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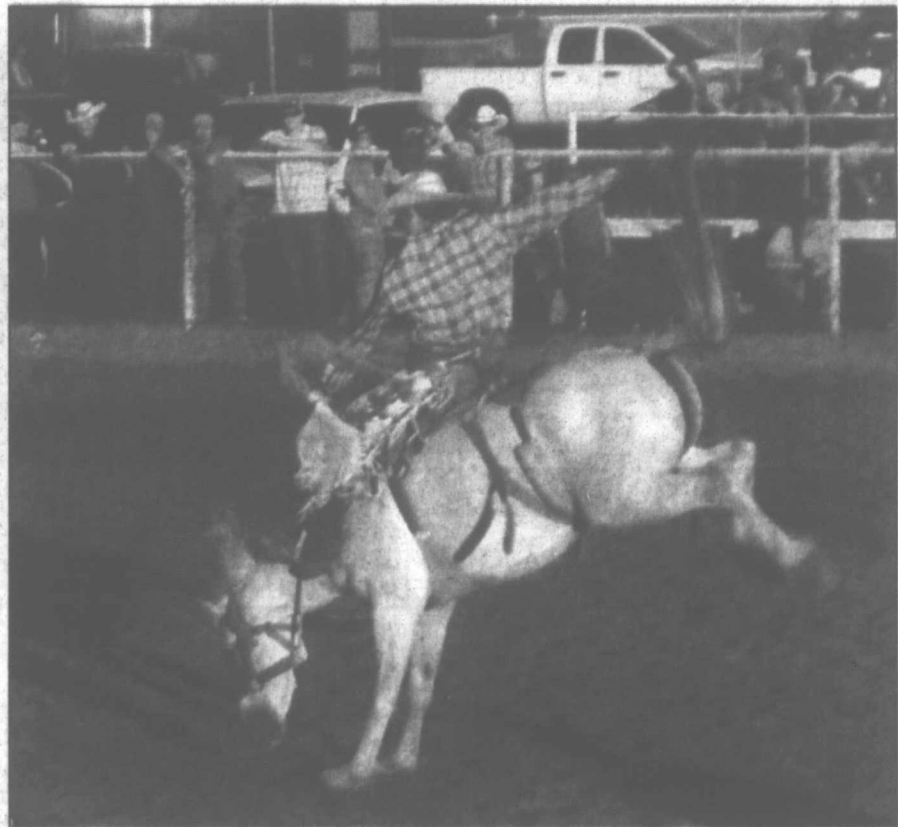
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## White Deer events



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

The 49th annual White Deer Rodeo was held this past weekend, which was enjoyed by many area residents. Saturday was a busy day, starting off with the parade where these horse riders showed off their patriotism with the American and Texas flags. Kickback Day festival was held in the park all day and the rodeo performance rounded out the day's activities. Saddlebronc rider Casey Sisk from Canyon, right, holds on tight and listens for the buzzer.

## Organizers gear up for Top O' Texas Rodeo

By KERRI SMITH  
 Staff Writer

If you are ready for the 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo, you will not have to wait much longer. It is scheduled for Aug. 23-25, with the Kid Pony Show being held just prior on Aug. 19-21.

At the rodeo office, entries are now being accepted for the parade and tickets are being sold for the Miss Rodeo Pageant luncheon and style show as well as a truck giveaway. Gebo's is also accepting entries for a Dr Pepper bicycle that will be given away during the Aug.

24 performance.

On Aug. 23, contestants in the 11th annual Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant will compete in the horsemanship portion of the competition early that morning. This evening's performance is highlighted by a free barbecue for all ticket holders.

The luncheon and style show for the pageant will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 24 at the country club and those wishing to attend are urged to buy tickets early due to limited seating. Tickets are available now at the rodeo office for \$15 each.

Friday night of the rodeo is family night and senior citizens and children get discounted tickets when an adult ticket is purchased. Also during this performance, Gebo's will draw a name and give away a Dr Pepper bicycle, but you must be present to win.

Saturday begins with the parade at 10 a.m. starting at M.K. Brown, winding through downtown and ending back at the auditorium. Those wishing to participate in the parade can sign up now at the rodeo office.

During the Saturday evening rodeo performance, the new rodeo

queen will be crowned and a name will be drawn for the truck giveaway. Tickets for the truck can be purchased for \$10 at the rodeo office or from any rodeo director.

Every evening of the rodeo will feature the calf scramble and nickel drop for children. Double mugging will also be held nightly and entry forms are currently available at the rodeo office for this event.

There will be a rodeo dance each night at 9 at the Top O' Texas Norris Pavilion and tickets can be purchased.

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## Man jailed for having marijuana

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

A California man was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail during the weekend after a traffic stop yielded marijuana in his vehicle.

Sheriff's Deputy Lynn Hudson stopped a vehicle at 11:58 p.m. Friday at Milepost 139 on Interstate 40 in Gray County for speeding, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"The officer requested permission to search the vehicle, and permission was denied," Hoard said.

Pampa Police Department's K-9 Unit was then called to the scene.

"The dog hit on the vehicle," Hoard said. The vehicle was searched, and two

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## Sunflower snack



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Sunflowers and the insects they host were up early today to meet the rising sun near Celanese along U.S. Highway 60.



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**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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**Talk show host Snyder dies**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Talk show host Tom Snyder, whose smoke-filled interviews and robust laughter were a staple of late night television, has died after a struggle with leukemia. He was 71.

Snyder died Sunday in San Francisco from complications associated with leukemia, his longtime producer and friend Mike Horowitz told The Associated Press today.

Known for his improvised, casual style, Snyder conducted a number of memorable interviews as host of NBC's "The Tomorrow Show." Among

his guests were John Lennon, Charles Manson and Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols.

Snyder began his career as a radio reporter in Milwaukee in the 1960s, then moved into local television news. He anchored newscasts in Philadelphia and Los Angeles before moving to late night.

"He loved the broadcast business," said Marciarose Shestack, who co-anchored a noontime newscast with Snyder at KYW-TV in Philadelphia in the 1960s.

"He was very surprising and very irreverent and not at all a typical newscaster."

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**HATHAWAY, Blake Dalton** — 2 p.m. Fort Elliott Gymnasium in Briscoe, Texas.  
**MALONE, Bessie Katherine** — 10 a.m. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

**Blake Dalton Hathaway, 10**

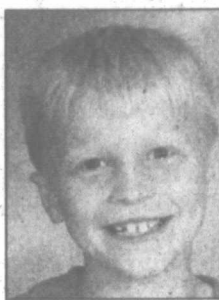
**WHEELER** — Blake Dalton Hathaway, 10, died Friday, July 27, 2007, in Mobeetie, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2007, in the Fort Elliott Gymnasium in Briscoe, Texas, with Rev. C.W. Parker, Pastor of Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler,

Texas.

Blake was born July 12, 1997, to Dale and Kathy Hathaway in Pampa, Texas. He attended kindergarten through 2nd grade at Fort Elliott Elementary in Mobeetie, and attended Miami ISD during his 3rd and 4th grade years. Blake loved all sports and



Hathaway

enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, and football. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include his parents Dale and Kathy Hathaway of Miami; two brothers, Wesley Hathaway of Canadian, Texas and Kade Hathaway of Miami; two sisters, Sara and Jada Hathaway of Miami;

his paternal grandparents, Paul and Clarise Hathaway of Mobeetie; His maternal grandparents, Durward and Louisa Sherwood of Hammon, Okla.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Please sign online guest book at [www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com)

Memorial Requests: Pampa Optimist Club Youth Program, P.O. Box 802, Pampa TX 79066.

**Bessie Katherine Malone, 91**

Bessie Katherine Malone, 91, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Malone was born

Nov. 5, 1915, in Rush Springs, Okla. She married Estel J. Malone on Dec. 12, 1931, in Oklahoma and he preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1986. She was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church and she was a homemaker.

She enjoyed doing crafts and baking cakes. She was the



Malone

last living sibling of 15 kids.

Survivors include one son, A.C. Malone and wife Estelle of Pampa; two daughters, Lavenia Henderson of Cedar Creek, Texas and Naomi Necise and husband Chuck of Hobbs, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Mark Angelo Henderson and a great-granddaughter, Christine Henderson.

