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Cinema IV closes

Irvine Riphahn, manager of Coronado Shopping Center here, yesterday confirmed that Cinema 4 movie theater located in the shopping center is "temporarily closed." Riphahn said she has nothing more to report at the present time. The theater was being operated by Heritage Park Theatres out of Altus, Okla.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-33-34-37. Bonus Ball: 4. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: \$6,888. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$6 million.

DEATHS

Ralph McLaughlin, 76, farmer, rancher.
Dominga Martinez Polendo, 63, homemaker.

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Islamic charities' funds frozen

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Palestinian Authority has frozen 39 bank accounts of nine Islamic charities in what appeared to be part of a U.S.-sought crackdown on Palestinian militants, according to an official document obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Israel welcomed the freezing of the funds, which came as the Palestinian Authority has been under growing U.S. pressure to take action against mili-

itants, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Those groups formally abandoned a unilateral truce last week after Israel killed a Hamas leader in response to a deadly Hamas bus bombing.

On Thursday, Palestinian police said they traded fire with militants who launched homemade Qassam rockets at Israel — a sort of attack that has prompted Israeli threats of strong retaliation. The militants escaped, police said.

Four rockets landed in Israel, including one that struck near a brew-

ery in the industrial zone of the coastal city of Ashkelon, the Israeli army said. The rockets, like most such attacks in the past, caused no damage or injuries.

Israel considers the rockets a strategic threat. Tanks were sent to the border with Gaza several days ago, poised for the possible retaking of Palestinian-controlled areas of Gaza if shelling continues. "We will have to act with all means at our disposal to prevent these acts in the future," said Zalman Shoval, an Israeli government spokesman.

Despite U.S. prodding, the Palestinian government has been reluc-

tant to arrest militants and seize their weapons because of concern about triggering unrest and because of wrangling between Yasser Arafat and his prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, over control of the security forces. Palestinian police have sealed several tunnels used for smuggling weapons and drugs from Egypt into Gaza.

Israel has said it will keep hunting militants until the Palestinian Authority begins dismantling the armed groups, as required by the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

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One 'Texas 11' frustrated by no end game

By LISA FALKENBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — At least one of the "Texas 11" holed up in an Albuquerque hotel said Wednesday he is increasingly anxious to get home and frustrated that there appears to be no end in sight in the Senate Democrats' standoff with Republicans.

"I want an end game," said Sen. John Whitmire, the chamber's longest serving member, who has had a bag packed for several days, ready to return to Houston. "I wanted an end game when we left ... If you stayed another 30 days, what would you do then?"

At news conferences, leaders of the Democratic pack who left Austin to block congressional redistricting insist the whole group is committed to staying another month, until Republicans meet their demands or until the threat of arrest is gone.

"For us, 30 days was a sacrifice, but one we were willing to pay and we will stay another 30 days if need be," said Sen. Letitia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Whitmire said he is still dedicated to the cause of fighting redistricting, but doubts

whether staying longer makes sense.

"There's something irrational about all of this," Whitmire told The Associated Press. "There's something irrational about us being a hotel for 30 days. And this group's talking about staying another 30 days. We get out here and start playing to our constituents and this group has a hard time figuring out how to wind it down because now they've built it up in our communities to the level that it looks like anything less than total victory" is unacceptable.

Whitmire said he "got pretty damn close to getting a reservation" to Houston for the weekend, but decided he couldn't risk getting caught and jeopardizing the group's cause.

After hearing of Whitmire's comments to the AP, Van de Putte could be heard saying from a conference room, "Whitmire has poured us out."

Later, after talking with Whitmire, Van de Putte said she understood his position and shared some of the frustration.

"In 30 days, all of us are somewhat frustrated. We miss our families and we miss our homes. But on Tuesday, John Whitmire's going to be here."

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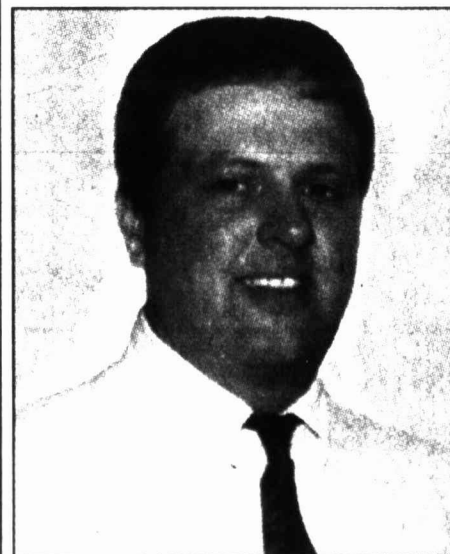
Tractors for all ages



(Courtesy photo)

Golden Spread Antique Tractors will show a collection of vintage farm equipment like this John Deere tractor displayed by Pampa High School's "Harvey" at Chautauqua, on Labor Day, Sept. 1, in Central Park. Other displays planned for the day-long event include Crime Stoppers, Top O' Texas Cattlewomen, Clarendon College - Pampa Center, Royal Rangers camping activities and Tralee Crisis Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Nusser named Randall Co. Extension agent



Danny Nusser

AMARILLO — Danny Nusser, agricultural agent with Texas Cooperative Extension in Gray County will be assuming the agent position in Randall County, effective Oct. 13. The appointment was announced by Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension's regional agriculture program administrator of Amarillo and the Randall County Commissioners Court.

Nusser earned a master of science from Texas Tech University and a bachelor of science from Oklahoma State University. He joined Extension as an assistant agent in Hale County in 1984 and served in Carson County for more than three years before moving to his current position in Gray.

"Effective leadership has been the cornerstone of Danny's career in Extension," said Robinson, who commended the agent for his ability to listen to his clientele, stay mindful of their needs, and implement change.

Nusser was honored for his outstanding programming efforts in 2001 with the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Program's Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Extension Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In addition, the agent received Extension's highest honor—the Superior Service Award in 2000. He was honored again in 2000 by the Texas Association of 4-H Agents with the

organization's award in communications.

The Texas County Agricultural Agents Association also recognized Nusser with its 'New Agent' Award in the early stages of his career.

According to Robinson, Nusser created several opportunities for volunteer enhancement programs, such as the Master Marketer Program and especially the 4-H Master Volunteer efforts currently underway in Gray County.

"This agent has an exemplary record in applied research activities, grantsmanship and developing partnerships such as the one resulting in the PET weather station being located in Gray

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Friday, Aug. 22

Burglary of a motor vehicle and theft of CDs was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Theft of a wild animal trap valued at \$50 was reported in the 900 block of North Duncan.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

Burglary of a residence and theft of a Nintendo and costume jewelry was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Police received an anonymous tip that two bicycles could be found near Duncan and Nikki streets. It was unknown whether the bicycles had previously been reported stolen, according to the report.

Burglary of a residence and theft of a VCR and leaf blower was reported in the 300 block of North Wells.

A two-way radio was found in the 600 block of East Foster.

Windows were reported broken at a business in the 500 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct - fighting was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Olinsser Yenisei Ponce, 19, address listed only as Finley Street on jail records, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Authorities said today that they are unsure if this is the individual's true name.

Dustin Myles Fuller, 22, 1605 N. Zimmers, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams and on municipal warrants for ran stop sign and possession of drug paraphernalia.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported no arrests or incidents today.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Aug. 27

1:12 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 2300 block of Duncan.

4:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of South Somerville.

5:21 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

6:04 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a three-vehicle collision at U.S. Highway 60 and Texas Highway 70.

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

POLENDO, Dominga Martinez — Vigil services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

DOMINGA MARTINEZ POLENDO
1940-2003

Dominga Martinez Polendo, 63, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass is scheduled at 10 a.m., Saturday, in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Jose Gomez, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Polendo was born July 28, 1940, at Rosebud. She married Juan Polendo on May

16, 1964, at Rosebud and had been a Pampa resident since 1976.

She was a Guadalupeana and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Abel Polendo.

