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Hampton Villages receives funds for construction

AUSTIN — With an eye toward providing reasonably priced rental housing for the area's growing workforce, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$1,038,857 in tax credits to support the construction of the 76-unit Hampton Villages, an affordable rental housing development in Pampa.

"Working Texans need an affordable place to live and we are committed to supporting the housing opportunities they require to continue working and contributing to their community," TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber said. "New

tax credit developments are great economic generators for local communities and, once completed, will provide high-quality, stable, and secure homes."

This award is one of a total of 53 awards TDHCA made from its highly competitive 2007 Housing Tax Credit Program. The Department annually receives nearly twice as many applications as it can fund, demonstrating the high demand for these needed developments. Through this program, TDHCA estimates creating 4,837 units statewide of affordable rental housing serving households earning no more than 60 percent of the area median family

income.

The Housing Tax Credit Program is the nation's primary means of directing private capital toward the development of high quality affordable rental housing and will allocate approximately \$42 million in these tax credits to the state of Texas in 2007.

The tax credits provide developers and investors with a benefit that is used to offset a portion of their federal tax liability in exchange for the production of affordable rental housing. The value associated with the credits allows units in tax credit properties to offer leases to income eligible tenants at rents below those

of market rate apartment properties.

The program has helped create or retain approximately 118,837 units of safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for low income Texans since the first allocation cycle in 1987.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community and energy assistance programs, and colonia activities. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$400 million, the majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.

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Bluegrass buddies



Photo by TONYA FINSTERWALD

Budding musician Conner Smith of Mobeetie, formerly of Pampa, gets a few tips from Skyler Marsh of Anniston, Ala., over the weekend at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival. The Marshes, professional musicians, were first time visitors to the festival but pitched in like old friends helping out with everything from playing, to assisting budding artists and more. This year's festival was a huge success with campers arriving a week in advance for the 3-day event that brings music lovers from across the United States to enjoy bluegrass, country music and western swing under the shade trees of the Old Mobeetie Jail Grounds. More information can be found at the Old Mobeetie Texas Association Web site at www.mobeetie.com.

Annual budget talks on tap for county commissioners

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The time for annual budget talks is fast approaching for local governments, and Gray County will begin its annual deliberations at the county commission meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The 2008 and 2009 budgets for the county's community supervision and corrections department is on the agenda. The county's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

Conflicting statements in the documentation of the county's tax abatement and criteria program will be corrected at Wednesday's meeting.

"It doesn't change anything we've agreed to already," said County Judge Richard Peet concerning the clarification of the phrasing. The county created a reinvestment zone

earlier this year after CPV Wind Ventures of Massachusetts expressed interest in constructing a portion of a wind farm in Gray County. CPV will receive a 90 percent tax abatement for the first four years of its operation in the county, followed by a 60 percent abatement for six years afterward. Beginning with the 11th year, the company will pay 100 percent of assessed property taxes.

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. for a truck tractor for Precinct 4.

A request by Eugene Young to waive the principle and interest on past due taxes on property at 1105 Huff Road will be heard.

A tax bid of \$140 by Sherri Worthington for 435 Crest and a lot on Crest Street at Lot 11 and 12, Block 1, Hillcrest Terrace will be considered.

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City sewer system to be tested with smoke Wednesday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Where there's smoke, there may not always be fire. It might be from the city of Pampa's latest test of the city sewer system.

A smoke test of the sewer system in Ward 1 is scheduled for Wednesday, according to City Wastewater Collection Superintendent Wayne Terry.

"A smoke test survey will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system," Terry said in a news release. "The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is non-toxic, non-staining, has no odor, is white to gray in color and creates no fire hazard."

The smoke should not enter homes or structures unless the building has defective plumbing or dried-up drain traps, Terry said.

"If smoke enters your home, there is good reason to assume that dangerous sewer gases may also be entering your home or business," he said. Anyone who experiences smoke entering a structure during the test is advised to evacuate immediately and notify the work crew. Persons who are not at the location at the time of the test and return to their home or other structure to discover smoke in the building are also asked to notify the crew.

The numbers to call are 669-5706 or 898-8072, Terry said.

"It is advisable for the home owner to pour a gallon of water into each floor drain prior to our testing," he said.

Anyone with respiratory problems and is immobile who will be in a Ward 1 home or other building at the time of the test is asked to notify the city at one of the above telephone numbers.

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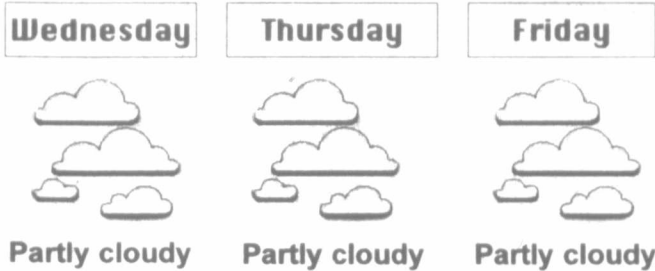


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Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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OXY	58.03	+0.62
BP PLC ADR	70.14	+0.23
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Chubb	37.19	+0.62
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ROSALEZ, Juanita — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

G.D. 'Doug' Camp, 87



Camp

G.D. "Doug" Camp, 87, of Borger, died Sunday, June 29, 2007. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains with Mike Woelfle officiating. Burial to follow in Highland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Camp was born March 28, 1920, in Yellville, Ark., to James Arthur and Julia Osborn Camp. He married Mildred Aline Liles in Pampa in 1939.

Mr. Camp served in the Army Air Corps as a sheet metal worker during World War II. He later worked as a sheet metal worker in Pampa, Borger and Amarillo, working for Jerry Keith the longest period of time.

Mr. Camp and his wife were members of the Red Dale Campers in Pampa.

Doug was also a professional square dance caller. He often traveled the Panhandle area calling dances and spent many volunteer hours teaching fifth and sixth graders at Central Elementary and Gateway Elementary Schools.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, MaryAnn Camp in January 1989; a

grandson, Scott Hurt; three sisters, Mildred Buntin, Virginia Sing and WillaMae Waits; and two brothers, Virgil Camp and Vernon Camp.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Camp; three daughters, Linda Sue Hurt and husband, Larry of Plano, Fran Fletcher and husband, Tom of Claude, and Beth Hale and husband, D.L. of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Juanita Rosalez, 84



Rosalez

Juanita Rosalez, 84, died Monday, July 30, 2007, at Pampa.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Juan Munoz, associate leader of Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rosalez was born

Feb. 8, 1923, in Asherton. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1971 and worked at the Coney Island for more than 10 years.

She was a member of Iglesia Nueva Vida Church.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Hernandez of Fargo, N.D., Roy Rosalez in 1978, Tony

Rosalez on Dec. 12, 2004, and Lazaro Rosalez on May 7, 2006.

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

Hernandez of Fargo, N.D., and Pedro Hernandez,

Johnny Rosalez and Roger Rosalez, all of Pampa; 35 grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

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

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Emergency Services

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

Six traffic stops were made, including one at the intersection of Randy Matson and Banks streets which led to an arrest for reckless driving.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1300 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

Reckless driving was reported during a traffic stop at the intersection of Randy Matson and Banks streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 100 block of South Wells, the 1000 block of South Sumner and on two occasions in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Civil matters were reported in the 200 block of Miami and the 900 block of East Francis.

A runaway was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks and the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block of North Faulkner, the 1000 block of North Frost and the 2200 block of North Russell.