MEMORIALS: Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Juanita Rosalez, 84**

Juanita Rosalez, 84, died Monday, July 30, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rosalez was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Asherton. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1971. She worked at the Coney Island for more than 10 years. She

was a member of the Iglesia Nueva Vida Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Olga Sanchez of Bakersfield, Calif., and Diana Torres and Mary Rosalez, both of Pampa; four sons, Tony



Rosalez

Hernandez of Fargo, N.D., and Pedro Hernandez, Johnny Rosalez and Roger Rosalez, all of Pampa; 35 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was pre-

ceded in death by three sons, Roy Rosalez in 1978, Tony Rosalez on Dec. 12, 2004, and Lazaro Rosalez on May 7, 2006.

MEMORIALS: Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, 801 E. Campbell, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Gertrude Leola Wall, 99**

LEFORS — Gertrude Leola Wall, 99, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wall was born Jan. 16, 1908, in West Alton, Mo.

She moved with her family to Swartz, La. when she was a child, and she attended school there.

She married Carl "Runt" Wall on July 27, 1927, at Swartz, and he preceded her in death on July 19, 1986.

They settled in Lefors in

1955, and she continued to live there after his death. She was an active and devoted member of the local Church of Christ. She moved to San Antonio in May of 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Wall & wife

Linda of Sherman and Carl Wall & wife LaRue of Universal City; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irma Jane Edelen of Monroe, La.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, July 27**

Nine traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 1400 block of North Banks.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of South Wells, the 500 block of West Harvester, the 2400 block of Navajo, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 600 block of North Christy, the 500 block of Doyle, the 600 block of North

Faulkner, the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of South Sumner, the intersection of Darby and Lowry streets, the 2100 block of Chestnut, the 600 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 2300 block of Fir, the 200 block of Tignor and the 1900 block of Fir.

Six attempts to serve papers were made.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of Duncan and on Highway 60 West.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of South Nelson and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Ripley and Nelson

streets.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of East Murphy, the 2100 block of North Williston and the 1000 block of Terry Road, where possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol were also reported and four arrests were made.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks. A window was broken out of a travel trailer. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Buckler. A windshield was shot with a BB gun. Estimated cost of damage is \$300.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of East Browning. Medical attention was needed for unknown injuries.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Family Dollar, 421 E. Frederic. Telephone cards, cash and consumable goods were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$850.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella. Consumable goods were taken, and a vehicle was returned with a damaged sunroof. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$200.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A DVD player valued at \$50 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of West Brown.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East 17th. A wallet and content, including cash, was taken. Estimated value

of loss is \$660.

**Saturday, July 28**

Four traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1000 block of South Wells.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Harvester and Evergreen streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2200 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of South Price Road, the 800 block of South Russell, on two occasions in the 700 block of Octavus, the 1000 block of East Browning, the 400 block of North Crest, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, an unreported location, the 1500 block of North Faulkner and the 400 block of Tignor.

Agency assistance was rendered on Interstate 40 and the 1200 block of South Finley.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of North Wells.

A runaway was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner. The individual returned home the next day.

A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of North Dwight. The individual returned home later that day.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill. An ID card was found.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of Bond, the 1300

block of Coffee and the 200 block of North Starkweather.

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

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2500 block of Dogwood, on two occasions in the 900 block of East Campbell, the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1000 block of South Faulkner, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and the 2100 block of North Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East 14th. A window screen and sliding door frame were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$175.

Criminal mischief and harassment were reported in the 1200 block of Duncan. Two vehicles were egged. Estimated cost of damage is \$14.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Ripley. The windows of a trailer were broken, its side was spray painted and damage was done to the refrigerator and cabinets. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2700 block of Comanche.

Evading arrest and a warrant arrest were reported in

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**CITY BRIEFS**

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**CANCELLED!** CUNNINGHAM Peach Truck Scout Travel Trailer, has scheduled for Aug. 2, due to supply shortage.

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**MEET CLIFFORD**, the Big Red Dog, on Tues., July 31 at the Lovett Memorial Library. For more info. call 669-5780.

**SWEET CORN!** Becky Wieck from Etter will be at MK Brown, Wed. Aug. 1st, Only, 7:15am-10am.

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Corn	5.48	Limited	24.14	+0.04
Soybeans	6.80	Williams	31.44	+0.04
		MCD	48.71	-0.05
		Atmos	28.56	+0.11
		Pioneer Nat.	46.65	+0.48
		JCP	68.55	-0.15
		COP	80.87	+1.07
		SLB	94.78	+1.76
		Tenneco	34.55	+0.41
		CVX	85.83	+0.63
		Wal-Mart	46.07	+0.13
		OKE	50.87	-0.11
		New York Gold	672.30	
		Silver	12.72	
		West Texas Crude	77.02	

Weekend fun



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

A young girl enjoys riding a pony during the Kickback Day celebration in White Deer Saturday, which was part of the 49th annual White Deer Rodeo weekend.

Brown, Bush reaffirm commitment

**By BEN FELLER**  
Associated Press Writer  
CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown told President Bush today he shares the U.S. view that there are "duties to discharge and responsibilities to keep" in Iraq.  
"Our aim, like the United States is, step-by-step, to move control to the Iraqi authorities," Brown said, joining Bush at a news conference at the president's Maryland mountaintop ranch.  
Brown hinted that a decision about troops levels would be made soon, while assuring that such a determination would be based "on the military advice of our commanders on the ground," thus echoing language often heard from Bush.  
Indeed, minutes later, in response to a question, Bush said: "The decisions on the way forward in Iraq must be made with a military recommendation as an integral part of it."  
The United Kingdom's commitment to the war is essential to the Bush administration. Britain has 5,500 troops there, with forces moving from a combat role to aiding local Iraqi forces.  
Bush didn't directly answer whether he planned to pass on the war to the next president, who will take office in January 2009.

But he suggested that was likely. "This is going to take a long time in Iraq, just like the ideological struggle is going to take a long time," he said.  
The Camp David meeting was an attempt by Brown and Bush to seek common footing between leaders new to each other, but who jointly oversee one of the world's most important alliances.  
In deference to the U.S.-British relationship, Bush gave Brown the full foreign-leader treatment: a coveted overnight stay at the presidential retreat here, three meals of all-American fare and introductory talks spanning a range of weighty matters.  
But building personal rapport was the main theme. The men have been together before, but this was their first official sit-down since Brown took office in Britain a month ago. There was some sign they achieved some connection to one another, with Brown thanking Bush for his compassionate words about a family tragedy and the two trading jokes about Brown's reputation as a dour Scotsman.  
Still, the men stressed what their nations have in common when they appeared together before reporters — 25 minutes late, a rarity for the usually punctual president — to cap the two days of talks — both one-on-one and with advisers.

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the 400 block of Hughes. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.  
Assault was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.  
Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 500 block of North Rider. Minor injuries which did not need medical attention were reported.  
One alarm was reported.  
Credit card abuse was reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight.  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby and the 500 block of North Frost.

Sunday, July 29

Six traffic stops were made.  
Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.  
Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of Sirroco, the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 600 block of North Frost, on two occasions in the 900 block of North Somerville and the 1800 block of North Nelson.  
Found property was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Banks streets.  
A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Sumner.  
Agency assistance was rendered in the 11800 block of West Highway 60.  
Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 11200 block of Bond, the 400 block of West Brown and the 1000 block of North Frost.  
A suspicious vehicle call

was received from the 1300 block of Terrace.  
Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported in the 900 block of East Murphy.  
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Frost, the 400 block of Hughes, the 300 block of Sunset, the 600 block of South Gray, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of Varnon Drive, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 800 block of Duncan.  
Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood and the 2400 block of Charles.  
Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner. The driver's door of a vehicle was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.  
Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby and the 1200 block of Farley.  
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Pitts. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.  
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Rham. The incident was verbal only, and no injuries were reported.  
A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby.  
Two alarms were reported.  
Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

Monday, July 30

One traffic stop was made.  
Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of North Frost and the intersection of Browning and Cuyler streets.  
A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Warren streets.  
One open door was checked.  
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East Foster.  
Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following

arrests today.  
**Saturday, July 28**  
Joshua Austin Willey, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.  
Michael Cochran, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft of property and a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.  
**Sunday, July 29**  
Jesus Rodriguez, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a capias pro fine for disorderly conduct/fighting; warrants for animal not restrained, no rabies vaccination and animal noise; and failure to appear.  
Rebecca Carpenter, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for theft by check.  
Curtis Ray Smith, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest/detention.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Friday, July 27**  
10:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doyle and transported a patient to PRMC.  
1:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville. No transport.  
4:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.  
11:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.  
**Saturday, July 28**  
12:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Ryder and transported a patient to PRMC.  
8:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to

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marijuana cigarettes were found in the center console, he said.  
Jeffrey Wayne Lucas, 34, of Hemet, Calif., was arrested and booked into jail on a charge of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,000.  
Lucas was released from jail on Saturday.

