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Property owners snub county's second public hearing

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

No one addressed Gray County commissioners this morning at the second of two public hearings concerning the county's proposed 2008 budget.

Anyone who owns property in the county could express opinions or concerns about the proposed budget at the hearing, which began at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of the

courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The first hearing was at 9 a.m. Friday, and no one commented on the budget to commissioners at that hearing. No property owners attended either meeting.

A special meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 6 for commissioners to vote on the proposed budget, followed by a vote on the proposed tax rate. The meeting will be in the second-floor courtroom of the court-

house.

The proposed 2008 budget for Gray County is currently estimated at \$10,854,439, compared to \$9,899,782 for 2007. The increase, announced prior to the public hearings, does not include approximately \$62,000 for an assistant for 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer. The assistant is needed due to the increase in the office's caseload, according to Switzer.

Another reason for the budget increase is the hiring of an election administrator, a new position. One employee each in the county clerk's and county tax assessor/collector's offices will go from full-time to part-time to help offset the cost of the administrator.

Road and bridge repairs and equipment, increased court costs due

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Rodeo wraps up successful event

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

The Top O' Texas Rodeo is once again over for the year and Rodeo Association President Tommy Parks said the attendance was great this year despite high winds on Thursday and rain on Friday.

Winners for the rodeo parade and the little princess and clown contests that were held at Fenton Motors on Saturday will be announced along with some photos in Sunday's newspaper.

A new Miss Rodeo Queen for 2007 was crowned during Saturday's performance and that honor went to Markie Oden. Along with winning the overall contest, Oden also won the appearance and personality awards

for the queen division. Queen runner-up was Tara Schilling, who also won the horsemanship portion of the competition.

The new Miss Rodeo Teen for 2007 is Jennifer Huffhines. The runner-up for the teen division was Megan Pirtle. Other awards given out for the teens were horsemanship to Megan Pirtle, Jennifer Huffhines and Shayley Morriss tied for personality.

The ticket sales contest winner for all of the competitors was Megan Pirtle and she also won the pageant director award for sports-

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In on the nickel action



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN
An enthusiastic parent helps give his son an advantage over the other kids by lowering him upside down into the middle of the Nickel Drop at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Saturday night.

Indictments handed up in Lipscomb County court

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A Lipscomb County grand jury handed up three indictments Thursday in 31st District Court.

Randal Scott Underhill, 30, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance

in a drug-free zone and a prohibited weapon. Bond on each of the third-degree felonies was set at \$7,500, for total bond of \$15,000.

On Jan. 30, 2007, Underhill allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of Higgins Grade School.

Also on that date, he allegedly possessed a shotgun shell with a lead ball attached to the end.

John G. Orel, 33, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On May 12, Orel allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol and while a passenger in the vehicle was a person younger than 15 years of age.

Rodeo royalty



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

The newly crowned Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2007 Markie Oden, left, makes a victory lap around the arena moments after being announced as the winner over runner-up Tara Schilling. Jennifer Huffhines, right, was chosen as Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen 2007. Rodeo 2nd Vice President Danny Holman congratulates here and presents an honorary saddle to her.



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Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind around 5 mph.

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William Melear, 51

William Melear, 51, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Melear was born February 7, 1956, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He worked for Chase Production and Services for the past 30 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Melear Sr., on June 6, 1989, and by a brother, Gaylon Melear, on August 12, 1993.

Survivors include his mother, Wilma Melear of Pampa; two sisters, Sonya



Melear

Gwen Manning, both of Amarillo; one brother, Douglas Melear Jr., of Jasper; three nephews; and four nieces.

Survivors include his mother, Wilma Melear of Pampa; two sisters, Sonya

Richard Pence, 82

McLEAN — Richard Pence, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, in McLean.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes, of United Methodist Church in McLean, officiating.

Carol Richard Pence was

born July 6, 1925, to Walter and Martha Pence in Mangum, Okla. He was a lineman for an electric company for many years. He was a member of Heald Methodist Church and a resident at the McLean Care Center.

Survivors include many close friends.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

RICE, Eloise — Graveside services 10 a.m. Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia, N.M.
PENCE, Richard — Graveside services 10 a.m. Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Deryl L. Robbins, 79

Deryl L. Robbins, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Robbins was born July 11, 1928, in Mannford, Oklahoma. He was a 1946 graduate of Pampa High School. He married June Richey on August 29, 1948 in Pampa. Deryl began his career in the oilfield with Gulf Oil. He then worked for Triplehorn Oil for 40 years.

In his later years, he owned and operated Jude Production. He was a mem-

ber of Trinity Fellowship. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and was a 4-H Rifle Team instructor.

He was a member of the Gideons International-Pampa Camp, serving in every office.

He loved to give testaments to 5th grade students in area schools. He taught Sunday School for junior boys for many years and served in many areas of his church. Deryl was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to

hunt and fish and he received much joy in teaching his children and grandchildren his hobby.

Survivors include his wife, June Robbins of the home; one son, Lonny Robbins & wife Gloria of Pampa; one daughter, Cheryl Nohr & husband John of Cornell, Wisconsin; two brothers, Gene Robbins & wife Norma, and Max Robbins & wife Beverly, all of Pampa; one granddaughter, Amy

Robbins of Houston; four grandsons, Nick Robbins of Pampa, and Isaac, Israel and Noah Nohr of Cornell, Wisconsin; and an adopted daughter, Cindy Austin of Memphis, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey & Clara L. Robbins.

MEMORIALS: Trinity Fellowship Building Fund, 1200 S. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Gideons International, P.O. Box 2222, Pampa, Texas 79066-2222.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Robbins

Rev. Virgil H. Smith, 87

Rev. Virgil H. Smith, 87, died Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Dumas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Rev. Smith was born May 21, 1920, in Madison, Illinois. He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He married Yvonna Jean Bigham Smith on October 21, 1943, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a retired Methodist minister, serving our Lord for 40 years in Texas and Illinois.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving as a military police escort guard during World War II from 1942-1946.

He was a member of the American Legion Post # 57 in Elgin, Illinois, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pearl City, Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Smith of the home; one daughter, Sandi

Smith & husband Dennis of Durand, Illinois; one son, Jerry Smith of Amarillo; one sister, Virginia Stewart of Defiance, Ohio; two daughters-in-law, Charlene Smith of Amarillo and Mrs. Jan Oneal of Hobbs, New Mexico; two grandsons, Michael Smith and Jeremy "J.J." Smith; and two granddaughters, Jami Len

Mount and Michelle Smith. He was preceded in death by a sister and 2 brothers.

MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Smith

Eloise Rice, 90

Eloise Rice, 90, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia, New Mexico, with Rev. Walter Isaacs, retired minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa and Terpening and Son Mortuary of Artesia.

Mrs. Rice was born Jan. 14, 1917 in Rogers, Texas, and graduated from Lubbock

High School. She married Pete Donnell in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1956. She later married James Rice in 1964, and he also preceded her in death. She was a resident of Artesia, New Mexico, from 1951 until 2003 where she worked for the Artesia public schools as the high school secretary from 1951 to 1978.

She always loved her Artesia Bulldogs. In 2003, she moved to Pampa to be with her daughter. She was a loving mother and grand-

mother and was fondly known by her grandchildren and great grandchildren as "Lady." She was a Methodist, and she enjoyed crochet and reading.

Survivors include a daughter, Marci Welborn and husband John of Pampa; a sister, Valera "Dutch" Smith of Artesia, N.M.; two grandsons, Brian Welborn and wife Marilyn of Amarillo and Joe Welborn and wife Autumn of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Kellye Sparkman and husband

David of Canyon; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Maurine Mathis.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Terpening and Son Mortuary from 2:00-7:00 PM Monday, Aug. 27.

MEMORIALS: may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Danny K. Davis, 51

WHITE DEER — Danny K. Davis, 51, died Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Amarillo.

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

Mr. Davis was born July 1, 1956, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He graduated from Woodward High School in Woodward, Oklahoma in 1975. He married Sandra Patches on December 10, 1985. He had been a resident of White Deer since 1991. He was a member of the First Assembly of God in

Pampa. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Davis of the home; one daughter, Jeanne Miller of White Deer; one son, Rocky McInturf of White Deer; and three grandchildren.

MEMORIALS:

Foundation for the Retarded, P.O. Box 130564, Houston, Texas 77219, or the Texas Commission for the Blind, 7120 I-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Stocks

Wheat	6.15	XCEL	20.56	-0.42
Milo	5.06	Anadarko	48.81	-0.58
Corn	5.85	XOM	85.24	-0.45
Soybeans	7.06	Nat'l Oilwell	119.96	-1.04
		Limited	23.26	-0.19
		Williams	31.61	-0.27
		MCD	49.73	-0.39
		Atmos	28.28	+0.44
		Pioneer Nat	41.00	-0.34
		JCP	66.67	+0.82
		COP	80.70	-0.04
		SLB	93.38	-0.85
		Tenneco	31.92	+0.13
		CVX	86.70	-0.52
		Wal-Mart	43.93	+0.19
		OKE	46.06	-0.37
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		Silver	12.10	
		West Texas Crude	71.09	

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 24

Thirteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 and the intersec-

tion of Hobart and 18th. Accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 900 block of Schneider, the 300 block of North Wells, the 1100 block East Francis, near the intersection of Nelson and Alcock, the 900 block of

Varnon, the 1100 block of Huff, the 300 block of Roberta, the 300 block of Tignor, the 1900 block of Lynn, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 1700 block of East Browning, the 800 block of Brunow and the 2300 block of Evergreen.

