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Flags flew at dawn today in Memorial Park Cemetery to mark Memorial Day. Ceremonies were scheduled for 10 a.m. today.

Remembrance

PISD reconsiders educational loan

BY KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District board members voted to rescind a vote to loan \$5,000 to the educational foundation being formed as a non-profit organization.

The action was taken at a special board meeting Saturday morning.

Board President Charles Smith said they found out that school districts cannot donate money, even as a loan, to non-profit organizations.

"There are things we can do to help with the set-up fees for this foundation,"

Smith said. "We can provide printing, copying and mailing and incur those costs to help out, but we can't donate funds."

Lee Porter said he had a problem with spending taxpayer money on administrative tasks, so he did not think that would be a good idea.

New board member Mark McVay, who was on the committee to research and form this organization, said not getting that loan would not deter those who are supportive of the foundation.

"I spoke to the committee chairperson and found out

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School progress



Pampa Independent School District board members, administrators, faculty, students and community leaders were present for the groundbreaking ceremony to begin the high school renovations made possible by the bond election. Pictured from left are Mike Baker, project manager from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Architects, school board secretary Dana Terry, Executive Director of Business Services Carol Fields and school board member Lance DeFever.

Memorial Day honors war dead

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for our country. This day was originally known as Decoration Day and was used to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War.

After World War I, it expanded to include those who died in any war or military action.

According to Wikipedia and the Web site www.usmemorialday.org,

the official birthplace of this holiday is Waterloo, N.Y., where Memorial Day was first observed and proclaimed by General John Logan on May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization, and was known as "Decoration Day."

The first state to officially recognize this holiday was New York in 1873.

Wikipedia states that the alternative name of

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Hypnotic



Pampa High School students are "sleeping" as they are told by hypnotist Steve Atwood early Sunday morning. The hypnotist was one of many activities the graduating seniors and their guests enjoyed at the all night party held at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Groom teenagers hurt in accident Saturday morning

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Two Groom teenagers were injured in a one vehicle accident early Saturday morning 20 miles south of Pampa.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Jessie Cerda, the accident occurred at 2:52 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 70 and Ollinger Road just north of Interstate 40.

"A 1997 Chevy Blazer driven by Charles Neil Leven, 16, of Groom ran a stop sign at the intersection," Cerda said. "The vehicle skidded across the intersection, rolled from the driver's side and ended up in the east ditch after going through a barbed wire fence and land-

ing upright on the wheels of the vehicle."

Leven was ejected from the vehicle. There was one passenger in the vehicle, Seth Schick, 18, also of Groom. Schick dialed 911 from his cell phone and then walked several miles looking for assistance.

Due to weather conditions, Lifestar could not assist at the scene so Groom EMS and Guardian EMS of Pampa transported the victims to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. As of noon Saturday, Leven was listed in critical condition and Schick was in stable condition.

"Neither of the boys were wearing seatbelts and alcohol was a factor," Cerda said.

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Thornberry touts medical justice act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — health care is fundamental to keeping our smaller communities alive," said U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, at a Capitol Hill news conference marking the filing of the "Fair and Reliable Medical Justice Act."

The bipartisan bill, introduced in the House by Thornberry and Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn.) is intended to promote patient safety through disclosure of health care errors, foster fairer and more efficient alternatives to the current medical litigation system and provide prompt, just and reasonable compensation to patients who are injured by health care errors.

The "Fair and Reliable Medical Justice Act" addresses these issues by providing 10 five-year demonstration grants to states to be used to set up alternatives to litigation to resolve disputes over injuries allegedly caused by health care providers or health care organizations.

"Maintaining access to

'Turn around, don't drown'

If you see water running across a roadway, you should immediately turn around and not attempt to go through it, says the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Many cars will float in only 12 inches of water, and two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-ups, SUVs and most other vehicles," Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS, said. "Six inches of water can be enough to stall a car or cause a loss of control over the vehicle."

Each year, more people die in flash flooding than in any other type of thunderstorm-related hazard.

"You might think that you can easily get across a flooded roadway, but it's not worth the risk. It's impossible to tell the depth of the water or whether the road or bridge is damaged or missing. Don't endanger yourself or the first responders who may try to rescue you," Davis said.

Bottom line: stay aware and cautious, especially at night, when recognizing dangers can be more difficult.

Baghdad talks part of strategy with Iran

By ANNE GEARAN
 AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is pursuing a two-track strategy with Iran that reflects the high stakes in any engagement with a nation President Bush accuses of bankrolling terrorism and secretly building a nuclear bomb.

Today's talks in Baghdad are one element. Discussion between the U.S. and Iranian ambassadors is only supposed to cover Iraq, where they have competing and overlapping interests.

Then there are the U.S. Navy's exercises in the Persian Gulf last week and tough talk from Bush about new U.N. penalties against Tehran.

"In the American mind, the two tracks sort of complement each other," with the muscle-flexing and threats serving to push Iran to the bargaining table, said Ray Takeyh, an Iran specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations.

"Iran only sees one track" and thinks it is a trap, Takeyh said. He does not hold out much hope the diplomats will get beyond talking points today.

"The coercive track is undermining and negating the diplomatic track and preventing any sort of meaningful discussions," Takeyh said.

Still, any direct talks are rare. Even fleeting encounters at larger gatherings or diplomatic dinners are scrutinized for clues to the future of a troubled relationship.

The Baghdad talks are the first of their kind and a small sign that Washington thinks rapprochement is possible after nearly three decades of animosity. Iran, angry over the blunt show of U.S. military power off its coast, almost refused to come.

Bush agreed to the dialogue in hopes it could do some good inside Iraq and perhaps beyond. Despite ambivalence within the Bush administration, U.S. diplomats hope this kind of limited conversation can build confidence on both sides and lead to something more substantive.

Diplomats hope for a full airing of views today and perhaps an agreement to meet again. Cancellation of the talks, even for reasons that sound plausible, would spell failure.

"The ball really is in their court," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said Friday.

There is plenty to talk about, even within the confines both sides have laid out.

The United States accuses Iran of supplying Iraqi Shiite militias with deadly roadside bombs that kill American troops in Iraq and of political meddling in Shiite-led Iraq.

Iran accuses the U.S. of improperly seizing five Iranians in Iraq this spring. The U.S. military is holding the five.

Iran says they are diplomats; Washington contends they are intelligence agents.

The U.S. also has complained about the detention or arrest of several Iranian-Americans in Iran in recent weeks. Casey said that issue is not on the U.S. agenda for today.

Iran contended on Saturday it had uncovered spy rings operating inside the country that were organized by the U.S. and its Western allies. The White House said it does not confirm or deny allegations about intelligence matters. However it might affect the talks, the allegation reflects a toughening of Iran's stand.

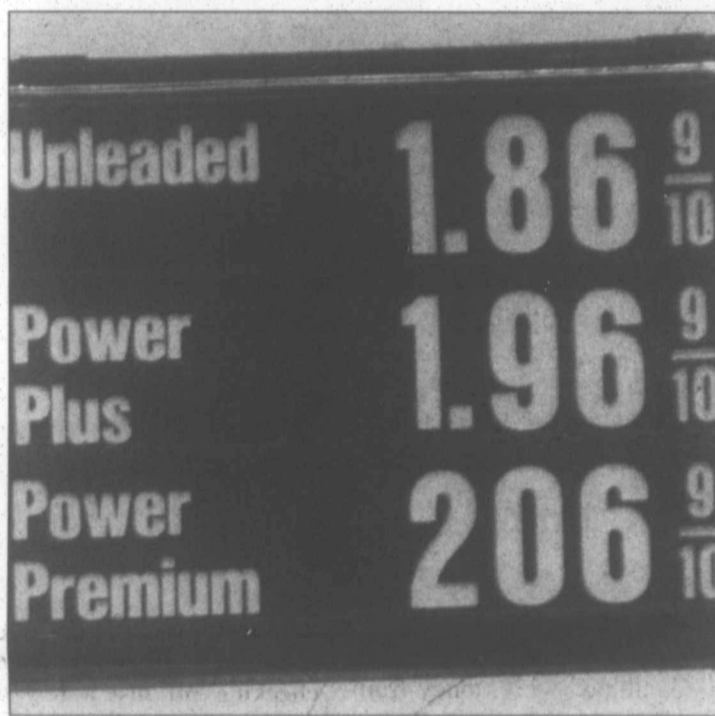
On Sunday, Iran summoned the Swiss ambassador in protest and demanded "necessary explanation" about the claims, Iran's state television reported. Switzerland represents American interests in Iran.

