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## Lake Meredith level higher than last year

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

SANFORD -- Lake Meredith was up two inches after rain runoff Tuesday night flowed into the reservoir.

Chad Pernell, deputy general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, told his board of directors here Wednesday at their quarterly meeting that the lake level was at 55.48 feet Wednesday morning. That is still down slightly from the 55.61 feet on July 1, but the lake is 0.33 feet higher than this time last year.

That is well below the 92-foot level in 2000, yet since last summer the lake level appears to have stabilized. After a steep decline from 2001 to 2004, the level increases from about 58 feet to close to 70 feet in 2004 before again dropping to about 54 feet at the first of this year.

Projections made by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority in October projected that the water level in Lake Meredith could drop below the usable amount during the second half of this year, but good rains in the watershed have raised the level in the lake.

Usable storage is a term to describe the water volume above 47 feet, Pernell explained, although about 35,000 acre-feet of water exists between the depths of 47 and 37 feet that can be withdrawn for use.

So far this year, Pernell said, they've had more inflow into the lake than they did all of last year.

"We're not setting any records," he admitted, "but it's at least positive."

Pernell said that even with the recent rains, if they were to project the trend that began in 2000, it

would still look much the same although the drop would be shifted off slightly to the future.

Fortunately, their projections were for worst-case scenarios, which haven't happened.

"Things are moving in the right direction," Pernell said.

At least for now.

Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, said that during this past quarter, the storage in Lake Meredith increased by 1,270 acre-feet. It had inflow of 18,891 acre-feet, and evap-

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### Swinging time



Kaleb Garvin, Kayla Monds and Kenzi Johnson get a push from Courtney Ma as they play on the swing set recently in Central Park.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

### Protest nears settlement

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

SANFORD -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's protest against PetroSearch Energy Corp. is expected to soon be settled.

The CRMWA board of directors at their quarterly meeting here this week approved a proposed settlement with one amendment added by Pampa's representative on the board.

Doug Caroom, an Austin lawyer specializing in water issues working for CRMWA, said the proposal will go back to PetroSearch concerning a protest lodged with the Texas Railroad

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## Library asks city for computer upgrade, repairs

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Anne Stobbe, speaking for Lovett Memorial Library, told the Pampa City Commission this week that the city's library needs computer equipment and building repairs.

Appearing before the commission during a work session, Stobbe said the library is continuing with their computer replacement program. She said the library needed \$7,200 a year for the next four years to continue this program.

"We have presently 30 computers," she said.

Stobbe said they had received a grant from the Gates Foundation that helps, but she questions whether the library can count on them funding additional grants.

She said that to date, the library has replaced 15 of the 30 computers and plans to replace two more before 2008.

"About seven of those are staff computers," Stobbe said.

She said there are no grants available to replace the staff computers.

"We get about a three or four year

run out of a computer before it is no longer useful to us because of the upgrades and software that we need," Stobbe said.

She said that at one time she thought the demand for the computers would die down and the library wouldn't need all of the computers, but the public's use of them continues to increase.

"Every month it goes up from the previous year," she said.

The public computers are used 1,800 times every month.

"That's a lot of use," Stobbe said.

She said they are being used by a variety of people, both young people and senior citizens.

"We have a lot of people of all ages," Stobbe said.

The computers are used for Internet service and by people writing papers. She said some people are taking required tests online and filling out such things as applications for student aid.

"All that has to be done on computer now," she said.

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## Fire department needs Jaws of Life replacement

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Fire Department is requesting \$61,000 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for capital improvements.

Assistant Fire Chief Randy Dunham told the Pampa City Commission this week during a work session as the commission begins putting together its budget for next year that the fire department isn't requesting a lot of money for

new equipment, but the equipment they need is important.

"The first item we have is the replacement of our Jaws of Life," Dunham said. "We have two sets of jaws. The newest set we have is 15 years old. The older set, the backup set, was here when I started, so it's 20 to 25 years old at least."

The jaws that they have, he said, are well maintained, but the newer cars use new alloys.

"It's getting harder and harder to

use these jaws," Dunham said.

He said the jaws they have now exert 8,000 pounds of pressure.

"That was fine 10 or 15 years ago," he said, "but it's getting harder and harder to cut into newer cars."

It takes longer to work through the metal, he said.

Electric jaws are less expensive, but not as strong. Dunham said the department needs hydraulic jaws.

"The electric motor doesn't produce enough pressure," Dunham

said. "They're great for smaller jobs, but not for what we do. You get what you pay for."

He said they use their Jaws of Life 20 to 30 times a year.

The fire department is requesting \$35,000 for the Jaws of Life.

The department is also requesting \$16,000 for computer-aided dispatching. It would make their dispatching compatible with the police

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**KRAUSE, Betty Lou** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**MURGADO, Lucia Guerra Hernandez** — 2 p.m., Iglesia Casa del Alfarero, Pampa.  
**TUCKER, Denver L.** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

**Betty Lou Krause, 84**



**Krause**

Betty Lou Krause, 84, of Pampa, Texas, died July 10, 2007, at Pampa, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. John Westman, pastor of the United Methodist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Krause was born May 5, 1923, in Moline, Kan., the fourth of seven children born to Leroy and Jim Roberta Archer. She was a graduate of Pampa High School. She was a lifelong Methodist and a member of St. Paul United Methodist

Church. She worked for Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., during World War II. She then became busy raising her family, her favorite job. After her children were grown and her husband passed away, she volunteered for Good Samaritan and Christian Services for many years. She loved pets of many varieties, and especially her last dog "Cappy." She will be greatly missed by her best neighbors and friends, Gerry Caylor and Hilda Duncan.

She leaves behind the love and pride of her life, her family. She was a beautiful and dynamic person who loved life. She was part of the greatest generation. She was preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, Walter Raleigh Krause, Jr.; and her firstborn son, Chipper; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters. The family wishes to thank the staff of BSA Hospice of Pampa for their wonderful care and support, especially Sue and Debbie.

Survivors include one daughter, Robin Krause of Houston; two sons, Hans Christopher Krause of Houston and Kurt Allen Krause of Granite Shoals; two grandchildren, Christopher Walter Krause and Austin Chase Krause; one sister, Jeri Culberson of Sugarland; one brother, Jack Archer of Kingman, Kan.; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. **MEMORIALS:** BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Lucia Guerra Hernandez Murgado, 55**

Lucia Guerra Hernandez Murgado, 55, of Pampa, died July 11, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Iglesia Casa del Alfarero with Pastor Agustín Vasquez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Murgado was born Jan. 7, 1952, at Chihuahua, Mexico. She moved to Pampa 17 years ago and had worked for various laundry cleaners for several years. She was a member of Iglesia Casa del Alfarero. Mrs. Murgado married Miguel Murgado Ruvalcava; he preceded her in death in

1994. Survivors include a daughter, Atziri Arit Murgado of Pampa; two sons, Miguel Murgado and Carlos Murgado, both of Pampa; six sisters, Lupe Pena, Tere Keller and Bertha Arreola, all of Pampa, Carmen Guerra, Miki Guerra and Ruth Guerra, all of El

Paso; three brothers, Claro Guerra of Pampa, Jesus Guerra of El Paso, and Corne Guerra of Mexico; and four grandchildren. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Denver L. Tucker, 89**

Denver L. Tucker, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died July 9, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Arvia Willingham, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Tucker was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Wellington. He

had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. He married Crystal Noblett on Oct. 29, 1939, in Pampa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving from 1944-1945. He was self-employed as a building contractor for 45 years. He was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He was a member of the Perry Lefors Airport Board for two years.

He was a past member of the Pampa Pilots Association. The love of the Lord and family, as well as flying, were his passions in life. Survivors include one son, Travis J. Tucker and wife Betty Ann of Houston; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Crystal; a daughter, Willetta Faye Snider; a sister,

Bernadine Middleton; and two brothers, Willie Ray "Bill" Tucker and Edgar Dale Tucker. **MEMORIALS:** Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Executive privilege battle gains intensity**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel cleared the way today for contempt proceedings against former White House counsel Harriet Miers after she obeyed President Bush and skipped a hearing on the firings of federal prosecutors. Addressing the empty chair where Miers had been subpoenaed to testify, Rep. Linda Sanchez ruled out of order Bush's executive privilege claim that his former advisers are immune from being summoned before Congress. The House Judiciary subcommittee that Sanchez chairs voted 7-5 to sustain her ruling. The next step would be for the full Judiciary Committee to issue a finding that Miers, Bush's longtime friend and former Supreme Court nominee, was in con-

tempt. Ultimately, the full House would have to vote on any contempt citation. "Those claims are not legally valid," Sanchez, D-Calif., said of Bush's declaration, made Monday. "Ms. Miers is required pursuant to the subpoena to be here now." The question grew more pressing when Bush ordered Miers to defy the committee's subpoena, unlike a lower-ranking former White House aide, Sara Taylor, who took a different approach Wednesday. Acting under her own subpoena, Taylor appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee in an attempt to satisfy both Congress and the White House and thereby avoid a contempt citation. It's unclear whether she was successful. She answered some questions while saying she could not answer others under Bush's directive. The Senate committee's ranking Republican advised Taylor that she might have been on safer legal ground had she said nothing. Saying nothing is the strategy that Miers, on Bush's orders, adopted today. Like Taylor, Miers participated in the process of deciding which prosecutors to fire, according to e-mails released by the Justice Department. At one point, the documents showed, Miers proposed firing all 93 U.S. attorneys, but Attorney General Alberto Gonzales rejected that suggestion. Democrats want to ask her under oath about the White House's role in drawing up the firing list. But Bush invoked executive privilege, saying he needed to protect the flow of advice he receives from close advisers. Additionally, he declared Miers immune from subpoenas and ordered her to skip today's hearing.

