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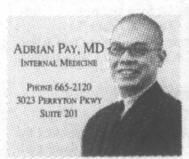
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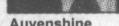
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Flu pandemic training exercise to be held Thursday

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

An influenza pandemic will be the scenario for a training exercise Thursday afternoon for local emergency response personnel, according to Ken Hall, Pampa/Gray County emergency management coordinator.

"This will be a full-scale training exercise," Hall said. Scanning radio listeners may hear radio traffic relating to the imaginary epidemic. "Some radio traffic will have simu-

deceased people," he said.

Points of dispensing, or pods, will be set up at Pampa Junior High School and Pampa Department's North Fire Station to process simulated flu victims. Some will be sent to Pampa Regional Medical Center: those who portray M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, where Justices of the Peace Kurt ill, Hall said. If the visitor is not dis-Curfman and Joe Martinez will have

lated messages about sick and a simulated morgue set up. Hall said. David Dickerson, public informa-

tion officer for the Department of State Health Services in Canyon, will conduct a training session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday for those involved in the exercise, which will be from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

Actors in the scenario who show deceased victims will be sent to up at the pods will be routed to the hospital or an infirmary if they are playing symptoms of influenza, they

will be educated on flu symptoms to watch for and how to avoid getting the illness.

"They will be given a 'medication' and sent to another position to give information and have their records reviewed," Hall said. The 'medication' used will most likely be jelly beans, he said.

"One of the things we want to try to accomplish is to determine how

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Popping good time



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Elizabeth Wade and A.D. Wiles check out pyrotechnics offered by Kyle Payne, youth pastor of Briarwood Church, at a fireworks stand on Price Road just north of the railroad tracks and intersection with Highway 60. Proceeds from the stand's fireworks sales go to fund the church youths' attendance at church camp each year. Fireworks stands will be open daily through midnight July 4.

Animal control seeks large, black dog that bit boy

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

A teenager was bitten by a dog Friday in the 300 block of Tignor and Pampa Animal Control officers need to find out if that dog is vaccinated and is healthy so the child will not have to take a series of rabies shots.

Animal Control Officer Sandy Burns said the child pretty aggressive toward him before he was bitten. He managed to hit the dog with his fist and another child threw a brick at the dog, which made the dog run off.

"This was a large, black long-haired dog," Burns said. "This is not a stray because the kids reported this dog as being well fed and well groomed so we feel

this is someone's pet. We really need for the owner or a neighbor to come forward and let us know if this dog is current on its vaccinations or we can hold the dog for 10 days and make sure it is healthy, so the individual does not have to take a series of rabies shots.'

Burns said that people in this neighborhood have seen reported that the dog was this dog before so they feel it runs free at least some of the

If anyone has information on where this dog might be, contact Pampa Animal Shelter at 669-5775 and leave a message on the answering machine or call Pampa Police Department at 669-5700. Callers may remain anonymous.



Auvenshine

CC selects interim president

CLARENDON — The Clarendon College Board of Regents appointed Dr. William R. Auvenshine as Interim President during their regular meeting on June 21, 2007.

He succeeds Dr. W. Myles Shelton who stepped down effective Thursday to take the job as president of Galveston College.

Auvenshine retired as president of Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, after serving 20 years at Hill College. Prior to that appointment, he was Dean of Ranger Junior College from 1971 to 1984.

Dr. Auvenshine has more than four decades as an educator. He has his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado, a Master of Science degree from West Texas State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Christian University.

Most recently Auvenshine served as

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Local bank part of merger of Wisconsin firms

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

First National Bank, known as National Bank of Commerce in Texas, which has offices in Pampa, and Childress, Shamrock announced they have reached an agreement in principle to merge their bank and parent companies with Dairyman's State Bank to form a combined organization.

The announcement came from the board of directors of First National Bank in Waupaca, Wis., and Dairyman's State Bank in Clintonville, Wis.

Following the merger, the combined organization will operate as First National Bank. Archie Overby, president and CEO of First National Bank, will remain in the same capacity in the combined organization.

According to a press release issued by the organizations, Dairyman's State Bank has assets of approximately \$106 million and First National Bank has assets of approximately \$480 million. After the merger and combining the assets, it will be the largest financial institution headquartered in

Waupaca County, Wis.

Dairyman's State Bank has been in existence since 1920 and has offices in three cities in Wisconsin. First National Bank has been around since 1885. Besides having offices in Pampa, Shamrock and Childress, they also have offices in four Wisconsin cities.

Gary Smits, president of Dairyman's State Bank, said that the board of directors of his bank had been actively searching for a strategic partner to merge with since the fall of 2006.

Al Mahnke, chairman of the

board of Dairyman's State Bank, said one of the major concerns was to produce a partnership of similar styles and cultures. He felt that First National Bank fit that need and also offered resources that should enable the combined organization to effectively provide a high level of service to their customers.

The merger is subject to the execution of a definitive merger agreement, approval of the merger by the shareholders of both organizations and regulatory approval.





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Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Northnortheast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. North-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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Conoco reportedly not signing to keep producing oil in Venezuela

HOUSTON (AP) — ConocoPhillips will not sign agreement with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for minority stakes in state-run joint ventures to keep pumping heavy crude oil, a company official familiar with the negotiations said

Today was the deadline to either agree to Chavez's terms or give up on Venezuelan oil.

"We will not sign a memorandum of understanding," said the company official, who insisted that he not be named because ConocoPhillips was not ready to make an official announce-

ConocoPhillips is the thirdlargest U.S. oil company, and Venezuelan projects account for about 4 percent of the company's daily global oil and gas production. It is the only major oil company in Venezuela that has not agreed in principle to state control.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez has said ConocoPhillips would be expelled from the country if it continues to resist.

As part of Chavez's nationalization drive, the government is taking a minimum stake of 60 percent of projects in the lucrative Orinoco River basin but has invited the companies to remain as minority partners. It gave them until Tuesday to negotiate the terms, including compensation and the sizes of the

stakes. addition ConocoPhillips, they are BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp., France's Total SA and Norway's Statoil ASA.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow-

TERRY, Orville W. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Orville W. Terry, 90

Orville W. Terry, 90, of Verna East on Feb. Pampa, died June 25, 2007, 9, 1933; she died at Amarillo.

Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Mary Eldridge in Wednesday in Fairview December Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of CrossPointe Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Terry was born Oct. 26, 1916, in Beckham County, Okla. He married

in July of 1945.

He later married 1945; she died in August of 1968. Mr. Terry

moved to Pampa 1948. in worked for Cabot Corp. for four

years, Ideal Laundry for 12 include two sons, Clarence ter years and was a local car salesman prior to retiring in Pampa; one daughter, Jean whatley.com.

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attended Fellowship Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joella Terry-Day in 1999; and a stepdaughter, Bobbie Jean Corbit in

Survivors Terry and Bill Terry, both of

Grantham of Okema, Okla.; one stepdaughter, LaVonda Brinkley of Eric, Okla.; 23 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 601 Red Deer in

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A blossoming



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A rainy spring has contributed to the colorful flowers seen at residences. This bright yellow blossom contrasts with the green foliage of the plant. Summer temperatures are in the forecast, with rain chances decreasing toward the end of the week.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

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

Driving while license is invalid was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Ballard, the 2300 block of Navajo, the 1800 block of Dogwood, an unreported location, the 300 block of South Tignor, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 600 block of North West, the 500 block of North Wells, on two occasions in the 300 block of North Banks, on two occasions in the 1000 block of Neel Road, once in the 1200 block of North Wells, the 2000 block of Duncan, the 500 block of South Tignor, the 800 block of Beryl and the 900

block of South Banks. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Bradley Drive.