Attempt to serve was made at one location. Agency assistance was provided in the 500 block of Frost.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1400 block of East Kingsmill, the 400 block of North Nelson and the 200 block of Russell.

A suspicious vehicles was reported on North Highway 70.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of North Dwight.

Found property, a bicycle, was reported near the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison.

An open door was reported in the 300 block of Ballard.

An abandoned vehicle was reported near the intersection of Sumner and Coronado.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 700 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of Murphy, the 900 block of Varnon and the 400 block of Hughes.

Criminal mischief was reported near the intersection of Love and Crawford where the side of a church was spray painted.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

An assault, with no injuries, was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby, the 1000 block of North Sumner where a king size mattress valued at \$100 was stolen and at Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler, where a pair of basketball shoes valued at \$80 were stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 200 block of Henry where a CD wallet containing 300 CDs and an XM radio valued at \$1,075 was stolen and at Hidden Hills Golf Course on Highway 70 where \$800 cash was taken.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Three traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 700 block of Davis, the intersection of Miami and Beryl, the inter-

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section of Randy Matson and Hobart, the intersection of Gwendolen and Zimmers, the 2100 block of Hamilton, the 1500 block of Buckler, the intersection of Gwendolen and Sumner and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Accidents were reported in the 2600 block of Duncañ, Highway 60 East and the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 500 block of Doyle, the 800 block of Municipal Drive, the 900 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of Terry, the 1000 block of South Nelson and the 1100 block of Terry. A welfare check was made in the 500 block of Lowry and the 1000 block of Huff.

An open door was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A police escort was provided near Highway 60 and Price Road.

A civil matter was reported in the 800 block of East Craven.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 300 block of East Brown, the 200 block of Naida and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of Frost, near the intersection of Carter and Nelson, the 700 block of Murphy, the 300 block of Brown and the 600 block of East Frederic.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 900 block of Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Hughes, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1900 block of North Dwight, the 1000 block of East Francis, the 900 block of Brunow and the 100 block of West 30th, which resulted in one arrest.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 800 block of Beryl.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of Warren.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was made at one location which resulted in an arrest.

Theft, a bicycle, was reported in the 900 block of Twiford and \$170 cash was stolen from a purse in the 1000 block of Varnon.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of Wilks.

One alarm was reported. **Sunday, Aug. 26**

Eleven traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

An accident was reported at the intersection of Faulkner and Wilks.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 2200 block of North Dwight, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 600 block of South Faulkner and the 100 block of East 28th.

Agency assistance was provided in the 900 block of Brown and the 1600 block of Highway 60 where an arrest was made.

A welfare check was made in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

Open doors were reported in the 100 block of Somerville, the 700 block of West, the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of Lefors.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway, the 2800 block of Charles and the 1000 block of Darby.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of Lefors, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 900 block of South Banks and an undisclosed location.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Disorderly conduct was

reported near the intersection of Farley and Christy, the 800 block of Ruth, the intersection of Tignor and Wheeler and the 400 block of East 17th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner where fence pickets valued at \$100 were torn down.

Threats were received in the 1600 block of East Frederic and the 100 block of North Dwight.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Pitts.

Fraud was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

Forgery was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of West 30th and at Allsup's at 1900 N. Hobart where a 30-pack of beer valued at \$46 was stolen.

One alarm was reported.

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

Saturday, Aug. 25
Novella M. Monroe, 24, of Borger was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury.

Brandi Nicole Reeves, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department at One Medical Drive for public intoxication.

Johnny Ogden Moody, 24, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation -- indecency with a child.

Ronnie Gene Carter, 44, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of Brunow for failure to appear, littering and evading arrest detention.

Sunday, Aug. 26
Lexton Bryan Larue, 17, of Pampa was arrested by PPD at Recreation Park on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, minor in possession of tobacco and failure to appear.

Donald Lee Brunson, 57, of Weatherford was arrested by Department of Public

Safety for DWI, second offense.

Monday, Aug. 27
Steven Soto, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for consuming alcohol and failure to appear.

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

Saturday, Aug. 25
11:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.

Sunday, Aug. 26
11:43 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of East Francis on a vehicle fire.
12:19 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of West Kingsmill on a rescue, in which people were stuck in an elevator.

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

Thursday, Aug. 23
9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Friday, Aug. 24
12:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Aug. 25
11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Naida and Buckler and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2200 block of Dwight.

7 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park for rodeo standby.

Sunday, Aug. 26
9:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the corner of Wilks and Faulkner. No transport.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00-5:00
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Felony trial postponed this morning

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A jury trial in 31st District Court's third-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse was to be rescheduled after the defendant's attorney was unable to make an appearance this morning.

The felony trial of Freddie Joe Nunn of Phoenix, Ariz., was to have begun at 9 a.m. today in 31st District Judge Steven Emmert's court. Nunn was indicted May 16, 2002 in Gray County for possession of 14.59 kilograms of cocaine.

Maxwell Peck of Amarillo, Nunn's attorney, is also involved in a non-death sentence capital murder trial in Amarillo which was expected to have finished Friday but is still ongoing, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

The incident for which Nunn was indicted allegedly occurred in the county in 2001, according to Emmert. The charge against Nunn is a first-degree felony.

Lefors ISD to meet

The Lefors Independent School District will hold a public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library at 209 East Fifth St.

After the public hearing, the board will possibly adopt the budget and tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year. They will also consider an amendment to the 2007-2008 school calendar.

Acer to acquire Gateway County

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Acer Inc., the world's fourth-largest computer vendor by unit sales, plans to acquire U.S. computer maker Gateway Inc. for \$710 million, the Taiwanese company said today.

Acer is offering to buy Gateway for \$1.90 per share in a deal expected to com-

plete by December, pending regulatory approvals in Taiwan and the U.S., Acer said in a statement.

The acquisition has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both Gateway and Acer and is subject to standard closing conditions, it said.

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to the possibility of two or three murder cases for 2008, and roof repairs on the county's large hangar at Perry LeFors Airport also helped raise the budget total.


The proposed tax rate is

.47326 per \$100 valuation. Last year's rate was .445623.

Of that total rate, .424793 is for the general fund, .039913 is for the road and bridge fund and .008554 is for debt.

"This is the first time since the courthouse restoration that our need has been over \$10 million," County Judge Richard Peet said at Friday's hearing.

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Pampa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 10.42 percent on August 22, 2007 at 5:30 PM and August 27, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

The City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meetings to be held on September 7, 2007, at 4:00 PM and on September 11, 2007, at 4:00 PM at Pampa City Hall, 200 W Foster, City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, Pampa, Texas.

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Viewpoints

Few candidates have expressed opinions on energy issues

Even though the Republican and Democratic primaries do not begin for several more months and the election is about 15 months away, the campaign for the nation's highest job has begun.

Already there have been several debates, but few candidates have expressed publicly their opinion on energy issues.

A search of the Internet and inquiries to campaign headquarters of each candidate found some information but not very much. Below, in no particular order, are the positions on energy issues discovered so far.

Sen. John McCain does not support the Kyoto Conference regarding global warming. He encourages development of alternative fuels to reduce pollution. He wants to strengthen emission controls on automobiles. He voted to prohibit leasing in ANWR in 2005, and against President Bush's energy bill in 2003.

Former New York City Mayor

Rudi Giuliani believes there is global warming and that humans contribute. "It's frustrating and really dangerous for us to see money going to our enemies because we have to buy oil from certain countries," he said during the GOP debate, June 3, 2007. Regarding carbon tax: "I don't like taxes. Inventing new ones is a very big mistake." Nuclear: "We should get serious about why we haven't licensed a new nuclear power plant in 30 years ..." The news media revealed in March 2007 that the law firm of Bracewell & Giuliani had been retained by Venezuelan state-owned petroleum company Citgo.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney believes there needs to be an energy plan similar to the "Apollo project to get us energy independent ... It also takes biodiesel, biofuel, cellulosic ethanol, nuclear power, more drilling in ANWR." During the June 3 debate he said: "Big oil is

making a lot of money right now, and I'd like to see them using that money to invest in refineries. Don't forget that when companies earn profit, that money is supposed to be reinvested in growth."

Alex Mills

Columnist



Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who did well in the Iowa Caucus poll, says on his Web page that "the first thing I will do as President is send Congress my comprehensive plan for energy independence." His Web page doesn't say much about what is included in his comprehensive energy plan, except a lot of generalities. Examples: "This oil addiction is killing us." "We have to explore, we have to conserve, and we have to pursue all

avenues of alternative energy: nuclear, wind, solar, hydrogen, clean coal, biodiesel and biomass." Still no mention of oil and natural gas.

