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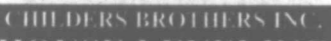


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Xcel Energy asks customers to curb electricity use

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy is asking electric customers in its Texas and New Mexico service territory to conserve energy because of expected high electric demand and limits in generation capacity on Monday.

The utility company urges consumers to limit their power use through 7 p.m. in

order to reduce the strain on the power grid. Xcel Energy should produce enough power to meet demand today, but it is possible that reserve margins could tighten as air conditioning load rises in the afternoon hours.

People can help deter power emergencies by:

- Setting the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher at home.
- Turning up the thermostat to 85 degrees before leaving home.
- Using major appliances and equipment after 7 p.m., when power demand is lower.

"We take our responsibility

to supply energy to our customers very seriously, and we will declare an Energy Alert only after exhausting all other options," said David Eves, president of Southwestern Public Service Co., an Xcel Energy company.

"Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we

look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system. Turning off all lights and appliances that are not essential to health and safety will help us meet everyone's energy needs without service interruptions. We at Xcel Energy - and your friends and neighbors - thank you."

House on fire



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Fireworks have not been ruled out as the cause of a fire Monday afternoon at 2300 Navajo Road, according to Fire Marshal Keith Fisher. A grass fire at the residence was reported at 1:39 p.m., and the house was reported to be on fire at 2:49 p.m., according to emergency service call reports. Firefighters hose down the roof of the house as smoke drifts over the structure. The roof and upper level of the home was damaged in the blaze.

Fireworks prohibited in city area

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Celebrating the Fourth of July means shooting off fireworks for some Pampans, but city ordinances prohibit their use anywhere in an area within 1,000 feet of the city limits.

The only fireworks allowed inside city limits are those used in the annual professional display at Recreation Park. No other fireworks are allowed at the park, said Pampa Fire Marshal Keith Fisher.

Fireworks can cause injury and property damage. They should be used as directed on the package, and parents should supervise their children when fireworks are being used, according to Pampa Police

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July 4 holiday brings more traffic enforcement

Celebrating July 4 should not include driving drunk or speeding, Texas Highway Patrol troopers say. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing seatbelts or properly secured in child safety seats.

"If you're driving drunk, you should know that we will arrest you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr, director of the DPS. "Designate a sober driver, for your safety and the safety of other Texans out on the roads."

On July 4 last year, DPS troopers

arrested 141 drivers for driving while intoxicated.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)-a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunken drivers and seat belt violators from midnight July 3 through midnight July 8. Last year during the extended Operation CARE period (July 1-4), DPS troopers arrested

749 drunken drivers.

"We want to keep all Texans safe. The best way to enjoy the July 4 holiday is to stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured," Col. Davis said.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

• Do not drink and drive. Find a designated driver.

• Have everyone in the vehicle properly secured, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.

• Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.

• Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.

• Be polite and courteous while driving-do not practice road rage behavior.

• Have your vehicle checked to make sure it is roadworthy before a long trip.

Indictments include capital murder, first degree felonies

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 23 indictments Thursday, including one for capital murder and 10 for first-degree felonies.

Mary Lee Bolin, 27, was indicted for capital murder. Bond on the felony was set at \$100,000.

On May 21, Bolin allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused the death of a child younger than age 6 by shaking the child.

Dusty Curtis Cook, 19, was indicted for aggravated sexual assault, a first-degree felony, and burglary of a habitation, a second-

degree felony. Bond on the assault charge was set at \$50,000, and bond on the burglary charge was set at \$15,000, for total bond of \$65,000.

On March 17, Cook allegedly sexually assaulted a woman and by acts or words threatened to cause or place the victim in fear that death or serious bodily injury would be inflicted on her.

On Nov. 20, 2006, Cook allegedly entered a habitation without the effective consent of the owner and with the intent to commit theft.

Kendrick Lamont Faulk, 28, was indicted for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, enhanced.

Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On May 1, Faulk allegedly knowingly or recklessly caused serious bodily injury to Alonzo Cantu by shooting Cantu in the chest and arm with a firearm.

On Nov. 15, 2001, Faulk was convicted in 137th District Court in Lubbock County of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver one to four grams of cocaine.

Jose Angel Palacios, 20, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on the first-degree

felony was set at \$25,000.

On April 17, 2006, Palacios allegedly possessed four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Paulin Soto Soria, 40, was indicted for three counts of aggravated sexual assault. Bond on each of the first-degree felonies was set at \$50,000, for a total bond of \$150,000.

On Dec. 31, 2003, Soria allegedly in three instances sexually assaulted a child younger than 14 years of age.

Anthony Ray Willis, 27, was

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NEXT DAY FORECAST



Wednesday Independence Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. East-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south-southeast.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Soybeans	7.45

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OXY	59.04	+0.32
BP PLC ADR	73.57	+0.27
Cabot Corp	48.43	+0.41
Celanese	39.67	+0.28
Cabot Oil Gas	37.60	+0.33
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VLO	74.29	+0.02
HAL	34.99	+0.04
TRI	53.78	-0.02
KME	NA	NA
XCEL	20.87	+0.05
Anadarko	52.40	+0.51
XOM	85.54	+0.72
Nat'l Oilwell	109.28	+0.31
Limited	28.42	-0.08
Williams	32.24	+0.19
MCD	51.79	+0.41
Atmos	30.58	+0.25
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Hurricane evacuee loses battle for custody of cocker spaniel

AUSTIN (AP) — A Hurricane Katrina evacuee who claims rescue workers stole the dog she left behind has lost her battle for custody of the cocker spaniel.

In a one-sentence ruling issued last weekend, Judge Bill Henry awarded the 10-year-old dog to Tiffany Madura, who adopted her when she was brought to Austin by rescue workers after the 2005 hurricane.

Shalanda Augillard had claimed the cocker spaniel was her dog Jazz, whom she left at her mother's house when Katrina hit. Rescuers wouldn't let the dog get in their boat, and Jazz was gone by the time the Augillards returned home.

The case was a rare loss for Louisiana pet owners and the advocacy groups that have come to their aid.

The custody dispute centered on whether Augillard could convincingly identify the dog as hers. The main point of contention was the dog's health. Augillard said Jazz was in fine shape, but Madura said the dog she adopted and named Hope had a host of medical problems, including bad skin and large bladder stones. Augillard insisted the maladies were caused by the unsanitary conditions the storm created.

The yearlong dispute grew increasingly bitter, eventually including half a dozen attorneys, several veterinarians and a California DNA expert. Tensions boiled over in December, when Augillard attacked Madura outside the courtroom, grabbing and yanking her hair.

Augillard's attorney, Susan Philips, declined to comment on the judge's ruling. But Michael Murray, Madura's attorney, said Augillard has filed legal papers suggesting she may appeal the verdict.

"The dog is where she should be," Murray said.

Information from: Austin American-Statesman, www.statesman.com

Economy: Factory orders dip slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's factories saw demand for their products dip by a smaller-than-expected 0.5 percent in May, suggesting that despite some pockets of weakness the manufacturing revival remains intact.

The drop reported by the Commerce Department today came after new orders for a range of manufactured goods rose by 0.5 percent in April. The decline in May mostly reflected weaker demand for airplanes. Fewer orders for construction equipment, industrial machinery and household appliances also figured prominently into the overall decline — byproducts of the housing slump.