Lost property was reported in the

police department lobby. Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of South Russell and the 500 block of Doucette.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70. Suspicious person calls were DEADLINE FOR Life- received from the 900 block of East styles Announcements for Campbell, the 700 block of East Sun. July 8th is Tues. July Denver, the 1000 block of North 3rd., at noon. (Engagements, Hobart and the 1200 block of South

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of North

Disorderly conduct was reported at

streets, on two occasions in the 1800

block of North Hobart and the 2800

block of Charles, where at least one license is invalid. arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of South Wells and the 400 block of Oklahoma.

Three alarms were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of Sierra. A wallet and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$20.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today. Sunday, June 24

9:05 p.m. - A 1984 Ford Mustang, driven by Kevin Ross Frels, 17, of 1915 Holly, and a 2007 Ford Focus, driven by Kristen Marlene Cargal, 18, of 1138 S. Faulkner, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Frels was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of

Monday, June 25

2:44 p.m. - A 2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Rene Mauricio Nieto, 31, of 1304 Duncan, and a 1991 Ford F150 driven by Samuel Gene Barrow, 35, of Skellytown, collided in the 1300 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported. Nieto was cited for backing without safety and no proof of financial responsibility.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Monday, June 25

Rafael Vasquez Felix, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Williston by Pampa Police Department for issuing a bad check and a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Shawn Weatherford, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for driving while

Amanda Diana Wood, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for public intoxication.

Juan R. Flores, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for public intoxication. Billie Sue Kelley, 40, of Pampa was

arrested in the 600 block of East Frederic by PPD for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years

Lorena Rodriguez, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for possession of a controlled substance and duty on striking fixture.

Tuesday, June 26 Kyle Boaz, 17, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest/deten-

Fire

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

Tuesday, June 26 6:52 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 for a hazardous material cleanup.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported

Ambulance

the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, June 25

9:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Albert and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:31 a.m. - A mobile ICU respond-

ed to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital. 11:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood and

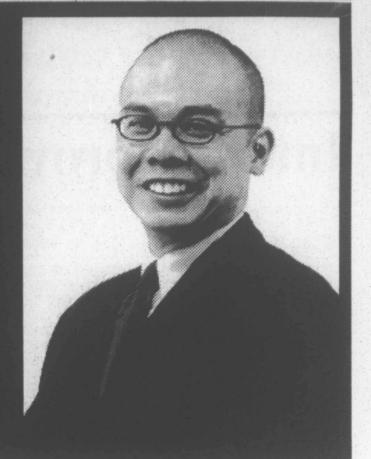
transported a patient to PRMC Tuesday, June 26 5:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Bipartisan immigration bill faces vote

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush encouraged the Senate today to put aside bitter differences and pass a bill that would legalize millions of illegal immigrants.

Bush appeared optimistic about winning Senate approval by week's end. "We'll be moving our attention to the House after the Senate passes this comprehensive piece of legislation," Bush told business leaders and representatives of religious, Hispanic and agricultural communities. "I think this is an historic opportunity for Congress to

"We're optimistic," said Joel Kaplan, Bush's deputy chief of staff. "Our intelligence suggests that there will be the votes there.

Conservative critics who paint the measure as amnesty for lawbreakers, however, said their efforts to stop the legislation were gaining momentum. am is predicting victory Tuesday on the effort to allow the bill - among the ceptable," Kaplan said.

president's top domestic priorities - to

With GOP conservatives determined to block the legislation, backers need 60 votes to clear procedural hurdles and resurrect it today. Just 45 senators only seven of them Republicans -

supported such a move two weeks ago. Bush has mounted an unusually personal effort to diffuse bitter Republican opposition to the bill, appearing at a Senate party lunch earlier this month and dispatching two Cabinet secretaries to take up near-constant residence on Capitol Hill to push the compromise.

Still, after a chaotic several weeks in which the measure survived several near-death experiences, it remains buffeted by intraparty divisions. Bush's aides say they are lobbying hard to persuade Republicans that the measure deserves support.

"We're in the phase now, as (senators) head into the final tally of the votes, of making the case and explaining why we think the status quo is unac-

Jim Manley, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the Senate's top Democrat is hopeful that there will be enough converts to push the bill forward.

Those against the plan to provide a path to citizenship to illegal immigrants were undeterred. "The enthusiasm for this bill, even the votes for this bill, have been eroding," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., a leading critic.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said proponents are engaging in "arm-twisting" to corral support, and he appealed to a skeptical public to ratchet up pressure on their senators to kill it.

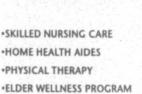
"We do still have a shot to stop it, but it's only going to be if the American people raise the level of their voices in the next 24 hours," DeMint said.

The legislation faces still more trials even if it scales its initial obstacle, with votes looming on amendments that could alter key parts of the measure. Another make-or-break test vote could come as early as Thursday.

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Lefors teen runs, is arrested

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

17-year-old Lefors man been arrested if he hadn't chosen to try to run from a deputy.

Gray County Sheriff's deputy Rhett Rollins was patrolling the streets of Lefors when he noticed a pickup and a red Mustang being driven erratically on Sixth Street. Two male youths were riding on the trunk of the Mustang, and Rollins initiated a traffic

Both vehicles stopped at a residence on Sixth Street, and one of the two trunk riders, Kyle Boaz, elected to run from Rollins.

"Boaz jumped off as soon as the vehicle pulled into a driveway, and he took off runwould probably never have ning. He ran behind the residence," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

> Rollins commanded the others involved in the traffic stop to remain where they were, and yelled at Boaz to "Boaz continued to flee and

was apprehended while trying to climb a fence," Hoard said. He was booked into Gray County Jail at 12:25 a.m. on a of charge evading arrest/detention, according to jail records.

All the others involved in the traffic stop were released at the scene, Hoard said.

New home sales fall

time in the past rive months, providing further evidence of a continued slump in housing.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that sales of new single-family homes dropped by 1.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 915,000 units. That followed a 12.5 percent surge in April sales, which was the biggest one-month jump in more than a decade.

But the April increase, which analysts believe was heavily influenced by special factors such as

WASHINGTON (AP) the weather, marked the Sales of new homes only strength this year. In fell in May for the fourth every other month, sales have fallen as builders struggle to deal with the most serious downturn in housing in 16 years.

The median price of a new home sold in April was \$236,100, down 0.9 percent from the price a year ago. The median is the midpoint where half the homes sold for more and half for less.

The slump in sales affected most parts of the country. Sales were down 7.3 percent in the South, where half of new homes are sold, and fell an even larger 11 percent in the Northeast.