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**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Three traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of West 30th and the 1100 block of Sierra. An accident was reported in the 500 block of Lefors. Motorist assistance was provided at the intersections of Foster and Hobart, and 19th and Hobart. Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1700 block of Coffee, near the intersection of Price Road and Kentucky, the 1100 block of East Francis, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 1300 block of Williston, the 2100 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of South Nelson, the 700 block of Gray, the intersection of Hazel and Kentucky, the 500 block of Harlem, the 300 block of East Francis and the 1600 block of North Nelson. Agency assistance was provided near the intersection of Price Road and Chisholm and the 100 block of West 30th. A welfare check was made in the 600 block of South Barnes. A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby. Found property, a bicycle, was found in the 600 block of North Christy. Suspicious persons were reported in the 200 block of Russell, near the intersection of Campbell and Tignor, and in the 1200 block of South Sumner. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Tignor and Wheeler. Sex offender registration was done

by two individuals at the police department lobby. Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Lefors. Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill, where a FirstBank Southwest ATM machine was damaged by an estimated \$2,000; in the 1000 block of Frost, where some wooden rails estimated at \$500 were kicked down at the Super Playground; and in the 1200 block of Christine, where part of a fence was knocked down and holes were punched in a wall. Disorderly conduct was reported near the intersection of Gray and Thut. Assault causing bodily injury to a family member, with minor injuries, was reported in the 700 block of East 14th. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Finley where one person was arrested, reportedly causing minor injuries. A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, where \$7 worth of gas was stolen. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Charles, the 100 block of North Cuyler; at the police department lobby, where West Texas Landscape reported the theft of two chainsaws valued at \$600; in the 500 block of North Dwight, where two bicycles valued at \$160 were stolen; and in the 1600 block of North Sumner, where a clarinet, coronet and vacuum valued at \$2,100 was stolen. Forgery was reported at various locations, with loss valued at \$500. Two alarms were reported.

**Sheriff**

Gray County Sheriff's Office

reported the following arrests today. **Wednesday, July 11** San Juanita Jennings, 55, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for issuance of bad checks. Trevor Len Slater, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while license invalid. **Fire** Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, July 12** 12:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Lynn on a good intent call. 12:55 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 300 block of Houston.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Wednesday, July 11** 7:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 10:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Father arrested in 8-month-old's death by drug overdose**

HOUSTON (AP) — A man was charged with murder after an autopsy showed his infant son died from a cocaine overdose, not acci-

dental suffocation as investigators initially suspected. Dennis Ray Driver, 25, was being held at the Harris County Jail on a \$100,000

bond after his arrest Wednesday. Driver told authorities that he fell asleep Dec. 28 with his 8-month-old son, Dennis

Jr., lying on his chest at their apartment. When Driver awoke, he found the baby wasn't breathing, authorities said.

## Water

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oration was estimated at 8,650 acre-feet.

Some 8,971 acre-feet of water have been pumped from the lake and mixed with 10,140 acre-feet of water from the authority's Roberts County well field.

Satterwhite said the lake now contains about 114,630 acre-feet of useable water.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority provides water to 11 member cities, including Pampa, in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. Initially, that water came from Lake Meredith when the reservoir was built on the Canadian River in the 1960s. Beginning in the

1990s, the water authority began buying water rights in Roberts County and developing well fields there to expand the available water to the member cities and improve the water quality.

As the lake has lost water due to drought conditions in the watershed, the Roberts County well field has become more important and more water rights have been bought.

Satterwhite said the water authority had closed on an additional 226,137 acres of water rights that it had bought or swapped in Roberts and Gray counties. Sales are still pending on 7,443 acres in Roberts and northern Gray counties.

The water authority has spent about \$73 million on those water rights and still

has about \$2 million pending.

Phase One of the well fields has been completed and is in production. Phase Two will be developed later this summer with plans for Phase Three in the near future.

Satterwhite said that the production from the Phase One field in western Roberts County was not as good as they'd hoped. The two wells in Phase Two will serve as a temporary fix to the problem until Phase Three can be brought online. The Phase Two wells should produce an additional 3,200 gallons per minute.

He said Phase Three, so far, is looking better than expected.

The Phase Three test wells are being drilled.

## Protest

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Commission by the water authority earlier this year.

PetroSearch Energy Corp. wanted to use a water flood pilot project for secondary oil recovery in the Quinduno Fields west of Miami in Roberts County.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, said the water authority filed a protest with the Texas Railroad Commission because of pollution concerns over PetroSearch's permit.

"Contamination is much more of an issue than the water PetroSearch would use," said board member Jerry Carlson of Pampa said at CRMWA's April meeting.

The water flood project adjoins land where CRMWA holds water rights in Roberts County.

After several months of negotiations, a tentative agreement has been reached, Satterwhite told the board during their meeting here Wednesday.

"We're real happy with the results of this," Satterwhite said.

Before PetroSearch uses

any fresh water, according to the proposal, they will use produced water.

"Also there's a salt water disposal well in the area," Satterwhite said. "They'll use what water they can from that before they ever get to any fresh water. I think it's great."

PetroSearch originally asked for 236 acre-feet a year for their flooding operation. Under the agreement, they will use 19.33 acre-feet of fresh water, or about seven percent of their original request.

"That was a home run in my opinion," Satterwhite said.

PetroSearch offered to limit their pumping to 15 days a month for the first two years of the project, but Satterwhite said that didn't really matter because they're still limited to the 19.33 acre-feet of water.

"It wasn't really important to us, Satterwhite said, "but they offered it so we accepted it."

PetroSearch is also reporting the amount of fresh water they're using on a monthly basis.

Satterwhite said the oil company is also drilling their fresh water well to the bottom of the aquifer where traditionally there is lower quality water.

"That will help some, too," Satterwhite said.

PetroSearch will report water quality issues to CRMWA on a monthly basis. These are reports that are normally made to the Texas Railroad Commission annually.

The oil company will also notify CRMWA if they plug any wells within a quarter mile of the proposed injection well.

The permit that PetroSearch has from the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District is about to expire, Satterwhite said. As part of the agreement, CRMWA promises not to object when PetroSearch files to renew their permit.

Caroom told the board that a petroleum engineer retained by CRMWA to review PetroSearch's application said the project does not pose a threat to the water supply.

The board approved the agreement with the additional right to sample their wells for water quality. Carlson added the amendment to the proposed agreement so that any environmental issues could be quickly contained. They would show up in PetroSearch's wells first, he said.

## Deadline to nominate veterans nears

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

For those wishing to nominate a deserving veteran for the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor, which is located at Freedom Museum U.S.A., the deadline of July 16 is fast approaching.

Information about the veteran, their military service and awards and a list of contributions made to the community should be sent to John L. Triplehorn at the museum.

"I want to encourage everyone to get their information to me as soon as possible," Triplehorn said. "It would be very sad to let a deserving veteran go unrecognized for the lack of a little effort on our part."

Send nominations to Panhandle Hall of Honor, Freedom Museum U.S.A., 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

For more information, contact Triplehorn at 669-6066 or Danny Martin at 662-4367.

## Appraisal board to meet

Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the conference room of the appraisal district offices at 815 N. Sumner.

Action items on the agenda are approval of the minutes of the June 14 meeting, expenditures for June and consideration of proposals for medical insurance.

An investment report and chief appraiser's report will be given.

## Library

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Stobbe said that the library is also adding databases to their computers.

"We just added Ancestry.com," she said, "so if you're doing your genealogy, you can do it on our computers."

She said the Pampa Foundation paid \$950 for a year's subscription for the online service.

Stobbe said that along with the computers, the library needs to replace a printer.

