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Seal coating



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Employees of Lewis Construction, the contractor who is seal coating Pampa streets, apply rock particles to freshly sprayed tar on 23rd Avenue between Hobart Street and Perryton Parkway. Approximately 9.5 miles of city streets will be seal coated during the project, which is expected to take about a week to complete. Work was scheduled to begin Monday, but rainy weather postponed the start of the project until Wednesday.

Cattle producers ask again for aid

Two cattle organizations have repeated calls for passage of disaster assistance for livestock producers.

Saying that cattle producers are facing some of the toughest times ever, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President C.R. Sherron and Cattle Feeders Texas Association Chairman John Gillcrist made the plea in a letter to Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico congressional delegations.

Texas agriculture groups had already asked for federal assistance in drought February and January, March.

Sherron and Gillcrist noted that there was very little water and very little grass left in many areas. Livestock-related losses have already reached \$1.6 billion in Texas alone.

"A drought of historic proportions faces us, already equal to that of the 1950s, they said in the letter.

It is estimated that 77 percent of Texas' hay production has been lost. As of Aug. 15, Oklahoma had an 80 percent poor to very poor pasture and range rating, making the state tied for the worst conditions in the lower 48 states.

Rising hay and supplemental feed costs are forcing many ranchers to sell brood cows that normally would not go to market. Others are liquidating their entire herds.

"This scaling back of the cowherd will have long-term impacts on ranchers, local communities, feedyards and the economy as it shrinks the cattle industries' contribution to economic output for the foreseeable future," the letter said.

Besides drought, Texas and Oklahoma continue to be besieged by range fires. Rural residents have lost forage, livestock, fences, barns, homes and even loved

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Initiative to crack down on impaired drivers

Texas has joined four other states and the Indian Nations in National Impaired Driving Labor Day Crackdown, according to South Central Regional Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris of the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA).

The other states in this effort from Aug. 18 to Sept. 4 are Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas and across the country will be

Oklahoma.

"NHTSA is rolling out a new hard-nosed national slogan for this year's Crackdown: Drunken Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest," Chakiris said. "It's tough and it's true. This is not just another catch phrase. It's a stern warning to motorists that thousands of state and local law enforcement officers in

off the road.

"NHTSA traffic data shows 46 percent of Texas' crash fatalities in 2004 were alcohol related. The victims were not simply traffic statistics. They were normal, everyday. people who did not come home at all, and their families were changed forever."

"Driving a passenger vehicle or

out in force to take impaired drivers riding a motorcycle impaired by alcohol or drugs is not worth the risk." said Terry Pence, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation. "You are putting your own life and the lives of others on the line. And, you are inviting arrest and a criminal record."

Impaired driving is one of

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Pampa student off to Norway on exchange program

By MARILYN POWERS

Staff Writer Jacklyn Cargill of Pampa is expecting a very different year as an AFS Intercultural Programs student in the Netherlands. She will be living in a home with a thatched roof on acreage

Holland. Cargill will attend a college-preparatory high school in a nearby town and will bicycle 10 miles to school with neighbors every

with all types of flowering

plants in the northern part of

school day. She has been practicing the Dutch language this and summer, Wednesday to go to her new

home for the next year. Before she left, Cargill met three AFS students who are attending Pampa High School this school year. They are Sergio Farina of Italy, Eli Strandkleiv of Norway, and Heinrich

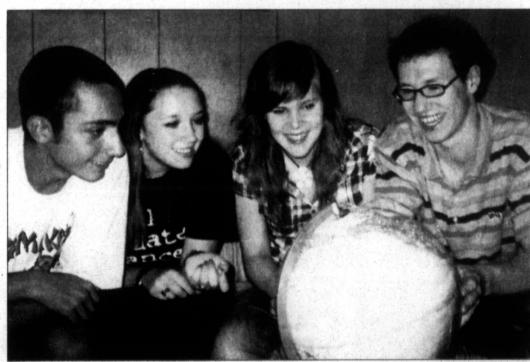
Schultz of Germany.

"The people are so friendly in Pampa, and I really like the teachers," Schultz said. He said that Hamburg, his home town in Germany, has two million residents and is quite different from Pampa.

Schultz said he has lived much of his life in east Germany, where he experienced political and economical situations. His home and the home of Deschna Afram, one of last year's PHS exchange students, are not far from where Cargill will be living, and Cargill plans to see Afram during the school year.

When Strandkleiv, of Aalesund, Norway, learned she was coming to Texas, her first thought was of cowboys. She laughingly listed several Texas idioms of speech which she has

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Jacklyn Cargill of Pampa met this year's AFS Intercultural Programs foreign exchange students before she departed Wednesday for a year in the Netherlands. Three AFS students will attend Pampa High School this year. From left are Sergio Farina of Italy, Cargill, Eli Strandkleiv of Norway, and Heinrich Schultz of Germany.



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Obituaries

Stephen C. Hendrickson, 32 Stephen C. Hendrickson, Amarillo. He had been a res- of the home; one son, Eric

32, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 23, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hendrickson was born April 5, 1974, in Amarillo. He graduated from Tascosa High School in 1992. He married Toni Martin on Jan. 27, 1997, in Amarillo.

He worked at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Clements Unit, in

ident of Pampa since 2000 Hendrickson, of the home; where he was

employed by Titan Specialties. He attended Bible Church of Pampa. He

enjoyed reading, fishing, hunting, and he was an avid gun collector. Survivors

include his wife, Hendrickson Toni Hendrickson,

his father and step-

mother, Joe and Julie Hendrickson of Amarillo; his mother, Thava Hendrickson of Amarillo; two sis-Lisa ters, Hendrickson and Amanda Beck and husband Zach, all of Amarillo; one

Hendrickson and wife Tosha of Waco; his grandparents, J.C. and Gommy Gibson of Amarillo; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Hendrickson in 1985; and by his grandparents, Roy and

Geneva Hendrickson. The family will be at 1540 Hamilton in Pampa.

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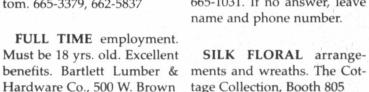
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Emergency Services

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

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 2700 block of Comanche, the 500 block of North Zimmers, and the 1100 block of East Frederic.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 300 block of North 30th.

Animal complaints were received from the 800 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of Malone, the 900 block of South Wells, and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Lost property was reported in the 300 block of East Francis.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of North Russell and the 800 block of East Campbell.

One suicide attempt was reported. A civil matter was reported in the

1600 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Foster, the 200 block of South Cuyler, the 100 block of West 19th, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Sierra. Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Plains. A glass picnic

table valued at \$160 was broken. Harassment was reported in the 900 block of East Gordon.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner.

One burglar alarm was reported. Theft was reported in the police

department lobby. A gas drive-off was reported at

Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

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

Sheriff

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Ambrocio Chavez, 55, of Clovis, N.M., was arrested by GCSO for driving while intoxicated, third or more

Cynthia Ann Vargas, 47, of Sayre, Okla., was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for forgery by making.

