff and other select individuals only.

Several canopies had been put up along the barricade by spectators so they could watch the races in the comfort of a shady spot. As I passed between two such

canopies, a man under the one on my left approached me to tell me about a big catfish that the woman with him had recently caught.

This periodically happens to me, and I have never gotten used to it. There is something unnerving about being recognized and called by name by someone I barely know, haven't seen in a long time or don't know at all and never saw before in my life. Although it is unnerving, I have to admit it is also very flattering and a huge boost to my ego.

We visited for a moment and then the man offered me a seat in a comfy chair under the canopy. At that moment, there was a lull between races, so I decided to accept. I gratefully got a load off

my feet and was offered an ice-cold soft drink. Then, when the racing resumed and I got up to step forward to the barricade to take photos for the newspaper, after a moment I found myself in the shade of an umbrella being held over me by the man.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



I had gathered my long hair and twisted it, then tucked it underneath my camera strap and camera case strap so the long strands wouldn't blow across my camera lens and ruin any photos I was taking. The woman under the canopy came up with a cloth hair elastic so I could

keep my hair back without it escaping from underneath the camera gear's straps.

I even got to pet their cute dog, who was also enjoying the canopy's shade.

We visited about a variety of things while I was there, and the conversation was as enjoyable as the shade and attention were.

As I left after taking photos, I thanked them for being so gracious, generous and kind.

I could not help pondering the contrast between those people and one that I ran across during last month's Mud Bog.

In order to take photos that are usable in the newspaper, I can't hide at the back of a crowd. I have to get clear shots of the subject without a lot of people between me and my target.

This sometimes results in me interfering with someone else's view of the event. Most people either know or figure out what I'm doing and why, and, as at the drag races Saturday, even offer me a spot under their canopy, which has happened the past two years at the Mud Bog.

But once in awhile there are those who are mad as heck and aren't going to take it.

I had moved up close to the barricade at one side of the Mud Bog trench to get

some photos from a different angle to those which I had been taking, and of course I had to stand up to take photos or I would have had the orange plastic fence barricade between me and my subject.

I did not see the young woman behind me as I took a few photos from my new vantage spot. But I definitely heard her.

She started talking to a man nearby, and the gist of the conversation was that I was in her line of sight and she couldn't see anything without getting out of her chair and moving, and she didn't come to the Mud Bog to watch my backside.

I wasn't going to stay
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2007. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1987, President Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1957, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey died in New York at age 53.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson,

Miss.; he was 37. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1963, one of Hollywood's most notoriously expensive productions, "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Rex Harrison, opened in New York.

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1978, David Berkowitz was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for each of the six "Son of Sam" .44-caliber killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1981, major league baseball players began a 49-day strike over the issue of free-agent compensation. (The season did not resume until Aug. 10.)