The United States wants to keep the window for the talks small, for fear Iran would use the opportunity to try to bargain over its disputed nuclear program.

That was the rationale the administration used for resisting for months any discussion with Iran about Iraq despite entreaties from Congress, allies and the bipartisan Iraq Study Group.

The current outreach represents a softening of that hard-line, but progress toward better relations is halting.

Then and now



Remember gas prices in the good old days? Here are posted prices at a gas station which was closed long ago and at a station operating currently.

Emergency Services

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

Saturday, May 26
 Amber Caviness, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Christy by Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender for failure to identify.

Angel Bishop, 22, of Clarendon was arrested at the intersection of Highway 70 and Interstate 40 by PPD on capias pro fines for no driver's license and no insurance.

Miguel Mendoza, 29, of Oklahoma City, Okla. was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Daniel Ford, 22, of Clarendon was arrested at the intersection of Highway 70 and Interstate 40 by PPD for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, no seat belt (driver), no insurance and two counts of failure to appear.

Guadalupe Ayala, 28, of Oklahoma City, Okla. was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Sunday, May 27
 Steven Stamps, 26, of Pampa was

arrested in the 400 block of North Roberta by PPD for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.

Alonzo Norberto, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 2100 block of North Banks by PPD for simple assault, resisting arrest and interfering with an emergency call.

Dewayne E. Chilton, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Chad Henson Young, 28, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for failure to display driver's license.

David Tyree Robinson, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of South Banks by PPD for driving while license is invalid, evading arrest/detention, and capias pro fines for expired motor vehicle inspection, displaying expired motor vehicle registration, no valid driver's license, speeding and two counts of failure to appear.

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

Saturday, May 26
 4:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 8700 block of Loop 171 on a medical assist.
 7:27 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Henry on a medical assist.
 10:01 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Gwendolyn on a medical assist.
 11:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded near the intersection of Roberta and Browning to assist the Pampa Police Department. The lights on a firetruck were used to light up an area.

Sunday, May 27
 6:31 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Fir on a public service.
 3:28 p.m. — Seven units and 16 personnel responded to the 300 block of Tignor on a structure fire.
 9:17 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of Doucette on a medical assist.

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Bugs on drugs

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — These weren't just bugs. These were bugs on drugs.

Tiny drain flies infested 70 pounds of seized khat — an illegal, leafy drug — being held as evidence by Erie police, and they tried to infest the rest of the evidence room.

"We had no idea this stuff could carry bugs," said police Lt. Mike Nolan. "It's a relatively new drug around here, so it's a learning process for all of us."

The drug can be chewed or smoked and is common in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, but relatively uncommon in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Even though the trial hadn't started, an Erie County judge agreed to allow the drug to be burned by police, and an exterminator was brought in to rid storage room of the bugs.

Three men are still awaiting trial on charges they possessed the Khat, seized by police in March.

"It's a lesson learned," Nolan said. "I don't think we'll keep khat in the evidence locker anymore."

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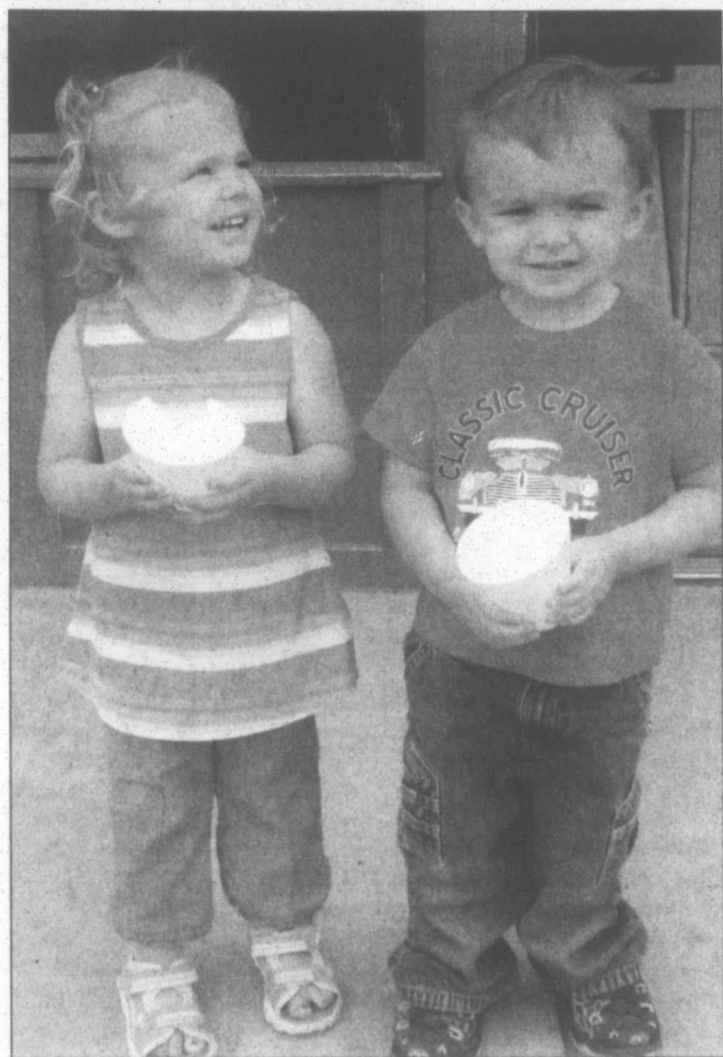
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Wormy situation



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Three-year-old twins Kaylea and Kaiden Perez enjoy showing off the worms they have in their cups that they dug out of the ground recently at Community Day Care.

International Peace Garden to get makeover

DUNSEITH, N.D. (AP) — The 2,300-acre International Peace Garden, which straddles the U.S.-Canadian border and signifies the long-standing peace between the two countries, once exploded in colorful blooms and invited visitors with its picturesque waterfall.

Today, it has fallen victim to sinking foundations, overgrown trees and dandelions. Buildings are rotting and steel rods are beginning to peek through the sides of a monument made of four 120-foot-high concrete towers that signify the four corners of the earth.

"I can go to any structure on this place and show you something that needs fixing," said Doug Hevenor, who was the park's chief operations officer and is now its chief executive officer.

After years of neglect, the garden will finally get some of those repairs. North Dakota lawmakers this year doubled the amount of operating money for the garden and provided funds for repairs and expansion. Combined with money from donations, Canada's federal government and Manitoba province, \$5 million will be

available in the next two years for repairs and to start a \$32 million expansion.

The park was conceived by Ontario horticulturist Henry J. Moore in 1928, and dedicated in 1932 on land donated by Manitoba and North Dakota. The garden is celebrating its 75th anniversary this summer.

The expansion plan for the park, bisected by the 49th parallel that marks the international border, includes a new stone-and-glass interpretive center, a tropical plant observatory, and a conflict resolution center that would mimic a Camp David-style retreat. The garden has a memorial made of 10 steel girders from the World Trade Center destroyed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

Hevenor hopes to have the project finished in seven years. The most immediate repairs needed, though, are to both buildings and the land itself.

"We've never had the money to bring in an orchard high-reach truck to do (tree) pruning," Hevenor said, checking off just a few of the items on a long to-do list. "It's been a decade since granular fertilizer has been applied to the turf. Last year was the first time in five years we've put herbicide down for broadleaf weeds and dandelions."

The waterfall that provides the main drainage system needs valve and stone work, and is nearly blocked from public view by unchecked tree growth.

One of the first major repairs will be to the garden's main lodge, one of several buildings erected by Civilian Conservation Corps

workers in the 1930s during the Great Depression. The building's foundation is sinking in one area, and its floor and ceiling need major work.

The group Preservation North Dakota listed the building first on its list this year of the most endangered historic properties in the state.

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Memorial

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"Memorial Day" was first used in 1882, but did not become widely used until after World War II.