Suspicious vehicle calls were

received from the 100 block of North Frost and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2600 block of Evergreen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville and the 2300 block of Fir.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the intersection of Fisher and Sloan streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident. No injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A kidnapping was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks. A bicycle valued at \$80 was taken.

Burglary was reported at Good Samaritan, 309 N. Ward. Taken were blankets, women's and children's clothing, consumable goods and a vacuum cleaner. Estimated value of loss is \$92.

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

Monday, July 30

Clayton Johnson, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCISO for driving while license is invalid.

Johnathon Munn, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCISO on a bond forfeiture for possession of a controlled substance.

Kristopher Alvin Cox, 30, of

Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of West 19th by Pampa Police Department for reckless driving.

Mark William Holmes, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Foster by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

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

Monday, July 30

7:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of East Tuke. No transport.

11:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 60 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th.

4:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTW in Amarillo.

6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTW in Amarillo.

Hells Angels charged in fray that injured four from Texas

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Six members of the Hells Angels face battery charges after allegedly stabbing and beating four rival gang members as a weekend gathering of the motorcycle club was wrapping up in northern Arkansas.

State police spokesman Bill Sadler said members of the Bandidos and the Hells Angels got into a fight Sunday afternoon and four Bandidos members were stabbed.

Police were trying to determine what led to the attack, Eureka Springs Police Chief Earl Hyatt said Monday. The six were arrested on first-degree battery charges and jailed in Carroll County, awaiting a bond hearing, Hyatt said in a news release.

Arrested were Jason David Gallo, 36, of Peabody, Mass.; Eric Claudio Franco, 32, of Lynn, Mass.; Christopher Michael Sweeney, 37, of Lynn, Mass.; Robert Thomas Reynolds, 37, of Sandown, N.H.; Manny R. Monteiro, 33, of Danvers, Mass.; and Derek Jeffery Roy, 21, of Lisbon Falls, Maine.

Monday, three of the victims remained hospitalized, including one in critical condition. The fourth man had been treated and released. Hyatt said all four were expected to survive.

Hyatt identified the victims as Lubbock, Texas residents Isidro Savala Zerrata Jr., 49, Keith Allen Miller, 60, and Thomas Goodnight, age unknown. Also injured was David Thomas Wood, 38, of Amarillo, Texas.

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Ex-county clerk cleared of child sex charges

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A former Hidalgo County district clerk has been found not guilty of child sexual assault charges stemming from allegations that he carried on a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl.

The jury deliberated more than four hours Monday before acquitting Omar Guerrero, 30, on two counts each of sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child and enticing a child.

He was also found not guilty of retaliation, a charge brought when Guerrero allegedly threatened the 15-year-old's family.

"Praise the Lord," Guerrero said as sheriff's deputies led him from the courtroom.

Guerrero was released from jail Monday night on a personal recognizance bond. Defense attorney Keno Vasquez said Guerrero had already posted bond on pending charges of marijuana possession, assault and intoxicated driving.

Guerrero was arrested in February at a convenience store in Reynosa, Mexico, directly across the border from Hidalgo. He had been missing since December, when Mission police issued a warrant for his arrest in the child sexual assault case.

Authorities said Guerrero took the teenage girl to parties, exposed her to alcohol and drugs, and had sex with her at several area hotels.

During the trial, defense attorney Ric Salinas raised questions about the victim's reliability, detailing her bipolar disorder and her previous false statements. He also presented evidence that Guerrero tested negative for sexually transmitted diseases for which the girl tested positive.

"Science won't let you stray away from the facts," Salinas said after the trial.

District Attorney Rene Guerra said "the jury had a problem with the credibility of the victim. We cannot make our victims."

Chief Justice Roberts out of hospital after suffering seizure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice John Roberts walked out of a hospital in Maine today, released a day after he suffered a seizure. The White House said he told President Bush he was doing fine. Roberts strode briskly out of the Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport, Maine, wearing a blue sport coat, open collar shirt and slacks. He waved to onlookers before getting into a waiting sports utility vehicle.

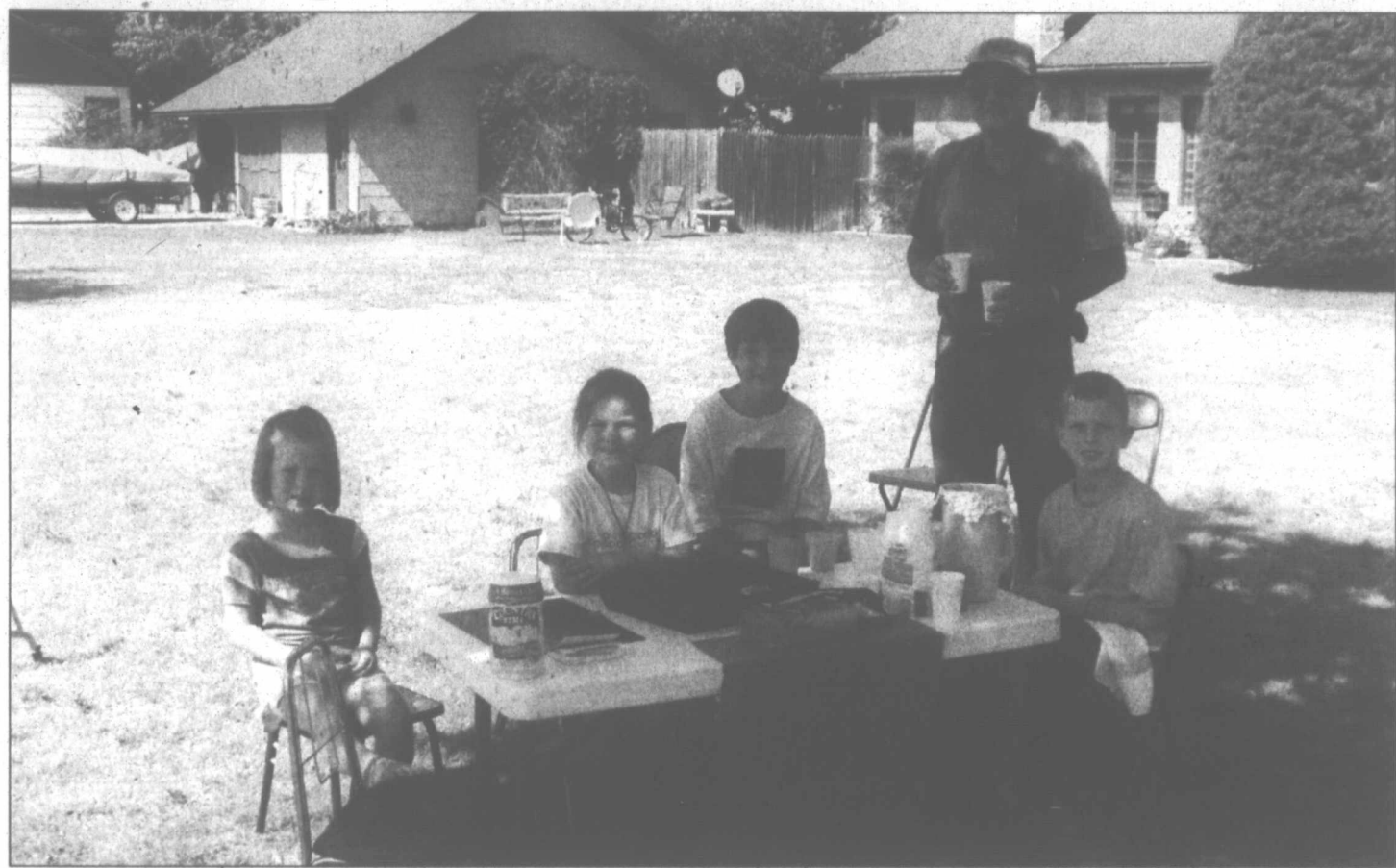
The chief justice, 52, plans to continue his summer vacation, Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said. She said that doctors found no cause for concern after evaluating Roberts. Roberts was hospitalized after he fell on a dock near his summer home on Hupper Island, near Port Clyde, Maine. He had a prior unexplained seizure in 1993. Bush had called Roberts earlier today, and press secretary Tony Snow said