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may people we can put through that pod in an hour or two," Hall said. Health Services class in December "That will give us a number so we will know how many pods would be needed for the number of people we'd need

Pampa, Grandview/Hopkins, Lefors and McLean independent school districts will provide personnel to staff the pods. Volunteers from Pampa and Lefors will portray victims of the epidemic. Guardian EMS Ambulance will also be involved in the exercise, along with Pampa Fire Department and Gray "This is a follow-up to the tabletop

exercise we had May 24," Hall said. He and Pampa City Manager John Horst went to a Texas Department of

concerning pandemic influenza. State officials estimate that between 2,683 and 6,260 people in Pampa could die if there were a pandemic influenza outbreak. They estimate that as many as 207,000 people in the United States could die in such an out-

to be hospitalized. More than 9,000 in Pampa might have to be hospitalized in such an outbreak, Hall said. An estimated 15 to 35

break and another 700,000 would have

percent of those infected with the flu

might include transportation, which would affect how communities get food and medicine; business, since employees would stay home from work either to avoid catching the flu or because they already have it; hospitals, which would be overwhelmed by the numbers of patients and decreased staff; and emergency and morgue serv-

In the pandemic influenza outbreak of 1918, about half a million people were killed, Hall said. In the 1990s, there were an estimated 36,000 deaths nationwide due to seasonal flu outbreaks, and more than 200,000 people were hospitalized.

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Interim President at Galveston College in

Galveston, Texas. He has served on numerous committees for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

He has also served as president of the Texas Community College Association, in addition to numerous other civic and education organiza-

Auvenshine's first day at Clarendon College will be July 2 and he will lead CC as it goes through the selection process for a new president.



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Viewpoints

Internet provides plethora of money schemes

The chance to make money off of items you don't want or need anymore, or even items you still want but must sacrifice for some reason, has resulted in wildly successful auction Web sites such as eBay, where you can list your item and sell it to the highest online bidder. There are also online classified ads and other ways to find someone who wants your discards.

Another online way to pass on those possessions is gaining in popularity now. It's called freecycling, and as its name implies, it is a way to recycle items without any money changing hands.

The Freecycling Network was founded in 2003 in Tucson, Ariz. There are now more than 4,000 "Freecycle communities" and an estimated 3.5 million users worldwide.

In order to take advantage of this item and decide who gets it. free-for-all, according to CBS News, an individual logs on to FreeCycle.org and searches for the volunteer-run group nearest them. They sign up to become a member of that group. By the way, it doesn't cost anything to become a member of a group, either.

Once a person becomes a member of one of the groups and has signed up for the service, they begin receiving e-mails listing the things being offered, which range from used microwave ovens to oldmodel cell phones and children's

When the member sees something they're interested in owning, they send an e-mail to the person who is offering the item. That individual must then review the requests they have received for the

Participants who are offering items are asked to be honest about the age and condition of the items, which are supposed to be legal and appropriate for all ages. In other words, no illegal or naughty stuff.

Marilyn **Powers** Staff Writer



I checked out the home page of FreeCycle.com and saw a number of links to click on. Many started with either "free" or "used," as in "Free Appliance.org" "UsedAppliance.org.

At the bottom of the page was a

place where I could type in exactly what I was looking for and hit a search button. I decided not to go any farther with my investigation, since I wasn't looking for anything at that time and didn't want to get signed up for something I might never use.

I did not see anywhere to click on to sign up as a participant of a local group, but that probably would have surfaced if I had clicked on any of the links.

FreeCycling.com is apparently intended to be a service which promotes recycling and offers a philanthropical online approach to getting rid of those things you don't want or need or otherwise can't keep for yourself.

I can't help but wonder, however, how satisfied its users are. There is no mention of photos

being posted of the items, and no mention of who pays for any transport of the item from the donor to the donee.

I am sure there must be some sort of policing of the users and items. But it sounds almost too good to be true and too easy to

Besides that, if I want to donate something, it seems much easier to me to simply give it to a local organization for distribution. I certainly don't want to spend a lot of time wading through e-mails to pick a winner for an item, and if I were in search of something online, I would like to at least see a photo of the item.

Maybe the World Wide Web isn't everybody's answer for everything, after all.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2007. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History On June 26, 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

On this date:

In 1870, the first section of the boardwalk at Atlantic City, N.J., was opened to the public.

In 1925, Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

One is easily fooled by that which one loves."

> — Moliere French actor-playwright (1622-1673)

In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

> In 1950, President Truman authorized the Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean con-

In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen II in cere-Elizabeth officially monies the opening

Lawrence Seaway.

In 1968, Chief U.S. Justice Earl Warren announced he was

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House. In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic

smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia,

In 1987, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. announced his retirement, leaving a vacancy that was filled

by Anthony M. Kennedy. Ten years ago: In a series of decisions, the Supreme Court ruled that terminally ill Americans had no constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide, but did nothing to bar states from legalizing the process; struck down a congressional attempt to keep pornography off the Internet, saying it vio-

lated the First Amendment; let stand the president's line-item veto authority without addressing its constitutionality. Five years ago: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools was unconstitutional because the words "under God" had been inserted by Congress in 1954. (The U.S. Supreme

The Group of Eight nations, meeting in Canada, announced that Russia would be made a full-fledged member of the elite group.

Court overturned the decision in 2004 on a technicality.)

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True law gives no perks to any citizen ...

and we arrest the rapist. Should his status, whether he's a senator, professor or an ordinary man, play a role in the adjudication of the crime and subsequent punishment? I'm betting that the average person would answer that the law against rape is general and non-arbitrary and one's status should have nothing to do with the adjudication and punishment for the crime. That's precisely what is meant by "rule of law." Or, as English jurist A.V. Dicey put it, "Every man, whatever be his rank or condition, is subject to the ordinary law of the realm and amenable to the jurisdiction of the ordinary tri-

Law in the true sense consists of a set of general rules applicable to all persons, as opposed to laws that are simply orders by the legislature requiring particular people to do particular things. Rule

Suppose a person is raped of law is critical to the ments, it should bail out any taxation to pay for the cost preservation of liberty. Unfortunately, Americans neither understand nor appreciate this, and we are increasingly being ruled by arbitrary orders and privileges based upon one's status. Let's look at a few of them at the

> national Walter During Williams the 1980s. many sav-Columnist ings and

loan banks

made huge losses because of chicanery, stupidity and unwise investments. Congress bailed them out. In 1987, when the stock market crashed, many Americans incurred large losses because of unwise, perhaps stupid, investments. Equal treatment before the law would require that if Congress bails out one American who makes unwise or stupid invest-

unwise or stupid investments. Instead, Congress gave particular people privi-

leges because of their status. A rule of law regime would require that we scrap the Internal Revenue Code in its current form. What jus-

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has a higher income, minor children or receives his income from capital gains instead of wages? Equal treatment would require Congress to figure out the cost of the constitutionally authorized functions of the federal government, divide it by the adult population and send us each a bill for our share.

You say, "What about the ability-to-pay principle of

American who makes of government?" That's just a politics of envy concept that would be revealed as utter nonsense if applied to any other cost. Would you apply the ability-to-pay principle to, say, gasoline or food purchases where different prices are charged to different people depending on how many dependents they had, their income, or whether their income was derived from wages, dividends or capital gains?