The 0.5 percent dip was actually a much better showing than the deeper, 1.2 percent decline that economists said they were expecting.

"What we've been seeing is two steps forward, one step back. So net-net we're moving ahead," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Other more forward-looking reports suggest the manufacturing sector and the economy are rebounding.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Monday that its manufacturing index rose to 56 in June, an improvement from 55 in May and a sign of healthy activ-

ity in the sector. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, while a reading below that threshold suggests contraction. "The weakness is mostly behind us and that sets the stage for a pickup of activity," Mayland said.

On Wall Street, the smaller-than-expected drop in overall factory orders relieved investors, who pushed stocks higher. The Dow Jones industrials were up nearly 30 points in morning trading.

In Tuesday's manufacturing report, the softness was concentrated in demand for big-ticket "durable" goods — costly manufactured items expected to last at least three years. Orders for durables fell by 2.4 percent in May, following a 1 percent rise in April.

The weakness in durable goods in May reflected a big drop in airplane orders as well as bookings for construction, industrial equipment and household appliances, among other things.

However, demand for "nondurables," such as food and chemicals, rose by a strong 1.6 percent in May. That was an improvement from the flat reading registered in April.

A range of food and rubber products, tobacco, leather goods, chemicals and plastics all posted an increase in orders for May. But demand for clothing, paper and pharmaceuticals and medicines declined.

'The weakness is mostly behind us and that sets the stage for a pickup of activity.'

— Ken Mayland
 Economist

Obituaries

Esther Forrester, 93

WHEELER — Esther Forrester, 93, died July 1, 2007, at Wheeler.

Graveside services were today at 2 p.m. in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with Dr. Shawn Johnson, minister of the Church of Christ in Wheeler, officiating.

Burial was to be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Forrester was born Aug. 26, 1913, at Commanche, Okla., to E.A.J. and Bessie Duvall. She married Otto Lloyd

"O.L." Forrester on Oct. 10, 1931, at Commanche; he died in 1997.

She moved to Wheeler from Fritch in 1974 and was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Glen Forrester of Wichita Falls, Ed Forrester of Wheeler and Gerald

Forrester of Plano; a brother, Odes Duvall of Duncan, Okla.; two sisters, Marie Burton of Duncan and Frankie Selvidge of Friona; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: A favorite charity.

Jahnessa Rosario Juarez, 5

Jahnessa Rosario Juarez, 5, of Pampa, Texas, died July 1, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Jahnessa was born Nov. 12, 2001, in Pampa. She attended Lamar Elementary and Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include her mother, Jessica Ontiveros of Pampa; her father, Ismael Duran Juarez, Jr., of Pampa;

two brothers, D'Anthony Ontiveros and Ismael Juarez, both of Pampa; one sister, Marrison Ontiveros of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Joel and Lydia Ontiveros of Georgetown;

paternal grandfather, Ismael Juarez of Pecos; maternal great-grandparents, Alberto and

Paula Gonzales of Booker;

paternal great-grandparents, Victor and Ofleia Juarez of Barstow; three aunts, Stephanie Ontiveros of Pampa, Ashley Ontiveros of Georgetown and Ildia Juarez of Odessa; one uncle, Isaiah Juarez of Austin; and one great-uncle, Julian

Ontiveros, Jr., of Pampa.

The family would like to thank "Nurses by Prescription" for the love and care they gave Jahnessa.

MEMORIALS: Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit Drive, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Juarez

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Twenty traffic stops were made. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Red Deer, twice in the 500 block of North Naida, the 300 block of Miami, the 300 block of South Tignor, twice in the 500 block of Magnolia, an unreported location, twice in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 400 block of Magnolia, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 900 block of Gordon, the 500 block of North Perry, the 500 block of Doyle and the 500 block of West Crawford.

An animal bite was reported at One Medical Plaza. A child was bitten by the family dog.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather and the 1000 block of South Christy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of Mary Ellen, the 1000 block of West Harvester and the 100 block of South Wells.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of Darby and the intersection of Kentucky and Lefors streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1200 block of Bond and on two occasions in the 2600 block of Seminole.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Davis.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of East Foster.

Domestic violence was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. Medical attention was required. The extent and severity of injuries is unknown.

Assault and theft were reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. No injuries were reported in connection

with the incident. A television of unknown value was taken.

Theft was reported at Subway Sandwiches and Salads, 2801 Charles. Cash valued at \$140 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler and the 1200 block of East Francis.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2800 block of Charles. A wallet and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$43.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of West Banks. Nothing was reported missing in connection with the incident.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Saturday, June 30

2:30 p.m. — A 2001 GMC Sierra, driven by Estevan Manuel Portillo, 24, of 1145 Seneca, and a 1993 Chrysler New Yorker, driven by May Morris Bailey, 85, of 2221 N. Russell, collided at the intersection of 21st and North Russell streets. No injuries were reported. Portillo was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 2

William Ernest Kirkham, 45, of Fritch was arrested in the 1500 block of North Christy by Pampa Police Department for criminal mischief and criminal trespass. Kirkham was released and then arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Valerie Marie Vigil, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of North Banks by PPD for two counts of burglary of a vehicle.

Christopher Roy Meek, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Paulin Soto Soria, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Fire

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

Monday, July 2

9:02 a.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 700 block of Frost on an investigation.

9:57 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 11000 block of Highway 60 on a diesel spill cleanup.

11:17 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of Doyle on a public service call.

1:42 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2300 block of Navajo on a grass fire.

2:44 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 2300 block of West Alcock on a gas leak.

2:50 p.m. — Seven units and 14 personnel responded to the 2300 block of Navajo on a structure fire.

Ambulance

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

Monday, July 2

10:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded approximately 3 miles west on Highway 60 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Christine and transported a patient to PRMC.

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DEADLINE FOR Life-styles Announcements for Sun. July 8th is Tues. July 3rd., at noon. (Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries, Babies, Newsmakers, etc.)

RELIGION PAGE items for Sun. July 8th, can be dropped off Wed. July 4th, in the Pampa News drop box to the left of the front entrance.

Safety

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Chief Trevlyn Pitner. A grass and structure fire at 2300 Navajo Road Tuesday afternoon is currently under investigation, and fireworks have not been

ruled out as the cause of the blaze, Fisher said.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department trucks will be positioned around their area of coverage in the county Wednesday evening to be ready to respond to calls concerning fires, said HVFD Chief Joe Millican.

"We will be out and prepared and ready to go," Millican said.

The sale of aerial fireworks is being allowed this year, which may affect the number of fireworks-related fires, he said. No aerial fireworks were allowed to be sold last year due to a burn ban in effect for the county during the Independence Day holiday.

"Conditions are a little dry," Millican said. "We have had some grass fires in

the last two to three weeks."

Pampa Police Department has received approximately two dozen calls concerning fireworks being used inside city limits since sales began on June 24, said Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

"I expect that from now through tomorrow, we'll have between 50 and 100 more calls," he said this morning.