Survivors include her husband, Juan, of the home; three daughters, Angelita Polendo and Irene Maddux, both of Pampa, and Dolores Kidd of China Spring; a son, John A. Polendo of Whitney; eight sisters; five brothers; and five grandchildren.

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

RALPH McLAUGHLIN
1926-2003

LAKETON — Ralph McLaughlin, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Laketon, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at the TMB Farms family cemetery with the Rev. Marion Fry, retired Baptist minister from Ada, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. McLaughlin was born Dec. 30, 1926, at Laketon. He was a lifelong resident of Laketon, where he farmed and ranched. He married Hellen Mashburn Gallaher in 1981.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the West Side Church of Christ in Pampa

and was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Hellen, of the home; a son, Richard Gallaher of Pampa; two daughters, Gale Thompson and husband Tom of Pampa and Glenda Gallaher of Norman, Okla.; three brothers, Elmer McLaughlin of Laketon, Wayne McLaughlin of Nacogdoches and Dan McLaughlin of Las Vegas, Nev.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Lucille McLaughlin.

The family requests memorials be to West Side Church of Christ, 1612 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Details of plan to keep oil workers shaky

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A month after Exxon Mobil Corp. shut the doors on its New Orleans office, regional officials are still trying to nail down details of a program offering the company's workers \$25,000 if they would get a job with another firm and stay.

More than 300 high-level employees moved to Houston as the result of the shutdown announced in April.

Orleans Parish officials, along with those in Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes, have yet to nail down how the retention program will work. An enrollment deadline has

been suspended, said Patrick Evans, a spokesman for New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin.

Public-sector partners in the program say they've gotten few details from the city and are waiting to find out how many employees from each parish have signed up, which translates into how much money they'll need to shell out.

"We've committed generically, subject to finding out more information," said Scott Adams, executive director of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission.

According to an outline of the plan, the city and parish governments would contribute two-thirds of each \$25,000 retention bonus. The rest would come from the firms that hire the employees.

Employees receiving the bonuses would have to prom-

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

7:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

4:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Highway 70 and Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Aug. 28

12:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner, but had no patient contact.

12:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

4:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the upper 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 60s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms is predicted. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, showers and thunderstorms likely in the evening then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 25 mph. Chance of showers and

thunderstorms 60 percent. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the upper 50s. Labor Day, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

STATEWIDE

Some strong weather is on the way to the state in the next few days.

A cold front will move into the state late tonight or early Friday, bringing widespread rain in west and north Texas. Some storms may be strong or severe, with large hail, frequent lightning and damaging winds. Heavy rainfall will be the main threat. Good rain chances will continue through the weekend, though likely not as great as on Friday.

In west and north Texas, temperatures will be cooler Saturday through Labor Day, with highs in the 80s and even some 70-degree days in northern West Texas.

In South Texas, scattered rain will continue in the forecast for the next few days, with best chances this weekend and Labor Day under the influence of the cold front. Highs will remain in the 90s.

In West Texas, hot temperatures will continue today, with scattered and isolated

storms. Beginning tonight, heavy rains will be possible, with large hail, strong or damaging winds, and frequent lightning. Rain will be more widespread Friday. Local flooding will be possible. The chances of rain will decrease a little in the north on Saturday, and increase in the south and west then.

It will be cloudy Friday and Saturday. The widespread rain should end Sunday, with a few isolated storms south and west. Highs will be in the 70s and 80s in the north this weekend, 80s south and west. Temperatures will warm a little on Labor Day. Skies will be cloudy Friday in the north, and cloudy Saturday in the south and west.

South Texas will continue to see highs mostly in the 90s through the weekend, but with dropoffs of about five degrees Sunday and Labor Day under the influence of the cool front. Hot and humid weather will continue today in the Coastal

Bend. Daily scattered and isolated rain will be possible, with better chances this weekend and Labor Day. The best chances for heavy rain will be in the extreme southeast. Skies will be partly cloudy.

North Texas may see some isolated storms today. A few may be severe, with strong or damaging winds, large hail, frequent lightning, and heavy rain. On Friday the cool front moves in, with lots of rain across the region. Chances of rain, including strong storms, will continue through the weekend.

On Labor Day, rain chances should be good in the east, fair in central areas, and nonexistent in the west. Temperatures will be in the low to mid 90s today and Friday, but cooling into the 80s across the region Sunday and Monday. Some areas may only record the low 80s for highs on Labor Day. Skies will be mostly cloudy Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy otherwise.

City Briefs

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Man settles suit with doctors over amputation

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A mechanic who claimed two doctors removed his penis without his consent after mistakenly believing he had cancer has reached an out-of-court settlement during his civil trial.

Jurors were told about the decision after returning from a break Wednesday, the second day of testimony in 30th District Court. Most details about the settlement were not released.

Hurshell Ralls, 67, sued Dr. John Dryden, Dr. Farid Khoury and the Clinics of North Texas, where he had surgery in November 1999 after Dr. Ralls told him a biopsy showed he had bladder cancer.

Dryden and Khoury, who assisted in the surgery, never mentioned that the cancer could be spreading and that they might have to remove other organs, Ralls said.

The suit alleged that doctors did not test a

tissue sample to determine if he had penile cancer — a procedure that could have been done at the clinic in 30 minutes to an hour. Another doctor looking at cell slides later found that Ralls did not have penile cancer, according to the suit.

Ralls said Wednesday that he was happy with the settlement and that he would keep his job. His wife said she hoped the case helps others.

"We just hope nothing like this happens to anyone else," Thelma Ralls said.

Joel Steed, an attorney for the doctors, said his clients were reluctant to settle the suit because they maintain that the proper medical procedures were done. They didn't want the settlement to be seen as an admission of wrongdoing, Steed said.

As part of the settlement, the suit against the clinic was dropped.



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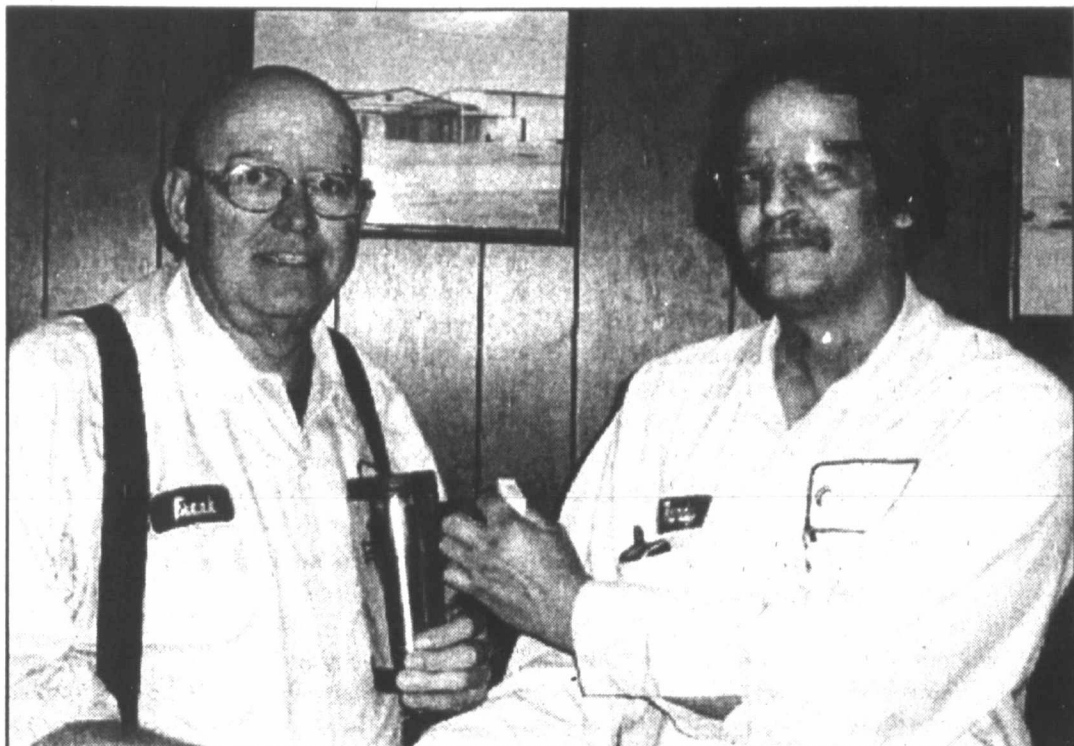
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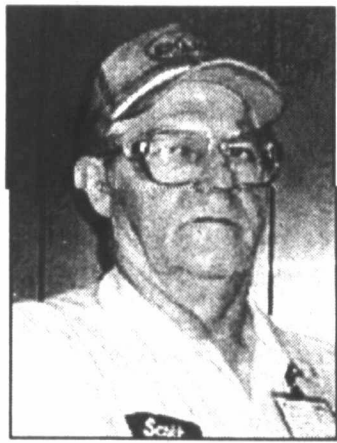
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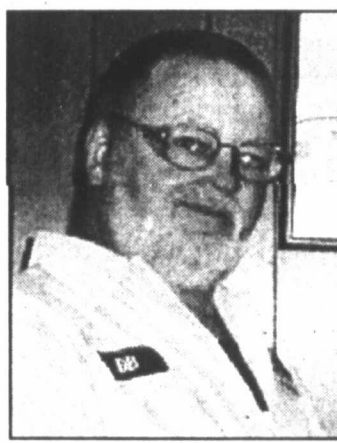


