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Well field expansion funding still uncertain

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

SANFORD -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is planning

to expand its groundwater operations in Roberts County north of Pampa.

The question is how they're going to pay for it? Money is tight when it

comes to the Phase III well field expansion, Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority, told CRMWA board members at their quarterly meeting here

Wednesday. Satterwhite said CRMWA has applied for a federal grant through the Texas Environmental Infrastructure Program, which would be funded through the Water Resources Development Act. While Congress has authorized the act, it hasn't funded the act.

Satterwhite said he's been told that it will likely be January or February before anything is done on the funding, but no one seems to know for sure.

Of the \$40 million that's supposed to be allocated to Texas, CRMWA has asked for \$23 million.

"I've been told by the Texas Water Development Board, who's handling this, that we're at the top of the

list," Satterwhite said.

He said he doesn't have a good feel how much CRMWA might get even if Texas gets the full \$40 million.

"I feel we'll get a decent share of that," he said.

The problem is CRMWA won't know anything until January or February, about the time the water authority will open bids for Phase III.

"There could be some conflict there," Satterwhite said, "unless they really speed things up in Washington, D.C., which I don't expect them to do."

Consequently, there will be a question about how much money CRMWA will have.

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Lone pelican makes a stop at Recreation Park Lake

Story and photos by Julie Ann Thompson
 The Pampa News

The pelican who stopped at Recreation Park Lake to rest this week is probably on its way to Canada, according to local wildlife biologist Jeff Bonner.

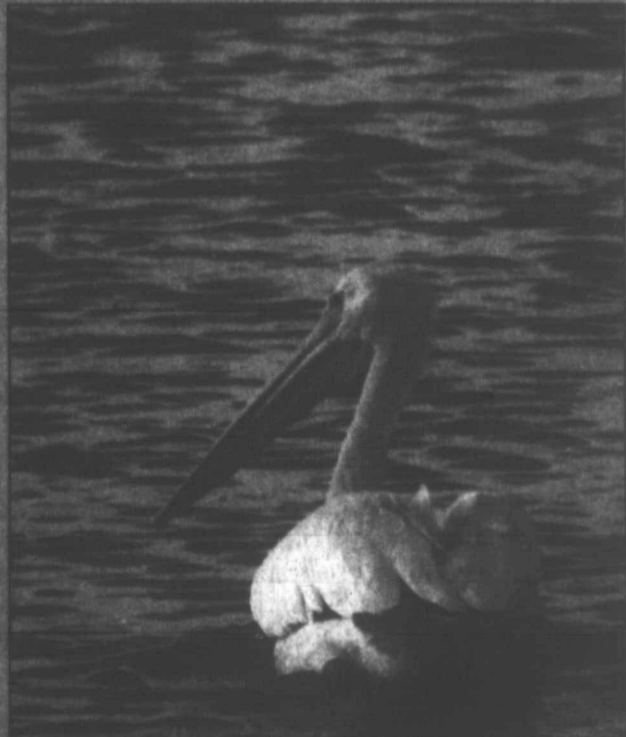
"He really should already be up in Canada," Bonner said. "Since he's alone, he's probably not doing very well."

American white pelicans are one of two species of pelicans in North America. They can weigh as much as 30 pounds and their wing spans can exceed nine feet. They reside mainly in western and southern portions of North America. They winter along the warm southern coasts of California, Mexico, the Gulf Coast and Florida before heading north to breed.

Pelicans are highly dependent upon lakes, wetlands and coastal estuaries through their life cycles. Their populations are especially threatened in the American Midwest as wetlands continue to drain.

According to Bonner, pelicans tend to fly in flocks and the fact that Pampa's pelican is alone could indicate that he's not in good physical condition.

"He might be hurt or sick or he could just be too old to keep going. He's probably not going to make it to Canada," Bonner said. "It sounds harsh but these things are an insurance to the population that the strongest and best continue on to create offspring."



Brumley

Motorcycle accident claims life of former Pampan

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

A former Pampa resident was pronounced dead at the scene of a vehicle accident Wednesday on U.S. Highway 287, 1.2 miles west of Quanah.

Christopher Dean Brumley, 35, was pro-

nounced dead at the scene by Hardeman County Justice of the Peace Linda Hollenbaugh.

The 2004 AIH motorcycle Brumley was driving struck a Texas Department of



Transportation truck at 12:46 p.m. The TxDOT vehicle was legally blocking the road at the time of the accident.

The driver of the truck, Oscar Huerta of Quanah, was not injured

in the wreck. Huerta was stopped on the roadway performing a road inspection with his emergency lights on. Brumley's motorcycle approached the truck from the rear and struck the back of the TxDOT truck.

Brumley did not have his helmet on at the time,

according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer in the Childress DPS office.

Funeral services for Brumley will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Wichita Falls.

He lived in Pampa for the past three years and




was employed by Fenton Motors here before being named new car sales manager in April at a Wichita Falls auto dealership.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer, and son, Chase Christopher, both of Wichita Falls; his parents, grandparents and two brothers.

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Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 81. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 10 mph.

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Judge denies request to stop work at SWEPCO site

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A federal judge has refused to halt site work on Southwestern Electric Power Co.'s new, \$1.5 billion coal-fired plant in Hempstead County, saying such a move would be too costly for the company.

U.S. District Judge Harry Barnes denied a hunting group's request to stop site work at SWEPCO's planned plant near Fulton. The Hempstead County Hunting Club sought a temporary restraining order, saying that SWEPCO shouldn't be doing site work before it obtains all the necessary environmental permits.

Barnes sided with SWEPCO's argument that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency policy allows work that is not permanent and does not involve emission-producing equipment.

"Granting an injunction in this case would interfere with SWEPCO's ability to pursue this lawful activity

and would ultimately cost SWEPCO both time and money," Barnes wrote in his order, issued Thursday.

SWEPCO is awaiting Arkansas approval of an air-quality permit but has begun site work on about 3,000 acres in Hempstead County. The utility won approval from the Arkansas Public Service Commission last year to build the 600-megawatt plant, but Arkansas opponents appealed the PSC decision to the Arkansas Appeals Court.

"Our pre-construction activities have been conducted with a clear understanding that actual construction of an air emission source cannot begin until an air permit is received," SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in an e-mail. "The court upheld that position. We have consistently kept state and local

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We wish to express our sincere appreciate and deep gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for their prayers and kindness at the loss of my son.

Guy W. Turner

~Billie Turner

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BRUMLEY, Chris — 10 a.m., Colonial Baptist Church, Wichita Falls.
HEBERT, Mabel Crader — 1 p.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Jennings, La.

Chris Brumley, 35



Brumley

Chris Brumley, 35, of Wichita Falls, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in Quana.

The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12, 2008, in the sanctuary of Colonial Baptist Church with The Rev. Tim Wheat, pastor and The Rev. John D. Payne, officiating. Interment will follow at Crestview Memorial Park under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

Chris was born April 15, 1973, in Casper, Wyo. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Wichita Falls. On June 18, 2003, he married Jennifer Maness in Negril, Jamaica.

He has been involved in automotive sales since 1996.

In 1997, he joined Ron Roberts Ford, the predecessor to Wichita Falls Ford Lincoln-Mercury. For the past three years, he has worked at a Ford-Dodge dealership in Pampa, Texas. In April, he was named New Car Sales Manager at Wichita Falls Ford Lincoln-Mercury.

Chris's hobbies were motorcycles, fast cars, golf and playing cards. His true passions in life were for his wife Jennifer and his new baby boy Chase who in Chris's eyes was the best thing he had ever done.

Survivors include his wife and soul mate, Jennifer Brumley; and son, Chase

Christopher Brumley of Wichita Falls; parents, Dean and Kathy Brumley and Grandpa A.J. "Bud" Brumley of Wichita Falls, George and Doris Monson of Custer, S.D.; brothers, Tony Brumley and wife, Mandy, Nate

Brumley and wife, Shelly, all of Wichita Falls; father-in-law, Jerry Maness of Byers; mother-in-law, Linda Maness of Charlie; sister-in-law, Angie Daniels and husband, Aaron of Byers; brother-in-law, Matt Maness and wife, Gina; nieces and nephews, Alyssa and Judson Brumley, Reese and Maddie Maness, all of Wichita Falls, Sydney Daniels of Byers;

and two on the way.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Gladys Brumley.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tony Brumley, Nate Brumley, Jeff Aaron, Chad Jolly, Justin Gearhart, Scott Josephson, Dwight Chase and Doug Payne.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m., Friday, July 11, 2008, at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

For those desiring, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Chris Brumley Memorial Fund at the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.owensandbrumley.com

Mabel Crader Hebert, 89



Hebert

JENNINGS, La. — Services for Mabel Crader Hebert, 89, will be held Saturday, July 12, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings with Father Anthony Fontenot officiating. She passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 6:05 p.m. at The Hampton at Spring Shadows in Houston, Texas. She was born in Lake Arthur, La., to Julien and Estelle Guidry Crader. The interment will be held in Andrus Cove Cemetery in Lake Arthur, La.

