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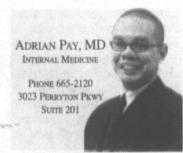
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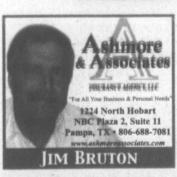
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With walls missing and the yard filled with overgrown weeds and trash, the city plans to contact the owner of this property in the 800 block of East Locust and offer to demolish the structure and mow the weeds.

## Dilapidated structures addressed

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Some property owners in the 800 block of East Locust are about to get letters from the city of Pampa.

While some of the homes along this tree-lined street are spotless and well kept, Pampa City Commissioner Robert Dixon said others look abandoned and are grown up in weeds and grass.

'It's horrendous. abandoned homes.

He said that upon checking, many of the derelict structures are on property with past due taxes. The property owners generally live elsewhere. At least one lives in Fort Worth now. Another owner lives in South Dakota.

Dixon said the abandoned homes are safety and health hazards.

"One match and they'd all go up in flames," Dixon said.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said he was worried about mosquitoes in the

overgrown yards. Horst said he would like to hire someone during the summer to cut down such

"We're doing the numbers now," Horst said. "We cut what we can."

Dixon said the dilapidated structures are also an evesore.

"I'm all in favor of money spent to welcome people to Pampa," Dixon said with reference to the Pampa Rotary Club's sign project, "but what are we welcoming them

Horst said that the city had started demolishing such buildings two years ago, but a shortage of manpower recently has

delayed the program. Horst said the city has a list of abandoned buildings to be torn down, but at two a week, it will take four years to tear them all down.

'We've improved," Horst said, "but we're still way behind."

While the city has the authority to cut weeds and grass in overgrown yards, Horst said it can take time to take over a property that's delinquent in taxes or to do anything about derelict buildings where the taxes have been paid.

As part of the city's demolition program, Horst said the city sends the property owner a release to sign allowing the city to tear down the houses and out buildings that could be a safety hazard or nuisance on the property owner's lots.

## Police seeking painting vandals

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department is stepping up efforts to stem a rising tide of criminal mischief which has sprung up inrecent days.

Many of the incidents reported to the department concern spray painting done on buildings. At least two incidents, at businesses in the 100 block of North Somerville and the 400 block of West Kingsmill, were reported Sunday. Four additional reports concerning spray painting were received by PPD on Monday.

The four reports received Monday concern two build-

ings in the 400 block of West Kingsmill, one in the 300 block of West Foster and a second incident involving the same building in the 100 block of North Somerville which had been previously spray painted.

Broken windows account for other criminal mischief reports received recently at the police department. Three reports, received Friday, Saturday and Monday, concern windows broken at Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway. Total cost of damage done at the mall since Friday is \$1,040.

The window breakers

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Stanley Gray, a volunteer with the Lunch in the Park program, places food and a drink in a sack for Samantha Munoz as Crystal Ruiz and Mary Tamayo wait their turn for the lunches.

## **Lunch in the Park** needs volunteers

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A free lunch to all children ages 1 to 18 is being served each weekday now through July 27 at five locations around Pampa.

The only weekday the lunches will not be provided is July 4, in observance of Independence Day, said Debbie Middleton, director of child nutrition for Pampa Independent School District.

Food for the meals is provided by the school district, which is reimbursed for the cost of the program by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. Meals are prepared by Lamar Elementary School cafeteria staff.

Hot and cold lunches are served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Horace Mann building in the 400 block of North Faulkner, Central Park at 501 N. Cuyler and Marcus Sanders

Swimmning Pool, 438 W. Crawford. Serving time at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, 701 E. Kentucky, is 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Hot breakfast and lunch is served at Lamar Elementary, 1234 S. Nelson. Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two volunteers are asked

to work at each location for 45 minutes to one hour, one day per week. Between 60 and 70 volunteers are needed to staff the program.

"That's the only way we can make this program work, is to have volunteers," Middleton said.

Anyone wishing to volunteer may call Carolyn Stroud at Harvest House, 665-4042. Stroud coordinates volunteers for the Lunch in the Park program.

Adults may also eat Lunch in the Park meals, but will be charged \$3.



Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society's 10th Annual

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

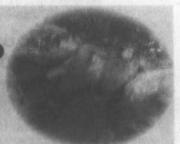
Almost lost among the weeds and grass, a once white stucco house now

sits open and dilapidated in the 800 block of East Locust.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Services tomorrow

BRUMMETT, Geraldine — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Osage Gardens, Skiatook, Okla.

#### Johnnie Sypert McLaughlin, 81

HEMPHILL, Texas -Johnnie Sypert McLaughlin, 81, died Sunday, June 17, 2007 in Hemphill. At her request, Mrs. McLaughlin donated her body to the University of Texas School of Medicine Research Center in Houston.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2007, at Fairdale Baptist Church in Fairdale, Texas, with the Rev. Forest L. "Bo" Owens, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Carnes Funeral Home of Texas City.

Geraldine Brummett, 68,

of Barnsdall, Okla., died at

Continuous Care Unit in

Bartlesville. Graveside serv-

ices are scheduled for 10

a.m. Wednesday in the

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born Feb. 1926, in Durant, Okla. She graduated from Durant High School and received her RN from the Dallas School of Nursing. She resided in Pampa from 1950 until 1976 where she was a member

of First Baptist

Church. She was a school nurse

Mrs. McLaughlin was Grandview, and Cisco ISDs. She married Don McLaughlin

on May 1, 1976. McLaughlin was a member of Fairdale Baptist Church Fairdale, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Smith Boyce

(Bob) Sypert, DDS, in 1964. Survivors include her huswith the Lefors, McLean, band, Don B. McLaughlin of

Hemphill; two sons, Steve Sypert and wife Barbara, and Rick Sypert and wife Cathy, all of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Amber Gill and husband Ray of Enid, Okla.; two stepsons, Kelly McLaughlin and wife Kelly of Baird, and Toby McLaughlin and wife Cathy of Conroe; a sister, Pat Jermyn of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; and

one great-grandchild. MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### **Geraldine Brummett, 68**

McLaughlin

Osage Gardens in Skiatook, Okla., with Pastor Raymond 10:12 a.m. Sunday at the Henson officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Geraldine Sandra Long was born to Luthur Clarence Long II and Susie Caroline (Eldridge) Long on April 5, 1939, in Pampa, Texas. She graduated from Avant High School in 1957. She then attended the Austin State Hospital Blinn College in Brenham, Texas, where she received her Associate of Science Degree as a Nurse Technician and was honored with being Salutatorian in 1959.

