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**Vesociates** 

By KERRI SMITH Madeline Graves from Madeline Staff Writer Graves Dance and Gymnastics School board members approved awarding PE credit to students who participate in outside physical activity, adopted a resolution to tax tangible personal property in transit, heard a report on dress code violations and listened to several Pampa residents during the public com-

ments section of the regular school

board meeting held Monday

Digging project

evening.

Center spoke to board members about her request to allow junior high students to receive state physical education credit for activity at her studio. The board voted in favor of allowing credits from any vendor who meets state requirements for a TEKS-based structured physical activity program if the students participate in at least 450 minutes of activity each 10-day period and the

vendor conducts required assessments and provides the results to the school.

A public hearing was held regarding HB 621, which passed in the Texas Legislature this year to exempt goods in transit from taxation starting Jan. 1, 2008. No public comments were made regarding this subject. Board members discussed that if they do not continue taxing these goods they would probably have to raise the tax rate to make up

the difference in funding. So, they voted to adopt a resolution to continue taxing these goods.

Superintendent Barry Haenisch gave a report of the dress code violations at each campus for the first two weeks in September.

"The only elementary school which has any violations was Travis and they had two violations for hair," Haenisch said. "Pampa Learning

See SCHOOL, Page 3

## Lefors woman hospitalized after

dragging incident

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Lefors woman was airlifted to an Amarillo hospital this morning after being dragged by a vehicle, according to Lefors City Marshal Kerry Hodge.

Sis Boaz was taken by Guardian EMS Ambulance to White Deer, where she was transferred to a Life Star aircraft, after the incident occurred between 7 and 7:20 said.

Freddie Hutchinson, 39 of Lefors was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident. He remained in iail as of press time, awaiting arraignment.

Hutchinson allegedly dragged Boaz down a Lefors street for approximately two blocks with his vehicle. The vehicle was reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed at the time, according to wit-

nesses, Hodge said. "He says she's his aunt," Hodge said of a connection between suspect and victim.

Lefors Volunteer Fire Department, Lefors Volunteer Ambulance Service, Hodge a.m. today in Lefors, Hodge Guardian EMS all responded to the scene.

> The deadly weapon included in the charge against Hutchinson is the vehicle by which the victim was dragged.

> The incident, which was initially reported as a vehicle accident, remains under investigation.

## PGWCD to hold two hearings on Wednesday

Pampa News photo by MARILYN-POWERS

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District will hold two hearings Wednesday morning when they meet for their regular monthly session.

The first hearing will be on a resolution to tax goods in transit. Following their meeting, the board

BY KERRI SMITH

Staff Writer

afternoon, it was the end of a Pampa

landmark that has been around for

more than 50 years. The store closed

for good after months of liquidation

sales, which left the many employ-

ees saddened and looking for

Old Pampa city directories at

Lovett Memorial Library listed the

Pampa Dunlaps at 117-119 N.

Cuyler in 1956. It stayed at that

location for eight years, until it

moved to its signature store front

location in Coronado Center when

employment elsewhere.

When Dunlaps closed on Sunday

will hold a hearing on proposed depletion study areas and a proposed conservation area.

Heavy duty equipment was seen recently just off Highway 70 north of Pampa near the Canadian River Bridge. The equipment is being used to create a

small lake by T. Boone Pickens to enhance and broaden fish and wildlife habi-

tat and complement the river, according to Jay Rosser, public affairs officer

for BP Capital, Pickens' company. Pickens has constructed a number of small

lakes on his 55,000-acre Mesa Vista Ranch in Roberts County, Rosser said.

During their regular meeting the PGWCD board will consider the sale of tax delinquent properties in Potter and Donley counties.

They will also consider well permits in Gray, Roberts, Potter and Donley counties.

The following have requested permits to drill wells: Alvin Garcia in Potter County; Wondell R. Lutrell in Donley County; Corey Coronis and Rusty Stevens in Gray County; Dr. Mark Ford in Gray County; Steve Gray in Donley County; Roger Knight in Potter County; and the Mays Trust for four domestic well permits in Potter County.

Larry B. Rogers has requested a permit for a stock well in Roberts County.

Becky Epps Saltzman has requested an initial production permit and a transfer of 50 percent ownership of water rights to Mesa Water LP.

There have been two requests to

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Dunlaps closing leaves employees sad, wistful the shopping center was built in

> 1964. Barbara Jean Pipkin worked at

Dunlaps for almost 17 years. "I had to look for a job for my survival after my husband died 17 years ago," Pipkin said. "I started working in the shoe department and then moved to the home department, which I absolutely loved. The Martins have been a great family to work for and our manager Brenda has challenged us and worked with us, not against us. It's sad to give this up, but I don't have any regrets. We've been blessed to have a great group of people to work with.

"It hit us a few days ago that we wouldn't be together every day as co-workers any more and most of us cried. I can say though that this job is one good thing that came out of my husband's death. I never would have looked for a job and been hired here at Dunlaps and met these wonderful girls if I hadn't gone through the horrible death of my husband. I'm really going to miss these girls and all of the wonderful customers that we've had over the years."

Pipkin has done the books for Brandon's Flowers for a while now and she plans to work there full time now. She and another employee are

going to work there and do a little bit of everything including learning how to make floral arrangements.

Misty Auwen is another employee who is going to Brandon's Flowers. She worked at Dunlaps for a little over six years. She said she worked in the mens and juniors departments for four years and the last two years has worked behind the Clinique counter selling makeup and fragrances.

"When I was 16 years old, I decided to look for a job. Dunlaps was the only place I applied and

See **DUNLAPS**, Page 3



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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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## Fist fight at eatery lands Pampa man, 26, in jail

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A packet of sauce which landed in the wrong place touched off a fist fight at McDonald's Restaurant Monday night and ended in property damage, injuries and an arrest.

Two juveniles and an adult were at the restaurant at 1201 N. Hobart "clowning around," according to a Pampa Police Department spokeswoman, when during the course of their horseplay, a packet of sauce hit an adult male on the leg.

A fight between one of the juveniles and the man who had been hit by the sauce packet ensued, according to PPD reports. The incident was reported to the police at 10:57 p.m.

During the altercation, the window of a camper shell on in lieu of bonds totaling a vehicle parked at the \$3,545.

restaurant was broken, resulting in damage estimated at \$250. The owner of the vehicle was not involved in the incident.

The victim sought medical treatment for unknown injuries in connection with the incident.

Earl Franklin Knotts Jr., 26, of Pampa was arrested and charged with assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500. Other charges against him are capias pro fines for displaying expired registration, no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

No weapons were used during the fight, according to police reports.

Knotts remained in Gray County Jail as of press time

## **Obituaries**

## Services tomorrow.

MERCER, Frances Lillian - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Covington Cemetery, Covington, Okla.

#### Frances Lillian Mercer, 87

Frances Lillian Mercer, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 15, 2007, in Spearman, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ken Carter officiating.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at the Covington Cemetery in Covington, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. was born Dec. 17, 1919, in Hayward, Okla., Raymond Mary Stratton, and she was reared on a farm. She married Clyde Wesley Mercer on Jan. 9, 1939, and they

had two children. Mercer Frances was a Deer-Skellytown school disCollege. She was a member of the First **Baptist Church and** 

the Pampa Book Club. Although small in stature, Frances embraced life in a

big way. She was preced-

ed in death by her school teacher in the White husband, Clyde; her son, Tommy Ray Mercer; her sistrict and also taught at ter, Nadeane Vick; and her

son-in-law, Jerry Dean Mills. Clarendon Junior Survivors include her

daughter, Sandra Kay Mills of Perryton; three grandchildren, Tomi Kay Repass of Arlington, Kelly Wade Mills of Austin and Mark Wesley Mercer of Atlanta, Ga.; fourgreat-grandchildren, Kaye Mills, Haley Paige Mills and Casey Jane Mills, all of Austin, and Wesley Ellis Mercer of Childress.

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## **Emergency Services**

#### Pampa PD

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

Eleven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 2300 block of Primrose, the 1000 block of East Foster and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill and the 1000 block of North Price Road.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Rider, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 2100 block of North Nelson, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 800 block of South Faulkner, twice in the 700 block of Locust, once in the 800 block of Bradley Drive, twice in the 1600 block of North Nelson, once in the 1200 block of North Russell, the 1100 block of West McCullough, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 200 block of Tignor, the 200 block of West Foster, the 900 block of Twiford, the 700 block of Sloan, the 1000 block of Farley, the 600 block of North Christy, and the intersection of 18th and Wells

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of South Wells, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and the 400 block of Roberta.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of East Francis A suspicious person call was

received from the 500 block of North

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 100 block of South Naida, the 100 block of Osage and the 600 block of East Frederic.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Foster and the 700 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Yeager.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.

A domestic disturbance, assault, criminal mischief and theft were reported in the 200 block of Miami. Minor injuries to the facial area were reported and did not need medical attention. Taken was an estimated \$500 in cash, and a cell phone was broken.

Assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at McDonald's, 1201 N. Hobart. A window of a camper shell was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$250. Medical treatment was sought for unknown injuries. An arrest was made in connection with the inci-

Purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported.

Identity theft was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. Estimated value of loss in connection with the incident is \$330.

Forgery was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

#### Sheriff

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

Monday, Sept. 17 Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police

Department for assault causing bodily injury, criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500, and capias pro fines for, displaying expired registration, no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Andrew Scott Cooper, 21, of Pampa, was arrested in the 500 block of North Nelson by PPD for purchasing/furnish-,.. ing alcohol to a minor.