Mrs. Hebert grew up in the French Quarter of New Orleans and attended St. Louis Cathedral Parochial School. She met her loving husband, Clarence, of 60 years in Lake Arthur, La., at the Lake Arthur Pharmacy where he worked. She was

visiting relatives and came in looking for lipstick. After messing up his lipstick display and complaining about small town merchandise, he told her she could just go back where she came from. Instead of getting angry, they began dating!

They lived in Jennings, New Orleans, Houston and finally settling in Pasadena, Texas, for 22 years. After retiring, Clarence and Mabel moved back to Lake Arthur, La. Mabel loved having family over and cooking gumbo for any occasion. She had a beautiful garden which always included fig trees. Mrs. Hebert was a housewife.

Preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Joseph "Frenchie" Armand; her husband, Clarence P. Hebert; and one sister, Doris McCarthy.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Robert Hebert of Houston, Texas, and Michael Charles Hebert of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Brenda Butcher of Houston, Texas, and Kathryn Green (Wesley) of Pampa, Texas; six grandchildren, Mary Ann Henderson (Steve), Bridget Todd (Toby), John Butcher, Stephen Green (Kellee), Stephanie Clinton (Adam) and Gilley Hebert; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be John Butcher, Stephen Green, Michael Hebert, Paul Hebert, Steve Henderson and Andre McCarthy. Honorary pallbearers are Wesley Green, Ronald McCarthy, Wilson Duhon and Edward Trahan.

Visitation will be Friday, July 11, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Special thanks to the aides who lovingly took care of Mother at the Hampton at Spring Shadows in Houston, Texas. Memorials can be made to your favorite charity.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home of Jennings, La., 511 North Cutting Ave., (337) 824-4420.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 7

Randall Curtis Hulsey, 28, of Pampa turned himself in to GCSO to serve a Gray County sentence.

Darryl Leon Case, 41, of Wheeler was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Brian Doyle Reed, 22, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Jason Don Baggett, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violating a protective order.

Tuesday, July 8

Ramon Garcia, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of Finley by Pampa Police Department for harboring a runaway child.

Fire

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

Tuesday, July 8

8:26 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather on a call for medical assistance.

11:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of North West on a call for medical assistance.

7:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather on a call for medical assistance.

12:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Christy on a call for medical assistance.

5:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Lowry on a call for lifting assistance.

Wednesday, July 9

8:20 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 2400 block of West Alcock.

9:19 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

5:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported.

11:00 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of Comanche on a medical call.

Thursday, July 10

11:50 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle fire in the 500 block of North Ward.

2:11 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical call.

4:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an EagleMed helicopter standby.

5:35 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a hazardous materials spill in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 7

7:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Frederic and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Beech and transported a patient to

PRMC.

9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital.

12:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Louisiana and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to M.K. Brown Swimming Pool. No transport.

4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital.

5:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, July 8

12:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to McCullough and Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, July 9

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Gillespie and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hobart. No transport.

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Calmer weather slows fires in Calif., Wash.

PARADISE, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters battling a raging wildfire in the Sierra Nevada foothills of California caught a break early Friday when strong winds they expected did not immediately materialize. Residents in Washington state's Spokane Valley fled a fire that destroyed seven houses.

The winds in California were expected to be similar to ones that caused the blaze in Butte County to flare up earlier this week, destroying about 50 homes and forcing 10,000 residents to evacuate. But they were mild early Friday, CalFire spokesman Fred Orsborn said.

"They were getting little gusts, but nothing like they anticipated," Orsborn said. "They had a good night last night. It did not cross the river. The crews made significant progress on the south end of the fire."

Firefighters on Thursday positioned themselves on the banks of

the Feather River opposite the town of Paradise, where a wildfire last month forced thousands of evacuations and destroyed 74 homes.

In Washington, firefighters renewed the battle at daybreak against a wildfire that erupted Thursday in a heavily wooded part of the Spokane Valley, destroying seven homes and one other structure and forcing 200 residents to evacuate.

The National Weather Service said winds would be light Friday, compared to the 50 mph blasts Thursday that sent flames out of control. Forecasters expected high temperatures in the 70s and 80s.

No injuries have been reported. Gov. Chris Gregoire said she received requests by Spokane and Ferry counties for emergency declarations to make state resources available to help fight the fires.

"We have planes ready to go first thing in the morning, depending on winds," she said.

Officials said heavy smoke and

The National Guard has stepped in as crews across California struggle to contain hundreds of lightning-sparked fires that have burned more than 1,100 square miles and destroyed nearly 100 homes in the last three weeks.

tree cover made it difficult to assess the damage from the suburban Spokane wildfire, which remained out of control. The cause of that blaze, which grew to nearly 2 square miles, was not immediately known.

In California, about 40 fires ignited by lightning storms have burned more than 76 square miles in Butte County alone in the past two weeks. By Thursday, about 15 of the fires were active.

Lloyd Knifong, 47, and his son Kyle, 20, were preparing to spend a sleepless night defending their Paradise home and several others lined on two sides by 70-foot pine trees. A fire engine was parked nearby and sprinklers were jerry-rigged to roofs.

"When we see it coming, I'm going to empty my pool and get everything nice and wet. Then we'll leave," Knifong said.

In Concow, about 90 miles north of Sacramento, firefighters intentionally burned brush to keep the flames away from houses. Evacuation orders remained in place, but some residents were allowed back on Thursday to check on their homes.

"I think my place is gone," said Rachael Davidson, 37. "When we left, there were flames all around."

Along the scenic Big Sur coast, 27 homes and 31 other structures have burned in a fire that has consumed 140 square miles and was about 40 percent contained.

Farther south, a separate blaze in the Santa Ynez Mountains had blackened more than 15 square miles and was 75 percent contained. And at the southern tip of Sequoia National Forest, 90 miles north of Los Angeles, a 54-square-mile blaze was almost a third contained.

The National Guard has stepped in as crews across California struggle to contain hundreds of lightning-sparked fires that have burned more than 1,100 square miles and destroyed nearly 100 homes in the last three weeks. Some 1,460 fires had been contained by Thursday, but more than 320 still were active, authorities said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered the Guard to the front lines and expects to call up more troops. On Thursday, he requested more resources from President Bush, and officials at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said they were reviewing the request.

Software problems bug Apple's launch of new iPhone

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple Inc.'s new iPhone went on sale Friday to eager buyers worldwide, but there were problems getting the phones to work.

Kenny Pichardo, 24, was the first to buy an iPhone 3G at an AT&T store in the New York borough of Queens, but he said it took the store half an hour to get the phone working.

That boded badly for the approximately 70 people after him in line. Pichardo had camped out overnight to be first.

A spokesman for Dallas-based AT&T Inc., the exclusive carrier for the iPhone in

the U.S., said there was a global problem with Apple Inc.'s iTunes software that prevented the phones from being fully activated in-store, as had been planned.

Instead, employees are telling buyers to go home and perform the last step by connecting their phones to their own computers, spokesman Michael Coe said.

When the first iPhone went on sale a year ago, customers performed the whole activation procedure at home, off-loading employees. But the new model is subsidized by carriers, as is standard in the wireless industry, and Apple and AT&T therefore planned

to activate all phones in-store.

Enthusiasm was high for the new model ahead of the 8 a.m. launch in the U.S. At the flagship Apple store on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, a line of hundreds circled the block. Many of them were already owners of the first iPhone, suggesting that Apple is preaching to the choir with the new model, which updates the one launched a year ago by speeding up Internet access and adding a navigation chip.

Thanks to subsidies by the carrier, the price has also been cut substantially to \$199 for the cheapest model in the United States.

Alex Cavallo, 24, was in line at the Fifth Avenue store, just as he had been a year ago for the original iPhone. He sold that one recently on eBay in anticipation of the new one. In the meantime, he has been using another phone, which felt "uncomfortable."

"The iPhone is just a superior user experience," he said. The phone also proved a decent investment for him: He bought the old model for \$599 and sold it for \$570.

Outside an AT&T store in Atlanta, more than hundred people had lined up.

Edward Watkins, a 34-year-old engineer and avowed "techno nut," said he didn't mind paying an extra \$10 a month to the carrier to upgrade his phone.

"I'd pay an extra \$30 or \$40 a month for that. It's a smoother running phone. It's driving a Beamer as opposed to a Chevy Metro."

Fueled by bags of Doritos, three games of Scrabble and two packs of cigarettes, 24-year-old grad student Nick Epperson stayed up all night for a phone, after selling his old one online. When asked why he was waiting in line, he responded simply "Chicks dig the iPhone."

The new phone went on sale Friday in 22 countries. In

most of them it was the first time any iPhone was officially sold there, though several countries have seen a brisk grey-market trade in phones imported from the U.S.