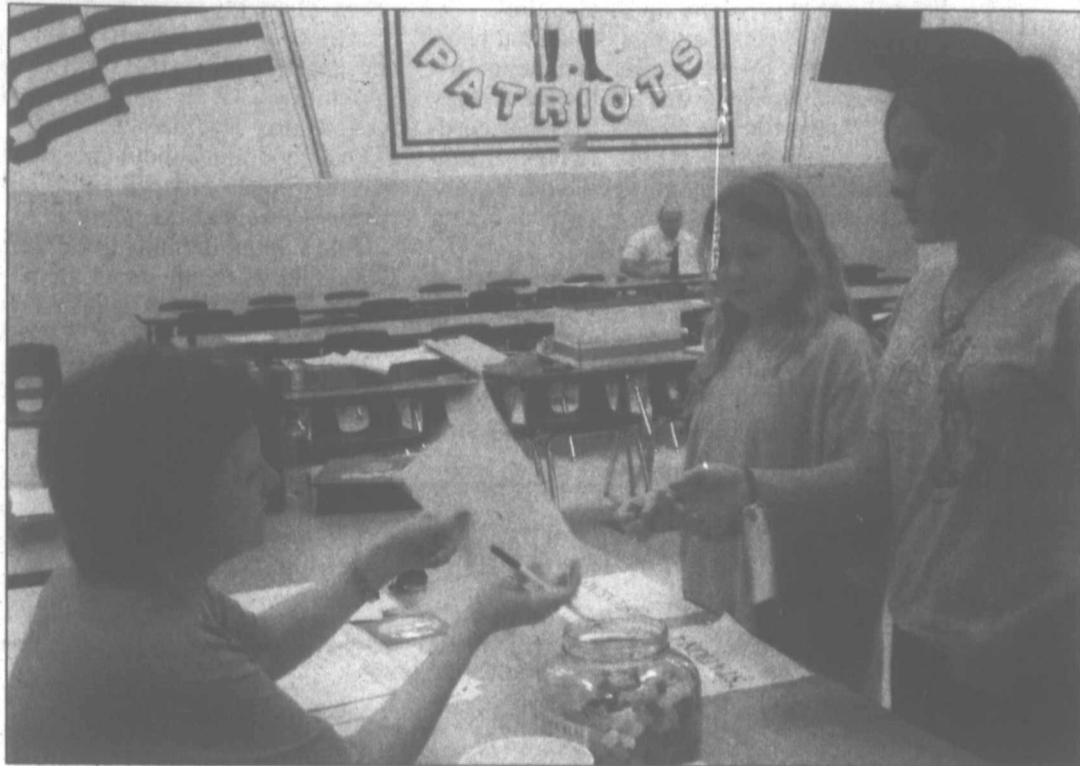
Fisher offers some tips to persons wishing to celebrate the Fourth with fireworks:

- Always buy fireworks from reliable sources.
- Use fireworks in a clear area outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Follow label directions carefully and use common sense.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets or shoot them

in metal or glass containers.

- A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks activities. Never give fireworks to young children.
- Light one item at a time and move back quickly.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.

Health check point



A pandemic flu training exercise was held last week to allow emergency services the chance to practice providing large scale medical resources. At one of the dispensing stations, Kara Davis, right, and Kirstien Weber receive instructions and medication from Chris Kirkpatrick, seated.

More rain in southeast

For The Associated Press

A low-pressure system lingering over the South early today was expected to bring more heavy rain and thunderstorms from eastern Texas to the Georgia coast and into Florida.

While the storms caused flooding in parts of the South and the Plains, rain was welcome in parched Florida.

Skies were forecast to clear in the Northeast, and temperatures were expected to begin climbing, though highs were to remain below normal for early July.

Temperatures were expected to simmer in the West as high pressure developments over the region. California was expected to hit triple digits, and temperatures in the upper 90s were forecast across Washington and Oregon.

HVFD to host open house, dedication

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house and dedication ceremony Wednesday afternoon to mark the 15th anniversary of the department and to mark the opening of their new fire station at 2305 Chisum Trail Road, just off Pride Road behind State Rep. Warren Chisum's office.

An open house will begin at 3 p.m. Equipment will be on display, and the new building will be open.

A dedication ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream will be served beginning at 4 p.m.

"We worked for about a year on it," HVFD Chief Joe Millican said of the new station. "All the work was done by the firemen."

The building was bought by the department and renovated using funds from last year's wildfire donations, he said.

The department has approximately 30 personnel.

Haggard impersonator arrested

RONAN, Mont. (AP) — Some Merle Haggard fans here are likely singing the blues.

Police said Mark Sams, 48, was arrested for impersonating the son of the country music star, who had a hit with the song "I Take a Lot of Pride in What I Am."

Sams was signing autographs using Noel Haggard's name and charging people a fee to have their picture

taken with him Saturday outside the Valley Club lounge, police said.

Sams initially told officers he was Noel Haggard and that his name had been changed when he was a child to protect him, authorities said. An agent for the Haggard family told police that Sams was an impostor and not related to Merle Haggard.

Jury

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indicted for three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on each of the first-degree felonies was set at \$25,000, for total bond of \$75,000.

On Sept. 23, 2004, Willis allegedly possessed 400 grams or more of codeine with intent to deliver, 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams of oxycodone and four grams or more but less than 200 grams of hydromorphone.

Cynthia Rachelle Young, 38, was indicted for murder and for aggravated assault. Bond on the murder charge, a first-degree felony, was set at \$40,000. Bond on the assault charge, a second-degree felony, was set at \$20,000. Total bond is \$60,000.

On June 6, Young allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused the death of Terry Lee Boaz by causing the motorcycle he was driving to leave the roadway. Young also allegedly intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused serious bodily injury to Tina Hoskins, a passenger on Boaz' motorcycle, during the same incident.

Ronald Alan Leggett, 25, was indicted for aggravated assault. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On Jan. 24, 2006, Leggett allegedly intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to Levi Trevathan by stabbing him with a knife.

Cesar Contreras, 31, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Feb. 22, 2006, Trevathan allegedly knowingly possessed or transported U.S. currency valued at \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 21, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Sept. 15, 2006, Dorsey allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Faith F. Foss, 22, was indicted for money laundr-

ing. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On March 4, Foss allegedly knowingly possessed or transported U.S. currency valued at \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Adam Anthony Jaramillo, 23, was indicted for forgery by making and for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. Bond on the forgery charge, a third-degree felony, was set at \$15,000. Bond on the fraud charge, a state jail felony, was set at \$7,500.

On Sept. 25, 2006, Jaramillo allegedly forged a Texas Certificate of Title with intent to defraud or harm another. On Sept. 30, 2006, Jaramillo allegedly possessed a Kansas driver's license without the owner's consent and with intent to harm or defraud another.

Adam Joshua McGinn, 20, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On March 4, McGinn allegedly knowingly possessed or transported U.S. currency valued at \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Angelita Ortiz Moreno, 44, was indicted for injury to an elderly individual. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On Oct. 14, 2006, Moreno allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to an individual 65 years of age or older by pushing the person to the floor.

Pedro Munoz Jr., 33, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Feb. 22, 2006, Munoz allegedly knowingly possessed or transported U.S. currency valued at \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Zacarias Rodriguez Torres, 50, was indicted for deadly conduct. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On May 13, Torres allegedly knowingly discharged a firearm at or in the direction of an individual.

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Viewpoints

Sometimes the smallest things cause the greatest pain

Sometimes it's the smallest things that capture our attention.

Take chiggers, for example. Last summer, the Pampa area had more than its usual number of snake sightings. This year, the creature making the most impression seems to be chiggers.

Anyone who has spent time outdoors this spring and summer can probably confirm that chigger season is in full swing. These people are easy to spot. They are often clawing at their ankles, rubbing their shins and calves, and scratching the backs of their knees.