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported .. the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Sept. 17

7:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded ... to the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

3:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dogwood. Call

3:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded ... to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to BSA Hospice.

4:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded on Highway 60 1-mile west of FM

5:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Reynolds Ranch Road. Call can-

11:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

1:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded Earl Franklin Knotts Jr., 26, of to the 1600 block of Buckler. No trans-

## Traffic congestion increases in metro areas

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drivers waste nearly an entire work week each year sitting in traffic on the way to and from their jobs, according to a national study released today.

The nation's drivers languished in traffic delays for a total of 4.2 billion hours in 2005, up from 4 billion the year before, according to the Texas Traffic Institute's urban mobility report. That's about 38 hours per driver.

"Things are bad and they're getting worse," said Alan Pisarski, a transportation expert and the author of 'Commuting in America."

"We've used up the capacity that had been bequeathed to us by a previous generation, and we haven't replaced it," Pisarski said.

The study summed it up this way: "Too many people, too many trips over too short of a time period on a system that is too small."

The study estimates that drivers wasted 2.9 billion gallons of fuel while sitting in traffic. Together with the lost time, traffic delays cost the nation \$78.2 billion, the study estimates.

High gasoline prices appear to have cut into optional driving but not commuting to work, said David Schrank, an associate research scientist at the Texas

Transportation Institute, which is part of Texas A&M University. 'We're really not seeing drops in the

peak travel times," said Schrank, a coauthor of the study. About three-quarters of all com-

muters drive alone to work, according to census data. The study provided detailed informa-

tion on traffic congestion in the nation's 85 largest metropolitan areas.

The Los Angeles metro area had the worst congestion, delaying drivers an average of 72 hours a year. It was followed by Atlanta, San Francisco,' Washington and Dallas.

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## First BP blast settlement made

GALVESTON, (AP) — The first trial stemming from the deadly explosion at BP PLC's Texas City refinery ended in a settlement, a spokesman for the

oil company said today. The trial over the 2005 accident, which killed 15 people and injured 170, began Sept. 5. It was the only one of the thousands stemming from the blast to reach the courtroom.

"It occurred overnight," said BP spokesman Neil Chapman, who declined to provide details. "We don't talk about the settlements. worked since the explosion for the four workers who to settle so people don't have to go to court."

More than 1,300 other

suits have been settled.

Before the latest settlement,

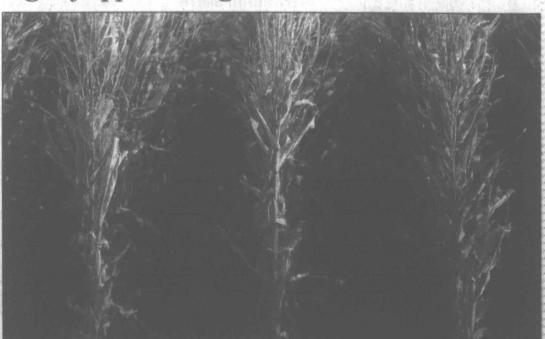
the explosion cost the London oil company at least \$2 billion in compensation payouts, repairs and lost

The accident at the plant, about 40 miles southeast of Houston, occurred after a piece of equipment called a blowdown drum overfilled with highly flammable liquid hydrocarbons.

The brief trial featured testimony from Don Parus, the former manager of the plant, who defended the company's safety record and denied assertions that profits drove delays in repairs.

Brent Coon, an attorney were injured in the blast, tried to portray Parus' comments as in contrast to workers' comments in a study two months before the blast.

## Sign of approaching autumn



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Awaiting harvest, stalks of corn stand against the windy conditions this week east of Pampa.

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Dunlaps employees working the last weekend the store was open. From left are Bobbie West, Cheri Beedy, Brenda Humphrey, Mary Roye, Isset Solis, Abby Weaver, Misty Auwen, Debbie Weaver, Barbara Jean Pipkin and Kay

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then was hired and I've worked here ever since," Auwen said. "I really like my job because of the people I work with. My co-workers are my best friends and we have a lot of memories. Not only do we work together during the day, but we also have get-togethers and parties outside of work. I'm really going to miss every-

Kay Bowers wanted a job to fill her time after her kids left home after graduating from high school.

"I knew that if I didn't have something to occupy my time after my kids left home, I'd really have empty nest syndrome," Bowers said. "I've been here for about seven years and the people are the reason I stayed this long. I really enjoy working with the public which was a surprise. I've really come out of my shell since I've worked here. My co-workers are my second family and we are all very close!" batte

Bowers is going to take a break from working for a while and just see what happens after that.

Bobby West has worked at Dunlaps part-time for eight years. Her main job is as secretary for the high school counselors office.

"I wanted a part-time job so I decided to apply here," West said. "I will miss everyone because the best part of this job is the people I work with. Closing the store has not been fun. I'm not sure what I'll do after we close. I'll probably take some time off because I don't think I've had a Saturday off in almost eight years."

Cheri Beedy has worked at two different Dunlaps stores. She started working at the one in Liberal, Kan., in the womens department. When her husband's job transferred him to Amarillo, they decided to live in Pampa so she could work at the Dunlap's in Pampa. Her husband did the commuting so she did not have to drive to her job.

"I transferred to the Estee

Lauder counter and I love selling makeup and doing makeovers," Beedy said. "I will miss this job because I really looked forward to coming to work every day. I've filled out a few applications and have a few interviews scheduled, but I don't have another job lined up

After retiring from First National Bank five years ago, Mary Roye wanted a part-time job and she knew some people who worked at Dunlaps so she applied and was hired.

"I worked in the ladies department and I really liked it because it wasn't stressful like the bank," Roye said. "This has just been a fun place to work and Brenda has been a very good boss to work for. I haven't decided what I'm going to do after we close, but I'll probably look for another part-time

Isset Solis, who has worked at Dunlaps for one year and seven months, plans on staying home and not getting another job after leaving Dunlaps. This is because she is expecting her first child, a girl, in early December.

"I came here for a job because I had friends that worked here," Solis said. "Before working here, I hardly ever shopped here. My friends talked me into applying here and now I'm glad because we are all very close friends. I plan on staying at home and taking care of my baby, which is due in about two months."

Abby Weaver had left Dunlaps to attend college at WTA&M University for speech pathology, but she returned to work the final weekend that the store was

"I've worked here for one year and four months, but then left to go to college," Weaver said. "Eyeryone here is great to work with and I wanted to come back to Pampa and work the final weekend with these girls. The people were the best part of this job."

Weaver's mother, Debbie, went to work at Dunlaps this summer because she knew this would be her daughter's last summer at home and she wanted to hang out with her

"I am the gopher or tidbit girl," Debbie Weaver said. "I have done whatever Brenda or the other girls needed, such as run errands, move items around or clean. I knew that closing a store would be a lot of work and I'm glad that I could help these girls out. Brenda has been marvelous to work for and this store has brought joy to the lives of a lot of people in Pampa."

Debbie Weaver spends most of her time as a sixth grade math teacher at Pampa Junior High School, which she said she absolutely loves

The manager who all of the employees seemed to enjoy working for is Brenda Humphrey. She has been with Dunlaps for five years and has been the manager for about four and a half years. She worked at a downtown gift shop, but needed a change and that is what led her to Dunlaps.

"After working here about nine months, the manager position opened Humphrey said. "I really enjoy working with everyone here. It's like a family up here. We've had wonderful customers that made us feel special and hopefully we've made them feel special too. I'm really going to miss working at Dunlaps.

Humphrey is going to take two weeks off and then will be the manager at The Shoe Dept., the new shoe store near Wal-Mart.

employees The Dunlaps wanted to write a short note to Pampa residents and the other clothing and home stores and it reads as follows:

"An era has ended with the closing of Dunlaps. We leave with our heads high with no shame. We were successful and we worked hard to be on top. Success is never given to any person, it is earned from hard work and dedication. We wish our competitors well, but to remember you can have all of the merchandise but you always have to be a step ahead. Every customer, large or small is important. The little sale from that person may just put you ahead for that day. Thanks to all we have served."

Center did not have any violations either. Pampa Junior High had 26 violations with 14 of those for sagging pants, 10 for shirts and only one of those for wording on shirts. The high school had 47 total violations for the two-week period and only five of these were for wording on shirts. Also at the high school, there were six repeat offenders who have received their second violation. We feel these numbers are pretty good considering all of the students we have.'

Before the school started this year, the board approved a new dress code that stated if 20 violations for inappropriate writing on shirts occur at any campus during a month, the dress code will be changed and no writing will be allowed on shirts at all.

Danny Seabourn, principal at Pampa High School, said he feels the meetings that were held last school year were beneficial because it educated parents and students on exactly what dress is acceptable.

A parent who has a child attending Pampa Junior High School was there to speak during the public comments section of the meeting.

"I just wanted to thank the board for bringing Mr. Paul Nies to the junior high as the new principal this year," the parent said. "He has done an outstanding job so far this year with the students, the discipline and the security at the school. I tried to walk into the school building the other day to see how far I could get before being approached and I was immediately stopped and questioned. I appreciate the higher level of security. I feel Mr. Neis is the best thing that could have happened at the junior high school and I wanted you to know."

Ed Copeland from the Gray County Juvenile Probation Office also spoke during this time of the meet-

"The students that we work with are sent to us through referrals by school officials and law enforcement," Copeland said. "Last year at this time, we had

## Water

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amend existing permits. McIntyre-Christner has requested a change in their contiguous acres from 9,200 acres to 239 acres.