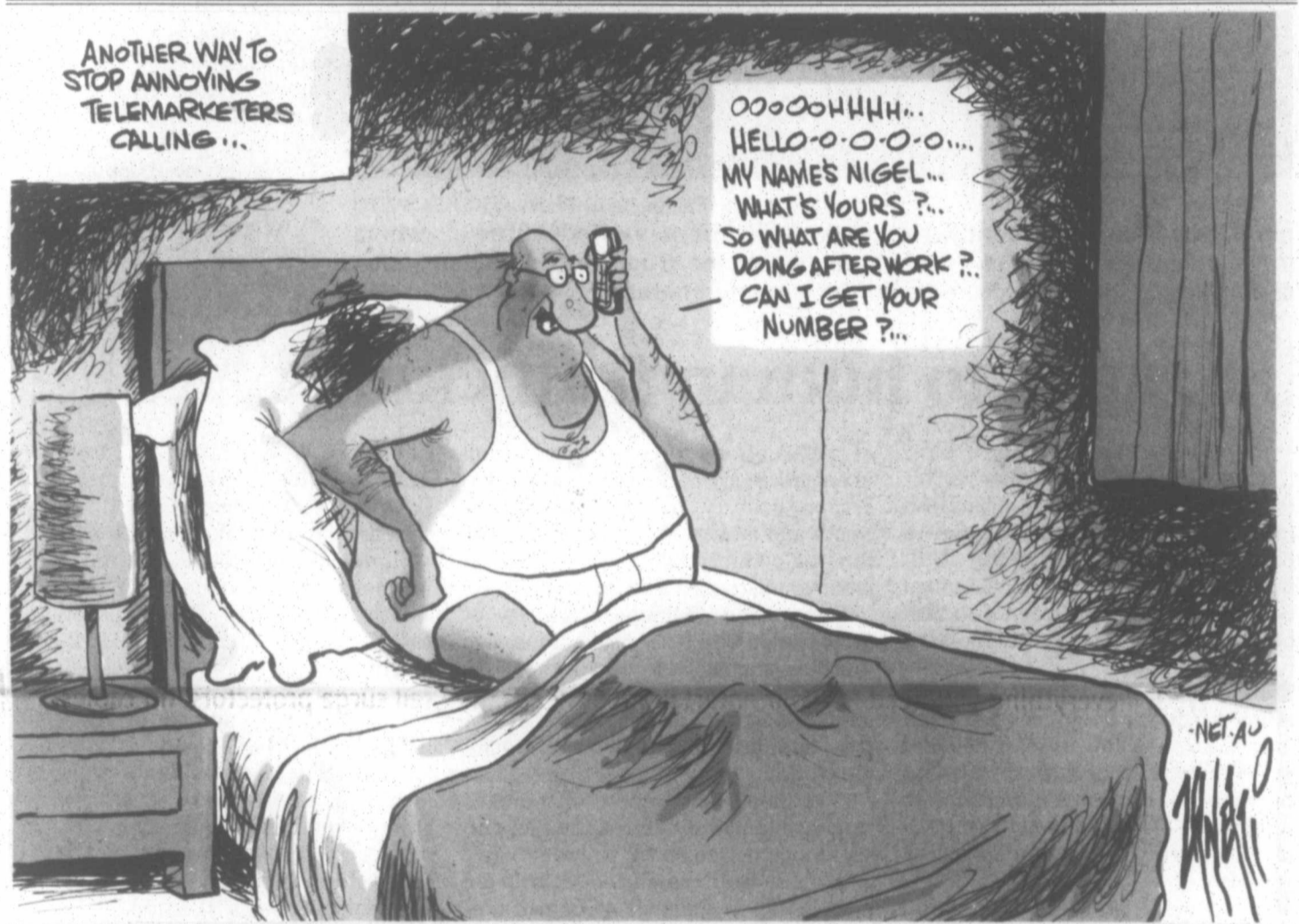
Ten years ago: The Treasury Department unveiled a new \$50 bill meant to be more counterfeit-resistant. Baseball began interleague play, ending a 126-year tradition of separating the major leagues until the World Series.

Five years ago: The Los Angeles Lakers finished off the New Jersey Nets in four games, winning their third straight NBA title with the 113-107 victory. Fashion designer Bill Blass died in Washington, Conn., at age 79.

One year ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq named a successor to slain leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, identified by the nom de guerre Abu Hamza al-Muhajer. FBI statistics showed violent crime across the U.S. surged in 2005 by the largest margin in 15 years.

'Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning.'

—George Eliot
English novelist
(1819-1880)



Socialism: Compassion versus reality

Dr. Thomas Sowell, a distinguished economist and longtime friend and colleague, recently wrote a series of columns under the title "A War of Words." He pointed out that liberals succeed in duping the public because they are so clever with words that they give the appearance of compassion. Liberals talk about the need for "affordable" housing and health care. They tarnish their enemies with terms such as "price-gouging" and "corporate greed." Uninformed and unthinking Americans fall easy prey to this demagoguery.

Politicians exploit public demands that government ought to do something about this or that problem by taking measures giving them greater control over our lives. For the most part,

whatever politicians do, whether it's rent controls to produce "affordable" housing, or price controls to eliminate "price-gouging," the result is a calamity worse than the original problem. For example, two of the most costly housing markets are the rent-controlled cities of San Francisco and New York. If you're over 40, you'll remember the chaos produced by the gasoline price controls of the 1970s. Socialist agendas have considerable appeal, but they produce disaster, and the more socialist they are, the greater the disaster. Liberals often denounce free markets as immoral.

The reality is exactly the opposite. Free markets, characterized by peaceable, voluntary exchange, with respect for property rights and the rule of law, are more moral than any other system of resource allocation.

Let's examine just one reason for the superior morality of free markets.

Say that I mow your lawn and you pay me \$30, which we might think of as certificates of performance. Having mowed your lawn, I visit my grocer and demand that my fellow men serve me by giving me 3 pounds of steak and a six-pack of beer. In effect, the grocer asks, "Williams, you're demand-

ing that your fellow man, as ranchers and brewers, serve you; what did you do to serve your fellow man?" I say, "I mowed his lawn." The grocer says, "Prove it!" That's when I hand over my certificates of performance — the \$30.