"We no longer have a color printer," she said. "An ink jet color printer is no longer adequate for us because it costs a fortune to make prints off an ink jet printer."

She's requesting \$1,700 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for a printer, and \$1,300 for

the two following years.

She said the library also needs more air conditioning.

"We did replace a major air conditioning unit," Stobbe said. "Thank goodness we had it in the budget because it died totally, but we have three more of them sitting there."

She said they are small units, but they have been there at least 20 years, and she doesn't expect them to last much longer.

She estimates that the cost of air conditioning condenser replacement will be \$15,300.

"The other problem that we've had continually for the last year and a half," Stobbe said, "is the front doors to the building."

She said when the building was renovated, instead of replacing the entrance with doors that were handicapped accessible, they remodeled the doors so they would open wider by using

different hinges. The problem was that the hinges aren't anchored to a structural beam.

"The last couple of years, we've had major problems keeping those doors so they open and don't sag," Stobbe said. "They're not at all tight."

The doors don't have opening mechanisms for handicapped accessibility, she said. The opening mechanisms are also needed because of the library patrons trying to get in or out with children in strollers or with arms full of books.

The entryway, she said, dates from 1955 when the building was first constructed.

She estimates that it will cost \$7,000 to fix the doors and another \$3,000 to make them compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

Stobbe is also requesting \$44,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for roof replacement.

## Fire

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department's system. "It will enable us to join with dispatch and the police department," Dunham said.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the cost is primarily for the software. Most of the hardware is in place, but the software is needed so the systems can interface.

The fire department is also requesting \$10,000 for a new thermal imaging sys-

tem.

"This is really important," Dunham said.

He said that while \$10,000 is not cheap, the costs of thermal imaging equipment has come down over the last few years.

Dunham said the first thermal imager that the department bought cost \$30,000.

The fire department presently has two thermal imagers, but Dunham said the older of the two is almost obsolete.

"The technology is so much better now than it

was," he said.

The new technology is a third of the price and 10 times better than their original equipment.

The city bought the first thermal imager, but the fire department was able to get a grant for the second one.

Looking out into the future, Dunham is projecting the need of a replacement compressor for the department's self-contained breathing apparatus in about four years at a cost of \$50,000. The compressor the department has now is about 10 years old.

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# Viewpoints

## Summer break can be dicey time for kids, parents

Summertime can be a busy time or it can be a really slow time ... for kids. Boredom can lead many a youngster, er, astray. Curfews, after all, are made to be broken, right? Well, we all can hope that is NOT the case, but kids are bound to be kids and mischief just beckons when you are young.

A recent e-news release from Kern Communications offers some tips for parents when their children or teens run amok — and perhaps run afoul of the law — in the summer months.

The following tips are

provided by Kern courtesy of Jeff Isaac, author of "Blue Jeans Law":

"Curfew: Most parents have no idea of the laws relating to curfew in their region, which vary from city to city. Generally, 10 p.m. is the most common curfew time, however there are exceptions of when minors can be out by themselves at night. Breaking curfew can result in legal consequences such as the child being temporarily detained by police or community service for repeat offenders.

"Graffiti and Vandalism: Some may see it as a form of

self expression, but those who mark up community walls and buildings with graffiti are breaking the law. Kids who are repeat offenders here may find themselves financially liable, and may face criminal penalties. Parents are also often found financially liable when their kids damage, destroy or deface the property of others, sometimes to the tune of thousands of dollars in reparations.

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor

"Underage Drinking: In a recent survey, nearly one in two 9th graders reported they had consumed at least one alcoholic beverage at some point.

Forty percent of the 11th graders surveyed admitted drinking enough alcohol to become "drunk" or "sick." There are a litany of legal offenses associated with minors and alcohol or drugs, which range from misdemeanors, felonies and juve-

nile hall. This in addition to the threats to the child's health, safety and well-being.

"Tobacco Use: It's been reported that one in five high school seniors smokes at least once a month. In most if not all states, it's juvenile court, or as a misdemeanor. Most retail outlets also check the identification of anyone seemingly under the age of 18 attempting to purchase tobacco products, so misdemeanor charges could apply if a minor uses a false ID to make such a transaction.

"Web Surfing: Sure, your

children chat with friends and play games in cyberspace, but they also have access to a world of information only appropriate for mature audiences. Pornography is rampant on the Internet, and your child can access that material with just a few easy clicks of a mouse. Even if unsolicited, a recent survey found that one in three children ages 10 to 17 had been exposed to unwanted sexual material online. Parental control software is paramount if you are unable to supervise your child while he or she Web surfs."

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2007. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1812, U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.

In 1854, George Eastman, inventor of the Kodak camera and film, was born in Waterville, N.Y.

In 1948, the Democratic National Convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he had chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1993, some 200 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 struck northern Japan and triggered a tsunami.

Ten years ago: In Copenhagen, the last stop of an eight-day European tour, President Bill Clinton said political divisions in Europe were closing. In Spain, kidnapped Basque politician Miguel Angel Blanco was found mortally wounded shortly after a deadline set by his militant Basque captors.

Five years ago: The Senate adopted a ban on personal loans from companies to their top officials, a practice that had benefited executives from Enron to WorldCom. The U.N. Security Council agreed to exempt U.S. peacekeepers from war crimes prosecution for a year, ending a threat to U.N. peacekeeping operations.

One year ago: Hezbollah guerrillas kidnapped two Israeli soldiers and killed eight others in a cross-border raid; Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon in response.

World powers agreed to send Iran before the U.N. Security Council for possible punishment, saying Tehran had given no sign it would bargain in earnest over its disputed nuclear program.

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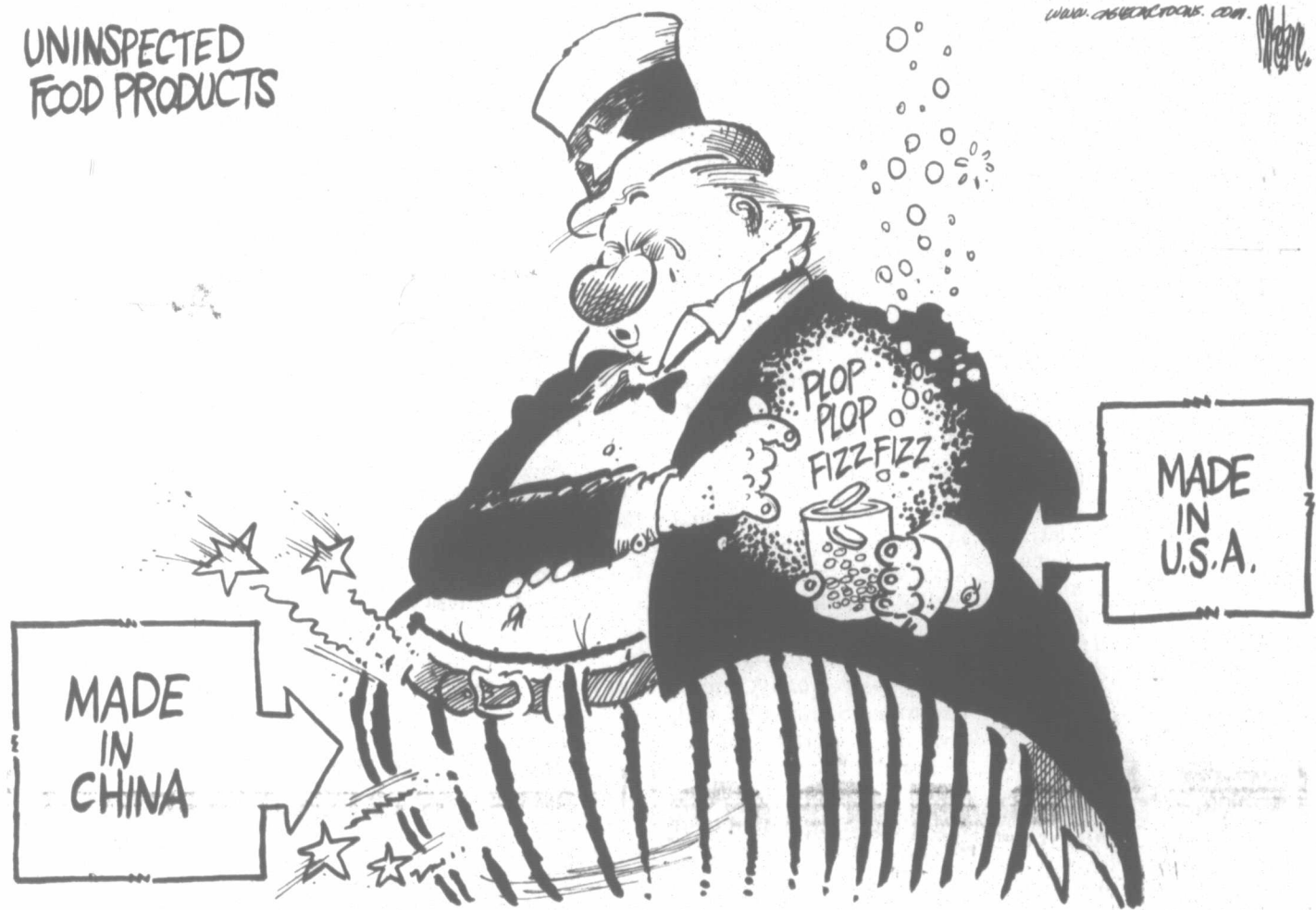
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## Free software available for your PC

If you look hard enough, you can find freeware (free software) that can replace most of your "paid for" software. This search comes in real handy when you need to build a cheap system for a friend or family member...or if you're just cheap, er... I mean "thrifty," like me. Below, you fill find my favorite "free" replacements for commercial software.