On the Japanese market, the iPhone's capabilities are less revolutionary, where people have for years used tech-heavy local phones for restaurant searches, e-mail, music downloads, reading digital novels and electronic shopping.

The latest Japanese cell phones have two key features absent on the iPhone — digital TV broadcast reception and the "electronic wallet" for making payments at stores and vending machines equipped with special electronic readers.

But they don't have the iPhone's nifty touch screen or glamour image. By Friday morning, the line at the Softbank Corp. store in Tokyo had grown to more than 1,000 people, and the phone quickly sold out.

"Just look at this obviously innovative design," Yuki Kurita, 23, said as he emerged from buying his iPhone, carrying bags of clothing and a skateboard he had used as a chair during his wait outside the Tokyo store. "I am so thrilled just thinking about how I get to touch this."

The phone went on sale first in New Zealand, where hundreds of people lined up outside stores in New Zealand's main cities to snap it up right at midnight — 8 a.m. Thursday in New York.

Steve Jobs knows what people want," Web developer Lucinda McCullough told the Christchurch Press newspaper, referring to Apple's chief executive. "And I need a new phone."

In Germany, T-Mobile stores reported brisk sales, particularly in Munich, Hamburg and Cologne, said spokeswoman Marion Kessing.

BUSINESS

Toyota plant halt has 'silver lining'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With gas at \$4 per gallon, perhaps a Prius plant would have been better for San Antonio, but Toyota Motor Corp.'s three-month production halt at its new Tundra plant isn't as bad as it could have been.

The 2,000 full-time workers who make the pickup trucks will continue to be paid during the downtime expected to start in August

wobbly economy and high gas prices.

The San Antonio plant, which opened in November 2007, currently makes about two-thirds of the company's Tundras with the other third manufactured in Princeton, Ind. Under a reorganization announced Thursday, all Tundras will be made in San Antonio starting next year. That will allow a new Mississippi plant to begin making the popular hybrid Prius, while the compact Highlander SUV will be made in Princeton.

It's not clear yet how the production halt at the San Antonio Tundra plant will affect the 21 onsite suppliers and their 2,000 workers. The suppliers were told late Wednesday of the shutdown plans, and they're still determining what to do, Goss said.

Gov. Rick Perry, addressing the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, said he's not worried about the pause in Tundra manufacturing. He noted that truck production will eventually be consolidated here.

"Things might get pretty tough out there in the national economy. Things might even get a little tougher here in Texas, but I'll tell you one thing: Texans ain't gonna quit driving pickup trucks," Perry said. "You can't put a bale of hay in the back of a Prius. It don't work."

"This is not an inexpensive proposition to pay them for no production. We have a long-term optimistic view of the truck. It's going to take some time to get through this economic downturn."

— Michael Goss
Toyota spokesman

and end in November, when production of the 2009 model begins. The workers will undergo training or help with improvements at the plant during the lull.

"This is not an inexpensive proposition to pay them for no production," Toyota spokesman Michael Goss said Thursday, but the company wants workers ready when production resumes. "We have a long-term optimistic view of the truck. It's going to take some time to get through this economic downturn."

Sales of the full-size truck have been hampered by the

Freddie, Fannie shares sink on bailout concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shares of Freddie Mac plummeted Friday as Wall Street and Washington became more convinced that the government is likely to bail out the nation's key mortgage financiers.

Freddie Mac shares fell \$3.30, or 41.3 percent, to \$4.70 in morning trading, while Fannie Mae fell \$4.90, or 37.1 percent, to \$8.30. Both are at 17-year lows.

"I think everybody's just holding their breath in expectation that something substantive from the government will happen today or over the weekend," said Karen Shaw Petrou, managing partner of consulting firm Federal Financial Analytics in Washington.

The companies' troubles are more a result of market perceptions than a changed financial picture at the two companies, Petrou said.

"External reality doesn't warrant such

an action, but external reality seems no longer to matter," she said.

Under a 1992 law, if either company fell into financial trouble, the government could take over their operations by placing it in a conservatorship.

Wachovia Corp. economist Jay Bryson said the two mortgage giants could face a replay of the near-collapse in March of investment bank Bear Stearns Cos. A lack of market confidence could make it difficult for Fannie and Freddie to raise funding through debt sales, he said.

"It becomes a liquidity issue, rather than a solvency issue," Bryson said.

The New York Times reported Friday the government was considering taking over the operations of one or both of the companies, adding to fears that have mounted this week. Representatives from Fannie and Freddie were not immediately available for comment Friday morning.

Fannie and Freddie play a crucial role in providing funding for home loans by buying up mortgages and packaging them as investments. If they are unable to operate, the implications could be dire.

"Without them, our economy would collapse," Piper Jaffray analyst Robert P. Napoli said in a note to clients. Napoli lowered his target on Freddie to \$9 per share from \$28, and on Fannie to \$15 per share from \$30.

On Thursday, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight — the companies' chief regulator — said both Fannie and Freddie remain "adequately capitalized," after Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke sought to calm investors' jitters in testimony on Capitol Hill.

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Viewpoints

Caring enough to send the very best

Shopping for cards has become a bit more complicated these days. Or maybe it has been complicated for years, and in my youthful lack of thoughtfulness, I have failed to fully explore the complexities of card giving.

I'm sure it's the latter. But as you WELL know, I'm older now. I am now seeing things I've never noticed before. Seriously. Like bird species, flower types and, yes, card-giving genres.

Did you know that we now can buy not just a sympathy card, but a very specific kind of sympathy card? Here are some of the categories to choose from: Death of a Spouse; Death of a Child; Infertility Issues.

My favorite is infertility issues. I love the idea of telling someone something as specific as: Sorry you're having trouble having a baby. Have fun trying — without having to write those very words myself.

Now, come on! Who wants to get that personal in a card? I mean here I am bearing my soul to the masses every week in the daily paper, and you don't hear me telling you about my infertility issues.

No. Why? Because that's just too much information! It's over-share.

I like you, you like me, I want to hear about your life, you put up with hearing

about mine, but there are just some things that we don't talk about. We're Americans. That's the way we work.

These cards are really chipping away at the very foundation of this institution. And since when did it

become socially unacceptable to simply send a card that says: Sorry for your loss, or I'm thinking about you? Now we have:

"Good luck going to college, and don't do too many drugs!"

"I'm sorry your cat got run over by your neighbor

kid's Mustang."

"Congratulations — you're marrying a real loser ..."

No. I didn't see those cards. But I almost did. If that seems a little too blunt or personal, well, that's because it is. Because they are.



Miranda Bailey

Guest Columnist

Even the get-well cards have turned on us. Three categories I found included: Cancer; Cancer in Remission; Remission for 100 days.

What about all of our friends who are sick with diabetes, heart disease and chronic obstructive pul-

monary disease? That doesn't seem very fair to limit cards to cancer. Yes, I hate cancer as much as the next guy, but it seems a little presumptuous and slightly too specific, if you ask me.

Of course nobody did. The funny thing is that I think the card makers are trying to simplify our lives. By making the cards as specific as possible, it should be making the card "just perfect" for our individual situations.

Instead, it shows we care enough to send the very best message that may or may not be appropriate for the person we're giving it to.

Look, I know some of you

don't want to write. I know you'd rather eat beets for breakfast. But just saying something simple in your own words is enough. I personally would much rather have handwritten, easy messages like:

"Just thinking of you,"

or

"You're on my mind!"

or even ...

"I'm sorry you have had to go through this pathetic attempt at humor in a card-giving column. Better luck next time!"

"Most Sincerely,

"Miranda."

—Miranda Bailey's column runs every Friday. You can reach her at frazierbailey@sbglobal.net.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2008. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

'False democracy shouts Every man down to the level of the average. True democracy cries All men up to the height of their fullest capacity for service and achievement.'