By 1890, all of the northern states celebrated this day, but many of the southern states did not, due to lingering hostility toward the Union Army. The South began to recognize this day after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died in the Civil War, to all those who had died in military action.

In 1915, Moina Michael wrote a poem about red poppies after being inspired by another poem, "In Flanders Fields." She conceived the idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day to honor those who died while serving their nation. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

The Web site www.usmemorialday.org says that Madam Guerin from France learned of Michael's custom while visiting the United States and decided to make artificial red poppies to raise money for war-orphaned children and widowed women. The tradition spread to other countries.

In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium, but the league disbanded one year later.

Guerin then approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies.

In 1924, a poppy factory was built in Pittsburgh where disabled veterans made these flowers and started the "Buddy Poppy Program." The U.S. Postal Service honored Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red three cent stamp with her likeness on it in 1948.

Today, poppies are made and distributed throughout the country by the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and veterans homes.

A federal law in 1967 declared the holiday with the official name of "Memorial Day." The holiday was originally observed on May 30, but was moved to the last Monday in May in 1971, when the U.S. Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved four holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend, according to Wikipedia.

One tradition that started in the 1950s and still stands today is U.S. flags being placed at the gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. On the Thursday before Memorial Day, 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place these flags on the graves of more than 260,000 fallen soldiers. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Whale rescuers fear large ships

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rescuers were encouraged by progress in returning two lost whales to the ocean but were concerned about encounters the whales might have with large ships as they neared the San Francisco Bay.

A mother humpback whale and her calf on Sunday made it down the Sacramento River as far as Honker Bay, roughly 50 miles from the sea, said Bernadette Fees, deputy director of the California Department of Fish and Game.

The whales had been lingering for a week near a bridge about 70 miles from the sea.

Thus far, the U.S. Coast Guard boats guarding the whales as they swim down river only have had to deal with recreational boats and windsurfers. But as the whales get clos-

er to the bay, they will encounter large oceangoing vessels that could harm them.

"These larger vessels are a real concern to us," said Greg Hurner, a senior adviser with the California Department of Fish and Game. "We will try to keep a safe zone around them, and our enforcement vessels will reach (larger boats) on the marine channel."

The whales are also at risk of taking a wrong turn and swimming up a number of tributaries and sloughs, where they could get stuck in shallow mudflats. Fees said rescuers will position boats to block the whales from heading in the wrong direction.

Scientists did not know why the whales began moving down river again Sunday after frustrating biologists' efforts to urge them on using a variety of tactics, Renick said.

Schools

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there are different things we can do to raise these set-up fees," Dana Terry said. "We do not want to ask the community to contribute to these set-up fees if they would prefer to donate money directly to the educational foundation."



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Viewpoints

Price Gouging Act will discourage exploration of oil

The U.S. House of Representative overwhelmingly passed the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act, HR 1252, on May 23 that makes it a criminal offense to sell crude oil, gasoline, natural gas or petroleum distillates at a price that is "unconscionably excessive" or is taking advantage of market condition "whether real or perceived."

The bill goes to the Senate and then to the President for signature before it becomes law.

The vote was 284 to 141. Roughly two-out-of-three voted for the bill even though the bill does not define what constitutes price gouging, or what is "unconscionably excessive" or what deter-

mines an "unreasonable price increase".

The House left that up the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department to figure out later.

The criminal penalties entail a maximum of 10 years in prison and fine of \$2 million. Civil penalties could include a maximum fine of \$3 million or a fine of not more than 3 times the amount of profits gained through gouging.

The House also began work on another bill (H.R. 2337) that would restrict access to domestic petroleum reserves. At a time when the United States needs more petroleum supplies, H.R. 2337 would do just the opposite by creating more

bureaucratic restrictions on the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas.

Alex Mills

Columnist



H.R. 2337 would lengthen and further complicate the federal permitting process, and make exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas on federal leases more expensive.

The solution to higher prices is not more bureaucratic roadblocks.

The solution allows the market to respond and bring more supplies to consumers and to keep the economy moving forward.

The spineless actions of the House do nothing to encourage oil companies to increase supplies that would lower prices. Limiting access to government lands and threatening oil company executives with criminal prosecution is counterproductive. What company executive would recommend investing billions of dollars in the United States at the risk of getting jail time by the vigilante mob in Washington?

I'm afraid the U.S. House just scared off most of the investment capital that could have been used to

build new refineries.

One television program called it "Government Gone Wild." Others called it "Government Gone Goofy," because the two bills will accomplish just the opposite of their intended purposes. If HR 1252 and HR 2337 pass, consumers will be faced with even shorter supplies of petroleum and prices more volatile.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions and policies of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 28, the 148th day of 2007. There are 217 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

On this date:

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1863, the first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show," opened in New York.

In 1937, President Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California.

In 1937, Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of England.

In 1957, the National League gave permission for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants baseball teams to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 1972, Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the English throne to marry Wallis

Warfield Simpson, died in Paris at age 77.

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky.

In 1987, Mathias Rust, a 19-year-old West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square.

Ten years ago: In Denver, Timothy McVeigh's attorneys rested their case in the Oklahoma City bombing trial. President Clinton paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan with a speech in the Netherlands in which he urged leaders to revive economies in the former Soviet bloc.

Five years ago: NATO declared Russia a limited partner in the Western alliance. President Bush, in a one-on-one meeting inside the Vatican, told Pope John Paul II he was concerned about the Roman Catholic church's standing in America because of a sex-abuse scandal. NBC announced that Brian Williams would succeed Tom Brokaw as anchor of its "Nightly News" after the 2004 presidential election. Mildred Wirt Benson, creator of the "Nancy Drew" children's mystery stories, died in Toledo, Ohio, at age 96.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI visited the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Barry Bonds hit his 715th home run during the San Francisco Giants' 6-3 loss to the Colorado Rockies to slip past Babe Ruth and pull in right behind Hank Aaron's long-standing record of 755. Sam Hornish Jr. won the second-closest Indianapolis 500 ever.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carroll Baker is 76.



Presidential election system is broken

I judge from the applause at the most recent Republican presidential debate that the people in the audience at least still equate patriotism with supporting the war of the day.

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, the only intellectually honest candidate in the bunch, correctly pointed out that it was our policy of interventionism that caused the attack on 9/11.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, intensely uncomfortable at having been forced to talk about his liberal positions on abortion, gun control and gay rights, leaped at the opportunity to reprimand Paul for suggesting that we had invited the attack. "I've never heard that," Giuliani snapped, showing that he is ignorant even on matters of security, and demanded that Paul retract it. He didn't, of course. But Giuliani got a big round of applause, as if he had come to the defense of America rather than just cleverly change the subject.

Osama bin Laden, the author of those attacks, has said quite plainly, publicly and explicitly that the attack was prompted by our intervention in the Muslim world. It is outrageous that Giuliani claims not to know that, given that his whole campaign is based on his claim of being the best-qualified leader in matters of security and the so-called war on terror.

Actually, Giuliani isn't an expert on security. He's a lawyer and a political

hack. The attack on 9/11 was a political gift of the gods to him. He walked up and down the street in front of the television cameras, gave speeches and went to funerals, and for that he received the accolades of the press.

Giuliani is not a leader. He is a cyni-

Charley Reese

Columnist



cal exploiter. He exploited the attack the day it happened, and he's exploited it since to make a fortune posing as an expert security consultant. Now he hopes to exploit the tragedy, which, like the president, he had done nothing to prevent, to get the Republican nomination for the presidency.

By demonstrating his ignorance of the cause of the attack, he has disqualified himself from consideration.

Sad to say, Sen. John McCain of Arizona is not the man he was seven years ago. He's gotten old, and in his old age has become an evader and an equivocator. He makes the same tired prediction of terrible consequences if we get out of Iraq, but he has no solutions except to do more of the same. If he were elected, he would be older than

Ronald Reagan when he took office. And Reagan was too old, in my opinion.

As for al-Qaida taking root in Iraq, he is apparently unaware of how the tribal sheiks in the western part of the country have annihilated al-Qaida in their region. One of the sheiks boasted recently, "We did in three months what the Americans haven't been able to do in four years." Trust me, al-Qaida will not survive our departure from Iraq, which is why al-Qaida, above all, wants us to stay.

