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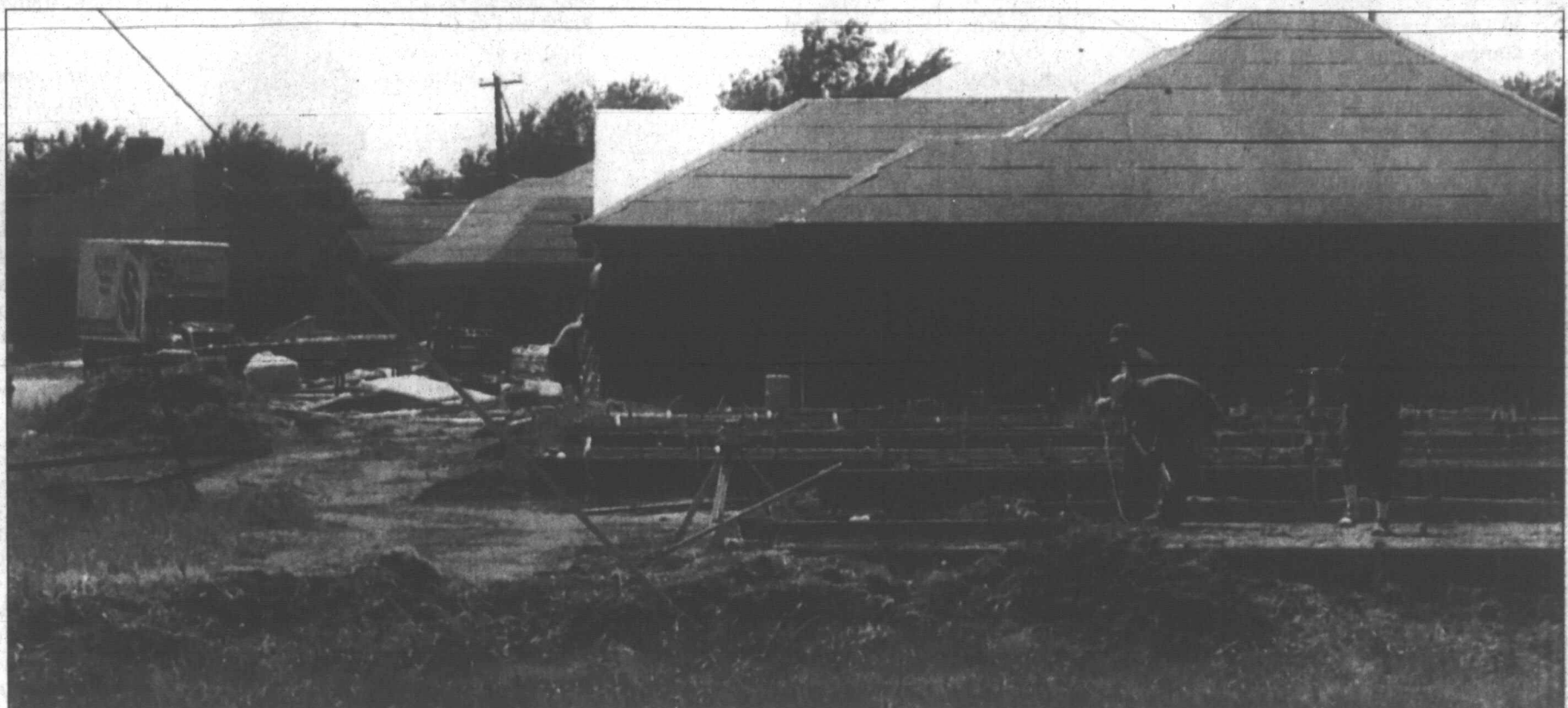
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New homes going up

Twelve new homes are in varying states of completion in the 900 block of Crane Road. Several of the homes have already been bricked while work on others has just been started.

Couple end up in emergency room after alleged bar assault

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

Two Pampa residents were treated and released early today in the emergency room of Pampa Regional Medical Center as a result of assaults which occurred at the Lone Star Bar, located at the corner of McCullough and Barnes streets.

Gray County Sheriff's Office received a call at 2:30 a.m. today concerning the incident. Deputies were dispatched to the PRMC emergency room, where they found a man and woman who had reportedly been assaulted at the bar, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. "The man claimed to be in the bathroom of the facility when he was attacked," Hoard said. "He got out of the bathroom, grabbed the

woman who was with him, and they got outside. Both the man and woman were then attacked in the parking lot outside." The victims drove themselves to the emergency room, Hoard said. The victims' names are not being released at this time. "The case is still under investigation," Hoard said. "We are waiting on victim statements. We have no suspects right now."

White Deer blaze shuts down Hwy 60 early Saturday

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

A structure fire at White Deer caused Highway 60 to be closed for a time

Saturday morning due to smoke and flames, according to Darell Luster of White Deer Police Department. "The building was

fully engulfed in flames when the fire departments got on scene," Luster said. The fire was reported at 10:15 a.m.

Saturday and involved a building on the south side of Highway 60, west of Main Street. The building had previously been a restaurant

known as The Green Punkin and had then been an antique store before being vacated, Luster said. "The current owners

had scheduled it for demolition," he said. "They were going to build something else on the site."

No electrical power or gas service was being supplied to the building at the time of the fire, which is of undetermined origin. No one was in the building at the time of the blaze, and no one was injured while fighting the fire, Luster said.

Responding to the scene were volunteer fire departments from White Deer, Panhandle and Skellytown; White Deer and Panhandle police departments; Carson County Sheriff's Office; and White Deer EMS. Carson County Precinct 4 assisted with equipment.