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chased at the door.

Foreign coins to be sold

NEW YORK (AP) — The city is selling 500 pounds of foreign coins that found their way into its parking meters today.  
"We have pretty much every denomination from every continent," said Anthony Alfano, the city's deputy chief of meter collections. The most common coins are Greek drachmas, he said.  
The Department of Transportation, which makes

For more information or to sign up for any of the events listed, contact the rodeo office from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 200 North Ballard (inside the Chamber of Commerce Building), P.O. Box 659, Pampa, Texas 79066, 669-0434.

PRMC.  
No time noted — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Highway 152 and Highway 60. No transport.  
11:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Brown. No transport.  
No time noted — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Scott and the 300 block of Tignor. Call canceled en route.  
**Sunday, July 29**  
4:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.  
12:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Craven and transported a patient to PRMC.  
Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 28

11:15 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West Brown on a medical assist.  
9:41 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Hamilton on an odor investigation.  
**Sunday, July 29**  
4:31 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of Russell on a medical assist.  
3:10 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Tignor on a grass fire.  
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# Viewpoints

## World demand for crude oil expected to grow

Two recent studies of worldwide energy supply and demand reveals even further tightening of crude oil resources to meet the demands created by economic gains made around the world.

The first report was issued by the International Energy Agency (IEA), an organization set up by the largest energy consuming countries (including the United States), and the second report comes from a study conducted by the National Petroleum Council under the direction of the U.S. Department of Energy.

IEA said the world is facing an oil supply crunch within five years that could force prices higher and increase the world's dependence upon crude oil exported from OPEC.

IEA noted that supplies were falling faster than expected in

mature areas, such as the North Sea and Mexico. The organization said UK North Sea production will decline from 1.7 million barrels per day (b/d) today to 1 million b/d in 2012.

Crude oil production in the United States and Texas has been on a steady 1 to 2 percent decline virtually every year since the 1970s. United States oil production peaked in 1970 at 9.5 million b/d. In 2005, the United States produced 5.2 million b/d of which 1.1 million b/d came from Texas.

IEA predicts oil demand to grow 2.2 percent every year during the next five years. Worldwide demand should reach 95.8 million b/d by 2012, according to IEA.

Worldwide demand of crude oil in 2004 was 83 million b/d.

Meanwhile, the NPC study noted that even though the world is

not running out of crude oil supplies, private enterprise and governments will need to be aggressive to meet consumers' needs.

**Alex Mills**

Columnist



Among the challenges facing oil companies are gaining access to areas that possess oil-rich reserves and the technically complex projects, such as drilling in deep water offshore and in very cold climates.

The studies come as the U.S. House and Senate continue to debate energy issues.

The NPC report warned Congress not to be confusing the

term "energy independent" with "energy security." "The concept of energy independence (being 100 percent free from oil imports) is not realistic in the foreseeable future, whereas energy security can be enhanced by moderating demand, expanding and diversifying domestic energy supplies, and strengthening global energy trade and investment. There can be no U.S. energy security without global energy security."

The NPC study recommends the "expansion of all economic energy sources" (coal, nuclear, renewables, and unconventional oil and natural gas) to mitigate risks. However, it also pointed out that each energy source brings additional safety, environmental, political, or economic hurdles.

Congress could implement policies that would help meet con-

sumers' needs at affordable prices by allowing drilling on federal lands in the Rocky Mountains, Alaska and offshore the East and West Coasts. The only way crude oil prices will decline is when supplies outstrip demand, and that cannot happen unless drilling can take place in previously forbidden areas.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 30, the 211th day of 2007. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the battle cruiser USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered components for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of some 1,200 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

On this date:

In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown, Va.

In 1729, the city of Baltimore was founded.

In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris by troops arriving from Marseille.

In 1844, the New York Yacht Club was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a gunpowder-filled mine under Confederate defense lines. The attack failed.

In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

In 1942, President

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit — although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

In 1980, the Israeli Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

Ten years ago: Two men bombed Jerusalem's most crowded outdoor market, killing themselves and 16 others. Eighteen people, including two Americans, were killed in a landslide that swept one ski lodge onto another at the Thredbo Alpine Village in southeast Australia.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed into law the most far-reaching government crackdown on business fraud since the Depression. Expelled from Congress a week earlier, an unrepentant James A. Traficant Jr. was sentenced to eight years behind bars for corruption and made it clear he intended to run for re-election from his prison cell — and expected to win. (He didn't.) Pope John Paul II canonized Pedro de San Jose Betancur, Central America's first saint. WNBA player Lisa Leslie became the first woman to dunk in a professional game, jamming on a breakaway in the first half of the Los Angeles Sparks' 82-73 loss to the Miami Sol.



## Republican warmongers refuse to quit

It is now clear that the proper name for the war going on in Mesopotamia is the "Republican War." Never before has a political party so decisively asserted ownership of a foreign war.

The Republicans refuse to share it with the Democrats, who, despite their many resolutions, have yet to call for a complete withdrawal of American forces. Democrats have not come close to proposing to cut off the war funding, which is the only way the war can be ended.

Yet Republicans act like jealous suitors and seem to want to keep the war as their very own. They have killed every single proposal to alter the strategy or the tactics. They even killed a bill that would have done nothing more than guarantee that American soldiers would get a rest period at home equal to the time spent in the war.

Killing that bill, which had nothing to do with withdrawal or timetables for withdrawal, clearly proves that Republicans do not support the troops. They support the war. There is a huge difference.

Little Lindsey Graham, the Republican senator from South Carolina, has become so possessive of the war that he seems on the edge of hysteria. He seems frightened to death of what will happen when Americans leave. In fact, nothing much will happen except that Iraqis will concentrate on killing each other rather than killing Americans and each other. Most normal people would consider that a positive

development for us.

The Republicans and their shrinking number of warmonger supporters have long since forgotten that the Republican War is an illegal war, a war of aggression launched against a country that had not attacked us or ever threatened to attack us. They have conveniently forgotten how the Republican War was sold to the American people with outright lies. They ignore the fact that the war was bungled from Day One and that ordinary Americans have paid a terrible price for those blunders.

If ever there were a valid reason to shed the label "Republican," the nutty administration and its war-

loving allies in the House and Senate have provided it. They seem to have lost their collective minds. They know darn well what their general du jour, David Petraeus, is going to say in September: "Gosh, fellows, things are looking up, but give us another five years. Or maybe 10."

That would be insanity to the third power. The Iraqis are killing us on the cheap with secondhand AK-47s, rifle grenades and homemade bombs created out of old artillery shells. We are using the most expensive weapons in the world, wielded by the most expensive army in the world, to kill them by the small handful.

I don't know what the insurgency has cost, but the Republican War has cost us half a trillion dollars, and all

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 23

The Dallas Morning News on clean-air: Clean-air advocates were primed for battle.

They had a billboard, a Web site, even a campaign slogan, all aimed at forcing the ouster of the state's top environmental official. But Kathleen Hartnett White, chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, squelched the campaign by announcing that she would depart when her term expires Aug. 31.

Environmental groups claimed victory; TCEQ officials claimed this

always had been Ms. White's plan.

Whether Ms. White jumped or was pushed, her exit is welcome news.

She has been an apologist for polluters, consistently siding with business interests instead of protecting public health. Ms. White worked to set a low bar as she lobbied for lax ozone standards and pushed through an inadequate anti-pollution plan. She also voted to approve TXU's pollution-intensive Oak Grove coal units, ignoring evidence that emissions from the lignite plant could thwart North Texas' efforts to meet air quality standards.

Ms. White's departure could signal the end of an era but only if Gov. Rick Perry seizes this opportunity to reshape the environmental commission.

The TCEQ must take a more proac-

tive approach to reducing pollution and enforcing environmental regulations. Ms. White's successor should not pick up where she left off.

We urge Mr. Perry to appoint a commissioner with a record of environmental leadership. TCEQ's newest member should have experience evaluating complex scientific data but also should show a willingness to consider public opinion.

As we have noted before, North Texas is not represented on the three-member commission. Our area faces some of the most significant air quality challenges in the state, and we hope the governor will give Dallas-Fort Worth a voice.