Look at the morality of a resource allocation method that requires that I serve my fellow man in order to have a claim on what he produces and contrast it with government resource allocation. The government can say, "Williams, you don't have to serve your fellow man; through our tax code, we'll take what he produces and give it to you." Of course, if I were to privately take what my fellow man produced, we'd call it theft. The only difference is when the gov-
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Walter Williams
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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 3
The Dallas Morning News on the direction of the Texas Education Agency:

Texas Education Agency Commissioner Shirley Neeley's appointment expired in January, and Gov. Rick Perry remains mum on whether he will reappoint her to another term.

Based on her less-than-straightforward handling of suspected cheating on the state's accountability tests last year, Ms. Neeley doesn't warrant another term. But the governor is poorly handling the selection process.

By delaying his decision on this

high-profile education post until after the legislative session, he would deprive the state Senate of the opportunity to review the appointee for about 18 months.

It's simply poor form to make appointments this way, and we hope this isn't a politically calculated tactic to slip a controversial or unacceptable nominee into such an important post.

That said, Ms. Neeley has been a disappointment. She came to the office three years ago with a reputation as an energetic, results-oriented educator and administrative cheerleader, based on her performance as superintendent of the Galena Park ISD near Houston. At the time, Mr. Perry called her "the ideal Texan to lead the Texas Education Agency."

Then came the cheating allegations,

in which Ms. Neeley's responses were uninspired. TEA bobbed, weaved and stumbled with tortured and confusing explanations, rightly angering parents, taxpayers and school superintendents.

If test results are suspect and the education agency seems to minimize the matter how can Texans be confident that academic progress is being made in the classroom? How else can education officials determine whether students are achieving or failing, whether campuses are succeeding and whether teachers warrant merit pay?

Ms. Neeley's foot-dragging amounted to clumsy damage control when the agency needed hard-nosed leadership and given us little faith that she's up to the task. The next education commissioner must do better.

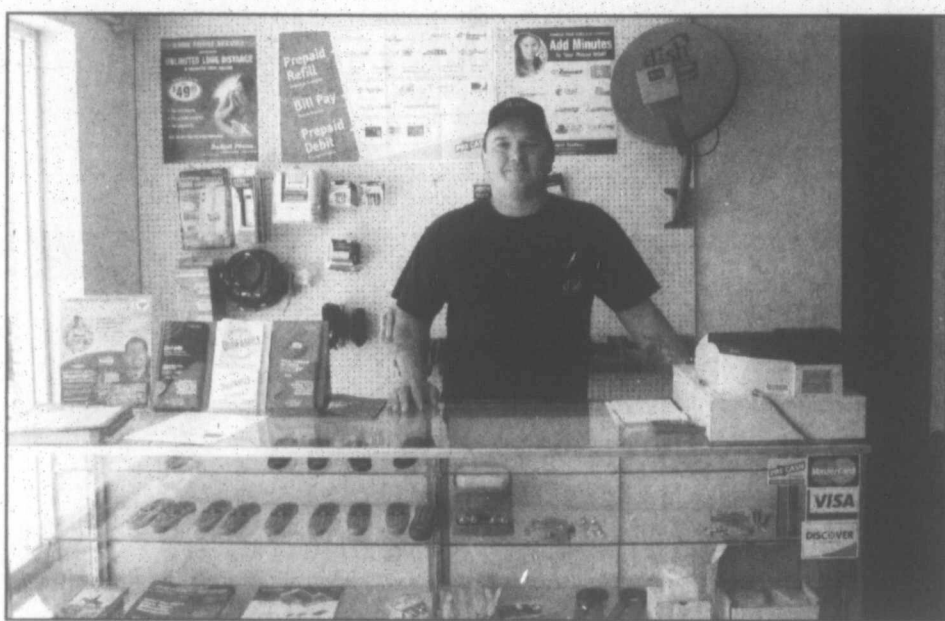
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Although this seldom happens, I disagree with your response to "Worried Sick in Pflugerville, Texas" (April 18). Her 18-year-old daughter, "Cameron," wants to make a road trip from Texas to California after her graduation. By the time my daughter graduated from high school and turned 18, she had already been working for two years and had bought her own car. I was a single parent, and she had also helped with the rent, groceries and utilities — and still managed to graduate with a 3.9 GPA. She went to San Francisco, Chicago and Las Vegas that summer after graduation — then returned home, got her own apartment, and continued working at the same grocery store another two years before deciding her career path. When our children turn 18, they are (by law) adults, and should not have to answer to their parents about their vacation plans. If parents have placed some responsibility on their children's shoulders while growing up, they usually have their feet firmly planted on the ground by the time they are 18. Mom should untie those apron strings and allow Cameron to shine with the lessons she taught her. — **DIANA, HELENA, MONT.**