Barron's, a weekly business publication, wrote in its June 2 issue that it interviewed the top contenders in each party regarding taxes, spending, health care and energy. Below is what Barron's printed about each candidate.

Romney: "He favors nuclear and more domestic oil drilling. He proposes a Manhattan project to develop alternative energy."

Giuliani: "Nuclear is part of his energy mix, as well as clean coal and renewables. He favors market solutions, not government ones."

McCain: "He wants more nukes and a mix of renewables along with oil. Would harness capital markets to back invention."

Richardson: "Man-on-the-moon effort plus tax credits to develop renewable energy. No mention of nukes."

Obama: "No mention of nukes, would create a Director of National Energy Security to coordinate policies. Loves clean coal."

Clinton: "Apollo Project for energy research. Heavy emphasis on renewables. No mention of nukes. Big oil must pay into a fund or invest in renewables."

Edwards: "He would reduce greenhouse gases by 80 percent by 2050, which most economists say is unrealistic. He would create one million jobs in energy."

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2007. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1770, German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.

In 1859, Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

'Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion.'

— Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
German philosopher
(1770-1831)

In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, which contained a provision for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

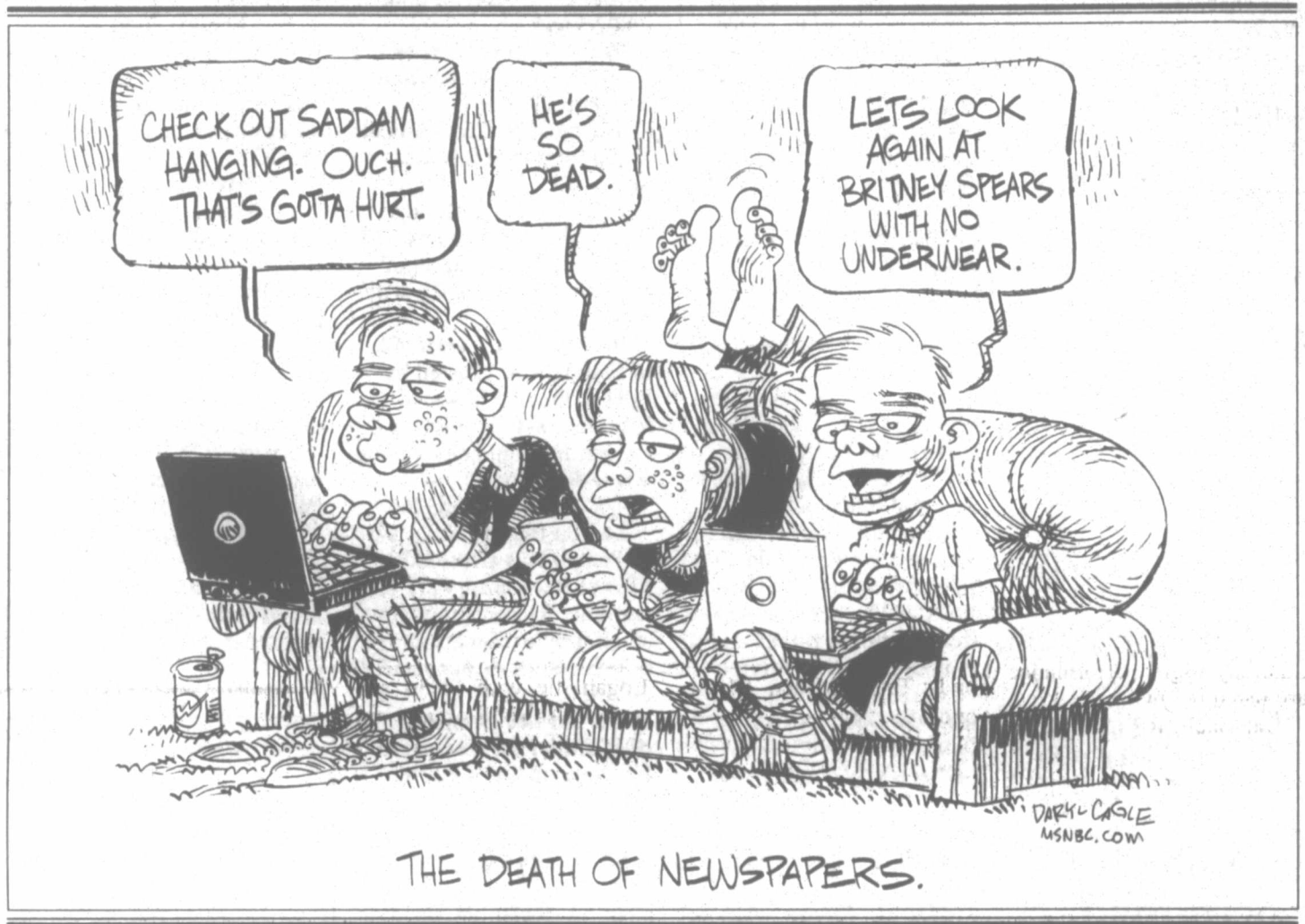
In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills; he was 32.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Ten years ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was charged with seeking and accepting more than \$35,000 in trips, sports tickets and favors from companies that did business with his agency. (A jury found Espy innocent in 1998 of taking illegal gifts, but eight others pleaded guilty or were convicted of various charges; President Bill Clinton later issued seven pardons and a commutation.) Israel lifted a month-long blockade of Bethlehem that was imposed after a suicide bombing July 30 that killed 16 people.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush met at his Texas ranch with Saudi Arabia's ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan; a White House spokesman said Bush told the Saudi diplomat he had not yet decided whether to attack Iraq.



The cause of crime is bad parenting

Folks are starting to talk about crime again, but as usual, the sociologists and special pleaders overlook the true cause of crime as they stumble about in their piles of jargon and ideologies.

Crime is not caused by poverty, at least not by the kind of poverty we have in this country. Despite so-called reforms, you can make more on welfare in the U.S. than many people in other parts of the world earn with hard labor. Heck, even a fake cripple can knock down several grand in a season if he gets a good corner.

The true cause of crime committed by rational people is making bad moral decisions. I doubt if there is one lonesome soul in our vast prison system who doesn't know right from wrong and who didn't know, at the time of his crime, that he was choosing to do the

wrong thing. It just seemed at the time that doing the wrong thing paid better than doing the right thing. Sometimes it does.

Crime isn't caused by race, either, though you could make a statistical case that it is. Black demagogues who bring up race as an excuse are playing a dangerous game. In these times, somebody might just start arguing that blacks are more prone to crime than whites, and, as I said, you could cite statistics that would appear to prove your case.

But it isn't race that produces criminals. It's bad parenting.

The rightness and wrongness of things are taught by

parents or whoever rears a child. That's one of the primary duties of parents, because children, fresh out of the womb, are little savages who don't know anything except their own desires.

My mother wore out several peach-tree switches teaching me the rules of the game. If the switches didn't work, there was always the weapon of mass destruction, my dad's belt. They taught morality and ethics the old-fashioned way. Here, son, are things you can't do, and if you do them, you will pay for your sins both here and in the hereafter. We get the first licks. God will see you later. Every time we passed a

forlorn chain gang working by the side of the road, my dad would say, "If you don't do right, that's where you'll end up."

I was taught grammar and pronunciation by constant corrections, and good hygiene and good manners by brute force. The secret of the success of this method was that there were no exceptions, no plea bargaining, no arguments, no excuses, no rationalizing. If you're going to train a person, you should never give them a choice. The Army knows this, and the Marine Corps knows it even better.

Of course I rebelled and took my licks, but when the sun set, I had a clear concept of right and wrong. To this day, that's why I don't rob banks or rape good-looking women. It's not the govern-

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Horses should be partners and tools, not pets

If your horse is a full-sized "regular" horse and you treat your horse as a pet, you may be doing your horse and yourself a great disservice. Horses are not big dogs or cats or even guinea pigs.

I don't know anyone that would enjoy a 1,100-pound lap dog. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying to love, brush, pet in the proper manner and care for your horse the best it deserves is wrong. I'm saying treating your horse as anything else but what it is, a horse, is wrong. It is a recipe for disaster.

I've seen many people kiss their horse on the nose. This scares me to death. What if something startled that horse just as you went to plant a smooch on that lovely nose? Bam!

If you are lucky, maybe all you'll have is a bloody lip. But, worse things can and have happened: extensive surgeries to rebuild a person's face for example. All from a well meaning sign of

affection. Is it worth the risk?

Feeding treats by hand is a major no-no for me. If you feed your horse by hand, you just established a dominance issue.

You did not mean to, but you just told that horse to take from you. It will start to become dominant over you. It may take awhile, but eventually it will happen. Then, a control problem starts com-

ing into play. I'm not telling you not to give treats to your horse, if that's what you want to do, but put it in the feed bucket. Your horse will appreciate it just as much.