that the president was assured the chief justice was doing well. Snow said that Roberts "sounded like he was in great spirits." Doctors who examined Roberts after his seizure said they found no tumor, stroke or any other explanation for the episode. Snow told reporters that the White House had been aware of the previous seizure when Bush nominated Roberts to the nation's highest court.

By definition, someone who has had more than one seizure without any other cause is determined to have epilepsy, said Dr. Marc Schlosberg, a Washington Hospital Center neurologist who is not involved in the Roberts case. Whether Roberts will need anti-seizure medications to prevent another is something he and his doctor will have to decide. But after two seizures, the likelihood of another at some point is greater

than 60 percent. Epilepsy is merely a term for a seizure disorder, but it is a loaded term because it makes people think of lots of seizures, cautioned Dr. Edward Mkrdichian, a neurosurgeon at the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch. Still, Mkrdichian said anyone who has had two otherwise unexplained seizures is at high risk for a third, and that he puts such patients on anti-seizure medications.

Refreshing stop



A lemonade stand was very profitable for these kids during the heat of the day Monday. Orange cones, flags and signs led drivers to the stand run by, from left, Berkleigh Phillips, 4, Kennedy Phillips, 7, Preston Morris, 11, customer Charlie Martin and Garret Morris, 9.

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Economy suffers slowdown during June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Individuals took a shopping break in June, boosting their spending at the slowest pace in nine months as high gasoline prices and fallout from the housing slump made people think twice about buying.

The Commerce Department reported today that consumer spending edged up by just 0.1 percent. That marked a pullback from May's brisk 0.6 percent rise and was the smallest increase since last September. Incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by 0.4 percent in June for the second month in a row.

However, a more forward-looking report suggested that consumers were in a much better frame of mind in July. Their confidence shot up to a six-year high.

The Conference Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index, jumped to 112.6 in July from a reading of 105.3 in June. The fresh survey of consumer attitudes, though, was taken before last week's stock market meltdown.

Another report from the department showed that construction spending dipped 0.3 percent in June, restrained mostly by cutbacks in home building and projects by the federal government. It was the weakest showing since a 0.6 percent drop in January and fell short of analysts' forecasts for a modest 0.2 percent rise.

The weakness in overall construction spending came even as construction by private builders on commercial structures, such as offices, hotels and motels, and schools, climbed to all-

time highs. Spending by state and local governments on construction projects also rose to record highs.

The report underscored fallout from the sour housing market. Private builders cut spending on residential construction by 0.7 percent in June, marking the 16th straight month in which this spending declined. The other soft spot was a 1.1 percent drop in spending by the federal government.

On the consumer front, the personal spending and income figures aren't adjusted for inflation. The consumer spending figure matched economists' expectation, while income growth was just shy of analysts' forecasts for a 0.5 percent increase.

Consumer spending plays a major role in shaping overall economic activity. In the first three months of this year, it was consumers' brisk spending that prevented the economy from stalling. However, in the April-to-June quarter, consumers were much more subdued. They boosted spending at a pace of just 1.3 percent, the slowest since the final quarter of 2005, the government reported last week.

Even so, the national economy managed to stage a rebound, growing at a solid 3.4 percent pace in the second quarter, thanks to a revival in business investment, stronger sales of U.S. exports overseas and increased government spending. The housing slump continued to be a drag on the economy but not as much as it has been in previous quarters.

An inflation measure tied to the income and spending report showed "core" prices — excluding food and energy — moderated slightly. These prices rose 1.9 percent over the 12 months ending in June. That was a small improvement from the 2 percent annual gain for May.

In other economic news, employers' cost to hire and retain workers picked up slightly in the second quarter but not enough to fan inflation fears.

The Labor Department reported that compensation costs — including wages, salaries and benefits — rose by 0.9 percent in the April-to-June quarter. That was up a bit from the first quarter's 0.8 percent rise.

The second quarter's increase matched economists' expectations. Economists look closely at labor costs for any signs that they might be generating inflation. A solid employment climate has made it easier for some workers to command higher wages and benefits.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank's biggest concern is if inflation doesn't recede as policymakers anticipate. The Fed looks closely at the price of goods and services as well as various labor cost barometers as it tries to gauge inflation pressures.

Against this backdrop, Bernanke and his central bank colleagues are expected to hold a key interest rate steady at 5.25 percent when they meet next week.



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Jail escapee captured

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) — An armed robbery convict who shot at authorities after escaping from jail was captured early Tuesday after a three-day manhunt, police said.

Jason Lee Johnston, 24, who escaped from the Hood County Jail, was arrested without incident after authorities received a tip that he was in a home in Granbury, said Lt. Billy

Henderson of the Hood County Sheriff's Department.

He said two people in the home with Johnston were arrested and face charges of hindering apprehension, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its Wednesday online edition.

Johnston and another inmate, Cleties Matthew Conley, allegedly climbed the recreational yard fence.

County

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Commissioners will vote on whether to seek requests for proposals for an external audit of the county. Other items on

Wednesday's agenda include transfer of a hangar lease at Perry LeFors Airport from White House Lumber to Steve Fischer, deleting Teresa Davis' name from the district clerk's checking account and payment of bills and salaries.

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Viewpoints

What makes the Lone Star State so weighty?

A comforting little drawing I used to occasionally see showed a woolly sheep accompanied by the sentence, "Ewe's not fat, ewe's fluffy."

Are you fat or fit? According to a map posted by CNN on its Web site, Texans are in one of the nine states in the United States that contained the highest percentage of obese people in 2004. The other states are Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Michigan.

The data used to create the map was based on state health departments' figures from monthly phone interviews with adults. The term "obese" is defined as having a body mass index of 30 or higher. That index translates into about 30 pounds of extra weight on a person who is 5'4" tall.

The information accompanying the map does not indicate how many adults were interviewed in order to collect the data, how the interviewers determined whom to call, who was called, nor what the interviewees were asked. Also, it seems to me that telephone interviews are not always the best

method of gathering accurate data. Nevertheless, the map is interesting. It shows what percentage of each state's population was obese in the years 1985, 1991, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2004.

Texas was not always in the group of states with the highest percentage of heavy people, according to the map. In 1995, no state in the Union was determined to have more than 19 percent of its population in the obese category, and Texas was one of 25 states in the 15 to 19 percent range.

Mississippi, Kentucky and Indiana pulled ahead of the pack in 1997 with 20 to 24 percent of their populations classified as obese. Texas and 23 other states joined those three in 2001, and Mississippi pulled ahead of everybody else by earning the distinction of being the only state with a population greater than 25 percent obese. The other eight mentioned above joined Mississippi in 2004.