•OpenOffice.org  
The Standard version of Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook runs \$399. If that amount is a bit more than you had in mind, consider the freeware alternative: OpenOffice.org (<http://www.openoffice.org>). Basically, a bunch of good-hearted volunteer programmers have gotten together to produce a knock-off of Microsoft Office. You'll find program equivalents for Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Their names are different, but obvious as to their purpose: Writer, Calc,

and Impress. They even throw in a great "drawing" program for you creative types.

The software easily imports and exports official Microsoft files. I usually recommend this program to people who need to work on office files at home. Of course, its smaller size makes it great for a mobile warrior's laptop.

•AVG Anti-Virus System  
Whenever I encounter a computer WITHOUT anti-virus software, I cringe. After all, if you have e-mail, chances are, you receive a virus-loaded message at least once a week. Without proper protection, your system might as well have a large sign posted above it: "Infect me. Format my hard drive. Make me write bad checks."

The reason some people choose NOT to install this critical software is simple: Dollars. After all, Norton and McAfee's products are not cheap. Add to that a yearly subscription fee for maintenance and you've got a permanent line-item for your

budget. The folks at Grisoft realize everyone is not made of money, so they came up with the AVG Anti-virus system. If you are an individual or work for a non-commercial organization, you may download their software free-of-charge. What makes this deal really great is the FREE lifetime updates. As with Norton Antivirus, the AVG product will automatically update its virus list on a regular basis, making sure your system is ready to fend off the most current digital

scourges. Download your free copy at <http://free.grisoft.com>.

•CAM Zip  
Most of us have had to deal with "zipped" files at one time or another. The leader in compression software is WinZip (<http://www.winzip.com>). However, it's not free. For a cost-free alternative, check out Cam UnZip (<http://www.camunzip.com>). While it may not have some of the extreme bells and whistles as its for-pay competitor, it does an excellent job in basic unzipping and zipping.

•NoteTab Light  
If you click your Start button, then Programs, then Accessories, you'll see Notepad. Notepad is a very simple program that allows you to view text files. Text files are very common in the computer arena; so much so, that Windows includes Notepad with every operat-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 30

Austin American-Statesman on the Senate's failure to act on immigration:

The Senate's failure to act on an immigration bill is being hailed by opponents as a great victory, and indeed it is. It is a victory for a status quo that generates a lot of noise but no border security.

If anything, failure to act on a measure will perpetuate the confusion of volume for reason in this debate. The Senate's failure to act will not impede the flow of illegal immigrants. All it will do is perpetuate a status quo that has permitted perhaps even encouraged

the arrival of an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants.

By the way, the Pew Hispanic Center, which analyzed census data, estimates that half of those 12 million are in the country illegally. The rest overstayed their visas.

That indicates that almost six years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, law enforcement can't get a handle on people who used a visa to enter the country.

How does a fence solve that? Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, R-Nevada, said that individual pieces of legislation may wind their way through this session of Congress, but the comprehensive approach urged by President Bush is obviously dead.

Rather than waste time on post-mortems and gaseous analysis of "what this means," Republicans and Democrats in the Congress should look for solutions in the ashes of the failed immigration bill.

Trying again on pieces of legislation that shore up border security would find favor, no doubt, and could be used as a vehicle for advancing public understanding of this issue.

While there has been plenty of demagoguery, responsible voices are few and far between in this debate.

Let's be honest about the efficacy of a fence and the impracticality of mass roundups and deportations. Not only is a fence expensive, it has the potential

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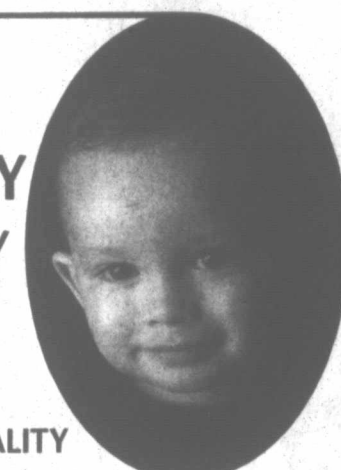
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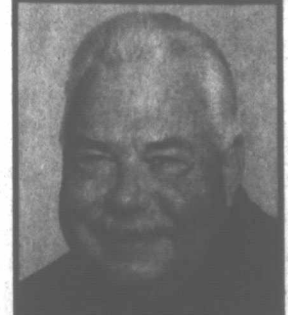
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# Lady Bird mourned, remembered as true 'Texas' woman

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A quiet woman who once turned down a class valedictorian's medal because she feared public speaking, Lady Bird Johnson found herself pulled suddenly into the public eye as first lady when her husband Lyndon B. Johnson became president amid tragedy.

When she died of natural causes at her Austin home Wednesday, at age 94, Mrs. Johnson was remembered as loving and gentle, yet strong in spirit and in her dedication to her family and her passion for nature.

"Mrs. Johnson was a true,

strong Texas woman," said family friend and spokesman Neal Spelce, comparing her to historic Texas political women like Ann Richards and Barbara Jordan. "Mrs. Johnson personified that strength, but yet she did it with a very genteel, gracious, quiet, soothing exterior."

She was hospitalized with a stroke in 2002 that made speaking difficult. But she continued to make public appearances and in May attended an event at the LBJ Library and Museum.

Along with tenaciously supporting his administra-

tion, she was a champion for the environment and the preservation of native plants and wildflowers.

Her love for the environment and the preservation of native plants and wildflowers remained, despite her medical setbacks. She occasionally visited the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center she co-founded in 1982 and delighted in the wildflowers around Austin's Town Lake.

"I'm optimistic that the world of native plants will not only survive, but will thrive for environmental and economic reasons, and for

reasons of the heart. Beauty in nature nourishes us and brings joy to the human spirit," she once wrote.

As first lady, she was perhaps best known as the determined environmentalist who wanted roadside billboards and junkyards replaced with trees and wildflowers. She raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to beautify Washington. The \$320 million Highway Beautification Bill, passed in 1965, was known as "The Lady Bird Bill," and she made speeches and lobbied Congress to win its passage.

"Every American owes

her a debt of gratitude because it was her devotion to the environment that brought us the Beautification Act of 1965 and the scenic roadside development and environmental cleanup efforts that followed," former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton said in a statement. The Clintons also praised her for supporting her husband's "fights for civil rights and against poverty."

Former President Carter said he and his wife, Rosalynn, remembered her "empathy for the disadvantaged. Many people's lives are better today because she championed with enthusiasm civil rights and programs for children and the poor."

She joined in every one of her husband's campaigns and rarely lost her composure, despite heckling, grueling campaign schedules, and her fear of public speaking. She once appeared for 47 speeches in four days.

"How Lady Bird can do all the things she does without ever stubbing her toe, I'll just never know, because I sure stub mine sometimes," her husband once said.

Mrs. Johnson said her husband "bullied, shoved, pushed and loved me into being more outgoing, more of an achiever. I gave him comfort, tenderness and some judgment — at least I think I did."

She was her husband's chief supporter when he challenged John F. Kennedy unsuccessfully in 1960 for the Democratic presidential nomination, although she confessed privately she would rather be home in Texas.

## Free

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ing system (95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP).

However, Notepad has some serious memory and feature limitations. Hence, I replace it with NoteTab Light (<http://www.notetab.com>). NoteTab Light allows you to work with multiple files at the same time. And unlike Notepad's 64k file size limitation, NoteTab Light will handle files many megabytes in size. In addition, NoteTab Light has a more robust "Search and Replace" option. If you have to work with text files on a regular basis take my advice: Dump Notepad for NoteTab Light.

### •Weatherbug

I'm a weather-nut. Just ask my wife. I'm always checking the thermometer or the online weather radar to see where the storms are. Well, I've found a program that I consider to be indispensable for people like me: Weather Bug (<http://weatherbug.com>). After downloading this free

program, you are asked for your zip code. It then configures itself to download weather data from the weather station nearest you.