DEAR DIANA: Call me overly cautious, but I was surprised at the number of people who wrote in support of "Cameron's" road trip — even including some handy tips. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: There comes a time when grown adults need to discover the world on their own terms. Our country is waiting to be discovered! There is so much to see. Your advice about taking friends along was a good one. But instead of being worried, that mother should help her daughter plan it out — from road maps, to emergency kits, to learning how to change a tire. "Worried" can allay her fears if she teaches her daughter

one last lesson: how to be prepared for the adventure of a lifetime. — **CINCINNATI TO CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: "Cameron" will learn more about her country and the good people who make it up. She will also be exposed to new careers, climates, geography and, yes, adventures. While all parents worry when a child first leaves the nest, this could be the kind of experience that will make "Cameron" more self-sufficient and ready for the real world. Denying such a trip for "safety's sake" is the same as never crossing the street because of "those dangerous cars." A life never lived is a life lost. — **READER IN BRECKENRIDGE, COLO.**

DEAR ABBY: As a teen, I understand her daughter perfectly. After graduating from high school, many people take road trips. It's a liberating, coming-of-age experience. Besides, it will teach her how to become independent. And I don't know why anyone would want to take that away from her. I hope "Worried Sick" realizes that you gotta let go sometimes. — **SAN FRANCISCO TEEN**

DEAR ABBY: "Cameron's" parents should do as mine did the first time I set off: Make sure she gets an AAA membership. It offers maps, travel guides, and hotel and camping guides that are invaluable. Insist she has her car checked out, and deal with any problems before she goes. Talk a little about safety — what to do in certain situations, and what to do if she gets tired on the road. If she doesn't have a cell phone, she should get one. They have raised a young woman who is bold, confident and ready to face the world on her terms. Now it's time to be supportive of her and very proud of themselves! — **FEMALE TRAVELER IN FLORIDA**

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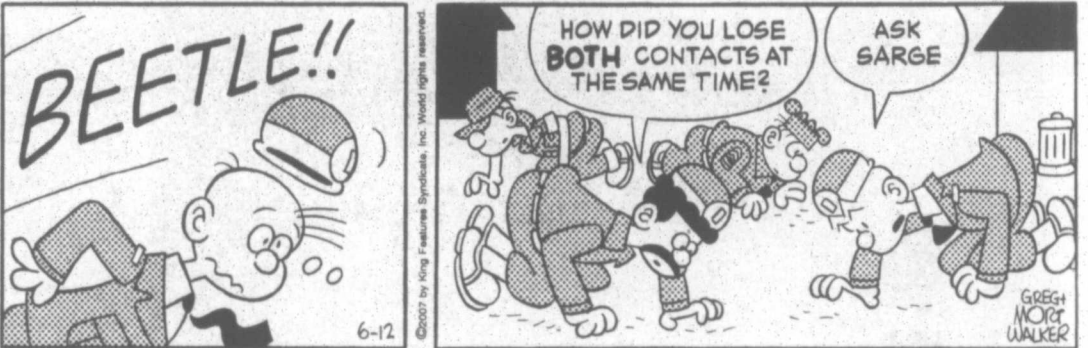
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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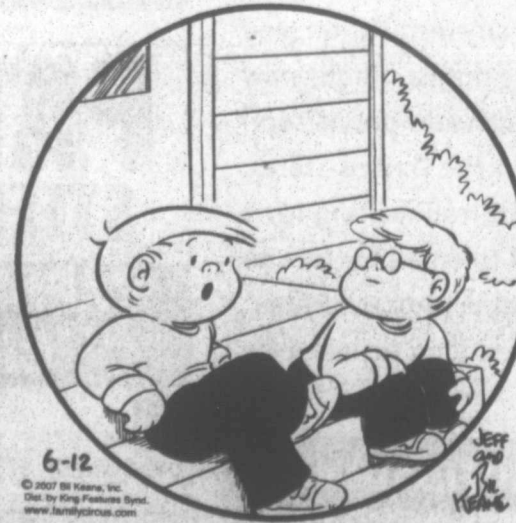
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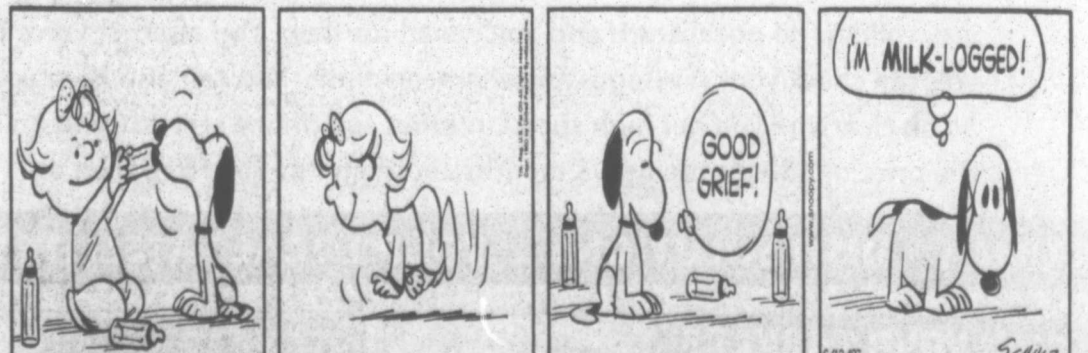
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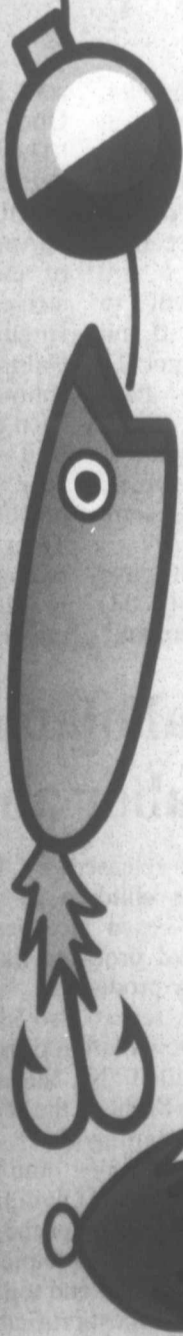