— Nicholas Murray Butler
American educator
(1862-1947)

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy swore in its first class of cadets at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

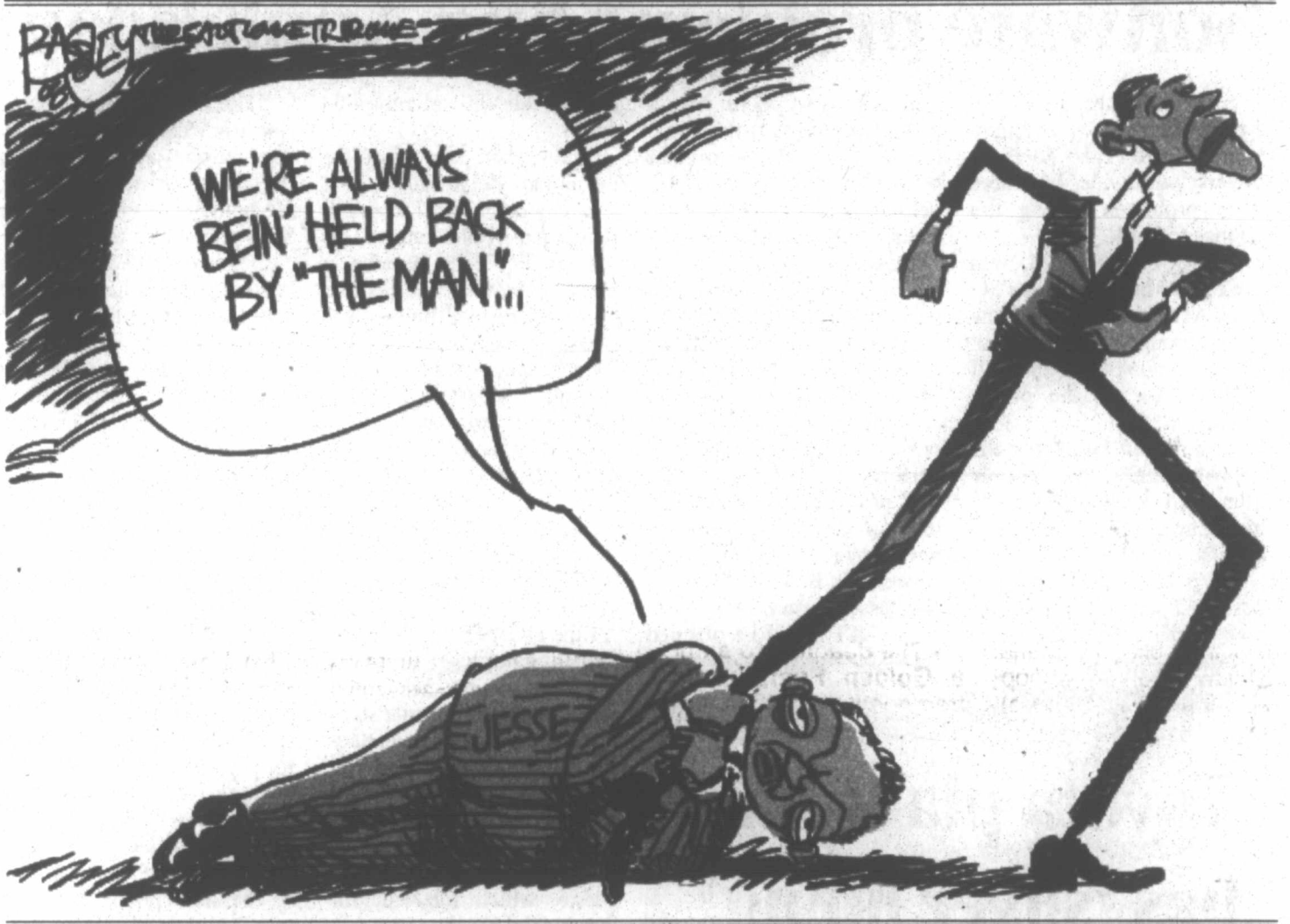
In 1978, 216 people were immediately killed when a tanker truck overfilled with propylene gas exploded on a coastal highway south of Tarragona, Spain.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1988, nine people were killed when five Palestinian gunmen attacked hundreds of tourists aboard a Greek cruise ship, the City of Poros, which was steaming toward a marina in suburban Athens.

In 1995, the United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

Ten years ago: Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, a casualty of the Vietnam War, was laid to rest near his Missouri home, after the positive identification of his remains, which had been enshrined at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va.



Northern guilt versus Southern guilt ...

It's funny that Ralph Nader, the perennial presidential-election spoiler, is claiming that Barack Obama is appealing to white guilt. I've seen no evidence of that. In fact, Obama has been trying his best to run a color-blind campaign.

The truth is, except for his skin color, Obama is your standard Northern liberal. If there's only a dime's worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats, there's only a penny's worth of difference between Obama and Teddy Kennedy on matters of policy. Obama, however, is certainly the smarter of the two.

I've never been a fan of Nader, and I don't see why anyone is paying him the least bit of attention. He says what he thinks will get him ink and airtime. He's a publicity hound. There's something perverse about people

who will run for office, knowing they can't win, but are willing to skim a few votes off one of the major candidates. Nader definitely cost Al Gore the election in 2000, so we can just blame him for eight years of George W. Bush. As far as I'm concerned, that consigns Nader to the dung heap.

In reality, I'm not sure that there is even such a thing as white guilt. Most Northerners seem to feel self-righteous on race matters, having for years enjoyed blaming the South. Most Southerners don't feel any guilt. I don't. I never owned any slaves, and I was glad to see the end of segregation. What's to feel guilty

about? Whatever profits accrued to the South as a result of slavery were wiped out by the War of Northern Aggression and Reconstruction.

The South, both blacks and whites, was plunged into poverty, from which it didn't begin to recover until World War II. While scientists were working on the atomic bomb in the 1940s in Chicago, Georgia tenant farmers, many of them, were picking cotton by hand and carrying it to the gin in mule-drawn wagons.

Outhouses, wells and oil lamps were familiar objects in my childhood. I went barefoot all summer, except

for Sundays, and the only free lunches came from friends and relatives during visits. Believe it or not, people managed to survive without welfare, Medicaid or Medicare. I chopped kindling with an axe and carried in many a bucket of good old Pennsylvania anthracite coal for the fireplaces and stoves. My treasured possessions were a pocketknife, a secondhand .22 rifle and marbles.

No one I can recall considered himself poor or felt any guilt. If Obama receives any votes because of white guilt, it will be in the North or Midwest. Perhaps that is appropriate, since it was people from those regions who screwed the former slaves out of the promised 40 acres and a mule and cut a deal with the Democrats

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 30

El Paso Times on hand-held cell phones and driving:

Now is a good time for Texas lawmakers to start writing bills that would ban hand-held cell-phone use while driving.

We urge our elected lawmakers to do just that — and for the Texas Legislature to pass it this time; previous attempts have failed.

Texas citizens, overwhelmingly, want at least some form of a ban. The Legislature next convenes in January, and now is the time senators and representatives write bills they plan to intro-

duce and drum up backing from other lawmakers.

Listen to the populace. Sixty percent of Texans polled said they strongly, or somewhat support, a ban on cell-phone use while driving. If 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of one presidential candidate over another, it would be called a landslide victory.

So this ban on cell-phone use while driving should be a landslide yea vote.

The poll was conducted by the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership group. The question on cell-phone use was among other transportation-related questions asked.

There are statistics galore showing that cell-phone use causes accidents and deaths. A Harvard University study found that cell-phone use causes some

500,000 car crashes each year.

Five states plus the District of Columbia have passed bans on hand-held cell-phone use while driving. Seventeen, including Texas, have bans for novice drivers. Some states have passed legislation that allows individual municipalities to set cell-phone regulations.

Driving and using a hand-held cell phone to either talk or text message is a distraction that, statistics clearly show, takes away one's ability to drive safely.

Convenience is about the only reason people give for using cell phones while driving, and that certainly does not trump the safety issue. Using an earpiece phone allows drivers to keep

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Trade deficit ebbs as exports rise to record high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States' trade deficit narrowed in May as exports — including industrial supplies and consumer goods — climbed to all-time highs.

The latest snapshot of trade activity, reported by the Commerce Department on Friday, showed that the nation's trade gap, thanks largely to the declining dollar, decreased to \$59.8 billion. That was down 1.2 percent from April's trade deficit and was the best showing since March.

The improvement came even as imports — including crude oil — hit new record highs.

The trade deficit narrowed in May because exports grew faster than imports.

Exports of U.S.-made goods and serv-

ices totaled an all-time high of \$157.6 billion in May. That marked a 0.9 percent increase from April. The declining value of the U.S. dollar, relative to other currencies, especially the euro, is helping to make U.S. exports cheaper and thus more attractive to foreign buyers. Growth in exports has been one of the few bright spots for the U.S. economy, which has been pounded by housing, credit and financial crises.

Imports of goods and services grew to a record of \$217.3 billion in May, a 0.3 percent increase from the prior month.

The trade picture turned out better than many economists were anticipating. They were forecasting the trade gap to widen to \$62.2 billion in May. The improvement should help give a boost to overall econom-

ic growth during the April-to-June quarter.

Still, galloping energy prices are a strain on U.S. companies and on the economy as a whole.

The average price of imported crude oil soared to a record of \$106.28 a barrel in May. That pushed the country's imported crude-oil bill to an all-time high of \$31.2 billion. The quantity of imported crude oil actually dipped in May from April.

Crude oil prices were hovering above \$143 a barrel on Friday.

The trade deficit with oil-producing nations, including Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela, rose to a record of \$17.9 billion in May.

The United States' has struggled to trim its trade deficits, a source of tension

between Democrats and Republicans.

The Bush administration says free-trade policies that make it easier for U.S. companies to do business in other countries are the best way to deal with the country's trade deficits.