LOCAL MEETING NOTICES

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

City officials to discuss possible block grant
 The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing Tuesday afternoon concerning a block grant. Officials said today that the city commission will hold a public hearing concerning the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a block grant. The city had applied for a block grant about two years ago to upgrade water lines in the southern neighborhoods of Pampa, but the city didn't meet the criteria for the grant at that time. City Manager Trevlyn Pitner said that some of the criteria had changed and the in discussions with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Pampa may now qualify for such a block grant. Pitner said Tuesday's public hearing is a part of the grant process. The city commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

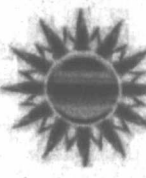
Economic development corporation to convene
 The Pampa Economic Development Corp. will meet behind closed doors Tuesday. It will meet at 11 a.m., Tuesday, in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Any action the PEDC board takes will have to be done in open session.

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Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Kenneth Wayne Weaver, 78

Kenneth Wayne Weaver, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 2, 2008, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Stephen Cox, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating.

Military honors are courtesy U.S. Navy personnel, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Weaver was born July 20, 1930, in Lubbock. He attended schools in Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School, and later graduated from McMurry University in Abilene with a B.S. degree.

Kenneth was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving with active and reserve status, completing his time as a Lt. Jr. Grade.

He married LaPhane Foreman on Dec. 1, 1951, in Abilene. She preceded him in death on June 24, 2005.

He had been a resident of

Pampa since 1957.

Kenneth owned and operated Kenneth Weaver Construction for over 20 years. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Ken Weaver and wife Patricia of Plano, and Jerry Weaver and wife Debbie of Pampa; one sister, Joyce Shulz of Houston; one brother, Bob Weaver and wife Gerri of Aztec, N.M.; two grandsons, Amos Valmores of Austin and Kyle Weaver of Plano; three granddaughters, Bethany Hicks and husband Kolby and Sage Valmores, all of Fort Worth, and Abby Weaver of Pampa; one great-grandson, Austin; and one great-granddaughter, Alani.

MEMORIALS: McMurry University, P.O. Box 938, Abilene, TX 79697-0938.

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Obituaries

George W. Cunningham, 86

PERRYTON — George W. Cunningham, 86, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Paul Baskin officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in

Perryton. Mr. Cunningham was born May 8, 1922, at Kirkland and had lived in the Perryton area since moving from Gruver in 1963. He married Janis Jones on Jan. 10, 1944, at Pampa; she died in 2007. For more than 30 years, Mr. Cunningham worked for

Phillips Petroleum. He belonged to First Christian Church and Gruver Masonic Lodge #1326.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie Cunningham and Jess Cunningham.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Fewell of Phoenix, Ariz., and Cherie

Reynolds of Fritch; a sister, Marguerette Hearn of Pampa; five grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Panhandle Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th St., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Arthur W. Fields, 64

Arthur W. Fields, 64, of Pampa, died Thursday, July 31, 2008, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Darren Willis, pastor, and the Rev. Harold Adkims, Jr., interim pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fields was born on

Dec. 11, 1943, in Waco and came to Pampa 40 years ago from Oklahoma City. He married Mary Duke on Jan. 4, 1974, in Pampa.

He worked for Cabot and Ingersoll-Rand as a machinist for 26 years and worked for the Pampa Independent School District for one year. He was a member of the



Fields

New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Fields, of the home; one son, Timothy Fields of Pampa; two daughters, Theresa Duke of Amarillo and Delencia Fields of Pampa; one brother, Joe Fields of Waco; six sisters, Mae Bouye, Patty Love, Dorothy Gaines, Lucille Leaks and

Sarah Sweeney, all of Waco, and Bessie Fields of Chicago, Ill.; and three grandchildren, Rashad Duke and Jessica Duke, both of Amarillo, and Dameshia Hair of Lawton, Okla.

MEMORIALS: New Hope Baptist Church, 404 Harlem, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

W. Leo Mathus, 70

IRVING — W. Leo Mathus, 70, of Irving, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, in Irving.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Leo was born on July 24, 1938, in Pampa, the son of Gus and Lucy L. Mathus. He accepted the Lord at an early age and was raised in the

Baptist church. He graduated from Pampa High School where he played football for the Harvester football team.

After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for six years in the 8th Army in the Far East. After his honorable discharge, he relocated to the Dallas area. His military training in avionics (radar and weapons) opened many doors for him and led him to a long and very rewarding relationship with LTV and Vought Aerospace Corp. in Grand Prairie.

He finished a storybook

career when he retired in 1996 as project engineering manager after 31 years of service.

Leo was an avid fisherman and was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. After retirement, he enjoyed trips to his East Texas deer camp with his faithful canine companion, Ellie, his Boston terrier who was always with him.

He was diagnosed with a rare blood disease six months ago and lost his last battle on Aug. 2, 2008. Leo was preceded in death by his

parents and an older brother, Buddy Joe Mathus.

Survivors include his brother, Danny L. Mathus and wife Bobbie of Lake Palestine; three sisters, Lucille Bond and husband Kenneth of Rockwall, Wilma Melear of Amarillo and Colleen Reck of Claude; and by several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Box 1870, Amarillo, TX 79174.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Aug. 2

Billy Dale Bush, 57, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel Road by Pampa Police Department for no liability insurance and no driver's license.

Tracy Lee Worley, 58, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and public intoxication.

Kenroy Fyfe, 33, of Washington, D.C., was arrested by DPS for possession of five pounds or more but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Concepcion Bensor, 68, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Atchison by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Marcus Edward Babb, 48, of Breaux Bridge, La., was arrested by DPS for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and

violating a promise to appear.