Larry B. Rogers has requested a change in his contiguous acres from 7,000 to 160.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District will meet beginning at 9 a.m., Wednesday in the Windmill Room of their offices at 201 W. Third in White Deer.

## School

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already received dozens of referrals and were getting at least two or three calls a day about problems with junior high kids. This year so far, we have not received any referrals from the junior high kids. We are just not seeing any problems with the kids this age so far this year and I think it's because of the new principal, Mr. Nies. It's encouraging to see this great change for the better. We've received a few referrals from the high school, but we haven't seen

near the number as last year at this time."

Board members set a district wide goal for energy conservation to reduce the annual electric consumption by five percent each year for the next six years. They feel this can be accomplished by installing efficiency light bulbs, having teachers and custodians turn off lights when not being used and setting the thermostats at more efficient levels during the night and weekends.



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# Viewpoints

## English may indeed be difficult language to learn

The English language is someone who had called much closer to home. considered by some to be a difficult language to learn if it is not one's native tongue. Maybe that's why it can also provide some rib-tickling moments.

It has been said that America and England are two countries separated by the same language. I think that means that although both countries' official language is English, the accents are far different and not all the words mean the same thing on both sides of the Atlantic anymore.

One example of this occurred recently when I happened to overhear a public servant passing along contact information for

about a problem requiring the services of her department. "I couldn't understand her. She's English," the public servant said while giving the contact information:

I had my own moment of problem at confusion when interviewing a fellow from Britain. I had no problem understanding him until he came to the word "bottles." I thought he was saying "balls" until he indicated that he was talking about containers for liquids.

Not all incomprehensible accents are from other countries. America is large enough that each region has its own unique way of speaking, and sometimes that can misunderstandings

One time I was in Denver, Colo., at an antiques store. The clerk asked if I needed any help, and I asked about an item I was interested in. I had

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all understanding her, but she Staff Writer claimed she couldn't understand a word I

was saying. Rather than continue to butt my head against a verbal brick wall, I left the store. To this day, I don't know why she couldn't understand me. And I have no intention of ever going back to that store if I ever visit Denver again. Some words can leave one

mentally scratching one's head, no matter what accent is used. For example, "dis" is a prefix when found at the

beginning of most words, rather than part of the root word itself. It modifies the meaning of the root

word.

Why, then, do we have the word "disgruntled" when there is no such word as "gruntled"? If someone is "dismayed," they are filled with fear or concern. So why aren't they "mayed" if they

feel the opposite? Is a "pute" the opposite of a "dispute"?

Then there are the words and phrases which make me think that the ability to count isn't required when coining new elements of a language. We refer to certain single things with a plural designation. Examples are a pair of pants and a pair of under-

A pair of pants and a pair of underwear are each one piece of clothing. If the phrases refer to the pants and underwear having two legs, why don't we say a pair of shirts, since a shirt has two arms?

I can understand saying a pair of shoes or a pair of socks, since there are actually two pieces involved in making up such pairs.

But what about a pair of eyeglasses? Eyeglasses are one unit, even though they cover two eyes.

I think I'm beginning to understand why some say that English is a difficult language to learn. The words come from different root languages such as Latin, Greek, Spanish and Germanic tongues, and they sound different in different parts of the country. Sometimes they even defy logic.

It's enough to leave one feeling disgruntled and dismayed.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2007. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the

In 1810, Chile made its initial declaration of independence

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their

owners. In 1851, the first edi-

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tion of The New York Times was published.

Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations. In 1947, the National

Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27. In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1987, the movie "Fatal Attraction," starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, opened in U.S. theaters.

Ten years ago: Two gunmen opened fire on a group of German tourists in front of the Egyptian Museum in downtown Cairo, killing nine of the tourists and a bus driver. Voters in Wales narrowly approved a British government offer to set up a Welsh assembly. Media mogul Ted Turner pledged to spend \$1 billion on United Nations causes.

Five years ago: The Bush administration pressed Congress to take the lead in authorizing force against Iraq, with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asserting, "It serves no U.S. or U.N. purpose to give Saddam Hussein excuses for further delay." In Paris, wartime collaborator Maurice Papon, 92, walked out of prison after judges ruled him too old and sick to finish his 10-year sentence for helping send Jews to Nazi death

One year ago: An Iranian-American telecommunications entrepreneur, Anousheh Ansari, took off on a Russian rocket bound for the international space station, becoming the the world's first paying female space tourist. Aboard the space station, an oxygen generator overheated and spilled a toxic irritant, forcing the crew to don masks and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

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## Hilary, others talk down to black audience

"I don't feel no ways tired. I come too far from where I started from. Nobody told me that the road would be easy. I don't believe He brought me this far," drawled presidential aspirant Hillary Clinton, mimicking black voice to a black audience, at the First Baptist Church of Selma, Ala.

I'm wondering if Mrs. Clinton visits an Indian reservation she might cozy up to them saying, "How! Me not tired. Me come heap long way. Road mighty rough. Sky Spirit no bring me this far." Or, seeking the Asian vote she might say, "I no wray tired. Come too far I started flum. Road berry clooked. Number Dragon King take me far."

The occasion of Mrs. Clinton's speech was the 42nd anniversary of Bloody Sunday, on March 7, 1965, when 600 civil rights marchers were attacked by police with billy clubs, cattle prods and tear gas, one of the high points in the black civil rights struggle.

Commemorating a key point in American history is one thing, but a white person mimicking

black Walter dialect is demeaning **Williams** and insulting. And, if Columnist it buys her votes from

those attendance, not much flattering can be said about them.

Mrs. Clinton explained her drawl, around black audiences, to a meeting of the National of Black Association Journalists, "I lived all those years in Arkansas, and, you know, I'm in this interracial marriage." The interracial marriage bit has to do with the frequent reference to former President Clinton, by the Congressional Black Caucus and others, as the "first black president."

Mrs. Clinton is not alone in demeaning talk to black people; she's in good company with Jesse Jackson and

Sharpton,

who talk of

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House" and from disgrace to amazing grace" and other such nonsense. Neither Clinton nor the Revs. Sharpton and Jackson address white audiences in

that manner. Before a predominantly black audience, during his 2004 presidential bid, Sen. John Kerry said, in reference to so many blacks in prison, "That's unacceptable, but it's not their fault." I doubt

whether Kerry would have told a white audience that jailed white people were faultless. Kerry probably holds whites responsible for their criminal behavior.

NAACP 2004, In President Kweisi Mfume said of President George Bush, "We have a president that's prepared to take us back to the days of Jim Crow segregation and dominance." During the 2000 presidential campaign, the Rev. Jesse Jackson warned black audiences by telling them that a Bush win would turn the civil rights clock back to the days of Jim Crow. Now that Bush's twoterm presidency is near its end, why wouldn't someone ask Jesse and Kweisi about the accuracy of their predic-

Suppose some demagogue in 2000 told Jewish Americans that a Bush pres-

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#### Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Sept. 9 The Dallas Morning News on Iraqi political problems:

In announcing the troop surge in Iraq on Jan. 10, President Bush told Americans that our commitment to that troubled nation "is not open-ended." The surge, he said, must go beyond a military strategy to include political progress by the Iraqi government.

As he said at the time, "America will hold the Iraqi government to the benchmarks it has announced."

Eight months and 30,000 deployments later, the surge's results are coming in. A comprehensive assessment by the non-

partisan Government Accounting Office finds that the Iraqi government has only met a handful of the benchmarks the White House established in January. Most importantly, Iraqi political factions have failed to take advantage of U.S.-led military gains to build a stable central government.

The recent National Intelligence Estimate called the Iraqi government 'weak" and predicted it would only grow more feeble in the coming months.

A fresh study commissioned by Congress in May and released Wednesday reported dismal news on the Iraqi security services. Gen. James Jones, the retired U.S. Marine Corps commandant and head of the study commission, testified that Iraq's

Interior Ministry was hopelessly corrupt and the national police force so compromised by militias it should be disbanded.

Why is this so important to keep in mind now? Because, as Mr. Bush said in January, the purpose of the surge was not merely to reduce violence. It was to reduce violence to create the opportunity for a political settlement. Adm. Michael Mullen, incoming head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress earlier this year that "there is no purely military solution in Iraq" and that if the Iraqis didn't come together to work out their disputes, "no amount of troops in no amount of time will make much of a difference."