Democrats, however, blame the president's trade policies for the trade gap and loss of millions of U.S. factory jobs over the years as U.S. companies moved production to low-wage places such as China.

On the campaign trail, GOP presidential contender John McCain supports free trade, although he has acknowledged that it is not a positive for all people. He has promised to retrain workers who lose jobs to overseas plants.

Events calendar

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will conduct its "Music in the Gardens" featuring various musicians and vocal artists from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday now through August. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513. Summer hours for the gardens are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. week days.

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., July 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

The deadline to register for a Texas Alliance for Water Conservation field day is July 15. The

field day will be conducted July 31 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. The program will highlight current and future production and water management project activities and what has been discovered from past production practices and research efforts. The event will include on-farm demos and a commodity leader panel discussion. For more information, visit <http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc> on the Internet.

The reunion committee for the PHS Class of 1969 will meet at 7:30 p.m. July 17 at Innovative Staffing Solutions, 1327 N. Hobart, in Pampa.

Copper Breaks State Park at Quanah will host a Summer Art Exhibition July 19-Aug. 17 at park headquarters. For more information or to enter, contact the park during normal business hours at (940) 839-4331.

The deadline to enter a Golden Poets Guild free poetry contest is July 26. A grand-prize will be awarded. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 601 16th St # C-115 Golden, CO 80401, or enter via the Internet at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for local businesses to purchase a rodeo banner in lieu of the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo is July 30. The 62nd annual rodeo is scheduled Aug. 14-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

WORLD NEWS

SKorean fatally shot by NKorean

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean soldier fatally shot a South Korean tourist Friday at a mountain resort in the communist North, prompting the South to suspend the high-profile tour program just as South Korea's new president sought to rekindle strained ties between the divided countries.

The news of the unprecedented shooting of a 53-year-old woman at Diamond Mountain resort emerged just hours after new President Lee Myung-bak delivered a nationwide address calling for restored contacts between the two Koreas, which have been on hold since he took office in February.

Kim said South Korea would suspend future Diamond Mountain tours until it completes an investigation. The other some 1,200 tourists already at the resort are to complete their tours as scheduled by as late as Sunday, said Hyundai Asan, the South Korean company that operates the resort.

"We regret that our tourist was killed," Kim said, adding that Seoul "will take appropriate corresponding measures" pending the results of the probe.

According to a North Korean account given to Hyundai Asan, the woman left her hotel around 4:30

The woman, identified as Park Wang-ja, ran away when a North Korean soldier told her to halt after spotting her about a half-mile inside the fence. Park fled as the soldier chased her and fired one warning shot ...

a.m. to walk along the beach at the resort, but crossed deep into a fenced-off military area.

The woman, identified as Park Wang-ja, ran away when a North Korean soldier told her to halt after spotting her about a half-mile inside the fence. Park fled as the soldier chased her and fired one warning shot, before she was shot dead around 5 a.m., the North said.

Park was shot twice from behind, said Cho Yong-seok, an official at the hospital in the South Korean city of Sokcho where her body was taken. One bullet hit her in the chest, causing her death, and another shot struck her left hip, he said.

The North informed Hyundai Asan about the shooting around 11:30 a.m., more than six hours after the incident. There has not yet been any communication from the North Korean government to Seoul officials about the death.

The resort on the peninsula's eastern coast, which opened in 1998, is one of the most high-profile projects between the two Koreas.

Hyundai Asan operates the Diamond Mountain resort as a tourist enclave inside the communist North, complete with South Korean convenience stores and a duty-free shop selling luxury goods. The area is one of two North Korean tourist programs run by the company, which are the only sites inside the reclusive nation that are open to relatively free access by visitors.

There were no plans to suspend a separate tour program offering day trips to the North's border city of Kaesong because of the shooting.

About 1.9 million visitors, mostly South Koreans, have visited the site, including some 190,000 people this year, according to the Unification Ministry.

In March, the North

opened the resort to tourists driving in private cars across the heavily armed border dividing the Koreas.

Tourists at the resort are usually only allowed to wander freely in specified areas and are under strict control, with green fences separating the zone from the rest of the country. For hiking trips on the mountain, tour groups are taken by bus to trails lined by North Korean monitors.

The resort is in a heavily militarized area near the tense border between the Koreas, the world's last Cold War frontier. On the road to the resort, mobile rocket launchers dot the hillsides and the coast has been home to a major North Korean naval base.

The two Koreas remain technically at war since their 1950-53 conflict ended in a cease-fire. However, they have made strides in reconciliation since the first-ever summit in 2000 between leaders of the North and South.

Relations have chilled since South Korea's new President Lee took office with a tougher policy on the North.

However, Lee proposed Friday a resumption of dialogue between the Koreas and said he would respect earlier agreements from North-South summits, a softening of his earlier stance.

Reese

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that made segregation possible.

And if there was segregation by law in

the South, there was segregation by practice in the North. I grew up in a sea of black faces and played every day with black kids. There were no black ghettos in most of the South; black people lived a block from my house.

That said, was it tough being black in the segregated South? You bet. In some places, a wrong word or even a look could get you

beaten or killed. Job opportunities were as scarce as voter registration. Apartheid was about the same in the South as in South Africa, although white Southerners — some of them, anyway — were naturally more polite than the Afrikaners. Schools were separate and unequal. The N-word and "boy" were constant affronts to men's dignity. Obama and people in his age group

are lucky in the year of their birth.

But we Americans are not very good at feeling guilty. If you don't believe me, ask the Cheyenne, the Cherokee or the Sioux.

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

Carphones

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both hands on the wheel and keep attention on the road.

There are now enough statistics to prove cell-phone use while driving is dangerous.

We urge our state elected officials from El Paso to be part of enacting a ban on hand-held cell phone use while driving in our state. URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>

Judy Davis awarded damages in suit

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Judy Davis was awarded \$134,000 in damages Friday from a newspaper that ridiculed her as heartless for opposing a plan to erect floodlights in a park near the actress' harborside home in Sydney.

New South Wales state Supreme Court Judge Peter McClellan ruled that February 2006 articles in The Daily Telegraph had hurt the two-time Oscar nominee's reputation and personal standing in the community by implying

she was selfish and unreasonable.

Davis did not immediately comment.

Printing that Davis "was a heartless person in being indifferent to the risk of injury to hundreds of children, would inevitably diminish her reputation in the eyes of many people," McClellan said in his judgment.

Davis, 53, had sued the Telegraph's publisher Nationwide News Pty. Ltd., for articles about her behavior at a local council meeting.

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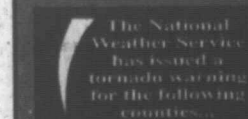
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Power Lab!

Cayson Steward, outfitted in his scientist attire, is ready for "Power Lab" at Cornerstone Baptist Church. "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School at Cornerstone will kick-off at 3 p.m. Saturday at water tower park in the North Crest Addition with bounce houses, hot dogs, sno cones and face painting. The Bible school, open to 4 year olds through fifth-graders, will last Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18. Hours will be 6-9 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 669-6509.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will host a free concert with contemporary Christian music group LeeLand, of Baytown, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 at the church.

Consisting of five male members, age 19 to 24, LeeLand has toured with Casting Crowns following the group's debut album "Sound of Melodies." The band won a 2007 Grammy award nomination for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album and four Dove Award nominations for New Artist of the Year, Rock/Contemporary Recording Song of the Year, Rock/Contemporary Album of the Year, and Praise and Worship Album of the Year.

Lead singer Leeland and brother, Jack, also earned two nominations each as songwriters in the Worship Song category for "Yes You Have" and Rock/Contemporary Recorded Song category for "Sound of Melodies."

CrossPointe Church, 711 E. Harvester, in Pampa will hold a garage sale fundraiser from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11-12 at the church. The church will host a cook-out at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13 to celebrate its new permanent location at 711 E. Harvester.

AMARILLO — The Catholic Museum and Archives Center of the Diocese of Amarillo along with members of the Catholic Historical Society will conduct a book sale Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2 at the diocesan gymnasium in Amarillo.

The sale will open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. both days. Books for sale will include rare books on Texas and southwest history, collected by the late Bishop Laurence J. FitzSimon.

The sale will also include religious books, art books, collector books and limited editions by the late Father Stanley Crotchiola of the histories of the Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico towns.

To find out more, call (806) 383-7447.

PERRYTON — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 12, in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in Perryton. A potluck meal will be served followed by a sponsor training, and a praise and worship service.

The team meeting for the July 24-27 Men's Walk 67 will start at 9 a.m. The board will meet at 4 p.m. at the church. All Emmaus members, families and friends are welcome.

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50 names entered for Oral Roberts post

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — More than 50 people have been suggested for or have shown interest in the Oral Roberts University presidency, according to the presidential search consultant.

School leaders hope to hire a new president by next summer, although consultant Bruce Dingman, president of The Dingman Co. Inc., said the university is not creating an artificial deadline for accepting resumes.