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 2100 block of Lea by Pampa PD for two counts of evading arrest and 15 capias pro fines.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Kedrick Don Grays, 25, of Pampa was arrested at the county line by Pampa PD for three capias pro fines.

Dustin Wade Forney, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of Dogwood by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Modesto Lazcano, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Fisher by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Troyce Lee Reeves, 34, of Skellytown was arrested in the 2300 block of Alcock by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Cecil Andrew Lewis, 45, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Aug. 1

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart. No transport.

11:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

11:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Beech and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Aug. 2

12:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 8000 block of County Road 9 and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2200 block of Dwight.

7:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of an undisclosed location and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Aug. 3

4:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block

of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 8:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Monday, Aug. 4

2:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Cuyler. No transport.

Police

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 1

Seventeen traffic stops were made. A stop in the 700 block of Price Road resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2100 block of Montagu, the intersection of Alcock and Buckler streets, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 2200 block of Beech.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of East Francis.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Gwendolen and Naida streets, the 2200 block of Mary Ellen, the 1100 block of South Wells, the 700 block of North Roberta, the 1800 block of Lea, the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 800 block of Dogwood and the 100 block of South Sumner.

Three attempts to serve papers were made.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of Twiford.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of Municipal Drive.

Suspicious vehicle calls

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Police

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were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Locust and Finley streets, and the 500 block of North Warren.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2300 block of Rosewood and the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A rock was thrown at the side of a car. Estimated cost of damage is \$300.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Warren. No injuries were reported, and at least one arrest was made.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Canadian. Minor injuries were reported.

Two alarms were reported. Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart. A stolen ring was found at the shop.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. A comforter, washcloths, hangers and miscellaneous school supplies were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$35.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Saturday, Aug. 2

Twenty-five traffic stops

were made. Stops in the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 2100 block of Lea and the 100 block of South Starkweather resulted in arrests.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 800 block of North Wells and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 700 block of Ballard, the 400 block of Hazel, the intersection of Beech and Linda streets, the 800 block of Municipal Drive, the 2600 block of Navajo and the 2800 block of Charles.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

Six attempts to serve papers were made.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of East Frederic, the 500 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets, the 100 block of Osborn, the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 1900 block of Duncan. Arrests were made in connection with the incidents in the 500 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of Duncan.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Banks.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1000 block of North Russell and the intersection of Craven and Henry streets.

Criminal mischief was reported at Hall Auto Sound, 700 W. Foster. Three windows were broken out.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Campbell. Minor injuries were reported.

One alarm was reported.

One business check was made.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$11.37 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of West Wilks.

Burglary was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Fifteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2800 block of Charles and the 700 block of North Cuyler.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets (twice), the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Doyle, the 200 block of Tignor, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 1800 block of North Christy and the 900 block of North Hobart.

Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of North Starkweather and the 800 block of East Browning.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one

arrest.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of Graham, the 1600 block of West Somerville, the intersection of Crawford and Finley streets, and the 1100 block of North Christine.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood, the 2300 block of Alcock, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 1000 block of South Faulkner and the 900 block of South Faulkner. The incident in the 2300 block of Alcock involved a fight at which at least one arrest was made.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

A threat was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Fisher. Minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A money order in the amount of \$348.49 was taken from a purse at an unreported location.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter. Miscellaneous food items with total estimated value of \$30 were taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Hazel. A 1993 Ford Probe was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 2900 block of Perryton Parkway.

Monday, Aug. 4

Six traffic stops were made.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Farley.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler. Minor injuries were reported.

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Major powers threaten new sanctions on Iran: US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six major world powers agreed Monday to seek new sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program after the country failed to meet a weekend deadline to respond to an offer intended to defuse

the dispute, the United States said.

Representatives of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany decided in a high-level conference call that Iran's lack of response to an incentives package aimed at getting it to halt sensitive atomic activity left them no option other than to pursue new punitive measures, the United States said.

"We are disappointed that we have not yet received a response from Iran," State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos told reporters. "We agreed in the absence of a clear, positive response from Iran (that) we have no choice but to pursue further measures against Iran."

Meantime, Iran announced on Monday — two days after the deadline expired — that it has tested a new weapon capable of sinking ships nearly 200 miles away. Tehran reiterated threats to close a strategic waterway at the mouth of the Persian Gulf if attacked. Up to 40 percent of the world's oil passes through the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow passage along Iran's southern coast. Iran has warned it could shut down tanker traf-

fic there if attacked — a move likely to send oil prices skyrocketing.

The conference call among senior diplomats from the six nations took place after Iran's top nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalali told European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana that Tehran would deliver a written response to the offer on Tuesday, Gallegos said.

He would not say if sanctions would be pursued if Iran accepted the offer on Tuesday but added that any reply from Tehran would be reviewed and a determination made then on how to proceed.

"Iran has a clear choice: engagement or isolation," Gallegos said. "The incentives package contained everything Iran needed to pursue a modern civil nuclear power program, which Iran's leaders claim is their aim. The pressure on Iran to comply with the demands of the international community and its (U.N. Security Council) obligations will only grow." The United States and its

European allies fear Iran intends to use the technology to develop material for nuclear weapons under the cloak of a civilian nuclear power program. Iran denies the accusation.

The U.N. Security Council has already adopted three sanctions resolutions against Iran. The United States, the European Union, as well as individual E.U. members have imposed their own financial measures against Iranian entities and individuals.

On July 19, the six nations — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — set an informal two-week deadline for Iran to either accept or reject the package economic incentives in return for curbing its uranium enrichment. The deadline passed this weekend with no clear response from Tehran.

'We agreed in the absence of a clear, positive response from Iran (that) we have no choice but to pursue further measures against Iran.'