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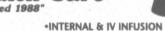
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## Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to respond to "Grateful Mom" (July 13), the widow who, in her time of need, was invited by her son Neil and his partner to live with them despite having rejected Neil in the past because he is gay. I have a gay son, too, and I would not trade him for anyone. He is the most loving and caring son any parent could ever have. I consider myself very lucky. When it was time for me to relocate, it was his partner who first approached me about moving across the state to be near them. My son helped me find a cute little house to buy. My two dogs and I are very happy. I will not have grandchildren, but I do have granddogs and another wonderful son. I am blessed. - ANOTHER GRATE-**FUL MOM IN FLORIDA** 

DEAR ANOTHER MOM: I am pleased that things are going so well for you. The responses to "Grateful Mom's" letter were heartwarming. They serve as a reminder that acceptance, love and recognition of the importance of family can triumph over intolerance and fear. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was touched that "Grateful Mom" was able to reconcile with her son and forge a wonderful relationship with him. My oldest brother was gay, and my parents welcomed his life partner into our family. We all have open minds and hearts about individuality. I was saddened to read that "Grateful's" other children denied their mother a place in their homes. I took care of my mom in her final years, and although it was difficult for me to watch her health deteriorate, I was honored to be able to spend her last moments with her. I cherish those memories. - CATHY IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: I am the father of three boys, one of whom is gay. "Grateful Mom" had forgotten the most basic of things -that your child is a part of you, and we must love, support and participate in our children's lives. This is what's missing in How hopeful! - BERKELEY, CALIF., our society today, and it is causing all kinds READER

of issues for the next generation. I love all my sons, and I am proud of them. I hope "Grateful" continues to enjoy her son and continues to share the lessons she is learning. - PROUD DAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: My mom came out to me and my brother about five years ago. She had been with men her whole life and, while we were shocked, we understood we could react in one of two ways. We could either accept her and her girlfriend, "Daphne," or disown her and have to explain to our children why they couldn't see their "nana." We decided to accept my mother for who she is and welcome Daphne into the family. It was one of the best choices my brother and I ever made. Daphne loves my kids and can't wait to see them (she lives in Australia) later this year. My kids call her "Nana Daph." She is the best thing that ever happened to my mom, and I'm thankful she's in our lives. I'm happy that "Grateful Mom" learned to accept and appreciate her son and his partner exactly the way they are. - JEN-**NIFER IN INDIANAPOLIS** 

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for recommending P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to your readers. It is an organization that provides understanding and support to both gays and their families. I have a lesbian daughter who has brought me much joy and pride. I went to P-FLAG when she first came out, and it was the wisest thing I ever did for the two of us. - BENITA IN SAN **DIEGO** 

DEAR ABBY: "Grateful" said her two daughters and one of her sons "married well." Sounds to me like Neil is the one who married well. Her letter made me cry. If only the world could be half as tolerant as Neil and his partner, Ron. Because of their good hearts and generous spirits, even that intolerant mother was able to change.

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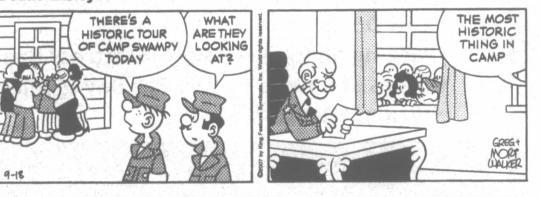
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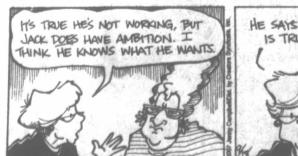


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#### Events calendar

• Pampa Community Concert Association "Presents Live on Stage" is conducting its annual membership drive for three weeks in September starting Sept. 10. Scheduled concerts in Pampa are Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Nov. 5; Saxophobia with Rob Verdi, March 31, 2008; and "Revolution, A Tribute to the Beatles," May 6, 2008. All local concerts will kick-off at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Concerts scheduled in Borger are The Juggernaut Jug Band, Sept. 20; The Celtic Tenors, Nov. 4; and Angela Jia Kim, pianist, Feb. 12, 2008. For more information, Ruth Riehart at 665-3362 or Glennette Goode at 665-9432.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. The event will include music with Svetlana Petry; a film and lecture with Art-o-Mat creator Clark Whittington; a children's and adult art activity; and a coffee tasting. To find out more, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• Panhandle Regional Advisory Council has announced the date for the annual EMS/Trauma Regional Needs Assessment will be Thursday. The event will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital Pavilion Auditorium in Amarillo. All area residents are invited to attend and to comment at the meeting. A progress report on needs identified in 2006 will be presented. Organizers are also soliciting comments/concerns in writing. Any comments will be addressed during the forum. For more information, call (806) 358-7114, fax (806) 353-1823, e-mail kay.harris@panhandlerac.com or write RAC office, 4101 Mockingbird, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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idency would mean concentration camps, or told Japanese-Americans that his presidency would mean internment? Do you think such pronouncements would have been welcomed and applauded? I'm sure that had someone made such a stupid pre-

diction to Jewish and Japanese-Americans, they would have had ridicule and scorn heaped upon them.

What does it say about blacks who can be taken in by pandering, alarmist non-sense from both whites and blacks as a means to get their votes? As a black man, I don't find the most obvious answer very flattering.

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

## Iraq

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Viewed through that prism, and by the Bush administration's own measure, the surge has failed not through the fault of U.S. troops but because of squabbling Iraqi politicians.

How is the president reacting? By attempting to move the goalposts. On Aug. 30, a White House spokeswoman admitted that Iraqis in charge of their nation's fate "have not met the benchmarks" but added, somewhat preposterously, that the benchmarks had been set too high, even though the administration previously agreed to them.

The White House now touts as a sign of progress the alliance Sunni tribal leaders in Anbar province have made with U.S. forces to fight al-Qaeda. While that is encouraging, there also is real concern that Americans are simply equipping Sunnis for an inevitable civil war with the majority Shiites who dominate the Baghdad government.

In the maddening zerosum game of Iraqi politics, progress with the Sunnis means we're probably losing ground with the Shiites.

This is the context in which to assess this week's much-anticipated reports to Congress from Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador. Both men are among the most highly respected in their fields. Although a recent CNN poll found that three out of four Americans say their minds won't be changed, no matter what they hear this week, it behooves all of us to listen to Gen. Petraeus and Mr. Crocker with as much of an open mind as one can muster after four years of chaos.

To be clear, a fair hearing does not mean listening uncritically. The president's benchmarks have not been met. The Iraqi government is nowhere close to a political solution. The U.S. military will have to begin a serious drawdown of forces after April 2008, as top U.S. commanders have warned repeatedly that troop levels

cannot be sustained past that date. If there has been no substantial reconciliation among the Iraqi factions by then, any progress our soldiers have made will disap-

When the general and the ambassador take center stage this week, Congress and the American people should listen for assurances

that the gains being made in the surge, however limited, can be sustained past April.

If they cannot make that case convincingly, why wait until April and endure more loss of American life to accept the inevitable drawdown of forces?

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment?"

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the **Texas Department of Agriculture under** which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

> PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

> PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first me equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a dis closure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

> PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a ser .ce-connected 100 percent disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a dis-

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

abled veteran is entitled."

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

> PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

> PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

> PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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#### **PAKISTAN**

## Musharraf to give up army post after re-election

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf will step down as army chief only after he is re-elected as president, a government lawyer said today. The plan was denounced by exiled opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's party as unconstitutional.

Bhutto's party threatened to withdraw its lawmakers from Parliament unless "steps for national reconciliation" are taken.

Monday's announcement by government attorney Sharifuddin Pirzada was the first clear official statement that Musharraf is ready to end direct military rule, eight years after he seized power in a bloodless coup.

Musharraf plans to win a new five-year term in a vote by all federal and provincial lawmakers due by Oct. 15, a month before the end of his current term. However, his authority has waned in recent months

after a failed attempt to sack the Supreme Court's top judge, and the opposition insists that the U.S.-allied general is ineligible to continue as head of state.

He also faces a wave of violence blamed on Taliban and al-Qaida militants that has intensified popular discontent with his alliance with Washington.

Pirzada announced Musharraf's intentions in the Supreme Court as judges heard petitions challenging his dual role as president and army chief and his eligibility for the presidential vote.

"If elected for the second term as president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf shall relinquish charge of the office of the chief of army staff soon after election, but before taking the oath of office of the president of Pakistan for the next term," Pirzada said.

Mushahid Hussain, secretary general of ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q party, forecast that Musharraf's decision about his military role "will lower the political temperature and it will deprive the opposition of a major contentious issue."

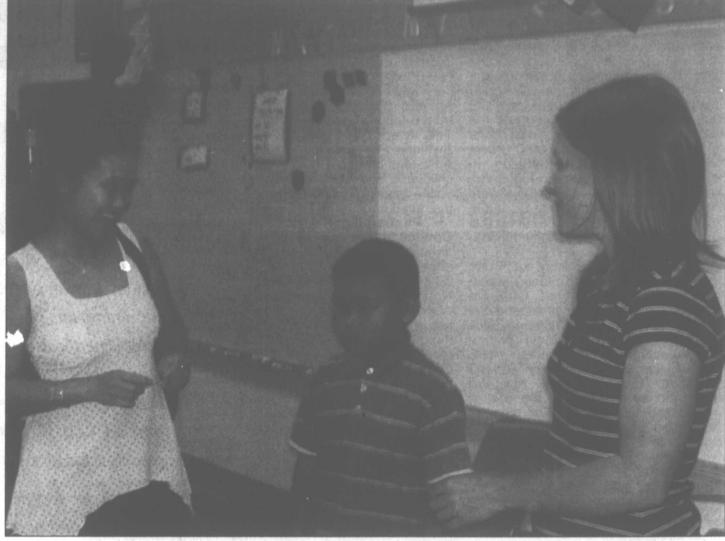
"It divided the Pakistan polity. It had undermined Pakistan's international image because people said you don't have full democracy. I think we have moved on," Hussain told reporters on the steps of the court.

However, opponents said they would continue their campaign against Musharraf's continued rule.

"He is blackmailing. This is a threat from him. He is saying that first you elect me as the president and then I will quit as the army chief," said Zafar Ali Shah, a leader of the party of Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted as prime minister in the 1999 coup.

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## Travis Elementary



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

Anthony Nguyen and his mother, Thao Luong, visited with his teacher, Miss Miller, during open house at Travis Elementary School recently.