From 1977 to 1980. Geraldine was an assistant manager of National-Y-Indian Guide at Woolaroc. She was a welder's helper at C.E. Natco in Tulsa, Okla., in 1980 to 1981, she was then employed by the Parker

Drilling company where she worked security at a drill site in 1982.

From 1982 to 1987, she operated a 2,000-acre ranch just south of Barnsdall, and in 1987 she worked an assembly line of circuit for Applied boards Inc., Automation Bartlesville, Okla. From 1987 until 1988, she worked for the City of Barnsdall as a Water Plant Operator, and from 1988 until retirement, she worked for the Provewsta Corporation as the Fermentation Products Plant Operator.

Geraldine is survived by husband, Lloyd Brummett of Avant; one son, Mike and his wife Julie Brummett of Ramona, Okla.; one daughter, Sheri and her husband Jerry Stark of Bartlesville; four grandchildren, Amanda Brummett Warden of Bella Vista, Ark.,

William Brummett of Ramona, Okla., Tessa Stark of Bartlesville, and Alyssa Stark of Bartlesville; five sisters, Nadine and her husband H.L. Meers of Pampa, Texas, Carolyn and Gerald Montgomery of Crawford, Okla., Margie and her husband Robert Bichsel of White Deer, Texas, Mary Ann Roland of White Deer, Texas Vickie and her husband Gene Gullett of Ardmore, Okla.; four brothers, Jerry Don Long of Pampa, Texas, J.D. Cole and his wife Susan of Barnsdall, L.C. and his wife Donna Long of Avant, and John and his wife Margaret Long of Avant; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luthur and Susie Long; and one brother, Robert Wayne Mauldin.

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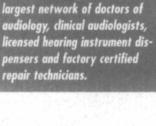
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## Emergency Services

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

Four traffic stops were made.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Starkweather and Francis streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 900 block of East Brunow, the 500 block of North Wells, the 2200 block of Williston, the 1100 block of South Sumner, the 8900 block of South Russell, the 1500 block of North Christy, on two occasions at an unreported location and on two occasions in the 400 block of North

Sumner. Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn and the 1000 block of Huff Road. One suicide attempt was

reported.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of North West. A bicycle was found.

Civil matters were reported in the 1300 block of Terrace, the 1300 block of Alcock, the 600 block of East Browning and the 900 block of Duncan. Five attempts to serve

papers were made. Information concerning disorderly conduct was

received in the 900 block of Duncan. A follow-up investigation

was conducted in the 1200 block of Hamilton. A prowler was reported in

the 1200 block of South Hobart. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of

South Faulkner and the 1000 block of North Frost. Criminal mischief was reported at First Landmark Realty, 1223 N. Hobart. Two

windows valued at \$1,700 were broken. Criminal mischief was reported at the Masonic Lodge, 420 W. Kingsmill.

Purple and white paint was applied to the building. Estimated cost of damage is Criminal mischief was

reported at the Hughes Building, 416 W. Kingsmill. The side of the building was spray painted. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported at Gonzales Wheel Alignment, Somerville. One side of the

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building was spray painted. Estimated cost of damage is

Criminal mischief was reported at Great Plains Traditional Bow Co., 314 W. Foster. One side of the building was spray painted. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were report-

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. A compact disc player, amplifier and woofer were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$425.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. A satellite radio and cell phone charger were taken. Estimated value of loss is

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

Tuesday, June 19 Jesus Rodriguez, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart Pampa Police Department for disorderly

conduct/fighting. Abel Rodriguez, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for disorderly con-

duct/fighting. Salvador Rodriguez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for disorderly conduct/fighting and a capias pro fine for public intoxica-

Shawn Weatherford, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for disorderly conduct/fighting.

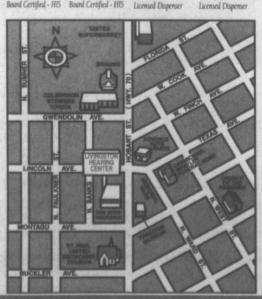
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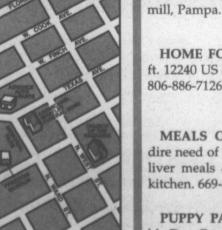




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Team captains for the Pampa Gray County Relay for Life recently met to finalize plans for the walk to benefit the American Cancer Society which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. June 29 at Recreation Park. Pictured above are Andy Cavalier, Billie Ward, Katy Magee, Stephanie Kelly, Lisa Fisher, Alice Wireman and Janet Watts. For more information about the event, contact Pam Dalton at 665-0356.

## 9 firefighters killed in S.C. warehouse fire

By BRUCE SMITH

Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Fire swept through a furniture warehouse, collapsing its roof and claiming the lives of nine firefighters in a disaster the mayor described today as "difficult to fathom or quantify.'

"Nine brave, heroic, courageous firefighters of the city of Charleston have perished fighting fire in a most courageous and fearless manner, carrying out their duties," Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley said at a morning news conference. "To all of their loved ones, our heart goes out to them?

Two employees in the building were rescued from the blaze, which broke out at about 7 p.m. Monday in the Sofa Super Store and warehouse, Riley said. One was rescued quickly, and firefighters punched a hole through a wall of the warehouse to reach the other, he said.

Firefighters, police officers and other

ers' bodies were carried from the warehouse during the night.