> The fact that Americans have become ruled by orders and special privileges helps explain all the money and graft that we see in Washington. We've moved away from a government with limited powers, as our Founders envisioned, to one with awesome powers. Therefore, it pays people to spend huge amounts of money influence

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: June 18

and water: Water is precious, as Texans who suffered through the 1950s Drought

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Texas

From Hell can attest. But gigantic new reservoirs are pricey. The estimated cost of the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir in Northeast Texas, which would provide water for the Dallas-Fort Worth area by 2030, is a staggering \$2.16 billion.

Precisely because water is precious and reservoirs are costly, fast-growing North Central Texas should greatly expand conservation and reuse to help

ensure an ample long-term supply. That's important because the population of a 16-county metropolitan area including Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin counties - is projected to roughly double to more than 13 million residents by 2060.

Even if conservation and reuse are significantly expanded, the 62,000-acre Nichols reservoir probably will be needed. But stepped-up conservation and reuse could at least delay the need for building Nichols or buying other new supplies of water.

In May, the Legislature passed a major water bill that included Nichols as a prospective future water source. Opponents of Nichols said that Dallas and Fort Worth, which have higher consumption rates than other big Texas

cities, should focus on conservation and reuse rather than building a reservoir that would submerge vast chunks of hardwood bottomlands and destroy wildlife habitat.

Regardless of your take on Nichols, one thing should be clear: We must stop wasting water, as we often do in countless ways, including inefficient and excessive irrigation of lawns and by using more water than needed for bathing, washing clothes and cleaning

North Central Texas cities and water districts need to establish stronger conservation and reuse programs, provide more incentives for both and better educate the general public about why

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Local native Lindsey Price recently returned to Pampa and is working at Tammy's Cut Ups, a beauty salon located at 816 N. Hobart.

Born and raised in Pampa, Lindsey moved away in 2003 but missed the friendly quality of her hometown. She came back after graduating from Sidney's Hairdressing College, a large school based in Hutchinson, Kan., that teaches the latest cutting-edge techniques in hair care and styling.

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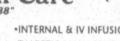


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Too Tired in Parkville, Mo." (April 27), who said she is "not a morning person," but who has been assigned additional early-morning tasks at work. I, too, am a night owl. Give me a graveyard shift, and I am a happy camper. However, as a single mother of two children, that has never been an option. I used to have a rough time in the mornings. (I would fall asleep over my keyboard on a regular basis.) I finally sought help from a doctor and learned that my daytime sleepiness was actually from a medical condition. I recommend that "Too Tired" speak to a physician to find out if there is an underlying cause for her sleepiness. - AWAKE WITH THE SUNRISE, KEIZER, ORE.

DEAR AWAKE: The responses I received to that letter were as different as night and day! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Too Tired in Parkville" was excellent. I realize that some people are not "morning people," but the comment she made about being unable to function no matter how much sleep she had gotten the night before gave me pause. To change the body clock, one must go to bed at the same time every day, not just the night before one's shift. Eventually, one's body will adjust. However, if the body doesn't adjust, she should check for other DEAR ABBY: "Too Tired" needs to causes, like perhaps, sleep apnea. It's a serious medical condition. - C.C. FROM **TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: "Too Tired." should ask to change shifts. I am a manager for a major department store, and we encourage our employees to work the shift that fits them the best. I am an owl. I manage the night shift, the time that is best-suited for me. All companies want the best productivity from their people, and if changing shifts

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will improve the person's performance, then I do not know any boss who would not welcome the shift change, especially if the employee is an asset to the company. -DIANE IN SECAUCUS, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: You know what? I think "Too Tired" needs to suck it up and do the job assigned to her. Most jobs are based on the premise that you wake up early, go to work and get home for dinner. In college you can schedule classes to start at 3 in the afternoon if you want, sleep in and enjoy your mornings. It's time for "Too Tired" to learn that the majority of people go to work in the morning, and she should get used to it. -- DIANA IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR ABBY: As an employer, I read that letter and noticed flaws in the writer's work ethic. She stated that she's just out of college and has a part-time job in her field that has been "easy and laid-back." When her employer "upgraded" her responsibilities with no pay raise, her problems began. Abby, she is being tested by her employer. If she's working in her preferred field, she's going to make a name for herself -- a good one or a bad one. It's up to her to prove herself regardless of whether she's a morning person or not. Period! - CHEYNE IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

change her attitude. Someday she may have to feed a child at all hours of the day or night, and the fact that she's "not a morning person" just doesn't cut it. Do you think that farmers who get up at 5 a.m. to milk the cows are all morning people? They just do what has to be done. I bet the incentive of a large paycheck would make her a morning person in a New York minute. -JOAN H., SOUTH CAROLINA

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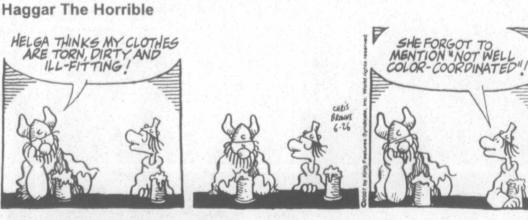
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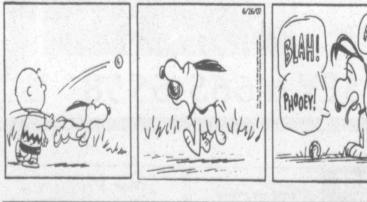
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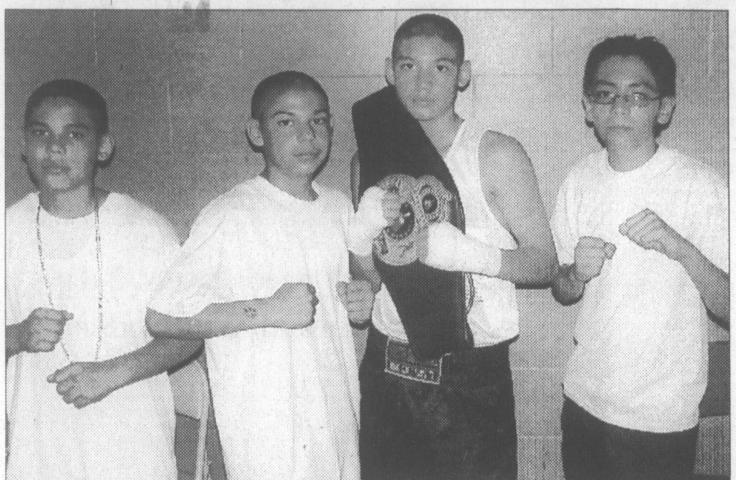
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Sports Day

Local boxers travel to tournament in the metroplex



Courtesy photos by MARK AMBRIZ

Pictured here (L-R) are the members of the Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club that traveled to Dallas over the weekend to compete at the Los Gallos tournament: Joshua Mena, Emmanuel Mena, Sammy Mena and Freddy Ambriz.

Brewers farmhand pitches perfect game

(AP) - Milwaukee Brewers pitches for strikes against of the Sounds, John Wasdin, farmhand Manny Parra the Express, a Houston pitched a perfect game Astros affiliate. It was the Monday night, leading the eighth perfect game in the Nashville Sounds to a 3-0 PCL's 104-year history victory over Round Rock in but only the third in a ninethe Triple-A Pacific Coast inning game. The others

Making his second starf at Triple-A, Parra struck out 11 nine-inning perfect game in three Portland pitchers com-

came in seven-inning games.