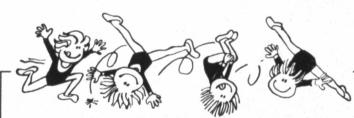
Fire

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

Wednesday, Aug. 23

12:39 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of Hobart on a fire sprinkler system inves-

1:35 p.m. – Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2400 block of Navajo on a medical assist.



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Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 15

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 93. Southsouthwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. Northeast wind around 10

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low around around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent

derstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. North wind between 10 and 15

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. North-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. 67. North-northeast wind Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 perchance of showers and thun- cent chance of showers and

Partly thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low around

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a high

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low around

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88.

Trial dates set for two protesters arrested near Bush ranch

WACO, Texas (AP) — Two war protesters arrested at a makeshift camp near President Bush's Crawford ranch are finally getting their day in court, but they can't challenge county ordinances they deem unconstitutional.

Emily Hardy, of Austin, will go on trial Nov. 27. Hiram K. Myers of Oklahoma will go on trial Dec. 4, each on a state charge of obstructing a highway. A conviction for the misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Their trial dates were set Wednesday.

during an Easter week protest after they refused to obey McLennan County deputies orders to remove tents off the road leading to Bush's ranch. The group had returned to the site where their leader, Cindy Sheehan, set up camp last summer for her monthlong protest during Bush's ranch vacation.

Most arrested in April were among the dozen arrested in November for violating the new county ordinances banning roadside parking and camping. They returned because prosecutors had

They were among 14 people arrested not yet charged anyone, and demonstrators said they wanted to challenge in court the constitutionality of the ordinances that they said infringed on their free speech rights.

Sheehan, whose soldier son Casey died in Iraq in 2004, was not arrested

either time. But the group's attorney, David Broiles of Fort Worth, said Wednesday that because prosecutors are pursuing state charges against Hardy and Myers, the trials will not be a venue to chal-

lenge the county ordinances.

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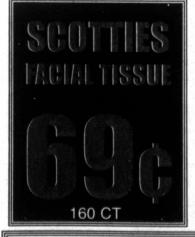


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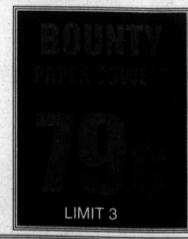


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FDA allows some sales of morning-after pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women may buy the morning-after pill without a prescription — but only with proof they're 18 or older, federal health officials decided today. The Food and Drug Administration ruling culminated a contentious three-year effort to ease access to the emergency contraceptive.

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Girls 17 and younger still will need a doctor's note to buy the pills, called Plan B, the FDA told manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women's advocacy and medical groups which say eliminating sales restrictions could cut in half the nation's 3 million annual unplanned pregnancies. Opponents have argued that wider access could increase promiscuity.

The long delay had ensnared President Bush's nominee to head the

state should spend all of the

estimated \$105 million col-

lected annually on sporting

goods sales taxes to revital-

ize a parks system beset by

crumbling facilities, staffing

shortages and reduced hours

of operations, according to a

Committee unveiled its rec-

ommendations as funding

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problems. Overall in 2004.

more than 15,000 people

died in highway crashes

involving a driver or motor-

cycle operator with a blood

alcohol concentration of .01

or higher. Of those, nearly

13,000 were in crashes

where the alcohol level was

at or above the legal limit of

In 2004, an average of

An estimated 248,000

one alcohol-related fatality

occurred every 31 minutes.

people were injured in

crashes where police

reported that alcohol was

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The State Parks Advisory

report released today.

AUSTIN (AP) — The for state parks heats up this

summer as a campaign issue

for November. The panel

was chaired by former state

officials have struggled to

maintain the 600,000-acre

parks system of canyons,

rivers and trails as lawmak-

ers have consistently raided

the sales tax fund to use the

money for something else.

present — an average of

one person injured approxi-

Close to 1.5 million driv-

ers are arrested in the

United States every year for

driving under the influence

of alcohol or narcotics, an

arrest rate of 1 for every

"The roads will be

crowded during these last

few days of summer vaca-

tion time including Labor

Day Weekend," Chakiris

said. "Make it a good one

by being a safe and sober

driver and by buckling up."

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Texas Parks and Wildlife

Sen. John Montford.

FDA. Today, two senators said they would lift their blockade, making confirmation of Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach as FDA's commissioner likely next month.

The pills are a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many regular birth-control pills. Taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, a woman can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. If she already is pregnant, the pills have no effect.

The earlier it's taken, the more effective Plan B is. But it can be hard to find a doctor to write a prescription in time, especially on weekends and holidays. Hence the push to allow nonprescription sales.

Barr has said it hopes to begin nonprescription sales of Plan B by the end of the year. The pills will be sold only from behind the counter at pharmacies

Panel says sporting goods tax should go to parks

The sporting goods sales

tax for parks was created in

1993. But lawmakers have

capped the amount used for

state parks at \$32 million,

diverting the rest elsewhere.

They spent even less this

is time to change that,"

"We believe, and hope, it

Diverting the money

back to its original intent

would pump an additional

\$85 million into the parks

Other recommendations

include issuing more bonds

already approved by voters

to raise money for parks and

creation of a 10-year pro-

gram for major repairs and

land acquisition. The report

also said the state should

work to get more private

donations of money and

land to help the park sys-

Like other state agencies,

park operations have been

snared in budget constraints

that had lawmakers juggling

how to pay for schools,

nursing homes and medical

insurance and care for chil-

dren and the poor, among

year: \$20.6 million.

Montford said.

system.

so the pharmacist can check photo identification - but not at convenience stores or gas stations.

There isn't enough scientific evidence that young teens can safely use Plan B without a doctor's supervision, von Eschenbach said in a memo.

But Barr did prove that over-thecounter use is safe for older teens and adults — and licensed pharmacies are used to checking for proof of age 18 before selling tobacco and certain other products, von Eschenbach wrote in explaining the agency's age cutoff.

"This approach should help ensure safe and effective use of the product," he concluded.

Plan B's maker was disappointed that FDA imposed the age restriction and pledged to continue working the agency to try to eliminate it.

other priority items.

fallen into

ramps.

lands.

"As Texans have juggled

a number of urgent public

policy priorities in recent

years, our state parks have

Montford said. "We risk

failing in our role as stew-

At some parks, officials

eliminated overnight camp-

ing, closed swimming pools

and limited use of recre-

ational facilities and boat

Cuts included staff lay-

offs and at some parks,

crews strip parts of old cars

and lawnmowers for

repairs. But park enthusiasts

have demanded the state be

a better steward of public

governor

Friedman has called the

state of state parks "shame-

ful." Democratic nominee

Chris Bell has said the state

could make an immediate

fix by spending some

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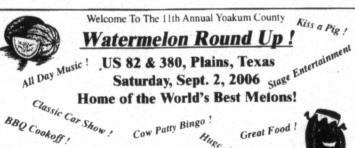
SCHNEIDER.

devastating effects of range Sherron and Gillcrist "Disaster programs such as the Livestock assistance Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program and the in September. emergency conservation

Program need much greater funding to provide producers with monetary assistance for forage and feed losses, water, indemnification for dead livestock and rebuilding structures and fences lost by fire," the groups said. "The cattle industry also needs tax relief extended to those forced to sell off breeding stock."

asked congress to quickly pass an agriculture disaster assistance package upon its return from summer recess

"The need for help is immediate," they said. "If attention to this issue is put off until the next legislative session, it will be too late for many."