It always amazes me that something so tiny can cause such misery for beings so much larger than themselves.

Chiggers are maddening because their bite causes intense itching for us humans. I think they are also irritating simply because it is less satisfying to fight something you can't even see without a magnifying glass.

Mosquitoes and flies are pesky insects, but at least we can do battle with them in the most fundamental, physical way. There's something satisfying about successfully swatting an annoying adversary and watching it drop dead. No such victory is possible with chiggers.

I was curious about what, exactly, chiggers are and visited a few Web sites to learn more than anyone would ever probably want to know about them.

Chiggers are related to ticks and spiders. The youngsters are less than 1/150 of an inch in diameter, and adults are about 1/20 of an inch long. The age group that causes such misery for humans and animals is the larva.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



These tiny biters do not burrow into the skin, but attach themselves to a tender spot and inject a digestive fluid that disintegrates the skin so the skin cells can be used as

food. The result for the human is a red swelling or welt that itches intensely.

The sites on humans that chiggers favor for feeding are places where clothing fits closely over the skin or where the skin is thin.

There are ways to combat chiggers. Many insect repellents list chiggers as one of the pests they are effective against if used according to directions. Loose-fitting clothing may help reduce the number of bites, along with avoiding sitting on the ground.

If, despite the best attempts at prevention, a person becomes the target of a chigger chowdown, they should first take a hot bath and then apply an antiseptic solution to the bites to kill the tiny critters and

avoid infection.

These steps do not stop the itching, however, which will take at least two to three days to disappear. A product with a mild local anesthetic may provide temporary relief. There are some items on the pharmaceutical market that are specifically for easing the itch of insect bites. Other anti-itch medications may also help.

One good thing about chiggers is that they apparently don't carry any diseases which affect humans.

That's about the only good thing I can think of to say about them.

Information in this column was compiled from Texas A&M University and medical Web sites.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 3, the 184th day of 2007. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

On this date:

In 1608, the City of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1976, Israel launched its daring mission to rescue about a hundred passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1987, British millionaire Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first hot-air balloon travelers to cross the Atlantic, jumping into the sea as their craft went down off the Scottish coast.

'I suppose it can be truthfully said that Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity.'

— Robert G. Ingersoll
American lawyer, politician (1833-1899)

In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

Ten years ago: In his first formal response to charges by Paula Jones of sexual harassment, President Bill Clinton denied all allegations in her lawsuit, and asked a judge to dismiss the case. Lockheed Martin Corp. announced it was buying Northrop Grumman Corp. for \$7.9 billion. (However, the merger fell apart when the Justice Department objected on antitrust grounds.)

Five years ago: Jean-Marie Messier, the chairman of Vivendi Universal, was formally removed from his post and replaced by Jean-Rene Fourtou of the pharmaceutical company Aventis.

One year ago: Former Private Steven D. Green was charged in federal court in Charlotte, N.C., with raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl (Abeer Qassim al-Janabi) and killing her, her parents and sister.

(Four members of Green's unit were charged as well; one later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 100 years in prison.) A subway train derailed in Valencia, Spain, killing 43 people.

A RADICAL MUSLIM MORNING



Don't fool yourself: Straight Thinking 101

Just about the most difficult lesson for first-year economics students, and sometimes graduate students, is that economic theory, and for that matter any scientific theory, is positive or non-normative. You might ask, "What's this business about positive and normative?" It's easy. Positive statements deal with what is, what was, or what will be. Normative, or subjective, statements deal with what's good or bad, or what ought to be or should be.

The statement "Scientists cannot split the atom" is a positive statement. If there's disagreement with the statement, there are facts to which we can appeal to settle the disagreement — just visit Stanford University's linear accelerator and watch atoms being split. The statement "Scientists shouldn't split the atom" is a normative statement because there are no facts to which we can appeal to settle any disagreement.

How about the statement "Gasoline prices are unreasonable"? If some think they're reasonable while others don't, the argument can go on forever without resolution because there are no facts to which we can appeal to settle the disagreement. However, there are facts that tend to back up the statement: Buyers of gasoline prefer lower prices while sellers prefer higher prices.

By the way, years ago, Mrs. Williams would arrive home complain-

ing about unreasonable grocery prices. After airing her complaints, she'd ask me to unload her car full of groceries. Having completed the chore, I'd ask her whether she was unreasonable, suggesting that it was my opinion that only an unreasonable person would pay unreasonable prices. The conversation never went far in a pleasant direction.

Having explained the difference between positive and normative statements, I tell my students that in no way

Walter Williams
Columnist



do propose that they purge their vocabulary of normative statements. Normative statements are excellent tools for tricking others into doing what you want them to do.

A related term that doesn't make much economic sense is the term "need." The implication of an absolute, crying, dying or urgent need is that one cannot do without the need in question. Students sometimes say they absolutely need a car or a cell phone. At that point, I ask them, how in the world was it that Gen. George Washington could

defeat Britain, the mightiest nation on earth, without a cell phone or a car?

The problem with the term "need" is that it suggests there are no substitutes for the item in question. Thus, people will pay any price for it; however, the law of demand says that at some price, people will take less of something, including none of it.

In some poor African countries, people do without food. Of course, the results of doing without food are indeed unpleasant, but the fact that the results are unpleasant doesn't require us to deny that non-consumption is a substitute for consumption. Again, I tell my students not to purge their vocabulary of crying, dying and urgent needs; just don't trick yourself while you're tricking others.

You say, "Williams, it doesn't sound like economics is a very compassionate science." You're right, but neither is physics, chemistry or biology. However, if we wish to be compassionate with our fellow man, we must learn to engage in dispassionate analysis. In other words, thinking with our hearts, rather than our brains, is a surefire method to hurt those whom we wish to help.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

June 25

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Texas transportation projects:

It's not the least bit hard to describe the choice that Texas Transportation Commission members will face Thursday at their meeting in Austin: (1) Agree with the overwhelming preference of this region's elected officials and allow the North Texas Tollway Authority to build the Texas 121 toll road in Denton and Collin counties, or (2) award the lucrative project to the apparent favorite among state toll road devotees, the Spanish company Cintra. From here, it's an easy decision: Pick

NTTA.

But there is reason to worry that in the boiling pot of Austin politics, the commission may see things differently. Because of its ongoing efforts to build sections of Gov. Rick Perry's proposed Trans Texas Corridor, Cintra holds special status in state transportation circles.

Thirty-seven members of the Regional Transportation Council, representing cities and counties and transportation providers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, studied the competing proposals from NTTA and Cintra for weeks. With input from transportation and financial experts and after much debate, they voted 27-10 on Monday that NTTA's proposal offered greater financial value for the region.

That's exactly the standard on which this decision must be made, and local officials are the best ones to judge it.

This is not a hard choice. The Transportation Commission should make short work of it and award the Texas 121 tollway project to NTTA.