(Courtesy photos)

Cooper Energy Shop Foreman Randy Randall, right, awards the August safety award to Frank Dominey, Production Operator II. Three other Cooper employees received recognition for their August safety records. They are Dale Burns, Scott Dickerman, and Charles Moore.



Scott Dickerman,
Sr. Shop Mechanic



Dale Burns
Production Operator II



Charles Moore
Machinist III

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NUSSER

County. Now, a significant number of farmers producers have adopted PET guidelines which Danny helped introduce that are greatly aiding water-use efficiency," the Extension director said.

As he prepares to move into the new position in

Randall, Nussler said he was excited about the opportunities that awaited him there.

"I am also extremely pleased with the programs we were able to implement and continue in Gray County. I will miss the people as well as those experiences," said Nussler, who pointed to the outstanding volunteers and

good, solid leadership he found when he arrived there in 1992.

"It's both challenging and exciting to think about moving into a position in the county that many feel has the top record in the state for Extension programming," Nussler added.

Nussler is a member of the

state and national professional Extension organizations, including the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association and the national agent's association.

The agent has been active on numerous committees within the Extension organization that are charged with statewide curriculum development and guidance including, digital diagnostics for plant identification, soils testing; and state staffing. His service to 4-H state committees includes, evaluations; swine; project advisory board; and decision making.

The Nussers are parents of an eighth grader and high school senior. His wife, Kelly is an educator in the public schools.

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SENATOR

Van de Putte said, referring to the group's next news conference.

The senators agreed to take a break over Labor Day weekend and return to work Tuesday. Some senators planned on attending out-of-state fund-raisers while others planned to see family.

"I haven't asked the senators where they're going to be. All I know is that nobody's going to be in Texas," Van de Putte said.

The second special session on redistricting ended Tuesday, but Democrats remain exiled for fear that they would be arrested and hauled back to the capitol should Gov. Rick Perry call another session.

Whitmire believes Republicans will stop at nothing to push through a map of political districts ordained by top GOP officials and U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land to give Republicans more seats in the delegation.

A court hearing in Laredo gave the Democrats some hope, but didn't produce an immediate avenue for their return. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are considering Democrats' request for a cooling off period that would allow their return and 72 hours notice before another session convenes.

Dewhurst says he has bent over backward to end the standoff. This week, he said he offered another compromise.

"I laid out what I thought was a very workable compromise that involved a fair redistricting map and addressed in a global settlement the different issues in front of us," he told reporters.

The settlement would have

addressed pending lawsuits and fines imposed on the Democrats by the Republicans for their absence and included a map that looks "very much like the Texas Senate," which is made up of 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats, Dewhurst said.

But Democrats demand that Dewhurst reinstate the longtime rule he dropped that requires two-thirds of senators to agree to take up a bill. That is the only way Democrats can block redistricting from Austin.

Symbols of the group's determination — a 1955 photograph of Rosa Parks being fingerprinted, a poster that reminds "never give up" — paper the conference room where the 11 exiled

Democrats meet daily to plan their moves.

But cracks may be forming in their resolve as senators begin another month away from their jobs and families. Some senators have become tired and ill during the stand-off. Some have missed births and deaths.

Whitmire said he feels trapped in a situation that's beyond his control.

"This is not good, it's not good for any of them. It's been difficult for me because I like to engage. For me to watch the senators on the floor talking about us being out here and all of that, you just can't imagine. It's like a race horse going by a track and not being able to run," he said.

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FUNDS

In the West Bank city of Nablus, nine Palestinians were wounded, including three seriously, when Israeli soldiers fired live rounds and rubber-coated steel pellets to disperse stone-throwers.

The order to shut down the bank accounts was issued by the Palestinian Monetary Authority on Sunday, and came to light Thursday, when hundreds of Palestinians relying on welfare payments from charities tried to pick up monthly support checks at banks in Gaza City. They were told by banks they would not receive the money because the accounts have been frozen.

Officials in the Palestinian Monetary Authority declined comment.

Dore Gold, an Israeli government spokesman, welcomed the freezing of funds. "There have been charities that Israel has long suspected of being front organizations for Hamas," he said. "Anything that serves this need (of stopping the flow of money) is a positive development."

According to a copy of the order obtained by the AP, the nine charities are: Al Jamiya Al Islamiya, the Islamic Young Women's Association, Al Salah Association, the Social Care Committee, the Palestinian Student Friends Association, the Islamic Charity for Zakat, Al

Palestinian officials confirmed Thursday that the Palestinian prime minister believes two of the charities — Al Jamiya Al Islamiya and As-Salah — are fronts for Hamas.

Mujamma Al Islami, Al Nour Charity Association and Al Aqsa Charity Association. The banks were told no money can be withdrawn from the charities' accounts without authorization of the attorney general.

Palestinian officials confirmed Thursday that the Palestinian prime minister believes two of the charities — Al Jamiya Al Islamiya and As-Salah — are fronts for Hamas, and in a letter to Saudi Arabia in December requested that the money sent to these groups be diverted to his government.

President Bush, responding to the Aug. 19 bus bombing in Jerusalem that killed 21 people, announced last week that the United States is freezing the funds of six senior Hamas figures in Gaza, Syria and Lebanon, as well as of five European-based charities that he accused of funding Hamas.

Those five charities are different from the nine operating in the Gaza Strip.

In the past three years of violence, the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority has increasingly stopped providing welfare services. Private charities, including Islamic ones receiving large sums of money from abroad, have filled the void.

Amir Abu Omarein, director of Al Mujamma Al Islami, said the freeze will hurt the poorest Palestinians. He said his charity supports about 3,000 people, including the families of Palestinian prisoners, those who were wounded in fighting with Israel and orphans.

Abu Omarein would not say how much money the charity had in its account, or

what the source of the donations is.

About 2,000 welfare recipients marched in protest Thursday after learning they would not receive their monthly checks. "We are not terrorists. Freezing the bank accounts is a crime," read one of their banners.

Hanan Jarees, 45, a mother of 12, said she received about \$190 a month from the Al Mujamma Al Islami group, which was set up in the 1970s by Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader and founder of Hamas.

"This step will make me unable to feed my children," she said. "The Palestinian Authority gives me nothing."

Israel has said the charities are being used to channel funds from abroad to Hamas and Islamic Jihad for violent activities.

Also Thursday, Israeli soldiers in Nablus fired rubber bullets and live rounds at stone-throwing teenagers. At least nine Palestinians were wounded, three of them seriously, hospital officials said. The army said that in two cases, Palestinians shoved ovens from ledges or roofs, trying to hit soldiers.