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Students

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learned.

Strandkleiv is in cross country and plans to play soccer. At home, she does snowboarding and downhill skiing during the win-

Farina and Schultz plan to play basketball, and Schultz is also learning tennis. Farina is from Palermo, Italy, where he attended a scientific high school and practiced judo. His mother is in charge of a large restaurant in Italy, so he is a connoisseur of Italian food, but he did praise Texas lasagna.

Information on study abroad, scholarships and hosting with the AFS intercultural exchange program is available by calling 1-800-AFS-INFO, visiting the web site at www.afs.org/usa http://www.afs.org/usa, or calling 665-2913 local-



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Viewpoints

The government 'pork chain' never ends

music office? According to the Web site of Gov. Rick Perry, the Texas Music Office was created in 1990 through a "legislative mandate to promote the development of the music industry in the state by informing members of that industry and the public about the resources available in the state for music production."

"The Texas Music Office is a state-funded business promotion and information clearinghouse for the state's growing music industry," proclaims the site. "We publish the annual Texas Music Industry Directory, now 448 pages.'

Well, hooray for the state. "We assist more than

Did you know that our 14,000 individual clients great state of Texas has a each year," the litany continues, "ranging from a new band trying to make statewide business contacts, to BBC journalists seeking information on Down South hip hop. We try to make it easy (or easier) to do music business in Texas ..."

> The paragraph concludes by stating that the music office is "a sister office" to the Texas Film Commission.

Now aren't you wellpleased at how your tax dollars are spent?

I don't mean to sound too disgruntled, but do you ever feel our elected officials, from the local level of the "pork chain" on up, are like kids in a candy store and their "candy" is, of course, public cash?I believe these

officials are by and large located at the Web site of good people, but I sometimes fear they view the funds at their disposal as a August and July. (CAGW is limitless windfall straight a non-profit organization from the money factory.

I sometimes wonder ... if the funds they were spending came from their own personal

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bank accounts, would they be quite so **News Editor** willing to sign off on,

say, a sign worth hundreds of dollars or on an "office" to give a certain segment of the state's economy a boost?

The items listed below are brief highlights provided verbatim from "Wastewatcher"

Citizens Against Government Waste for devoted to fiducial vigilance of the government at-large.) Merger Rocket Threatens Taxpayers

> Moutevelis Boeing a n d Lockheed Martin are trying to merge their

by Alexa

government satellite launch businesses to obtain contracts for the Air Force's \$32 billion Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program. The resulting United Launch Alliance is a terrible deal for taxpayers that will further and discourage innovation. Victory Against Defense Waste

by Katherine Walkenhorst Since its initial creation in 1998, the Defense Travel System (DTS) has suffered from massive inefficiency and waste. The project was meant to serve as a cost-efficient travel system for Department of Defense

employees. • FEMA Trailers: "Toxic Tin Cans?"

by Gary Barnett

In an attempt to provide 18 months of free housing to Hurricane Katrina victims, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has deployed more than 160,000 trailers and mobile homes across the Gulf Coast region,

drive up costs for taxpayers costing an average of \$65,000 each. However, the victims who remain homeless might be better off.

 Furniture, Tax Dollars Up in Smoke

by Elizabeth L. Wright Where can you be in a management position, get paid between \$91,000 and \$152,000 a year, and produce no results after working on the same project for 12 years?

 Nonprofit Hospitals Still Abusing Tax-Exempt Status by Elizabeth L. Wright

In 1998, CAGW released its report Are You Getting Your Money's Worth from Non-Profit Hospitals? The report found scant difference between nonprofit and for-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2006. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm. On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

Of the twenty or so civilizations known to modern Western historians, all except our own appear to be dead or moribund, and, when we diagnose each case ... we invariably find that the cause of death has been either War or Class or some combination of the two.

-Arnold J. Toynbee English historian (1889-1975)

In 1572, the Bartholomew's Day massacre French Protestants the hands of Catholics

began in Paris. 1814, British forces invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and White the House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to

fly solo nonstop from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States. In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific. In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded

at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John

Ten years ago: Four women began two days of academic orientation at The Citadel; they were the first female cadets admitted to the South Carolina military school since Shannon Faulkner.

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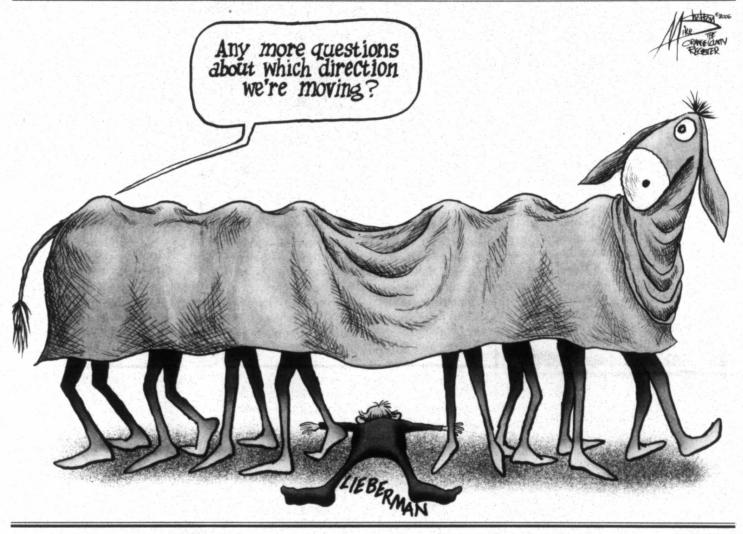
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With GPS, you'll never get lost again

In most men's minds, the silo and any missile in it. only thing worse than asking someone for directions is asking, "Where am I?" There's a sense of security in knowing where you are at all times; which helps to explain the explosive popularity of a little device called a GPS receiver.

Short for "Global Positioning System," GPS represents a series of satellites orbiting 12,000 miles above the Earth that allow you to pinpoint your location to within a few meters. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's start at the beginning:

History In the latter days of the arms race the targeting of ICBMs became such a fine art that they could be expected to land right on an enemy's missile silos. Such a direct hit would destroy the The ability to take out your opponent's missiles had a profound effect on the balance of power.

But you could only expect to hit a silo if you knew exactly

where you Eric were Spellmann launching from. That's Columnist not hard if your mis-

siles are on land, most of them were in the Soviet Union. But most of the U.S. nuclear arsenal was at sea on subs. To maintain the balance of power the U.S. had to come up with a way to allow those subs to surface and fix their exact position in a matter of minutes anywhere in the world

... Hello GPS! (excerpted

(http://www.trimble.com).

During that time, the federal government was nervous about enemy use of the system. So they purposely encrypted the satellite signals, pre-

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cially equipped military receivers. encryption was removed on May 1, 2000, allowing anyone to use GPS with pinpoint precision.

How Does it Work? As I mentioned before, the Global Positioning System is a series of satellites (24 to be exact: 21 working and three

spares). They were posi-

Trimble tioned in such a way, that from any point on Earth, you have 4 satellites above the horizon at all times.