"To lose nine is just a tragedy of immense proportions," Riley said. "To lose nine is just unbelievable."

The department has 237 firefighters in 19 companies located throughout the city of about 106,000.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, but Riley said arson was not suspected. He said the blaze apparently started in a storage area. He was unsure whether there were sprinklers in the building.

Riley said the county coroner would announce the names of the dead.

Witnesses said the collapse of the roof threw debris over about two-dozen rescue workers. Onlookers were hit with flying ash.

"It was like a 30-foot tornado of flames," said Mark Hilton, who was cue four people from the building.

struck in his eye.

a firefighter who had recently died when they heard the call come over their department radios. By the time he arrived, he said, the roof had already

golf tournament to benefit the family of

"It all happened pretty fast. They didn't really have a chance," Glover

"You're always close to the guys because you spend a third of your life with these guys. Every third day you spend 24 hours there, so you get real close," he said.

Firefighters went to a nearby car dealership asking for towels, said salesman Daniel Shahid.

"The next thing you know, we were carrying hoses, directing traffic, every-

body from the dealership," he said. Shahid said he saw firefighters res-

"They were struggling. They were Eric Glover told CNN that he and a covered in black soot. They looked

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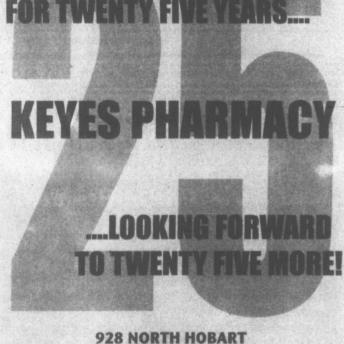
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#### rescue workers saluted as the firefightnumber of other firefighters were at a scared out of their minds," Shahid said. Atlantis leaves space station for home trip

HOUSTON (AP) — The space shuttle Atlantis undocked from the international space station Tuesday for its trip back to Earth, concluding a nearly 10day stay that included construction work and a computer meltdown.

Continuing a tradition, space station commander Fyodor Yurchikhin rang a bell and said "Atlantis departing."

Pilot Lee Archambault steered Atlantis on a quick trip around the station so photos could be taken of the solar power array the crew installed on the half-built home in space.

Once Atlantis was 46 miles away from the station, astronauts planned to use a camera at the end of a robotic arm and boom for a final inspection of the shuttle's heat shield to make sure it is undamaged and can withstand the

intense heat of re-entering Earth's atmosphere.

That inspection was added to all shuttle missions as a safety precaution after the Columbia accident in 2003 that killed seven astronauts.

Atlantis was on schedule to land Thursday at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

It was a busy visit at the space sta-

"There were a lot of things to overcome, but despite those surprises, we managed to do what we always do and meet our mission objectives," flight director Holly Ridings said Tuesday. "The international space station is in very, very good shape."

Atlantis might have stayed an extra day if engineers hadn't been happy with a test to see how well the Russian

computers that crashed last week can control the orbiting outpost's orienta-

Monday's test was a success, said Phil Engelauf, chief of the flight direc-

"Yes, we think we're back to where we're supposed to be in terms of normal routine operations and reliability," Engelauf said.

During the test, the shuttle's thrusters were used to maneuver the joined craft before the restored space station computers commanded thrusters on the Russian side of the outpost to take control. U.S. computers then sent commands to the Russian thrusters before the station's spinning gyroscopes took over control.

## Record

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reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, June 18

12:08 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of North Sumner on a medical assist. 11:22 p.m. - One unit and three per-

sonnel responded to the 1900 block of Grape on an odor investigation.

Tuesday, June 19 3:13 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Wells on a medical assist.

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

Monday, June 18

10:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to an unspecified location and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded

to the 100 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC. 2:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU respond-

ed to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 2:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU respond-

ed to the 2500 block of Charles. No transport. 5:15 p.m. – A mobile ICU respond-

ed to the 1400 block of North Hobart. Tuesday, June 19

3:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

## **Mischief**

may be using BB guns to shoot out the glass, according to Assistant Police Chief Dennis Burton. Those spray painting the buildings are believed to be one or two individuals, rather than a

group or gang, he said.

"We're going to step up our patrols, have some unmarked vehicles out there and have extra officers on duty to curb these criminal mischief cases," Burton said.

A curfew for juveniles remains in effect for all persons under age 17. The curfew applies to the hours between midnight and 6 a.m. daily. Anyone cited for violating the curfew has com-

mitted a Class C misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$500, Burton said

Anyone who observes suspicious activity, such as a vehicle driving slowly in commercial areas outside of business hours or individuals walking in such areas at such times, is asked to call the police department at 669-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

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## Viewpoints

## Part(s) of the telecommunications problem

technology that most people have a love/hate relationship with is their cell phone.

The earliest version of this wireless technology which I ever used was a "bag" phone in the late 1980s. These came equipped with a cigarette lighter plug to draw power from a car battery, along with a regular electrical outlet plug so the phone's battery could be charged at home or in the office.

The bag phone, when zipped up in its case with no antenna sticking out, reminded me of a large, weird shaving kit.

Times have certainly changed. I have watched cell phones shrink in size and at the same time grow in versatility. When someone came folds up, I waited to see if anything else resembling Star Trek technology would come along.

Sure enough, it has. Remember Lt. Uhura's communication device that could sometimes be seen sticking out of one ear? Thanks to something called bluetooth, cell phone users can now hang a small device from one ear and communicate cell phone using it.

I am still not accustomed too. Cell to these things. One problem with them is that, unless you are seeing the side of the person's head on which the device is attached, you think that person is talking to no one outside their own head. More than once, I have kept a cautious eye on someone

ing a conversation seemingly with themselves, only to finally catch sight of the other side of their head and realize they were on the

Not only have we come a long way in cell phone

Marilyn

**Powers** 

design, but w e 'v e made great strides in capability,

Staff Writer

phones aren't just for talking anymore. We can access the Internet, take photographs and do all sorts of things that are beyond the original purpose of a telephone.