## Goldmans seek memorabilia linked to O.J. arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the Goldman family has its way, it may soon own the sports memorabilia O.J. Simpson is accused of committing armed robbery to recover for himself. Meanwhile, one man charged with the former football star said today that the Las Vegas hotel room dispute seemed like a setup.

Walter Alexander, 46, said Simpson may have been tricked because the memorabilia dealer who tipped him off also recorded everything on tape.

"It sounds like a setup to me," Alexander told ABC's "Good Morning America" today. He said Simpson had

thought the memorabilia belonged to him after getting a call from the dealer. "He did believe that he was going to

retrieve his own property," Alexander Simpson was being held without bail today in Clark County Detention

Center on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon. Witnesses and authorities have said that they don't believe Simpson had a gun but that some of the men with him did. If convicted, Simpson could receive up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count.

Simpson has been in and out of the

spotlight since he was acquitted of murder in the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman.

The Goldman family, which won a civil verdict against Simpson, has waged a decade-long campaign to track down and claim his assets to fulfill the civil verdict. It planned to file a request in Superior Court today to obtain ownership of the sports memorabilia seized.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said he believed Nevada authorities would turn over the items with a court order after Simpson's criminal case finishes.



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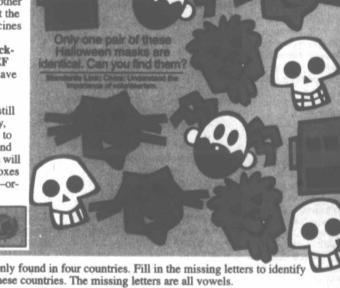
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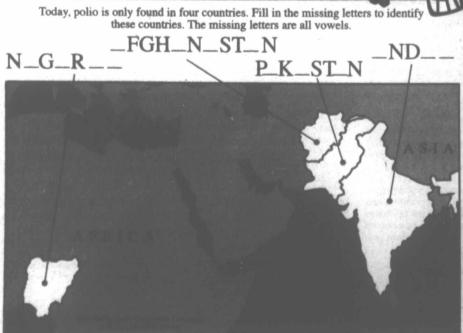
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Lesson Library Health in the News

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Select a newspaper article about someone who is ill. What is wrong with the person? What kind of treatment did the story mention? Write about the last time you were sick and what you had to do to get well.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write personal narratives that describe an event.

## Write On! Why the truth?

Tell about a time you were tempted to lie but had the courage to tell the truth.

## Kid Scoop Together:

Try This At Home With a parent or learning buddy

at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline. Write what you think

The headline usually tells what happened and gives the general idea of a story. This is called an effect. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the cause? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following: Headline (effect):

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VOCABULARY BUILDERS This week's word:

VACCINE The noun vaccine means a medicine that blocks against

Try to use the word vaccine

in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

PHJS cross country

team makes history

# Sports Day

## PHS CC improves time, but not place

After doing well at their last meet in Perryton, the PHS cross country team competed in Amarillo this past

The team also did well in Amarillo - or better, depending on which way you look at it.

"Everyone improved on their time, but our places did not improve," head coach Mark Elms said.

The varsity boys placed 10th out of 10 teams.

The varsity girls got 8th place out of 10 teams, and the JV girls were in 9th place among 13 teams.

Individual results are as follows:				
Varsity Boys-	Time	Place		
Miguel Tapia	18:48	24th		
Cesar Marrufo	19:02	30th		
Victor Quezada	20:54	58th		
Ryan Fruedenrich	21:44	62th		
Michael Fisher	22:55	69th		
Varsity Girls-				
Faby Soria	12:36	4th		
Hailey Nies	14:04	41st		
Kaci Reyes	15:29	67th		
Whitney Webster	15:33	69th		



Courtesy photo

PHS cross country runners line up to pose on the track at Harvester Field.

Audri Leal	15:45	70th	Bianca Hernandez	19:40	132nd
JV Girls- Teysha Parker Cecilia Garcia Amanda Harkins Jessica Ramirez	14:57 15:29 16:30 17:53	25th 48th 84th 111th	The cross country into their open week and will not compete Sept. 29 when they tra	cend this again un	week,

## football players suspended amid sexual assault probe

No charges filed after college

MILLERSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Police will not file charges in a suspected sexual assault that led to the suspension of nine Millersville University football players because the alleged victim refuses to cooperate, authorities said Tuesday.

For the first time since

This past weekend, the

junior high team traveled to

Follett where both the boys

and girls captured first place,

for the first time in PJHS his-

Follett are as follows:

Individual results from

1995, the Pampa Junior High

girls took first place at last

week's meet in Perryton.

The 19-year-old woman and several witnesses reported the Sept. 2 encounter at party in an off-campus apart-

Police said Tuesday that

they decided to drop the case after consulting with prosecutors.

Junior High Boys- Place

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1st

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Rudy Rodriguez Trace Carter

Junior High Girls-

Kaitlynn Ramirez

Jesse Cruz

Sam Cain

Cole Engle

Arin Rice

Bree Howard J'Cee Howard

Danielle Savoir

Kendle Ramey

"Investigators met with the female victim on several occasions, however she has informed them that she no longer wishes to be involved in any criminal proceedings," Lancaster city police said in a statement.

The nine players were ordered to turn in their uniforms and have no contact with the football team.

## Volleyball hits the courts tonight in Dumas

The varsity and JV volleyball girls will travel to Dumas tonight to take on

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"We've been working hard on a certain offensive plan against Dumas," head coach Tandi Hudson said, "We've been working on how to make our

defense respond well to Dumas' offense."

Along with fine-tuning familiar fundamentals, the girls have focused especially on how to play off Dumas' weaknesses.

"They've been putting forth a lot of

effort this past week," Hudson said, "And I expect them to do very well

The JV will begin at 6 p.m. in Dumas, and the varsity will follow shortly after.

## Football boosters

Football Boosters are getting ready for Homecoming and encourage everyone to get involved.

If football parents of freshman, JV and varsity would like to view tapes of the games, purchase DVDs of the games or listen to a report by the coaches, come to the booster club meetings in the ready room on Monday nights at 7.

Thanks to so many of you for purchasing football items from the Harvester Hut -- all proceeds help support the football program.

## WTAMU Men's soccer continues unbeaten streak with 3-0 win over Texas **A&M International**

CANYON. Texas Freshman Ben Everson scored twice in just over four minutes in the first half to lead West Texas A&M to a 3-0 win over Texas A&M International on Monday at The Pitch. Senior René Gómez rounded out the netted a goal just five minutes into the second half; he yards out. also tallied an assist on Everson's first goal. With the win, the Buffs improve to a

perfect 5-0 on the season.

Everson broke open the scoring when he took a pass

Senior Kenneth Christensen helped Everson

from Gómez inside the box and challenged TAMIU goalkeeper Noe Pantoja oneon-one. Everson touched the ball to the left side of the goal, just out of Pantoja's Buffaloes' scoring when he reach, and buried his shot into the open net from three

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## Goldman family seeks memorabilia at center of dispute that led to Simpson arrest, lawyer says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the Goldman family has its way, "it may soon own the sports memorabilia that O.J. Simpson is accused of committing armed robbery to recover for himself.

Since winning a multimillion-dollar settlement against Simpson in Ron Goldman's death, the family has waged a decade-long campaign to track down and claim Simpson's assets.

That effort hasn't stopped with the NFL star's arrest following a confrontation with memorabilia collectors in a Las Vegas hotel room. On Tuesday, the family plans to file request in Superior Court to obtain ownership of the sports memorabilia seized.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said he believed Nevada authorities would turn over the items with a court order after Simpson's criminal case finishes. The items include Simpson's Hall of Fame certificate, a gold Rolex watch and the suit Simpson wore on the day he was acquitted, Cook said.

"Assuming that this case is resolved one way or another, at the end of the case, the stuff will never go back to Mr. Simpson," Cook vowed. "He's going to walk out of Clark County empty-handed."

Simpson was being held without bail Tuesday in Clark County Detention Center on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon. If convicted, he could receive up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Another man suspected in the alleged heist surrendered Monday. Clarence Stewart, 53, of Las Vegas, lived at one of the residences that police searched early Sunday to recover some of the memorabilia.

Stewart turned over some of the missing goods, including footballs bearing autographs, police said. He was being held on six felony charges, including robbery with a deadly weapon and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Another man, Walter Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., was released without bail. He faces charges almost identical to Simpson's.

A fourth man, Tom Scotto, was questioned and cleared of suspicion after police concluded he was not in the room, reducing the number of outstanding suspects to two, police said. Both were apparently seeking attorneys and preparing to surrender, police said.

Simpson's arraignment was set for Wednesday. Yale Galanter, Simpson's

lawyer, said he was preparing a bond motion and will ask for Simpson's release on his own recognizance.

"If it was anyone other than O.J. Simpson, he would have been released by now," he said.

"You can't rob something that is yours," Galanter said. "O.J. said, You've got stolen property. Either you return it or I call the police."

The Goldmans hope the property never finds its way back to Simpson.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica returned \$33.5 million in judgments against Simpson in a wrongful-death lawsuit by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Goldman.

The jury awarded \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Ron Goldman's estate and a total of \$25 million in punitive damages, divided equally between both estates.

Tuesday's hearing was originally scheduled in connection with any money the Goldmans say Simpson earned from a video game featuring his likeness.

Despite extensive court hearings, however, most of the judgment has remained unpaid.

In 1999, seized personal property was auctioned off, raising only \$430,000, more than half of it from the sale of his Heisman Trophy.