The program runs unobtrusively in your system tray. And here's what's really neat: The icon in your system tray shows your current outside temperature. Single-clicking on that icon will give you a beautiful graphic showing the high and low temperatures for the day, the five day forecast, weather radar (with animation), and travel alerts. The program can be configured to start when you boot up your system, and then update it's numbers every few seconds. Of course, to do that, you will need to be on the Internet.

### •More Free Software

Of course, these programs are just the tip of the iceberg. To find more great FREE applications, check out my favorite download sites, including Freeware Home (<http://www.freewarehome.com>), Moochers (<http://www.moochers.com>), NoNags (<http://www.nonags.com>), and for the younger set, Kids Freeware (<http://www.kidsfreeware.com>).

Happy Downloading! I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## Senate

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of economically punishing citizens on this side of it.

The American-Statesman's Juan Castillo will report in Sunday's editions that Texas border residents have serious concerns about a fence. Castillo quotes John

McClung, president of the Texas Produce Association, as saying most of his members oppose a fence because it will impede their access to irrigation pumps on the Rio Grande that feed their crops. McClung wonders whether the government will give them "genuine fair market value" if farmers go broke because of the fence.

So let's be honest about the fence and its possibilities for harm.

More important, however, let's be honest about the demand for workers that drives the migration north.

## Events calendar

• **A Christ-centered support group** for cancer survivors and caregivers will meet at 7 p.m. today in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. The group will be hosted by Kevin Taylor and Gloria Willson. For more information, call 669-3544.

• **Ogallala Water Gardeners Pond Tour** is scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 9-11 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo. The tour is divided into either a daytime or a nighttime tour. Ponds on the tour are at 6300 Sunlake Drive, 105 Rolling Trail, 926 W. Hastings, 119 W. Central, 5206 River Road, 5209 Boyd, 3201 Century, 6310 S. Bowie, 301 Mourning Dove Drive, 8201 Canyon Drive and 3805 Fleetwood. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Coulter Gardens, Fish Pros, Panhandle Greenhouses, Uncommon Twists Garden Center, Pride Home Center and Amarillo Botanical Garden.

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

• **The BBB of the Texas Panhandle**, in partnership with Schooler

Funeral Home of Amarillo, will present several summer seminars at no charge to the public. "Scam or No Scam" is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch; "Identity Theft" at 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at Kids Inc. in Amarillo; and "Reverse Mortgages" at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at an as yet undermined location. For more information, call (806) 3779-6222.

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

will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. July 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New members are welcome. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will occur between 6-9 p.m. July 19. This month's event will include music with Marc Darby, coffee tasting, a film, and art activities for adults and children. For more information, call (806) 371-5050.


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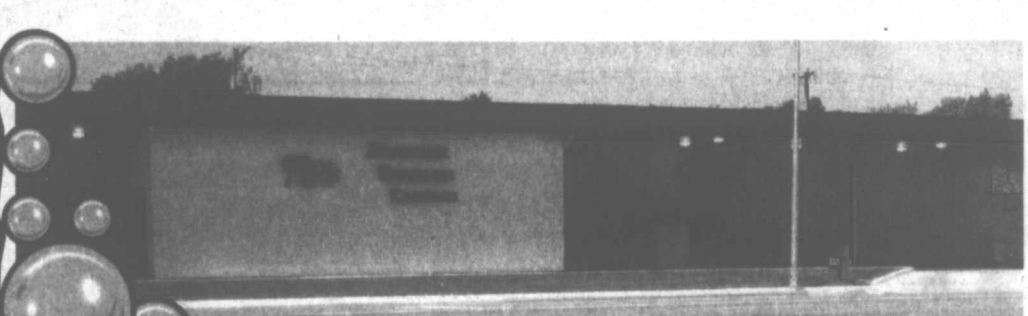
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I need your help. Last week, my mother and I got into a huge fight, with her screaming at me, "I don't want you living here ever again!" I ran into my room in tears, hoping she didn't really mean what she said. Yesterday, she put a 30-day notice on my door, telling me to move out. I'm 19, so it's probably legal for her to do this to me, but I don't want to go. I love my family. My father is no longer in the picture. I haven't seen him since I was 2. I love my house, my room, my life. I have nowhere to go. I have very little money, no skills, no job, no license and no car. My mother never taught me to be independent. I don't understand why she's doing this. I don't drink or do drugs and I'm not promiscuous. I'm going to a junior college and getting good grades. My mother once promised me that if I went to college I could live with her. I am terrified of being homeless. I'm terrified of losing my family. I could get raped or robbed, and if I don't find a job, I could starve to death. Even if I do find a place, what happens if I get sick or injured? No one will take care of me. I'm not ready to live on my own yet, and I resent her thinking that I can. I have tried talking to her about this. All she said was, "I don't care what you do with your life. Just get out." I feel like an orphan. What should I do? Is there any way I can convince her to let me stay? I have nowhere else to turn. Please help me. — **TERRIFIED IN SANTA ROSA**

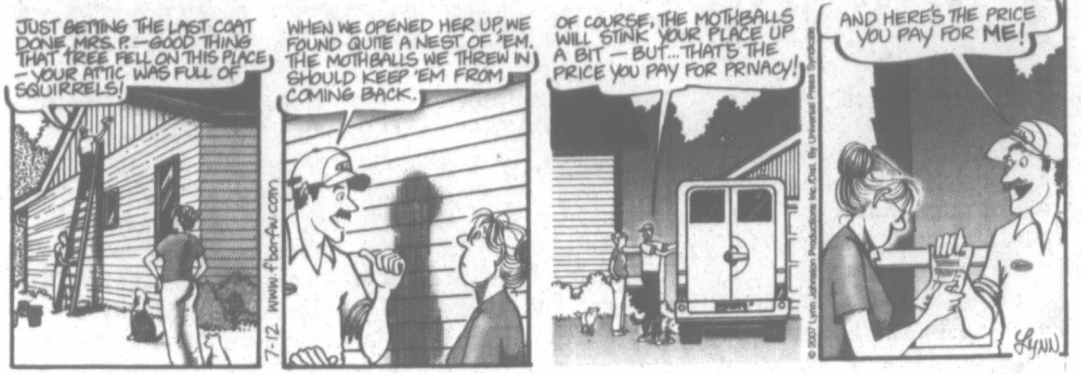
**DEAR TERRIFIED:** It would have been helpful if you had mentioned what precipitated the "huge fight" that caused your mother to order you out. It might have given me an insight into her mental state. But because her mind seems to be made up, you must immediately talk to a counselor at school about student housing and

employment that might be available. Former president Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." That statement applies to you. You WILL make it through this difficult time. You are not the only young person who has, by unfortunate circumstances, been forced to stand on her own two feet at a moment's notice. However, your first stop should be the school counselor's office, and your second at the financial office.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a gripe I hope you can help me with. I am a 51-year-old man who has an 18-month-old son. Every time I take him anywhere, people come up to me and ask if he is my grandson. Why would people assume such a thing? Maybe I'm making too much out of this, but it really was bothering me. So now, after telling them, "No, he's my son" several times, I have finally given up. Now if someone asks if my son is my grandson, I reply, "No. My grandson lives in Los Angeles with his mother. This is my grandson's uncle." It usually takes a few minutes for the light to come on, but they eventually get it. — **ROBIN IN NEWARK, CALIF.**

**DEAR ROBIN:** Your letter proves that sometimes even the most innocuous question can be tactless. And with so many mature men starting second families these days, you'd think people would know better. In the past I have heard similar stories from older mothers who have let their hair go gray. I like your solution, though. A humorous response often gets a message across better than an angry one.

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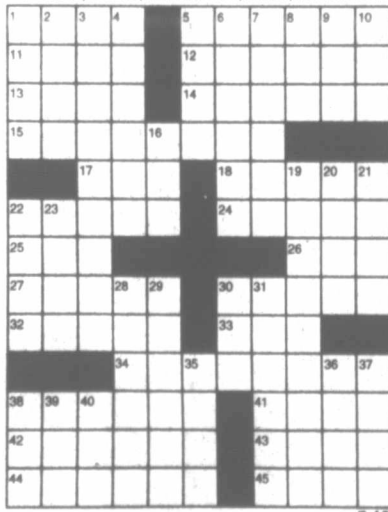
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# Sports Day

## Texas enters a new frontier, takes measures to protect our students

Almost a month ago, Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a bill that many are referring to as Texas' most aggressive attempt to keep illegal performance enhancing drugs, or steroids, out of the world of high school sports.

Texas, which boasts more than 740,000 student athletes - more than any other state, is one of three states to pass such a law, along with Florida and New Jersey.