Not all the states were included in the earliest maps; these states were shown as having no data. But for each of the years in which data was shown to exist for the state of Colorado, it was shown to be one

of the states with the lowest percentage of obesity among its population.

For the 2004 map, Colorado residents are shown to be 15 to 19 percent obese, the lowest percentage on the map. Also having this percentage of obese residents are Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, Utah and Montana. No information was available for Hawaii.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Why are the weightiest people concentrated in a swath of states extending east and north from Texas to Michigan? Is it something about this part of the country? Does it have to do with the way the information was gathered?

And what is it about Colorado that makes its residents comparatively lean? Is it the heady Rocky Mountain air? Do Colorado residents take advantage of the oppor-

tunities in that state for outdoor activities?

Perhaps it's the character of the food from place to place. Regional favorites in one part of the country are not the same as in others. For instance, barbecue is not the same all across America, and believe it or not, you can't find chicken fried steak everywhere.

Also, physical activity differs from place to place. Nowhere in the Texas Panhandle does anyone snow ski, for example, although a number of Panhandle residents regularly go to the mountains to ski during the appropriate season. We generally don't have to shovel as much snow in the winter, however, as do our mountainous neighbors.

Is it that we don't have to struggle quite as hard to live our lives? Or do we have more food here, or more money to spend on food?

While maps like the one available from CNN are interesting, such information doesn't go far enough to be really useful. The obesity map indicates a possible weight problem in some states, but doesn't provide any clues on what is causing it and thus how to improve the situation.

The sources for information used to create the maps is shown as being the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

A calculator that computes your body mass index for you is available at <http://www.nhlbhsupport.com/bmi/>. Type in your height and weight, and the calculator will compute your BMI. A scale beside the calculator shows what your results mean.

If you wish to exercise your arithmetic skills or don't have access to a computer, you can calculate your BMI by doing the following: Multiply your weight in pounds by 703. Divide that answer by your height in inches again.

A BMI below 18.5 is considered underweight. Between 25 and 29.9 is overweight, and 30 or over is obese. Over 40 is termed morbidly obese.

All this pondering and calculating and talk of physical activity, meanwhile, has given me an appetite. It's time for a chicken

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 31, day 212 of 2007. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

'The trouble with the public is that there is too much of it.'

— Don Marquis
American journalist,
poet and dramatist
(1878-1937)

On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date:
In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus — the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers — died in Rome.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in

Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1945, Pierre Laval, premier of the pro-Nazi Vichy government, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Austria; he was turned over to France, which later tried and executed him.

In 1948, President Harry Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

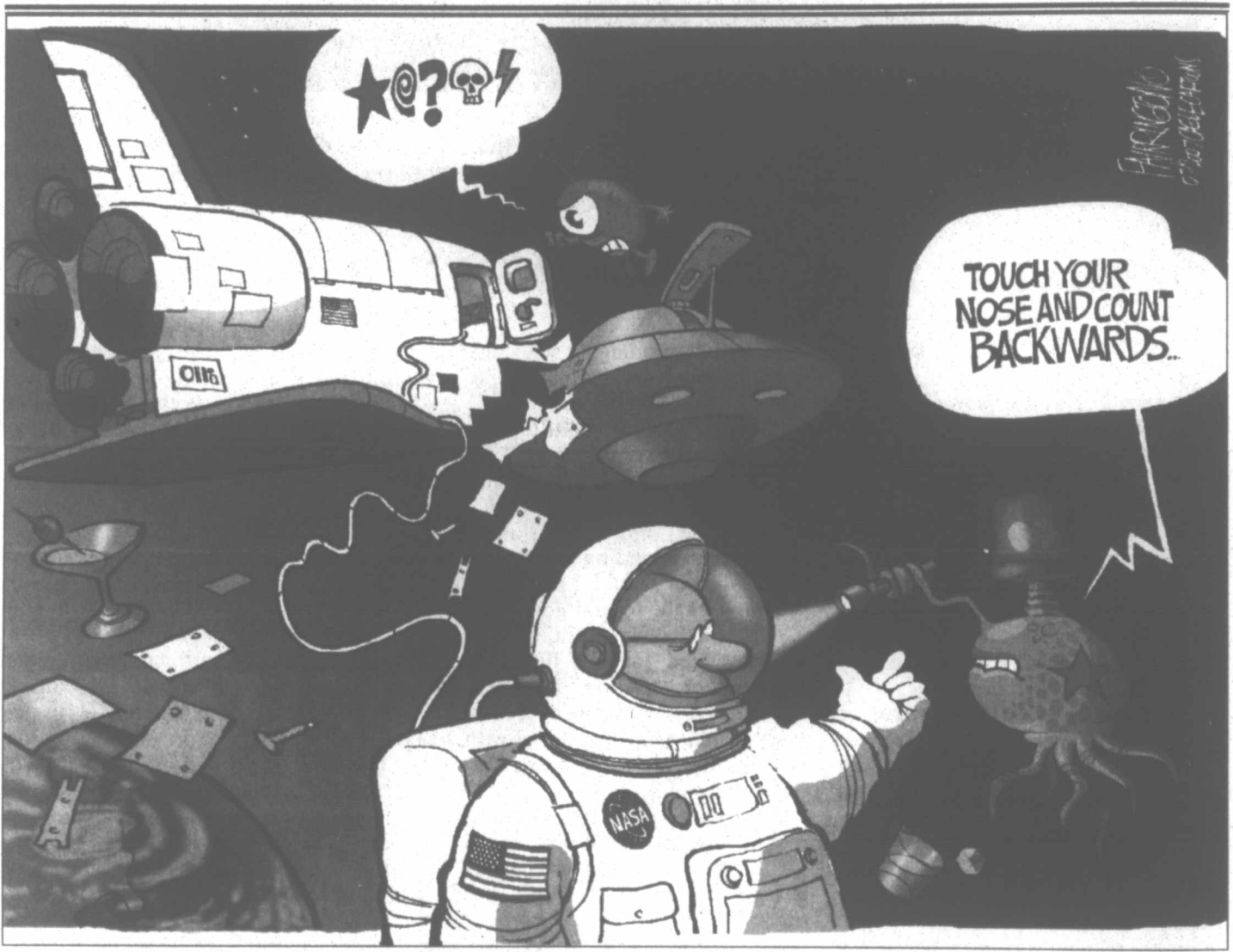
In 1957, the Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations designed to detect Soviet bombers approaching North America, went into operation.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger VII transmitted pictures of the moon's surface.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1987, Iranian pilgrims and riot police clashed in the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, resulting in some 400 deaths, according to the Saudi government, which blamed the Iranians for the violence.

In 1991, President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.



Health care: Government vs. private

Sometimes the advocates of socialized medicine claim that health care is too important to be left to the market. That's why some politicians are calling for us to adopt health care systems such as those in Canada, the United Kingdom and other European nations. But the suggestion that we'd be better served with more government control doesn't even pass a simple smell test.

Do we want the government employees who run the troubled Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be in charge of our entire health care system? Or, would you like the people who deliver our mail to also deliver health care services? How would you like the people who run the motor vehicles department, the government education system, foreign intelligence and other government agencies to also run our health care system? After all, they are not motivated by the quest for profits, and that might mean they're truly wonderful, selfless, caring people.

As for me, I'd choose profit-driven people to provide my health care services, people with motives like those who deliver goods to my supermarket, deliver my overnight mail, produce my

computer and software programs, assemble my car and produce a host of other goods and services that I use.