— Gonzalo Gallegos
State Dept. spokesman

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Viewpoints

Possum and 'taters once fine dining in Grapeland

Luling has its annual Watermelon Thump, Cuero is famous for its Turkey Trot and Potect is known for its Strawberry Festival. But not all community festivals catch on.

Since 1913, the Houston County community of Grapeland — laid out in 1872, incorporated in 1889 and again in 1936 — has tried at least three different festivals.

While the town's first attempt to develop an annual celebration has long since faded from memory, whoever came up with the idea should have received lasting recognition for original thinking. Why not use as the centerpiece of the event a well-known if distinctive mammal common to East Texas?

Doubtless grinning like the toothy animal he had in mind, someone suggested staging a possum walk. Well, why not, local civic leaders chorused. Rolling up their figurative sleeves and calling up their hunting dogs, the people of Grapeland got to work.

When the big day arrived, more than 5,000 people came to town by train, Model T and buggies for the first annual Grapeland Possum Walk.

The two-day event began with a VIP luncheon at the Smallwood Hotel. The possum walk followed at 1:30 p.m.

Using chicken wire, walk organizers (possum hunters belonging to the local Possum Club) had construct-

ed a possum lane down the community's main drag. Members had been catching possums for weeks in anticipation of the walk.

Once the 200 or so marsupials had been corralled at the starting point, club members "urged" them to begin moving down the fenced course. Just how they got them going did not get reported.

"Although some of the possums wanted to sulk," a contemporary account reprinted in "Crossroads to Progress: Grapeland, the Queen City of the Sand Flats, 1872-1972" related,

"[they] marched through the principal streets to the strains of popular band airs."

The account continued, "the possums struck a lively gait, which, once started, was hard to stop."

Whether the marching possums smiled for the camera is not known, but a newsreel crew took moving — though

silent — pictures of the procession and many a Kodak shutter snapped as the critters promenaded past the many onlookers.

After the possums completed their walk, a mile-long parade moved through

town. The Palestine Labor Band headed the procession, which included school kids, decorated floats, cars and buggies as well as four companies of Woodmen of the World in their brass-buttoned uniforms.

The only blemish on an otherwise festive occasion came when the mules pulling George E. Dorsey's float spooked and decided to run away, Dorsey's float still attached. No one got hurt, but the float got wrecked.

While Houston County's possums had their moment of glory during their walk through town, they might not have cooperated as willingly had they had the mental faculties to contemplate the much more passive role they soon would play. Alas, the

following day the townspeople and visitors enjoyed what many considered a piney woods delicacy — possum and sweet 'taters.

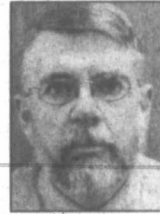
Though billed as the "first annual" Possum Walk, if the event was repeated, it did not have legs. What did was the Peanut Festival, first held in 1945 and continuing annually for more than half a century. In 2007, stealing a page from Luling, Grapeland staged its first annual Watermelon Festival.

The term Possum Walk, incidentally, is older than the Grapeland festival, so maybe it wasn't a new concept after all. There was a town in Walker County named Possum Walk until local res-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 4, the 217th day of 2008. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. (Anne died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp some seven months later.)

On this date:

In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal of seditious libel.

In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

'Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds.'

— Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

In 1792, English romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born at Field Place near Horsham, England.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1900, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was born.

In 1916, the United States reached agreement with Denmark to purchase the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1977, President Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

Ten years ago: Turning aside an urgent White House appeal, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist cleared the way for prosecutors to question White House lawyers about their advice to President Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case. The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 299.43 points, finishing at 8,487.31.

Five years ago: California Gov. Gray Davis asked the state Supreme Court to delay his Oct. 7 recall election until the following March (the recall went ahead as originally scheduled). West African forces arrived in Liberia to oversee the departure of President Charles Taylor.



McCain is just too old to be president

Sen. John McCain, already confused about Sunnis and Shiites, now is confused about geography and recent history. Take it from a gray-hair, the guy is too old to be trusted with the presidency.

The press has been kind to McCain, not even reporting some of his gaffes, apparently on the grounds that, "Well, he's an old guy, so he'll occasionally mis-speak." On his last trip to the Middle East, he got his Sunnis and Shiites confused three times in one day. More recently, he referred to the Iraqi-Pakistani border, which, of course, does not exist. Now trying to claim credit for the misnamed surge (actually, it was an escalation of troop levels), he's got his history confused. He claimed the Sunni tribes' decision to fight al-Qaida was part of the surge.

The Sunni tribes turned against al-Qaida before the extra troops were even authorized, much less had arrived. Incidentally, the sheik that McCain claimed we protected was assassinated.

The presence of the extra troops can probably be credited with encouraging the Mahdi Army to stand down. That certainly contributed to a lessening of the violence.

As Sen. Barack Obama freely and publicly acknowledges, while the extra troops helped quell the violence, it was not the sole cause of the drop in violence, which is what McCain and some members of the press want Obama to say. One of the big flaws of American journal-

ism today is the urge by many to play "gotcha" games over semantics.

As for McCain's rhetoric, it's pathetic. He demonstrates no sound knowledge of the Middle East or of any other part of the world. He showed bad judgment from the beginning by backing an invasion that was, lest we forget, illegal, unnecessary, horribly mismanaged, wasteful of American lives and treasure, justified with lies and a strategic blunder of the first order. If that's what people want in a commander in chief, then God have mercy on this country.

Forty years ago, McCain was shot down and made a prisoner of war. In refusing

an early release, he acted with courage and honor. Being a fighter pilot and prisoner of war, however, does not qualify anyone to be president. One of our greatest fighter pilots who also went into politics is sitting in a federal prison for taking bribes. Some of the greatest fighter pilots of all time, measured by their number of kills, wore the uniforms of America's enemies. Proficiency in arms has more to do with eyesight and reflexes than with strategic thinking and general knowledge of history and economics.