## Twins score twice in ninth inning, rally past Texas Rangers 5-4

Kinsler chose an inopportune time to end his 50-game errorless streak.

Kinsler misplayed Jason Bartlett's popup with two outs in the ninth inning, allowing Lew Ford to score the winning run as the Minnesota Twins rallied past the Texas Rangers 5-4 on Monday

"How about that? Maybe in Little League, but I've never seen a game end like that. That was pretty fun," Torii Hunter said.

Minnesota, eliminated from postseason contention despite the Cubs.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ian win, trailed 4-3 when Michael Cuddyer opened the inning by driving a 2-2 pitch from Joaquin Benoit (7-4) into the left-field seats. Ford walked, Brian Buscher sacrificed, Nick Punto struck out and Bartlett hit a popup to short right field that hit the glove of the backpedaling

"There wasn't really anything special. It wasn't the dome or anything like that. A bug didn't fly in my eye like that. I just dropped it," said Kinsler, whose previous error was June 20 against the Chicago

Texas manager Ron Washington was most upset about the lack of fundamentals by Kinsler on the play - trying to catch the ball near his body, instead of above his head.

"Anybody can make a mistake, but I'm just faulting the carelessness. If everything was right in the way he tried to secure that ball and then he drops it. that is the way it goes," Washington said.

The Twins were behind 3-2 in the eighth when Bartlett singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a single by Hunter. But Travis Metcalf hit a

solo homer off closer Joe Nathan (3-3) in the top of the ninth to put Texas ahead 4-3.

Joe Mauer homered for the Twins, who ended a four-game losing streak but were eliminated from playoff contention after the wild card-leading New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles.

"Yeah, we're accustomed to playing for a playoff spot at this time of year. Four out of five years we've been there, but we've still got prideful people. Nobody's going to quit; nobody's gonna roll over; nobody's going to give up,"

Cuddyer said.

Texas took the lead in the seventh on a pair of miscues by reliever Juan Rincon.

Brad Wilkerson led off the inning with a chopper that Rincon couldn't handle. After stealing second, Wilkerson scored on a single by Guillermo Quiroz, who took second on the throw home.

Ramon Vazquez followed with a bunt that Rincon fielded before throwing wildly to third base in an attempt to get Quiroz, who crossed home to make it 3-2 when the ball rolled toward the Twins bullpen.

## Redskins beat Eagles 20-12 to stay undefeated and drop Philly to 0-2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If Jason Campbell becomes a star in the NFL, he might pinpoint Monday night's win as the start of something

great. Showing the poise of a veteran, the third-year quarterback in his ninth pro start converted several big plays and got plenty of help from Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley and an opportunistic defense

in Washington's 20-12 victory over the Eagles.

The surprising Redskins, coming off a 5-11 season, are 2-0 and tied with Dallas atop the NFC East, which Philadelphia was expected to dominate.

But the Eagles are 0-2 and their offense, other than the dynamic Brian Westbrook, has been far too spotty.

Portis and Cooley each

Shaun Suisham made two field goals. Washington's defense stymied every Eagle except Westbrook, who rushed for 96 yards and caught eight passes for another 66 yards.

Westbrook's work wasn't enough to get Philadelphia into the end zone, however, as an array of blitzes and some hard hitting by the sharp passes and timely

scored touchdowns and Redskins' secondary kept Donovan McNabb off-balance much of the night.

> McNabb has lost six of his last seven starts and is 9-12 since the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to New England in January 2005.

Campbell didn't have gaudy statistics, either, but he kept the Redskins on the move when it counted with

third-down conversions. After Suisham's third field

goal, a 37-yarder, put Washington on top 13-6, David Akers matched it with a 26-yarder later in the third quarter.

Then Washington's mastery on third down — it went 8-for-15 — helped it to the winning score, a 6-yard run by Portis early in the fourth period. Campbell calmly

found Cooley for 9 yards on third-and-8, and hit Todd Yoder, Cooley's backup, for 18 on third-and-10.

Philly lost safety Brian Dawkins, its defensive leader, with a neck injury on the play that moved the ball to the Philadelphia 6. Then Portis swept left for the decisive points.

## At last, a way to bring some closure to the whole Barry Bonds scandal

By TIM DAHLBERG **AP Sports Columnist** 

Marc Ecko could have bought the Texas fishing license bearing Mickey Mantle's name for only \$4,000. Orlando Cepeda's National League MVP plaque was available for only a few thousand more.

He could have even saved a half million or so and gotten home run ball No. 755 on the cheap.

Really, what would have been the

fun in that?

"I thought it would be interesting for us to all have a pop culture moment together," Ecko told the nation Monday in announcing he was the winner of the Barry Bonds lottery for ball No. 756.

Ecko got his wish, and for that Matt Murphy is happy. He's the 21-yearold who emerged from the scrum the night of Aug. 7 with the ball that broke perhaps the most hallowed record in sports.

While memorabilia collectors everywhere had to be cringing, baseball fans should be happy. With one swipe of his debit card, Ecko is doing what Bud Selig could never quite bring himself to do — stamp the new record as bogus in a way baseball fans will never forget.

Actually, brand the baseball is what Ecko is likely to end up doing, assuming — and that's a big assumption he follows through on his plan. The hip-hop fashion designer is taking votes over the next week at vote756.com on what to do with the ball he paid \$752,467 for. My guess is that branding it with an asterisk and giving it to the Hall of Fame will be the runaway winner.

The other two options are giving it to the Hall of Fame intact, or sending it into outer space, though Ecko seemed unclear as to just how he would find a rocket to accomplish

"This either makes him a lunatic or a genius, one of those two," Murphy said. "I'm leaning toward genius."

We'll see.

Ecko may turn out to be a shameless self-promoter looking only to feed his ego on a big stage. This is a guy, after all, who rented a Boeing 747, painted it to look like Air Force One, then taped an Internet video that made it look like someone had broken through security and spray painted graffiti on one of the plane's engines.

It's his money, so he can make up the rules. And while the Hall of Fame may balk at an asterisk-branded baseball, remember that all Bonds would give Cooperstown from his recordbreaking night was one lousy batting

At least the Hall now has a one-inthree chance of getting an unblemished ball, a lot better odds than it had

When the ball went up for auction a few weeks ago the people at SCP Auctions suggested the perfect scenario would be for someone to buy it and either donate the ball or loan it to

Given the level of animosity toward Bonds, though, that seemed unlikely unless Bonds stepped forward with a few weeks' salary to buy the ball him-

Dan Imler, SCP's managing director, said he had no idea what Ecko had in mind for the ball until he turned on his TV Monday and watched him explain it live on the "Today" show. Though Ecko won the ball fair and square in the auction, Imler believes it should be preserved as a piece of baseball history.

"I think serious collectors would probably not be in favor of marring or

destroying the ball," he said. "Most people we deal with, they have an appreciation for the history of the game as opposed to the sensationalism or anything like that."

There is one person who might be voting a few extra times against an unblemished donation to the Hall of Fame. That would be lucky bidder No. 2, who spent \$186,750 for the ball Bonds hit a few days earlier in San Diego that tied Aaron's record of 755

That ball, Imler said, would suddenly be worth a lot more if the 756 ball were branded or shot into space.

"I guess that would make it the ultimate embodiment of the record," he said. "It would stand as the most significant Bonds ball in existence at the moment."

Whether Ecko follows through on his grand plan is, of course, the \$752,467 question. He's already got one Internet hoax under his belt, and there's always the chance this could be the ultimate hoax.

He claims he'll have an independent company tally the results, and will abide by the decision of the American public. Ecko cast the first vote himself, voting to brand the ball with an asterisk before giving it to the Hall of

Ecko is giving baseball perhaps its only chance for closure on the whole Bonds mess by getting rid of the evidence from the crime.

But is he going far enough?

Not quite. My vote is for branding the ball with an asterisk — and then shooting it into space.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for the Associated Press. Write to him at tdahlbergap.org

## Henry becomes 6th **Texas Longhorn** arrested since June

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas freshman running back James Henry has been charged with two felony counts of obstruction and tampering with evidence, making him the sixth Longhorns player arrested since June.

Henry, who was arrested Monday, is accused of beating up one of the victims of a July home invasion that allegedly involved two other players, Andre Jones and Robert Joseph.

Henry was booked into Travis County Jail where his bail was set at \$30,000. Under team policy, a felony charge means an automatic suspension. Athletic department spokesman John Bianco said coach Mack Brown was expected to issue a statement.

Henry has played in two games on special teams for the No. 7 Longhorns (3-0).

Austin police learned of Henry's involvement by listening to taped recordings of Joseph's phone calls from jail, said Det. Anthony Bigongiari.

During the investigation of the robbery, one of the victims told police that some of Joseph's friends had assaulted them. In one of the taped phone calls, Henry said he "went over there and whupped" one of the vic-

tims, throwing them on the ground and punching and kicking them in the head several times, Bigongiari

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Henry, who did not participate in the robbery, was charged with tampering because police believe he disposed of a backpack containing items stolen in the home invasion, Bigongiari

Police also charged a third person, Eddie Ramirez, who is not a football player, with threatening the victims.

Henry's arrest is the latest trouble for a program reeling under a string of arrests. On Monday, Brown reinstated linebacker Sergio Kindle and defensive end Henry Melton, who had been suspended for the first three games because of drunken driving arrests over the summer.

Last week, senior safety Tyrell Gatewood was suspended indefinitely after his arrest on drug charges. Freshman defensive back Ben Wells, who was riding with Gatewood when he was pulled over, was given a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and released.