The only ones who impressed me were Paul, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Rep. Duncan Hunter of California. Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado came up with the best line of the night. Remarking on the liberals trying to become conservatives, he quipped, "There have been a lot of conversions tonight, but the only conversion I trust was the conversion on the road to Damascus, not the conversions on the road to Des Moines." It got a good laugh.

Our presidential election system is broken. By front-loading the primaries, only multimillionaires can raise the money necessary to get well known. The lesser-known — and this year the more-qualified — men have an uphill struggle.

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

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 21

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Texas state parks:

Texas' horribly neglected state parks system is at a crucial crossroads. Its fate now rests in the hands of Texas House and Senate budget writers.

In recent years, that's been a sure-fire recipe for disaster. But this year, it appears that the money-starved parks system might finally get the dramatic funding increase that it so clearly needs. Recent reports indicated that funding might rise from a starvation level of less than \$25 million to as much as \$85 million.

That could give the system desperately needed money to replace worn-out equipment and vehicles, hire new staffers to compensate for previous cutbacks, re-establish curtailed programs and perhaps even buy land for additional park space to serve fast-growing urban areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth.

Budget writers also should ensure that the \$9.6 million that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is receiving for selling a 400-acre tract at Eagle Mountain Lake in northwest Tarrant County can go toward acquiring a site for a large regional state park in North Texas, as Gov. Rick Perry and Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Joseph Fitzsimons have urged.

That's only fair.

The state is getting the \$9.6 million largely from local government and private donors in Tarrant County, and the lake site initially had been purchased by the state for a state park but never was developed. The Eagle Mountain site is to become a local, nature-oriented park.

Parks lovers raised a public outcry after media reports by the Star-Telegram and others last year of the pathetic deterioration of the parks system. Texas ranks 49th among the 50 states in parks funding. It's up to the Legislature to ensure that the state once again becomes a responsible steward of the more than 100 parks and natural areas under its jurisdiction.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.



During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: What is the inside secret to men? I'm a 25-year-old, attractive woman, and I'm confused. There's this guy I'm interested in, and although I believe he's flirting with me, I still have no number or date. (This guy is single.) In the modern world we live in, do guys really want the female to make the first move? Or should I stick to the traditional rules and wait? — **JILL IN PERTH AMBOY, N.J.**

DEAR JILL: There is no "secret" to men. And it's not uncommon for women to suggest going out these days. I have certainly never heard a man complain to be asked! The person you have described may be shy, he may be involved with someone, or he may just be a flirt. The surest way to find out would be to suggest going out and see how he reacts.

DEAR ABBY: My youngest son was married in Las Vegas five weeks ago. We told him and his wife that we'd have the wedding reception at our home, and we're planning to do so. At this same time, my husband and I have bought a new home, and we'd like to share it with our friends as well. We would like to do both on the same day. I want to convey to our guests that no gifts are expected for the reception, as many do not know my son, and at our age, no housewarming gift is needed either. How do I tactfully let them know this, and is it all right to do both parties on the same day and make it casual with outside eating? — **PROUD MOM IN HOUSTON**

DEAR PROUD MOM: The polite way to discourage gifts would be to tell your prospective guests verbally -- not on an invitation -- that "the gift of their presence is all that you need," for the reason that you

stated. However, I recommend that you rethink having a combination housewarming and wedding reception for your son and his wife. A celebration of their special day should not be in conjunction with a housewarming where people your son has never met would be in attendance. This is an occasion that should be celebrated with THEIR friends and family.

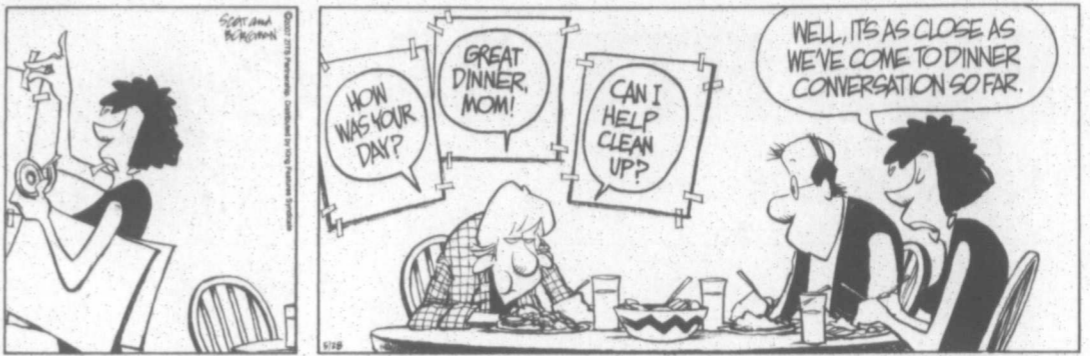
DEAR ABBY: I work in a nursing and rehabilitation center as a certified nursing aide. There are a few wives who come in at every meal to assist their spouses with eating, so we see and talk to them often. We don't get "close" with them, but I think all of the staff considers them more than just visitors. Recently one of the residents whose wife always came in passed away. What is the proper thing to say or do in a situation like this? I wanted to give her a hug and tell her I was sorry for her loss. But I know when I'm upset, a hug only makes me feel worse. — **RACHELLE IN PORT HURON, MICH.**

DEAR RACHELLE: Write the widow a short condolence note, telling her what a caring wife she was and what a difference she made in her husband's life during his illness. Tell her you are sorry for her loss, that she will be missed at the rehabilitation center, and that you hope the rest of her life will be a healthy and happy one. I am sure it would mean the world to her.

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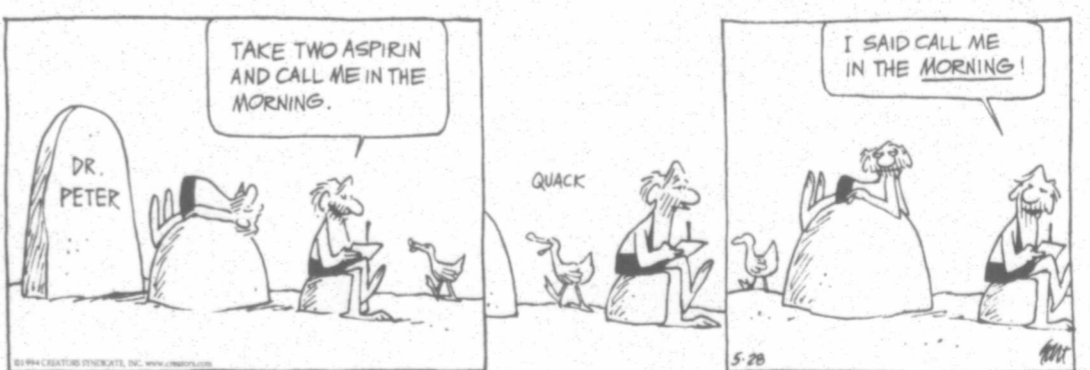
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 40 Moscow of denial
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 - 10 Accounting check
 - 12 Visitor from space
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 - 14 Campaign promise
 - 16 Heavy weight
 - 17 Give off
 - 18 Metal men
 - 21 Army address
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 - 23 Osaka setting
 - 24 Oscar winner Kevin
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 - 29 Hard mineral
 - 30 Have supper
 - 31 Ballpark worker
 - 32 Puzzle
 - 34 Clarifying phrase
 - 37 Fighting hero
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Magic potion
 - 3 Vote in
 - 4 List of choices
 - 5 Owned
 - 6 Wilder's "Town"
 - 7 Book worker
 - 8 Golf course
 - 9 Despises
 - 11 Some bills
 - 15 Circus swinger
 - 19 Accept-able
 - 20 Writer Jonson
 - 22 Piece of data
 - 23 Pickle purchase
 - 24 Call up
 - 25 Very
 - 26 Native hut
 - 27 Con
 - 28 Bike parts
 - 29 Student's bane
 - 30 "Likewise"
 - 33 Poet Ogden
 - 35 Common verb
 - 36 Undoing word

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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Black & Blue



Senior Logan Winkelman of the Bruisers runs past Monica Schepp of the junior Heroines during Thursday's Powder Puff football game.