There's absolutely no mystery why our greatest complaints are in the arena of government-delivered services and the fewest in market-delivered services. In the market, there are the ruthless forces of profit, loss and bankruptcy that make

producers accountable to us. In the arena of government-delivered services, there's no such accountability. For example, government schools can go for decades delivering low-quality services, and what's the result? The people who manage it earn higher pay. It's nearly impossible to fire the incompetents. And, taxpayers, who support the service, are given higher tax bills.

Our health care system is hampered by government intervention, and the solution is not more government intervention but less. The tax treatment of health insurance, where premiums are deducted from employees' pre-tax income, explains

why so many of us rely on our employers to select and pay for health insurance. Since there is a third-party payer, we have little incentive to shop around and wisely use health services.

There are "guaranteed issue" laws that require insurance companies to sell health insurance to any person seeking it. So why not wait until you're sick before purchasing insurance? Guaranteed issue laws make about as much sense as if you left your house uninsured until you had a fire, and then purchased insurance to cover the damage. Guaranteed issue laws raise insurance premiums for all. Then there are government price controls, such as the reimbursement schemes for Medicaid. As a result, an increasing number of doctors are unwilling to treat Medicaid patients.

Before we buy into single-payer health care systems like Canada's and the United Kingdom's, we might want to do a bit of research. The Vancouver, British Columbia-based Fraser Institute annually publishes

"Waiting Your Turn." Its 2006 edition gives waiting times, by treatments, from a person's referral by a general practitioner to treatment by a specialist. The shortest waiting time was for oncology (4.9 weeks). The longest waiting time was for orthopedic surgery (40.3 weeks), followed by plastic surgery (35.4 weeks) and neurosurgery (31.7 weeks).

As reported recently in the National Center for Policy Analysis' "Daily Policy Digest," Britain's Department of Health recently acknowledged that one in eight patients waits more than a year for surgery. France's failed health care system resulted in the deaths of 13,000 people, mostly of dehydration, during the heat spell of 2003. Hospitals stopped answering the phones, and ambulance attendants told people to fend for themselves.

I don't think most Americans would like more socialized medicine in our country. By the way, I have absolutely no problem with people wanting socialism. My problem is when they want to drag me into it.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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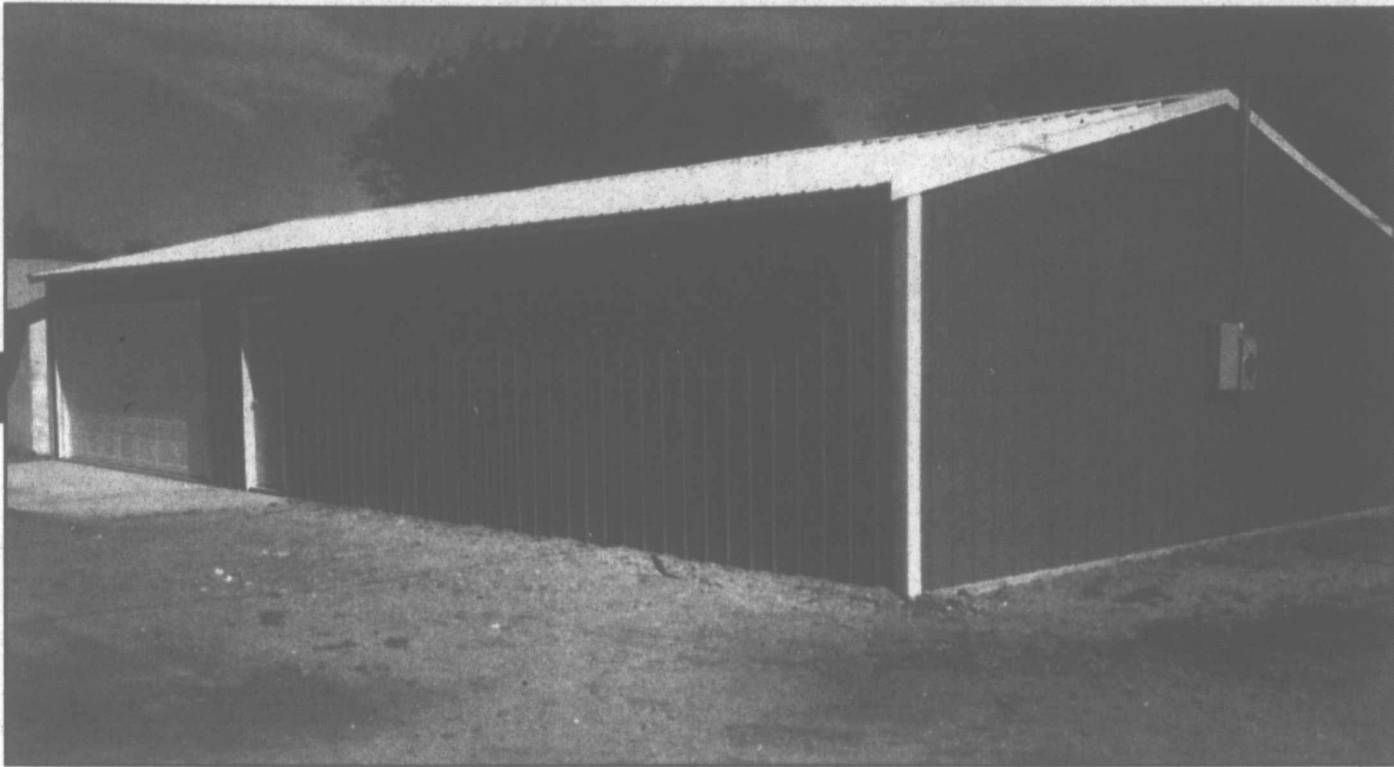
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Furious in Vancouver, Wash." (5/30), about adults-only weddings, was right on. My brother is being married in two weeks. We were informed, via e-mail, that children were not invited. The note said that baby-sitting was being arranged, but that each couple would be responsible for the baby-sitting fee. My wife and I are upset about it, because we have an adopted 16-year-old and an 8-year-old who will be in the wedding party as the ring bearer. We also have a newborn, but because baby sitters are being arranged we didn't have a problem leaving him with them. As you suggested, I called my brother to ask about it. They relented, and now the plan is for no children under 7. This will result in excluding only two children from the guest list. In the end, it was better for me to talk to my brother first than to go off half-cocked and create a potentially ugly situation for what should be one of the happiest events in my brother's life. — **MIKE IN INDIANA**

DEAR MIKE: Readers from both sides of the aisle wrote to agree that the writer was being unreasonable and that she should attend her brother's wedding -- with or without her husband. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Furious" made ME furious. She implied that her brother should not allow his son at the wedding because "if no kids are allowed, then there should be no exceptions." She must be joking! Not to allow his own son at his wedding is much different than not allowing a couple of nephews. There are many reasons why her brother and soon-to-be wife might have reached their decision. She should grant her brother's wish and stop complaining that her young children -- who would be bored anyway -- can't attend. She should make it a date night out with her hubby and enjoy herself! -- **FURIOUS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: The woman whose children were not invited to her brother's small wedding needs to check an etiquette book. It is the privilege of the host/hostess to determine the guest list, and not for the guests to question. It is also rude for guests to ask to invite extra guests, or to bring them anyway, especially to a small wedding. — **ETIQUETTE MAVEN, FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: As a wedding singer and tour guide for a historic home that hosts weddings, I'm appalled at the behavior of children at weddings. I am even more disgusted at the lack of parental control I have seen exercised. By the way, I have four children of my own whom I love, but I don't take them to weddings. — **BIG BROWN SINGING TOUR GUIDE IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR ABBY: Sorry, I must disagree with you on this one. It's the brother who has done something he'll regret. The sister is reacting to his disrespect for her family. My wife and children are my world, and other family members are simply satellites around that world. If they refuse to recognize my world, then to me, they're just insignificant comets flying through my universe. — **DOUG IN BLANCHARD, OKLA.**