Horses should be partners and tools. They should help accomplish yours and their jobs more efficiently. But, treat them as a partner, not a pet.

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Efforts to overhaul flood insurance program still in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite promising changes, Congress has shown little enthusiasm for taking the unpopular steps that experts say are necessary to fix the nation's main flood insurance program.

Recent flooding in the Midwest has brought the issue back to the forefront. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, back-to-back storms in 2005, dispelled any notion that the insurance program was self-sustaining. They threw it roughly \$20 billion into debt and called attention to major

structural flaws.

Nearly everyone acknowledges it cannot pay off the debt, much less pay for losses in future storms. But so far, Congress has done little more than raise the program's borrowing limit, essentially handing taxpayers a series of shaky IOUs.

A failure to act could leave the public vulnerable to large bailouts of the program and help perpetuate a false confidence among some property owners that they do not need coverage.

"The early rhetoric was,

'We're going to fix this. We're not going to tolerate this continued exposure of taxpayers to unlimited subsidies,'" said Robert Hunter, a former director of the flood program who now oversees insurance issues for the Consumer Federation of America. "They've done nothing to fix it. It's just unbelievable."

The National Flood Insurance Program was created in 1968 to protect homeowners and reduce federal costs from natural disasters. Run by the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, it provides nearly all the flood coverage in the United States. Private agents sell the policies. Homeowners can get up to \$250,000 in structural coverage and an additional \$100,000 for contents.

On average, residential premiums are about \$400 per \$100,000 of coverage. The rates typically do not reflect the real risks and therefore shift costs from policyholders to taxpayers generally.

After the deadly 2005 hurricane season, the

Government Accountability Office added the program to a short list of "high risk" areas in the government that the agency believes deserve urgent attention.

The starting point for an overhaul, experts say, is raising rates for the more than 5 million policyholders, particularly those with high-risk coastal properties or vacation homes who pay heavily subsidized rates. Other recommendations include requiring coverage in more areas, enforcing tougher building and land-use poli-

cies, and updating old flood maps so homeowners know their true risks.

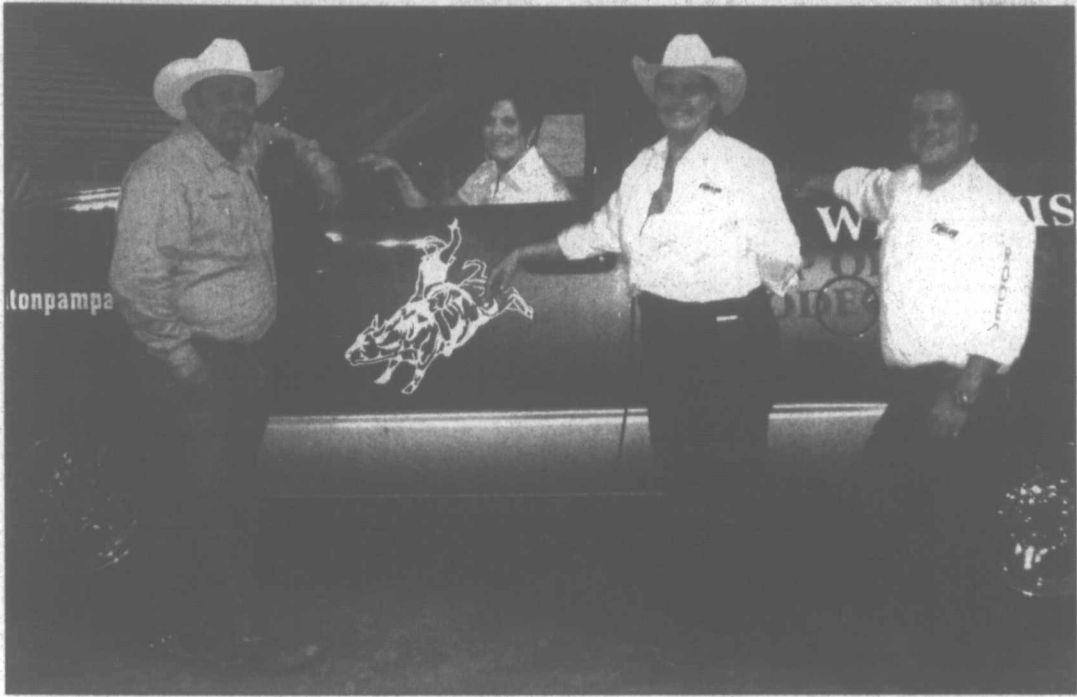
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Truck winner



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During the Saturday performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo, a winner was drawn from those who purchased a \$10 ticket from the Rodeo Association for a chance to win a Dodge truck from Fenton Motors. The lucky winner was Suzanne Wood, in the truck, who works at Pampa Junior High School. Also pictured from left are Tommy Parks, president of the rodeo association, and Fenton Sales Associates Angie Moyer and Shawn Caskey.

Rodeo

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manship. The results for the Saturday night performance are listed below:

Bareback Riding: Brian Leddy, 68.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Wes Burns and Marty Eakin tied with 80 points each and Garet Fordyce was awarded 70 points.

Steer Wrestling: Mickey Gee, 4.4 seconds; Spud Duvall, 5.1 seconds; Shane Henderson, 5.9 seconds; Barry Kreikemeier, 6.4 seconds.

Mutton Busting: Lexi Didway, 1st; Brennan Broggin, 2nd; Caden Ensey, 3rd.

Team Roping: Rodey Wilson and Jody Pinkert, 6.6 seconds; Shandon Stalls and Garrison Nippert, 7.1 seconds; Clif Taylor and Tom Miller, 7.4 seconds.

Double Mugging: Shannon Venson, Roy Don Creacy and Casey Yates, 27.4 seconds; Shawn Whatley, Justin Taylor and J.R. Baggett, 33.9 seconds; Tanner Cochran, David Youree and Robbie Cochran, 59.3 seconds.

Barrel Race: Kaylee Holt, 16.26 seconds; Stefanie Logan, 16.34 seconds; Tamara Reinhardt, 16.45 seconds; Cindy Smith, 16.48 seconds; Toni Shaw, 16.62 seconds; Terra Bynum, 16.68 seconds; Jamie Rydberg, 16.72 seconds; Rachelle Holt, 16.73 seconds; Lena Floyd, 16.75 seconds; Shannon Cowan, 16.94 seconds; Sage Smith, 22.08 seconds.

Bull Riding: Stormy Wing, 86 points (only qualified ride).

The overall results for the three days of the Top O' Texas Rodeo are listed below:

Bareback Riding: Dennis Foyil, 82; Chancy Lovinggood, 76; Matt Crumpler, 75; Brian Leddy, 68.

Saddlebronc Riding: Wes Burns and Marty Eakin, tie with 80; Andrew Counts, 75; Trell Etbauer, 74.

Steer Wrestling: Mickey Gee, 4.4 seconds; Rodney Brooks and Gabe Burrows,

tie with 4.5 seconds; Spud Duvall, 5.1 seconds; L.T. Teague, 5.6 seconds; Ricky Riley, 5.7 seconds.

Team Roping: Wilson/Pinkert, 6.6 seconds; Young/Borrego, 7.0 seconds; Stalls/Nippert, 7.1 seconds; Taylor/Miller, 7.4 seconds.

Calf Roping: Joseph Gerentz, 7.5 seconds; Clay Cerney, 7.7 seconds; John Clark, 8.5 seconds; Clay Kobza, 8.6 seconds; Trell Etbauer and Justin Maass, tie with 9.0 seconds.

Double Mugging: Shannon Venson, Roy Don Creacy, Casey Yates, 27.4

seconds; Shawn Whatley, Justin Taylor, J.R. Baggett, 33.9 seconds; Jared Jewkes, Roy Don Creacy, Kerry Dean Stegall, 35.7 seconds.

Barrel Race: Kaylee Holt, 16.26 seconds; Jodi Rush Cuccurullo and Stefanie Logan, tie with 16.34 seconds; Ashley Looney and Tamara Reinhardt, tie with 16.45 seconds; Cindy Smith, 16.48 seconds; Sherri Lynn Dean, 16.54 seconds; Lisa Ogden, 16.57 seconds; Toni Shaw, 16.62 seconds; Terra Bynum, 16.68 seconds.

Bull riding: Stormy Wing, 86 points (only 8.0 second ride for all three nights).

Reese

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ment that controls my behavior. It's the lessons implanted by two great parents.

Unfortunately, today many children lack this experience, either because they have no parents in the home or the parents they do have are just sorry and no good. Scientists now know that the human brain wires itself between birth and about age 5. If, because of abuse or neglect, it wires

itself the wrong way, then you have trouble just waiting to grow up.