Dozens of Palestinians also threw rocks at Israeli tanks in Jenin, but no injuries were reported.

In the nearby town of Qabatiya, soldiers blew up the two-story house of an Islamic Jihad militant who died in a Jan. 1 shooting attack after killing an Israeli.

Witnesses said 15 relatives left the house before it was demolished, a common action by the army intended to dissuade others from attacks.



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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Five amendments affect taxes

From the Austin American-Statesman:

Five proposed constitutional amendments on the Sept. 13 ballot affect property taxes — and all seek in one way or another to lower the taxes paid by some, thus shifting portions of the tax burden to others. We recommend that voters approve three of them but reject the other two.

Proposition 3 would exempt churches from taxes on property acquired for future expansion but not immediately used, as long as it produces no income. We recommend rejection of this proposition.

Church property actually used for church purposes already is exempt from property taxes. But there is no need to extend property tax exemptions to land the church buys for future use, especially when current law already grants churches a three-year grace period from taxes on land upon which church improvements are planned and started.

Proposition 3 also would grant a church an exemption for property it owns but leases to a nonprofit school. A church that runs its own school can get a property tax exemption, but it should not be allowed an exemption for leasing its property to another school operation — thus reducing property tax income to the local school district, among others.

Another amendment, Proposition 13, would allow counties, cities, towns and community college districts to freeze the property taxes of homeowners who are 65 years or older and of homeowners who are disabled. (The constitution and state law already grant senior and disabled owners an exemption on \$10,000 of the value of their home for calculating their school property taxes, and other local taxing authorities can grant them exemptions on at least \$3,000 of the value of their homes.)

We recommend voters reject Proposition 13 because it immunizes a large and growing group, senior citizens, from property tax increases without distinguishing those who need the help from those who don't. With baby boomers approaching retirement, there could be just too many homes gaining property tax freezes, throwing more of the burden on younger families also trying to afford a home.

The damage could spread to local governments, which would be hard-pressed politically not to enact a freeze. A recent state estimate said cities, for example, could lose up to \$10.8 million in tax revenue in 2005 and up to \$12.9 million in 2008.

However, we recommend that voters support Proposition 17, which would allow school districts — but not other government entities — to freeze property taxes for disabled homeowners, a benefit senior citizens already have. Disabled homeowners are a relatively small group, with many if not most having limited incomes.

Proposition 2 would give the owners of mineral rights two years, instead of the current six months, to buy back their rights if they are seized for nonpayment of property taxes. We recommend approval of this proposition because ownership of mineral rights — usually oil or natural gas — can become so splintered over several generations that it may well take more than six months for the owner of, say, a 25th share even to learn that the taxes have not been paid.

Finally, Proposition 5 tries to fix a problem from a constitutional amendment approved in 2001 that had the unintended effect of appearing to require the owners of travel trailers to pay local property taxes when it was trying to do the opposite. This proposition would make it clear (its authors hope) that local governments could exempt travel trailers from property taxes, unless they are used as homes and attached to real property. We recommend approval of Proposition 5.

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Our founding fathers said ...

When anybody claims that it is unconstitutional for the state to acknowledge God by displaying the Ten Commandments or some other symbol of our Judeo-Christian heritage they are really claiming that our founding fathers, the authors of the Constitution, would have agreed with them.

That notion is absurd, as proven by looking at what the framers of the Constitution and other patriots had to say about the role of religion in our national life.

Take Thomas Jefferson. The opponents of religion in the public square quote a letter he wrote where he mentions an alleged "wall of separation" between church and state. But none of them bother to quote Jefferson's remarks explaining true meaning of the Constitution's First Amendment Establishment Clause:

"I consider the government of the U.S. as interdicted by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, discipline, or exercise. This results not only from the provision that no law shall be made respecting the establishment, or free exercise of religion but also from the Tenth Amendment, which reserves to the states the powers not delegated to the U.S."

That's pretty plain language — and as our Lord said "Let him who has ears to hear, hear. Let him who has eyes to see, see."

Another voice that should be heard is Benjamin Franklin's. On June 28, 1787, during the Constitutional Convention where he played a key role, he thundered his conviction that the nation then being founded must acknowledge God:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

I see of this truth — that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest."

"I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

So much for separation of church and state this nowadays means separation of state from God.

Listen to John Adams on that aberration of a belief.

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human

passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

And in a more modern sense, listen to these words of wisdom uttered by another great American president — words that could easily be spoken today:

"We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God — and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Those were the words of Abraham Lincoln.

The anti-religious fanatics of the ACLU and others of their ilk who have largely succeeded in driving God out of our public schools should pay attention to what Governor Morris a patriot and Pennsylvania delegate to the Constitutional Convention had to say:

"Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God."

History and our founding fathers are on Judge Roy Moore's side.

Unfortunately today's courts are not.



www.caglecartoons.com Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 2003

International trade touchy subject

I've written a nationally syndicated column for nearly 25 years. Columns critical of Social Security and handouts to farmers used to bring the angry self-serving mail. Now it's international trade. Let me address some of the issues raised.

First, it's misleading to say that the United States trades with Japan, China or England. Does one really think that the U.S. Congress trades with England's Parliament or the Japanese Diet? When I purchased my Lexus, I dealt with a Japanese producer through an intermediary, the auto dealer. To my knowledge, the U.S. Congress and the Japanese Diet had little to do with the transaction, save attempts to sabotage it through regulations and taxes.

Now the question: What moral standard justifies third party use of force to prevent an American from exchanging with whomever he pleases, whether that person lives in Montana, Mexico or Japan? Some might rejoin: Through trade restrictions, other countries don't permit their citizens to trade freely. That's true, but should we support the notion that, for example, since the Japanese government doesn't permit its citizens to be free the American government should retaliate by denying its citizens the right to trade freely? Is your answer yes or no?

Here's another thought to ponder upon. Because of restrictions on the importation of rice, so as to benefit rich Japanese



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

farmers, Japanese citizens pay four times the world price for rice. Should Congress retaliate by creating restrictions forcing Americans to pay four times the world price for rice or some other commodity? Yes, or no?

One writer lamented that there's a deal in the works to permit Vietnam to sell millions of cotton shirts and slacks to Americans. "But we never hear about what Vietnam will buy from us." Let's look at this: When a Vietnam producer sells an American a shirt, he gets dollars in return. What's he going to do with those dollars: hide them in a mattress, paper the wall with them or just cherish them? It'd be great if foreigners did that; we'd have near heaven on earth. We'd simply put a few Americans to work printing dollars, and the rest of us could live lives of Riley whilst the rest of the world labored and shipped us Lexus, Mercedes, caviar, steel, clothing and other life-comforting goodies all in exchange for these wonderful little slips of paper called dollars.

Unfortunately, that doesn't happen. That Vietnamese producer might use

those dollars to purchase something from a German producer. The German producer might use the dollars to purchase something from a Japanese producer. People willingly accept those dollars because, ultimately, they represent a claim on something in America. You might ask, "OK, Williams, I go along with what you're saying so far, but if that's true, how come we're running a large balance of payments deficit?"

Do a Web search for major foreign holders of U.S. Treasury securities. As of June 2003, foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury bonds totaled \$1.347 trillion. Japan is the largest holder with \$441 billion, followed by England with \$122 billion and Mainland China with \$122 billion. Thus, dollars are coming back to America, in this case to help sponsor Congress's profligate spending. Also, we mustn't forget that foreigners also use their dollars on Wall Street to purchase stocks, bonds and other financial instruments. All the nonsense we hear about balance of payments deficit ignores the fact that there are two types of accounts: a goods and services account and a capital account. Any imbalance in the goods and services account is offset by the capital account (stocks and bonds).

The bottom line is that free trade, while it might mean painful adjustments for the few, benefits immensely the many through cheaper prices and wider choice.

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Washington saying 'no' to formal one-on-one talks with Korea

By YURI KAGEYAMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIJING (AP) — The United States said Thursday it would hold no formal one-on-one talks with North Korea at a six-nation summit to resolve a dispute over the communist nation's nuclear program. A Russian report said all six may meet again in two months.