The law calls for 3 percent of Texas athletes to have their urine tested for steroids, and there's no word yet on how often.

Unlike Florida, which will test only 1 percent of athletes in football, baseball and weight lifting, and New Jersey, who will test only 5 percent of all athletes competing in state championships, Texas will indiscriminately test all athletes of all sports.

Some people call it an "invasion of privacy," or "unnecessary waste of taxpayer money," but they're probably the same people who believe in the 9/11 conspiracy or Scientology.

This is one of the first laws I've seen passed in a long time that I can look at and say, "I sure am proud of our state Legislature."

Of course, the high costs have been the bill's most major issue, as the tests themselves can range anywhere from \$100 to \$150

each. And with approximately 25,000 students to be tested, Texas is expected to spend at least \$3 million a year.

What is it, though, that got the ball rolling in passing this law?

I'm willing to bet that it has a lot to do with the much publicized steroid allegation scandals in recent years in Major League Baseball, lingering over the heads of athletes such as Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire.

If it takes a measure as extreme as death to make people notice the danger of illegal performance enhancing drugs, then there's plenty of that to go around as well - unfortunately, for many people, that's the kind of proof they need.

A man from Plano named David Hooton experienced the greatest loss imaginable because of steroids.

His 17 year-old son, Taylor, committed suicide in 2003 because of what his parents believe was depression brought on by steroid withdrawal.

Hooton played a role in getting the bill passed in Texas, and now travels to other states as a lobbyist to get similar laws passed.

Also, as I'm sure everyone can remember, there was a much publicized suicide/double-homicide related to steroids just a short time ago, after Gov. Perry signed the bill into law.

In Atlanta, professional wrestler Chris Benoit exploded into an apparent "roid rage," killing both his wife and 7 year-old son, then himself.

I don't know how many deaths it will take for people to realize the importance of this law - hopefully no more.

But like it or not, the law has been passed, and will go into effect this coming school year.

As for how it will affect Pampa, it will not be any different than the effect on other Texas communities.

According to P.I.S.D. Superintendent Barry Haenschel, the University Interscholastic League, or U.I.L. will conduct the testing by selecting the athletes to be tested at random.

Financial responsibility will likely fall on the district, but it's not much to worry about - with 3 percent of Pampa's athletes being tested at a time.

While integrity has never been an issue with Pampa sports, safety measures are

just as welcome here as anywhere else - especially when they concern our youth.

"I think it's a good thing that this law has been passed," Haenschel said, "It's a limited first move, and probably too small to have much impact around the state, but it's a very good first step."

Pampa has had no steroid testing policy in the past, the same as most schools across the nation.

Under the law in Texas, a first offense for positive results on a steroid test is subject to a 30 day suspension from athletics.

A second offense is one year and a third offense calls for a permanent ban.

The law is starting to catch on in other states as well.

Louisiana has expressed interest in passing a similar law, as well as Illinois and New Mexico.

California, the state with the second-highest number of high school athletes, passed a similar bill that was vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger in 2004.

Hopefully, the "trend" will catch on, and the American people will recognize the importance of protecting our students from harmful performance enhancing drugs, regardless of the cost.

After all, we've raised our taxes for far less noble causes in the past.



Jordan Reagan  
Sports Editor

## Hidden Hills results

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**4th Place (63)**  
Pat Montoya  
Terry Cox  
Ray Covalt  
Bob Lyle

**Cloest to the Pin**  
Gerry McCabe (#6)  
Bill King (#15)

## China to begin food safety checks during Olympic trial events

BEIJING (AP) — China will begin a daily food safety reporting system next month during test events for the 2008 Beijing Olympics in a bid to reassure the world that it is serious about cracking down on unsafe practices.

The system will be put in place Aug. 8 in Beijing, where a series of 11 trials will be held for Olympic organizers to assess their transportation systems, technology and logistics.

Monitoring will start from the origin of production and continue through processing, packaging, transportation and distribution, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said Thursday.

"There will be continuous supervision," the quality watchdog said on its Web site.

The reports, which would include details of any food safety accidents, will be overseen by the Beijing Municipal Food Safety Office. The quality administration did not give details, and a man who answered the telephone at the food safety office refused to give any information or his name.

Confidence in the safety of Chinese exports has severely waned internationally, as the list of products found tainted with dangerous levels of toxins and chemicals grows longer by the day.

China has taken significant steps in recent days to clean up its dubious product safety record, including executing the former head of its drug regulation agency for taking bribes and banning the use of a chemical found in antifreeze in the production of toothpaste.

## Amid ruins of shattered football leagues, it's try, try again

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

Stadiums across the country are littered with the carcasses of pro football leagues proven not quite ready for prime time. Still, almost without fail, someone comes along every decade or so with yet another plan to cash in on America's passion for its favorite sport.

Their acronyms live on, though the leagues have long since died.

If you remember the 70s, you can't forget the WFL, which tried to buy its way to success, only to succumb after just one World Bowl in 1974. Or the USFL, which went the other way with a more frugal approach before it, too, finally folded.

The legacy of the more recent XFL, meanwhile, was summed up neatly on the back of one player's uniform.

"He Hate Me" wasn't just Rod Smart's nickname. It could have been used as the slogan for those who couldn't stand watching the strange blend of pro wrestling and football aired for one awfully long season on NBC.

With every new league, there's a new concept. Has to be, because it would be economic suicide to try to compete with the juggernaut that is the NFL on Sundays during football season.

It's been economic suicide regardless. No one has cashed in since AFL owners hit the bonanza four decades ago, and most of the millions spent on football dreams since then could have been better invested in Florida swamp land deals.

The failures of the past, though, aren't stopping others from trying.

Dallas Mavericks owner

Mark Cuban may be one. He is intrigued enough by the prospect of more football that he is studying the idea of a league that would play on Fridays and compete with the NFL for players drafted lower than the second round.

"It's a pretty simple concept," Cuban said in an e-mail last month to The Associated Press. "We think there is more demand for pro football than supply."

So does Gene Corrigan. But the new league his group is trying to launch may have the best gimmick yet.

You need a college degree to play.

"I wouldn't have stayed with this if it hadn't been for the college degree requirement," Corrigan said.

Corrigan likes that rule for good reason. For seven years he was athletic director at Notre Dame, and he is the former commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

He saw an awful lot of players leave college without degrees to pursue their goal of playing in the NFL, mostly with little success.

Those who didn't make it were left with limited job skills, and their football prospects reduced to playing with semipro teams.

All kids think they are going to play in the NFL," Corrigan said. "Not many do."

The All-American Football League hasn't played a game yet. It may never play one, though Corrigan, league financier Marcus Katz and the rest of the board of directors hope to make a decision in September to go forward with a spring schedule.

The league would be based mainly in the South, with six to eight teams consisting of players who went

to college in that area. A team in Orlando, for example, would use mostly former Florida, Florida State and Miami players.

If tryouts last week were any indication, getting players won't be a problem. Katz said 2,000 players wanted to try out, and that 300 were accepted and showed up in Orlando.

Among them was Todd DeLamielleure, a linebacker at Duke and Rutgers who now works as a firefighter in Charleston, S.C.

"The last few years I've always hoped to get some type of opportunity," DeLamielleure said. "This league is different. The fact that it's going to try and draw on college traditions where there's a lot of loyalty should get a fan base right away."

The concept sounds good, but until the average fan

plunks down actual money to watch, that's all it is. And while television craves sports content, there's not a network around ready to pay a new league for rights.

Besides, who really needs a league full of goody-goody college graduates who don't hang around strip clubs after the game? How are they going to get any media attention if they don't preen after making tackles, wear more

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## Oklahoma to appeal NCAA decision

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The University of Oklahoma plans to appeal the NCAA's ruling that the school was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of players and must erase eight football victories from the 2005 season.

The NCAA also said Wednesday that the Sooners must cut two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years in the case involving two players kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they didn't perform at a Norman car dealership.

Oklahoma president David Boren said the university will appeal the NCAA's "failure to monitor" finding and the ruling that Oklahoma must erase the 2005 wins. As of Thursday, Oklahoma had

14 days to notify the NCAA in writing of any such appeal.

"We do not believe that erasing the 2005 season from the record books is fair to the over 100 student athletes and coaches who played by the rules and worked their hearts out for a successful season that year," Boren said.

The Sooners went 8-4 and beat Oregon in the Holiday Bowl to end the 2005 season. Records from that season involving quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn must be erased, the NCAA said, and coach Bob Stoops' career record will be amended, dropping it from 86-19 in eight seasons to 78-19.

Oklahoma also will have two years of probation added to an earlier penalty, extend-

ing the Sooners' probation to May 23, 2010.