The last pitcher to throw a

ROUND ROCK, Texas and threw 77 of his 107 the PCL also was a member now with the Pittsburgh Pirates, accomplished the feat on April 7, 2003, against Albuquerque. Tacoma's John Halama did it in July

> The most recent perfect game in the PCL came when

bined for a seven-inning gem in the second game of a doubleheader last June.

The 24-year-old Parra was picked by the Brewers in the 26th round of the 2001 draft. The left-hander went 11-2 with a 2.73 ERA for Class-A Beloit in 2003, but had season-ending rotator cuff surgery in August 2005.

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club hit the road this weekend to compete in the Los Gallos tournament held in Dallas.

About 50 teams and organizations from around the state showed up to compete in the tournament.

The teams brought anywhere from two to ten fighters, numbers that overwhelmed tournament offi-

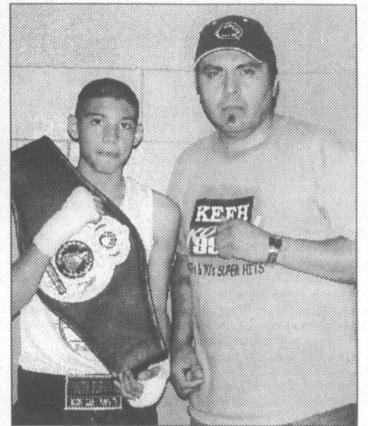
Pampa brought five boxallowed to compete because of complications due to the

number of competitors.

Emmanuel Mena, Freddy Ambriz, Joshua Mena, and Sammy Mena expected to compete in the Los Gallos tournament, but Sammy Mena ended up being the only one from the team to compete.

Mena won his fight in the 106 lb. weight class Sunday, and received a belt for his victory.

"We were disappointed that the other guys didn't get to fight," coach Mark Ambriz said, "but that's just ers, and only one was how boxing goes sometimes."



Pictured here is Sammy Mena (left) with Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club coach Mark Ambriz after the Los Gallos tournament.

Mauresmo wins easily to open defense of Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — A year after winning her first Wimbledon title, Amelie Mauresmo returned to Centre Court as if she'd never been away.

The Frenchwoman, her attacking game suited to the slick grass surface, took slightly more than an hour to beat Jamea Jackson of the United States 6-1, 6-3 Tuesday on another cloudy, chilly day at the All England

Mauresmo, who beat Justin Henin in last year's final, is seeded only No. 4 because she was sidelined following an appendectomy

Mauresmo was never really tested by the 158th-ranked Jackson, who underwent hip surgery in December, hasn't won a match on the main tour this year and looked shaky in her first Centre Court appearance.

Mauresmo, who set the tone by going to the net on the first point for a winning forehand volley, raced to a 5-0 lead before the 20-year-old Jackson held serve for her first game.

Jackson settled down and took more chances in the second set, but it wasn't enough. Mauresmo finished in March and had a groin with 21 winners and 12 problem that contributed to unforced errors, while an early exit at the French Jackson had nine winners

and 15 errors.

Two other women's champions were due to play Tuesday, with 2004 winner Maria Sharapova paired against Chan Yung-jan of and three-time champ Venus Williams Russia's Alla against Kudryavtseva.

Among the men, secondseeded Rafael Nadal coming off his third straight French Open title — was due to face Mardy Fish. Former champion Lleyton Hewitt, No. 4 Novak Djokovic and No. 9 James Blake also were scheduled to play Tuesday.

Due to resume on Centre duel between old timers Tim Henman and Carlos Moya.

They were tied at 5-5 in the fifth set when play was suspended by darkness Monday night. With the British crowd roaring at every winner by Henman — a four-time semifinalist playing in his 14th Wimbledon — Moya saved four match points on his serve to send the contest into a second day.

When Serena Williams talked up her chances of winning a third Wimbledon title, she never mentioned anything about an injury.

She didn't count on her father revealing that she's not 100 percent fit.

"I'm going to have to talk Court was the compelling to my dad," Williams said. "I'll probably let him slide

Williams reluctantly acknowledged that she has been receiving treatment for what she called a "tight" hamstring, which may explain her erratic start to her first round match Monday at the All England Club.

Williams was down 5-4 in the first set, spraying unforced errors and looking out of sorts. She managed to lift her game and win nine straight games to beat Lourdes Dominguez Lino of Spain 7-5, 6-0.

"It's good she got through the match, but she looks like she's playing a little hurt. I don't think she should be playing. I told her she shouldn't," her father and

coach, Richard, said after watching the match.

Then, with a laugh, he added: "You'll have to ask her about what the injury is or I might lose my job for talking.

On Saturday, Williams said she and her sister Venus, were "healthy" and ready to go. When told of her father's remarks, she enthused about discussing the ailment and gave few details.

"It's doing OK," she said. "I'm just taking it a day at time. It's getting better, better than it was a couple days ago. Flared up, but it's getting better now, slowly but surely."

Authorities await autopsies in deaths of wrestler Chris Benoit, wife, 7-year-old son

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. Benoit canceled a pay-perview appearance at the "Vengeance" event in Houston because of "personal reasons" a day before he, his wife and their 7-year-old son were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide.

going to prove a little bizarre" when released to the public, Fayette County District Attorney Scott Ballard told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Autopsies were scheduled Tuesday by the Georgia DeKalb County.

Authorities were investigating the deaths at a secluded Fayette County home as a murder-suicide and were not seeking any suspects.

Investigators son over the weekend and "several curious text mes- said in a statement on its

then himself sometime (AP) — Pro wrestler Chris Monday. The bodies were found Monday afternoon in three different rooms of the house on Green Meadow Lane, in a subdivision off a gravel road about two miles Whitewater from the Country Club.

Ballard told The Details of the deaths "are Associated Press a gun was not used in any of the deaths. But he declined to say how the three died.

"We're pretty sure we know, but we want to confirm it with the crime lab,"

Ballard said early Tuesday. Fayette County Coroner Bureau of Investigation in C.J. Mowell did not return phone calls. The answering service for his funeral home said he was out of town.

Wrestling World Entertainment said on its Web site that it asked authorbelieve ities to check on Benoit and Benoit, (pronounced ben- his family after being alerted WAH) killed his wife and by friends who received of tragedy," the company

sages sent by Benoit early Sunday morning.'

Sheriff's Lt. Tommy Pope told WSB-TV that the three were found about 2:30 p.m., but he wouldn't release other

Stamford, Conn.-based WWE also said on its Web site it had been asked by authorities not to release further information on the deaths of Benoit, 40; his wife, Nancy, 43; and son, Daniel.

Benoit was born in Montreal. He was a former world heavyweight champion, Intercontinental champion and held several tag-team titles over his career. He was known by several names including "The Canadian Crippler.

"WWE extends its sincerest thoughts and prayers to the Benoit family's relatives and loved ones in this time dren from a prior relation-

Benoit had maintained a home in metro Atlanta from the time he wrestled for the defunct Championship Wrestling.