U.S. officials played down the importance of an informal meeting the day before between the top U.S. and North Korean envoys on the sidelines of the talks.

That half-hour meeting between Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly and North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Yong Il ended four months of official silence between the two nations.

A U.S. Embassy

spokesman in Beijing said Thursday that "there will not be any separate formal bilateral meetings with the North Koreans." The official spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

China, Russia, South Korea and Japan are also participating in the Beijing meeting, launched Wednesday in hopes of resolving a pernicious stalemate over the North's nuclear program.

Alexander Losyukov, the deputy foreign minister and the head of Russia's delegation, said Thursday that all six participants reached a "common understanding" that they will meet again within the next two months, probably in Beijing, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The parties agree that the talks "must be held in Beijing," Losyukov said at a

briefing with Russian journalists, according to ITAR-Tass. "North Korea apparently has no complaints."

Later a member of Japan's delegation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was unclear whether North Korea would agree to the further talks.

The United States is demanding that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program. The North says it will do so only after Washington signs a nonaggression pact and offers humanitarian aid.

The informal direct contact between U.S. and North Korean officials suggests both sides want a solution, though overcoming their deep philosophical and political differences will be a formidable task.

Both sides would benefit if a sturdy channel of communi-

cation were re-established. Mere agreement this week to keep talking regularly would constitute some degree of success.

The delegations broke for the day at midafternoon with little indication of whether progress had been made.

The North's government had long demanded one-on-one talks with the United States, but dropped its objections to the multilateral arrangement after Beijing agreed to host it.

Many believe North Korea wanted such direct talks to increase its standing in East Asia and to convey its demands directly to the United States. Washington, though, wanted the opposite and said the situation affected the entire region and should be dealt with multilaterally.

The three-day summit came together after months of political maneuvering when China agreed to be the host. The six-party talks are a continuation of discussions from April, when U.S., Chinese and North Korean officials met in Beijing.

Tensions and hostilities have been escalating since October, when Pyongyang acknowledged that it restarted a nuclear program it had supposedly shut down. The United States has demanded that North Korea stop the program immediately, while the impoverished North has refused to budge without guarantees of security and economic aid.

After the first day of talks, a South Korean official said he perceived a willingness to be flexible by both the United States and North Korea.

"The U.S. side made comments about easing North Korea's security concerns," Wie Sung-rak, director-general of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, said Wednesday night. "From what North Koreans said during the meeting, we could read that North Korea is willing to resolve the nuclear issue through dialogue."

U.S. officials say they believe North Korea has one

or two nuclear weapons, and experts believe it could produce five to six more in a few months.

In a separate meeting after Thursday's talks adjourned, Japan urged North Korea to let the children of five Japanese citizens kidnapped and spirited to North Korea years ago join their parents, who were permitted last year to return to their homeland.

North Korea reiterated its assertion that Japan had broken a promise by not returning the five abductees to Pyongyang, according to a statement by the Japanese government.

Lone Star Ballet creates own academy in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Lone Star Ballet Academy, a creation of Lone Star Ballet company, is offering comprehensive instruction at its all-new dance studio space at 2455 I-40 West, Amarillo.

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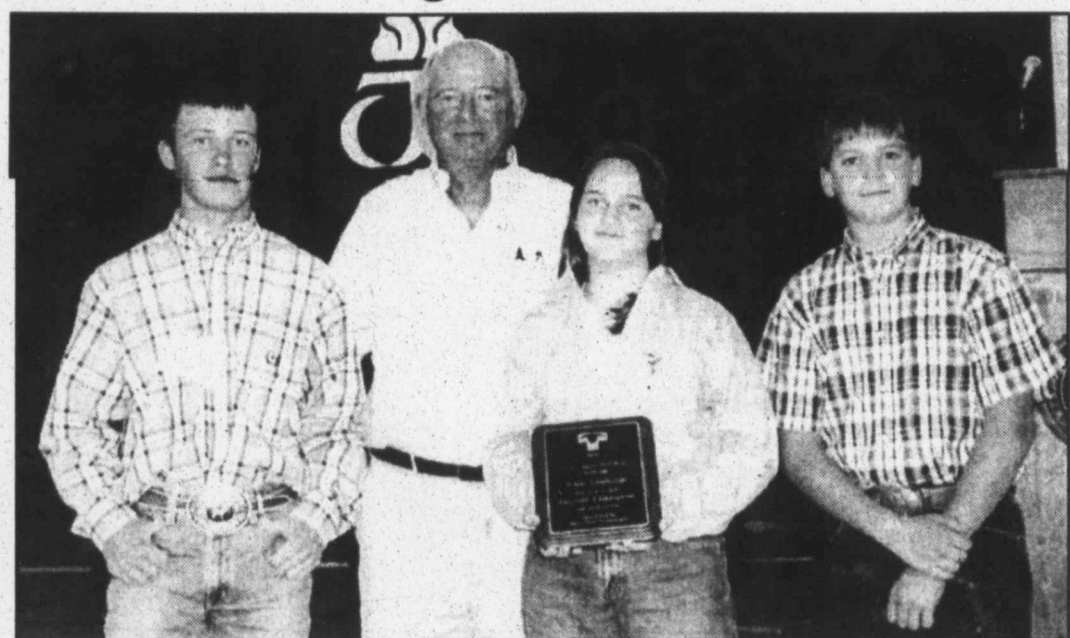
A true community project, the LSB Academy is open to the public with flexible class schedules and instruction in ballet, jazz and contemporary

dance. Men's, ladies' and children's classes (age 5 and up) will be conducted with performance opportunities through placement in the junior and senior ballet companies.

Also new for the kick-off of LSB's 2003-04 season are open auditions for the ballet's production of the "Nutcracker." Now, all young dancers from studios across the area will have an equal opportunity to perform in this magical Christmas tradition.

The deadline for enrollment in Lone Star Ballet Academy is Sept. 1. For more information, call LSB's office at (806) 372-2463 or e-mail lonestarballet@arn.net.

TCFA Challenge winners



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Trent Cadra, Kristen Odom and Nicholas Odom, all of McLean, won first place in the Team Challenge Division of Texas Cattle Feeders Association's Junior Fed Beef Challenge held recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is Mel Steffensmeier, chair of Junior Fed Beef Committee. In addition, the McLean team captured second in video evaluation and tied for second in written exam. The Team Challenge allows 4-H and FFA students to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding by competing in written exam and animal evaluation contests.

Kin beg for Hindus' remains killed in stampede

NASIK, India (AP) — Ancient mantras echoed Thursday at the cremations of the first of 39 Hindus killed when crowds of pilgrims stampeded on the banks of a holy river.

Grieving relatives of other victims complained that police were stopping them from claiming the bodies of their loved ones who died Wednesday when a crowd surged on the banks of the Godavari River near Nasik, about 110 miles northeast of Bombay.

Many of the bereaved said they were turned away at morgues by officers demanding documented proof that they were truly family members and not commens seeking personal effects or wanting to fraudulently claim insurance money.

"They are insisting on paperwork. They keep sending us back when we ask for the body. We don't know where to go," Mukesh Saidas Sharma, 28, said as he wept in Nasik's government hospital seeking the body of his dead aunt.

Similar charges of bureaucratic insensitivity were made after two car bombs exploded, killing at least 51 people in Bombay, the state capital, also known as Mumbai. Authorities

have blamed Muslim militants.

About 125 people were injured when thousands of pilgrims waiting to bathe in the holy river surged over a flimsy bamboo fence, triggering a stampede. Most of those trampled were women.

Dozens of mourners watched silently as Hindu priests prayed for the victims at the Panchwati cremation ground near the Godavari River in at least four funerals. The bodies were dressed in new clothes and wrapped in saffron scarves and flowers as they were placed on funeral pyres.

Vikram Marathe, Nasik's deputy police commissioner, defended the policy of making sure bodies were collected only by close relatives.