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## Rotary Club



Brandon McGinty, Texas Cooperative Agricultural Extension agent for Gray County, recently addressed a local Rotary Club meeting. McGinty discussed the many programs and services offered through his office including agriculture/farming programs, 4-H youth programs and community development. A youth committee program, for example, overseen by the office last year, educated fifth- and sixth-graders about peer pressure and the dangers of alcohol.

## Summer rains push corn prices down

**By DAVID MERCER**  
Associated Press Writer  
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Corn farmers aren't the only ones who have been thankful for rain in the last few weeks.

Ethanol producers are also happy that the rain helped the corn — their main ingredient — rebound from what was shaping up to be a mediocre growing season.

Rain has fallen off and on through most of July in parts of the central and eastern Corn Belt, just as the crop started pollinating. The rain has improved the health of the crop and, to the delight of ethanol makers, driven down corn prices.

"This has really helped to increase the profitability for ethanol producers," said Rick Kment, an ethanol analyst with DTN, an Omaha, Neb.-based agricultural market information company.

Farmers planted a record 92.9 million acres of corn this year, based largely on the expected demand for ethanol. Production of the fuel additive has risen more than 40 percent since 2004, according to the industry trade group Renewable Fuels Association, with demand increased by high oil prices.

But a lot of that crop grew under sunny, cloudless skies through June, leading to worries that all those acres might yield relatively little corn.

Then came the rain, as much as 6 inches so far in

July in eastern Iowa and western Illinois, according to the Midwestern Regional Climate Center. Iowa is the country's top corn producer and Illinois is No. 2, accounting between them for 30 percent of corn planted in the United States this year.

In mid-June, a little more than half of Illinois' corn crop was in good to excellent condition, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Last week, that figure was 81 percent. In Iowa, it was still healthy at 63 percent, held down by dry conditions in the western end of the state.

"It's no big mystery why the good to excellent rating for corn is at 81 percent," said Emerson Nafziger, a University of Illinois crop expert. In one week alone, an average of almost 2 inches of

rain fell across Illinois, he said.

Nationwide, 62 percent of the corn crop is in good to excellent shape, according to the USDA, and a quarter is considered at least fair.

Corn prices, which have been easing since hitting \$4 a bushel in February, have responded. A DTN price index of cash-market corn — which accounts for most of the corn used to make ethanol, according to Kment — stood just under \$3 on Friday.

The price drop, Kment said, has pushed a lot of investment funds out of the corn market in the past few weeks, taking even more air out of prices.

"You can make very good returns at \$3 corn," said Dave Nelson, chairman of Minneapolis-based Global

Ethanol LLC, which has plants in Iowa and Michigan. "When it gets to \$4, it gets pretty tight."

The prospect of an abundant crop has also convinced some Wall Street analysts who follow publicly traded ethanol makers that corn prices will fall further and improve the companies' returns.

Citibank initiated coverage last week of two ethanol makers, VeraSun Energy Corp. of Brookings, S.D., and Denver-based BioFuel Energy Corp. with buy recommendations.

## Dallas traffic copter crashes; no injuries

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — A helicopter carrying a pilot and two traffic reporters for Dallas news media outlets made a forced landing today after losing power over Joe Pool Lake in Grand Prairie.

Chip Waggoner, who was aboard reporting traffic for Fox affiliate KDFW-TV, told his station that the aircraft was carrying him and radio traffic reporter Julie DeHarty about 7 a.m. today when the aircraft lost power. Pilot Curtis Crump was able to glide the aircraft to land and make a hard emergency landing near the lake dam, Waggoner said. The aircraft skidded, then tipped before coming to a stop, Waggoner said.

Waggoner said he and Crump appeared to be

unhurt, and DeHarty was sore but able to walk. DeHarty is the traffic reporter for Dallas radio stations KRLD-AM and KVIL-FM.

The incident happened 2 1/2 days after two television news helicopters collided in midair Friday in Phoenix while covering a police chase.

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## Reese

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we have to show for it are 3,600 graves, several thousand wounded, a civil war and a corrupt, ineffective civilian government. The Iraqi supply line stretches around the corner; ours stretches 7,000 miles. The Iraqis know what their mission is; our soldiers don't have the foggiest notion of why they are still there.

Even to put the best face on it, we replaced a dictatorship and allowed the Iraqis free elections and time to adopt a constitution.

At that point, the president should have said: "We've done our part. Now you're on your own. Goodbye." But no, he didn't do that, because his intention is for the Republican War to never end and for our troops to become a permanent part of the Iraqi landscape.

George W. Bush is by no means the first Westerner to make a fool of himself by overestimating his powers and underestimating the determination of the people of the Middle East to rid themselves of foreign conquerors.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

## Air

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Finally, we ask Mr. Perry to set aside outdated ideas about partisan politics and environmental issues.

Increasingly, bipartisan coalitions that include both business leaders and environmentalists are coalescing to address questions about power and pollution. Texas' Republican governor need look no further than North Texas to find corporate leaders (the high-powered founders of Texas Business for Clean Air, for example) and conservative politicians (Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck) with progressive ideas about balancing business interests and environmental issues.

With so much at stake for the state, Mr. Perry should appoint a commissioner who will bring a similar, forward-thinking approach to the-TCEQ.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Can you go to Al-Anon if you had a husband who was an alcoholic, but is dead? He committed suicide with a 5.0 blood alcohol level. I have been a mess for the last two years. I can't sleep, can't concentrate and don't enjoy anything. I would really like to be able to talk with people who understand what living with an alcoholic is like and won't blame me for what he did, as most of his family does. But I hesitate to go to Al-Anon. What can I do to get over the self-inflicted death of a man I'll never stop loving? — **HURTING IN HOUSTON**

**DEAR HURTING:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your husband. There are several things you can do to heal yourself. The first is to recognize that the symptoms you describe are signs of chronic depression for which you will need professional help -- so pick up the phone and ask your doctor for a referral to a therapist. While I am sure you would be welcome at Al-Anon, another group that would also welcome you with open arms is the American Association of Suicidology, which provides -- among other things -- materials and referrals to local self-help groups for survivors of suicide. The Web site is [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org).

**DEAR ABBY:** I want you to know you have helped me find a way to spend more time not only talking with my fiance, but also sharing our thoughts and values. We have been together more than two years. "Marshall" isn't much of a talker, while sometimes I just ramble on. I suspect Marshall often agrees with me just to get me to shut up. Well, I have been reading your column archives online recently and have started sharing some of the letters

with him. I read them aloud and ask him how he would respond to them and why. After he answers, I tell him my feelings on the subject. The broad range of issues in your column helps us discuss important issues that don't normally come up in conversation. Marshall and I agree most of the time, but not always. When we don't agree, we discuss how we would compromise if we were in the same situation as the person writing the letter. Then we read your response. This has helped us realize things about each other that we hadn't previously and has definitely brought us closer together. Thank you! — **LOYAL READER IN SAN ANTONIO**

**DEAR LOYAL READER:** You're welcome. I'm pleased my column is helping you and your fiance to better communicate. However, before you and Marshall finally tie the knot, allow me to offer a suggestion that could help you head off numerous serious problems before they become issues. It's premarital counseling, and it will facilitate meaningful discussions regarding money, sex, children and religion, to name a few of the topics.

**DEAR ABBY:** My soon-to-be-ex-husband's secretary keeps giving my 16-year-old daughter extravagant gifts for Christmas. One year it was a complete Tiffany jewelry set (earrings, necklace and ring). This past year, "Donna" gave my daughter a \$200 gift certificate to an expensive clothing store and another \$200 one at a trendy cosmetics store. Should I be suspicious? — **EAST COAST MAMA**