Cavs take Game 3 on home court

CLEVELAND (AP) — From the pulverizing dunk for his first two points to the clutch 16-foot jumper in the final seconds for his last two, LeBron James soared.

The stakes were sky high for him and the Cavaliers. James simply rose above them.

Playing in what he called the biggest game of his life, James scored 32 points with nine rebounds and nine assists to help Cleveland beat the Detroit Pistons 88-82 on Sunday night and pull the Cavs within 2-1 in the Eastern Conference finals.

James, whose iconic image is plastered on a 10-story-high billboard across the street from Quicken Loans Arena, has never been bigger.

"It's all or nothing at this point," he said.

In attack mode from the start, he darted around and through Detroit's defense, getting to the basket more than he did in the first two games of the best-of-seven series. And in the midst of his 12-point, three-assist fourth quarter, he delivered a legacy-enhancing dunk over Rasheed Wallace that shook the Q like its never quaked before.

"LeBron stepped up and put us on his shoulders," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "He said, 'Come along for the ride.' And we all hopped on."

After a pair of identical 79-76 losses in Games 1 and 2 in Detroit, James was questioned for not taking the final shot; for deferring too often to his teammates; and for not driving to the hole enough.

James' critics will have a tough time picking him apart for this one. He was everywhere, doing everything.

With the game hanging in the balance, he hit a step-back 3-pointer with 2:34 to give the Cavaliers an eight-point lead. Later, after the Pistons closed within two, James hit a 16-foot jumper over Rip Hamilton to put it away.

Upcoming summer sports camps

BASKETBALL
Hustlin' Harvester Basketball Camp
June 4 - 8
Pampa Jr. High School
For incoming 1st - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
1st - 5th grade will be at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
6th - 9th grade will be at 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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June 11 - 15
Pampa Jr. High School
For incoming 1st - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cost is \$50
Questions contact - coach Troy Fry at 662-8055 or 665-5113, athletic office at 669-4830

SOFTBALL
June 4 - 8
Lady Harvester Field

For incoming 3rd - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily
Cost is \$70
Additional hitting and pitching clinics from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Extra cost is \$30
Questions contact - athletic office at 669-4830

SOCCER
Pampa High School Soccer Camp
June 18 - 21
For incoming 1st - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session is from 8

a.m. - 11 a.m. daily
Questions - contact athletic office at 669-4830

Top of Texas Premier Camp
June 18 - 21
Travis Elementary
For incoming 7th - 12th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. daily
For this advanced camp they will bring in Coach Warren Cottle. He has his USSF "A" License. He is currently the head boys coach at Midland High School. This camp will not be for beginners.

Call this one the 'Wacky 500'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The winner crossed the famed strip of bricks in a downpour, his high-powered machine poking along at about 40 mph. Heck, Dario Franchitti barely beat the tow truck that was lugging a teammate's battered car.

What an appropriate way to take the checkered flag in this wackiest of races.

Actually, the Indianapolis 500 seemed like two races Sunday, with a three-hour break in between and not enough daylight to get in the final 85 miles. It was confusing and difficult and dreary, finally going to the team with its eyes on the skies.

"Restart after restart," said runner-up Scott Dixon, who couldn't do a thing as Franchitti crept to the finish line under a yellow flag. "It's just one of those days where you feel like you haven't even raced. It's sort of being on the freeway and watching lots of people smash into

each other. It's just a frustrating day in general."

Franchitti's crew relied on the weather radar as much as the speedometer, which turned out to be the best move on a long day. When the lead pack made its last round of pit stops under caution, the Scotsman remained on the track.

Eleven laps later, it was over. Another line of storms moved in, soaking a track that had been dried twice already.

Franchitti coasted across the line for the biggest win of his career, while actress wife Ashley Judd — drenched in her summer dress — ran barefooted to congratulate him.

When Franchitti pulled in to take the traditional sip of milk, he looked around in a daze, as if he couldn't believe it, either. Like everyone else, he probably wanted to say, "What just happened out there?"

City of Pampa Summer Softball Leagues

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will offer the following leagues for Summer Softball:

Men's Open — The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned). The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is May 30 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 6, 2007 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of June 11th.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at

City Hall, Room 204 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5p.m. Monday through Friday or on the internet at www.cityof-pampa.org

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Summer Softball Leagues, please call 669-5740 during business hours.

Mears upsets the field, wins Coca-Cola 600

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — In a season of Hendrick Motorsports domination, another win shouldn't have been a surprise.

But the super team pulled off an upset for the ages when Casey Mears — the perceived weak link in the Hendrick chain — raced to his first Nextel Cup victory Sunday night, stretching his fuel to the finish in the Coca-

Cola 600. "I think I had a 10,000-pound gorilla just jump right off my back," Mears said.

It was the ninth win out of 12 races this season for Hendrick and fifth in a row. But the other victories went to Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch, consistent championship contenders.

But Mears, who has never

finished higher than 14th in the standings, is struggling through his first season at Hendrick and came to Lowe's Motor Speedway ranked 35th in the points.

Finally making it to Victory Lane proved the 29-year-old can hang with his superstar teammates.

"At times I've questioned myself, even though that's something you really can't

do as a driver," Mears said. "I've wondered if it was me and what I could do to be better. I always thought I was capable of winning races."

When he finally did, it put a Mears back in Victory Lane on the biggest day in racing for the first time since 1991. Mears is the nephew of four-time Indianapolis 500 champion Rick Mears.

"My uncle won four races

on this day, and what a special day just because of that," Mears said with tears in his eyes.

"My family has had an unbelievable history of racing, and I've always wanted to make my mark with my family. We've got a long ways to go, a long ways to go, and a lot of races to run, but it sure feels good to win today."

Mears ran strong all night at Lowe's Motor Speedway, but only took the lead when others ducked onto pit road for a splash of gas.

J.J. Yeley, like Mears considered one of the drivers in jeopardy of losing their ride to make room for free agent Dale Earnhardt Jr., finished second for the first top-five finish of his career.

Steroid testing in limbo on Legislature's last day

AUSTIN (AP) — Swamped by a weekend power struggle at the state Capitol was a bill that could impact every high school athlete in the state: mandatory random steroid tests.

The Senate has already given its final approval. The bill needs only one last vote by the House before it would be sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

But a House walkout early Monday morning led by lawmakers upset with Speaker Tom Craddick's leadership left what would be the

nation's largest high school steroid testing program in doubt.

The legislative session ends Friday. Judging by the volatile emotions in the House, any bills still pending run the risk of dying without a vote.

The House sponsor of the measure, Rep. Dan Flynn, a Van Republican, said he'll try to muster one last vote.

"It will help secure healthy and safe lives for our young people," said Flynn. "Coaches, parents and fans

are going to appreciate it."

Steroid testing has been a major component of Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's campaign to protect children. Under the bill, athletes who test positive, or refuse to be tested, could be suspended from play. Athletes in all sports, from football to wrestling to tennis, could be tested.

The bill requires the state pay for testing, rather than force schools to raise ticket prices to cover the cost. The University

Interscholastic League, the state's governing body for public school sports, will run the program.

The Senate's original plan was to test at least 22,000 students — about 3 percent of the 730,000 of high school athletes — for about \$4 million per year.

Budget planners set aside only \$3 million per year and the bill now only requires testing of a "statistically significant sample" of students, said Sen. Kyle Janek, a Houston Republican who

sponsored the bill. The UIL would determine penalties for positive tests.

Flynn said athletes should be suspended from play if they test positive or refuse to take a test.

The Texas High School Coaches Association, the Texas Medical Association, and groups representing public school districts and administrators support a testing program.

New Jersey became the first state in the country to start a statewide testing poli-

cy for high school athletes last year. Its initial testing for performance-enhancing drugs among 150 random samples taken last fall didn't produce a positive result, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association reported earlier this year.

Florida lawmakers recently approved a one-year pilot program to test 1 percent of high school athletes who compete in football, baseball and weightlifting.

Pot, drinking photos show up in yearbook

CONIFER, Colo. (AP) — Most likely to succeed? Try most likely to go to jail.

The yearbook for the high school in this mountain town near Denver published photos of students smoking marijuana and drinking beer, drawing the ire of parents and administrators.