Without going into some serious geometry, just take my word that it takes three satellites to pinpoint your location on earth. By using measurements from the fourth satellite, your receiver can give an accurate altitude measurement.

Each satellite has an onboard atomic clock (the most accurate way of measuring precise time). These satellites are constantly broadcasting a signal using that clock as a reference. Your GPS receiver finds the three closest satellites, locks onto them, and then measures the time it takes to receive their signals. With

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Aug. 10

The Odessa American on the federal pension plan:

Amid all the end-of-session congressional debates over military spending, minimum-wage increases and offshore drilling, Congress also is dealing with the matter of pension reform.

That sounds like a yawner, but this issue is perhaps the most important one for Congress to deal with in this and coming sessions.

The House passed a pension overhaul bill on a 279-131 vote, but its fate is uncertain in the Senate. Basically, Congress wants to force companies to fully fund their pension plans.

Thats not an unreasonable expecta-

tion, given that taxpayers ultimately are backing these underfunded systems. As the New York Times explains, "the federal government guarantees pensions, much as it guarantees bank deposits, and the (pension fund) failures (in the airline and steel industries) have threatened to swamp the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation if allowed to continued." The Times rightly compares the situation to the savings and loan crisis in the late 1980s, which required a \$200 billion federal bailout.

Its far easier for corporate executives to shortchange their reserves, to buy labor peace by granting unsustainable pension benefits to workers, knowing that ultimately, if the pension plan fails, taxpayers rather than stockholders are on the hook.

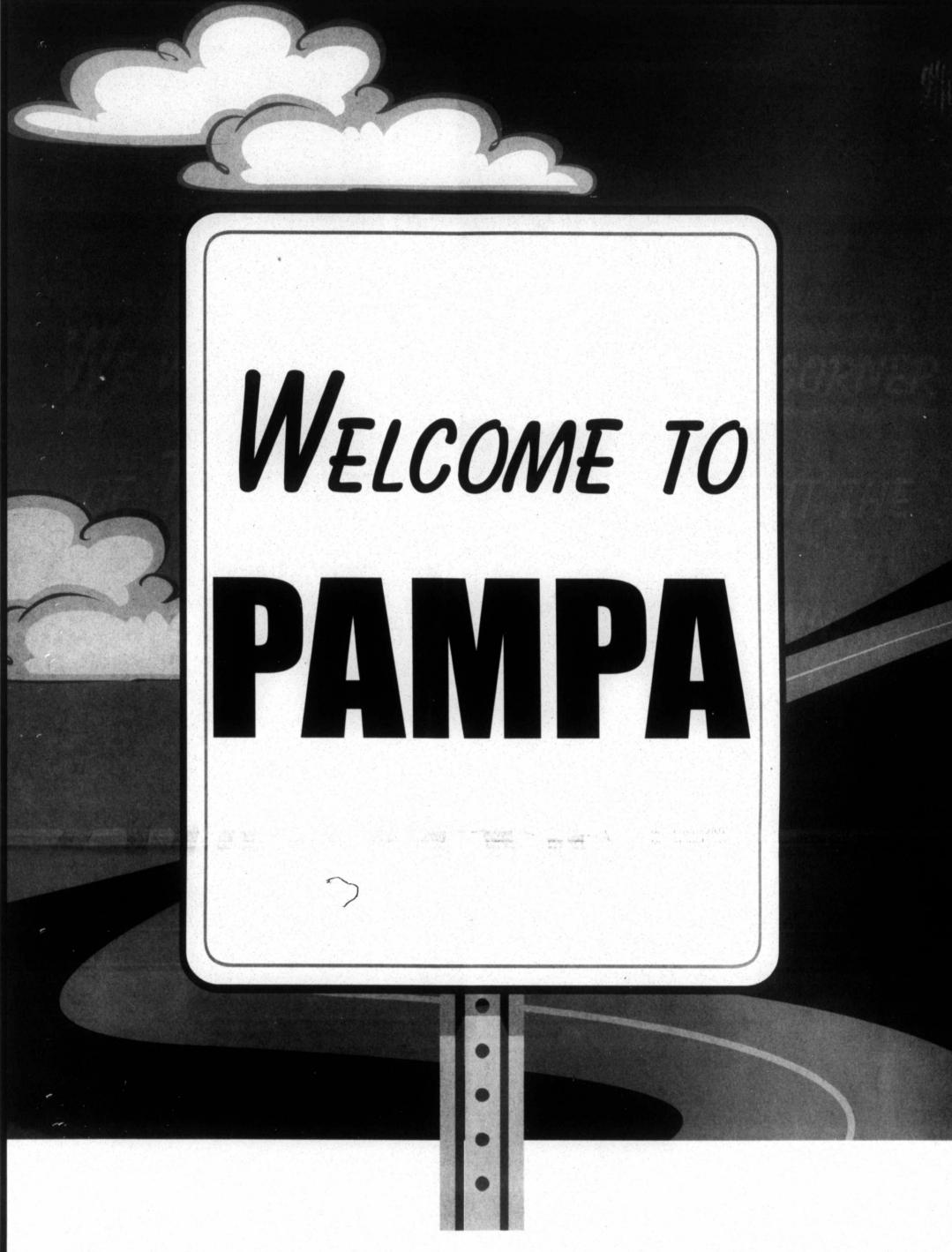
The New York Sun notes that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

is \$23 billion in the red after major companies such as Bethlehem Steel and United Airlines dumped their plans on the agency. Others are certain to fol-

The problem is even worse in the public sector. Consider the Social Security mess: Once the baby-boomers retire, the system likely will go upside down, with the amount of money the government pays to the retirees vastly exceeding the amount of tax dollars going into the system.

Meanwhile, public agencies at the federal, state and local level are dealing with massive unfunded pension liabilities. Elected officials have made retirement contracts with government workers that are overly generous, resulting in hundreds of billions of dollars in promises to workers above the amount