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Sports Day

Glo-Valve advances through winners' bracket

Schrade Thompson hammered three hits, including a double, scored twice, had one RBI and stole five bases to lead Glo-Valve to a 13-3 victory over Cabot Corp. Monday in Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament action.

Seeded No. 1, Glo-Valve will face second seed Celanese Corp. at 7:45 p.m. today at Optimist Park in a battle of unbeaten in the winners' bracket.

Reid Miller won his 11th game of the season allowing no runs or hits in two innings. He walked two and struck out four. Krysten Miller came on in the third inning and allowed two hits and two walks but no earned runs. Zach Graves finished up the fourth inning by striking out all three batters he faced. Brandon Yates, Kyle Smith

and Jarrett Daugherty pitched for Cabot.

In the bottom of the first inning Reid Miller led off with a single and two stolen bases. After Sam Cain was hit by a pitch and Graves walked, cleanup hitter Nick Rodriguez drilled a two RBI single up the middle. Graves scored after being caught in a hot box. Rodriguez scored easily on a double by Thompson.

Glo-Valve stretched its lead in the second inning. Keegan Jernigan singled to right field and stole second. He came in on a single by Cain. Cain took second on the throw to the plate and stole third. He kept going when the catcher's throw went into left field. Graves walked, stole second, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on an error.

Cabot rallied in the third. Tyler Montgomery singled sharply to left field. J. T. Brown made it to second on an error which sent Montgomery to third. Montgomery scored when Smith grounded out. Brown scored on a ground out by Yates. Taylor Woods walked and scored all the way from first on a single by Matt Arnold and a Glo-Valve error. Glo-Valve's lead shrunk to 7-3.

Glo-Valve got the runs back in the bottom of the third. Thompson opened with a single up the middle and stole second and third. He tallied on an errant pickoff attempt. With two outs Jernigan was hit by a pitch. He stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. Reid Miller drew a walk on a wild pitch which scored Jernigan. Reid Miller kept going and wound up on third base

on a fielder's choice and an error. He trotted home a short time later on a wild pitch.

Glo-Valve scored the final runs of the game in the bottom of the fourth. Walks to Graves, Rodriguez, Krysten Miller and Nickie Wells, a single by Thompson and a perfectly executed double steal by Wells and Thompson brought in three runs ending the game by the 10-run rule.

Spencer Nicholson made the outstanding defensive play of the game for Cabot by throwing to Woods at third to catch a runner stealing.

Glo-Valve's Rodriguez went to the left field fence to retrieve a ball, fired to Thompson at short, who made a perfect relay throw to Corey McCarn at third to end Cabot's rally in the third. McCarn

also snagged a pop up and alertly doubled a runner off first for another outstanding defensive play for Glo-Valve.

In an elimination game Rotary Club evened its City Tournament record at 1-1 with a 14-4 win over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency. Chris Garcia picked up the win pitching the first two innings. He received help from Riley Douglas and Cody Parks. Parks slammed a three-run homer to seal the game for Rotary.

Rotary will play Cabot at 5:45 p.m. today in an elimination game. The winner of that game will face the loser of the Glo-Valve and Celanese game at 5:45 p.m. Thursday. The finals are scheduled for Friday.