Hannah Fredrickson, the senior who served as yearbook editor, said she regrets not balancing the yearbook pictures of teenagers smoking pot with pictures of non-drug users. She also said she is sorry about not warning her principal.

But she said people need to know what is going on.

"The point of the yearbook entirely is to cover what happens in the year," she told KCNC TV. "You'd be surprised at how many children at Conifer High School smoke pot. I wanted to push more for a deeper side of Conifer, which, for a lot of students, is drugs and alcohol."

The Jefferson County School District began an investigation after parents complained, and the school has offered to take back yearbooks and refund payments.

"There were some things ... that I don't feel that I can defend. There were some pictures and quotes that I do believe have crossed the line," acting Principal Pat Termin said.

Students were shown holding a bong and exhaling smoke in a section labeled "Health — addicted addictions." Three female students — all identified — are shown holding citations for underage drinking in a second titled "Regrets and mistakes."

Amy McTague, the teacher who supervises the yearbook production, sent a letter of apology to parents.

"It wasn't my intent or my students' intent to portray such a negative tone in their attempt to cover all aspects of a student's life and some of the very difficult choices they face," she wrote.

"My editor and I have discussed at length and have agreed that there was no balance on the pages that are of concern and that some elements are completely inappropriate. These issues detract from the many wonderful things that are included in this book."

New pharmacy opens



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Pampans can now enjoy a new store/pharmacy since the opening of CVS, on the corner of Hobart and Kentucky, on Sunday.

Renegade Mormon stirs things up with move to Lockney

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LOCKNEY, Texas (AP) — Samuel Fischer would appear to be just what this withering Texas Panhandle town needs.

A successful cabinet maker with a thriving business in Utah, he hopes to move the operation here, bringing with it as many as 100 jobs and perhaps eventually an influx of residents.

Many here, however, say Fischer is no godsend, and the economic boost he could provide their town of about 2,000 is not worth the cost.

Fischer is a polygamist, a member of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a renegade offshoot of the Mormon Church. The sect's leader, Warren Jeffs, is awaiting trial on charges he arranged marriages between men and underage girls.

In Lockney, people like shopkeeper Ginger Mathis worry that Fischer, his two wives and their 24 children will soon be joined by thousands of other sect members

now living Utah and Arizona. Fischer has closed on one house in Plainview and has contracts on three others there; he is also checking out property near Lockney.

"He wouldn't be looking at houses if he didn't have some others coming," Mathis said.

Others want to give Fischer the benefit of the doubt.

"I just feel like he's one of God's creatures and if he wants to come to town, that's his business," said Kay Martin, who owns an insurance agency in Lockney and is a member of the town's economic development board. "It doesn't scare me or bother me."

Ranching and farming are the mainstays in the Lockney area, about 75 miles from Amarillo. Farmers produce cotton, wheat, pumpkins and corn. The town's population has dropped by about 200 from the 2000 census because there is no other work for young people not interested in farming or ranching.

Fischer took his case for moving to Lockney to his future neighbors

at a town meeting. He requested the meeting in a letter to the local paper after it published a column about him and his association with Jeffs.

About 100 people attended. When pressed, Fischer told them that Jeffs was his spiritual leader but that the FLDS doesn't have a stake in his business.

About 150 of Jeffs' followers are already in Texas, living outside the small town of Eldorado, about 230 miles from Lockney. Among the buildings erected by the sect is an 80-foot-tall, gleaming white temple.

Those who attended the meeting in Lockney say Fischer, 53, promised he would not build a compound. He also said he didn't know who would be living in the houses he will soon own.

Fischer declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

"We dealt with the people that have the need to know," he said. "And that's all I'm worried and concerned about. Those are the people who we'll be living and

working with. People in New York don't need to know."

Jeffs' group — based in the adjacent towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz. — numbers about 10,000. It is cloaked in secrecy and widely known for marrying off teenage brides and banishing men and boys who disagree with Jeffs. The Mormon Church renounced polygamy in 1890 and has disavowed any connection to the sect.

Fischer's arrival has piqued interest in Lockney, where several residents said they were reading "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith," by Jon Krakauer, a 2003 nonfiction book that mentions the FLDS.

In his letter to the newspaper, Fischer wrote that he wants residents to get to know him and to seek jobs at his cabinet factory. He said he settled on Lockney after getting stranded by an ice storm in January in Amarillo and seeing an economy that appeared on the "upswing."

Fisher said he is leaving Hildale

because Utah authorities took control of the scandal-plagued trust that controls all the property in the two neighboring towns.

"There has been plenty of negative publicity regarding my beliefs which I would hope the honest in heart can see through," Fischer wrote. "I feel that tolerance for others' way of thinking, that may differ from our own, is what constitutes a peaceful society."

Some of those who attended the meeting said Fischer was not very forthcoming.

"He didn't tell us anything," Mathis said. "He evaded some (questions) and even the ones he answered I didn't feel he was being truthful."

Others said Fischer's cabinet-making business will infuse money into the area.

"I'm not very much bothered by this," said Mayor Roger Stapp. "They have every right to be here if they're being good citizens and not breaking the law."

Pampa students take advantage of scholarship opportunities

Providers - Amount of Scholarship - Recipients

Abilene Christian University merit Scholarship \$6,410 - Natasha Bailey

ACCORD \$250 - Lizabeth Herrera

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa Billie Dixon Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Michael Foreman

Amarillo Area Foundation Malouf and Iris Abraham Scholarship \$1,000 - Meredith Coutts

Amarillo Area Foundation Margaret Arthur Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Brett Ferrell

Amarillo Area Foundation Paulus Schroeter Scholarship \$5,000 - Adam Hagerman

Amarillo Area Foundation Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarship \$1,000 - Maggie Hopkins

Amarillo Area Foundation Aubra Nooncaster PHS Class of 1952 Endowment Scholarship \$1,000 - Erwin Kuehne

Amarillo Area Foundation Margaret Arthur Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Sara Swan

American Business Women Magic Plains Chapter \$500 - Sara Swan

Amarillo College \$800 - Sara Swan

Baylor University President's Baylor Scholar \$32,000 - Landon McNeely

Baylor University Achievement Baylor Scholar \$12,000 - Landon McNeely

Briarwood Youth Scholarship

\$1,500 - Angel Villareal

Broome Optical and Tom Baker, OD \$500 - Urvish Trivedi

Celanese \$1,500 - Alex Torres

Celebration of Lights \$500 each - Adam Hagerman, Michelle Linder, Kasey Tindol, Urvish Trivedi

Cielo Wind Power Earth Stewardship Award and Scholarship \$1,000 - Aaron Pepper

Clarendon College Pampa Center Anna Dirksen Memorial Scholarship \$600 - Michelle Linder

Dallas Baptist University Christian Leadership Scholarship - 25 percent of annual tuition - Craig Crowell

Dallas Baptist University Academic Honors Scholarship - 15 percent of annual tuition - Craig Crowell

DeVry University Community Service Award \$9,000 - Stephen McCarley

Jim Duggan Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Adam Hagerman

J. Kirk and Jean Gibson Duncan Scholarship - \$1,000 - Hector Leal

Frank Phillips College Futures Scholarship \$600 - Brian Bogges

Frank Phillips College Tilson Scholarship \$1,200 - Kenzi Nickell

Sara Golden College Scholarship Fund \$55,000 - Cody Snow

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Ronald Maul Memorial Scholarship \$500 - Meredith Coutts

Harvester Scholarship \$1,000 - Landon McNeely

Harwell & Harwell Scholarship \$500 - Angela Mechelay

High Plains Cruisers Scholarship \$3,000 - Austin Bruner / \$2,000 - Andrew Van Houten