Orphanages run by loving people would be far better than some of the homes children are condemned to live in these days. If we as a nation had any sense, which we obviously don't, we'd be spending far more money taking care of children and teaching good parenting skills than constructing and maintaining a gulag of prisons and jails.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 28, single, and have no kids. I don't want any. I love the freedom of picking up and doing what I want when I want, and I wouldn't trade that for anything. I come from a large family and have many nieces and nephews. I love them all, and some of my friends have children that I adore, too. The problem is, I don't want them coming to my house unannounced. Many of these kids are small, and I have many breakables around my home. When I'm planning on having "little visitors," I take special care to put away anything I don't want broken. I have tried explaining to friends and family that as much as I'd love for them to visit with the kids, please give me 30 minutes' notice at least, so I can child-proof my home. Many of them have taken this badly, assuming that I don't want their kids and, by extension, them in my home. How do I make it clearer? — **MYRA IN MISSOULA**

DEAR MYRA: I see nothing out of line about asking that friends or family please call before dropping over to allow you a few minutes to prepare for the visit. Aside from the fact that you have breakables in your house, what if you weren't dressed or presentable? Calling first is common courtesy. You should not have to "make it clearer" because the people who are rude are the "drop-ins" -- with or without children in tow. Of course, some parents have so completely lost their perspective that they cannot distinguish between themselves and their children, but that's another story.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my older sister. She lives across the country from me, but feels, as she has since we were teenagers, that before I sell old records and CDs to get credit at the store to buy new

merchandise, I should consult her to see if she wants any of the stuff I'm selling. I have taken good care of my records over the years, so I can get top dollar, then buy more items I want while culling the things I don't listen to anymore. My sister acts like she should have first dibs and tries to guilt-trip me for not thinking of her first. What's up? I feel that almost 30 years of guilt-tripping is enough. I have made my position clear, but she tries to force me to grovel and convince her that I have done the right thing. I don't make a lot of money. I couldn't afford to buy the things I get if I didn't first clean out the old stuff. She brings up the topic every chance she gets, and constantly asks if I have cleaned out my supply of unwanted items. Is there any way to get her to let this go? — **TIRED OF GROVELING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR TIRED OF GROVELING: You're making two mistakes. When your sister raises the subject, you can't resist taking the bait. And then you let her push your buttons. The next time she mentions the subject of your housecleaning, change the subject. And if she tries to make you feel guilty -- laugh. People continue to push buttons only as long as they work. If you fail to react, she will eventually stop.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42—"Tag!"

1 Cornered (German greeting)

6 Killer whale

10 Sedimentary rock

11 Castle sur-rounders

13 Hit, on a 45

14 Hitter's turn

15 Nest item

16 College cheer

18 Dark round stat

19 Nicole Kidman movie

22 Ruff of "Do the Right Thing"

23 Do magazine work

24 Exhausted

27 Boat bottoms

28 District

29 Came together

30 Nicole Kidman movie

35 B & B

36 Friend of Harry and Hermione

37 Gender

38 Librarian's bane

40 Cheer up



Saturday's answer

1 Useful skill

2 Leg part

3 Sheriff's star

4 Brewed drink

5 Had longings

6 Nebraska city

7 Decay

8 Trip by taxi

9 Seething

12 Work periods

17 Blvd.'s kin

20 Perfect

21 Take care of

24 Job for Petruccio

25 Resolve

26 Get together again

27 Corn units

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31 Peace goddess

32 Custom

33 "Understand?"

34 Business bigwigs

39 Harden

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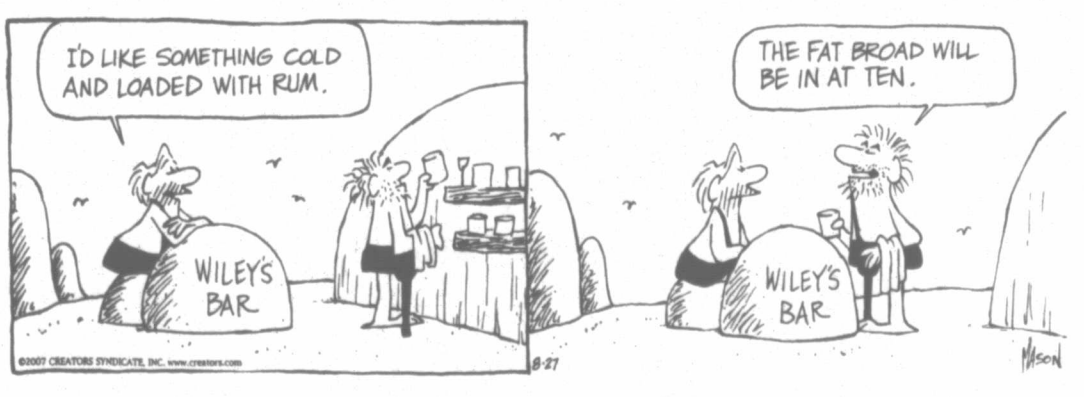


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Sports Day

Barrell Racing



Terra Bynum makes her way around the second barrell Saturday night during the Top O' Texas Rodeo's Women's Barrell Racing event.

Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Steve Stricker ends 6-year drought with Westchester victory

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — The first time Steve Stricker teed it up at Westchester Country Club, he told wife Nicki to "take a picture because we're not coming back."

Twelve years after that forgettable 60th-place tie, Stricker was posing for photographers at the stately club with a crystal trophy in his hands.

Back at Westchester only because The Barclays opened the FedEx Cup playoffs, Stricker won for the first time in 6 1/2 years and 146 tournaments.

"I've been waiting for this day for a long time," Stricker said.

He birdied four of the last five holes to beat K.J. Choi by two strokes, finishing with a 2-under 69 and 16-under 268 total.

After holing an 8-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th, the 40-year-old Stricker raised his arms in triumph and hugged Tom Mitchell, the caddie who first carried Stricker's bag when he won the 2001 Match Play

Championship in Australia. Jerry Kelly, who grew up with Stricker in Wisconsin, was among the first to congratulate him.

"It was hard, but it was fun," Stricker said, tears streaming down his face on the 18th green. "I never knew if I was going to win again."

He had already squandered four good chances to win this year and it appeared he might let another tournament slip away when Choi made two long birdie putts — a 45-footer on No. 12 and 50-footer on 15 — to take a one-stroke lead.

But Stricker answered with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-3 16th to tie Choi, hit a wedge shot to 4 feet for birdie on the 17th to take the lead and capped his fourth career victory with the birdie on 18.

"I thought I was hitting well enough to maybe make a few birdies coming in," Stricker said. "Obviously, not four out of the last five

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Judge accepts Michael Vick's dogfighting guilty plea

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Standing erect and answering questions with soft, short responses, NFL star Michael Vick pleaded guilty Monday to a federal dogfighting charge and awaited a Dec. 10 sentencing date that could send him to prison.

The plea by the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback was accepted by U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who asked: "Are you entering the plea of guilty to a conspiracy charge because you are in fact guilty?"

Vick replied, "Yes, sir." Hudson emphasized during the 15-minute hearing he is not bound by sentencing

guidelines or the recommendations of prosecutors and can impose the maximum sentence of up to five years in prison. Prosecutors proposed a 12- to 18-month prison term.

"You're taking your chances here. You'll have to live with whatever decision I make," Hudson.

Vick's lead attorney, Billy Martin, said his client would discuss his plea at a news conference.

"A first-time offender might well receive no jail time for this offense," U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said in a statement. "We thought, however, that the conduct in this conspiracy

was heinous, cruel and inhumane" so three of the four defendants, including Vick, should receive harsher sentences.

The first defendant to plead guilty left the conspiracy in 2004 and is not as culpable, he said.

In his written plea filed in federal court Friday, Vick admitted helping kill six to eight pit bulls and supplying money for gambling on the fights. He said he did not personally place any bets or share in any winnings.

The NFL suspended him indefinitely and without pay Friday after his plea agreement was filed. Merely associating with gamblers can

trigger a lifetime ban under the league's personal conduct policy.

The case began in late April when authorities conducting a drug investigation of Vick's cousin raided the former Virginia Tech star's rural Surry County property and seized dozens of dogs, some injured, and equipment commonly used in dogfighting.

A federal indictment issued in July charged Vick, Purnell Peace of Virginia Beach, Quanis Phillips of Atlanta and Tony Taylor of Hampton with an interstate dogfighting conspiracy. Vick initially denied any involvement, and all four men

pleaded innocent. Taylor was the first to change his plea to guilty; Phillips and Peace soon followed.

The details outlined in the indictment and other court papers fueled a public backlash against Vick and cost him several lucrative endorsement deals, even before he agreed to plead guilty.

In announcing the suspension, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell opened the way for the Falcons to attempt to recover \$22 million of Vick's signing bonus from the 10-year, \$130 million contract he signed in 2004.

Vick's plea Monday came

hours before the Falcons play an exhibition game at home against the Cincinnati Bengals. This will be the first chance for the team to see what effect Vick's case has on attendance at the Georgia Dome. Vick wears the biggest-selling jersey in team history and is given much credit for the team's 51 consecutive sellouts.

After initially denying his involvement, Vick has said little publicly about the case. Privately, he met with Goodell and Falcons owner Arthur Blank when the investigation was just beginning, and almost certainly lied to both.

Ochoa wins third straight title at Safeway

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa has certainly learned how to win.