Anything else would be substituting state politics for local decision-making. NTTA offered more money up front (\$2.5 billion) and more money over the 50-year life of the contract (\$833 million in current dollars) for the right to build the project and collect the tolls. Those payments will be used for other transportation projects across Tarrant, Dallas, Denton and Collin counties. Cintra offered \$2.1 billion up front and \$700 million over the life of the contract.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a former junior high and high school teacher. I do not agree with your advice to "Deflowered in Pennsylvania" (May 2), the 28-year-old who made some "poor choices" as a teenager and is no longer a virgin. She is dating "Chris," a 26-year-old man who is saving himself for marriage and wants to marry a virgin. You told her that because Chris needs time to think about this discrepancy, she should move on. Abby, the young woman explained that after a religious conversion, she is now saving future sexual activity for marriage. She should not feel devalued. Chris' response was honest. She needs to allow him to grow and reassess how he treats the value they both agree on -- that sex is for marriage. Remember, Chris said he still likes her and wants to continue dating her. That makes him the one who has opted for no change in the relationship. "Deflowered" should stress to him that she has become that "sweet old-fashioned girl" who upholds traditional values, and that her conversion has helped her to understand the consequences of uncommitted sex. If Chris can broaden his thinking, they might make a great couple. -- **SWEET OLD GIRL**

DEAR SWEET OLD GIRL: Passions raged in the responses I received about that letter. Many readers felt as you do, that the couple has more in common than they realize and should stay together. Others thought the issue would irrevocably tarnish the relationship. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Virginity is not an easy commitment to keep, and it's not surprising that Chris needs time to think about what "Deflowered" has told him. No doubt he has consoled himself in difficult times with the thought of giving his beloved the gift of his virginity and having her give him the same gift. Finding himself in love with someone who doesn't exactly fit that ideal would be a big adjustment. They should seek the advice of a pastor or counselor

who shares their faith. Chris may be able to see that, today, "Deflowered" is the woman of his dreams, even if she isn't the personification of his boyhood dreams of years ago. -- **KATHY IN COLORADO**

DEAR ABBY: People don't make a fuss if someone says they want a partner with the same education or background, so why take Chris to task for having standards? It is not his fault that while he chose to save himself, she did not make the same choice. Everyone has a right to their own principles in a relationship. That young man should be applauded for holding himself to the same standard he expects from a future wife. If more people were similarly committed to their future relationships, we'd have fewer divorces and know more about our spouses before marriage. -- **HOLDING OUT FOR MISS RIGHT**

DEAR ABBY: I don't agree that the values of the two young people are so different. Perhaps "Deflowered" made a one-time mistake on her prom night or on a high school drinking binge. She was young and made a mistake. Cut her some slack! If Chris truly is marriage material, he will too. I lost my virginity when I was 14. Twenty years later, I married a 33-year-old virgin. We couldn't be happier. -- **G.B. IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR ABBY: I am also 28, and until recently I was like Chris. I wanted my first time to be on my wedding night. That's a beautiful ideal, and I applaud anyone who continues to keep it. But I also think we have to allow ourselves to be human and to change. People are not "devalued" because they have lost their virginity. On the contrary, I feel enriched and blessed. I waited until I knew I was ready, and it felt right. My partner has taken excellent emotional care of me in all my "firsts" with him, and I will never, for one instant, regret a moment of the time we have had together. -- **LISA IN THE MIDWEST**

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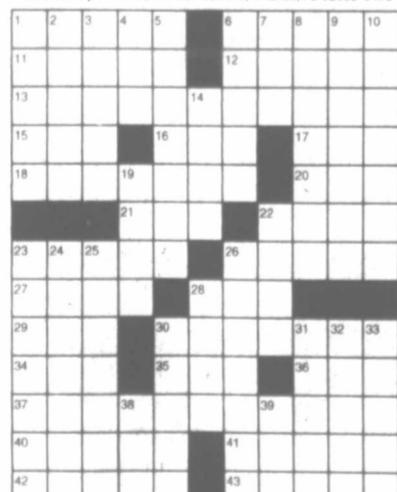
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 - 17 Swiss peak
 - 18 Tough spots
 - 20 Tiny taste
 - 21 Bridge action
 - 22 Musical sound
 - 23 Bygone
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 - 28 Silent okay
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 - 4 Quirk
 - 5 Fasten one's seat belt
 - 6 Bad writers
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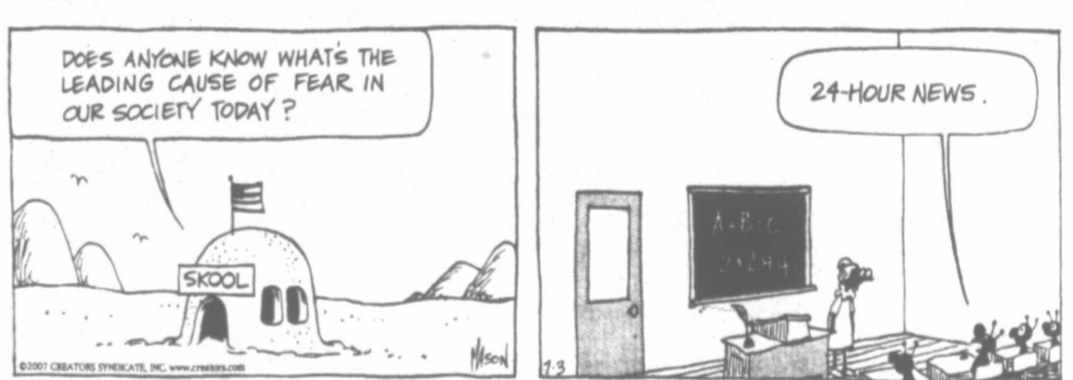


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Sports Day

Down but not out, Pampa Optimist All Stars move on to state

After 11 games, countless close calls and many innings pitched it came down to Championship night at the Optimist Park. Pampa had to defeat a very talented Plainview team at 6 p.m. to force one final game and that is exactly what they did by a score of 8-5. However, Plainview would come back and take home the championship plaque by winning the second game by a score of 9-6.

In the first game, Pampa exploded for four runs in the top of the first inning. After two quick outs, Thomas Haley hit a double to right-center field. Ethan Hunt followed with a single that scored Haley from 2nd. Hunt alertly took second when the Plainview center fielder threw the ball home. Jonathan Doyle followed that with a single that moved Hunt to third. After Doyle stole second, Casey Martindale hit a double to right-center field that scored Hunt and Doyle. After Nathan Ferguson walked, he bluffed a steal to 2nd that drew a throw from the catcher and Martindale alertly stole home on the throw. Plainview however would storm back and score 4 runs in the bottom of the 1st to tie the score 4-4.

In the second inning, Pampa would again put runners across the plate as they scored two more runs. Cade Engle and Aaron Allen walked and each moved up on a passed ball. Haley hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Engle, then Hunt hit a single that scored Allen. That would be all the scoring except for one run that Plainview scored in the fourth inning.

In the top of the sixth with

the score 6-5 in favor of Pampa, they would plate two insurance runs. Cory Chidester started the inning by drawing a walk. Engle would then ground out but moved Chidester to 2nd. Allen would then get hit by a pitch, to put runners at first and second. After a strikeout, Hunt came to the plate with two outs. He hit a double down the right field line that barely stayed fair and scored Chidester and Allen.

Hunt pitched the first and sixth innings for Pampa and recorded the save. He gave up four runs on three hits, walking four and striking out two. Casey Martindale picked up the win by pitching the second through five innings. He gave up 1 run on three hits, walking two and striking out four. Martindale also added two hits.

That was Pampa's sixth game in four days compared to Plainviews three games. By winning that game, it set up a winner-take-all game.