The WWE canceled its live "Monday Night RAW" card in Corpus Christi, Texas, and USA Network aired a three-hour tribute to Benoit in place of the scheduled wrestling telecast.

Benoit's wife managed several wrestlers and went by the stage name, "Woman," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution report-

They met when her thenhusband drew up a script that had them involved in a relationship as part of an ongoing story line on World Championship Wrestling, the newspaper said.

Benoit has two other chil-

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Cubs win after giving up five-run lead in ninth inning

By The Associated Press

Alfonso Soriano gave Chicago a perfect ending to a ninth inning that already featured a blown five-run lead and a fan charging at Cubs closer Bobby Howry.

Soriano's two-run single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Cubs a 10-9 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night, setting off a wild celebration after Chicago's bullpen blew a five-run lead in the top of the inning.

"Just when you think you've seen about everything, you haven't seen everything," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

Todd Helton doubled in a run with none out off reliever Scott Eyre, Bobby Howry (4-4) was greeted by consecutive RBI singles from Garrett Atkins and Brad Hawpe. Troy Tulowitzki followed with a three-run shot to put the Rockies ahead 9-8.

After Tulowitzki's homer, a fan jumped onto the field from the roof of the Rockies' dugout and charged at Howry — the Cubs' closer while Ryan Dempster is unavailable because of a strained oblique muscle. The fan was just a few feet from the mound when security guards tackled him.

"As soon as I turned

going into the ninth. After him and took him down," said Howry, who hardly moved as the fan charged his way. "He said, 'What are you doing?' I'm trying to give up home runs, what do you think?'

The scene was eerily similar to when a fan attacked Cubs closer Randy Myers in September 1995.

"I don't think he was too threatening," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "It is scary because you don't know."

Howry then got three outs, and the drama was just beginning.

The Cubs came back against Rockies closer Brian Fuentes (0-2). Mark DeRosa led off the ninth with a sin-The Rockies trailed 8-3 around the guy clotheslined gle. With two outs, pinch-

hitter Koyie Hill singled and Ryan Theriot reached on an error by second baseman Kaz Matsui.

With the bases loaded, Soriano hit a two-run single, scoring pinch-runner Jacque Jones and Hill. "A great win. You couldn't

have scripted it any better. Clutch," Piniella said. Said Soriano: "This was my best moment with

Chicago so far.'

In other NL games Monday, it was: Atlanta 4, Washington 1; New York 2, St. Louis 1 in 11 innings; Milwaukee 6, Houston 1; Los Angeles 8, Arizona 1; and San Francisco 4, San Diego 3 in 11 innings.

After the game, the

Rockies were still stunned.

the least," Helton said. "You have to give them credit. lead in a week, and he added They didn't give up. Give us a three-run homer to lift the credit, we didn't give up. Braves over Washington. Just one of those nights."

Rookie Mike Fontenot went 5-for-5 with two RBIs, and Angel Pagan hit a threerun homer for the Cubs.

Derrek Lee added three hits and DeRosa drove in three runs for the Cubs, who were coming off a weekend sweep of the White Sox.

The Rockies have lost four straight after winning

"You have to move on. It's not going to get any better thinking about it," Fuentes

In other NL games, Brian "It was a weird one, to say McCann's run-scoring single gave host Atlanta its first Pampa

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McCann's second four-RBI game of the season helped Tim Hudson (7-5) win for the first time since May 30. Bob Wickman got three outs for his 13th save in 16 chances.

Shawn Green hit a leadoff home run in the 11th inning and New York beat St. Louis in the Cardinals' first visit to Shea Stadium since winning Game 7 of the NL championship series last October.

The Mets won their fourth in a row despite getting only

Troubled times for Wie on the eve of the U.S. Open

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist You want it to end well, but somehow it doesn't seem like it will. Child sports prodigies are a lot like child actors in that everything they do is not so cute anymore once they start growing up.

Michelle Wie is growing up, and fast. Just a few weeks ago she was busily filling out a housing application for Stanford, where she plans to live this fall in a dorm with other kids her age.

Like her, they're smart and gifted. Unlike her, they don't have \$10 million in the bank and golf fans scrutinizing their every

Lately those moves have been scrutinized more than ever as Wie's game spirals downward on the same path as her confidence level. At the age of 17, she can't find the fairway with her driver, and the idea of competing against the men seems laughable when she can't even beat her own gen-

Wie made matters worse recently by antagonizing the best female in the game. And many think she was playing games when she walked off the course during a horrible round recently with a wrist injury that seemed almost too convenient.

Wie is still rich, and she's still famous, or as famous as a women's golfer can be. But the novelty of being a long-hitting 13-year-old who could hold her own with the best in the world has worn off, and she has yet to add a trophy of any sort to the family home in Hawaii.

The women's U.S. Open begins Thursday in North Carolina, where Lorena Ochoa, Annika Sorenstam and teen Morgan Pressel will be among the favorites for the most coveted prize in women's golf. Wie will be there as well, but as more of an afterthought than anything else.

She's ancient history, or merely ancient in the eyes of one competitor. That would be Alexis Thompson, who automatically

great thing by qualifying for the Open at the age of 12.

Not that Wie won't get attention. Reporters will follow her around Pine Needles, not to see if she can challenge for the lead, but to write about her if she doesn't

They'll keep a sharp eye out to see if she faints from the heat or re-injures her wrist. They'll want to know if Sorenstam is still unhappy with Wie for pulling out of the Ginn Tribute while struggling to break 90, only to be seen hitting balls two days later.

They'll ask Wie the kind of questions they wouldn't ask a 13year-old. And they'll expect grown-up answers, not like the one Wie gave when asked if she should say she was sorry to Sorenstam, the tournament host, for pulling out of the Ginn the way she did.

"I don't think I need to apologize for anything," she said.

No one in the Wie family has felt the need to apologize for anything ever since she began playing with the pros, which is part of the problem. She was always the chosen one, and anyone who objected to tournament invitations or special privileges simply didn't understand that she was entitled to them

So when Wie fires her caddie or switches agents like she did last year, it's never her fault. When she walks off the course after holding a conversation with her agent and claims a wrist injury, then the wrist must have suddenly flared up.

When she was playing well and drawing large galleries to tournaments like the John Deere Classic, that was tolerated. But now she hasn't broken par in her last 20 competitive rounds and finished 10 shots behind the next worst player earlier this month in the LPGA Championship, where the check for \$3,273 was her first performance payday of the year.

Her confidence is so shaky that she played three rounds at the

assumed the mantle of the next LPGA Championship without pulling the driver out of the bag. Last week she announced she wouldn't play in the John Deere, where she nearly made the cut against men as a 15-year-old, because she doesn't have the length any longer to play the

That just might be the best decision Wie and her parents have made since she celebrated her 16th birthday by signing \$10 million in endorsement contracts with Nike and Sony. It's true she got those contracts largely because she created a stir by playing against men, but the idea is not nearly as intriguing now as it was a few years back.

The best thing about being 17 is that Wie has plenty of time to find both herself and her game. She may yet have a long and successful career, and do the kind of things on the golf course that so many predicted for her just a few years ago.