The presidency is a civilian job. The Founding Fathers included the duty of commander in chief precisely to ensure civilian domination of the military. The president seeks advice from

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 26
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on wind power:

Some of the strongest and most reliably consistent onshore winds in the Lone Star State are in West Texas and the Panhandle. That's why you see those gargantuan wind turbines generating electricity near cities such as Abilene and Sweetwater.

The bulk of the state's people live considerably farther east, however, in fast-growing metropolitan areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth.

A plan is being developed to pair up the wind power with the people.

What's most needed is a few billion dollars worth of transmission lines a capital expenditure that should trigger construction of additional wind farms in Texas, which leads the nation in wind generation capacity.

Fortunately, the Texas Public Utility Commission has taken a big step toward accomplishing this, voting July 17 for a plan under which \$4.83 billion would be spent to build an estimated 2,400 miles of transmission lines from West Texas to highly populated areas with spiraling electricity demand.

Those new lines potentially could carry not only wind-generated electricity, but also power produced from other sources.

That's good, because Texas needs not only to expand its power genera-

tion, but also diversify it. The state generates electricity chiefly by burning natural gas and coal. Natural gas is expensive. Traditional coal-fired power plants are more heavily polluting and emit large amounts of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas linked to global warming.

The state can diversify its generation by expanding clean, renewable energy sources (such as wind, solar and biomass), nuclear power (virtually emissions-free) and "clean coal" plants (which would capture carbon dioxide and emit less other air pollutants than older coal plants).

The plan to construct transmission lines still faces another procedural hur-

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Sports

Stribling makes hole in one

Seth Stribling, of Pampa, made a hole in one at the Pampa Country Club recently. The lucky shot was hit with a seven iron on hole number five. The shot was 160 yards. Witnesses include: Mike Stone, Jimbo McKissick and Brett Bromwell.

Leavitt named as WT athletics media relations assistant

CANYON, Texas — Andi Leavitt returns to her alma mater as Athletic Media Relations Assistant Director where she will help coordinate the media relations and publicity efforts for the West Texas A&M intercollegiate athletics program. Her primary duties will revolve around the Lady Buff volleyball and basketball programs, as well as assisting with other aspects of the department's media relations operations. The Balko, Oklahoma, native spent the past year serving as the Media Relations Director with the Amarillo Dusters arena football team. In that capacity, she coordinated all media relations activities for the franchise, as well as service

as the team's liaison with the af2 league. Leavitt also assisted the organization in the areas of corporate, group and season ticket sales. "We are excited to have Andi join our media relations staff," said Kent Johnson, WTAMU Athletic Media Relations Director. "During her time with the Dusters, she developed a strong working relationship with the media in our market. Plus, her enthusiasm for the position will be a plus for our coaches and student-athletes." A 2007 graduate of WTAMU, Leavitt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication. She and her husband, Tyler, currently reside in Vega, Texas.

Phelps gets into Beijing almost unnoticed

BEIJING (AP) — Michael Phelps sneaked into Beijing almost unnoticed. He's unlikely to go out that way. The probable star of the Beijing Olympics avoided hundreds of fans, photographers and reporters Monday by taking a side door out to a waiting bus while his teammates pushed luggage trolleys through the arrival gate at Beijing's new Terminal 3, a sprawling addition to the city's airport. Phelps, who's grown a mustache while training in Singapore, eventually was spotted — in a window seat on the team bus — by dozens of reporters and photographers. He ignored most of the cameras, glancing in their direction a few times as he

adjusted the fit of his baseball cap. One young Chinese girl said she had waited five hours hoping to get an autograph. She also carried an envelope in her hand, addressed in imperfect English: "To Michael Phelps you have to look at." Asked why she wanted to see Phelps, a friend standing nearby answered for her. "Because she thinks he's handsome." Phelps, who won six gold medals four years ago in Athens, is aiming to surpass Mark Spitz's seven-gold effort at the 1972 Munich Games. Phelps will compete in eight events in Beijing, three of which are relays.

Attackers kill 16 police at Chinese border post

BEIJING (AP) — Two men rammed a truck into a clutch of jogging policemen and tossed explosives, killing 16 officers Monday, state media said, in an attack in a restive province of western China just days before the Beijing Olympics, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. Though it happened on the far side of the country — near the Afghan-Pakistan border — the attack came as security forces were on alert for protests or any disruptions during the Games, which open Friday. It was among the deadliest and most brazen attacks in years in Xinjiang province, site of a sporadically violent rebellion by local Muslims against Chinese rule. About 20 people upset at having been evicted from their homes staged a brief demonstration near Tiananmen Square, Beijing's heavily guarded political center. Uniformed police quickly surrounded the group until members of a neighborhood committee came and pulled the protesters away, scuffling with some. In the Xinjiang attack, the two men drove a dump truck into the group of border patrol police officers as they passed the Yiquan Hotel during a routine 8 a.m. jog in the city of Kashgar, the Xinhua News Agency reported. After the truck hit an electrical pole, the pair jumped out, ignited homemade explosives and "also hacked the policemen with knives," Xinhua said. Fourteen died on the spot and two others en route to a hospital, and at least 16 officers were wounded, Xinhua said. Police arrested the two attackers, one of whom was injured in the leg, the report said. Authorities closed off streets, sealed the Nationalities Hospital, down the street from the explosion, and ordered people to stay inside, said a man answering phones at the hospital duty office. Local government officials declined comment Monday. An officer in the district police department said an investigation was launched. Kashgar, or Kashi in Chinese, is a tourist city that was once an oasis trading center on the Silk Road caravan routes and lies 80 miles from the border with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan. Its mountainous, remote environs have allegedly provided cover for terrorist training camps, one of which Chinese police raided early last year. Chinese security forces have been on edge for months, citing a number of foiled plots by Muslim separatists and a series of bombings around China in the run-up to the Olympics. Last week, a senior military commander said radical Muslims who are fighting for what