Jones remains suspended from the team. Joseph had already left the team before his July arrest because of an earlier incident.

## Yovani Gallardo dominates Astros, lifts Brewers to victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Most of the Milwaukee Brewers kept an eve on the scoreboard in left field during Monday's game in Houston, eager to see what the Chicago Cubs were doing against Cincinnati.

Yovani Gallardo never looked. He was too busy focusing another dominant performance.

The 21-year-old rookie baffled Houston for the second time in two weeks and Corey Hart hit a two-run double, leading the Brewers to a 6-0 victory over the Astros.

"I didn't even look at it once," Gallardo said. "I had other things to take care of. I've got to take care of business and see what happens after that."

Minutes after the game ended, the Brewers huddled around a television in the clubhouse and watched the Cubs beat the Reds to maintain their one-game lead over Milwaukee in the NL Central.

"Playing for something this year

spoiler, like we were the last couple of years," Hart said. "It's definitely gratifying to be here."

dozen family members, Gallardo (9-4) allowed seven hits and struck out five in a season-high eight innings to win his fourth consecutive start. He hasn't allowed a run in 21 innings, a streak that began when he threw seven shutout innings against the Astros in Milwaukee's 14-2 victory on Sept.

**Brewers** purchased The Gallardo's contract from Triple-A Nashville on June 14 to replace the injured Chris Capuano. He's been so good manager Ned Yost doesn't even consider him a rookie.

"We're past the 'surprise' stage," Yost said. "We're into the 'realconfident-every-time-he-steps-onthe-mound' phase."

Prince Fielder singled to extend his hifting streak to 15 games and is a lot better than trying to play the Kevin Mench homered in the ninth

McLemore Mark Milwaukee.

Rookie Josh Anderson had two Pitching in front of about a hits for the Astros, who've lost nine of their last 12 games. Houston was shut out for the seventh time.

"Gallardo was tough. It's pretty easy to sum up," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "Last time, he threw up seven zeros against us, this time he threw eight. He is really, really tough when he gets a lead and that was the case tonight."

Milwaukee jumped in front in the first against Matt Albers (4-9). Rickie Weeks led off the game with a walk, stole second and took third when Humberto Quintero's throw skipped into center field for an error. Joe Dillon then grounded to shortstop Mark Loretta, who threw home to get Weeks for the first out.

Albers hit Ryan Braun with a pitch before Hart lined a two-run

double into the gap in left-center. Fielder led off the fourth with a single to left and went to third on Hart's single to right. Fielder trotted home when Hunter Pence's throw bounced past third baseman Ty Wigginton. Pence was charged with an error.

Gabe Gross then doubled over Pence's head to score Hart and make it 4-0. Gross went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Johnny Estrada's flyout.

"I will throw a couple of good pitches and then I will leave one over the plate," Albers said. "It's frustrating, but I have to keep going. This was a real tough game, but things are just not going my

J.J. Hardy singled and Cooper replaced Albers with Dave Borkowski.

Gallardo, meanwhile, breezed through the first four innings, allowing two harmless singles by Anderson and Quintero. The Astros put two runners aboard with two outs in the fifth and sixth, but Gallardo retired the next batter

"He's a kid that steps his game up when he gets in trouble," Yost said. "He's got another gear that he saves for only when he needs it."

Gallardo needed only six pitches to glide through the seventh, finishing the inning by striking out Anderson.

Lance Berkman walked with one out in the Astros' eighth and went to third on Carlos Lee's single to center. Gallardo then struck out Pence and got Loretta on a ground-

"I just made quality pitches whenever I had to," Gallardo said. Mench pinch-hit for Gallardo in

the ninth and homered off the brick facade in left field. Mench's eighth homer of the season was the first of his career as a pinch hitter. He was 4-for-45 as a pinch hitter before the

Chris Spurling retired the Astros in order in the bottom half to complete the seven-hitter.

## Blake's homer in 11th gives Indians 6-5 comeback win over Tigers

CLEVELAND (AP) come bad weather, lateinning deficits and lingering doubts.

It's been a season of comebacks for the Cleveland Indians, who pulled off their most important one yet.

"This symbolizes the way our year has gone," pitcher Paul Byrd said. "Just when you think we're going to fold, something miraculous happens."

Casey Blake homered with one out in the 11th inning as the Indians rallied for a 6-5 come-from-behind win Monday night over the

Detroit Tigers, who slid 5 Since April, they've over- 1/2 games back in an AL Central race that could soon

> Blake turned on a 1-2 pitch from Zach Miner (3-4) and drove it into the leftfield bleachers for his second game-ending homer in four days, a shot that lowered the Indians' magic number to seven and inched them closer to their first postseason appearance since 2001.

> The Indians, who collapsed in the final week of the 2005 season and missed the playoffs, trailed 5-2 in the eighth before rallying to take the opener of a three

game series that could decide the division.

As Blake's homer cleared the wall and he began rounding the bases, the Indians, who spent most of the game on the top step of the dugout, poured onto the field as Cleveland fans danced in the

Blake, who pumped his fists in delight during a home-run sprint, was greeted at the plate by his teammates, who pounded him in celebration and then hopped in unison as fireworks exploded above Jacobs

"It's probably the biggest

game we've played all year," said Blake, who felt winning the opener was imperative. "First, second, third. We need them all. But to lose the first one would have been tough. That's why I was so fired up.'

Rafael Betancourt (5-1) struck out four in two scoreless innings as the Indians improved to 18-5 since Aug.

Jhonny Peralta homered twice for the Indians, who were in danger of seeing their lead slip further before rallying off Joel Zumaya in the eighth to deal the defending AL champs a double-

edged loss.

Detroit dropped 3 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees, who lead the wildcard race.

Placido Polanco homered and Ramon Santiago drove in two runs for the Tigers, who had their five-game winning streak snapped and may have suffered a loss that could haunt them into the offseason.

"We're going to look back at every loss right now," Tigers starter Kenny Rogers said, "and this is one we thought we had control of."

Peralta's second homer, a two-run drive in the eighth off Zumaya, tied it 5-5.

The Indians, who kicked around the ball in the fourth, were held to two runs and five hits in the first seven innings by Rogers, Detroit's Mr. October last season, who gave the Tigers a September start they had to have.

But Zumaya, the rocketthrowing right-hander who was beaten by the Indians in extras on Aug. 23 at Comerica Park, couldn't protect a 5-2 lead.

Grady Sizemore walked leading off and Asdrubal Cabrera, who seems to be in the middle of every Indians rally, singled.

## Soccer

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score his second goal just 4:04 later, when he passed the ball to the top right corner of the box. Everson lofted his shot over Pantoja's head to put the Buffs up 2-

Everson nearly scored again when he fired a shot to the left corner of the goal in the 25th minute, but Pantoja dove and got his hand on it to knock it wide.

Just 5:04 into the second half, Gómez drilled a shot from the left side of the box that Pantoja blocked right back to him, and Gómez buried his follow-up shot to the left corner of the net to

put the Buffaloes up 3-0. The Dustdevils came out aggressively in the second half and the game got very physical as TAMIU was called for 19 fouls while WTAMU was called for 20. Additionally, seven cards were distributed amongst teams; WTAMU received three yellow cards and one red card and TAMIU received two yellow cards and one red card.

Despite the intense physical play, freshman goalkeeper Shane Taylor and the Buffalo defense held the Dustdevils to just two shots in the half, three overall and none on goal. The win today marks Taylor's third

shutout of the season.

The Buffs dominated play throughout the match, as they out-shot the Dustdevils 20-3, including 13 shots on goal - Everson took five, Gómez took three, Brad Williamson took two, and Christensen, Oliver Mulamba and Itamar

Keinan had one apiece. The men's next match is Friday, when they host SSC rival Midwestern State at 3 p.m. at The Pitch.

## Yankees defeat Orioles

NEW YORK (AP) — Hideki Matsui broke out of a slump with a go-ahead homer, and Phil Hughes won his second straight start with help from a bullpen that escaped two bases-loaded jams.

Alex Rodriguez tied his career high of 142 RBIs, Doug Mientkiewicz hit a two-run single, Robinson Cano had an RBI double,

Jorge Posada got three hits and Bobby Abreu drove in two runs as New York waited out an inconsistent Daniel Cabrera (9-17).

Derek Jeter singled and doubled, passing Bernie Williams for fourth place on the club's career list with 2,337 hits. The Yankees improved to a season-best 22 games over .500.

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## Intelligence chief seeks more changes in eavesdropping laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. intelligence official is telling Congress it shouldn't succumb to pressure to roll back a new law that enhances the government's eavesdropping capability on terrorists as well as more traditional potential adversaries.

Mike McConnell, the director of national intelligence, says China and Russia are aggressively spying on sensitive U.S. facilities, intelligence systems and development projects, and their efforts are

approaching Cold War levels.

'Foreign intelligence information concerning the plans, activities and intentions of for-

mation concerning the plans, activities and intentions of foreign powers and their agents is critical to protect the nation and preserve our security," McConnell stated in testimony prepared for a Tuesday congressional hearing.

He is trying not only to hold the line against what some, mainly Democrats, see as excesses in the new Protect America Act, but also is pressing to strengthen it. Congress hastily adopted the measure last August based on McConnell's warnings of a dire gap in U.S. intelligence.

The law eased some of the restrictions on government eavesdropping contained in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Many are now having second thoughts as the complicated law—intended to ease the government's interception of foreign calls and e-mails—has come under attack by civil liberties and privacy advocates who contend it gives

the government broader powers than intended.