H.J. and Evelyn Johnson Scholarship \$1,000 - Craig Crowell

Garrett Kennedy Scholarship \$500 - Maggie Hopkins

Francis "Fran" Kludt Scholarship \$1,000 - Urvish Trivedi

Lamar Scholarship \$250 - Lizbeth Herrera

Lubbock Christian University Softball Scholarship \$2,000 - Nicole Clark

Lubbock Christian University Academic Scholarship \$4,000 - Stephanie McVay

Rodney McCulloch Memorial Scholarship \$500 - Meredith Coutts

Clifton McNeely Endowment Scholarship \$1,000 - James Coffee

M.K. Brown Foundation Scholarship \$2,500 each - Bryant Noble & Kasey Tindol

Michael Cornelison Scholarship \$1,000 - Michael Foreman

National Bank of Commerce \$1,000 - Erwin Kuehne

Oklahoma City University Music Scholarship \$27,000 - Hector Leal

Optimist Essay Winner \$500 - Brett Ferrell

Phillip Hernandez Scholarship Foundation \$4,000 - Erwin Kuehne

Pampa Beta Sigma Phi City Council \$2,000 - Brett Ferrell

Pampa Center Foundation \$500 - Alexandria Marie Long

Pampa Classroom Teacher's Association \$1,000 - Holly Owens

Pampa Desk and Derrick Club \$500 - Alex Torres

Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club

Massa Scholarship \$1,000 - Michelle Linder

Pampa Fine Arts Association \$500 - Hector Leal

Pampa Lions Club "Pinky" Shultz Memorial \$500 - Natasha Bailey / \$1,000 Adam Hagerman

Pampa Moose Family Center #1385 \$500 each - Jessica Wagner & Austin Bruner

Pampa Regional Medical Center \$10,000 - Natasha Bailey

Pampa Rotary Club \$1,500 each - Adam Hagerman & Stephanie McVay

Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union \$1,000 each - McKinsie East & Maggie Hopkins

Spartan College Imagine America Scholarship \$1,000 - Gavin Eggleston

Society of Petroleum Engineers \$15,000 - Devan Shults

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship - Margaret Hopkins

Texas Christian University Dean's Scholarship \$40,000 - Katie Holmes

Texas Tech Alumni Pampa Chapter \$1,000 each - Jack Mackie, Meredith Coutts, Alexander Torres, Maegan Patterson, Urvish Trivedi

Texas Tech University Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship \$1,000 - Jarron Clark

Texas Tech University Collee of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources \$1,200 - Meredith Coutts

Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 \$250 each - Brett Ferrell & Meredith Coutts

Top of Texas Rodeo Association \$500 - Maggie Hopkins

Travis Elementary Booster Club Continuing Education Scholarship \$500 each - Whitney Morris & Maegan Patterson

Twentieth Century Forum Study Club \$500 - Ryan Hansen / \$1,000 - Katie Holmes

VFW post #1657 Voice of Democracy Speech \$2,000 - Aaron Pepper

VFW Scholarship \$500 each - Meredith Coutts & Adam Hagerman

Wal-Mart Scholarship \$1,000 - Adam Hagerman

Wayland Baptist University Cross Country and Track Scholarship \$4,000 - Matt Jimenez

West Texas A&M University R.C. and Agnes Johnson Scholarship \$500 - Cody Snow

West Texas A&M University Music Scholarship \$1,600 - Erwin Kuehne

West Texas A&M University Residential Hall Scholarship \$2,400 - Erwin Kuehne

West Texas A&M University M.K. Brown Foundation Leadership Scholarship \$500 - Cody Snow

West Texas A&M University \$4,000 each - Natasha Bailey & Cody Snow

Amy Youree Memorial Scholarship \$500 each - Nicole Clark, Cassidy Tice, Stephanie McVay, Logan Winkelman, Kenzi Nickell, Kali Jimenez

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5-28 CRYPTOQUOTE
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30th & Charles \$3 sf & \$1 sf	50.9 Acres N of Wainarf
1701 N. Hobart \$640,000	1.556 Acres Commercial
210 W. Harvester	..... \$326,400	.....	5/3.75/2 - 4828 SF/GCAD
2369 Beech	..... \$230,000	.....	3/2.5/2 - 3327 SF/GCAD
2700 Duncan	..... \$300,000	.....	4/2.5/2 - 3830 SF/GCAD
1 Cypress Point Rd	..... \$245,900	.....	3/2/2 - 2000 SF/Approx.
1615 N. Russell	..... \$179,900	.....	3/2.5/2 - 3311 SF/GCAD
2715 Aspen	..... \$174,500	.....	4/2/2 - 2780 SF/GCAD
1947 Grape	..... \$135,000	.....	3/1.75/2 - 1999 SF/GCAD
129 E. 27th St.	..... \$130,000	.....	4/1.75/2 - 1467 SF/GCAD
111 E. 28th	..... \$119,900	.....	3/2/1 - 1780 SF/GCAD
2328 Comanche	..... \$105,000	.....	3/1.75/2 - 1512 SF/GCAD
2424 Cherokee	..... \$104,900	.....	3/2/2 - 1893 SF/GCAD
2616 Comanche	..... \$94,500	.....	3/1.75/2 - 1588 SF/GCAD
2164 Cnty Rd. H 1/2	..... \$89,000	.....	3/1/2 Ttr & 2.9 acres
704 E. 16th	..... \$75,000	.....	3/1.5/2 - 1323 SF/GCAD
1125 Duncan	..... \$63,980	.....	3/2/1 - 1455 SF/GCAD
1002 N. Somerville	..... \$69,500	.....	3/2/2 - 1807 SF/GCAD
2231 Mary Ellen	..... \$59,900	.....	3/1/1cpt - 1386 SF/GCAD
2129 Hamilton	..... \$34,900	.....	2/1/1 - 968 SF/GCAD
E 28th	..... \$19,900	.....	..... 95 x 125 ft lot
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		South West	
1000 S. Wilcox	..... \$37,000	.....	4/2/0 - 1900 SF/Ownr
TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		West and North West	
1801 N. Dwlght	..... \$129,900	.....	3/3/3 - 2257 SF/GCAD
1529 N. Christy	..... \$109,500	.....	3/2/2 - 1558 SF/GCAD
1002 N. Somerville	..... \$79,000	.....	3/2/2 - 1807 SF/GCAD
2218 N. Nelson	..... \$74,500	.....	3/1/0 - 1634 SF/GCAD
1008 Sirroco	..... \$62,510	.....	3/2/2 - 1266 SF/GCAD
2133 N. Wells	..... \$62,000	.....	3/1/0 - 1284 SF/GCAD
813 N. Wells	..... \$53,900	.....	4/1.5/0 - 1352 SF/GCAD
809 N. Dwlght	..... \$59,500	.....	3/2/1 - 1269 SF/GCAD
2504 Rosewood	..... \$55,900	.....	3/1/1cpt - 1081 SF/GCAD
2221 N. Wells	..... \$55,000	.....	3/1.5/1 cpt - 1435 SF/GCAD
WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT		South East	
106 S. Cuyler	..... \$87,500	.....	3/2/2 - 3560 SF/GCAD
1325 Garland	..... \$42,500	.....	2/1/1cpt - 762 SF/GCAD
1100 E. Foster	..... \$42,500	.....	3/1/2 cpt - 1170 SF/GCAD
433 Graham	..... \$35,000	.....	3/1/0 - 1107 SF/GCAD
932 E. Francis	..... \$27,950	.....	3/1/1 - 1468 SF/GCAD
OTHER AREAS		Outside Pampa City Limits	
0000 Main St., White Deer	..... \$150,000	.....	Lots W of RR & N of Main
6232 FM 291, Alameda	..... \$125,000	.....	4/2/1 - 2,000 + SF
7389 Hwy. 273, McLean	..... \$120,000	.....	2/1/1 - 1056 SF/29.38 Acres
801 Grimes, White Deer \$50,000	3/2/1 cpt - 1400 SF/CAD
207, S. 1 Swift, White Deer \$50,000 Church & 2 small houses