they call an independent East Turkistan in Xinjiang posed the single greatest threat to the games. A spokesman for Beijing's Olympic organizing committee said he did not have enough information to comment on the bombings. But he said security arrangements were being increased around the Olympic venues. "We've made preparations for all possible threats," the spokesman, Sun Weide, told reporters. "We believe, with the support of the government, with the help of the international community, we have the confidence and the ability to host a safe and secure Olympic Games." A Chinese counterterrorism expert, Li Wei of the China Institute for Contemporary International Relations in Beijing, said the attack was likely the work of local sympathizers, rather than trained terrorists who sneaked across the border into China. Xinhua said that Xinjiang's police department earlier received intelligence reports about possible terrorist attacks between Aug. 1 and 8 by the East Turkistan Islamic Movement. The movement is the name of a group that China and the U.S. say is a terrorist organization, but Chinese authorities often use the label for a broad number of violent separatist groups. In Xinjiang, a local Turkic Muslim people, the Uighurs

(WEE'-gurs), have chafed under Chinese rule, fully imposed after the communists took power nearly 60 years ago. Occasionally violent attacks in the 1990s brought an intense response from Beijing, which has stationed crack paramilitary units in the area and clamped down on unregistered mosques and religious schools that officials said were inciting militant action. Uighurs have complained that the suppression has aggravated tensions in Xinjiang, making Uighurs feel even more threatened by an influx of Chinese and driving some to flee to Pakistan and other areas where they then have readier access to extremist ideologies. One militant group, the Turkistan Islamic Party, pledged in a video that surfaced on the Internet last month to "target the most critical points related to the Olympics." The group is believed to be based across the border in Pakistan, with some of its core members, having received training from al-Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban, according to terrorism experts. Terrorism analysts and Chinese authorities, however, have said that with more than 100,000 soldiers and police guarding Beijing and other Olympic co-host cities, terrorists were more likely to attack less-protected areas.

Packers president Murphy says team will welcome Favre back

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre is back. It remains to be seen whether he'll still be the leader of the Pack. The Green Bay Packers reluctantly embraced Favre's forced return to the football field Sunday, after failing to come to a financial agreement that would manage to make Favre happy while staying retired. And while it's not yet clear what role Favre will play once he reports to Packers camp Monday, Aaron Rodgers says he's ready for a

potential competition with Favre after serving as his backup for three seasons. "I'm a competitor. I'm going to compete," Rodgers said after a scrimmage Sunday night. "This isn't going to be easy. It's going to be a dogfight. And I know if they do open it up to competition, not a lot of people give me a chance, but I believe in myself and I'm going to be the best I can be and let coach decide from there." Packers coach Mike McCarthy said he hasn't decided what direction his quarterback situation will take. Given Favre's track record of waffling on his football future, McCarthy first wants to talk to Favre on Monday before he makes any decision on opening the job up to competition. "There have been no promises," McCarthy said. "Once again, there has been indecision throughout Brett's path back here to Green Bay. It's important for us to sit down and communicate." The NFL announced Sunday that Favre will be reinstated and added to the Packers' active roster on Monday. Commissioner Roger Goodell had held off on granting Favre's request for reinstatement for nearly a week, hoping Favre and the team could resolve their standoff. "Although we built this year around the assumption that Brett meant what he said about retiring, Brett is coming back," said team president and CEO Mark Murphy. "We will welcome him back and turn this situation to our advantage." A private plane carrying Favre, wife Deanna and agent James "Bus" Cook arrived in Green Bay shortly after 8 p.m. EDT Sunday night. Favre exited the plane and waved to a crowd of a few hundred fans gathered at the airport — in a severe lightning storm, no less — before driving off in an SUV. The reinstatement will become effective at 1 p.m.

EDT Monday, when Favre will be added to the Packers' active roster. By reinstating Favre, Goodell is following through on a recent promise to force action. "I'm happy," veteran receiver Donald Driver said. "I'm excited. It's good to have him back in the house." Earlier this week, the team offered Favre a long-term, multimillion-dollar marketing agreement that likely would have kept him retired. But Favre's decision to report to camp makes such an agreement far less likely. A trade remains a possibility. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on its Web site late Sunday night that the Packers have had preliminary contact with the Vikings on a potential trade for Favre. "Frankly, Brett's change of mind put us in a very difficult spot," Murphy said in a statement released by the team. "We now will revise many actions and assumptions about our long-term future, all predicated on Brett's decision last March to retire." "As a result of his decision, we invested considerably in a new and different future without Brett and we were obviously moving in that direction. That's why this wasn't easy. Having crossed the Rubicon once when Brett decided to retire, it's very difficult to reorient our plans and cross it again in the opposite direction — but we'll put this to our advantage." Could reorienting their plans include a competition between Favre and Aaron Rodgers for the starting job? Team officials have maintained that if Favre returned to the Packers, it would be in some role other than as the starter — a job that belonged to Rodgers. In his statement, Murphy said only that coach Mike McCarthy would "talk to the team and the quarterbacks about the plan moving forward, and after he has done that we will share it publicly." Rodgers had a rough night in the Packers' annual "Family Night" scrimmage at Lambeau Field on Sunday night, as a few boos were mixed in with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd of 56,600 when he was introduced. "Yeah, I take it personally," Rodgers said of the fan reaction. "But like I said, it's not the first time and it won't be the last time." Rodgers hit his first pass of the night to Donald Driver, and drew a pass interference penalty on a deep pass to Driver on the next play. He then missed on his next six attempts, including several balls that seemed to bounce off receivers' hands. After he threw another three incompletions to begin a simulated two-minute drill, Rodgers appeared to be heating up until he threw an interception in the end zone to safety Aaron Rouse. McCarthy said Rodgers was "solid," and the offense struggled as a unit. The Packers do not have another scheduled public practice until Tuesday afternoon. Favre's arrival in training camp could cause a major disruption to the team, although he may not begin practicing with the rest of the team right away. Favre retired in March but has been having second thoughts. Team officials have insisted in recent weeks that they are moving on with Rodgers, though, causing tensions to rise between Favre and the team.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008: Color this year dynamic and major — especially after fall 2008. You might be surprised by the doors that open up and the possibilities that head your direction. Others seem more willing — more so than ever — to make that difference in your life. You feel lucky. If you are single, trying to stay single could take a lot of work, as you can imagine. You also might welcome someone very different into your life. If you are attached, your sweetie will seem to be in a much better mood from fall onward. LIBRA loves to visit and chat with you. Actively relate to this sign.