DEAR ABBY: Not every occasion is designed to give parents the opportunity to parade their kids around like show dogs. Sure, your kids are sweet and adorable in their parents' eyes, but not everyone shares that opinion. Deal with it! The wedding couple has the final say on who is invited to their wedding. Either hire a baby sitter or stay home. The choice is yours. — **CHILD-FREE IN TENNESSEE**

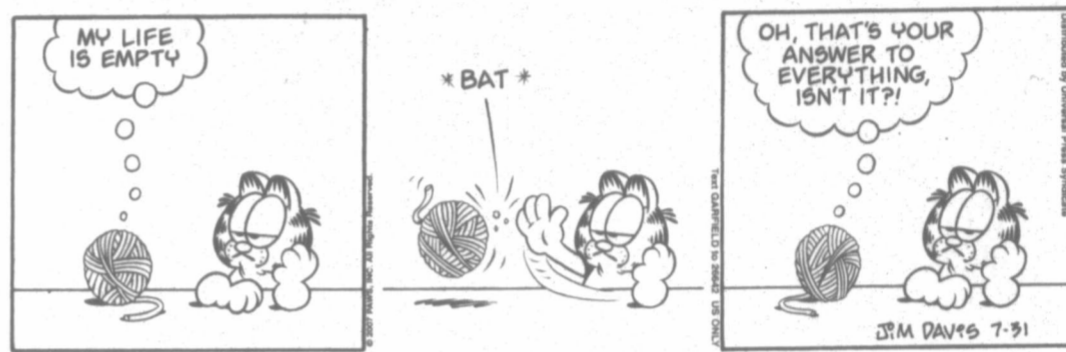
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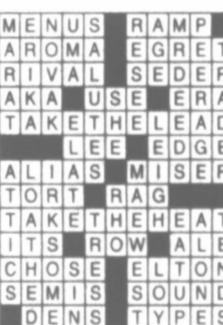
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Thunder and Lightning, Pampa's U-10 girls soccer team, took first place at the Dawg Days of Summer 3x3 U-10 Division Tournament on July 21 in Borger. The girls, coached by Don Van Houten, beat out four other teams to win the tournament. Pictured here are: (back row, L-R) Caragan Niccum, Samantha Van Houten and coach Don Van Houten. (front row, L-R) Jaycee Devoll, Yesenia Soria and Kassie Jerome.

Courtesy photo

Roger Wehrli gets a surprise call from Pro Football Hall of Fame

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It was a natural assumption for Roger Wehrli to make. The Pro Football Hall of Fame had forgotten about him and the window to get a call from Canton was about to slam shut on the St. Louis Cardinals cornerback a quarter-century after he stopped playing.

"After I retired, you go years when you're introduced at banquets and they'll say 'future Hall of Famer,'" Wehrli said. "As the years went on it got to be 'should-be Hall of Famer.'

"But it was my 20th year of eligibility and I pretty much thought it had possibly passed me by."

Don Coryell, famous as the architect of the high-scoring, high-wire Cardiac Cards in the mid-1970s, knows his teams couldn't have won without a strong defense. He has no idea why Wehrli, his shutdown cornerback, had to wait so long.

"He was overdue, I'll tell you that," said Coryell, 82. "He's a great one. He's everything you would want in a professional football player."

"He was our best cornerback, best cover man, hell of a return man, too."

Wehrli, 59, was a five-time All-Pro in 14 seasons with the Cardinals from 1969-82. He broke in as a starter as a rookie, was a member of the NFL's 1970s all-decade squad, and once intercepted three passes by Roger Staubach in a 1975 victory over the Cowboys.

The good news came in Wehrli's final year of eligibility before going into the seniors pool. Typically, there were no complaints about all of those yearly snubs. He's just happy to be in this exclusive club.

"It's really kind of beyond words or beyond explanation," Wehrli said. "It's just

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Baker goes eight innings to help Castillo-less Twins beat Royals 3-1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With plenty of catching up to do and now without their leadoff man and second baseman, the Minnesota Twins still weren't conceding the playoff chase.

Saddened before the game when Luis Castillo was traded to the New York Mets, the Twins perked up soon after. Scott Baker, Jason Tyner and

Joe Mauer got them going right away on Monday night, leading the way to a 3-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Castillo — along with three All-Star game appearances, .304 average and three Gold Gloves — was pulled off the field while the Twins took batting practice to find out he was headed to

the Mets for a pair of minor-league prospects.

Once Castillo entered manager Ron Gardenhire's office, Baker stepped out of the clubhouse, took down the lineup card for Gardenhire and disappeared behind the door as teammates and coaches began to tell Castillo goodbye.

"It was tough. I'd be lying

to you if we didn't say the morale was down a little bit," said Baker, who faced one batter more than the minimum through eight innings.

Effectively spotting his fastballs on into the game's latter stages, Baker (5-4) struck out seven and allowed two hits without a walk. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect

ninth for his 23rd save in 25 tries.

Gil Meche (7-8) was nearly as good for the Royals, whose four-game winning streak ended. After giving up three hits and a walk to his first four batters, Meche settled down and allowed two runs through seven innings. He walked one and struck out six.

In other AL games, it was: Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4; Seattle 2, Los Angeles 0; Detroit 5, Oakland 2.

This was the third win a row for Minnesota (54-51), which moved within six games of wild-card leader Cleveland and remained seven games behind AL Central-leading Detroit.

Big day brewing in baseball: Bonds, A-Rod and Glavine go for milestones all at once

By The Associated Press

Barry Bonds, Alex Rodriguez and Tom Glavine all could make history in a matter of hours — and that would sure be a special night for their sport.

Today, Bonds could try again to tie Hank Aaron's 755, while A-Rod will chase his 500th home run and Glavine will go for career victory No. 300.

And it's the trading deadline, too.

"It's going to be an interesting week in baseball," said Dusty Baker, Bonds' former manager who played alongside Aaron with Atlanta.

It would be memorable, all right. From Chavez Ravine to the Bronx and Brew City, it's going to be a fun night.

"I'd like to see everyone do it," said the Giants' Mark Sweeney, who moved into second place on the career pinch-hit list last week. "The history of the game is special, and it glorifies the others who have done stuff. It glorifies what the game is all about."

Yet there's no guarantee Bonds will be in the starting lineup for the series opener on the road against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers.

"We'll see," was all Giants manager Bruce Bochy would say Sunday.

Bonds hit his 754th home run Friday night against Florida, then went 1-for-7 with five walks the rest of the weekend. That left him trying to match Aaron's mark on the road, and it won't be friendly.

The hostile Dodger crowd likely will try to make Bonds uncomfortable in left field and at the plate this week. The Giants then head further south to San Diego for the weekend.

"It's easy to just go and be against him," said San Francisco center fielder Dave Roberts, who has played for both the Dodgers and Padres. "I hope people go above that. In my perfect world, that's the way it is."