"We will not give the bodies to anyone else. We are willing to wait for five or six days," Marathe told The Associated Press. "People might take advantage of the deaths."

Worshippers believe they can bathe away their sins in the Godavari River, which is considered holy to many Hindus. Thousands of pilgrims were packed shoulder-to-shoulder in the muddy brown water.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Rude Cell Phone Users Are Shamed Into Hanging Up

DEAR ABBY: The recent letter from the woman who was seated next to a man who talked on his cell phone all during her daughter's graduation ceremony leads me to relate my experience.

Recently, my college-aged daughter and I were in a grocery store. A woman was walking down the aisle with her cell phone stuck to her ear. She was gossiping in a loud voice and using first and last names.

After two aisles of this, my daughter said to the woman, "Excuse me. I know so-and-so. Shall I tell her how you feel about what happened?" The woman was visibly flustered. She ended the call, telling her "cell mate" she'd call her when she got home.

After we left the store, I asked my daughter how she knew the person. My daughter said she didn't. But she wanted the woman to realize that she was being overheard saying hurtful things in a crowded place. My daughter's rule of thumb is to never use names in public because you never know who's listening. End of lesson from a 21-year-old.

PROUD MOM
IN WALLINGFORD, CONN.

DEAR MOM: Your daughter is on the right track, but here's my rule of thumb: Gossip is usually hurtful and always cowardly. Before saying anything in public or in private, people should ask themselves, "Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful?" If the answer is no — don't say it. Period. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman whose graduation ceremony was ruined by a cosically inconsiderate cell phone user reminded me of how I once dealt with someone of that ilk.

I used to commute by bus to work in Manhattan every day, and every morning a woman passenger behind me would crank up her phone and use it for intensely personal conversations.

One day, I turned around in my seat, faced her with my chin in my hands and listened raply. She noticed immediately and said, rather tartly, "Excuse me. This is a private conversation!"

I replied, "No, it isn't, lady. They can hear you in Brooklyn." She signed off immediately. The phone went into her purse, where it remained until she got off at her stop.

Of course, some etiquette experts might not approve of my tactics, but sometimes when dealing with that degree of inconsideration, the only solution is to raise the bar.

KEN IN LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

DEAR KEN: Funny — but if I were you, I'd reserve that tactic only for extreme circumstances. People who fight fire with fire may end with more of a confrontation than they bargained for.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine recently visited a friend of hers in Palm Springs and attended church services with him.

During the service, a member of the congregation stood up, took a cell phone call at the back of the church and continued to converse during the sermon.

After the service, the pastor did a "meet and greet" at the front door. When the offender went to shake her hand, she said, "The Lord sent me a special message just for you. He says that you are to refrain from taking calls during the service. He recommends that you keep your cell phone in your car, and says he'll be happy to take any messages and save them on voicemail for you."

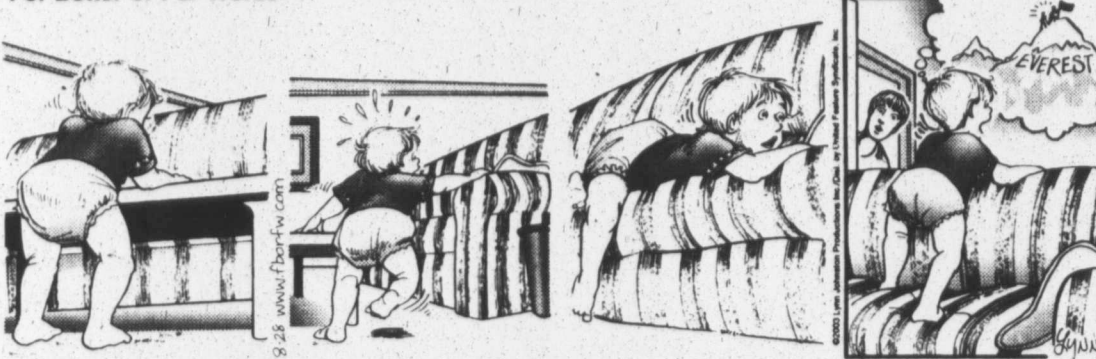
My friend said the person turned beet red — and more than one person "got the message" that day because there have been no more cell phone calls in church.

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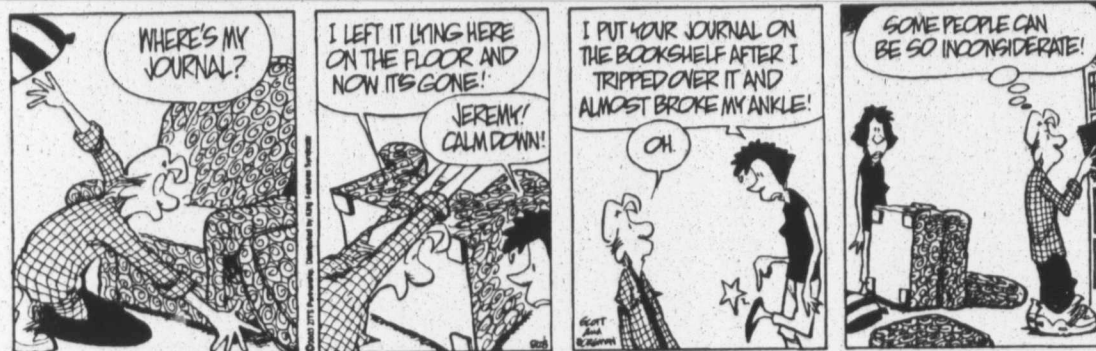
DEAR ALSO: Which proves that not all important messages have to be delivered from the pulpit — or even from the great beyond — in order to be universally heard.