A good start on the path to recovery might be to leave her golf clubs, at home when she heads to Stanford. Her parents could do her a big favor by letting her enjoy her freshman year living among others her age without worrying once about whether she can hit the fairway with her driv-

Tiger Woods looks back fondly on his stay at Stanford as a time he began to start finding his own way. Some day Wie might be doing the same thing.

It doesn't seem like five years has past since Wie first gained notoriety by qualifying for an LPGA event at the age of 12. But she'll be 18 this fall, at which time she legally becomes an

That's one of the problems with child prodigies. They always grow up way too fast.

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Henman needs 5 sets, 2 days to advance at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — British hope Tim Henman needed two days to make it to the second round of Wimbledon, outlasting Carlos Moya on Tuesday in a riveting conclusion in which he won the fifth set 13-11 on his seventh match

A double-fault by Moya on the third match point of the 24th game of the set gave Henman a 6-3, 1-6, 5-7, 6-2, 13-11 win that enthralled the Centre Court crowd at the All England Club.

Henman, a four-time semifinalist playing in his 14th Wimbledon, had been tied 5-5 with Moya in the fifth set when the first-round match was stopped because of darkness Monday night. Henman missed four match points at 5-4.

"It would have been pretty sweet to finish it off last night," he said. "Perhaps this scenario is even bet-

Henman, who has a tradition of pulling out five-set victories at Wimbledon, has lost in the second round the last two years. The last British man to win the title at Wimbledon was Fred Perry in 1936, but Henman has been closest to ending that streak in recent years.

"This place is so special to me and I've had so many experiences over the years I always believe that good things are going to happen,"

The two men returned to Centre Court after Amelie Mauresmo had opened the defense of her women's title Tuesday by beating Jamea Jackson of the United States 6-1, 6-3 in just more than an hour.

That was slightly less time that it took Henman and Moya, the 1998 French Open champion and former No. 1-ranked player, to complete their match.

Both players pulled out some brilliant shots under pressure including aces, running passing shots and stab volleys - to keep the match going.

Henman saved two break points while serving at 11-all — the first with an ace down the middle, and the second with a stunning secondserve ace, a high-kicking delivery into Moya's backhand corner.

In the next game, Henman got to 15-40 on Moya's serve by lifting a soft backhand lob that just drifted over the leaping Spaniard's extend-'ed racket. Henman squandered the first match point with a misplayed backhand return, and Moya saved the second with a backhand volley winner. After an error at deuce, the match ended with Moya hitting a second serve long.

"You'd like to finish on a running forehand pass to finish it," Henman said. "But at that point you're open

to any gifts." Mauresmo, who beat Justin Henin in last year's final, is seeded only No. 4 because she was sidelined following an appendectomy in March and had a groin problem that contributed to an early exit at the French Open.

Sabathia goes distance for 11th win, Weaver stops Red Sox

By The Associated Press

While C.C. Sabathia has been outstanding all season, Jeff Weaver is just beginning to reverse his early

Emerging as a top-tier ace, Sabathia became baseball's second 11-game winner by pitching a complete game to lead the Cleveland Indians past the visiting Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Monday night.

The left-hander tied Boston's Josh Beckett for the major league lead in wins, extending an impressive run of pinpoint control. In his past 14 starts, Sabathia (11-2) has walked only 11 batters while striking out 89.

"He's become a true No. 1 pitcher," Indians manager Eric Wedge said, "and one of the best in the

Weaver, on the other hand, is just trying to regain respectability.

A World Series star for St. Louis last season, the right-hander got off to a dismal start in his first year with Seattle. But he won his second consecutive outing Monday, pitching the Mariners to a 9-4 victory over the potent Boston Red Sox at Safeco Field.

Weaver (2-6) allowed two runs — one earned — and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. He has lowered his ERA from 14.32 to 7.71 in four starts since returning from the disabled

So is Weaver back to where he wanted to be after he signed an \$8,325,000, one-year contract with the Mariners last winter?

"Well, I'll let you know at the end of the season," he said, smiling. "Right now, I'm feeling good."

In other AL games, it was: Kansas City 5, Los Angeles 3;

Texas 8, Detroit 3; Toronto 8, Minnesota 5; and Chicago 5, Tampa

Bay 4. Weaver showed anger and resolve - if not consistent command - while featuring off-speed pitches against the fastball-feasting Red Sox, who own the best record in the major leagues at 48-27. Boston lost a 2-1 lead and a chance to move a season-best 23 games over .500.

Weaver yelled at himself, the plate umpire and his fielders while winning for the second time in less than a week following an 0-6 start.

"That's my competitive nature. It sometimes gets the best of me," said Weaver, lauded by the Mariners for maintaining an even temperament throughout his poor start. "When you are feeling good like you can beat a team and you're not pitching the way you can, it's frustrating."

Jose Lopez capped a five-run fifth with a two-run single, and Kenji Johjima and Adrian Beltre hit consecutive homers in the seventh for the Mariners.

Seattle won for the fifth time in seven games on its season-high 12game homestand even though Ichiro Suzuki went 0-for-4 with a walk,

ending his 19-game hitting streak. Julian Tavarez (5-5) lost for the first time in eight starts.

At Cleveland, Sabathia allowed nine hits in his second complete game this month. He struck out eight and didn't walk a batter.

The A's threatened in the ninth. getting runners to second and third before Sabathia, who leads the majors in innings pitched, struck out Mark Kotsay looking on his 111th pitch to end his 14th career complete game.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday,

June 27, 2007 This year you break precedent, pioneering new ways of seeing situations differently. Moving in the direction you choose might not always be easy and will require determination. Emphasize daily life and make it more to your liking. If you really hate your job, change it. Consider how much of your life you spend doing it. Honor yourself. Diets and health resolutions might be important, especially as a lingering sweet tooth marches through your life more than ever! If you are single, look to winter 2008 and the period following to meet your potential new sweetie. If you are attached, often you won't be in sync. As 2008 rolls in, relating on daily issues will help develop a greater bond. SAGIT-TARIUS will support your choices.

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)

**** Stretch and visualize. Many situations and discussions might not feel right. Use these experiences to learn how not to trigger. Even a compliment could come out awkward. Tonight: Reach for

the stars. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Work with others, knowing that this is the only way you will have an influence. Different ideas, thoughts and actions might not feel in harmony with the situation. Avoid becoming a belligerent Bull by taking a walk and getting a fresh perspective. Tonight: Accept anoth-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Others will step forward,

especially if you do nothing. How you deal with offers and suggestions might not be with your normal smoothness and grace. Know that you, as well as others, could be a touch gawky right now. Tonight: Among people; not alone. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Your easygoing temperament and ability to adjust could become strong factors in what occurs. Where many go up in a cloud of smoke if they are angry, frustrated or feeling awkward, you can and will make the adjustment. Tonight: Chip in and help. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your creativity emerges as you need to deal with various issues. Your

ability to make a difference becomes apparent. You fill in the gaps in communication, awkward moments and other difficult situations. Tonight: Time for a Lion's reward. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** You might feel that no matter what you do, no matter which direction you turn, you cannot win for losing. Hence, don't try right now, and take care of some personal matters. A family member adores the extra attention he or she gets. Tonight: Happy as can be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might want to change directions. Normally a simple conversation could create that desire; right now much detail will be attached to any idea or project. Perhaps this oddness helps you secure a better situation. Tonight: Hang