If we can do all that, please tell me why we can't

One marvel of modern up with the "flip" phone that who was pacing along hav- talk on the darn things with has happened between me more success. It seems to me that if we can communicate with astronauts orbiting the Earth or walking on the moon, we should easily be able to talk to someone within a hundred miles of us.

But no. It doesn't work

that way. Garbled words, missing words, conversations of othdropped

calls plague most anyone who uses a cell phone.

I have had calls garbled and dropped when I was in a vehicle directly behind the one carrying the person I was trying to talk to on the cell phone. The same thing

and another cell phone user within five miles of me.

One problem, according to one knowledgeable person, is that as cell phones have shrunk, so have their batteries. The phones of today have less power than those old black bag phones.

Another part of the problem is the location of towers which are used to relay the phone signals. Sometimes the towers are spaced too far apart to provide adequate coverage. At least that's what I've been told.

All this makes for some interesting experiences. One time, a relative told me of a conversation she had heard between two people she decided must be teenage girls, one of whom was

going on and on about her boyfriend.

This makes me worry about my own cell phone calls. Is someone other than the person I'm talking to listening to what I say?

There have been times when I've been on the cell phone and heard other conversations faintly in the background. I could tell it wasn't background noise at the other person's location.

Poor reception can be interesting, too. More than once, I've wondered what the first word was when I have heard a two-word sentence with the second word as "you." There are several possibilities, from "thank" to less polite choices.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2007. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all slaves were free. (This event is celebrated as "Juneteenth.")

On this date:

In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.

In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the

Our ignorance of history causes us to slander our own times."

 Gustave Flaubert French author (1821-1880) British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Radio Federal Commission.

In 1952, the celebritypanel game show "I've Got A Secret" made its debut on CBS TV with

Garry Moore as host.

In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint. In 1982, in a case that galvanized the Asian-American community, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American, was beaten to death in Highland Park, Mich., by two auto workers who later received probation for manslaughter in state court, and won acquittals in subsequent federal trials.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.

Ten years ago: President Clinton welcomed world leaders to Denver on the eve of an economic summit. McDonald's won a libel case in London against two vegetarian activists. even though the judge said he agreed with some of the defendants' sharpest criticisms of the fast-food giant.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber killed seven Israelis on a Jerusalem bus in the second deadly attack in the city in two days. The space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth with one Russian and two American crewmen who'd spent 6 1/2 months aboard the international space station. Rod Langway, Bernie Federko, Clark Gillies and Roger Neilson were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.



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## Which is better: Competition or monopoly?

with a competitive or monopolistic provision of goods and services? Let's apply that question to a few areas of our lives.

Prior to deregulation, when there was a monopoly and restricted entry in the provision of telephone services, were consumers better off or worse off than they are with today's ruthless competition to get our business? Anyone over 40 will recogthe differences. Competition has provided consumers with a vast array of choices, lower and lower prices and more courteous customer care than when government had its heavy hand on the provision of telephone services.

What about supermarkets? Would consumers be better off or worse off if one or two supermarkets were granted an exclusive monopoly in the provision of gro-

Are consumers better off cery services? The average well-stocked supermarket carries over 50,000 different items, has sales, prizes and pursues many strategies to win customers and retain their loyalty. Would they have the same incentives if they were

> granted a Walter monopoly? The government

Williams Columnist gives poor people food stamps.

Would poor people be better off or worse off if, instead of being able to use their food stamps at any supermarket, they were forced to use them at a government store?

There's abundant evidence that suggests consumers are better off when providers of goods and services are driven by the profit motive where survival requires a constant effort to

get and keep customers. Under what conditions can businesses survive, providing shoddy services, fewer choices, at higher and higher costs, without pleasing customers? If you said, "Where there's restricted competi-

tion and a government-sanctioned monopoly," go to the head of the class.

There's no better example of this than in the case of government education.

ABC News anchor John Stossel produced a documentary aptly titled "Stupid in America: How We Cheat Our Kids" that gives a visual depiction of what's often no less than educational fraud. During the documentary, an international test is given to average high school students

in Belgium and above-average New Jersey high school students. Belgian kids cleaned the New Jersey students' clocks and called them "stupid." It's not just in Belgium where high school students run circles around their American counterparts; it's the same for students in Poland, Czech Republic, South Korea and 17 other countries.

The documentary leaves no question about the poor education received by white students, but that received by many black students is truly disgusting and darn near criminal. Stossel interviewed an 18-year-old black student who struggled to read a first-grade book. ABC's "20/20" sent him to Sylvan Learning Center. Within 72 hours, his reading level was two grades higher. "Stupid in America"

See WILLIAMS, Page 7

#### Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

June 10

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the 40year war:

Forty years ago last week, the world held its breath and watched in awe as the state of Israel took on a coalition of its neighboring Arab enemies and proved that it had the might and the will to withstand a mass armed aggression against its tiny homeland.

The confrontation had been brewing for almost 20 years, ever since the Israeli state had been created on land that Palestinians had once called home.

Conflict was inevitable. As tensions mounted, cross-border skirmishes

increased, and both sides became more stalwart in their age-old positions -Arabs refusing to recognize the Jewish state and calling for its destruction; Israel continuing to lay claim to Jewish holy sites officially under Jordanian

In the spring of 1967, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser organized an alliance of Arab states, and by mid-May, 100,000 Egyptian troops had massed on Israel's southern border.

On June 5, 1967, Israel launched a pre-emptive strike against Egypt, thus beginning a war that also would include Jordan and Syria and would last less than six days – 132 hours and 30 minutes, to be exact.

Israel, with its greater military intelligence, better trained forces and more

technologically advanced weaponry, wiped out most of Egypt's military aircraft in a matter of hours. Jordan, which entered the fighting in Jerusalem at Nasser's request and quickly lost East Jerusalem to Israeli forces, surrendered June 7, just two days into the war. Three days later, Syria admitted

The fast pace at which Israel had dispatched its enemies was hailed in most of the free world, and the "Six-Day War" quickly became a part of Jewish lore.