ORU is looking for a new leader following Richard Roberts' resignation last fall after intense publicity over lawsuits, which raised allegations he mispent university money and poorly man-

aged the school — allegations he denied.

The school's board of regents was replaced by a board of trustees, which is working to stabilize ORU's finances and institute shared responsibility among trustees, administrators and faculty.

Rhae Buckley, a member of the presidential search committee and chairman of the ORU Alumni Association board of directors, said he thinks the most important qualification is servant-leadership.

"It's important for ORU because that's the original vision: It was birthed under bringing God's word to the uttermost ends of the earth, so it's important that that

continue," Buckley said.

The job description calls for a man or woman who has had a "significant leadership position in a fairly large, complex organization" and who is a good speaker, "devoted Christian," planner, visionary, team-builder and good fundraiser, among many more qualifications.

It also describes a president who would serve as a role model, "living a Spirit-filled life, practicing the prayer language."

The spiritual practice of speaking in tongues is common and encouraged at ORU. At the same time, "the president should not be denominationally focused, but rather, inclusive."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going through a financial situation which many families seem to face these days, where the wife has to take care of the family's finances. Yesterday my husband asked me to give him some money. Of course I told him I would give it to him, but I wanted to know what he needed it for because I had given him enough a week ago that should have gotten him through a minimum of three weeks. My husband became angry and told me to "forget the money," that he would manage one way or another. I tried explaining to him that if the situation was the other way around, he would have wanted to know what I needed the money for and that I was only concerned, but he's still mad at me. I apologized, but he's still hurt. Was it wrong to ask him what he needed the money for?

-- **WORRIED WIFE IN NIGERIA**

DEAR WORRIED WIFE: Your question was probably spontaneous, and certainly to the point. More than what happened to the money, your husband's defensive reaction is cause for concern. If he was proud of where the money went, he would have answered the question. However, please consider that another reason he may have overreacted is that he feels it should be his place to be the breadwinner -- and the fact that you are is a blow to his ego.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a freshman in college and having one of the best times of my life. I have made a lot of good friends. My only problem is I don't have a boyfriend. It's not that I feel I can't exist without one. I have been perfectly content as a single girl. But I'm 18 now, and still haven't kissed a guy.

One by one, each of my friends has found someone. I know a lot of guys through activities I'm involved in, or my classes, but I am terrified of initiating something. I really need them to make the first move. I'm worried that no one will be interested in me because I'm a bit overweight and I'm self-conscious about it. Abby, can you think of anything I could do to change my situation? -- **WANTING A GUY AT CORNELL**

DEAR WANTING A GUY: Perhaps. May I suggest an extra-curricular activity for you? It's one that will give you a chance to meet and mingle with new people. Join a gym. It's healthy, it's fun, and it's a non-threatening way to meet all sorts of people with different interests. It's also an effective way to lose weight, tone up and gain self-confidence. Give it a try and let me hear from you in six months. I'll bet by then your problem will have resolved itself.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl with a problem. My mom is dating a really cool guy. He's nice and remembers our birthdays and stuff like that, but I don't like him that much. I have talked to my mom and my school counselor about it. What do you suppose I should do now? -- **ISSUES WITH MOM'S B.F.**

DEAR ISSUES: Just because your mother likes him does not mean that you have to like him "that much." He is your mother's friend. Therefore, you should treat him with the same respect and consideration that you would want your mother to treat one of YOUR friends.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Scrumptious

1 Eastern monks

6 List divider

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8 Wally Cox series

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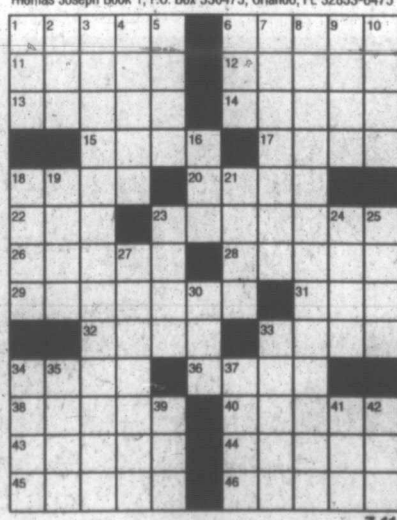
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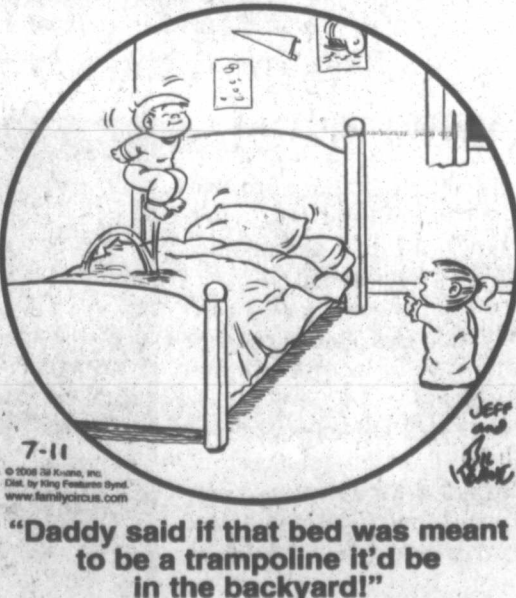


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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Associated Press: News in Brief

Agriculture Department expected to require disclosure of retailers in some meat recalls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Next time there's a meat recall, you may be able to find out if your local grocery store received any of the tainted meat.

Prodded by fallout from the nation's largest beef recall, the Agriculture Department was expected to finalize plans Friday to make retailers' names public during some meat recalls. That's something that now doesn't happen at all, except in California, which has its own law requiring such disclosure.

Consumer groups along with some lawmakers have been pushing for the change for years. But the final rule may not be as strong as they would like.

Facing opposition from industry to any disclosure, the Agriculture Department is expected to impose the requirement only in the case of so-called "Class I" recalls — those which are considered to pose the greatest health hazard.

That means the rule wouldn't have applied to February's recall of 143 million pounds of beef by the Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. in Chino, Calif. The Chino recall was categorized as "Class II" because authorities determined there was minimal risk to human health.

Long trip through Senate over, mortgage aid faces House changes, high-stakes negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling homeowners who can't afford their mortgages and banks facing big losses would get government help under a foreclosure rescue that has broad bipartisan support.

The plan is headed for Senate passage Friday, but faces a bumpy road, with the House planning a rewrite and the White House threatening a veto without major changes.

With the last procedural hurdles scaled Thursday, the package was on track for resounding approval in the Senate. It has drawn broad support in the Senate, reflecting widespread interest by lawmakers in both parties in sending election-year help to struggling homeowners facing tough economic times.

The centerpiece of the plan would let the Federal Housing Administration back up to \$300 billion in new loans to give struggling homeowners more affordable, fixed-rate mortgages. It allows lenders who agree to take a substantial loss on the mortgages to reclaim at least some money and avoid a costly foreclosure.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the Financial Services Committee chairman and an architect of the bill, said the few but significant revisions House leaders are seeking could be made in as little as one week. Key players are preparing for a week of intense negotiations to resolve differences on Capitol Hill and with the White House, with an eye toward producing a bill President Bush could sign later this month.

McCain's Vietnam cellmate a long-time supporter of GOP candidate — and a foe of Democrats

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In the decades since they shared a prison cell in North Vietnam, George "Bud" Day has remained a close friend of Republican John McCain and emerged as a staunch opponent of Democrats seeking the presidency.

As he did in 2004, when he took the lead in questioning Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's Vietnam War record, Day is eager this fall to do whatever he can to retain the White House for the Republicans — especially this Republican.

"I just want everyone to understand the difference between a board-certified physician and a student in medical school, because that is the difference," Day said, comparing McCain with Democratic rival Barack Obama. "Who would want a student in medical school operating on them?"

Day, 83, a former Air Force colonel who earned the Medal of Honor and dozens of other honors for his service during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, was held in a Hanoi prison for six years, off and on in the same cell as McCain.

"I know him extremely well, better than his wife," Day joked in a telephone interview.

Congress going through the motions more as election approaches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some fights of the 110th Congress have lost their oomph in the waning months before the November elections, with both parties content to run out the clock on messy matters like the war in Iraq, spending bills and various disputes with the White House.

Democrats dropped any pretense of trying to address some of the stickiest issues when their Senate leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, told reporters Thursday that Congress will punt until next year its biggest job, setting most of the government's spending priorities.

Secure vault Glomalin key to locking up soil carbon

By DON COMIS
ARS News Service

A soil constituent known as glomalin provides a secure vault for the world's soil carbon. That's according to Kristine Nichols, a microbiologist at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory in Mandan, N.D.