She claimed her third straight LPGA title with a five-stroke victory in the Safeway Classic on Sunday.

Ochoa shot a 71 in the final round for a 12-under 204 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club and her sixth overall victory of the season.

With each win, Ochoa has become more comfortable.

"I'm better now just paying attention on my own game, and you know, have goals of making birdies in the next few holes, and having a strategy instead of worrying what the other players are doing and getting to much in the other game," she said. "So I'm

doing better and it really helps to just really concentrate and be able to play."

In-Bee Park (64), Christina Kim (69), Sophie Gustafson (75) and Mhairi McKay (72) all finished at 7-under 209.

Ochoa, who is from Mexico, won the Canadian Women's Open in Edmonton, Alberta, the previous week. Before that, she won the Women's British Open for her first major title.

The last player to win three straight tournaments was Annika Sorenstam in 2005. Sorenstam won four straight in 2001, matching the LPGA record.

"They keep saying, 'You should play, you can do four in a row,'" said Ochoa, who is taking a month off. "But

it's time for me to go home. I'm very happy with my three wins. And this year has been very special to me."

Ochoa dedicated her latest title to her mother, whose birthday was Sunday.

"I told her I'd win the tournament for her," Ochoa said. "I'm glad I did. It was a nice present."

Ochoa, playing with Gustafson and McKay, was followed by a sizable gallery, including a sponsor's group of some 150 fans from Guadalajara. Many waved the Mexican flag.

The large crowd following Ochoa and her assured win prompted tournament officials to let fans watch from the fairway when Ochoa was on the 18th

green.

Ochoa's day didn't start well, with a pair of bogeys on the first three holes. But then she settled down.

"I really enjoyed myself, and I was able to just have control over things," she said. "I handled the pressure well."

She played mostly at par on the back nine, missing a couple of opportunities to widen the margin. After a 7-foot birdie putt lipped out on the par-5 12th hole, Ochoa flipped her putter in disappointment.

Gustafson, who started the day a shot back of Ochoa and stayed close through the front nine, had trouble on the back and double-bogeyed the par-4 17th hole. McKay also double-bogeyed the 17th.

Dallas soccer league formed to combat 'cheese' heroin

DALLAS (AP) — A youth soccer league created this summer to stem the popularity of a dangerous heroin mix known as "cheese" has grown to include 112 teams, the league's director said.

The Tex-Mex Soccer Children's League, which involves more than 1,800 children and parents, most of them Hispanic, represents how a sports program can be used as an effective tool to fight against the drug, director Andres Vidales said.

"The primary focus is the eradication of this drug," Vidales said Sunday during a rally that brought players and their parents to the parking lot of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Cheese, usually black heroin mixed with Tylenol PM tablets ground into a powder, has claimed the lives of at least 23 area teens since January 2005. The tan powdered mixture sells for as little as \$2 a dose.

The drug has killed at least three students at

Thomas Jefferson, on the city's northwest side, and school district police have arrested more than 70 students on possession charges.

Edwin Flores, a member of the Dallas school board, said the district is increasing security this school year and adding more educational programs about cheese.

Carlos Quintanilla, an activist who has worked to raise awareness about cheese, said there will be "zero tolerance" for the drug.

"We are not going to allow, accept or permit that one more child dies from a cheese heroin overdose," he said.

Luis Islas said the soccer league is a good experience for his 5-year-old son, Luis Islas Jr. The elder Islas participated in a soccer league when he was a boy in Monterrey, Mexico.

"This is a good thing," Islas said in Spanish. "This keeps them away from drugs and temptation."

As U.S. Open gets going, Andy Roddick hopes to make a run

NEW YORK (AP) — There stood Andy Roddick, owner of one Grand Slam title, swatting shots in Arthur Ashe Stadium a day before the U.S. Open starts.

A few feet away lingered Jimmy Connors, owner of eight Grand Slam titles, looking on and chiming in with the occasional comment.

They have been a pair, player and coach, for a little more than a year now, working on shaping Roddick's game, trying to make him a more complete player, trying to get him back to where he was before a certain Swiss guy emerged to dominate tennis.

"I've been hitting the ball really well in practice. I've started serving well in practice. I've been playing the right way in practice," Roddick said after his workout Sunday. "So, you know, there's no reason why I can't make a run here."

He was given the day off Monday, when No. 1 Roger Federer was to begin his quest for a fourth consecutive U.S. Open title by facing 319th-ranked qualifier Scoville Jenkins of the United States. Federer is

aiming for his 12th Grand Slam title, which would tie him for second in history behind Pete Sampras' 14.

"He's the favorite," Roddick said about Federer, his possible quarterfinal opponent. "The way I see it, there's the favorite and then there's the people trying to unseat the favorite."

Also scheduled to play on Day 1: top-seeded Justine Henin, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic, No. 5 Ana Ivanovic and, at night, No. 8 Serena Williams and No. 12 Venus Williams.

For Roddick, the U.S. Open represents the site of his greatest success: He won the 2003 championship en route to ending that year ranked No. 1.

Then, last year, helped by five-time Open champion Connors and showcasing a more forward-pushing style, he returned to the final at Flushing Meadows, dropping a four-setter to Federer.

"He plays his best tennis, probably, on this surface, in these conditions," 2001 U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt said. "He obviously plays pretty well under Connors. Connors likes this place, as well."

Carriker's homer gives Georgia LL title over Japan

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Dalton Carriker couldn't believe it. He had just hit a home run to win the Little League World Series.

"I almost fainted," the 12-year-old shortstop with braces said after his eighth-inning blast gave Warner Robins, Ga., a thrilling 3-2 win over Tokyo on Sunday to win youth baseball's biggest prize.

"Wow, I never thought this could happen," Carriker said.

His dramatic homer over the right-field wall off Japan's Junsho Kiuchi gave the United States three straight Little League championships.

"USA! USA!" cried the Georgia-partisan crowd as dozens of fans waved American flags. Columbus, Ga., won the crown last year, and Ewa Beach, Hawaii, in 2005.

"I'm very honored to be associated with these young men," an emotional manager Mickey Lay

said. His eyes welled with tears during a post-game news conference.

"There are only several times in your life, when people come into your life and touch you emotionally," he said, "and they get into your heart and never leave."

Jubilant Georgia players hugged Carriker as he reached the plate following the homer. Lay lost his hat after joining the team in celebration following a tense game marked by excellent pitching.

Georgia reliever Kendall Scott struck out 10 and allowed one hit over five-plus innings to quiet Japan's bats after Georgia fell behind 2-0 early.

Scott had watched Japan's impressive hitters throughout the tournament.

"Going out there today, throwing the ball, I was scared to death on the first pitch," he said.

Scott left the game in the top of the eighth, with Zane Conlon get-

ting the last out.

That set up Carriker's homer. He was hitting .769 in the World Series entering Sunday's game, but was 0-for-2 with a walk when he came up in the eighth.

He said a little prayer before settling himself in the batter's box.

"God, please give me the strength to get a hit and help my team out," Carriker said in recounting his prayer.

There was no doubt about his opposite-field shot off Kiuchi, which easily cleared the right-field fence 225 feet away from the plate.

Japan manager Youichi Kubo, who managed Japan to the 2001 Little League crown, tried to console his pitcher afterward.

"I told Junsho that when you are a reliever these things can happen," Kubo said through a translator. "I told him that he has a bright future and not to let this homer affect that."

After exchanging handshakes

with players from Japan, Georgia players took hold of the championship banner, their proud parents snapping pictures from the stands.

Warner Robins kept the trophy in the state.

The previous two Georgia teams to advance to South Williamsport also won the title, including Columbus last year and East Marietta in 1983.

Also, the United States' three-year title streak is the longest since 1959-1966, an eight-year stretch of American victories.

"I'll remember every second of this," Carriker said. "This has been crazy."

Scott struck out the side in the top of the sixth, fooling Japan hitters with his curveball. He pumped his fist as he headed to the dugout after getting Kazutaka Kato swinging.

But Georgia couldn't come through in the bottom half with a runner on first and one out.

Kiuchi struck out Taylor Lay and Nick Martens to send the title game into extra innings for the first time since Hawaii beat Curacao 7-6 in seven innings in 2005.

Japan starter Ryo Kanekubo pitched three-hit ball through five innings before being pulled after reaching Little League's 85-pitch limit.

He was buoyed by a small but vocal fan club whose rhythmic cheers and bright red hats made them stand out in a crowd heavily favoring the Americans.

It didn't prevent Japan from reaching out to Georgia. Before the game, the team gave Warner Robins a listing of the players' names and addresses so they could keep in touch, Lay said.

"You couldn't help, but like them," Carriker said. "They didn't deserve to feel like that after this game. We both played great games."

James, Bryant and Anthony all have big games as United States beats Brazil for first place

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The tournament's leading scorer out of the way, the Americans prepared to look elsewhere to find the person who could make their next game intriguing: the opposing bench.

The United States was set to open the second round of the FIBA Americas tournament Monday night against Mexico and coach Nolan Richardson, who has brought the pressure defense style that won him an NCAA title south of the border.