Yet much of the Arab land seized during that brief conflict has been a major cause of tension in the region, resulting in continuous episodes of sui-

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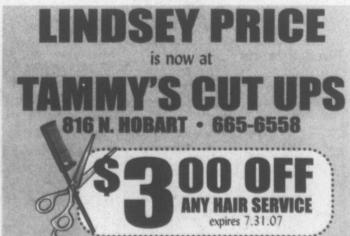
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

publishing the letter from "Ticked Off in Topeka, Kan." (April 18) concerning welfare fraud, including Section 8 housing fraud. I am an investigator for a housing authority, and our agency is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of the program and protecting the taxpayer dollars entrusted to us. Not a day goes by that I don't hear, "I don't want to get anyone in trouble, but ..." Please let your readers know that if they call in with a fraud tip, they are not the ones who are getting anyone in trouble. The people who decided to commit the fraud or do the crime got themselves in trouble. The only way we can help the most people with our limited resources is by eliminating fraud and applying the rules and regulations fairly and equitably for everyone. Ouite often it is neighbors, friends and family members who are our eyes and ears. It is important that they let us know when someone is defrauding the system. No one will lose assistance just because of a tip. We investigate every case and, if proven, the tenants are given an opportunity to appeal and to have a hearing. There are too many families on the waiting list and too many people who need help for fraud to go unreported. - INVES-TIGATOR IN OKLAHOMA CITY

**DEAR INVESTIGATOR:** I hope "Ticked Off" will take your advice -- and mine -and report this "friend" to the proper authorities. Many readers voiced their frustration, while others offered helpful suggestions. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** This makes me so mad! My family struggles each and every month with no public assistance. Abby, I don't want to be rich or live in a palace. I just want to go to bed each night knowing my kids' bellies are full and that they have a

DEAR ABBY: Thank you, thank you, for roof over their heads when the next night comes. We live on macaroni and cheese and ramen noodles, not steak and lobster. If this "friend" is committing fraud, I say report her, because if you are working and paying taxes into the welfare account, she's cheating you, too. - KEEPING IT REAL IN KISSIMMEE

> DEAR ABBY: Way to go, Abby! Americans need to stop overlooking the dishonesty they encounter. Thank you for encouraging "Ticked Off" to take a stand. -- G.M., MONTROSE, COLO.

> DEAR ABBY: Please let "Ticked Off" know that if her friend is receiving Section 8 subsidies, her actions may be a federal offense. As a former attorney for a housing authority, I used to receive numerous tips from third parties regarding fraud. If she is concerned, she should contact the local housing authority and ask to speak with the investigations department. A tip may be made anonymously. There is more at stake here than just her conscience. If a housing authority loses its funding, many innocent families and children suffer needlessly. She should do the right thing and speak up. -- A READER IN N.J.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked for the Section 8 program administered by the state of Michigan for more than 20 years. This federally funded program is intended for the aid of the elderly, disabled individuals and low-income families. A thief who steals from Section 8 is also stealing from those in our society who most desperately need our help. Complaints of fraud should be submitted to HUD by calling the tollfree number: (800) 347-3735. - ALSO TICKED OFF, LANSING, MICH.

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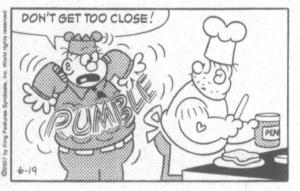






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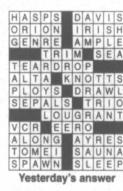
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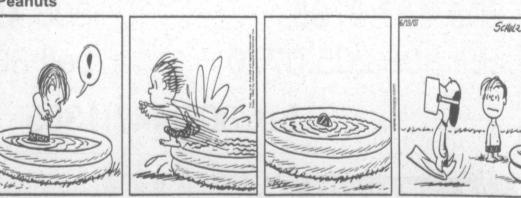
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#### **Haggar The Horrible**



#### **Peanuts**



#### Flo & Friends



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ers or tuition tax credits, would go a long way toward

providing the competition necessary to introduce accountability and quality into American education.

What's wrong with parents having the right, along with

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Distinguished Professor of Economics at George

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The solution to America's education problems is not

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included one story where a teacher sent

sexually oriented emails to "Cutie 101," a 16-year-old student.

Only after six years of

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## Volunteers drive local meal program

The local Meals on Wheels program is a nonprofit organization that relies on volunteers to make its services possible. Pampa Meals on Wheels delivers nutritional food to the homebound in the community.

A board of directors sets the policies and procedures that govern the program which is funded by individuals, churches, civic clubs, businesses, schools and foundations in the commu-

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A United Way agency, Pampa Meals on Wheels stages three annual fundraisers - March for Meals in May; a garage sale held in conjunction with the city-wide garage sale in August; and "Music and a Meal" in November.

Both regular and substitute drivers are needed each day to deliver meals. The program presently involves 12 routes requiring at minimum of 12 drivers per day. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

Some of the drivers have a partner to help with deliveries, and no less than four volunteers are necessary to assist in the kitchen with the meal. Fund-raising and special projects also require volunteer labor.

Meals on Wheels serves those who are homebound or who need assistance to leave their residence. Participants must either be 55 years of age or older, or be recommended for the program by their doctor. They must be unable to prepare a well-balanced meal a day.





TOP: Meals on Wheels volunteers Mildred Knight, from left, daughter Pam Dalton and Glenn Knight. BOTTOM: Meals on Wheels board members Linda Holt, Donna Reynolds and Jana Vinson.

Daily portions consist of on Wheels office. a meat entree, two servings of vegetables and a dessert. 669-1007 between 8 a.m. Anyone can make a referral and 12 p.m. Monday by simply calling the Meals through Friday. Volunteers

To find out more, call of the program.

are vital to the continuation

## War

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Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

bombings cide Palestinians inside of Israel and repeated shellings by Israeli forces in the occupied territories.