Glomalin is a sticky substance secreted by threadlike fungal structures called hyphae that funnel nutrients and water to plant roots. Glomalin acts like little globs of chewing gum on strings or strands of plant roots and the fungal hyphae. Into this sticky "string bag" fall the sand, silt and clay particles that make up soil, along with plant debris and other carbon-containing organic matter. The sand, silt and clay stick to the glomalin, starting aggregate formation, a major step in soil creation.

On the surface of soil aggregates, glomalin forms a lattice-like waxy coating to keep water from flowing rapidly into the aggregate and washing away everything, including the carbon. As the builder of the formation "bag" for soil, glomalin is vital globally to soil building, productivity and sustainability, as well as to carbon storage.

Nichols uses glomalin measurements to gauge which farming or rangeland practices work best for storing carbon. Since glomalin levels can reflect how much carbon each practice is storing, they could be used in conjunction with carbon credit trading programs.

In studies on cropland, Nichols has found that both tilling and leaving land idle — as is common in arid regions — lower glomalin levels by destroying living hyphal fungal networks. The networks need live roots and do better in undisturbed soil.

When glomalin binds with iron or other heavy metals, it can keep carbon from decomposing for up to 100 years. Even without heavy metals, glomalin stores carbon in the inner recesses of soil particles where only slow-acting microbes live. This

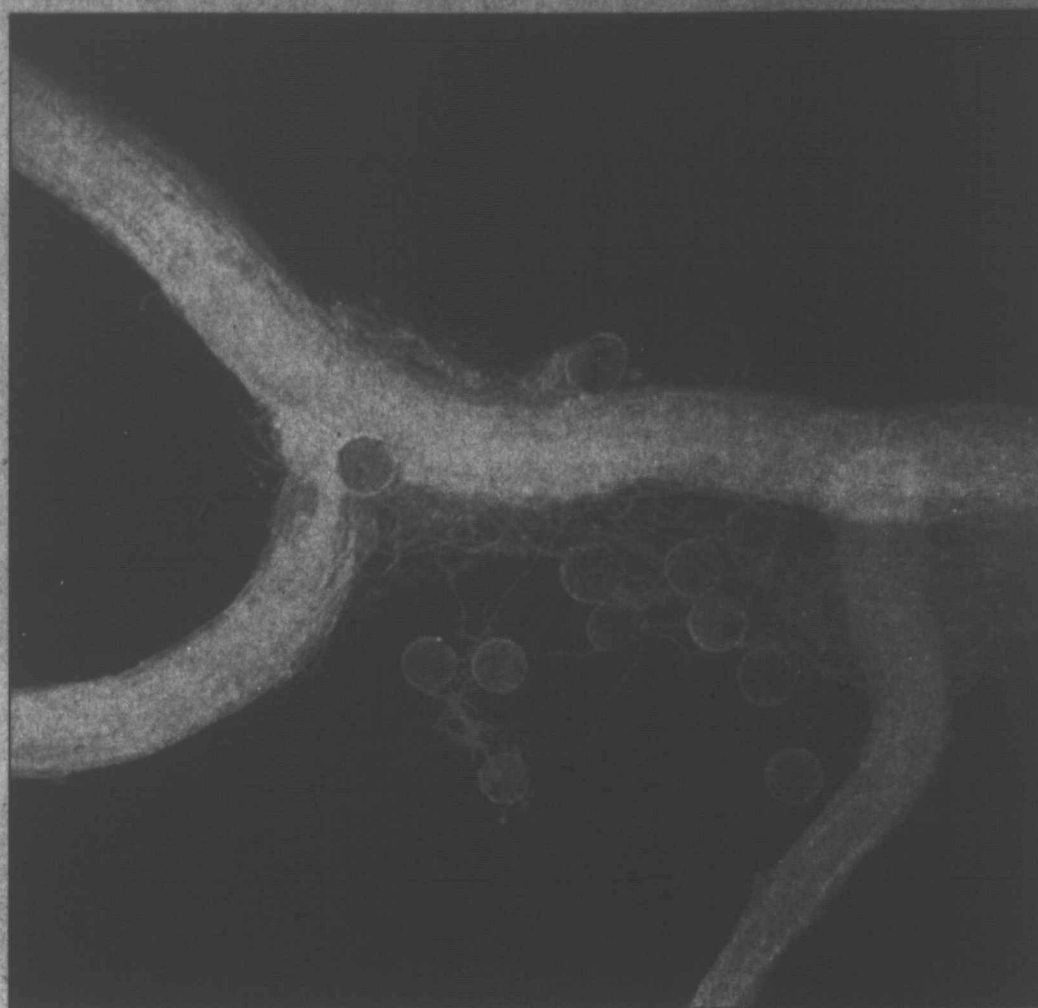


Photo by Sara Wright

A microscopic view of an arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus growing on a corn root. The round bodies are spores, and the threadlike filaments are hyphae. The substance coating them is glomalin, revealed by a green dye tagged to an antibody against glomalin. Glomalin can keep carbon in the soil from decomposing for up to 100 years.

carbon in organic matter is also saved, like a slow-release fertilizer, for later use by plants and hyphae.

Nichols began her career with ARS working with soil scientist Sara Wright, who first discovered and named glomalin in 1996. Wright has since retired.

Nichols will present these research results this afternoon at a public field day in Brookings, S.D.

ARS is a scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For Obama, McCain, varied paths on women's issues

NEW YORK (AP) — It's women's week on the presidential campaign trail, judging from the attention that Barack Obama and John McCain are lavishing on female voters and issues especially important to them.

Obama, campaigning here Thursday with former Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton, criticized McCain's opposition to an equal-pay Senate bill, his support for conservative-leaning Supreme Court justices and his abortion-rights objections.

"I will never back down in defending a woman's right to choose," Obama said at a "Women for Obama" breakfast fundraiser.

McCain, the Republican from Arizona, planned a similar day Friday when he will meet with female business owners in Minnesota and

then hold a women-oriented town-hall meeting in Wisconsin. Asked about women in an interview this week, McCain said he wants to "make sure that any barriers to their advancement are eliminated."

Obama makes similar remarks, but the two differ sharply on their approach to several key issues. Obama would require employers to expand family and medical leave, for example, while McCain said Thursday it should "be subject to negotiations between management and labor."

"Senator Obama believes that big government is the answer," he said.

Women, who tend to make their choices somewhat later than men in presidential races according to some surveys, have been a coveted group for

decades. Previous elections have focused on "soccer moms" and "security moms," for

"I will never back down in defending a woman's right to choose."

— Barack Obama
Democratic Nominee

instance.

Women have leaned Democratic in recent elections, while men have tilted Republican. The width of the "gender gap" can determine which party wins the White House.

Obama led McCain

among women, 42 percent to 37 percent, in an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll conducted in June. McCain would be happy to stay that close, because President Bush narrowly defeated Democrat Al Gore in 2000 while losing women by a larger margin: 54 to 43 percent. In 2004, John Kerry won 51 percent of the female vote, to Bush's 48 percent.

Obama's campaign is largely directed at younger, single, well-educated women, many of whom support abortion rights and want the same pay and opportunities that men have in the workplace. His biggest hurdle, for now at least, may lie in his own party: placating Democratic women who backed Clinton and felt she was treated unfairly by the news media or even Obama himself.

Since defeating Clinton

in the primaries, Obama's strategy has been to praise her heavily at nearly every stop, and to draw as sharp a distinction as possible with McCain on key issues.

On Thursday, Obama cited recent Senate legislation designed to counteract a Supreme Court decision limiting the time workers have to file pay discrimination lawsuits. Obama said McCain "thinks the Supreme Court got it right."

"He suggested that the reason women don't have equal pay isn't discrimination on the job — it's because they need more education and training," Obama said, eliciting groans from the audience.

Obama backed the Senate legislation that would have made it easier for women to sue their employers for pay discrimination.

Bodies of missing US soldiers found in Iraq

DETROIT (AP) — For more than a year, Gordon Dibler held out hope that his stepson, Army Pvt. Byron W. Fouty, would return home from Iraq. Then military officials delivered the grim news that the body of Fouty and another soldier captured during an ambush south of Baghdad had been found.

"Every day that he's been missing has been a day of 'what could have been' ... but after hearing the news ... I'm still in shock," Dibler said Thursday, after military officials came to his Oxford home and told him his stepson's body was one of two discovered in the Iraqi village of Jurf as Sakhr.

Fouty, 19, of Waterford, Mich., and Army Sgt. Alex Jimenez, 25, of Lawrence, Mass., were kidnapped in May 2007 in the volatile area south of Baghdad known as the "triangle of death." The body of a third captured soldier, Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr., 20, of Torrance, Calif., was found in the Euphrates River a year later.

Jimenez's father, Ramon "Andy" Jimenez, said he also received a visit Thursday from military officials who told him that his son's body and some of his son's personal effects had been discovered in Iraq. Speaking through a translator, he said the news "shattered all hope" the family had to "see Alex walk home on his own."

The military would not immediately confirm the mens' reports; the Pentagon generally waits 24 hours after notifying the next of kin before making a release public.