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Even LeBron can't keep Cavs from getting whacked in finals

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

Tony Soprano can be blamed for a lot of things, not the least of which is leaving us hanging while he and his family calmly ate onion rings the other night.

Just don't blame him for whacking the NBA finals. For that, the Cleveland Cavaliers are public enemy No. 1.

Things got so bad in San Antonio the other night that not even a desperate housewife could make things interesting. Eva Longoria was court-side as usual, but when LeBron James didn't show up for the first half there wasn't much else worth looking at.

The ratings reflected that, though there was speculation Tony and his gang might have had something to do with the game losing a big chunk of the viewers who watched last year's Game 2 between Dallas and Miami.

But even America's favorite wise guy couldn't dream of doing something as big as rubbing out interest in what increasingly looks like one of the biggest mismatch-

es in finals history.

Pin that on the player who would be king, and a band of court jesters who might as well have been watching the final episode of "The Sopranos" for all the good they were in the first two games of this series.

James was never going to win this finals by himself, not against a team with a superstar of its own, a guy playing for his seventh ring, and an international cast of characters. Even Michael Jordan wouldn't have beaten these Spurs if he didn't have teammates by the name of Pippen, Grant and Paxon.

James, of course, has carried the burden of being labeled the next Jordan even before he was drafted out of high school four years ago to play for the Cavs. So both the Nike marketing machine and the NBA had to be salivating when he led his team to an upset win over Detroit to make the finals.

But now this is simply a classic case of too much, too



soon, with too little help.

James struggled in the first game, and got into early foul trouble in the second. He did manage to make the game somewhat interesting in the fourth quarter on Sunday, but by then the outcome had long been decided.

About all Cavaliers coach Mike Brown could do was find solace in the fact his team didn't quit. That and look forward to a week in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers will at least have some comfortable beds to sleep in and a crowd that might get them interested in the series once again.

"It'll be a huge challenge," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said while presum-

ably trying hard to keep a straight face. "They've played well there, and I think they'll feel a lot looser."

The problem for the Cavaliers, though, runs much deeper than being loose and aggressive. They have James, but they're up against a much better and much more experienced team that goes calmly about its business no matter who is put in front of them.

Tim Duncan is the best inside player in the game, Manu Ginobili is the finest sixth man in the league, and Tony Parker is becoming as big a star as his main squeeze and future wife. Add in Robert Horry, who has six rings already and doesn't

flinch at taking the big shot when needed, and there's a lot to like about the Spurs.

The Cavaliers, meanwhile, counter with James, James and James.

That hasn't been enough to be competitive with the Spurs, or enough to make America pay attention. With teams in small markets in the finals,

ratings are down despite the best efforts to hype James as the face of this series.

ABC is getting so desperate that not only are its cameras focusing in on Longoria, but that her upcoming marriage to Parker was discussed during half-time of Game 2. Can't blame the network, though, for trying to salvage some publicity for "Desperate Housewives" even as its investment in the finals evaporates.

The fans in Cleveland, meanwhile, are trying to do their part. They have to believe not only have the Cavaliers not won a title in their 37 years but no major

sports team in the city has won a championship since the Browns upset the Baltimore Colts in the 1964 NFL title game.

To help out, the mayor of Cleveland asked all businesses in the downtown area to keep their lights on until midnight every night the Cavs play. That could disorient the Spurs, who come from a city not used to having lights on that late.

Actually, the Cavaliers may win a game because this is the NBA, after all, and things do happen. Sweeps aren't good for the league or its ratings, and ABC will take a big advertising hit if there is no game in primetime next Sunday night.

But don't count on the series returning to San Antonio for Game 6. The Spurs are too talented, too motivated, and too relentless to let that happen.

Tony Soprano is finally done. This series won't last much longer.

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'Big Z' leads Chicago over Houston

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Zambrano delivered with his pitches and his bat. Then he delivered this message: "Big Z is back on track," he said.

Looking more like the NL All-Star he was last season than the erratic pitcher who got into a fight with his catcher, Michael Barrett, 10 days before, Zambrano had one of his strongest outings against a favorite opponent Monday night.

He allowed three hits and an unearned run in eight innings and also homered to give the Chicago Cubs a 2-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

With Koyie Hill behind the plate instead of Barrett in both outings since the altercation, Zambrano has two wins.

"This is a new season for me. When you have great pitches and trust in yourself, you just let the bad things go and start new things," Zambrano said. "That's what I'm doing right now."

In his first appearance at Wrigley Field since his June 1 fight with Barrett,

Zambrano threw 128 pitches and outdueled hard-luck loser Woody Williams.