When Bonds isn't in the batter's box, he has been in front of the personal flat-screen TV at his corner clubhouse locker — hoping to see Rodriguez reach 500.

Since hitting No. 499 on Wednesday in Kansas City, Rodriguez is 0-for-12 with five strikeouts. New York opens a homestand against visiting Chicago White Sox on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

A-Rod, who turned 32 on Friday, is bidding to break Jimmie Foxx's record (32, 338 days) as the youngest to reach 500.

"Nobody will ever beat that," Bonds said. Even Ryan Howard? "Not a chance," the slugger said.

Glavine and the New York Mets will be at Milwaukee. He looks to become baseball's 23rd 300-game winner, at age 41 and in his 20th major league season. The left-hander gave up Bonds' 745th home run back on May 8, but also got his 294th victory in that game.

"I anticipate a sigh of relief," Glavine said of having it all over.

Still, much of the focus

out West will be on Bonds.

The 43-year-old slugger couldn't tie Aaron at home and is booed and derided on the road, partly because of steroid suspicions surrounding his quest. In St. Louis, fans hollered every time the ball headed his way in left field but they also yelled at their own pitcher whenever Bonds was walked.

Roberts played 2 1/2 seasons for Los Angeles before the Dodgers dealt him to the Red Sox midway through Boston's 2004 championship season.

"I played in Los Angeles, and I'd like to think they get it as well," he said. "They're different kind of fans. This is beyond the rivalry. This is history. Then they can go back to the rivalry stuff."

Bonds would first see All-Star righty Brad Penny today, followed by 6-foot-9 left-hander Mark Hendrickson and then former teammate and righty Brett Tomko in Thursday night's series finale.

Bonds doesn't seem to care. John Smoltz and Tim Hudson of Atlanta went right after him last week, and so did Marlins lefty Dontrelle Willis on Friday night.

Bonds started only three of the Giants' seven games during the team's previous trip to Chicago and Milwaukee, resting his sore legs for three days before connecting twice July 19 at Wrigley Field.

Bochy insists he's not planning to try to manipulate history — meaning sit Bonds during the trip to better the chance Bonds hits No. 756 at home.

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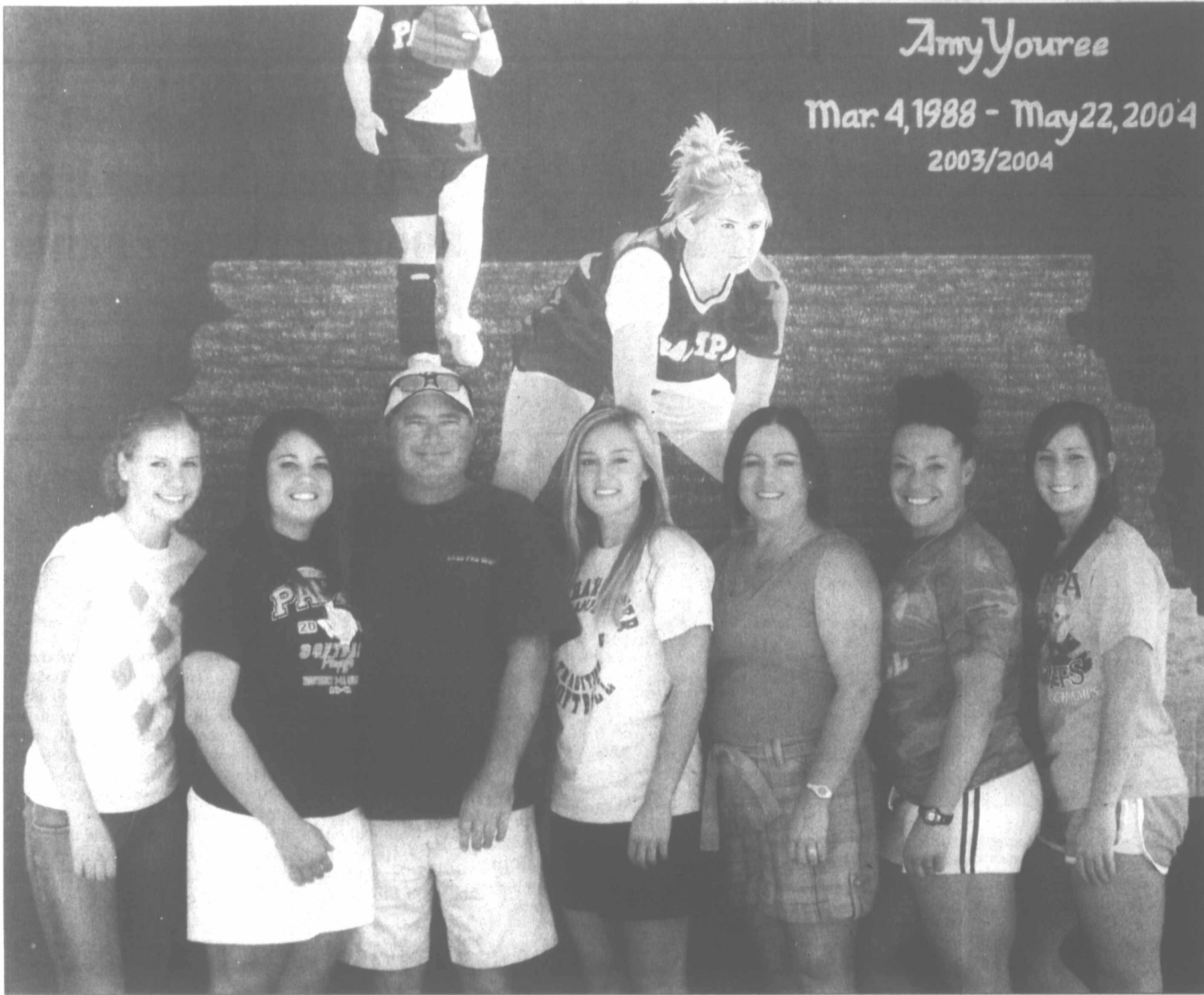
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Softball Scholarship



Pictured here are recipients of the Amy Youree Memorial Scholarship. Each 2007 graduating senior from the PHS softball team received a \$500 scholarship. Pictured left to right, standing in front of the mural at the softball field are: Stephanie McVay, Nicole Clark, Amy's father Doug Youree, Logan Winkelman, Amy's mother Melody Youree, Cassy Tice and Kenzi Nickell. Not pictured is Kali Jimenez.

Courtesy photo

Wehrli

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wonderful and you're proud to be able to call yourself a Hall of Famer, to know that you're in there with the guys that were heroes to you when you were growing up, heroes even when you're playing.

"It just makes you feel humble, thankful and proud all in the same sentence."

As partial payback, Wehrli will be honored in ceremonies in two cities: St. Louis on Sept. 16 before a Rams-49ers game and Glendale, Ariz., on Oct. 14 before a Panthers-Cardinals game.

The Rams have honored former Cardinals stars on their wall of fame inside the Edward Jones Dome. Owner Bill Bidwill moved the franchise to the desert after the 1987 season, leaving St. Louis without a team until the Rams arrived in '95.

"It's a little bit odd, obviously," said Wehrli, who lives in St. Louis and has kept a low profile in his home state since retiring. "I guess the positive side to it, I get to have two celebrations. The Rams have been very cordial to the old Cardinal players that are here."