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 29, 2007:
This year work on letting your mind calm down and building your confidence. As a result, you will feel and be more successful. Understandably, your decisions might not always be right-on, but if you are feeling as you do, eye the practical — the results in general could be outstanding. How you express yourself might be very different from the norm. Work on being less loquacious and more logical, if possible. If you are single, you'll develop a very strong emotional bond this year. You could meet this person out of the blue and in a surprising manner or situation. If you are attached, plan on doing more projects together. Be willing to break established patterns for the relationship. SCORPIO works well with you, presenting a valid, different perspective.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Jump into action and demonstrate more sensitivity and energy. You might need to discuss an investment concerning real estate. Possibly a domestic issue relates closely to this financial option. Let your insights come forward in a discussion. Tonight: Time with a favorite person.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ How you approach a situation with a key associate, friend or loved one could have some surprising results. Be ready! Be aware that you might be saying much more than the words you use with your expressions and mannerisms. Tonight: Just listen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Get into a project as if there is no tomorrow. What you effectively accomplish might be surprising. A boss or higher-up acts in a strange or different manner. Don't fret. Consider changing your approach to finances. Tonight: Wif/d down.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The planet of communication drops into your sign, making you more verbal — or at least you are thinking much more. The real issue will be to use some of the ideas you come up with. Let your imagination go. Tonight: Enjoy wherever you are.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Focus on home and family, even if you must work. Surprising information or a sixth sense could color your decisions. Nothing will work if you don't have strong foundations. Create just that in your life. Tonight: Don't overanalyze.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might need to pull back. Many people have a lot to share, and easily you could be on information overload. Know when to head in another direction or do something differently. Just pick up the phone. Express yourself. Tonight: Surprises happen!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be more reality oriented than you have been in a long while. Know when to say "enough" and head in a new direction, especially if events don't conform to what you want. Work out stress through exercise. Tonight: Handle bills.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be more creative and unpredictable than you realize. Every so often, detach and consider how others see you. Also consider how key

people think. Where are their judgments coming from? Tonight: What would make the Scorpio happy?
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Know when to pull back. Though certainly a lot might be happening in your personal life, the timing might be such that you want to say little. A partner could be more verbal and expressive than usual. Tonight: Let this special person reveal him- or herself. Don't interfere.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Zero in on others, though you could have a surprising reaction or change of plans. Meetings, be they with co-workers or friends, have an interesting tone. Finally, the many people around you are talking. Listen. Tonight: Take a low-key role.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Accept your role as leader or certainly as the person who can get the job done. Your powerful personality and genuine liking of others help you bring many together for a common project. Use your people skills. Tonight: Out late.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your emotional or intuitive nature helps point you in the right direction. Someone you care about could surprise you with what he or she shares and thinks. Don't judge right now. Simply feel and know what to do. Tonight: Detach if triggered by an event.
BORN TODAY
Guitarist, songwriter Noel Gallagher (1967), American patriot Patrick Henry (1736), President John F. Kennedy (1917)

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MAINTENANCE Man needed. Must have own tools & plumbing exp. a must!! Call 665-1875.
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Deportations remain stable despite big talk about efforts

By **MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. immigration agencies say anti-terrorism is their primary mission, but they tried to deport only 12 people on terrorism-related charges from 2004 through 2006, according to a private research study released Sunday.

That group of 12 represents a tiny fraction of the 814,073 people the government tried to remove from the country during those three years. The study's authors acknowledge the figure understates the anti-terrorism effort by the Homeland Security Department's immigration

agencies. In addition, because no one knows how many terrorists are in the United States or tried to get in, there is no way to say whether the figure of 12 is too low, too high or about right.

"The right number is unknowable," co-author David Burnham said in an interview. "But the budget and powers of this agency are influenced by all their talk and rhetoric about terrorism and criminals and if that isn't what they are doing, it should be considered by Congress and the public."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said the study failed to

appreciate record-setting enforcement totals. "They seem not to grasp that immigration laws are a powerful authority in preventing security risks from setting foot on our soil," Knocke said. "The vast majority of immigration violations are either going to be criminals or economic migrants who arrive illegally, but we're tough for that off-chance one presents a national security concern."

Terrorists have been barred, Knocke said, and new tools to help are going into place. That includes getting data on travelers well before they arrive and improving security of travel documents.

A former New York Times reporter, Burnham is co-director of the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse. The private research group at Syracuse University analyzed the work of two Homeland Security agencies — Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection.

TRAC analyzed records of the more than 200 immigration court judges employed by the Justice Department back through 1992 and the department's records of criminal cases brought in U.S. district courts. The records were acquired under the Freedom of Information Act.

TRAC also found that a separate, broader category of national security charges were brought to try to deport an additional 114 people during the three years. Criminal charges such as human trafficking, drug dealing and other traditional crimes were used against 106,878, or 13 percent of those the government tried to deport.

The overwhelming majority of deportation cases — 86.5 percent — were based on traditional immigration violations such as sneaking past border inspections, not having a valid visa or overstaying a student visa, TRAC said.

TRAC found that

Homeland Security agencies were credited during the period with producing or assisting on only 31 of 620 criminal prosecutions in district courts against defendants whom prosecutors labeled international terrorists, domestic terrorists or terrorism financiers.

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Opponents to Tyson-ConocoPhillips deal line up

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Plans by Tyson Foods Inc. and ConocoPhillips to produce and market diesel made from beef, pork and poultry fat and take advantage of a tax credit are perverting the purpose of the credit, opponents argue.

Biodiesel companies and their political allies say Tyson and Houston-based ConocoPhillips won't spend any money to add jobs or new plants, so they shouldn't get the tax break, intended to expand biodiesel production.

"Unless the abuse of this tax credit is prohibited, it will have the exact opposite effect of what Congress intended — it will discourage the creation of real renewable diesel fuel — and all on the taxpayer's dime," U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, said earlier this month.

Doggett has filed a bill to strip away the \$1-per-gallon tax credit the Internal Revenue Service extended to ConocoPhillips and other companies with similar plans. The IRS decision broadened a 2005 law passed to promote biofuel production. Dozens of other legislators have signed on to the

bill. In April, Tyson Foods, the Arkansas-based world's largest meat producer, announced it would begin preprocessing animal fat at some of its North American rendering plants this summer. Meanwhile, ConocoPhillips said it would spend about \$100 million over several years to produce the fuel. The company plans to introduce the fuel at gas stations in the U.S. Midwest in the fourth quarter of this year.

Tyson and ConocoPhillips say the finished product will be renewable diesel fuel mixtures that meet all federal standards for ultra-low-sulfur diesel. They expect to ramp up production over the next couple of years to as much as 175 million gallons a year.

Jeff Webster, head of Tyson Renewable Energy, says opponents of the deal are just worried their products are inferior to the ConocoPhillips product. Webster says the latter can be stored longer, burns cleaner and can be distributed through existing pipelines with diesel, making the infrastructure and capital expense far less than starting from scratch.

"We don't believe the U.S. government should pick winners and losers in terms of which technology succeeds and which one doesn't," Webster says. "We need all of this stuff. When you talk about a 35 billion-gallon goal for renewable fuels, none of these by themselves are going to allow us to reach those goals."

Tyson also argues that higher demand for animal fats will drive higher commodity prices on the open market, as well as add value to each cow in the United States. The National Cattlemen's Association and the American Meat Institute support the two companies' plans.

The National Biodiesel Board backs Doggett's bill and contends that traditional biodiesel is the only proven alternative to petroleum-based diesel.

Traditional biodiesel is made from vegetable oils or animal fats to create methyl esters, which can be used in diesel engines. ConocoPhillips uses a different process to produce what it says is the same as traditional petroleum-based diesel but burns cleaner.



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Lawmakers mull new farm bill

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddled with budget restrictions that are preventing them from adding or significantly expanding popular programs, lawmakers from farming states face tough decisions as they mull the next six-year farm bill.

Two House Agriculture subcommittees approved parts of the bill last week, but several amendments were deferred as committee leaders worried about overspending.

Congress has less money to work with than it did when drafting the previous farm bill in 2002.

Collin Peterson, chairman of the House agriculture committee, said the new bill will address "the changing landscape" of the agricultural economy.

"We understand how important it is for farmers, ranchers and consumers that we all work together and get this farm policy right," he said.

The subcommittees approved the conser-

vation, energy, credit, research, dairy and livestock titles of the bill last week. Other sections of the legislation will be considered in June, and Peterson said he hoped to have the entire bill approved by the full committee before the Fourth of July.

Among the preliminary provisions in the House bill:

- An extension of the most popular conservation programs through 2012, including the Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to idle environmentally sensitive farmland. The bill would cut funding for the Conservation Security Program, which pays farmers who farm in an environmentally friendly way. But Peterson said he hoped to restore some of that funding.
- A federal loan guarantee program to help with the development, construction and retrofitting of biorefineries and biofuel production plants.
- A repeal of the prohibition on the use of a mandatory identification system to verify the country of origin of livestock.

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