Zambrano gave Barrett a black eye and sent him to a hospital for six stitches in his lip after they tussled in the dugout and the clubhouse during a loss to Atlanta.

Zambrano and Hill seem to have hit it off, so it's hard to tell when or if Barrett will catch Zambrano again.

"I'm really comfortable with him and I think he's really comfortable with me," Hill said. "I think it's just a breath of fresh air. He turned the page on some stuff and really focused in on what he needs to do."

Zambrano (7-5) had a two-hit shutout going into the eighth when Mike Lamb led off with a walk and pinch-hitter Luke Scott singled as diving center fielder Felix Pie couldn't come up with his sinking liner.

Brad Ausmus hit a grounder to third and Mark DeRosa threw to second for the force, but second baseman Mike Fontenot's relay to first was wild for an error

that allowed Lamb to score. Zambrano got out of the inning by striking out pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro and getting Craig Biggio to fly out to the left-field wall, then typically showed his emotions by jumping as he came off the mound.

"He was real tough. That's the Zambrano everyone is used to seeing," Houston's Lance Berkman said. "It seems like whenever he pitches against us, he doesn't have any problems finding his 'A' game."

Zambrano was 3-0 against the Astros last season and is 9-5 against them in his career. In his last six starts against Houston, he's allowed only three earned runs in 46 innings.

Ausmus and Berkman also singled off Zambrano, who walked one and struck out eight.

Ryan Dempster, who blew a save chance Sunday night when he gave up three runs in the eighth inning, pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 15 opportunities.

Jones quits NBA draft to stay with Aggies

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M forward Joseph Jones said he has withdrawn his name from the NBA draft and will return to the Aggies for his senior season.

Jones said last month that he would participate in the draft if he thought he would be one of the top 15 picks. He did not hire an agent, thus protecting his college eligibility.

"I feel like I was not getting the response

from the NBA people in the spot I wanted to be in, which is the first round or something guaranteed," Jones said in an interview with Houston station KRIV.

Jones has started 94 games, and he averaged 13.4 points and 6.7 rebounds last season as the Aggies finished second in the Big 12 and advanced to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament.

Welcome to Oakmont — and let the bogeys begin

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — They've heard the horror stories about Oakmont, now they're experiencing them up close. The bunkers that look like they could swallow a football field, the greens where a putt even slightly off line might roll all the way to Pittsburgh.

It's been 13 years since the U.S. Open last visited Oakmont, home of the most fearsome greens in American championship golf. That's plenty enough time for the field to have changed considerably — Arnold Palmer was still

playing Opens back in 1994, and Tiger Woods was an amateur — and for new myths to be created for golfers who have yet to tread 7,200 of the sport's scariest yards.

"It is stifling difficult, to the point of walking off and feeling like you've got 12 rounds with Ali," Paul Goydos said Monday.

Johnny Miller's advice to all these Oakmont newbies: Believe the stories. Beware of Oakmont.

"Only a couple of guys broke 70 in the whole (2003) U.S. Amateur at Oakmont,"

said Miller, the 1973 U.S. Open winner at Oakmont. "They know it's going to be a good test. ... There's some brutal holes out there."

Among the major topics of discussion as the field arrives at Oakmont is the length of the rough, which Oakmont superintendent John Zimmers insists has been cut — he just didn't say if it was last week or last year. Jim Furyk, playing a practice round Monday with Tiger Woods, can't recall seeing rough so threateningly high or thick during a major.

Top Chinese union official blames foreign businesses for Olympic labor abuses

BEIJING (AP) — A top Chinese union official is blaming foreign businesses for alleged labor abuse — including child labor — in the production of official Olympic-licensed products in southern China.

"We welcome foreign companies that respect Chinese laws and look after their workers," Xie Liangmin, a senior official with the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, said today in the state-run China Daily newspaper. "Those relying on cheap labor and making profits by violating workers' rights will finally be ousted."

The ACFTU is the Communist Party-controlled umbrella group for government approved unions.

Xie's threat is the latest fallout from a

report released by PlayFair 2008, which alleges children as young as 12 work at China-based factories producing Olympic-licensed products like bags, caps and stationery products.

The report also alleges forced overtime and the violation of minimum-wage rules.

Entitled "No Medal for the Olympics on Labor Rights," the report was critical of the local Beijing 2008 Olympics organizing committee — and the Lausanne-based International Olympic Committee — for failing to monitor the production.

The 2008 Olympics are dwarfing records for spending, and top IOC officials expect it to be the most profitable. Beijing is spending about \$40 billion to modernize the city.