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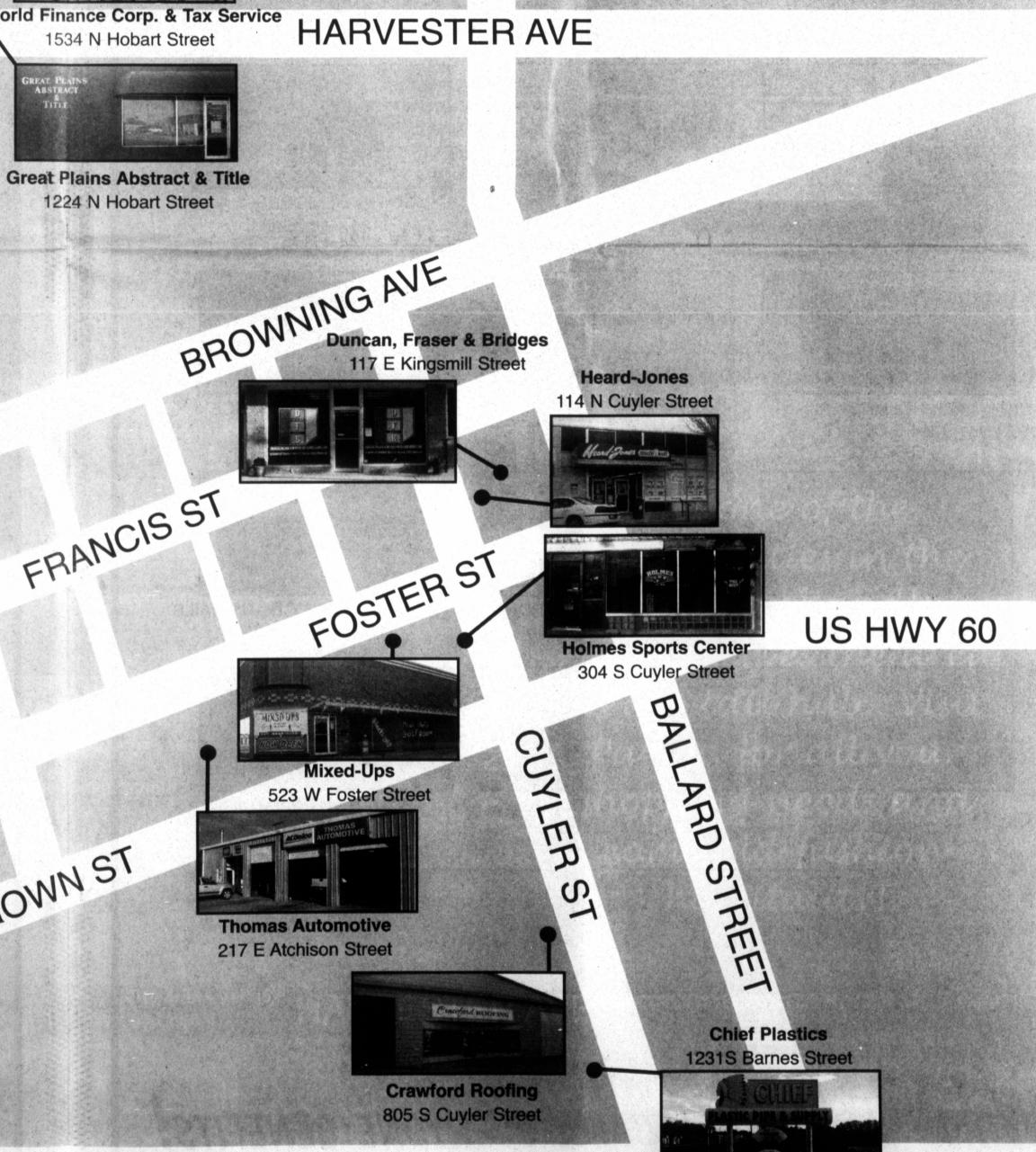
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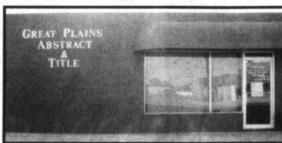
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some complex triangulation-based math, the receiver determines the exact distance from each satellite to itself, and therefore, is able to pinpoint your location in longitude and latitude.

So, how accurate is it? Before the government turned off its encryption, GPS receivers were accurate to within a hundred feet. Using radio towers

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of funds set aside to pay for those

promises, often based on overly

optimistic retirement fund invest-

root. Taxpayers are cushioning the

blow for private companies, which

allows them to offload the costs of

the promises they make. With

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also, makes promises that are

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All these problems have the same

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for correction, most GPS receivers could narrow that range down a little. Without the encryption, most consumer-targeted GPS units are accurate to within 15 meters. Believe it or not, with the right equipment, you can pinpoint your location anywhere on the planet to within one centimeter!

The Many Uses of GPS As the price of GPS receivers drop, more and more people are taking advantage of them. Hikers, boaters, and other sports enthusiasts are using receivers to prevent getting lost. Most units have the ability to set "waypoints." For

example, when you start a hike, you can set the "beginning point" on your system. At every point you change directions, you can hit a button to set a "waypoint." While you walk, "e receiver is continuously updating your distance from each waypoint. That way, you can use the GPS to find your way back. Pretty neat, eh?

Large companies are installing GPS units in their fleets of vehicles. Each vehicle transmits their current location via radio back to "home base." For instance, a cab company could easily see which cab was closest to a calling customer.

Trucking companies can calculate delivery times within minutes by knowing exactly where their vehicles are at all times. Finally, security companies are installing these small receivers (along with equally small transmitters) into expensive cars and into children's watches, providing instant location-verification (think car-jackings and kidnappings).

So now that you're all excited about the possibilities of GPS, where can you buy a receiver, and how much should you pay? Find out next week! Until then, I'll ... See you in Cyberspace!

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profit hospitals that pay taxes. The nonprofit hospitals had huge fund balances, substantial investments, and compensated their chief executive officers very well.

 Taxpayer-Funded Group Pushes Socialized Medicine by Mary Krulia

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group was created the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 to foster a "national discussion" on healthcare to be presented as a report and reviewed by the President and Congress in order to change healthcare policy in America.

To read the full story attached to each entry above, log www.cagw.org/site/PageSer ver?pagename=homePage Wastewatcher "What's New."

lic-sector pension liabilities, elected officials promise things to workers that, also, cannot be sustained, knowing that the day of reckoning is in the future and that taxpayers will make good on their promises.

Certainly, the parameters of Congress legislative approach requiring companies to cover the full amount of promises should be applied to public-sector programs.

In California, a Sacramento judge last year struck down the attempt by the Schwarzenegger administration to float pension bonds to help cover the states pension system contribu-

That lawsuit, brought by Pacific

Legal Foundation on behalf of the Fullerton Association of Concerned Taxpayers, is being appealed by the state government. That touches on a harbinger of things to come an attempt to cover up the pension problem by floating bonds rather than reining in outrageous pensions.

The bigger solution is a host of market-oriented reforms. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation should be shut down and companies held accountable for their promises. Social Security should be shifted to a system of privately owned and managed accounts.

And the government world

should shift from defined-benefit plans, where employees are promised a set benefit regardless of expense, to a defined-contribution system, similar to 401(k)-style plans. In other words, its time to recognize the old saying, "There aint no such thing as a free lunch."

Although the current legislation is wise to push for better accountability, it appears likely that the final version will include special privileges for the airline industry, granting certain carriers up to 20 years to make good on its underfunding.

That should be a deal killer. Whatever Congress does, this issue is not going away.

and click on August

Extension office preparing for ranch management seminar in Canadian

CANADIAN — Texas Cooperative Extension in Hemphill County will host a Ranch Management Seminar on Monday at the Hemphill County Exhibition Center Meeting Room. Registration is open

at 11:30 a.m. on Monday.

The educational program will highlight some of the conditions that affect management decisions, the effects of drought on Ranching Operations, tools that are available for use by

look at QuickBooks Pro, and a glance into the future of your operation using the Farm Assist Program.

Guest speakers include Brandon Dukes, CEA Ag/Natural Resources in Roberts County; DeDe to the public and will begin ranch managers, a quick Jones, Extension program

specialist for Risk Management; and Dustin Gaskins, Extension program specialist for Risk Management.