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Finances play a large role in a matter. You might feel as if you cannot enact the changes you desire. Take your time and greet each obstacle as a friend. Perhaps these situations are giving you

important information. Listen. See. Tonight: Pay a bill or two. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You might be energized and ready to meet a great day. Though you feel wonderful, complications arise from out of the blue. Don't give any energy to these situations, knowing that they will work out. Tonight: Enjoy the moment. Enjoy whoever happens to be with you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** If you remove yourself from events, you could feel much better. Inevitably, there is a knot in many projects, situations or communication. No one is creating a problem -- simply no one is in sync at the moment. Tonight: Get some extra sleep, knowing this too will pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Friends target you and want your attention and feedback. Stay on course, especially if you feel as if you are about to achieve a long-desired wish or goal. Meetings are expansive. Others have surprising concerns. Tonight: Where the crowds are

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might need to accept additional responsibility. However, assume that it might be difficult, as many are reticent or slightly out of sync. Understand what is happening, and stay on course. Tonight: A must appearance.

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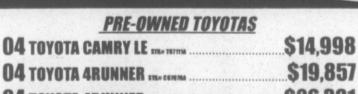
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Republicans confident they can block unions' legislative priority in Senate

By JESSE J. HOLLAND AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -Supporters of allowing unions to form without a secret ballot election won a small victory today when an influential senator said he wouldn't block the bill, but it still seemed destined to fall to a Republican Senate blockade.

Republican Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., announced that he would vote not to block the Employee Free Choice Act.

Specter noted, however, that his vote would not mean that he would have supported the bill's passage - only debate of bill so that "we may consider a great many very important and complex

But Republicans are still confident they have the 41 votes needed to block it in the Senate. That's all it takes under Senate rules requiring a three-fifths majority to advance contentious legislation over opponents' objections.

"It deserves to be defeated and I am confident that it will be," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said.

The bill would require employers to recognize unions after being presented union cards signed by a majority of eligible workers on their payrolls. Under current labor law, a company can demand a secret ballot election supervised by the federal government after being presented the union cards.

If McConnell somehow fails, the White House says President Bush will veto the

Even though the bill's supporters expect to lose, Democrats hope that making the Senate vote will energize the party's labor base going into the 2008 election sea-

Organized labor has called the bill its No. 1 legislative priority. "If we have to wait until 2009 to get the president's signature, that's what we're willing to do,"

said John Sweeney, presi- responsible for pro-labor dent of the AFL-CIO.

Republicans anticipate the same result on their side, looking for the vote to remind the business community that it's in their interest to actively support GOP candidates prevent Sweeney's dream from coming true.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee sent out a fundraising video last week asking people to contribute to help stop the bill. The Center for Union Facts, a group critical of organized labor, said it spent almost \$1 million in a national advertising campaign against the

Union leaders brought thousands of workers to the Capitol last week to rally for the bill and the International Association of Firefighters canceled its presidential forum scheduled for Tuesday to ensure Democratic presidential candidates were in Washington

"We didn't want to be

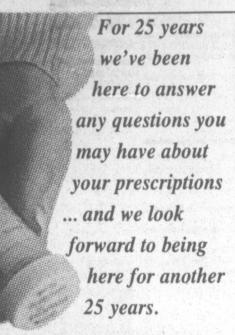
members' absence during a vote on labor's most important legislative issue this session," said Bill Glanz, a spokesman for the union that helped launch John Kerry's presidential run in 2004.

The bill's proponents say years of Republican control of the White House and Congress have given corporations and businesses the upper hand when it comes to union elections. Obstacles to organizing are a major reason union membership has dropped from 20 percent of wage and salary workers in 1983 to 12 percent in 2006, they say.

Unions complain that employers have greater access to workers during secret ballot campaigns and claim that corporate threats, intimidation and eventual firings have become common for union activists. By dragging out the election process, companies often succeed in wearing down union enthusiasm, they add.

Employers contend that

union recognition elections happening. prevent just the reverse from



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water, authorities said. Bruce Burger, 50, was trying to retrieve his ball Monday from a pond on the sixth hole at the Lake Venice

The alligator latched on to Burger's right forearm and pulled him in the pond, said Gary Morse, a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Conservation Wildlife Commission. Burger used his left arm to beat the reptile until it freed him.

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they are important.

Fort Worth has changed residential billing rates so that high-volume users pay more per gallon for consumption above specified levels. The city also is requiring that new sprinkler systems have sensors that shut them down when it rains or freezes.

Numerous cities nave banned irrigation of lawns from hours such as 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during warmweather months. They also are educating residents about lawn irrigation techniques that waste less water and are recommending drought-resistant more landscaping.

The Tarrant Regional Water District, which supplies Fort Worth, Arlington and other Tarrant cities, is proposing tougher restrictions on water usage during dry spells.

The district also has begun a successful program under which Trinity River water that has been used in the D-FW area, treated at area sewage plants and sent downstream is filtered through cleansing wetlands bordering the district's Richland-Chambers Reservoir in East Texas. The water then goes into the reservoir and can be pumped back to Tarrant County cities for treatment and consump-

Cities also can expand

parks and golf courses. On Tuesday, Fort Worth Water Department officials informed City Council members that they expect to propose a variety of measures to encourage greater conservation. The Star-Telegram recently reported that the city's system is plagued by an excess of leaky pipes that waste water and by faulty, aged meters that cause inaccurate billing.

The Austin City Council recently approved a variety of aggressive conservation measures to be implemented over the next several years to curb consumption by homeowners, commercial laundries, car washes and other water users. Higher standards will be required for everything from sprinkler systems to

plumbing fixtures. Austin already gives residents free low-flow shower heads, helps pay for lowflow toilets and provides \$100 rebates for water- and energy-saving washers. The city even sells rain barrels at discounted prices. San Antonio and El Paso provide some similar conservation incentives.

Under a long-term water plan adopted in 2006 for 16 D-FW area counties, an estimated 28 percent of the region's needs would be met by a variety of conservation and reuse strategies.

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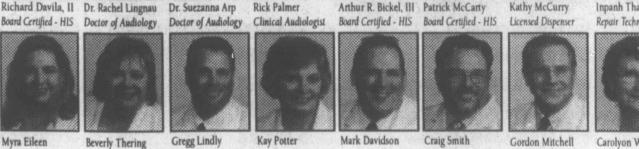








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Congress in their favor, that is, get Congress to grant them privileges denied to other Americans.

Twenty-five years ago, during a dinner conversation with Nobel Laureate economist/philosopher Friedrich A. Hayek, I asked him if he could propose one law that would restore, promote and preserve liberty in our country, what would that law be? Hayek answered that the law he'd propose would read: Congress shall enact no law

that does not apply equally to all Americans.

Hayek's suggestion for full equality before the law was both simple and profound and would do untold wonders in fostering the liberties envisioned by our Founders. But I'm betting that most Americans would greet Hayek's proposal with contempt after they realized that it would mean Congress wouldn't be able enact orders and play favorites with different Americans.

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