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) ★★★★★ You want a change; make it happen. Allow others to infuse more energy into your life. Listen and realize what you want to happen. Intensity breeds new beginnings. Let it happen. Tonight: Sort through your options. You might be surprised by how many you have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to move forward and make a difference proves to be exciting, not only to you but also to those around you. Where others might be distracted, you are keenly in tune with your issues. Tonight: As late as you want to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination allows you

more flex than many people. Because of this ability, you have fun, often when others are stumped. Knowing when to loosen up and how to proceed could be important. Tonight: Enjoy where you are and who you are with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Domestic concerns are a high priority, no matter how you cut it. Suddenly, you seem to be unstoppable. You laugh, and others relax. You are a far more stern taskmaster than you thought possible. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Jump into a problem, and avoid future problems while you can. How you see a situation and the direction you choose to head in could make all the difference. Investigate rather than judge. Tonight: A serious conversation turns into a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your intensity does make a big difference when dealing with others. You might want to rethink a decision more carefully if it involves finances and security. It is easy to say "yes" but then regret it later. Be smart. Check out all costs. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You smile and make a big difference. Your personality melts barriers and helps others relax. Listen to what someone shares. This person might be overwhelming sometimes, but he or she has real heart. Tonight: Just be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Take your time rather than plunging in. Pressure builds with your finances. A meeting or group of friends might push you very hard. You know what you want and where you are head-

ing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You respond softly and well to someone's inquiry, especially if he or she helps you pull your head out of your daily life and take a brand-new look. You are going to feel better than you have for a very long time. Tonight: Where you want to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You often want to take charge. The planets root you on — what more can you ask for? Only, be smart as to how you move the situation and handle it. Keep others' egos in tact, and you will be valued. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ The smart Water Bearer will weigh the importance of letting others know how very differently you view a situation. If you can say several sentences and let others follow your path, all the better. A friendship's nature could change. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might not realize it but a change is occurring as far as how you view your work or things that might be coming forward. Relate openly with a trusted friend or associate. Together, you will be able to handle any changes. Tonight: Go with another's plans.

BORN TODAY
Author and Pulitzer Prize winner Conrad Aiken (1889), astronaut Neil Armstrong (1930), filmmaker John Houston (1906)

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WASHERS, Dryers, Livingroom & Bedroom Furn. Hutch, many more items, 662-7557.

A QUEEN PILLOWTOP mattress and foundation. Sealed in plastic. Warranty. \$125. 806-341-6233.

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69a Garage Sales

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Deadline for advertisement on special page 5th before 4pm. Cost \$20 (paid in advance) 1 address per ad, 30 words or less, Free Garage Sale kit.

AUCTION SAT. AUG. 9th-9:33 A.M. Loc.- PAMPA, TX. -936 S. Dwight. From Inter. of Hwys. 60/152 & 70 (Stop Light) take Hwy. 60 west 6 Blks., then south 1/2 Blk.

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

8-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

UNOKVJYR FDFQP IJM CZ YQJMJJYUW IFMVFFO MVC RFNDP SNPFQU CZ XQNJUF.

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FREE kittens 665-8554

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BY Owner 3 bdr., 1 ba., cov. patio, att. carport. Newly painted outside. Austin Sch. 2717 Navajo. By appt., 662-2366.

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99 Stor. Bldgs.

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101 Real Estate Wanted

102 Bus. Rent Prop.

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14X80, 3 bdr., 2ba. mobile home, metal roof, in Skellytown. Must be moved. \$6500. Call 806-633-6288.

Cox

Continued from Page 4idents wanted a post office. In 1887, they changed the name to Bath, though as late as the 1970s, some folks still called the place Possum Walk. Possum Walk Cemetery lies in Trinity County and a Possum Trot Creek flows in Angelina County.

No matter the origin of the name, the 1913 Possum Walk in Houston County inspired a poem that would be considered offensive by animal rights activists, not to mention being politically incorrect. Here's the last verse, the only one suitable for publication these days:

"You can't beat them [possums] on potatoes, raised up there in Grapeland sand.

Let's be thankful we are living, let our troubles be forgotten,

When you're blue and discontented, think of Grapeland's possums trottin'."

Reese

Continued from Page 4 his generals and admirals, but he is not bound by their advice. One should remember that our professional warriors are technicians whose vocation is killing people and destroying property. But they can kill and destroy only on the orders of the civilian president and the civilian Congress.