No registration fee is involved. A noon meal will contact the Extension Office be sponsored by Canadian at (806) 323-9114. Animal Health & Nutrition.

The seminar will be worth two general CEU's for pesticide applicators. The deadline to RSVP is Aug. 25.

For more information,

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Events calendar

 Pampa Community Association Concert Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "The Centurymen" 7 p.m., Sept. 20, First Baptist Church in Pampa; pianist Alpin Hong, 2:30 p.m., Oct. 1, M.K. Brown Auditorium: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

· Clarendon College-Pampa Center will enroll students for the fall semester from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. today. Monday and Tuesday.. The fall semester will get under way Wednesday. For more information, call 665-8801.

Pease River Productions, a non-profit group, will present the musical play "Always ... Patsy Cline" now through Saturday at Pease River Playhouse in Goodlett. Tickets are \$15 and includes refreshments at intermission. For more information, call (940) 674-2477.

 Pampa High School will host an open house and general meeting beginning at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the school.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Cancer Harrington Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening Tuesday clinic: Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

· Life Line Screening will be at First Baptist

Church, 203 N. West St., in Pampa on Sept. 1. All screenings are by appointment only. A fee will be charged. Life Line will be screening for stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysms, ankle brachial index and osteoporosis. The deadline to register is Aug. 31. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721.

 Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout October. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo (Sept. 2-3) & Seventh Annual Old Tascosa Rendezvous (Sept. 1-3), to be held at Cal Farley's, is coming up. Students from Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., will compete for buckles and saddles. The rodeo will begin at 2:30 p.m. each day and will include a barbecue lunch. Tickets are \$5 general admission or for box seats. Presented by historical reenactors, the Rendezvous will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the Rendezvous is free.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26 and have never wanted children. Last year, however, two lines appeared on a pregnancy test and 41 weeks later the girl was born. I pleaded and begged my husband throughout the pregnancy to sign adoption papers with me. He refused. He is in the military and was gone through most of the last seven months. We now live thousands of miles from my family, and I am miserable, stuck with a colicky baby who still doesn't sleep through the night. I find no joy, no pleasure and no love being a mother. I can't sleep knowing I must wake up to a crying baby and the same routine of feeding, diapers, baths and bottles. I have become more and more detached from the girl and have nothing to enjoy. Showers are short. Dinners are rushed and usually cold. I can't even enjoy a cup of coffee without looking over my shoulder to see where the girl is. I don't want her to touch me, and I can barely hide my revulsion when I have to pick her up. I am exhausted beyond belief, and my thoughts are turning darker every day. It's not the girl's fault she was born, but I can't help feeling resentment and anger toward this little person who more and more resembles a block of concrete on my feet. We can't afford day care, and we have no friends or relatives remotely close by. I can't stand to wake up much longer, and these long stretches of crying have my nerves shot and my hands itching to shake the girl until she shuts up. (I have never shaken her.) I'm scared of my feelings. What's wrong with me? Why can't I love my child? Should I put her in foster care? My husband can't stand her, either, but he's adamant that we keep her. Yet I'm suffering, and so is she. She deserves a mother who loves her. - GOING CRAZY IN **SAN DIEGO**

DEAR GOING CRAZY: It is not a crime not to feel maternal -- not everyone is. In a case like yours, adoption might have been the better option. I wish you had included your name, address or a phone number so I could have contacted you directly. Because you didn't, I can only recommend that before another day goes by, you contact the doctor who delivered your daughter, or her pediatrician, and repeat what you have told me. You may be suffering from post-partum depression, a hormonal condition that is treatable, and you may need a respite from motherhood. Once your chemistry is balanced again, consider making a trip to visit your family for a few weeks. If you leave the baby with your husband, and he must assume responsibility for her care in your absence, he may begin to see the wisdom of placing her with a family who really wants her and is willing to accept the responsibility that goes along with having a baby. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl and a senior in high school this year. I don't have many friends because I have never been part of the "in" crowd, so I am very grateful for the few true friends I have. In particular, I appreciate my friendship with an older man whom I met through my local youth group. He has been my friend and mentor throughout my high school years, and I would like to do something to show my appreciation for his friendship. What would be an appropriate way to thank him for being my friend and role model? --THANKFUL FOR FRIENDSHIP IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR THANKFUL: An excellent way to show your appreciation would be to write him a letter telling him what a difference his caring and friendship have made in your life during these important years. It will be something he can keep and enjoy over and over again for a lifetime.

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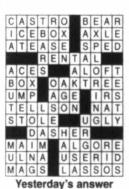
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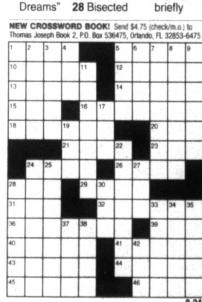
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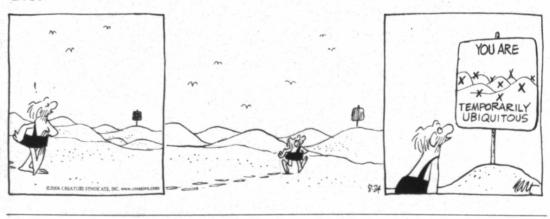
By Bil Keane

The Family Circus THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Sports Day

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

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As you know by now, I American team to beat. am something of a Little League World Series fan. I love the purity of the games. I also appreciate it when a coach recognizes he has the potential to be an impact on his kids and their lives.

At 12 – and now 13 years of age (thanks to a new rule change)these kids Michael J.

are like Stevens sponges, absorbing Sports every. Editor thing the

coach says and does.

Which sort of makes me wonder about a couple of teams, both from the U.S.

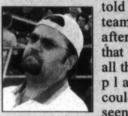
In the game between the Great Lakes (Lemont, Ill.) and Mid-Atlantic (Staten Island, NY) teams Sunday night, the kids from New York were down just 1-0 going into the sixth and final inning. Amid the rally cry in front of the Mid-Atlantic bench, the players shouted, "Just one run. Just one run." Then, there on live television, one of the young players exclaimed, "Yeah, just one **** run." Only he said the F-word. His coach tried to 'shush' him up, but the damage was already done.

Kids will be kids, that's a given. But I got the feeling the coach's 'shush' was more of a "Save that for our it field, not here" thing. Sports aren't pretty and things are said from time to time. But for a 12-year-old to pony up the mother of all bad words was a bit surpris-

The other thing that irked me was the manner in which the Southeast (Columbus, Ga.) coach allowed his team members to wear their uniforms. In particular, their hats. Again, I tend to be something of a purist when it comes to the great summer pastime. I thought there was supposed to be a uniform code in Little League baseball.

The Georgia kids liked to wear their caps with the bill to one side. They were dubbed by some to be the Tuesday night, they ran into the Great Lakes kids, losing the game 2-0.

Immediately after the game, the Great Lakes Coach gathered his troops and congratulated them on handing the Georgia team their first loss of the tournament. But it was what he



team right after that that I wish all the other players could have seen

his

heard. He instructed his players to "Never disrespect the uniform like that boys. If their coach wants to let his team do it, fine. But don't you ever disrespect that uniform."