Those sanctions are in addition to those already self-imposed by Oklahoma, which has banned athletes from working at the car dealership until at least the 2008-

09 academic year and moved to prevent the athletes' supervisor at the dealership, Brad McRae, from being involved with the program until at least August 2011.

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jewelry than Mr. T, and run dogfighting rings? How about a real league, with ready-made stars like Pacman Jones, Tank Johnson and Chris Henry there for the taking? The All-Outlaw League wouldn't have many rules, but one of them would be that players could only be on teams in the same state as the prison they just left.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at [tdahlbergap.org](mailto:tdahlbergap.org)

# NCAA

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Oklahoma also will reduce the number of football coaches who are allowed to recruit off campus this fall. The Sooners also dismissed Bomar, Quinn and walk-on Jermaine Hardison from the team.

Paul Dee, the athletic director at Miami and the interim chairman of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, said Oklahoma will be allowed to keep the money it received for playing in the 2005 Holiday Bowl, because the NCAA does not regulate bowl games.

"Although this case centered on a few violations involving three student-athletes, the committee finds this case to be significant and serious for several reasons," the NCAA report said, noting the length of time of the violations and the fact that Oklahoma had appeared before the committee in April 2006 regarding violations in its men's basketball program.

# The Lightning Storm



Courtesy Photo

The Lightning Storm won the 10 and Under League and City Tournament in the High Plains Fast Pitch League in Amarillo. They finished with a 12-1 record. Team members pictured here are: (back row, L-

R) Coach Randy Whitley, Maci Brown, Criselda Luna, Hanna Green, Macy Bailey Dixon, Jessie Dixon, Chloe Echevarria and coach Jeff McKenna Whitley. The Storm are playing this weekend in the USSSA State Tournament in Lubbock.

On Aug. 3 — the day before the Sooners began preseason practice — Stoops dismissed Bomar and Quinn from the team after the university determined they had been paid for work they didn't perform at Big Red Sports and Imports.

That led to an NCAA investigation, which found that Bomar, Quinn and Hardison had been paid for time they didn't work at the dealership and that Hardison had received payment for time he spent participating in a scrimmage and spring game.

# Hidden Hills to host Downtown Pampa Kiwanis Club golf tourney this weekend

This Saturday, Hidden Hills public golf course will host the 7th Annual Downtown Pampa Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight, special prizes for longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the hole, and several door prizes and drawings will be given away.

The fee to play is \$40 per person, or

\$160 per 4-man team.

This fee includes green fees, carts and lunch, as well as entries into the door prizes and drawings.

Only one person per team may enter with an 8 handicap or below per team. Teams will be flighted according to handicap prior to play by David Teichmann, Hidden Hills Golf Pro.

All players must be at least 18 years of age or out of High School.

Check-in time is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8 a.m.

Mulligans, one per person, will be available for purchase for \$5 Saturday morning.

Among other prizes, a drawing will be held for two free Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866.

# Raisin and shine: Early morning phone call spurs Hushovd

JOIGNY, France (AP) — Saul Raisin got just what he asked for when Thor Hushovd won the fourth stage of the Tour de France. Raisin, the Credit Agricole rider who fell into a coma 15 months ago after crashing in a French stage race, called his teammate Wednesday morning before the stage from Villers-Cotterets to Joigny.

Speaking to The Associated Press by telephone, Raisin detailed the conversation:

Raisin: "Are you going to win the stage for me today?" Hushovd: "I'll be doing

my best." Raisin: "Doing your best? That's not good enough. You've got to win." Hushovd: "OK. I'll win."

Hushovd did just that, holding off his sprint rivals for the Norwegian's first stage victory since last year's finale on the Champs-Elysees. He dedicated that win in Paris to Raisin, and the two kept in touch regularly as Raisin emerged from the life-threatening coma and learned how to walk, talk and ride again.

Hushovd, cut and bruised in a mass pileup Monday, was bothered by an upset

stomach Wednesday during the nearly 120-mile stage.

"When a sprinter sees the finish line, he is capable of anything. Even when he is ill," teammate Christophe Le Mevel said. "Sprinters are a breed apart."

Hushovd, who won the green jersey as the Tour's best sprinter in 2005, edged South Africa's Robert Hunter and Spain's Oscar Freire.

"Everything took place superbly well," said Hushovd, who finished in 4 hours, 37 minutes, 47 seconds. "I'm too happy."

From Raisin's call to New

Zealand rider Julian Dean's attack 400 yards out, Hushovd's win was a team effort.

Dean maintained a tremendous pace until 150 yards to go.

"I got to 150 and then Thor came over the top of and rode on for the victory," Dean said. "It was really perfect. We had good position coming into the last kilometer and we were on the fifth or sixth wheel with a couple of Quick Step and a couple of T-Mobile riders in front of us."

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You often drive a hard bargain, but that is better than others driving a hard bargain with you. Friends, especially a man, could make an enormous difference in your life. You might often disagree, but in some way, this person forces you to really think and evaluate. Let him or her test your ideas and commitment. Ultimately, this person is doing you a favor. You know integrity when you see it. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone through work who helps you redefine your life. If you are attached, take an active role in making one of your sweetie's fondest wishes come true. TAURUS can aggravate you but ultimately means well.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You have the rare ability to distinguish pie-in-the-sky thinking from a realistic bet. Someone you know quite well might be pushing for an expenditure. Since this issue revolves around your budget, you make the decision. Tonight: Happily at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Your drive will define success. In what others deem impossible, you hop over hurdles. Remain sure of yourself. If someone is difficult, you don't need to start a problem. What appears to be a sure bet could need a touch more negotiation. Tonight: Favorite spot with special people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ Whether you intend it or not, your frustration and anger pop out. Though

you might want to do something differently or with someone else, a step sideways might be a must, for all those concerned. Tonight: Clear your desk, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Others might not have the mellow centering that defines your strong actions right now. How you see someone and the choices you make could start reflecting your changing views. Friends push you hard to do what they deem correct and workable. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★ If you could only use your sixth sense when dealing with an authority figure, you might gain the results you desire. At this point, the less said, the better. You might find that the irritation you feel vanishes by tomorrow. Tonight: get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Zero in on what you want without fear or trepidation. Your perspective continues to expand because of a willingness to grow and get past previous mind and emotional filters. Visualize more, and you'll get good results. Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ What you see as appropriate might not be what another person thinks is right. Rather than squabble, don't ask for any advice. Go for what you feel is right. Others look to you for leadership and growth. Tonight: A must show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Take an overview, especially if others are squabbling. You cannot solve the problem, especially with the fervor of activity around your decisions. Understand that what you feel is right might be the best choice you can make.

Tonight: Take off for a private few days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You cannot be too sure of yourself when making a long-term investment — emotionally, financially or professionally. Your nerves might get the best of you. Take a walk and center yourself. Trust yourself. Tonight: With a special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You might often need to defer to others if you are really interested in keeping the peace. Creatively working with different interests and coming up with a solution that works for all could also be effective. Tonight: Time for some well-deserved fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ You might create more uproar than you have in a long time. If you want to think a situation through, you need to verify your facts. Avoid arguments or changes on the home front if possible. Given time, solutions will appear. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Often you can be frazzled or tired. Today, tap into your endurance, and you could hit a home run. Knowing when to let go and relax could define happiness in your case. Complete work, but also plan for fun. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

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Actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940), comedian, actor Cheech Marin (1946)

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# Can Beckham bend his charisma to fit the U.S.?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiger Woods has it. So does Arnold Schwarzenegger and George Clooney. Mickey Mantle certainly had it. And Magic Johnson still does. It's charisma, and you can't manufacture it, bottle it or buy it. It seems you're just born with it.

David Beckham had it in his native England. But is it transferable to America? And, if it is, does he have enough of it to outshine other megacelebrities in L.A. and lift the fortunes of an entire sport that Americans never have embraced at the professional level?

Pele, perhaps the best soccer player the game has ever known and a charismatic figure, couldn't do it. He arrived in the United States in 1972 amid much hoopla. Three years later, after he led the New York Cosmos to a North American Soccer League championship, Americans saluted his effort and talent. Then they got back to watching baseball, football and basketball.

Time will tell with Beckham, who makes his American debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy at a practice

Monday. But there are reasons the 32-year-old midfielder could succeed that have nothing to do with soccer: He's handsome, he's got a superstar wife (Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham) who seeks and attracts attention, and he's got endorsements that will put his image in front of Americans regardless of whether they ever watch him play.

He's already had his name in Hollywood lights. The 2002 movie "Bend It Like Beckham" put his name on Americans' lips even if they weren't sure who he was and what he bends.

The movie and Beckham's wife make him recognizable to many Americans who don't follow soccer. Leo Braudy, a USC English professor and expert in pop culture trends, says that increases the chances Beckham's charisma will become a "radiating force" in the U.S.