In essence, the Six-Day War has turned into a 40-year war, with the prospects of

peace today being almost as bleak as they were then. During the past four decades, there have been periodic flickers of hope among the ever-fanned embers of war in the region. But sadly, some of those who personified hope were struck down by assassins' bullets, leaving many to believe that there were people on both sides who felt severely threatened by full-blown peace.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in 1981, three years after making a heroic and historic visit to Israel to begin talks that would lead to the Camp David Accords establishing peace between the two countries.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had played a part in his country's formation and had been chief of staff during the Six-Day War, was shot down in 1995, two years after he had signed the Oslo Accords with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Both slain leaders had received the Nobel Peace Prize

Unfortunately, every time a ray of hope has brightened

the region, it has been dimmed by renewed hostilities popping up in and around Israel.

With the Palestinians' election of a majority Hamas government - one not recognized by the United States or Israel because of its leaders' endorsement of terrorism and with the Israelis' constant crackdowns, including the construction of a wall separating their country from the occupied territories, the prospects of peace grow even

So as we pause to commemorate Israel's "victory" in the Six-Day War 40 years ago, let us also pause to reflect on the reality that there might never be a lasting peace between two peoples who have allowed generations of hate to continue to divide them.

Still, we must pray for a time when the guns fall silent and bombs do not drop, the fiery tongues will be silenced, and two neighbors with a violent past will be able to live side by side on a land they both call holy ground.

## Little House



Savanna Kobernick works at the Girl Scout "Little House" in Pampa. The facility has been used by the local Girl Scouts since the mid-1940s. It was donated to Quiviara Council for a hundred years. Jeremy Elliot keeps a close watch out for any "spills" from the ladder.

#### Events calendar

 The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), (pertussis), cough whooping measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). 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., Wednesday, TDH,

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Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297

· The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursday. The event will include music by Roger Dean, a film, coffee tasting and art activities for adults and children. To find out more, call (806) 371-5050.

 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 www.poetry.com on the Internet.

## **Powers**

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I'm sure I'm not the only one to resort to shouting into the phone

when the other person has trouble hearing me. I don't know why I do this, because shouting won't make a bit of difference in whether the signal is being transmitted adequately. Maybe it's a way to release some pent-up frustration with the phone

Hopefully, transmission will improve to keep up with the rise in popularity of cell phones. Meanwhile, I'll continue to wonder what those missing words really

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Celanese Ltd., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 5083A, which would authorize continued operation of the Pampa Power Plant located on Highway 60, five miles west of Pampa on the south side of the highway, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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Perlozzo was fired by the Orioles on Monday, the result of his inability to bring last-place Baltimore out of a lengthy funk culminated by an eight-game losing streak.

One of the leading candidates to fill the position on a full-time basis is Joe Girardi, voted NL Manager of the Year in 2006 with the Florida Marlins after he was fired in a dispute with ownership. Girardi is set to meet with Orioles officials on Tuesday, according to several reports.

Bullpen coach Dave Trembley will be the interim manager when the Orioles begin a six-game trip in San Diego on Tuesday.

"We felt Sam was prepared, we felt the club was prepared to do battle every night," executive vice president Mike Flanagan said in a news conference. "For whatever reason, it just wasn't working.'

On another front, the Orioles are negotiating with former Chicago Cubs president Andy MacPhail about becoming chief operating officer, a job left vacant since Joe Foss resigned earlier this year.

Since Davey Johnson guided the Orioles to a firstplace finish in 1997, no one has been able to win in Baltimore. Ray Miller, Mike Hargrove, Lee Mazzilli and Perlozzo all failed, and unless the Orioles pull off a surprising turnaround, the team's franchise-record run of losing seasons will reach 10 in 2007.

This was supposed to the year when Baltimore results," Flanagan said. "It finally made some noise in the AL East. The team spent \$42 million to overhaul the bullpen, signed free-agent hitters Aubrey Huff and Jay

Payton, and added Jaret Wright and Steve Trachsel to the rotation.

The additions did not provide the desired results.

Danys Baez, who signed a \$19 million, three-year contract, lost his job as setup man and was 0-4 with a 6.52 ERA before going on the 15day disabled list Saturday. Orioles relievers were 0-5 with a 6.00 ERA during the homestand.

Huff and Payton have been adequate, but the offense is batting .260 with a mere 50 homers in 69 games.

Wright was removed from the rotation in April with shoulder stiffness and could be lost for the year, and lefthander Adam Loewen had season-ending elbow surgery last week.

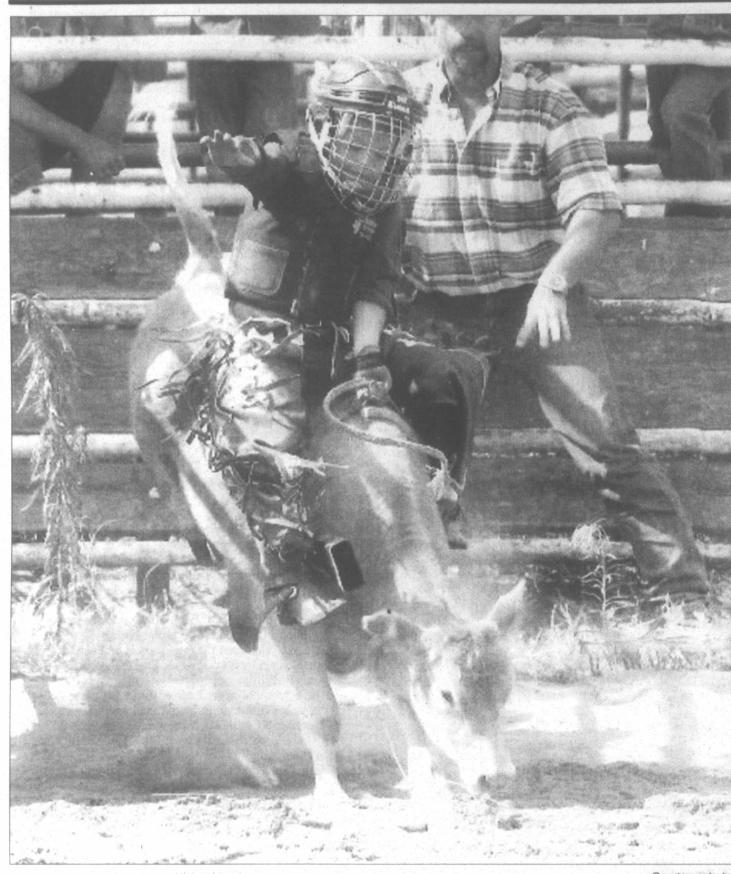
For two months, the Orioles performed beyond expectations. Baltimore was 27-27 and in second place on May 31 before losing 13 of 15 in June, including the last eight games of a 1-8 homestand that ended Sunday.