This was a man teaching his kids more than just how to play a game. He was teaching them how to be young men.

Some time after the game, an ESPN reporter interviewed one of the Southeast players, hat still askew and asked him what his coach had to say following the loss. "He just said if that's the way we want to enter the semifinals, then fine."

Which team would you want your kid on?

Just in case you missed

Majure Blanks "Bill" Stribling Sr. passed away earlier this week. However, didn't see or hear much about it.

Stribling was an NFL player in the 1950s. He played for both the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles. In his seasons, Stribling caught 114 passes for 1,573 yards and 14 touchdowns.

One catch was possibly more memorable than the

Stribling caught the only professional touchdown pass ever thrown by then New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys coach-tobe Tom Landry.

Just thought you should

FIBA: U.S. routs Senegal, 104-58

SAPPORO, Japan (AP) — Dwyane Wade had the night off, and the rest of the Americans essentially got a breather, too.

Chris Bosh scored 20 points, LeBron James added 17 in limited duty, and the United States coasted past Senegal 103-58 Thursday night to complete an unbeaten run through pool play at the world championships.

The Group D champions were to depart Friday morning for Saitama, where they will face Australia, the fourth-place team from Group C, on Sunday in the round of 16.

That will surely be more difficult than this one, in which the Americans led by as many as 45 against the overmatched African runner-up.

James scored 15 points in 13 minutes of the first half, then sat along with Carmelo Anthony for the first seven minutes of the third quarter and returned for only a few minutes. Anthony finished with 12 points and played sparingly, one night after setting an American record with 35.

Senegal (0-5), the last-place team in Group D.

The Americans were coming off their toughest test of the tournament, needing huge second halves from Anthony and Wade to help them rally from a 12-point deficit to beat Italy 94-85 on Wednesday.

But Wade, who appeared to land on his hand after a hard foul during that victory, wasn't needed this time. He showed up on the court a little more than 15 minutes before the tip and stretched, but otherwise just watched his teammates — disappointing the fans who were chanting for him to play with about 4 minutes remaining in the

Wade eventually stood and waved, drawing a loud roar.

Anthony started the game alongside him on the bench. With nothing at stake, U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski sent out a lineup that included Brad Miller — who had played in only two of the first four games - along with

Elhadji N'doye scored 25 points for usual reserves Joe Johnson, Kirk Hinrich and Antawn Jamison.

> The Americans got off to a bit of a slow start and trailed by one midway through the first quarter.

> A 19-0 run gave them a 31-13 lead early in the second, and after that Krzyzewski was able to mix and match while making sure his stars didn't play too much in his team's fifth game in six nights.

Every U.S. player except for Elton Brand, who played only 3 minutes in the first half, had scored by the break. Anthony's 3-pointer with under 4 seconds to go gave the Americans a 58-24 lead at the break.

Bosh, seeing limited time in Krzyzewski's 10-man rotation for most of pool play, scored 15 points in the second half. He made a pair of free throws to give the Americans a 101-58 lead with 2:04 remaining, and Jamison followed with a bucket 30 seconds later to give the Americans their largest lead.

Astros win, Rangers fall

Astros 7, Reds 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Todd Coffey lost it.

Unable to control his anger over a disputed call, the Cincinnati Reds reliever got ejected during the game's pivotal at-bat, helping the Houston Astros rally for a 7-3 victory Wednesday that averted a sweep.

His outburst wasn't the only wacky thing during Houston's six-run rally in the seventh inning, but it was the most telling. A Reds team trying to reach the playoffs for the first time in 11 years came unhinged with the game on the line.

"I let the team down and made myself look like an idiot out there," Coffey Texas. said.

The fading Astros took full advantage.

Aubrey Huff's basesloaded single was the biggest hit during the 11batter rally, which got Houston's slumping offense rolling again.

Willy Taveras bunted for a single that extended his hitting streak to a clubrecord 26 games, and Adam Everett homered and drove in a pair of runs for the

defending NL champions, who have lost 9 of 12 and are starting to feel despera-

Houston is at the back of the pack of playoff contenders, trailing Cincinnati by six games for the wild

Devil Rays 7, Rangers 3 ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Struggling Jorge Cantu put the Texas Rangers into a deeper hole.

Cantu hit his first homer since July 29 and drove in three runs to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Rangers 7-3 Wednesday

Cantu had sat out the previous two days and was hitting just .146 since July 24 before going 3-for-4 against

He gets the next two days off," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon joked. "He responded really well. I think he feels pretty good about himself right now."

Mark Teixeira hit a tworun homer for the Rangers, who have lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays. Texas is 7 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, who beat Toronto

Owens may not play until regular season

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens missed practice again today, virtually assuring he will miss his third straight preseason game for the Dallas Cowboys this weekend —

and may not play until the regular-season opener. Owens

missed 15 of 27 training camp workouts in Oxnard, Calif., and the first two

preseason games before the at home Wednesday.

Owens said Wednesday that he reaggravated his left hamstring injury by returning to practice too soon last week.

The receiver characterized his injury as a "severe pull" and said he wasn't going to jeopardize his health by rushing back again.

The Cowboys play San Francisco, Owens' original team, on Saturday night. Five days later, they play

their last preseason game.

It's possible that Owens might not play in a game until the Sept. 10 season opener at Jacksonville.

He hasn't played in a quarterback game with

Drew Bledsoe, and the Dallas offense is different from West Coast scheme Owens played in for the 49ers and Philadelphia.

Owens said Wednesday Cowboys resumed practice that he's not concerned about the possibility of not playing in the preseason.

"I don't really have any doubts about if I'm going to perform or not," he said.

After missing 14 consecutive training camp practices and the preseason opener in Seattle because of the hamstring problem that has bothered him all month, Owens returned for five practices last week.

He then missed the final full workout in California.

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Riley will try for another title with Heat

Riley decided against quitting on top.

He'd rather try to stay there another year.

Riley said Wednesday he'll return as coach of the NBA champion Miami Heat, ending speculation he might retire at age 61.

He'll be on the sideline when the title banner is raised at the season opener Oct. 31 against the Chicago Bulls.

"After winning the championship, I realized there's always something meaningful that happens in your life that becomes the primary point of your destiny," Riley said in a statement. "Winning the championship showed me that I am definitely in the right place, at the right time, with the right people. I can't wait to get started."

Riley won his seventh league title last season as a player or coach, returning to the bench in December to lead the Heat to their first championship.

There have been no defections this summer from his team's eight-man rotation, although free-agent guard Gary Payton remains unsigned.

"We've got most of our

MIAMI (AP) — Pat core guys back, and now we have the coach," said center Alonzo Mourning, who resigned last week.

> "I think it's only fitting that he comes back so we

can all defend the title together." Riley left Miami on

Wednesday to fly to Japan for the world championships and was unavailable

** You have an inkling or a desire to

make major changes on the home front.

For some, it could be rearranging furni-

ture; for others, a paint job might be on

the docket. Some of you will be checking

on an investment or new property.