Lawrence Veterans Services Director Francisco Urena, who was at the Jimenez home Thursday night and translated for the soldier's father, said the family was given no details on the discovery of the bodies or the nature of the soldiers' deaths.

The men were identified using dental records, Dibler said, adding that the bodies of both soldiers were taken to Dover, Del., where military officials are expected to perform further tests to positively identify both men and determine a cause of death.

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scholarships for Pampa High School students or other community projects so long as it meets the guidelines of the Amarillo Area Foundation, a non-profit group.

There will still need to be a public hearing on establishing the fund and a 60-day delay before the money can be put into the fund.

The EDC board also passed its 2008-09 fiscal year budget. It will now go to the Pampa City Commission for approval.

The budget totals \$440,000.

It includes \$154,000 for personnel services, including \$130,000 for salaries for the executive director and an administrative assistant. There is \$112,400 budgeted for contractual services, including \$20,000 for advertising, \$10,000 for business expenses, \$10,000 for professional development, \$12,000 for promotional materials and \$20,000 for legal services.

There is \$39,000 budgeted for Supplies, Materials and Maintenance, including \$25,000 for Operating Expenses.

The board budgeted \$133,000 for other expenses including \$100,000 for projects that are under \$10,000 and not requiring city approval and \$30,000 for travel.

Fiveash said that without the \$100,000 for the smaller projects, the budget drops to \$340,000.

"Last year's budget was \$297,000," he said, "so we're only up about \$40,000 over last year's budget."

That, he said, is essentially the salary for the proposed administrative assistant position.

"That's basically the only change in the budget," Fiveash said.

He reported that out of the \$297,000 in the budget last year, the EDC would only spend about \$160,000 this fiscal year.

"We're going to be way under budget," he said.

He said he had checked and compared the Pampa EDC budget with other EDCs in the area.

"Our budget is significantly lower than everybody else's," Fiveash said.

Sutherland, the group's treasurer, reported that the Pampa EDC had budgeted for an income of \$1 million for this year. He reported that he expected the total income to be over \$1,250,000 by the end of the fiscal year in September.

With two months left in the fiscal year, the EDC has already collected \$1,051,595.66 in sales tax revenue for the year.

With the \$93,000 for July, Sutherland said the EDC had about \$2.2 million in assets. About \$1.9 million of that is in certificates of deposits.

In other business, Fiveash said there have been a series of discussions about marketing the Pampa Mall.

"I understand there's some interest in that right now," Fiveash said. "We had an idea about talking to Mesa about that, but we were called off of that by the owner of the mall because he has some irons in the fire right now."

Fiveash said the EDC is also working with Babcock and Brown concerning their conversion of the Celanese plant to a coal fired power plant.

development corporation's guidelines.

Others may contribute to the fund and make similar restrictions or dedications, such as



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

It's a gusher!

Rainwater cascades into Beech Park earlier this week as a result of heavy rainfall received in the Pampa area that day. An inch of rain was recorded by an automated weather station near Recreation Park for that day.

Oil sets new record above \$147 a barrel

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices spiked to a new record above \$147 a barrel Friday, as rising hostilities between the West and Iran and the potential for attacks on Nigerian oil facilities gave investors reason to rush back into the energy markets.

Another drop in the U.S. dollar also lured buyers.

The resurgence in crude prices not only raises the concern that \$4-a-gallon gasoline is here to stay for U.S. drivers

— it also means that heating homes could get significantly more expensive this winter. Heating oil futures surged on the New York Mercantile Exchange to a record of more than \$4.15 a gallon, and natural gas also rose.

"If you think your gasoline bills are expensive now, wait till you get your home heating bill this winter," said Stephen Schork, an analyst and trader in Villanova, Pa.

The problem is that while

U.S. consumer demand is waning as people try to save money, other factors are keeping energy costs high. Those factors include the weak dollar, refineries cutting back on production and relatively resilient demand for diesel fuel. Diesel is a distillate fuel that is produced and distributed similarly to heating oil, so diesel demand often affects the price of heating oil.

The other big reason gasoline and heating bills are likely to stay high: unrest in the Middle East and Africa.

"The bulls are still able to spin a bullish case on this — not based so much on the fundamentals, but on a lot of 'what if?' scenarios," Schork said.

Iran, which has long been under U.N. scrutiny for its uranium enrichment program, has been testing missiles this week, including a new missile capable of reaching Israel. On Thursday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned the oil-producing nation that the United States will defend its allies, and Iran responded with another missile launch. Neither the United States nor Israel has ruled out a military strike on Iran.

Traders fear the oil producing nation could block the Strait of Hormuz, through which about 40 percent of the world's tanker traffic passes.

"There's always a fear premium in pricing. The tensions in Iran and the threat of supply disruption will help support oil prices," said Jeff Brown, managing director of FACTS Global Energy in Singapore.

On Friday, light, sweet crude for August delivery soared to an all-time high of \$147.27 a barrel, before pulling back slightly to trade at \$146.60, up \$4.94.

Crude had fallen by nearly \$10 a barrel over two days at the start of the week, but rebounded by more than \$5 a barrel Thursday as anxiety heightened about Middle East and Nigerian supplies being disrupted.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries warned Thursday it cannot replace the shortfall if Iran is attacked and takes its crude supplies off the market.

Also Thursday, Nigeria's main militant group said it would resume attacks in the oil-rich region because of Britain's recent vow to back the government in the conflict there. Over the past two years, attacks have lowered the nation's typical daily oil output by a quarter.

JBC Energy in Vienna, Austria, said the news about Iran and Nigeria — as well as a reported threat of a strike by oil workers in Brazil — were "enough to wake the market from its two-day slumber."

Meanwhile, the dollar weakened against other major currencies Friday. The falling dollar has been a major factor behind the surge in crude oil, which is denominated in dollars; oil's rise has not been as severe for countries with stronger currencies, and meanwhile, traders have been using commodities as a hedge against the tumbling U.S. currency.

Wells

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The problem is that CRMWA plans to open bids for Phase III in late January or early February. Part of the stipulation in the grant

is that construction cannot start before funding is approved.

If federal funding does not come through, CRMWA will have to build Phase III with existing funds, which will further stress Phase I, the existing well field, and likely cause water shortages if the lake

continues to drop.

Phase III, Satterwhite said, could be moved back to the original location northwest of Phase I to save money. He said that originally CRMWA had envisioned 10 smaller wells. Unfortunately, costs have gone up since the original plan was drawn up, so the amount of savings is questionable.

The two problems with moving Phase III to the original site is that it is too close to Phase I and would not be as productive as the latest site east of Phase I, and it doesn't leave room for future expansion without a major pipeline.

If the grant funding is not approved soon after the bid opening, Satterwhite said, it could delay construction. That might work if the lake rebounds, but if it doesn't, and then delays could cause water shortages.

The last alternative is to issue additional bonds in January or February while continuing to lobby for the federal funding.

CRMWA began planning its well field expansion in 2005 when the first \$50 million in bonds were issued. Thirty million dollars in bonds went to buy water rights and \$20 million was to go for infrastructure expansion.

The water authority's purchase of water rights went better than expected and CRMWA issued another \$50 million to buy more water rights.

The water authority now owns 263,000 acres containing 15 million acre-feet of groundwater.

Purchase of the new water rights allowed

CRMWA to move its Phase III expansion project 12 miles east of the Phase I and II well fields. Pumping in the new well field shouldn't interfere with the earlier well fields. The water in the new site is also expected to be more abundant, but it also will increase the infrastructure costs of pipelines and power lines.

Of the two bond issues, CRMWA still has about \$26 million to complete Phase II, which is expected to produce 4,000 acre-feet of water per year, and develop three wells in Phase III, which is expected to produce 12,500 acre-feet of water per year.

If CRMWA can get \$23 million in federal funding, then a larger pipeline can be built to tie Phase III into the aqueduct and eight wells, producing a total of 33,500 acre-feet of water per year, can be drilled. The extra money would also allow standby pumping units, which would increase reliability.

Phase II and Phase III will replace lost capacity from the lake. They will also reduce load factors in the well fields and still fill the pipeline, which has a capacity of 69,000 acre-feet.

Between now and the next board meeting in October, Satterwhite said he plans on getting together with CRMWA's member cities and talk about alternatives and talk about each city's needs.

Services

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ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Comanche and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, July 10

9:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

2 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 7500 block of County Road 13. No transport.

2:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th. Call canceled en route.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to another area health care facility.

8:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love. No transport.

Power

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Nestrud, an attorney for the Hempstead County Hunting Club, said his clients are considering whether to appeal Barnes' decision.

"Obviously, we are disappointed," Nestrud said. "It seems apparent to us that construction has started. But the judge has decided differently and unless we can reverse that on appeal, that's it."

officials informed about our work on the site."

Opponents have challenged the environmental effects of the coal-fired plant. Chuck

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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