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 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Expect nothing, and you won't be surprised. You will have to take a stronger role in events that follow. You have tremendous understanding. Your intuitive actions pay off with a mundane or daily issue. Tonight: Expect to be out or working into the wee hours.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ A smile might cave in a difficult person or situation. Finally you feel as if you are in the game and not a spectator. Dig as much as you need to in order to get the true facts. Anchor in on possibilities. Tonight: Trust that the action is where you are.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ A key partnership or tie allows more possibilities. Though you might not even realize it, others notice that you are going around with a huge smile on your face. Trust one adviser or special friend.

Accept a compliment graciously. Tonight: Go along with another's whims.
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Events calendar

• **The 61st annual Dumas Noon Lions Club Dogie Days** celebration will be Wednesday through Saturday at McDade Park in Dumas. The event will include a barbecue, a midway, a parade with prizes, games and more. For more information, contact Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce at (806) 935-2123.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. 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(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 or 3:30 p.m., June 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. June 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

• **An investigator with the Texas Workforce Commission** Civil Rights Division will be at the American Red Cross, Panhandle chapter, for scheduled appointments until June 30. If you suspect housing or employment discrimination, call (512) 632-7021 to make an appointment.

• **The postmark deadline** to enter the International Library of Poetry's free poetry contest is June 30. To

enter, send one poem of 20 lines or less to the International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For more information, log onto www.poetry.com on the Internet.

• **The entry deadline for "TPS 16: The National Competition"** of the Texas Photographic Society is July 5. The exhibition will open in Austin and tour Odessa, Houston, New York City and San Francisco. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (210) 824-4123 or log onto www.texasphoto.org on the Internet.

• **Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation** will offer "Life Choices" from 1:30-3 p.m. July 9-13 for ninth and 10th graders; "The Hot Head Cool Down" from 2-4 p.m. July 16-20 for youth 11-14 years of age; and "Dating Smart" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 1, 3, 8 and 10 for girls 15-16 years of age. Cost of each class is free. "The Hot Head Cool Down" and "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. "Life Choices" will be conducted at DSC Library in Hereford. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806) 363-7695 in Hereford.

• **Borger will be the site of the second round** of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America work-

shops scheduled from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at Hutchinson County Museum.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, upcoming schedule of activities include the following events: 61st National Convention, Aug. 13-19, Harrisburg, Pa.; National Airborne Day, Aug. 16; and 45th All Ohio Day's, Oct. 19-20, Clearwater, Ohio. For more information and membership details, call (937) 898-5977.

• **The 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show** is scheduled at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds in Pampa Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 19-21, respectively. In case of inclement weather, Aug. 22 will serve as a make-up day for any performances of the Kid Pony Show that did not go as scheduled. A rodeo parade is planned at 10 a.m. Aug. 25.

• **The next USS Maddox Destroyer Association** will be Sept. 13-16 in Herndon, Va., in the Washington, D.C., area. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 2118 Hines Rd., Jennings, LA 70546, (337) 616-8450.

• **The National Museum of the Pacific War** will present its Pacific Combat Show Sept. 22-23, and Nov. 10-11 in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.

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there long, anyway, and I decided it was time to move on to a new spot. I turned and told her as politely as I could that if I was in her way, all she had to do was ask me to move and I

would.

She didn't expect me to turn and speak directly to her, and appeared a little flustered. I calmly and without another word moved away and in fact walked clear around to the other side of the trench to take more pictures.

I don't blame that young woman a bit for being aggravated that some stranger was interfering with her

enjoyment of the events. But there are better ways to handle aggravation than to complain loudly to everyone but the subject of that aggravation.

I hope she thinks twice about how she handles such a situation in the future. It just might keep her from endangering herself by angering the wrong person.

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ernment does it, that theft is legal but nonetheless theft — the taking of one person's rightful property to give to another.

Liberals love to talk about this or that human right, such as a right to health care, food or housing. That's a perverse usage of the term "right." A right, such as a right to free speech, imposes no obligation on another, except that of non-interference. The

so-called right to health care, food or housing, whether a person can afford it or not, is something entirely different; it does impose an obligation on another.

If one person has a right to something he didn't produce, simultaneously and of necessity it means that some other person does not have right to something he did produce. That's because, since there's no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy, in order for government to give one American a dollar, it must, through intimidation, threats and coercion, confiscate that dollar from some other American. I'd like to hear the

moral argument for taking what belongs to one person to give to another person.

There are people in need of help. Charity is one of the nobler human motivations. The act of reaching into one's own pockets to help a fellow man in need is praiseworthy and laudable. Reaching into someone else's pocket is despicable and worthy of condemnation.

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