In the second game, Pampa would again explode for three runs in the top of the first. Aaron Allen singled with one out and then Thomas Haley was hit by a pitch putting runners at first and second. Ethan Hunt then lined a 2-2 pitch down the left field line for a double that scored Allen and Haley. Jonathan Doyle would ground out, but was able to move Hunt to 3rd who scored when Casey Martindale hit a hard ground ball that the 3rd baseman could not handle.

Plainview would add 1 run in the bottom of the first. However, in the bottom of the second, Plainview exploded for six runs. In the fourth inning, Plainview would strike again by scor-



Courtesy photo
Pictured here are the Pampa Optimist Club 10-year-old All Stars after finishing the championship game Monday night at Optimist Park.

ing two runs.

When the top of the sixth started, Pampa found themselves in a deep hole, down by a score of 9-3. Many teams would have folded it up, but not this team. Haley and Hunt both walked to start the inning. After a strikeout, Martindale again, hit a hard ground ball that the 3rd baseman could not handle that loaded the bases with only one out. Haley would score on a passed ball that made the score 9-4, with

runners on 2nd and 3rd. After a walk to Nathan Ferguson loaded the bases, Jacob Nelson drew a walk that scored Josh DeLoach who pinch ran for Hunt, making the score 9-5 with only one out. With the bases loaded, Colton Thompson hit a sharp ground ball to 2nd that the fielder bobbled but was still able to get the out. Martindale scored on the force out making the score 9-6. Cade Engle then hit a sharp ground ball to the

shortstop, who bobbled the ball momentarily, but was still able to nip Engle at first for the 3rd out. That ended the game and gave the championship to Plainview.

Pampa ended the tournament with a 5-2 record and Plainview ended up 3-1.

Both teams will move on to the state tournament in Seminole which begins July 7th. The NRC 10 year old team, with a record of 2-2, will also advance to the state tournament. Pampa is

scheduled to play Seminole at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Pampa manager Chris Engle said after the game that these kids fought all the way. They were down in almost every game they played but fought back time and time again, making clutch plays and crucial hits when they had to have them. He said this team is all heart and the kids now know they can play with any team they may face at the state tournament.

11-12 All Stars fall short in weekend play

CANYON — The Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All Stars finally found their batting eyes, banging out nine hits against North Randall County Saturday, but the hits came too late to prevent a 5-0 loss to Seminole and a 12-5 loss to North Randall County. Pampa concluded Cal Ripken Pool Play with a 1-2-1 record.

Against Seminole Zach Graves and James Thompson had doubles, Jordan Lemons, Riley Douglas and Schrade

Thompson had singles and Taylor Woods drew a walk, but all were left on base.

Graves and James Thompson pitched three innings each for Pampa. Graves allowed four runs on six hits. James Thompson allowed one run on four hits. Both pitchers walked two. Graves struck out five while James Thompson fanned two.

Pampa's defense was a bright spot committing only one error. In addition, Reid Miller started a 6-3 double play to Cody Parks.

In the NRC game Pampa was down 8-0 before ever having a base runner. Thereafter they played about even. Eight errors proved Pampa's undoing with six coming in the first two innings.

Schrade Thompson led Pampa in hitting with two hits, a run scored and by knocking in a run with a sacrifice fly. Rudy Rodriguez made two hits and scored once. Bobby Haley and Reid Miller knocked in a run with a hit. Jordan Lemons scored

twice. Brandon Yates, Cody Parks and Graves had hits.

Pampa will face NRC Saturday at 4 p.m. in the West Texas State Tournament in Amarillo. All teams will start with fresh records.

Frank Graves is the manager of the team. Doug Thompson and Kevin Burrows are coaches.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Clemens wins No. 350; McLaren loses his first

By The Associated Press

The oldest pitcher in baseball reached a rare milestone, and the newest manager took his first loss.

Roger Clemens won his 350th game, allowing two hits in eight innings to lead New York past the Minnesota Twins 5-1 on Monday night.

The Rocket became the first major leaguer to win 350 games since Hall of Famer Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves.

"I'll probably look at the history at another time," Clemens said. "I hope this is something that my body is telling me I'm getting stronger."

Spahn accomplished the feat by beating the Chicago Cubs 2-0 on Sept. 29, 1963 — just more than a year after Clemens was born. Yankees manager Joe Torre was Spahn's catcher in that game.

"I'm not as old as I thought I was," Clemens said with a wry smile.

There was bad news for the Yankees, however; slugger Alex Rodriguez strained his left hamstring and had to leave the game.

Rodriguez tripped over first baseman Justin Morneau's ankle while beating out a potential double play. He remained in the game and advanced to second, but told third base coach Larry Bowa he wouldn't be able to score on a single.

That's when Torre pulled Rodriguez, who was limping slightly in the clubhouse after the game. His leg was wrapped and he was scheduled for tests Tuesday. He

said he didn't know how bad the injury was.

"We're going to sleep on it and see how it feels in the morning. Right now it's just a little sore, tender," Rodriguez said.

In Kansas City, Mo., new Seattle manager John McLaren suffered his first loss. The Mariners fell to the Royals 3-2 in 11 innings to snap an eight-game winning streak, a night after McLaren became manager when Mike Hargrove shocked the baseball world by resigning.

"That was a pretty intense game, to be honest with you. A lot of things going on in it," McLaren said. "It's been a whirlwind couple of days. It would have been nice to win tonight."

David DeJesus homered, doubled twice and scored the winning run for the Royals.

After Brandon Morrow (3-2) walked Esteban German, Mark Teahen put down a sacrifice that moved DeJesus to third. Emil Brown ended it with a sacrifice fly to center.

"There was a lot of strategy involved in that game," McLaren said. "Our guys did a good job. We just couldn't get the big hit when we needed it."

In other AL games, it was Boston 7, Texas 3; Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 2; Baltimore 7, Chicago 6; and Toronto 11, Oakland 7.

In a turn-back-the-clock gem, Clemens (2-3) retired his final 15 batters after Joe Mauer's leadoff double in the fourth. The seven-time Cy Young Award winner struck out four and walked one in the longest outing of his latest comeback this season.

A chance to make a statement in the Summer of Bonds

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

Willie Mays was patrolling center field for the Giants, while 100,000 drug-filled youths were playing games of a different sort on the streets of San Francisco. The year was 1967, and the Summer of Love was in full bloom.

The Giants were done for the season by the time it finally ended in October when locals held a mock funeral — "The Death of Hippie."

If you remember it, the saying goes, you weren't there.

Forty years later, the hippies own luxury condos and drive BMWs. There's a new ballpark on the bay with a statue of Mays out front where they can bring their grandkids to pay homage to one of the greatest players ever.

Instead of the Summer of Love, we've got the Summer of Bonds.

It began, actually, in the spring when baseball fans started facing up to the

prospect that the inevitable would happen and Barry Bonds would break one of the most hallowed records in the game sometime this season.

Historians, though, may mark the date as the first day of July when Bonds managed to come from way behind to win a spot in the All-Star game in San Francisco with a late surge at the polls.

This alone will puzzle those who look back because everything they will have read on the subject would indicate that Bonds was not only a pariah among most baseball fans, but perhaps the most hated athlete of his time.

Somehow, Bonds managed to secure 2,325,391 votes for a spot in the National League outfield, meaning either Giants' fans stuffed the ballot box during a homestand that ended over the weekend or there was a sentimental groundswell everywhere to get him in the starting lineup.