"We know they're a 40 minutes of Hell type team," Carmelo Anthony said. "Coach Nolan, we know what he's about, but we've got to be prepared for that tomorrow."

The Americans sure were ready for Leandro Barbosa. LeBron James scored 21 points, Kobe Bryant added 20 and harassed Barbosa all over the court, and the United States clinched the top spot in its group by beating Brazil 113-76 Sunday night.

Anthony also had 21 for the Americans, who for the second straight game pulled away by holding their opponent without a field goal for more than 6 minutes in the second quarter.

"When you see Kobe Bryant diving for loose balls," USA Basketball managing director Jerry

Colangelo said, "and you see LeBron and Carmelo giving it the kind of work that they're putting into this, that commitment and passion, that's a message."

The Americans improved to 30-0 in Olympic qualifying games heading into Monday's matchup of former coaching rivals: Richardson beat Mike Krzyzewski for the 1994 national title when Arkansas edged Duke.

"Nolan's done an unbelievable job," Krzyzewski said. "They play with constant pressure. Nolan's teams always put their hearts on the floors together and come at you for 40 minutes and you have to be prepared for a different style."

Bryant led the defensive effort that held Barbosa to just four points on 1-of-7 shooting before a Thomas & Mack Center crowd that included former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Russell. Injured U.S. star Dwyane Wade watched from the bench for the second straight day.

"My role here is different here than it is with the Lakers," Bryant said. "We have so many talented players and I don't have to score a lot of points. I just try to do the best I can defensively."

Barbosa entered averaging a tournament-best 27

points after scoring 36 Saturday in a 93-89 victory over the U.S. Virgin Islands. But the Phoenix guard and NBA's top sixth man never got into this game because of Bryant's early defense, and was on the bench in foul trouble when the Americans broke open the game late in the second quarter.

"I knew that he was going to come up and defend me and guard me like he did and all I was trying to do was get the ball, but I didn't have many balls in my hand," Barbosa said. "But that's OK. It's about tomorrow now, let's forget about this."

James, Bryant and Anthony combined for the first 19 U.S. points in the second half, turning the game into another romp. The Americans are beating opponents by 48.4 points per game.

Brazil nearly beat the United States last year, losing 90-86 in an exhibition game ahead of the world championships.

But Barbosa acknowledged that this isn't the same U.S. team, one that features nine different players this summer.

And the Brazilians are lacking one of their key players, Cleveland forward Anderson Varejao, who doesn't have an NBA contract for next season and opted not to take the risk of

playing.

Still, the Brazilians kept it close until ending the first half without a field goal after Alex Garcia's basket with 6:09 remaining.

Brazil settled for second place in Group B and will face Puerto Rico on Monday. The teams with the four best records after second-round play advance to the semifinals next Saturday. The winners of those two games earn spots in Beijing.

Brazil trailed only 37-32 with 5:50 remaining in the half before Bryant scored the next three points and James followed with a basket for a 10-point lead. After a Brazil free throw, Bryant and Michael Redd hit 3-pointers in an 8-0 spurt that pushed the U.S. advantage to 50-34 with 2:21 to play.

With the game slipping away, Brazil coach Aluisio Ferreira reinserted Barbosa, but he picked up his third foul with 2:21 remaining in the half after trying to stop Bryant on the break. James threw in a runner from beyond 30 feet as time expired, giving the Americans a 57-38 lead.

"Brazil is one of the best international teams and they had a terrific game plan but our defense in the second and third quarters was at the highest level it's been in this tournament," Krzyzewski said.

Boston routs White Sox, takes momentum into three-game set with NY

By The Associated Press

Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has his favorite to win the AL pennant — and after this past weekend, it's not much of a surprise.

David Ortiz hit a two-run homer, and J.D. Drew and Bobby Kielty ended long homerless droughts to back Julian Tavares' first win since late June as the Boston Red Sox polished off a four-game sweep of Chicago with an 11-1 victory Sunday.

"I think Boston is the team to beat in the American League," a morose Guillen said after his team was outscored 46-7 in the series.

The Red Sox scored at least 10 runs in each game, only the fourth time that has happened in a four-game series since 1900, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The St. Louis Browns did it in 1920 and 1922, and the Colorado Rockies in 1996.

Boston's run total in the series was the most for the franchise since it scored the same amount against the Browns in 1949.

The Red Sox have won four in a row, improved baseball's best record to 80-51 and increased their lead over second-place New York to 7 1/2 games in the AL East. The two teams play a three-game set at Yankee Stadium beginning Tuesday night.

"We can't look ahead," catcher Jason Varitek said. "We have to play like we've been playing."

In other AL games, it was Detroit 5, New York 4; Los Angeles 3, Toronto 1; Texas 5, Seattle 3; Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3 in 11 innings; Minnesota 11, Baltimore 3; and Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 4.

While the Red Sox have returned to their 2005 form, when they ended the season tied atop the AL East, the White Sox are looking nothing like the club that won that year's World Series.

The loss dropped the White Sox to 18 games under .500 for the first time since 1989. The only team in the majors with a worse record is Tampa Bay, which visits U.S. Cellular Field on Monday for a makeup game.

"I think if you try, you can't play on this (terrible) level that we do," said Guillen, whose team has lost five straight. "We caught those guys when they were playing well and they caught us when we were playing bad."

Tavares (7-9), who has shuffled between the rotation and the bullpen, was making just his second start since the beginning of August, but struck out seven and hand-cuffed the White Sox to two hits in six innings. He was 0-5 in his last seven starts, going back to June 25.

Sammy Sosa's home run blast helps lift Rangers over Mariners 5-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Sammy Sosa hasn't forgotten his trademark hop or how to hit the ball deep, even though he's getting fewer chances to do it.

Sosa, who has become a part-time player while Texas evaluates younger players, bounded out of the batter's box after hitting a 430-foot, two-run home run in the first inning that put the Rangers ahead to stay in a 5-3 victory over AL wild-card leader Seattle.

It was Sosa's 605th career homer — his first in a month. The ball ricocheted off a wall at the back of the

lower seating section in left field.

"I got a pretty good swing on that one. I'm not going to lie to you guys," said Sosa, who started for only the 10th time in 26 games. "I feel good that at least I contributed to a win, especially against a team fighting to be in first place."

Seattle still has a two-game lead in the wild-card race over the New York Yankees, who lost 5-4 at Detroit on Sunday. But the Mariners slipped two games behind the Los Angeles Angels before going home for a three-game series against the AL West leaders that

begins Monday night.

Vicente Padilla (4-9) pitched into the seventh inning to win for the first time since June 15. The right-hander retired 18 of 19 batters after Ichiro Suzuki led off the game with an infield single before giving up three straight singles and a run to start the seventh.

"He established his fastball, he used his fastball well," manager Ron Washington said. "I hope he understands how good a fastball he has, especially when he puts it where he wants to."

Ian Kinsler led off the Texas first

with a single, moved up on Brad Wilkerson's sacrifice bunt and scored on Sosa's homer to put the Rangers ahead 2-0.

Sosa's last homer was July 27, five days before the Rangers — who had traded Mark Teixeira, Kenny Lofton and Eric Gagne — told Sosa about their plans that would reduce the 38-year-old slugger's playing time.

"As soon as they talked to me, I know that I'm not going to play that much," Sosa said. "So I said to myself, because of that, I'm not going to give up. I'm going to stay

ready, stay in shape. Every time they give me an opportunity, I'm going to do my job."

After Sosa sat out last season, the Rangers gave him only a one-year deal. The team hasn't talked about their future plans, but Sosa said he intends to play at least one more season somewhere.

Kinsler went 3-for-4 for the second straight night after a 3-for-30 slump and scored three times for the Rangers. Brad Wilkerson had a double and an RBI triple, the latter driving home Kinsler in the eighth.

After Gay, Torri Edwards is going for gold in the 100

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Torri Edwards thinks it's now her turn.

Tyson Gay already is the fastest man at the world championships, overhauling world record holder Asafa Powell in the men's 100 meters. Edwards wants to make it a double for the United States in the blue-ribbon sprint by winning the women's title.

Edwards, the 2003 world champion, only lost once this year, to Veronica Campbell. And she can expect the Jamaican to be

her toughest opposition in the finals Monday night.

If the heat doesn't affect sprinters, it will slow the 10,000-meter runners on a night where Kenenisa Bekele is seeking his third straight world title. He is unbeaten over the distance and is an overwhelming favorite to make it an Ethiopian double after Tirunesh Dibaba won the women's title on Saturday.

The 50,000 capacity Nagai stadium is expected to draw its biggest crowd yet Monday when local hammer

thrower Koji Murofushi, the reigning Olympic champion, has perhaps the best shot to give the host country a gold medal. He faces double defending champion Ivan Tikhon of Belarus.

If Murofushi fails to get gold, the host nation might well have to wait until Sunday's closing day, when the women's marathon could bring late celebrations.