**DEAR EAST COAST MAMA:** No, by now you should be convinced.

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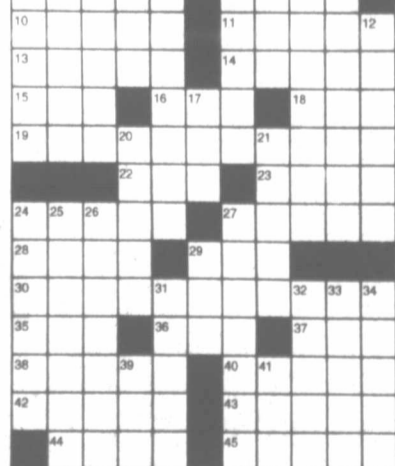
## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 Noise
  - 1 Diner lists
  - 6 Highway exit
  - 10 Scent
  - 11 Long-plumed bird
  - 13 Arch-enemy
  - 14 Passover meal
  - 15 Wanted-poster letters
  - 16 Application
  - 18 Geological period
  - 19 Move ahead of one's competitors
  - 22 Director Spike
  - 23 Border
  - 24 Assumed name
  - 27 Scrooge, for one
  - 28 Wrongful act
  - 29 Dusting cloth
  - 30 Receive blame
  - 35 "Not Unusual"
  - 36 Use oars
  - 37 Pub offering
  - 38 Selected
  - 40 Singer John
  - 42 Convoy trucks
- DOWN**
- 1 Tennis star
  - 2 Christensen of "6 Degrees"
  - 3 Stewart's "Vertigo"
  - 4 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
  - 5 Greets the general
  - 6 View anew
  - 7 Get older
  - 8 Role for Gary Cooper
  - 9 Nobles
  - 12 Merchant after
  - 17 That woman
  - 20 Tickle pink
  - 21 Janet of "Psycho"
  - 24 Top floors
  - 25 Hated over
  - 26 Annoying subject
  - 27 "I'm No Angel" star
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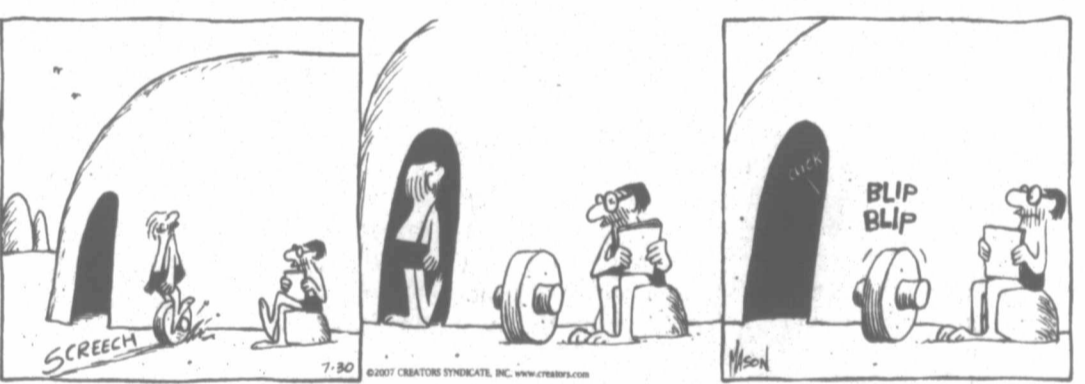


## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day

## Tri-State seniors wrap up tournament Sunday

The 73rd Tri-State Senior Golf Association's Tournament came to a close Sunday morning with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The winning scores were posted and the winner's prizes were handed out upon completion of play.

With the change to playing on the weekend, the Annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening.

The theme for this year's tournament was "Celebrate America" and in keeping with the theme Saturday evening, members of Boy Scout Troop 413 were asked to present and post the flags

of the Armed Forces along with the Texas and United States flags and lead the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Guests were introduced and the prizes for the scramble and the Ladies' Tournament winners were given out.

A memorial was held for the members or wives or special friends of the association that had passed away this past year.

Prizes were given for the oldest player, Bill Scholz from Del City, Okla., traveling the farthest, Tobe Collins from Brownsville, Texas, and the one shooting closest

to his age, Roy Hartman—age 72 with a score of 79.

The "Colonel Boogey" Award went to Charles "Chuck" White to commence the evening.

The final results on Sunday of the Tournament are as follows:

### Championship Flight

- 1st Place (230)**  
Tommy Tomlinson, Guymon, Okla.
- 2nd Place (233)**  
John Castillo, Midland, Texas
- 3rd Place (237)**  
Donald Shanklin Sr.,

Amarillo, Texas

### Super Senior Flight

- 1st Place (233)**  
Roy Hartman, Marietta, Okla.
- 2nd Place (251)**  
John Pettit, Stillwater, Okla.
- 3rd Place (254)**  
Ray Morgan, Lead Hill, Ark.

### Ladies Stableford Flight Winners - Chicago Points

- 1st Place (89)**  
Suzanne Gillispie, Dumas, Texas

**2nd Place (82)**  
Janie Phillips, Odessa, Texas

**3rd Place (80)**  
Ila Collins, Brownsville, Texas

### Men's Stableford Flights

#### Age 55-69 Flight

- 1st Place (162)**  
Bill Fontenot, Beach City, Texas
- 2nd Place (161)**  
Gladwin Gillispie, Dumas, Texas; Dee Phillips, Odessa, Texas

#### Age 70-79 Flight

**1st Place (176)**  
Robert Miller, Odessa, Texas

**2nd Place (156)**  
Steve Stevens, Hereford, Texas; Doyle Munkres, Elk City, Okla.

#### Age 80 & Up Flight

- 1st Place (160)**  
Bill Sholz, Del City, Okla.
- 2nd Place (157)**  
Delmar Jones, Lafayette, La.
- 3rd Place (154)**  
James Cunningham, Spearman, Texas

## Furyk wins second straight Canadian Open with hole-in-one

MARKHAM, Ontario (AP) — Jim Furyk let everybody know that he'll be at Glen Abbey next summer to defend his second straight Canadian Open title.

"We'll see you next year," the crowd favorite told the cheering fans gathered around the 18th green Sunday for the trophy presentation.

Last year in Hamilton, the big question was whether Furyk would return to the event, stuck in a tough new schedule slot after the British Open and before the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship.

"Wasn't the first question this year, but still got asked," Furyk said. "I really feel like you should always come back and defend your championship. I had a lot of people thank me for coming

back, which to me is kind of like, 'I appreciate it, but I feel like it's thanking me for something that you should do.' If that makes sense?"

It does.

"He's a class act," tournament director Bill Paul said.

Furyk took the lead with a hole-in-one and beat Vijay Singh by a stroke, the third-ranked American's smallest lead since the 10th hole. Furyk made the ending more interesting than expected, finishing off his 7-under 64 with a three-putt bogey that gave Singh — two groups behind — a chance to force a playoff with a birdie.

"Obviously, 18 was a slip-up," Furyk said. "And playing maybe a touch conservative away from the pin. ... I'm glad it didn't cost me."

The 2003 U.S. Open champion won for the 13th

time on the PGA Tour, ending a 20-tournament winless streak since last September at traditional Hamilton. He finished at 16-under 268 on Angus Glen's links-style North Course.

"I've had a lot of close calls and a lot of ones that stung and a lot of ones that hurt," said Furyk, second three times and sixth or better in nine events during the victory drought. "But it makes getting over the hump and winning a tournament like today that much more special."

Three strokes behind Singh after the third round, Furyk birdied two of the first three holes — making a 35-foot putt on the par-5 first and a 9-footer on the par-4 third — before moving ahead at 13 under with his third career ace.

"You dream of a start like that," Furyk said.

Furyk used a 5-iron to attack the back-right pin position on the 209-yard fourth, a hole he birdied the first three days. His ball barely cleared a large bunker, landed in the fringe and rolled about 30 feet into the hole.

"Tough pin," Furyk said. "To be able to fly a 5-iron back there on the fringe, have it release out and go in the hole is, obviously, a special bonus."

Furyk played the hole in seven strokes in four rounds, while Singh needed 15, finishing with three bogeys and a par. In the final round, Singh's tee shot went 25 yards right and he took two more strokes to reach the putting surface.

"Eight strokes, that's a

huge turnaround on one hole," said Furyk, the first player to successfully defend a Canadian Open title since Jim Ferrier in 1951.

"It's pretty special to play the hole 5 under on the week. You usually do that on a par 5 and rarely or never see that on a par 3. A pretty darn good hole, too. It's not like a wedge or a 9-iron shot."

Singh, a playoff winner over Canadian star Mike Weir in 2004 at Glen Abbey, finished with a 68. Ryan Palmer and George McNeill shot 66s to tie for third at 13 under, and Bob Heintz (67) and Hunter Mahan (67) followed at 12 under.

Furyk missed a 5 1/2-foot par putt on No. 18.

"I thought I actually hit a pretty good little second putt," he said. "I thought it was going in and it leaked

out on me."

With Furyk nervously sitting on the stairs behind the green, Singh hit his 165-yard approach shot 20 feet over the pin.

"I knew he had a pretty tough putt," Furyk said.

Singh's birdie ran 5 feet past the hole.

"I had my chances, but I couldn't get it going on the front nine," Singh said. "Jim played the front 4 or 5 under, so that's a big swing there. ... I had a chance on the last, but Jim played well. Anyone who shoots 7 under on the last day is deserving."

Furyk followed the hole-in-one with five straight pars, then made a 5-foot birdie putt on the par-4 10th to reach 14 under and take a two-stroke lead. He moved three ahead with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 11th.