I'm going with the stuffing the ballot box theory, since Bonds takes pride in going out of his way to make it hard to feel anything warm and fuzzy about anything he does. He could find a cure for cancer tomorrow and still not change many minds among the 52 percent of fans who said in a recent poll they were rooting against him to break Henry Aaron's record.

It's interesting to note that Bonds didn't finish in the top five in the balloting for outfielders among his own colleagues. Most players toe the company line and say they support Bonds because he has never been convicted of doing anything wrong, but apparently they're not so accommodating when it comes for voting for him.

Bonds has decent numbers this season and surely would have gotten in anyway, so it doesn't much matter. Manager Tony La Russa, who never saw Mark McGwire do anything wrong either, would have picked him and the Giants did need

at least one player on the roster.

So now the first official event in the Summer of Bonds will be an All-Star game in the only ballpark in the National League where he will not be booed when he is introduced as the starting left fielder. Home fans are always a forgiving lot, even though the hometown newspaper reported that Bonds admitted to a grand jury that he unwittingly used steroids just before he began hitting home runs in massive amounts.

"This is my town. This is my house," Bonds said. "You can't say enough about being at home."

Actually, it's not Bonds' house. He's just occupying space until the Giants finally decide at year's end that they've had enough of him, which seems increasingly likely.

And it's certainly not his statue outside the front gate. It never will be.

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ther, who will be honored in a pre-game ceremony. Mays, who is now 76, hit 660 home runs, all but 14 of them for the Giants.

Imagine what the Say Hey Kid could have done had there been the kind of pharmaceutical advantages the latest generation of home run hitters had available to them. Heck, just imagine how

many more he could have hit if they would have let him wear heavy padding on his arms so he could bat like Bonds does without fear of anyone pitching him inside.

Hopefully, Mays will get his proper due and not be totally overshadowed in the Summer of Bonds. Hopefully, commissioner Bud Selig will resist the temptation to succumb to television demands and invite Bonds to participate in the home run derby the day before the game.

Selig, of course, will be in

San Francisco to preside over the All-Star festivities. If he was serious about putting an end to the steroid era, he could make use of the occasion by announcing once and for all that he won't be on hand to dignify the moment when Bonds continues his summer by hitting No. 756.

Better yet, he could use the time to meet privately with Bonds and do just what he did to Jason Giambi — tell him to come clean to former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and his

gang of steroid investigators or face an immediate 50-game suspension from baseball.

Selig could make this an All-Star game to remember for all the right reasons, though no one expects that to happen.

Because, like it or not, this is the Summer of Bonds.

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Hinske saves Red Sox in 4-game series split with Texas Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — A late lineup addition made the biggest difference for the Red Sox.

Eric Hinske had a bases-loaded triple and Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run double as Boston's bats came alive in a 7-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Hitting just .119 with runners in scoring position while scoring only eight runs in their previous four games, the Red Sox were searching for a key hit. Hinske, inserted into the lineup after Kevin Youkilis was scratched with a sore left quadriceps during batting practice, provided the key drive.

When Hinske arrived at the ballpark, he didn't know he'd be starting.

"I was told during batting practice," he said. "I just tried to get prepared as I always do."

With the Red Sox ahead 4-3 in the fifth, Hinske sent a drive over center fielder Kenny Lofton, and that ball bounced onto the track and short-hopped the wall.

"It was a great swing, but from where I was sitting, we didn't see the ball come down right away," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "It was three big runs, obviously. It's nice to be rewarded for a good swing."

Boston salvaged a split of the four-game series after scoring seven runs in the first three games against Texas, which has the second-worst ERA in the major leagues. Coming into the series, the Red Sox had been swept in a three-game series

at Seattle.

Kason Gabbard (2-0), making his second start in Curt Schilling's rotation spot, held the Rangers hitless for 4 1-3 innings before Gerald Laird singled through the shortstop hole. Gabbard allowed three runs, three hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings, striking out five.

Mike Timlin, Javier Lopez, Kyle Snyder and Hideki Okajima combined for two-hit relief.

Julio Lugo, back in the lineup after being benched the previous three games, went 0-for-2 with two walks and is hitless his last 33 at-bats, dropping his average to .189. The crowd chanted "Let's Go Lugo!" when he came to bat with the bases loaded in the seventh before turning the cheers to boos when he grounded out.

Brad Wilkerson hit a three-run homer for Texas, which went 4-3 on its trip, the Rangers' first winning road trip since July 13-23 last year (6-5).

"You'd like to do more, but you can't expect to win three straight ballgames against the Boston Red Sox, not the way they can swing the bats," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "But once again our pitching was outstanding. We just had trouble with command and they made us pay for it by making us throw a lot of pitches."

Brandon McCarthy (4-5) gave up four runs, six hits and three walks over 3 2-3 innings in his first appearance since June 9.

Biggio, big offense propel Astros over Phillies

HOUSTON (AP) — Through the first two months of the season, the Houston Astros struggled to score runs. Lately, they've made it look easy.

Hunter Pence and Carlos Lee homered and Craig Biggio had three hits, including two doubles, as the Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-5 on Monday night.

Lee also had an RBI single and Lance Berkman had an RBI double, part of Houston's 11-hit night. The Astros have won seven of their last eight home games, averaging more than eight runs in the victories.

"We feel like this is more what this offense is here to do, what we're capable of," said Pence, who leads NL rookies with 38 RBIs. "Every day, we've got to come to the park to keep the offense rolling."

Pat Burrell and Shane Victorino homered for the Phillies, who have lost five of seven.

Houston starter Woody Williams (4-10) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. He struggled early, then retired 18 of his last 21 hitters to outduel fel-

low 40-something starter Jamie Moyer (7-6).

Williams, a Houston native, was winless in his first seven starts this season, but now has won his last three at Minute Maid Park.

"I think I'm finally starting to turn the corner a little bit," Williams said. "I feel like I'm trying to do the same thing every time out and that's to keep the team in the game. Bottom line, I've got to go deep into the game, help the bullpen out on my day to pitch."

Despite his strong start, the Astros' bullpen still almost blew it.

Houston started the ninth with a 7-3 lead before Dan Wheeler gave up a leadoff double to Ryan Howard. After an out, a walk and a hit batsman, Carlos Ruiz hit a two-run double. Wheeler was replaced by Trevor Miller, who got two outs for his first save in three chances.

"We're having a tough time in the bullpen now," said Houston manager Phil Garner. "But we'll get through it."

Williams struggled early. Jimmy Rollins beat out a bunt and Victorino singled to

right before he'd thrown five pitches. After Chase Utley grounded out, Williams intentionally walked Howard to get to Aaron Rowand, a .571 hitter this season with the bases loaded.

Rowand flied out to right and Rollins beat Luke Scott's throw home to make it 1-0. Astros catcher Brad Ausmus alertly threw to Mike Lamb at third base and Victorino was caught in an inning-ending rundown.

Biggio doubled on Moyer's second pitch of the game and Lee hit a two-out single to tie the game.

Burrell hammered Williams' first pitch of the second inning off the facade in left field, his ninth homer.

Pence singled to left with one out in the third, the 28th time in 35 games he has reached base. Berkman followed with an RBI double off the fence in left-center.