McConnell says the Protect America Act gave the government the freedom to listen in on calls and e-mails that may help identify "sleeper cells" of terrorists in the United States, according to an advance copy of his written statement to the House Judiciary Committee.

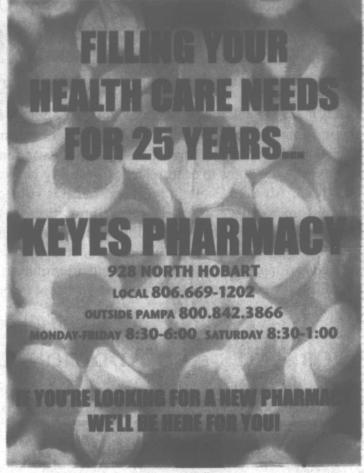
The Protect America Act allows the government to eavesdrop, without a court order, on all communications conducted by a person reasonably believed to be outside the United States, even if an American is on one end of the conversation.

Such surveillance was generally prohibited under the original Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and is one of the more controversial aspects of the new law.

But McConnell's prepared testimony says that is one of the most important new aspects of the law: the possibility of obtaining a call or e-mail "from a foreign terrorist outside the United States to a previously unknown 'sleeper' or

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coconspirator inside the United States."







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# Analysis: Health care debate reveals much about candidates

By RON FOURNIER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Question: If government and business leaders do their part to lower the cost of health insurance, should people be required to sign up?

Republican Mitt Romney used to answer yes.

Now he says no.

Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton says yes, but this time promises no new bureaucracies.

The way these and other 2008 presidential candidates answer the "individual mandate" question says as much about their characters, their strategies and the tricky politics of health care reform as it does about the actual policies.

"Individual mandate" is the jargon politicians use to describe health care plans that assume every citizen will enroll in health insurance, often with subsidies and under threat of penalty.

Clinton's position, unveiled Monday as part of her broad health care initiative, shows how far the New York senator is willing to go to beg the forgiveness of voters who rejected the Byzantine approach she took to health care reform in 1993 when she was first lady.

Romney's yes-and-no positions are further reminder that he has a habit of taking both sides of an issue – often based on what's politically expedient at the time.

As governor of Massachusetts, Romney pushed a plan that requires state residents to get health insurance or face tax penalties. The law includes a new bureaucracy to implement it, government subsidies for the poor and guidelines for health insurance companies.

The effort broke new

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ground by sharing responsibility between government, business and individuals.

As a presidential candidate, Romney opposes a national individual mandate. Balancing his belief in personal responsibility against his support of states rights, Romney came down on the side of federalism.

"Far be it from me .... to stomp on all 50 states and say, "Here's Mitt Romney's plan. You must all adopt my plan," he said during a recent interview with The Associated Press. "No, let people try their own plans but do what the federal government did for us, which is give us the flexibility to create our own plan."

Romney said his administration would give states that flexibility. Beyond that, he can only hope that the bully pulpit persuades state leaders to adopt an individual mandate.

He led as governor. Is Romney copping out as a presidential candidate? He says no.

"From the very beginning, I was asked, 'Is this the model for all states?' I said no – some parts of this may be, but states have very different populations," Romney said

He said Massachusetts has a relatively low rate of uninsured and older residents, which allowed state leaders to seek universal health care without raising taxes. TECHNOLOGY NEWS NOW...A HEARING AID
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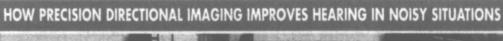
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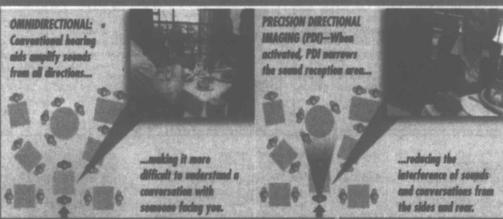
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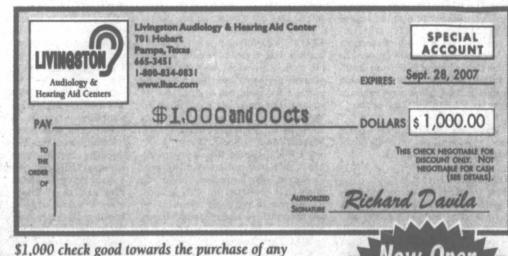
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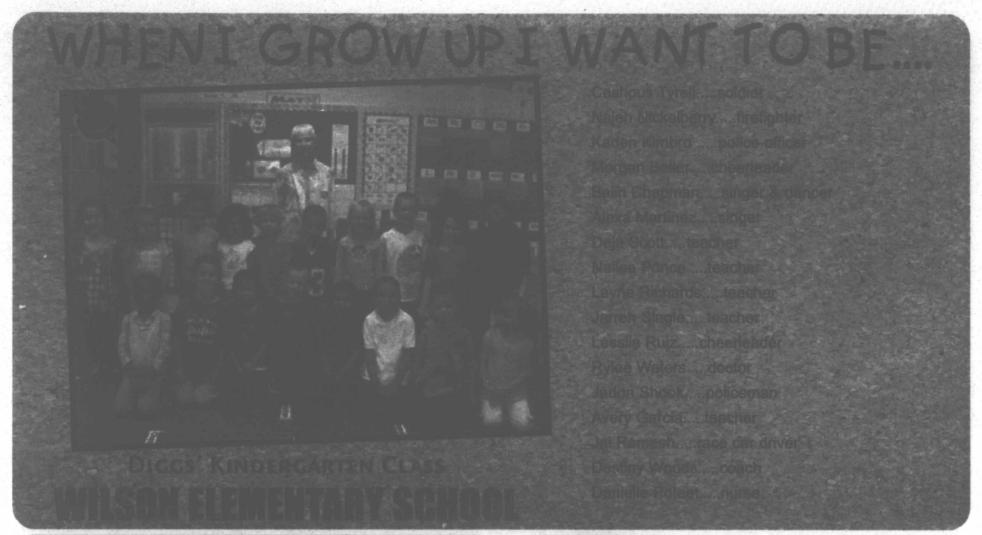
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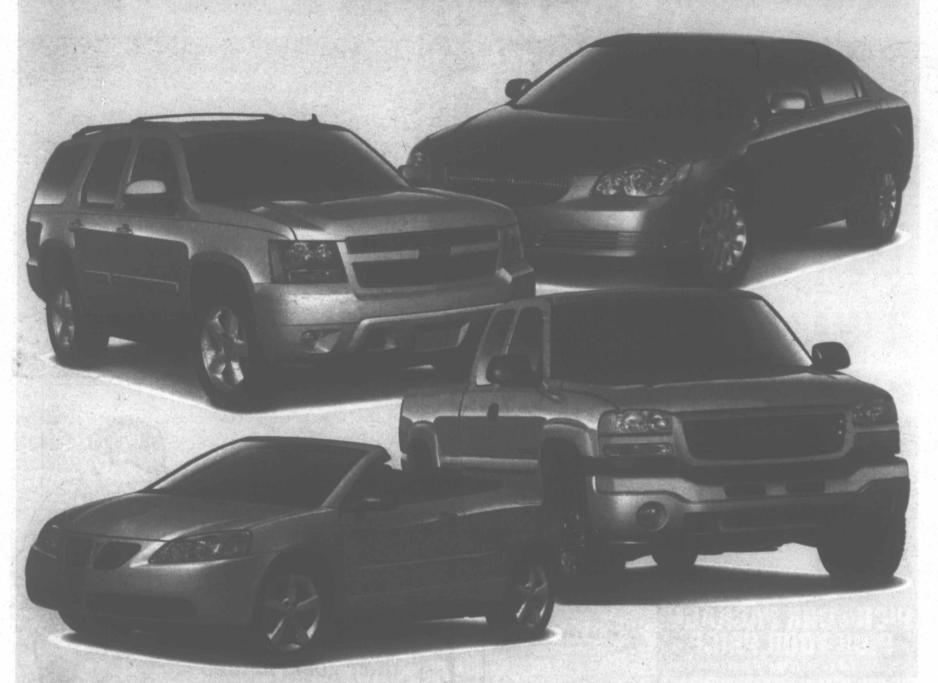
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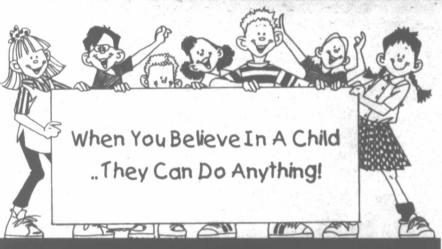
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Kaesha Miller ... doctor & horse caretak

Avery Cochran .... automotive engineer

William Karson.... In the Navy

Chae Glen Ward.... firefighter like my daddy.

Evan Boyd.....cowboy, firefighter, doctor and astronaut

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Espn McCall. baseball player

Whitney Banks....taking care of dogs & cats and doing people's hair.

Jessica Gooth ... pilot, like my daddy, and a fire girl so if

anyone has a fire I can put on my fire clothes.

Gabriel Heiskell. .... a scientist to make robots to help people and

medicine that makes people better.

Zane Sutherland....doctor because I lke doctors because they make people feel better & not sick & they

help people not to get hurt.

Seth Stames.....Nascar racer with the number 25 if someone



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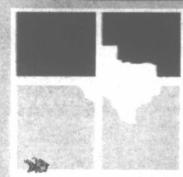
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