## Zambrano cruises to major league-leading 14th win; Bonds remains at 754 homers

### By The Associated Press

Carlos Zambrano became the majors' first 14-game winner, and had more success at the plate than Barry Bonds, who spent another frustrating day stuck on 754 home runs.

Zambrano pitched into the eighth inning and added three hits as the Chicago Cubs beat the Reds 6-0 on Sunday in Cincinnati, climbing within a half-game of division-leading Milwaukee.

The Brewers lost to St. Louis 9-5, making the NL Central the tightest it's been since opening day. The Cardinals moved within six games of Milwaukee in third.

"I think this is the best stretch I've ever had," said Zambrano (14-7), who has won four straight and seven of his last eight. "I feel confident and comfortable. I've been hitting my spots and throwing more strikes. My arm slot feels good."

Bonds went 1-for-4 with an infield single on the final day of the Giants' homes-

tand, failing to come close to a home run during an 8-5 loss to the Florida Marlins.

Still one homer from tying Hank Aaron's record, Bonds is 1-for-7 with five walks since hitting No. 754 on Friday night. He'll take his next swing at the Hammer when San Francisco heads to Dodger Stadium for a three-game series against Los Angeles that begins Tuesday.

"I'm sure the fans will be pretty happy when we get him out. And be pretty mad if he gets a home run," Dodgers catcher Russell Martin said. "It's going to add a little intensity to the series, for sure."

In other NL games, it was the New York Mets 5, Washington 0 in 4 1/2 innings; Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1; San Diego 18, Houston 11; Colorado 9, Los Angeles 6; and Atlanta 14, Arizona 0.

Derrek Lee homered for the third time in four days for Chicago, which finished a 4-2 trip against the Cardinals and Reds. Alfonso

Soriano also had two hits and scored a run.

Lee's two-run homer off Matt Belisle in the seventh inning gave the Cubs a 4-0 lead. It was his second in less than 24 hours and 11th of the season, and it drove Belisle from the game.

Belisle (5-8) hasn't won in 10 starts over two months since beating the Astros at Houston on May 29. He gave up four runs and nine hits, struck out four and walked one.

Brandon Phillips' first-inning single up the middle and Javier Valentin's seventh-inning bloop single to center were the only hits allowed by Zambrano in 7 1/3 innings. The right-hander struck out six and walked three.

"He's a special pitcher," Cincinnati manager Pete Mackanin said. "You can see why he's got the record he's got. He's a solid pitcher, and what he'd have? Three hits? He wanted to steal a base, but we held him down there."

Much like Florida's pitching held down Bonds.

Sergio Mitre (5-5) was perfect through three innings on 31 pitches, and went after Bonds each time in their first career matchup — just like Dontrelle Willis did Saturday night. Kevin Gregg finished for his 21st save in 23 opportunities.

"We did what we've done all year, which is go after the hitters," Mitre said. "It doesn't matter if it's Barry Bonds or whoever."

Jeremy Hermida hit a tying RBI double in the seventh off Matt Morris (7-7) and Jason Wood followed with a go-ahead single as the Marlins ended a six-game losing streak. Miguel Cabrera homered, doubled and hit a pair of RBI singles on the way to three RBIs for Florida.

"I don't even care about Barry Bonds being in the yard," Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "I'm just happy to get a win. It seems like it's almost been a month."

## After latest Senior British Open triumph, Watson goes back in time

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — After winning his seventh major title on the links courses of Scotland, maybe Tom Watson was entitled to delve back into the history books.

Surviving two double bogeys at Muirfield to win his third Senior British Open in five years, he recalled how similar it was when he won at the same course 27 years ago for one of his five Open titles on the regular tour.

Like the double bogey 6s at the 10th followed by the birdie 3s at the 11th. For 1980 read 2007.

"I was thinking I was 26 again, I guess, and I ended up making double bogey (again) there," Watson said after fending off Mark O'Meara and Stewart Ginn for the latest of five triumphs in

seniors majors. "I made a birdie at 11 both in '80 in the final round and this year in the final round. It gave me a lot of breathing room. In '80 I think I had a four shot lead and here it gave me a three shot lead. It was a big deal."

While Watson romped to a four-stroke victory over Lee Trevino in 1980, when he was actually age 30, he squeaked a one-shot triumph over O'Meara and Ginn 27 years later after another double bogey 6 at the final hole.

Watson went to the last on Sunday three shots ahead of the pair but floated his tee shot into a fairway bunker where he needed two to get out.

It looked like a possible repeat of his

collapse in the U.S. Senior Open at Whistling Straits three weeks ago where Watson threw away a three stroke lead, made 43 on the back nine and wound up fourth behind Brad Bryant.

This time Watson also missed the green with his fourth shot. But, putting from off the edge, got his fifth to within three feet of the cup and made that for a double bogey. It was enough for a 2-over 73 and an even par total of 284. O'Meara (72) and Ginn (75) finished 1 over.

"It's important to get it done when you have to," Watson said. "It didn't look like it at 18, but I did put it in the wrong place (off the tee). It was a stupid shot.

## Day and night golf tournament

The Pampa Lions Club will host the Day and Night Golf tournament on Aug. 10 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with 18 spots available for teams.

During the day, players will take on the back 9 while visibility is relatively at its best.

After completing the back 9, players will stop to enjoy supper, and wait for darkness to fall.

Players will then use glow balls and hit the front 9, with the sun well out of sight.

Registration will cost \$45.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866 or Rusty Tapp at 595-0513.

At \$10 per ticket, the Lions Club will also raffle off a set of irons, the winner's choice of Titleist, Nike, Callaway or Taylor Made.

## Contador's victory caps Tour de France

PARIS (AP) — Three years ago, Alberto Contador was lying in a hospital bed recovering from a brain aneurism. He drew inspiration from reading a book about Lance Armstrong, the cancer survivor and seven-time Tour de France champion.

Now Contador has his own inspiring comeback story that, like Armstrong's, ended with a victory in the Tour de France on Sunday.

"It's an extraordinary joy," said Contador, who collapsed with the aneurism during a race in Spain in 2004. The Spaniard kissed his winner's yellow jersey on the podium against the backdrop of the Arc de Triomphe.

Contador's victory ride provided a brief moment of celebration for a Tour that has been battered by two weeks of doping scandals

and allegations.

Contador, 24, was this year's unlikely winner for Discovery Channel after former race leader Michael Rasmussen was sent home earlier in the Tour for allegedly lying to his team and the pre-race favorite Alexandre Vinokourov failed a doping test.

Contador high-fived and hugged his teammates at the end. His original goal was to take the white jersey for the best young rider. In the end, he got both white and yellow.

Asked on French television about his surgery, Contador took off his yellow cap and showed a large scar running down the side of his head.

"It really marked me for life," Contador said, "but allowed me to better savor

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this moment. "This year, I hoped to win the white jersey. I did not know that with the white jersey, the yellow one would come, too."

From its start in London on July 7, when millions of spectators turned out, fans' signs like "No to Doping" increasingly lined the course.

Even for an event whose winners since 1996 have either battled doping claims or admitted to them, this Tour's fallout from doping was instantaneous — often overshadowing the racing itself.

"Suspicion is everywhere," Tour president Christian Prudhomme said Sunday on France-2 television. "We could have doubts about everyone."

Organizers hoped this would be the year of rebirth after 2006 winner Floyd Landis' positive doping test. In the end, they may have settled for simply keeping the race going amid unending doping scandals.

Nor was it Vinokourov's year to step up — as fans who painted his name on French roads had hoped.

The big sporting surprise was Contador. Seen as a promising but not yet mature rider, he blended explosive acceleration in the mountains and a dose of luck as the field was whittled down.

"We've seen the future of Spanish cycling and perhaps international cycling," seven-time Tour winner Armstrong said of

Contador. It was a remarkable personal comeback for Contador, who suffered the aneurism while racing in the Tour of Asturias and fell to the ground from his bike with severe convulsions. Emergency surgery saved him from possible brain damage.

Contador eclipsed the leader of his Discovery team, American Levi Leipheimer, who finished third. Contador was the youngest champion since Jan Ullrich of Germany in 1997, and the first Spaniard to win since the last of Miguel Indurain's five titles in 1995.

In an unplanned irony, the 91-mile route Sunday to Paris' fan-lined Champs-Elysees took riders through the town of Chateau-Malabry, home to the French anti-doping laboratory that has exposed several riders this year. Sunday's stage was won by Daniele Bennati of Italy.