Dr. Joyce Brothers, the celebrity psychologist, sees other things working in Beckham's favor: an athletic body, "gorgeous face" and likable personality.

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# Economist: Increased consumer demand for milk products driving up prices

By **BLAIR FANNIN**  
Extension News

COLLEGE STATION — The popular catch phrase 'Got Milk?' is taking on new meaning after a spike in demand for milk-related products, a Texas Cooperative Extension economist said.

"It all started around last year as exports for milk products have increased and overall consumer demand for milk products is on the rise," said Dr. David Anderson, Extension economist for livestock and food products marketing.

According to Anderson, some contributing factors to the current dairy market are:

- Higher feed costs for dairy cows as a result of growing ethanol production.

- Drought in parts of the U.S. as well as Australia, causing a decline in milk production and increase in feed prices.

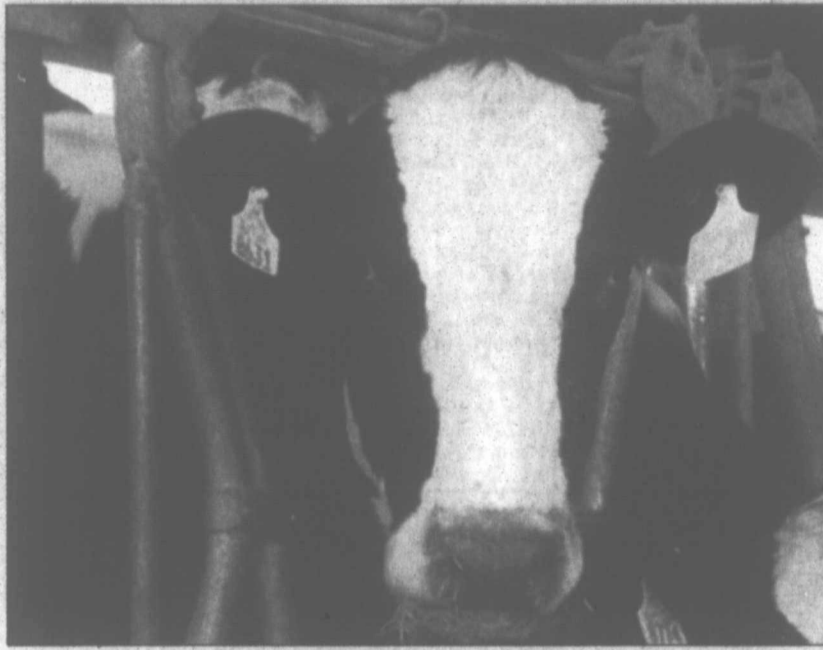
- Declining production in Europe due to reduced subsidies.

- Increased demand for dry milk powder exports and domestic use of products containing dairy additives as a source of protein.

"Everything from corn to hay is causing dairy farmers to pay more for feed," Anderson said. "And there are so many new products that contain milk. For example, a lot of the protein drinks used by weight trainers and other fitness-minded individuals use milk products as a protein source."

Nonfat dry milk prices on June 16 reached \$1.91 per pound compared to \$1.07 in December 2006 and 98 cents in early January 2006.

Another factor is a movement to avoid the use of rBST, a man-made version of the naturally occurring hormone cows produce, Anderson said. Giving cows rBST increases milk production, he said.



Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by BLAIR FANNIN  
**A jump in consumer demand for milk products is driving up prices across the U.S.**

"There's no difference in the milk if it is used or if it's not used," Anderson said. "You've got groups against rBST and you've got milk processors buying milk from farmers that aren't using it. As a result, it's slowing down some of the overall milk production."

"But higher prices aren't a production issue, its demand," he said.

Even pizza chains are feeling the impact of higher dairy prices, Anderson said.

"Their response may be to put less cheese on pizzas," he said. "But when cheese is cheap, they're more likely to put more on there."

Export demand is on the increase as well, Anderson said. Milk powder and milk proteins "go into a variety of products" and the international demand for these is contributing to the increases in milk prices.

## Passenger questioned after Los Angeles-to-London flight

By **PAT MILTON**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A flight from Los Angeles to London was diverted to New York today because of what officials said may have been an unfounded security scare.

A flight attendant on the American Airlines plane became concerned that a passenger might not have gone through proper security screening before boarding the Heathrow Airport-bound flight at Los Angeles International Airport, said airline spokeswoman Sonja

Whitemon.

The flight attendant had seen the male passenger ride to the terminal on an employee bus and bypass security, as employees are able to do, Whitemon said.

After talking to the passenger, flight crew members decided they needed to

divert the plane to New York's Kennedy Airport to search the cabin and re-screen the 230 passengers, in keeping with standard security procedures, she said.

Authorities were questioning the passenger Thursday morning at JFK,

officials said.

The scare came on the heels of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's comment earlier this week that he had a "gut feeling" the United States faced a heightened risk of attack this summer. A new threat assessment from U.S.

counterterrorism analysts said al-Qaida had restored its operating capabilities to a level unseen since shortly before the 2001 attacks.

Chertoff told CNN today that the airplane incident may have been a miscue.

## S. Korea ships oil to North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A shipment of oil headed today to North Korea in exchange for the expected shutdown soon of the communist nation's only working nuclear reactor, which would be the first step by Pyongyang to stop making atomic bombs in nearly five years.

The chief U.N. inspector, Mohamed ElBaradei, said he expects the agency's monitoring of the shutdown of the North's Yongbyon reactor will start "early next week" and the initial inspection is expected to be completed "within a maybe month or so."

"I expect that operation to move smoothly," ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said in Seoul of the visit by inspectors to North Korea expected to begin Saturday. "I am quite optimistic that this is a good step in the right direction."

A South Korean ship — the 6,750-ton No. 9 Han Chang — departed for North Korea from the port of Ulsan on South Korea's southeast coast, carrying an initial batch of 6,200 tons of heavy fuel oil being given to the North for its agreement to shut down Yongbyon.

The ship was expected to arrive Saturday in the North's northeastern port of Sonbong and will take some 48 hours to unload.

North Korea, after refusing to go forward with the accord for months due to a

banking dispute with the U.S. government, strongly hinted last week that it would undertake the long-delayed shutdown as soon as it receives an initial shipment of oil aid.

The shipment is part of 50,000 tons promised for the reactor shutdown, and the North would get an additional 950,000 tons of energy aid if it disables all its nuclear facilities under a February deal with the U.S., China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

If the North shuts down Yongbyon, it would be the first move it has made to scale back its atomic weapons development since the nuclear standoff began in late 2002. In the first months of the crisis, Pyongyang kicked out U.N. monitors and restarted Yongbyon.

Tensions in the standoff climaxed with the North's first-ever nuclear test in October last year.

ElBaradei said that beyond these initial moves, the North's eventual entire abandonment of its nuclear facilities would be a "long process" that would depend on progress at the six-nation disarmament talks.

"We should not delude ourselves," said ElBaradei, who was attending an international atomic technology conference in Seoul. "It will take time to have a comprehensive solution."

On Wednesday, he had said it was

*'I expect that operation to move smoothly. I am quite optimistic that this is a good step in the right direction.'*

— Mohamed ElBaradei  
International Atomic Energy Agency official

## Captured cleric leads prayers at brother's funeral

BASTI ABDULLAH, Pakistan (AP) — The captured chief cleric of the Red Mosque was allowed to lead funeral prayers for his slain brother today, and forecast that the death of the mosque's militant defenders would push Pakistan toward an "Islamic revolution."

The army crackdown on the radical mosque has raised the standing of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf among moderates and foreign backers worried about rising extremism in Pakistan.

But it has given hard-liners a rallying point, new martyrs to mourn and has prompted calls from al-

Qaida and Taliban for revenge attacks.

Troops combed the Islamabad mosque and its adjoining seminary for girls found Abdul Rashid Ghazi's body among the remains of at least 73 people after the 35-hour commando assault ended Wednesday.

The remains of dozens of militants were lowered into temporary graves in the capital early today.

Officials released Ghazi's body directly to his relatives, who carried it to his ancestral village in Punjab province for burial on Thursday.

Police escorted Maulana Abdul Aziz, who was caught

during the eight-day siege while trying to flee disguised as a woman, to Basti Abdullah so that he could lead the prayers at his brother's funeral at a seminary set up by his father.

The brother took over the running of the Lal Masjid, or Red Mosque, in the capital after their father's assassination in a sectarian attack in 1998.

"Hundreds of our mothers, sisters, sons and daughters have rendered sacrifices," Aziz, a gray-bearded man dressed in white clothes and a checkered head scarf, said before leading prayers attended by about 3,000 people.

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