Baltimore's 29-40 record is the fifth-worst in the major leagues. The Orioles started the day trailing first-place Boston by 15 1/2 games in the AL East.

"We've changed a lot of things in the last three or four years to head in the right direction," Flanagan said. "And we still feel that way about the organization in spite of what happened today. We believe that everything else in place is working

The blame for the Orioles' losing record fell on Perlozzo, the first major league manager to be fired this season.

really gets down to wins and losses and expectations, and believing that this club is better than it looked.'



Courtesy photo

6-year old Colt Quisenberry holds on in the Calf Riding competition, picking up first place at the Hutchinson County Sheriff's Posse Peewee Rodeo held Saturday in Borger.

## Miami's Quisenberry back to Calf Riding

Miami, Texas, cowboy, 6-year-old Lubbock in April. Colt Quisenberry, returned to rodeo competition with a bang this past weekend after a 2-month recovery from

He garnered a 1st place trophy in Calf Riding, a 3rd place trophy in Barrels, and a 5th place ribbon in Goat injuries sustained when a car hit him in Ribbons in the 8 and Under division of

the Hutchinson County Sheriff's Posse Peewee Rodeo held June 16 in Borger. Colt is the son of Dustie Quisenberry

of Miami and the grandson of Larry and Mary Quisenberry of Miami.

## China plans highway from foot of Mount Everest to base camp to help with Olympic torch relay

BEIJING (AP) — China plans to build a highway on the side of Mount Everest to ease the Olympic torch's journey to the peak of the world's tallest mountain before the 2008 Beijing Games, state media reported Tuesday.

Construction of the road, budgeted at \$19.7 million would turn a 67-mile rough path from the foot of the mountain to a base camp at 17,060 feet "into a blacktop highway fenced by undulating guardrails," the Xinhua News Agency said.

Xinhua said construction, which would start next week, would take about four months. The new highway would become a major route to the top of the mountain,

for tourists and mountaineers, it said.

An official from the Secretariat of the Tibetan government, who declined to give his name, confirmed the project was planned, but refused to give any details. Tibet and Nepal are the most commonly used routes up the mountain.

In April, organizers for Summer Beijing Olympics announced ambitious plans for the longest torch relay in Olympic history - an 85,000-mile, 130day route that would cross five continents and reach the 29,035-foot summit of

Taking the Olympic torch

seen by some as a way for Beijing to underscore its claims to Tibet, is expected to be one of the relay's high-

China says it has ruled Tibet for centuries, although many Tibetans say their homeland was essentially an independent state for most of that time. Chinese communist troops occupied Tibet in 1951, and Beijing continues to rule the region

with a heavy hand. The day before the route of the torch relay was announced by the Beijing organizers of the Olympics, five Americans unfurled banners at a base camp calling for an independent

The five, from the Students for a Free Tibet group, were briefly held and then expelled from China.

Mount Everest's conqueror, New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary, 87, did not immediately return calls seeking comment about the

But a local climbing official praised the plan.

"It is a good thing for the local development and the local people, because more tourists and mountain climbers will be attracted to the region," said Zhang Mingxing, general-secretary of the Tibetan Mountaineering Association.

#### Figgins' sixth hit gives Angels much-needed comeback victory

By The Associated **Press** 

Perhaps the only thing that prevented Chone Figgins from adding another hit or two was this: his ninth-

inning triple ended the game. Figgins finished 6-for-6 with an RBI triple in the bottom of the ninth that gave the Los Angeles Angels a 10-9 victory over the Houston

Astros on Monday night. "I don't think I ever did that in a video game, much less in a professional game,"

The speedy third baseman had a double and four singles to go with his first triple of the season, helping the AL West leaders rally from a 9-4 deficit. He became the first major leaguer to get six hits since Seattle's Raul Ibanez on Sept. 22, 2004, at Anaheim, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Ibanez was 6-for-6 as well.

The modern big league record for a nine-inning game is seven hits, accomplished by Rennie Stennett of the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sept. 16, 1975, against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

"This is one of those special games," Figgins said. "You can't explain it. You just stay within yourself. The thing about it was that the game was close, so it made you concentrate even more to get a hit."

In the only NL game, Milwaukee beat Francisco 5-4.

## Irvine outlasts Cal State Fullerton in College World Series classic

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Even after winning the longest game in College World Series history, UC, Irvine coach Dave Serrano was a bit sad.

Serrano beat his longtime friend and mentor George Horton and his Cal State Fullerton team, 5-4 on Monday. Serrano pitched for Horton at Cerritos College and later served under him there as pitching coach. Serrano coached under Horton again at Fullerton before taking the UC Irvine head coaching job in 2004.

"The bad news is I had to

say goodbye to my mentor, coach, friend, my second father, a guy I love a lot," Serrano said. "That's the toughest part about it, seeing his team eliminated. I wish our win hadn't been at their expense, but we went into this knowing one of us would be happy and one of us would be sad."

The time of the game beat the old CWS mark for longest game — set in 1981 by Oklahoma State and Arizona State - by 40 min-

Next up for the Anteaters

Arizona State (49-14). It will be their second meeting in four days.