Other finals late Monday are the women's steeplechase and men's triple jump. In the women's long

jump, 2003 champion Eunice Barber failed to qualify for the finals. With a jump of 21 feet, 4 1-4 inches, she was 3.1 inches off the qualifying limit.

Barber has been troubled by a knee injury all season. "Maybe I should not have come to Osaka at all," she said.

Defending champion Tianna Madison of the United States was luckier, the last jumper to make it in the final with 21-7 1/2.

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MANAGER needed in Burger, for Apt. Complex. For more information call 806-665-1875.

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NURSES Unlimited, Inc. is seeking enthusiastic and outgoing attendants in Skellytown area to assist clients in the home with personal care, meal prep, light housekeeping. P-T. EOE. Mileage reimbursement. 1-888-859-0631.

OPERATOR Needed at Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart. Apply in person Monday through Friday 9-3. Drug screening required.

UPS in Pampa has immediate openings for the 4am-9am shift. Apply online at www.upsjobs.com

FULL-TIME Tech needed at Gray Co. Vet. NO PHONE CALLS. Apply in person, 1329 S. Hobart

TRUCK Drivers needed. Drug test and references required. Competitive pay! Call 665-0379.

49 Pools/Hot Tubs
HOT TUB
Gorgeous. Brand New. Seats 6, Lounger, Therapeutic Jets, Waterfall. Lifetime Factory War. Free Cover & Chemicals! \$4,500. 806-677-0400

50 Building Suppl.
White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household
AUGUST SPECIAL
All Pillow-Top Mattress Sets in stock 15% off, 15 to 20 yr. War. Starting @ \$189. Layaways avail. w/ no interest! 806-677-0400

69 Misc.
ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

MEMORY Gardens of Pampa, Garden Devotion Section C, Lot #230, Spaces 6, 7, 8. Call 665-7489.

NEED to store your RV? Call Wink & Karen at Crossways Stor., 12072 E. Frederic, 662-6089

EFF. apt. & rooms. \$150 a week and up. Apts., trailers, mobile homes & houses all furnished. Cable TV, phone, linens, maid service daily or weekly. 669-3221.

FURN. efficiency apt. avail. Rent by week or mo. Linens, dishes, microwave, etc. For more info. call 665-1875

96 Unfurn. Apts.
CLEAN 1 bdr., stove, re-frig., completely renovated, new carpet. All bills paid. 669-3672, 665-5900

LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. Apt. Call for availability. References & deposit req. 669-4386

NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Duplexes & Commercial properties thru-out Pampa for rent. Call 665-4274 or 665-1875.

THE Schneider House, new leasing apts. Seniors or disabled, utilities included. Stop by 120 S. Russell or call 665-0415.

104 Lots
2 beautiful side by side lots (one is a corner), for sale in the 1400 block of N. Dwight. Call 806-663-0892 for more info.

112 Farms/Ranches
Live Water on Lake Creek
467 acres in Donley County, near Lelia Lake or 8 miles E. Of Clarendon. Big trees, beautiful scenery, deer, turkey, quail, fishing ponds. New fence, barns and corrals. Must see to appreciate. Day or nite: 806-676-6503; 806-248-7224; 806-204-0059; or 806-662-2511.

113 RV Parks
RED DEER VILLA RV RANCH by day, wk, mo. 2100 Montagu W. Lrg. lots-must see. 669-1122.

114 Recre. Veh.
2001 26 ft. Dutchman T. T., Like New! 15 ft. Slide-out \$10,900 Call 665-1077

FOR sale: 1999 Cardinal 5th Wheel Trailer. Excellent condition, has double slide. Asking \$11,900. 662-6163.

115 Trailer Parks
TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos
06 Infiniti G35, pewter, loaded! Cruise, leather/heated/ power seats, 6 disc CD player & more. 669-9639, 806-681-1021.

121 Trucks
1998 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT, V8, 5.9 liter, club cab. Chrome pkg. 184,000 mi. \$6000. 665-4910.

2007 Chevrolet Classic Ext. Cab 1500. 11,500 miles. Excellent condition. \$21,000. Call 672-6733 or 848-2108.

122 Motorcycles
2004 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic, 20,000 miles. Call 665-7164.

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Volunteer fund-raiser



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Junior CASA volunteers spoke to the CASA board of directors and helped serve snacks at a recent meeting for the organization. Pictured in front of Home Interior items they are selling as a fund-raiser for CASA are Stephen Marzal, standing left, and Ryan Smith. Seated from left are Kirsten Kuhn and K.T. O'Brien. For information about these fund-raising items, call 669-7638.

AG Gonzalez resigns

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has resigned, ending a months-long standoff with Republican and Democratic critics who called for his ouster over the Justice Department's botched handling of FBI terror investigations and the firing of U.S. attorneys, officials said today.

The likely temporary replacement for Gonzales is Solicitor General Paul Clement, who would take over until a permanent replacement is found, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department planned a news conference for 10:30 a.m. in Washington. President Bush was expected to discuss Gonzales' departure at his Crawford, Texas, ranch, before leaving on a trip to western states.

Two administration officials speaking on grounds of anonymity said that Gonzales had submitted a resignation letter last Friday. These officials declined to be identified because the formal announcement about Gonzales was still pending.

A longtime friend of Bush, who once considered him for appointment to the Supreme Court, Gonzales is the fourth high-ranking administration official to leave since November 2006. Donald H. Rumsfeld, an architect of the Iraq war, resigned as defense secretary one day after the November elections. Paul Wolfowitz agreed in May to step down as president of the World Bank after an ethics inquiry. And top Bush adviser Karl Rove earlier this month announced he was stepping down.

A frequent Democratic target, Gonzales

could not satisfy critics who said he had lost credibility over the Justice Department's botched handling of warrantless wiretaps related to the threat of terrorism and the firings of several U.S. attorneys.

As attorney general and earlier as White House counsel, Gonzales pushed for expanded presidential powers, including the eavesdropping authority. He drafted controversial rules for military war tribunals and sought to limit the legal rights of detainees at Guantanamo Bay — prompting lawsuits by civil libertarians who said the government was violating the Constitution in its pursuit of terrorists.

Bush and Gonzales had lunch over the weekend in advance of announcing his resignation. One said that Gonzales' resignation would take effect in two or three weeks.

Gonzales is among about a dozen senior administration officials to resign amid a protracted congressional investigation into whatever role politics played in the dismissal of eight U.S. attorneys.

"It has been a long and difficult struggle but at last, the attorney general has done the right thing and stepped down," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and one of the department's most vocal critics.

The flap over the fired prosecutors proved to be the final straw for Gonzales, whose truthfulness in testimony to Congress was drawn into question.

Lawmakers said the dismissals of the federal prosecutors appeared to be politically motivated, and some of the fired U.S. attorneys said they felt pressured to investigate Democrats before elections.

Rodeo queens visit



Courtesy photo

Miss Rodeo Top O Texas Mandy Poole and Shelby Robinson, Teen Miss Rodeo visited Meredith House last week. Carl Warner, a resident of Meredith House, appeared to enjoy the visit.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Grandview Hopkins ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, September 11, 2007 in Grandview Hopkins School, in meeting room, 11676 FM 293, Groon Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	(12.00%) (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	(12.00%) (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$123,490,602	\$114,308,584
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$28,451	\$60,120
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$114,870,912	\$105,783,594
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* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.210000	\$0.000000	\$1.210000	\$10,650	\$1,825
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.870000	\$0.000000	\$0.870000	\$9,757	\$1,065
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000	\$1.040000	\$9,083	\$3,025

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
 The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$17,912	\$18,055
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$7,912	\$8,055
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.210000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$95.74	\$83.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(11.97)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.84. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.84.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$430,710
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Aug. 27, 2007



PAMPA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 WELL EQUIPPED. WELL TRAINED. WELL WORTH IT.

FUN RUN / WALK • 5K RUN

Where: Central Park • Pampa, Texas
 (corner of Georgia & Mary Ellen)

When: September 3, 2007

- Registration Day of Race beginning at 7:00 am
- Fun Run/Walk (one mile) begins at 8:00 am
- 5K Run begins at 8:20 am

Entry Fees: Register By Mail Before August 29*

•Fun Run/Walk \$4.00 & 5K \$8.00

Register Day Of Race

•Fun Run/Walk \$5.00 & 5K \$10.00

ENTRY FORM

Mail Entry Form To: Pampa Regional Medical Center
Attention: Terry Barnes
One Medical Plaza • Pampa, Texas 79065

Last Name
 First Name.....
 Age..... Male Female
 City & State

Check One 5K Fun Run

T-Shirt Size Needed Youth/Med Youth/Large Adult/Small
 Adult/Medium Adult/Large Adult/X-Large

ALL ENTRY FEES DONATED TO PAMPA UNITED WAY

5-K MALE	5-K FEMALE	FUN RUN MALE	FUN RUN FEMALE
19 & UNDER	19 & UNDER	8 & UNDER	8 & UNDER
20-29	20-29	9-11	20-29
30-39	30-39	12-15	30-39
40-49	40-49	16-19	40-49
50+	50+	50+	50+