Contador's victory margin — 23 seconds ahead of Cadel Evans of Australia — was the second-narrowest in the Tour's 104-year history, after about 3,500 kilometers (2,200 miles) of cycling through Britain, Belgium, Spain and France. Leipheimer was third, 31 seconds back.

Contador had seemed destined for second place until the Tour was hit by the ouster of Rasmussen. His Rabobank team accused the Dane of having lied about his whereabouts before the Tour to evade doping controls.

Discovery sports manager Johan Bruyneel, who mentored Armstrong's seven wins, said inheriting

the victory like that was bittersweet.

"It's not a nice feeling. You don't want to win like that," Bruyneel told The Associated Press. "The way things were, most likely he (Rasmussen) would have won the Tour de France."

Landis did not defend his crown because of doping charges hanging over him. This Tour turned into a circus after it emerged that Rasmussen was competing despite missing doping controls in May and June, and after Kazakh star Vinokourov and Cristian Moreni of Italy failed doping tests. They and their teams left the race, and police raided their hotels, searching for doping products.

A split emerged as Tour organizers blamed the sport's governing body, the UCI, for not telling them that Rasmussen had missed doping tests. The organizers said they would have prevented him from taking the start had they known. Some newspapers in France declared the Tour dead and said it should be suspended until the sport cleans up. Some members of the International Olympic Committee warned that more scandals could jeopardize cycling's place in the Olympics.

The first week of the Tour's 94th edition was dominated by sprinters and marked by multiple crashes. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland took the lead on day 1 and wore the yellow jersey for the first week.

But the doping demon quickly returned.

First came news that Patrik Sinkewitz of

Germany tested positive for the male hormone testosterone, in a sample taken in June while he was training for the Tour.

Then, over 48 dramatic hours in the last week, came successive punches of Vinokourov's test for a banned blood transfusion, Moreni's positive test for testosterone and Rasmussen's ouster — a race-changing decision that emerged late at night.

On Rasmussen's last day of racing before he was sent home, cyclists from French and German teams refused to ride off with him at the start, protesting against the scandals in the race.

Vinokourov denied doping, although a follow-up test confirmed the positive result given from the first. Vinokourov has hired Landis' lawyer to defend him.

Rasmussen also insisted that he never used performance-enhancing drugs and was left ruing Sunday what might have been.

"Every day I'm going to wake up and think about not being allowed to win the Tour de France — the race that defines me as a cyclist," he told Danish broadcaster TV2. "I will never get over it. ... I believe it equals getting a Picasso painting stolen. I was working on the greatest piece I could achieve and it was taken away from me."

Contador was not spared suspicions. He missed last year's Tour when his former team was disqualified because he and four other riders were implicated in a Spanish blood-doping investigation known as Operation Puerto.

# Ripken and Gwynn Hall of Famers, on and off of the field

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — When they played, Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn epitomized all that was good about baseball. And now as Hall of Famers, nothing has changed.

When they entered baseball's shrine on Sunday, the two were saluted as much for their remarkable careers as the character they have always displayed away from the field, greeted by a record crowd estimated at 75,000 that included Commissioner Bud Selig.

Ripken and Gwynn were awestruck.

"I was intimidated looking out at that many people," Ripken said. "I got real quiet. I just kept looking at it and I was amazed, overwhelmed. So many people. It makes you feel really good that people will trek all the way up from their homes to share this tribute."

"I didn't know if I was going to be able to handle it or not," Gwynn said.

A continent away, a different scene unfolded. Barry Bonds failed to tie the home run record of Hank Aaron, a chase tainted by his "surlly nature and a steroids investigation."

It was a poignant counterpoint to a memorable, emotional induction day.

"My dad used to say if you take care of all the little things, you'll never have a big thing to worry about," said Ripken, who spent his

21-year career in Baltimore and made his mark by playing 2,632 consecutive games to break Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130. "As the years passed, it became clear to me that kids see it all, and it's not just some of your actions that influence, it's all of them. Whether we like it or not, as big leaguers we're role models. The only question is, will it be positive or will it be negative?"

Gwynn, who spent his 20-year career in San Diego, shared the sentiment.

"We make a big deal about work ethic," he said. "We make a big deal about trying to make good decisions and doing things right, and you know what, we are supposed to. That is what they pay us for."

"You've got to be responsible and make decisions and show people how things are supposed to be done. When you sign your name on the dotted line, it's more than just playing the game of baseball. I think the fans felt comfortable enough in us, they could trust us and how we played the game, especially in this era of negativity."

Perfectionists when they played, neither was entirely satisfied with his performance on the most significant day of their baseball lives — Ripken thought he rushed his speech and Gwynn said he omitted something he wouldn't reveal.

# Stewart scores second career win at Brickyard in dominating form

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A little time away from racing helped Tony Stewart come away from the Brickyard with another huge victory.

The two-time Cup champion had a frustrating start to the 2007 season, losing at least four races he should have won. He didn't reach Victory Lane until the July 15 event in Chicago.

Stewart then took his momentum with him on an overdue vacation during NASCAR's final off-weekend of the season before

reporting to Indianapolis on Friday relaxed and ready to try for his second Indy win in three seasons.

"We got to do fun stuff (on vacation)," he said. "When you get to do fun stuff, when you come off a week like that, you are pumped up for what for me is my biggest race of the year. The moon and the stars lined up."

He beat buddy Kevin Harvick on Sunday in a classic dual to the finish and showed he's now mastered the track that caused him

heartache and once even threatened his career.

"This kid is — he's matured so much," said crew chief Greg Zipadelli said. "He drove a phenomenal race today. I'm proud of him."

Stewart led a race-high 66 of the 160 laps and, even when he was passed by 2003 winner Harvick on a restart with 20 to go, Stewart remained confident and in control.

He chased down Harvick, even taunting his friend over the radio. "Here, kitty, kitty,

kitty," he called. "Come get you some of this."

The two-time series champion caught Harvick in the duel of Chevrolets and made at least two attempts to pass. Harvick held on.

Stewart finally powered alongside with 10 laps to go, but Harvick wouldn't relent and the cars ground together as they drag-raced around the narrow oval.

Stewart surged into the lead, then seemingly put his orange No. 20 on cruise control for the final 25 miles.

# Cowboys LB Ellis says status will be resolved by the end of the week

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One way or another, Greg Ellis, the Cowboys' injured and disgruntled linebacker, could be a few days from ending the drama that's surrounded his relationship with Dallas the last year and a half.

Or maybe he's just adding to the drama.

Ellis said Saturday that an announcement about his status is coming by the end of the week. He stuck by that Sunday, explaining the announcement will "clarify the air and know what we can expect the rest of the season."

"I think by that time in training camp it should be, 'This is what we're going to do and this is how we're going to do it,'" Ellis said.

Nobody has been on the Cowboys longer than Ellis. A captain the last two seasons, Ellis is among the most respected guys in the locker room.

Yet in the last year, only Terrell Owens has raised more of a ruckus.

Ellis began worrying whether the team still wanted him before last season, when Bill Parcells moved him from defensive end to

linebacker. He did just fine until tearing an Achilles' tendon in mid-November.

Ellis' concerns resurfaced in April when the Cowboys used their top pick on someone who plays his position.

"People can say, 'He's not going to take your job.' But that's the nature of this beast," Ellis said. "You don't draft a first-rounder to sit on the bench."

So Ellis wants his contract restructured as proof of the team's commitment. If not, he's asked to be released or traded. He went 0-for-3 on the same requests last year.

Think about it from the team's perspective.

Owner Jerry Jones already has given Ellis a \$4.2 million signing bonus in 2003 as part of a contract that pays him \$2.5 million this season with two years remaining.

The Cowboys want him at linebacker for two reasons: He was tied for the team lead in sacks when he was hurt and the defense sagged without him. In fact, the drop-off contributed to the Cowboys spending the 26th overall pick on Anthony Spencer, a defensive end from Purdue being converted to linebacker.

## BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 31, 2007:

You might want to head in a new direction or direct your energy elsewhere this year. Know when to stop holding yourself back. Your creativity emerges when dealing with various situations and the above-mentioned issue. Move on what you think are creative issues by the new year to maximize your success factor. You find that someone you look up to could be very difficult this year. Often you juggle many different interests. If you are single, love will hit soon enough, if it hasn't already. If you are attached, your relationship could start sizzling. Let it happen. A creative issue could occur. PISCES draws you out.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your fiery side emerges, taking you in a new direction. Count on passion as you greet life right now. Question the financial ramifications of a situation. Listen to your inner voice, and you'll come up with answers. Tonight: Vanish. You need a break.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might hit your share of collisions. Though hard-pressed to believe the issue is you, it could be just that. Loosen up and decide what feels right. If you follow your instincts, you'll get results. Meetings and friends play significant roles. Tonight: Beaming as only you can.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You know how to deal with others' tempers, but can you deal with

your own anger? Understand that you too need to process and get to the bottom of problems. No more refusing to deal with feelings — OK? Tonight: Take your place at the helm of your ship.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might want to diversify your many different interests and decide what works. If you hit a problem, realize far more is at work than you realize. Investigate and discover your options carefully. Tonight: Know what you want.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be most irritated with a boss or someone who holds a lot of power. Thrashing around and being angry will not help. Gain control and decide to have that long-overdue discussion. Set the mood and then start the talk. Tonight: Happy as a cat being with that special person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You want to decide which way to go. If you are intrigued by someone's outburst, you might want to understand how valid it is. Explore your options, and you'll discover that others might have some very strong views. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your fiery nature helps you make a difference. Your ability to relate to and understand others proves to be significant. You might not realize just how much you challenge someone until he or she reacts. Tonight: Nurture someone, and he or she will feel secure.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might be slightly more rigid than you realize. You want matters your way and only your way. If you want to understand others' reactions, walk in their shoes. What goes down could

change a lot. Tonight: Your creative juices flow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to take a leap of faith. Understand what makes a situation so volatile and question the end results. Your sense of humor and fun emerge by the afternoon. You also might want to spend a touch more time by yourself. Tonight: Easy does it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Expenses get a bit out of control as you deal with someone head-on. Get past a problem and understand what needs to happen. Stay loose and easy when dealing with the many caring people in your life. Tonight: Make calls, and if possible, get together with a friend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might want to discuss a situation more carefully that involves someone you care about. This person is most certainly on a tirade, which could be a problem. Chill and back off. You will make strong decisions. Tonight: Treat yourself!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Say as little as you can today, remembering that tomorrow is most certainly another day. In fact, with this attitude, you could lighten up considerably when dealing with others. The afternoon has its rewards. Tonight: Do your thing.

**BORN TODAY**  
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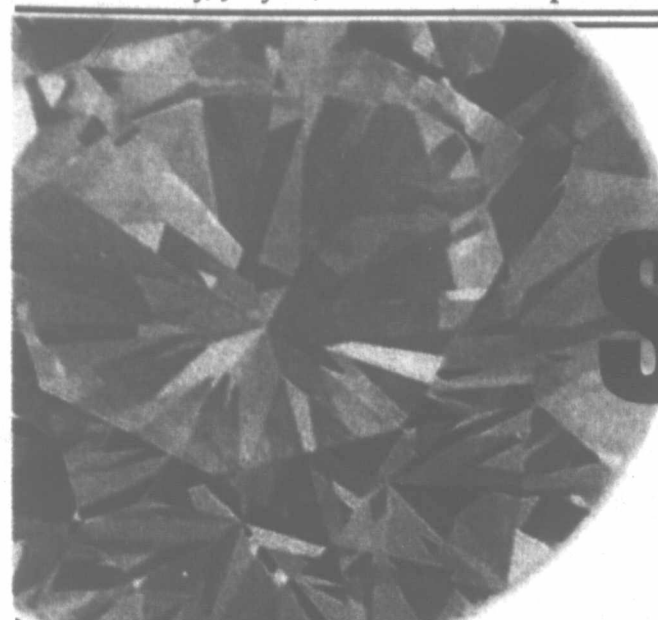
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## Iraqi government failing to maintain U.S. funded projects

By **ANDREW BRIDGES**  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — An Iraqi power plant rebuilt with tens of millions of U.S. dollars fell into disrepair once transferred to the Baghdad government, according to the U.S. office that tracks reconstruction spending.

The Iraqis' failure to maintain the 320-megawatt Dora plant, considered an important source of power for electricity-starved Baghdad, is just one of the issues hindering attempts to rebuild the country, the latest audit report to Congress concludes.

Also crippling the efforts are anemic capital spending by Iraq's central government ministries and its provinces; continued challenges faced by contractors in fulfilling the terms of their contracts; and endemic corruption.

Such theft, fraud, skimming and other corruption amount to a "second insurgency," the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, Stuart Bowen Jr., wrote

in his quarterly report, being released Monday.

"It's another enemy that Iraq has to fight. Security is the paramount challenge that the Iraqi government has to solve, but right behind that is corruption, particularly involving oil smuggling," Bowen told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday.

"This report presents a mixed picture," he said. "But it's too early to say whether we are going to render effective, enduring results. There are signs of progress this year."

Among those signs, Bowen said, is Iraq's production of 2.1 million barrels of oil a day in the latest quarter, compared with 1.9 million the previous quarter and 1.8 million barrels before that. He noted that Iraq was producing more than 2.4 million barrels a day before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

Despite the setbacks with the power plant, Bowen said Iraq's electricity supply still rose to 4,230 megawatts, compared with 3,900

megawatts during the previous quarter and 3,800 before that. But that is still below the prewar level of 4,500 megawatts, he said. Just two years ago, Iraq's electricity supply was more than 5,000 megawatts.

"Projects are getting done," Bowen said. "But the impediment to growth in outputs of those has been insurgent attacks on the grid."

The watchdog office provides oversight of the \$44 billion allocated by Congress to rebuild Iraq. Bowen said he will testify before Congress on Tuesday about the latest report.

In an audit issued last week, the inspector general found the Iraqi government has refused to take control of more than 2,000 U.S.-funded reconstruction projects since June 2006. That has left U.S. officials to turn over the projects to local officials or to commit more money to keep them running.

Even when the Iraqi government has accepted rebuilt projects, it has let them languish.

The two units at the Dora power plant, for example, are not working despite a \$90 million effort to repair them. The plant's Iraqi operators cannibalized equipment from one of the units as it neared functioning status to repair the second, after it had failed because of improper maintenance and operation. That second unit eventually failed again, according to the report.

"If this plant had been online since 2004, Baghdad would have had substantially more power," Bowen said in the interview. "In addition, it's likely that the actual power generated would be above prewar levels."

The Dora power plant represents 7.5 percent of the electric-generating capacity today.

The problems do not rest solely with the Iraqis, according to the report.

An audit of a \$1.33 billion contract won by Bechtel National Inc. found that about half the water, sanitation, power and other proj-

ects awarded to the San Francisco engineering company failed to meet their stated goals. Some were canceled, others only partially completed and others transferred to other organizations for completion, the report said.

The government, too, hampered Bechtel's efforts by failing to provide sufficient staff to oversee the contract. Extensive use of subcontractors has made oversight difficult, leading to poor outcomes in some projects.

Even though the Iraqi government has assumed responsibility for managing the country's recovery, its spending on public works and other capital projects is falling far short of what has been budgeted, the report said.

For instance, last year, the government spent just 22 percent of its budget for capital improvements, while spending 99 percent of the allocation for salaries. Overall spending of the government capital budget should rise to 50 percent by year's end, the audit said.

## Tropical storms double in century

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of tropical storms developing annually in the Atlantic Ocean more than doubled over the past century, with the increase taking place in two jumps, researchers say.

The increases coincided with rising sea surface temperature, largely the byproduct of human-induced climate warming, researchers Greg J. Holland and Peter J. Webster concluded. Their findings were being published online Sunday by Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London.

An official at the National Hurricane Center called the research "sloppy science" and said technological improvements in observing storms accounted for the increase.

From 1905 to 1930, the Atlantic-Gulf Coast area averaged six tropical cyclones per year, with four of those storms growing into become hurricanes.

The annual average jumped to 10 tropical storms and five hurricanes from 1931 to 1994. From 1995 to 2005, the average was 15 tropical storms and eight hurricanes annually.

Even in 2006, widely reported as a mild year, there were 10 tropical storms.

"We are currently in an upward swing in frequency of named storms and hurricanes that has not stabilized," said Holland, director of mesoscale and microscale meteorology at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

"I really do not know how much further, if any, that it will go, but my sense is that we shall see a stabilization in frequencies for a while, followed by potentially another upward swing if global warming continues unabated," Holland said.

It is normal for chaotic

systems such as weather and climate to move in sharp steps rather than gradual trends, he said.


"What did surprise me when we first found it in 2005 was that the increases had developed for so long without us noticing it," he said in an interview via e-

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