**** You have the right words for

the right moment. If work seems heavy

or difficult, you might want to focus on

another direction or postpone your

efforts. Schedule meetings; return calls

** Be careful where you plunk down

your money. You might see funds dissi-

pate quicker than you think. A risk is a

no-no, at least for today. A child or loved

one could be quite difficult. Know when

to distance yourself. Tonight: Gather

*** Others prove to be more disrup-

tive than you thought. How do you nice-

ly pull back yet allow your associations

to stay intact? If you succeed with this

"mission" today, ultimately you will

gain. Take a walk and clear out an abun-

dance of energy. Tonight: Just wish upon

Tonight: Homeward bound.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Buzz around. Tonight: TGIF.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

our bills.

to the media, the Heat said. He last talked to reporters June 23, the day of the championship team's parade.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 25, You have strength, direction and energy

Sometimes, this year, you could be downright willful, causing problems you might prefer not to deal with. A move or a change on the home front is not out of the question. You might decide that you need a new setting or different lifestyle. What is holding you back? The important people in your life will understand. If you are single, you might be a touch too assertive for many. Of course, we know this type of reaction is unusual in your experience. You might need to soften up. If you are attached, a reorganization of your schedule or a move might be on tap. Learn to channel your anger into positive understanding of personal dynamics. SAGITTARIUS can annoy you; your nerves could be fried from dealing with

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** The quality of your work or how you live your life could be under scrutiny. Don't be defensive; rather, be willing to make positive changes. News could be distorted. Check out the validity of information before you act. Tonight: Off for a

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Your creativity peaks, as does a tendency to be flirtatious. You might find a loved one or associate put off by your focus. Remember what is ultimate ly key to your life, and you will be on cruise control. Tonight: No risking,

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Misunderstanding plagues your decisions and actions. Be wary of what you think is going on, which might be quite different from what is actually going on. Get physical in order to release frustration, or center and work through anger. Tonight: How about a heart-toheart talk?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Knowing where you are heading is step number one. Enlisting others in a project is step number two. Put a limit on

your spending. Otherwise, you could be

upset by your waning funds. Take charge. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Others push to get you to do something they want. Assume responsi bility, but only for what interests you Your leadership might be very important to many, but ultimately it has to work for you. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You could sabotage the best of ideas if you aren't careful. The little voice in your head works overtime. It would be better to detach and eye a situation as an outsider. Then you'll get your answers. Check out facts. Tonight: Go for the different plans

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** A partner is strong-willed and determined to have events fall into place. You know what you need and what works for you. It appears that so does a specific partner (or so he thinks). Bypass meeting, which could be frustrating at best! Tonight: Be a duo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others could be combative. You might be asking yourself why you need to tolerate this behavior. The truth is, you don't need to - although you might decide to. A boss also could be touchy Tonight: Be thankful it is the weekend.

BORN TODAY Model Claudia Schiffer (1970), conductor, composer Leonard Bernstein (1918), actress Anne Archer (1947)

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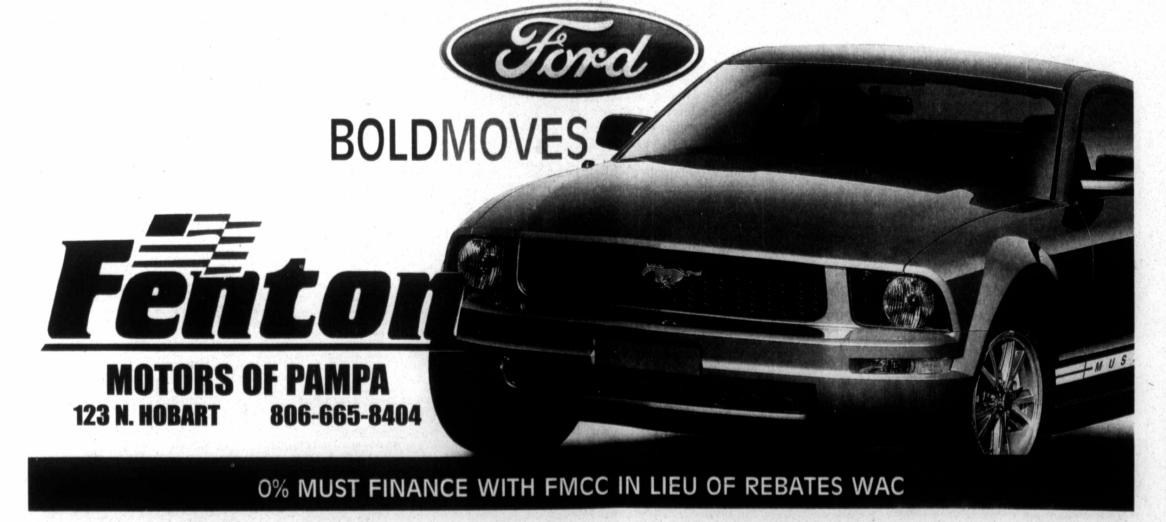
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Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said this marks the end of the "catch-and-release" practice that for years helped many illegal immigrants stay in the United States unhindered.

"There is a real deterrent effect to this policy," Chertoff told reporters in Washington, pointing to a 20,000 drop in the number of illegal immigrants caught crossing the southwest border this summer compared with last summer.

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The new policy generally does not apply to Mexicans, who are almost immediately returned to Mexico after being stopped by Border Patrol agents, said John Torres, detention and removal director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an arm of Homeland Security.

Most of the more than 1 mil-

lion illegal immigrants who sneak over the southwest border annually are Mexicans, he said.

Of 2,010 non-Mexican immigrants stopped in the first two weeks of August, only 26 have been released — a 99 percent detention rate, Homeland Security data show.

Moreover, the immigrants are detained for an average of 21 days — down from 90 days a year

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ago — before they are taken home, Torres said.

Immigrant rights advocates have questioned whether the border crackdown actually deters people from sneaking into the U.S., noting that some illegal immigrants may just be shifting entry points to cross at more remote and dangerous areas.

But Border Patrol Chief David V. Aguilar said far fewer immi-

grants have been seen at traditional staging points in Mexico, where thousands of people often meet up before trying to cross the

"We're not seeing that any more," Aguilar said.

Homeland Security also is putting more technology in remote parts of the 2,000-mile border to detect immigrants trying avoid U.S. agents, Chertoff said. "As it gets harder, fewer people will try to come," he said.

In May, President Bush called for deploying 6,000 National Guard troops to the southwest border. The move was widely seen as an election-year nod to conservatives who have long complained about that porous border and the growing number of illegal immigrants in the coun-

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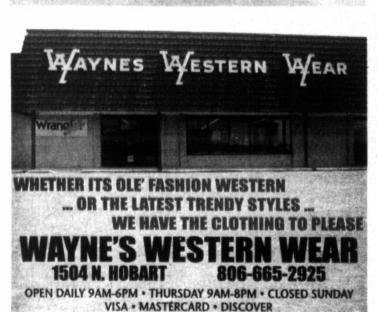
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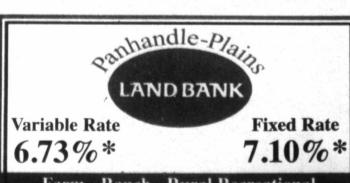
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