If we had a president who would slavishly do everything his generals suggested, then we would no longer have a civilian government but instead a military junta. The military people have only to concentrate on their mission. The president has to concentrate not only on the mission, but on the world at-large, and on domestic problems and priorities. We don't want idiot civilians making tactical decisions, as happened in the Vietnam War, but we also don't want generals setting strategy and policy for the United States. The generals in Iraq are there because the civilian government sent them there. When the civilian government decides they should leave, then their duty will be to shut up and leave.

Harry Truman reminded Americans of that when he fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War. MacArthur was a lot more famous than any general in Iraq or Washington, but he was insubordinate, and Truman canned him. That's the duty of a commander in chief — to make sure the generals don't forget that the boss is the civilian president.

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

Wind

Continued from Page 4 dle, but the PUC's vote was an important step forward. Five large utilities have formed a consortium that proposes to build the lines. Texas' population is expected to jump nearly 50 percent an addition of about 11 million people in the next 30 years. That roughly equals

the population of 16 Fort Worth's. That's a lot more people, who'll need a lot more electricity and an expanded transmission grid to transport the juice.

It won't happen overnight. Building those lines won't be quick or cheap.

It's expected to be at least five years before the lines could be built

and ready to flow with electricity. Construction costs could run \$2 million per mile for large, high-capacity lines.

Customers served by ERCOT, the power-grid operator for the majority of Texas' electric service, would pay the costs over several years through a fee estimated to be \$4 on monthly electric bills.

It's uncertain when the extra charge would start or construction of the lines would begin.

Texas is going to need those added transmission lines to encourage development of additional wind farms and help ensure that we won't be left in the dark when 11 million more people call the state home. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

Economy: Rising prices beat down consumer spending in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer spending, after adjusting for inflation, fell in June as shoppers were hit with the biggest increase in prices in nearly three decades.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that consumer spending dipped by 0.2 percent in June, after removing the effects of higher prices, the poorest showing since a similar drop in February. The higher prices reflected a big surge in gasoline costs and helped to drive an inflation gauge tied to consumer spending up by 0.8 percent in June, the biggest increase since a 1 percent rise in February 1981.

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Stocks pulled off their lows after a big drop in oil prices because of concerns about weak consumer spending.

Light, sweet crude fell \$4.60 to \$120.50 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down more than 100 points in early

trading, slipped about 17 points at midday.

In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories shot up at the fastest pace in six months in June, reflecting big increases in petroleum prices and heavy demand for military equipment.

The 1.7 percent rise in June, the best showing since a 1.9 percent increase in December, was more than double the gain that economists had expected. It was led by a 5.2 percent surge in orders for primary metals such as steel. Orders for

defense capital goods soared by 16.9 percent, the second consecutive double-digit gain, reflecting heavy demand for military hardware to fight the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Income gains were skewed by how the department accounts for the billions of dollars in stimulus payments that have been made over the past three months. Those payments totaled \$1.9 billion in April, when the program was just getting started, then \$48.1 billion in May and \$27.9 billion in June.

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Events calendar

• **SHARE! High School Exchange Program** is currently seeking placements for 39 exchange students to the U.S. For more information, call 1-800-941-3738.

• **National park rangers** will present programs at 8

every Saturday evening through mid-August at Fritch Fortress amphitheater at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The following programs are scheduled: Aug. 9, "Silent Invaders: Invasive Plant and Animal Species in the

Texas Panhandle"; and Aug. 16, "Staying Alive: Native American Pre-History of the Panhandle Area." Programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 857-3151.

• **The Texas**

Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Aug. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.



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Remember to identify every person in the photograph from left to right and to give us some information about the trip and the landmark.

Either bring the photo and information to our office or email a copy of the photo and information to this address: rpribble@thepampanews.com.

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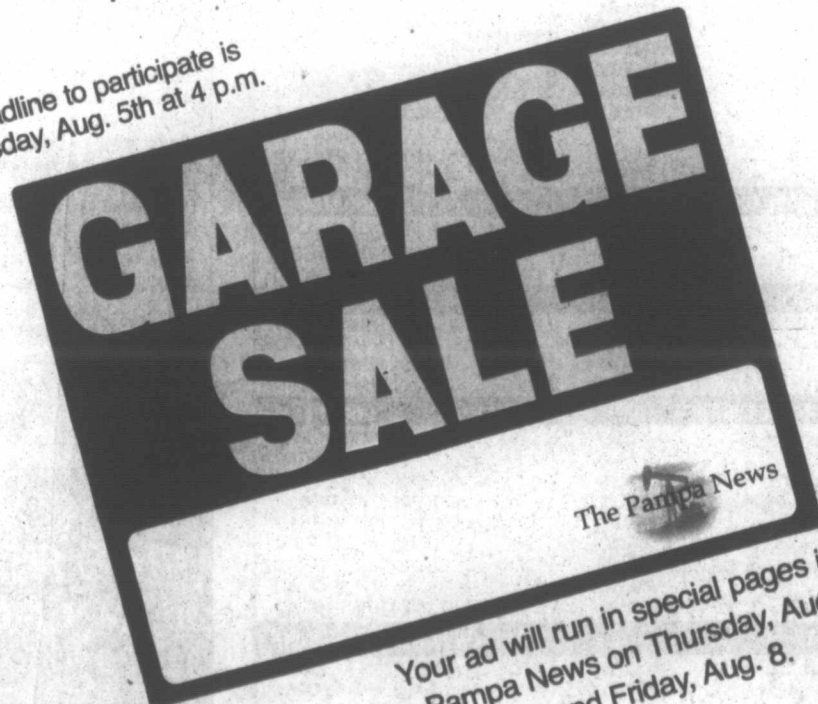
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