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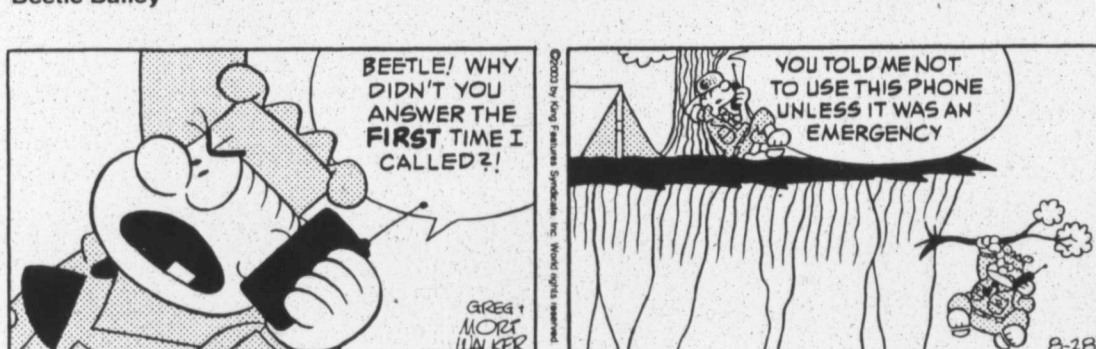
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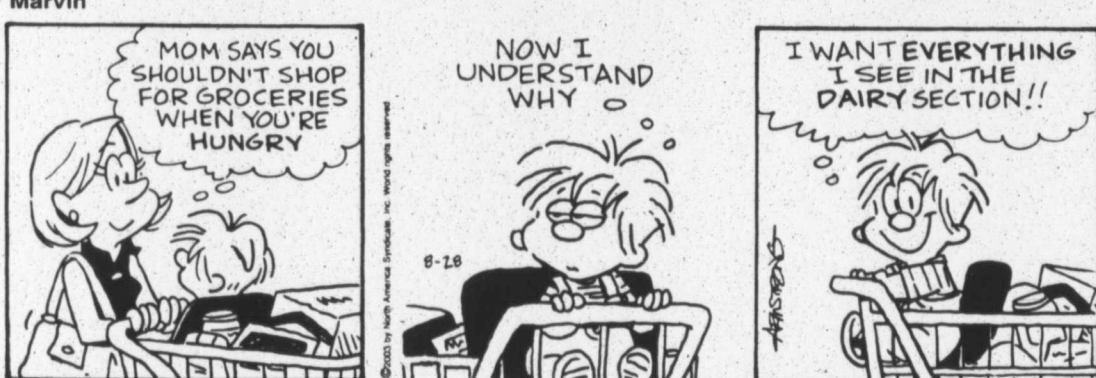
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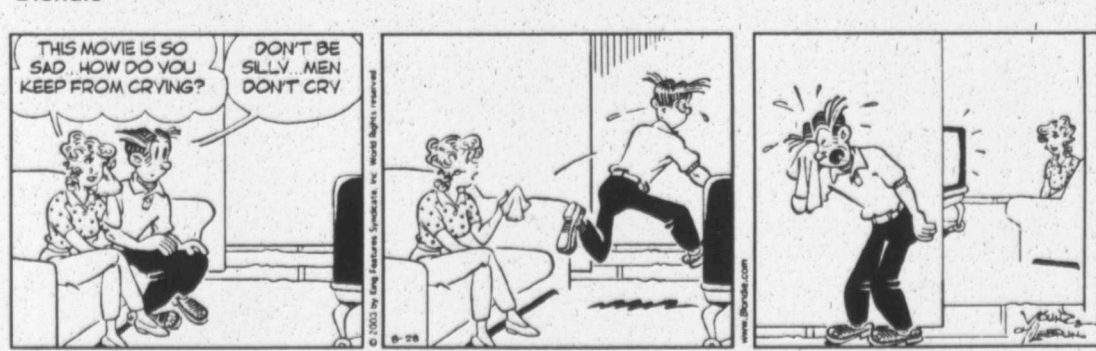
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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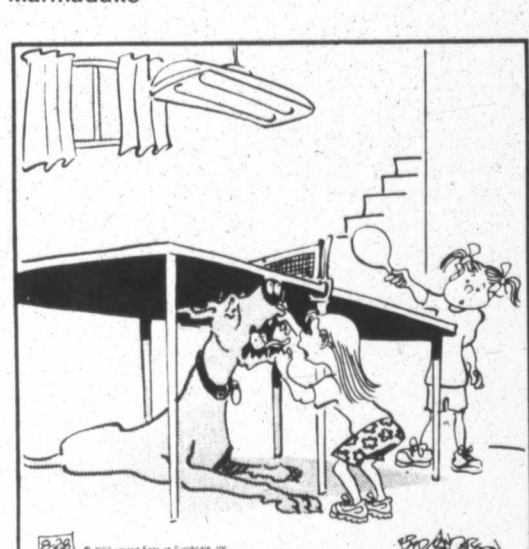
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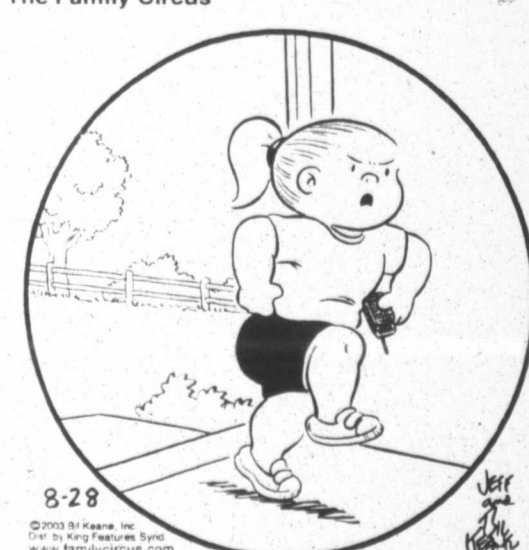
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The Family Circus



"We were playin' hide-and-seek and my phone went off and gave me away."

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SPORTS

Harvesters kick off new era, same tradition

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — It will be beginning of a new era, but the same football tradition when Pampa opens the 2003 season Friday night against Perryton in Harvester Stadium.

Pampa native Heath Parker takes over for his mentor, Dennis Cavalier, who turned a struggling football program into a playoff contender. Cavalier, who died of a heart attack at age 58 last May, had guided the Harvesters into the playoffs nine times in his 16 seasons here and was voted Coach of the Decade (1990s) by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Parker had been at Cavalier's side for many of Pampa's biggest triumphs as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator. He played for Cavalier and is a 1990 PHS graduate.

"We want to carry on the tradition. We never want to get away from what he taught us," Parker said.

Perryton head coach Gary Newcomb is very familiar with the Harvester football program. He was an assistant to three different coaches (Swede Lee, John Welborn, Dennis Cavalier) during three different periods in Pampa, starting in 1968 under Swede Lee.

"Pampa has a great program. I know they're going to continue what they've been doing," says

Newcomb, who enters his sixth season as the Rangers' head coach.

Pampa and Perryton also met in the 2002 opener with the Harvesters losing by a 9-7 count. Parker sees another Rangers' club that will be tough to beat.

"Perryton has another good team. They're going to outweigh us about 40 pounds per man up front. Their defensive ends are 6-4 and all three linebackers are tall, rangy kids who can run," Parker said.

Offensively, tight end Reese Creswell (200-pound senior) and quarterback Bo Merrell (170-pound junior) cause Parker concern.

"Their tight end is as good as we'll see all year. Their quarterback can run and pick up a lot of yards if he's not contained," added Parker. Their running backs are powerful runners. They're a concern for us."

Newcomb isn't looking forward to trying to slow Pampa senior Johnny Moore, the tailback turned quarterback.

"I can't say enough about Moore. He was one of the premier backs in the panhandle last year. He runs hard and sees the field well," Newcomb said. "He's going to be a challenge for us, and, of course, he's not all Pampa has. There's (Brittin) East, (Cam) Seger, (Derek) Lewis, and (Andrew) Curtis. I'm very impressed by these players."

Newcomb has worries about his

offense, especially up front, after scrimmaging Caprock a couple of weeks ago.

"We looked pretty good, but our offensive front concerns me. This is the first time in over 30 years of coaching I've had five starters on the offensive line who've never played on Friday night," he said.

Both Pampa in Class 4A and Perryton in Class 3A are coming off playoff seasons. The Harvesters reached the regional semi-finals a year ago and finished with a 9-4 record. The Rangers, 9-2 last season, advanced to the area round.