Biggio led off the fifth with his second double into the left-field corner. Pence then lined a 3-2 pitch from Moyer off the left-field foul pole, the rookie center fielder's ninth homer.

"We've been swinging the bats really well over the last few weeks," Biggio said.

"We're really getting contributions from a lot of people. Hunter Pence, doing his thing, has been a huge lift for us."

Pence hit 20-30 balls off a tee before the game because his swing didn't feel right. He found his groove just before the game started.

"It's weird. Swinging is day-to-day," Pence said. "Some days, my swing feels good and I can hit anything. And then I'll come to the park the next day and it feels off."

Williams retired 12 of 13 batters before Victorino hit a solo homer to right with one out in the sixth.

Brian Sanches relieved Moyer to start the seventh and gave up singles to Berkman and Lamb. With two outs, Sanches walked Ausmus to load the bases for Eric Bruntlett.

On a 3-2 pitch, Bruntlett hit a foul ball down the right-field line and Victorino dived into the stands trying to catch it. He missed the ball and stayed in the seats for several seconds as teammates, Phillies manager Charlie Manuel and trainer Mark Andersen ran to check on him.

Bertuzzi headlines another busy day in NHL free agency

By The Associated Press

Todd Bertuzzi gave Day 2 of the NHL free-agent signing period some of the star-quality that highlighted the first day of the shopping season.

Bertuzzi left Hockeytown and headed west to Tinseltown, agreeing to terms Monday night on a two-year, \$8 million deal with the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks.

He was the highest-profile player to switch teams Monday, which featured a lot of the activity of the first day of free agency even if it lacked the big names.

The best remaining center came off the board earlier in the day when Michael Nylander left the New York Rangers — who stocked up on the position Sunday — and came to terms on a four-year, \$19.5

million contract with the Washington Capitals.

If Nylander can set up Alexander Ovechkin the way he did former Rangers teammate Jaromir Jagr, the Capitals will be quite pleased with their latest free-agent signing. Jagr, a bust in 2 1/2 seasons with the Capitals, is not held in high regard in the nation's capital. But Nylander helped the star forward with superb playmaking in New York.

Playing on Jagr's line last season with the Rangers, Nylander posted career highs of 26 goals and 83 points and turned that into a lucrative contract with the Capitals. It was Washington's third free-agent signing in two days.

Washington signed defenseman Tom Poti and forward Viktor Kozlov away from the New York

Islanders on Sunday.

Nylander turned down offers to return to New York, then was cut out of the mix by the Rangers when they signed a pair of No. 1 centers, Scott Gomez and Chris Drury. With Drury's former Sabres co-captain Daniel Briere going to Philadelphia on Sunday, Nylander was the best free agent center left.

And the Capitals went deep into the checkbook to get him to play with Ovechkin, already a star after two NHL seasons.

The Montreal Canadiens shook off the disappointment of not landing Briere or fellow forward Ryan Smyth on Sunday and reached deals with center Bryan Smolinski and former Calgary defenseman Roman Hamrik. Smolinski, who split time with Chicago and Vancouver last season, agreed to a

one-year contract worth \$2 million. Hamrik got a four-year, \$22 million deal.

Hamrik, the No. 1 pick in the 1992 draft, spent the past two seasons with the Flames and wanted a longer deal than the two years offered by Calgary. Staying in Canada was another factor in his decision.

"It's like playing soccer in England," said Hamrik, who will earn \$5.5 million per season — a \$2 million raise. "I really, really enjoy playing in Canada, especially for the Montreal Canadiens because they have a great history."

The 33-year-old Czech native had 38 points and a plus-22 rating in 75 games last season.

Trying to keep up with their successful neighbors in Anaheim, the Los Angeles Kings made a flurry of

moves.

Los Angeles agreed to terms with center Michal Handzus on a four-year, \$16-million contract; forward Ladislav Nagy on a one-year deal worth \$3.75-million; defenseman Tom Preissing on a four-year, \$11-million contract; and forward Kyle Calder on a two-year, \$5.5-million contract.

"I think today we're a better hockey team," Kings general manager Dean Lombardi said. "We got some good hockey players."

The Kings struck out on Sunday but rebounded on Day 2.

"I'm glad we didn't have to fall to Plan C," Lombardi said. "Once the big boys went, so to speak, we were ready. I'm glad we did move quickly."

Gallant, bizarre win for Serena Williams at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams' mother advised her to stop playing. Sister Venus urged her to continue.

Serena wavered briefly, then decided to keep on going despite a painful calf strain that left her screaming and writhing behind the Centre Court baseline at Wimbledon.

"I would have felt weird if I hadn't tried," she said.

A rain delay of nearly two hours bought her a little time to recover and regroup Monday, and with both legs wrapped, she won the third set to beat Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-2.

The gallant, bizarre victory advanced Williams to the quarterfinals, where she's scheduled to face top-ranked Justine Henin — if she's able.

"She got through," said her mother and coach, Oracene Price. "Can she go through another one? You don't know what the pain's going to be like next time."

It was bad enough against Hantuchova. The injury, described as a

spasm-induced left calf strain, struck after Hantuchova hit a forehand winner for a 5-5, 30-15 lead in the second set. Williams grimaced, grabbed her calf, tapped it three times with her racket and crumpled to the lawn.

"I had a very bad acute muscle spasm," Williams said. "Acute, as you know, is a really intense pain."

She remained down for seven minutes, screaming in pain when a trainer massaged the calf.

But she decided to continue, wiping away tears just before the match resumed.

She kept playing for another 11 minutes, hitting shots weakly and walking stiffly in pursuit of the ball. But she managed to hold for 6-all, then won the last two points before rain forced a delay.

"I was literally saved by the rain," Williams said.

Price said she wanted her daughter to call it quits.

"I'm thinking it's really not worth all that, to go through all that pain and maybe injure herself

worse," Price said. "She's not going to listen to me, not when it comes to Wimbledon."

Williams decided to continue. When the match resumed, she moved better, hit aggressively and won the final four games.

Hantuchova was erratic, flustered by the unusual circumstances.

"I lost it," she said. "I had my chances."

Venus Williams endured a drama of her own to reach the fourth round. The three-time champion rallied past Akiko Morigami 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 in a match suspended Saturday, even though she faced 23 break points, double-faulted 14 times and had to rally at the end.

"They've got fight," Price said. "If they don't have nothing else, they've got fight."

Henin had a much less arduous victory, beating No. 15-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-2, 6-2 in 56 minutes.

Henin-Williams would be a rematch of the same round at the French Open, where Henin won en route

to her fourth Roland Garros title.

In men's third-round play, 2006 runner-up Rafael Nadal was one point from victory when he hit a forehand barely wide. His replay appeal was rejected, and his match with Robin Soderling was immediately halted by rain with the score 7-all in the third-set tiebreaker.

Play resumed but was stopped for the night with Nadal leading 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 2-0.

No. 7 Tomas Berdych beat Lee Hyung-taik 6-4, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3). No. 10 Marcos Baghdatis defeated No. 23 David Nalbandian 6-2, 7-5, 6-0.

In the completion of third-round matches suspended Saturday, No. 5-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-3; No. 6 Ana Ivanovic defeated Aravane Rezai 6-3, 6-2; No. 11 Nadia Petrova swept Virginia Ruano Pascual 6-3, 7-6 (3); and No. 14 Nicole Pietrangeli beat Victoria Azarenka 6-4, 6-2.

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