The Cardinals' lack of postseason success likely was the biggest factor that held Wehrli back. The Cardinals posted double-digit wins in three straight years in the mid-1970s and won two NFC East championships under Coryell.

But they did not win a playoff game and had no home playoff games during his years with the team. Super Bowl victories catch your attention, and the Cardinals never came close.

"That's certainly the down side of our years here in St. Louis," Wehrli said. "We really felt like we had a great team going there in the mid-'70s."

"As players, we looked at it like we could have really brought a championship home to St. Louis at that point."

Wehrli's routine excellence came to be accepted on a team loaded with more colorful stars. He's the fourth member of the Cardiac Cards to make it to the Hall, following safety Larry Wilson, tight end Jackie Smith and offensive tackle Dan Dierdorf, and in all probability the last.

Wilson, whose calling card was the safety blitz, will introduce Wehrli at his induction in Canton, Ohio, on Saturday.

UIL: Steroid tests likely unready for start of football season

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — With a contractor still not in place to run a \$3 million mandate to randomly test high school athletes for steroids, a top University Interscholastic League official said Monday the program likely won't be ready for the start of football season.

But UIL athletic director Charles Breithaupt said he was confident that testing football players — whom the new law undoubtedly targets most — would begin at some point this fall.

Public high schools start football practice Aug. 6 and play their first games Aug. 30.

"I don't think we want to

rush it that quickly," Breithaupt said. "But we don't want to skip football season. I think anyone who wants us to be cautious would say, 'If you don't test in football, you don't have a valid test.'"

Fourteen contractors submitted bids to the UIL to run what will be the nation's largest random steroids testing program. The deadline for bids ended Friday, and UIL officials said a committee will now sort through the submissions in a process expected to take several weeks.

Who will serve on the committee has not been determined, UIL spokeswoman Kim Rogers said.

Steroids testing is among the hottest topics this week at the annual Texas High School Coaches Association meeting, where about 10,000 coaches from across the state are attending workshops and lectures. Among the biggest concerns are dietary supplements like protein powders causing positive readings and the appeals process for athletes who test positive.

A positive test mandates a 30-day suspension on the first offense.

Breithaupt said the UIL is still trying to determine whether suspended students should pay for the retesting necessary to be reinstated. Processing a urine sample for anabolic steroids can cost

as much as \$200.

State Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, who authored the steroids bill signed by Gov. Rick Perry last month, did not intend to place a financial burden on students, Breithaupt said.

Breithaupt said the UIL, the governing body of Texas public school sports, originally intended to make suspended student pay for retesting but is now talking with Janek.

"Keep in mind that's only after a positive test result," UIL executive director Bill Farney said. "So some responsibility then goes to the student. I presume the school can pay for it as well."

The program targets an estimated 23,000 students in 400 high schools. If the UIL does decide to pay for retesting, Breithaupt said the pool of students tested may shrink to cover that cost.

Much will depend on which contractor the UIL selects, Breithaupt said.

"We want a bona fide testing program," he said. "We don't want to test 50 swimmers and two football players. We're trying to do the best test we can that has valid results."

Texas, New Jersey and Florida are the only states to conduct mandatory, random steroid tests of high school athletes.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007:

This year a new level of understanding becomes yours to access. Your creativity surges when and where you least anticipate it. You understand much more than you realize when you deal with many different people. Stability will be important, as others reverse-gears out of the blue. Honor your goals and know where you are going. If you are single, you appear to be on the verge of a major relationship. Know when to back off when dating and to recognize "the one," whom you might meet in the next six months. If you are attached, with your sweetie's new innovative attitude, you will head in a new direction. Together you blaze a new trail. PISCES understands a lot of life's heavies.

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)

★ ★ Take your time making decisions. Perhaps your creativity emerges because of innate stress. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be willing to adapt rather than judge. Your strength emerges. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ You zoom in and create much more of what you need and want. You feel destined to head in a certain direction. A friendship plays an enormous role in making a decision. A partner wants the same importance (ouch!). Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Take your bows and get ahead of the game. Listen to others and take a

stand. Extremes hit in a very different way. The unexpected occurs. Demonstrate your flexibility. Tonight: You're on top of your game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your imagination and creativity emerge professionally and personally. New insights, surprise calls and unusual invitations head your way. Read between the lines when people speak. Tonight: View life through another's eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Others invent many reasons to be involved with you professionally and emotionally. You might want to rethink decisions that involve joint finances, risks and your life in general. A loved one knocks on your door. Tonight: Forget boredom.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might believe that the opposite of what you are hearing is the right decision; it isn't. You might need to move in another direction or try something very different. Your ability to sort through too much information comes forward. Tonight: Whether you like it or not, you are in the whirlpool of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might feel as if you need to jump into the trenches, and you do! You have less control than you realize. Try positive feedback and new information. Realize what might be going on subliminally with an associate. Tonight: Relax in your recliner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Knowing when to call a halt to a situation could be helpful. You manifest unusual creativity, yet many around you could suddenly be coming out of left field. Deal with the unexpected and smile. Tonight: Midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might want to dance to a different tune from the many people who surround you. News might encourage you to take off in an unanticipated direction. Your creativity emerges out of the blue. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your instincts guide you in conversations. How you see life could change radically. You might feel enlightened with a lot of get-up-and-go. You might not be sure which way to turn. Nearly any direction provides surprises. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Move in a new direction when thwarted. In fact, you could swerve so quickly, you might not know what hit you. Aim for what you want. Meeting others proves to be a source of anchoring and ideas. Zoom in on what you want. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You have what it takes. Others seek you out on a major level, as they trust your instincts. You might feel as if others finally appreciate what you have to offer. Accept greater responsibility, and you'll have the impact you desire. Tonight: On a roll. There's no stopping you now.

BORN TODAY!

Designer Yves Saint Laurent (1936), musician Jerry Garcia (1942), rapper Coolio (1963)

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Phelps gets started on Olympic year with busy Nationals

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With just over a year to go until the Olympics, it's time for Michael Phelps to get busy again.

The world's greatest swimmer scaled down his training over the summer, allowing him to take a much-needed break from the pool.

But he'll swim a staggering 10 events over five days at this week's U.S. National Championships, a not-so-subtle reminder of what lies on the road to Beijing: grueling work, ever-increasing hype and enormous expectations.

"If I can do that, who knows what else I can do?" Phelps said.

During the nationals, which begin Tuesday at the Indiana University Natatorium, he's scheduled to compete in the 200-meter breaststroke, the 100 and 200 backstroke, the 100 butterfly, the 200 individual medley, the 200 and 400 freestyle, plus all three relays.

"For me, this is my last big year to do something really big in the sport," Phelps said. "I know how important it is for me to be as prepared as I can for next year. I'd rather be able to say I gave it everything I could instead of five years down the road saying to myself, 'I wish I could have changed this, I wish I could have changed that.'"

Phelps seemed to be at his peak in 2004, when he won eight medals — six of them gold — at the Athens Olympics. But at this year's world championships in Australia, he topped himself with seven golds.

While Phelps Down Under was largely overlooked in his home country — he was swimming on the other side of the world duffing March Madness, often while most of America was sleeping — it might have been the most impressive performance in swimming history.

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NOTICE SMOKE TESTING SEWERLINES
The City of Pampa Wastewater Collection Dept. is conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system.

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City of Pampa Wastewater Collection Superintendent: Wayne Terry
H-10 July 31, Aug. 1, 2007

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