The winner will try to wrestle control of Bracket 2 from defending champion Oregon State (46-18), a team forging a different path toward the title round this year. The Beavers are in control with two wins after beating Arizona State 12-6 Monday night, rather than staring at elimination as they

were at this time last year. The Sun Devils already beat the Anteaters once, 5-4 on Saturday, on Ike Davis' (46-16-1) is a game against eighth homer of the year.

Monday's victory over Fullerton saw eight hit batsmen, 32 runners left stranded on base and two relievers dueling into the late innings until Irvine finally came out ahead.

"I know the baseball purists were watching that game on the edge of their seats," said Horton, who was ejected in the bottom of the 13th inning for arguing over a hit batsman call.

Bryan Petersen's run-scoring single to center field ended the game four batters later, sending the Titans (38-25) home after two games

for the first time in nine CWS appearances since 1990.

Fullerton left fielder Josh Fellhauer threw out Taylor Holiday at home plate the previous play.

"In defeat, this will be a day that I remember for a long time," Horton said.

Arizona State fell to Oregon State 12-6. Mike Stutes and three relievers held one of the nation's top hitting and scoring teams to seven hits, and Oregon State revved up its offense to beat ASU.

The Beavers, who had

seven hits in a 3-2 win over Fullerton Saturday, scored every inning until the seventh and finished with 18 hits. Mike Lissman went 3for-4 with a three-run homer and four RBIs. Chris Hopkins, Joey Wong and Jason Ogata also had three hits apiece, and Jordan Lennerton homered.

"That punch in the mouth was coming - this team hasn't had it all year" said ASU coach Pat Murphy. "Unfortunately it happened

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nese Ltd., has applied to the Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEO) for renewal of

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mitted to the TCEQ on April 25, 2007. The application is available for

viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEO Amarillo regional office, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Gray County, The facility's Texas. compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Ama-

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June 20, 2007 This year life takes some swift turns, and you might be surprised or even jolted. Pursue a steady, even path. Your stability will come from a sound sense of know ing who you are as well as where you are heading. Goals will keep you on the right path. Ideas often come from brainstorming with family or simply relaxing at home. Truth be told, you might have many choices coming your way. If you are single, you could meet that special person close to the new year. Even if the relationship isn't easy, it is worthwhile. If you are attached, your bond grows as you put a higher priority on family and your domestic life. VIRGO might be over-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

bearing sometimes.

\*\*\* You have been the bearer of the flame for the past few days. Now assume a more subtle but just as effective role. Know when you need to back off and say "no." Too much information could put you in a quandary. Ask a trusted associate to help you sort through facts and opinions. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Where others stumble, you take the lead. Knowing when to pull back and try yet another approach might be key. Not everything that happens meets your expectations. Remember, Taurus, you cannot control other people. Tonight: Midweek break!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Start from square one. Listen to you aren't comfortable, don't make a decision. You do know what is workable. Honor your judgment. Tonight: Homeward bound.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for others, especially if they have been MIA as of late. Another approach or different choice of words could impact a situation. Prioritize. Much demands your attention, and your immediate attention at that. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Leo is prone to extravagance. That trait could easily emerge late in the day if you don't rope yourself in. Understanding why you need to indulge to such an extent might be important. Honor another's inquiry but say "no" to a risk. Tonight: Slow down and relax ...

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★★★★ Put your idea out there or take a first step. Though tumultuous feelings could come up, stay steady and on course. You will like the end results. Matters involving property or family could be a touch chaotic or extreme. Tonight: What would make you happy?

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Understanding what might be provocative but important falls on your shoulders. A meeting or get-together points to you using more energy and resources. Be sure you absolutely want to suggestions first, then mull them over. If pursue that course of action. Tonight:

Surround yourself with friends. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

H★★★★★ You know what works. Take measures to ensure that a specific path will be followed. No hemming and hawing; action is necessary. Avoid scattering in many directions and getting nothing done. Tonight: Could be late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Understand that you don't have to have the answers, even if you are looking for solutions. You do need to use your ingenuity to draw results that work Someone you meet, though fun, could be troublesome to your life. Tonight: A favorite TV show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Clearly another person has strong ideas, whether you choose to follow them or not. You don't need to be on top of a project or plans. This person would take pleasure in running the show. Tonight: So many friends, but what is

important ultimately? PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Others dominate, though you certainly have a lot on your plate. Knowing when to say "enough" might be helpful, as many want you to follow through on their projects. Let others do what they want. You don't have to join in. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

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### Judge to suspend disbarred Duke prosecutor, proceed with request to remove him from office

By AARON BEARD Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A judge said he would suspend District Attorney Mike Nifong today after learning that the prosecutor disbarred for his handling of the Duke lacrosse rape case intended to stay in office

for another month.

Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson also said Monday night he would proceed with a pending request to remove Nifong from office.

Earlier in the day, Duke University announced it had reached an undisclosed

financial settlement with the three former lacrosse players falsely accused of rape last year.

The allegations were debunked in April by state prosecutors, who said the players were the innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse" by Nifong.

Nifong, who was disbarred Saturday for breaking more than two dozen rules of professional conduct in his handling of the case, said in a letter released Monday that he would leave office July 13. His departure date wasn't soon enough for Hudson, who decided to suspend Nifong from office.

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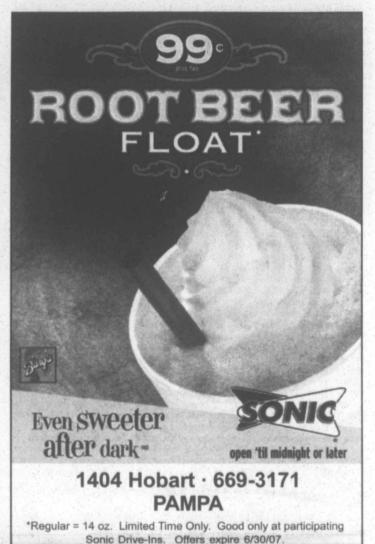
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