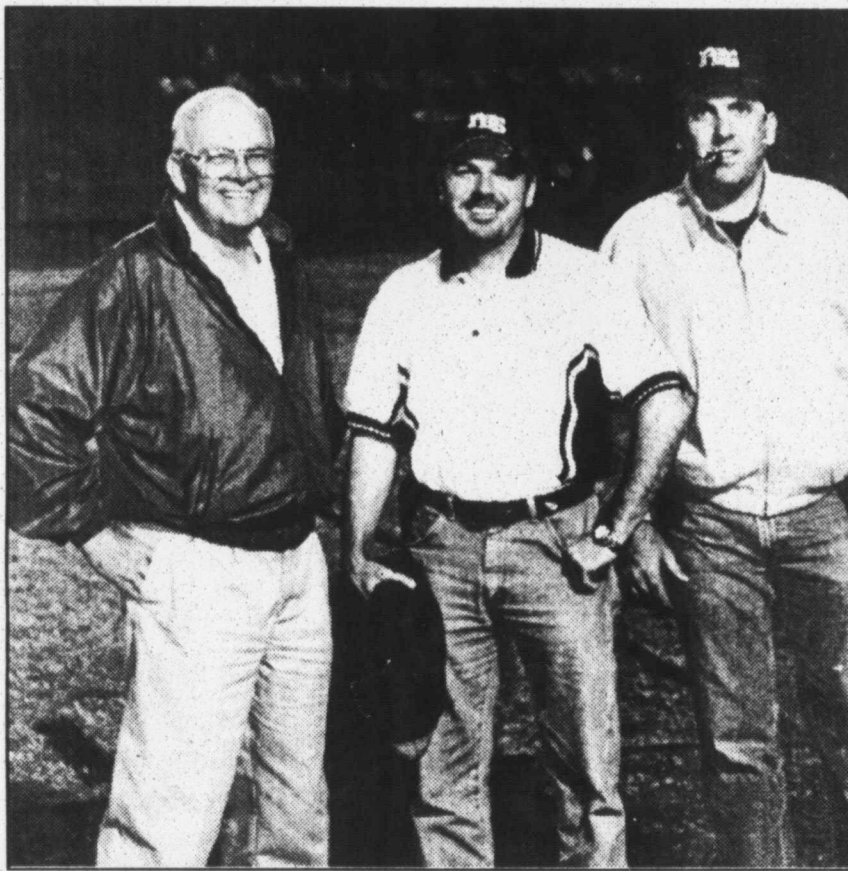
Pampa Probable Lineup

Offense

Tight end: Brittin East, 210, jr.; **Split ends:** Tyler Doughty, 180, jr.; Jesse Tarango, 170, sr.; Seth Foster, 180, jr.; **Center:** Jerrod Carruth, 225, sr.; **Tackles:** Greg Wiley, 185, sr.; Michael Pergeson, 195, jr.; **Guards:** Alan Curry, 190, sr.; Marcus DeLeon, 250, sr.; **Quarterback:** Johnny Moore, 170, sr.; **Running back:** Andrew Curtis, 170, sr.

Defense

Nose Tackle: East; **Ends:** Derek Lewis, 185, sr.; Max Vinson, 180, sr.; **Tackle:** Tyrel Bolen, 230, jr.; **Cornerbacks:** Tarango; Shea Brown, 145, jr.; **Middle linebacker:** Mark Williams, 185, jr.; **Outside linebackers:** Mac Smith, 165, sr.; Q.B. Cobb, 175, jr.; **Strong safety:** Cam Segar, 175, jr.; **Free safety:** Curtis.



The KGRO Radio sports broadcasting crew of (l-r) Sam White, Donny Hooper and Ray Boring will be bringing Harvester football to the listening audience this season. The Pampa-Perryton game Friday night kicks off the 2003 season and KGRO will have a special tribute to Dennis Cavalier at 7 tomorrow night. Game coverage begins a half-hour later. Hooper begins his 11th season as the voice of the Pampa Harvesters. He will be joined by White in the booth and Boring on the sideline. All the broadcasts can be heard on AM 12030 KGRO

The Woodlands coach likes playing football on zero week

DALLAS (AP) — While most teams take off this Zero Week and opt to play 10 straight weeks, coach Weldon Willig of The Woodlands believes getting an early start will pay dividends later.

"I think it is a good way to get kids out of the area and to expose them to a playoff-like scenario," Willig said. "This is the time to get our kids accus-

tomed to the travel and being exposed to big-time venues."

By playing this week, teams will have to take off another week before district competition begins.

A look at this weekend's Top 10 calendar shows that most coaches prefer to avoid that.

The Woodlands, ranked fourth in Class 5A, is the head-

liner at the Texas Football Classic, which features five games this weekend at the Alamodome. The Highlanders, who were 7-5 last season, play Bryan at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The three-day showcase opens Thursday with San Antonio Alamo Heights playing Beeville Jones. The only other game at the event featuring a ranked team is Friday

night when Class 4A No. 8 Corpus Christi Calallen faces 5A San Marcos.

Calallen has won at least 10 games in each of the past 15 seasons and was a Division II regional semifinalist last season.

San Marcos was 8-3, reaching the playoffs in its first year up from 4A.

Waco and Abilene play

Saturday afternoon and Donna and Lubbock Monterey meet in the finale that night.

The Woodlands has reached the playoffs for the past eight years.

"Expectations at The Woodlands are always exceedingly high," Willig said. "I think we have an opportunity to be as good as we've ever been. We have the key ingredients to

get everything done."

Those ingredients include wide receiver Danny Amendola, who had 1,679 yards last season; three-year starting safety Casey Nichols and leading tackler Kevin Mims.

In this week's only meeting of ranked teams, 5A No. 10 Katy will travel to face No. 1 Lufkin.

Teams lined up for Tiger Football League

PAMPA — The Clifton Supply Cowboys, the B&K Carpentry Dolphins and the Packers compete in the fifth and sixth grade division of the Optimist Tiger League Football program this season, according to Commissioner David Hutto. The head coaches are Armando Ramirez, Donny Hooper and Eugene Polasek.

In the third-fourth grade division, the five

teams are Lazy's Feed & Garden Broncos, the Southwest Collision Packers, the Texans, Lefors Youth Club Buccaneers and the Storm. The head coaches are Kirk Spear, Rick Pearson, Blake Howard, Kevin Burrows and Ted Hutto.

The league conducted its draft Tuesday at the Optimist Club.

"We have 126 boys playing at the present time," said Leah

Pearson, a volunteer in charge of registration. "From Pampa we have 16 returning players and 39 new players in the third and fourth grade division, and 23 returning players and 35 new players in the third and fourth grade division. We have a team of 13 from Lefors playing in the third and fourth grade division."

Practice will start for all teams this week. Games will begin next

month and continue through the end of October.

Late registration will be accepted.

Parents interested should contact David Hutto at 665-5800 or 669-3017.

Basketball boosters to meet on Sept. 2

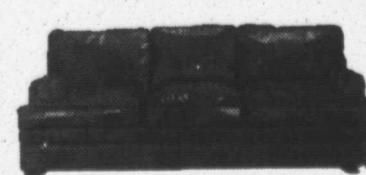
PAMPA — Harvester Basketball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 in the high school library.

Club members will plan for a baked potato supper on Sept. 12.

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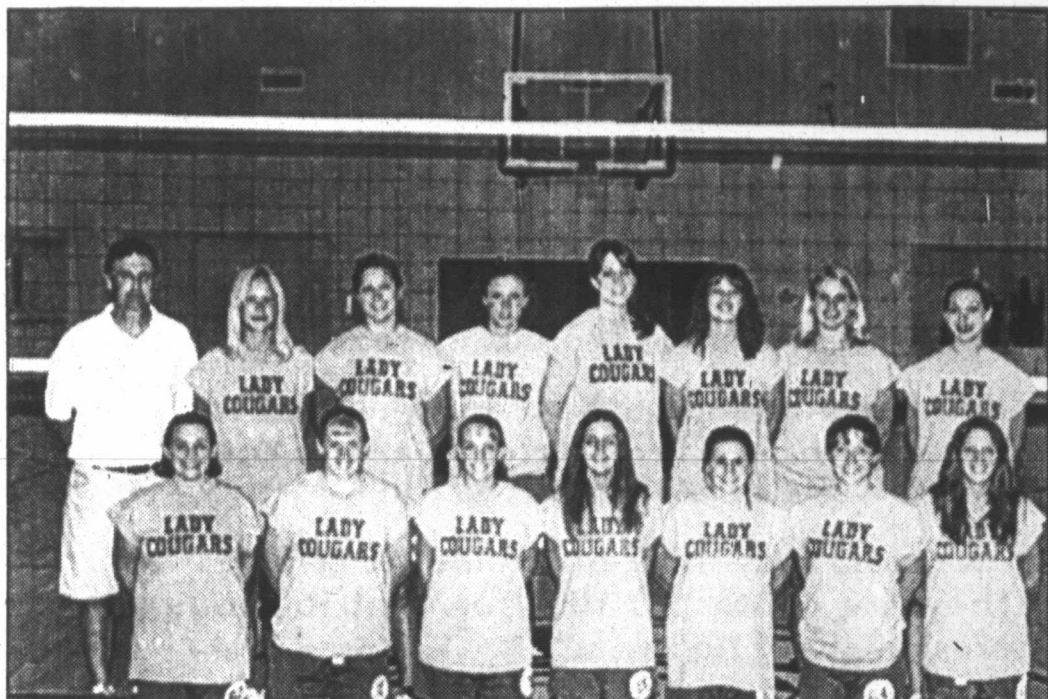
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Lady Cougars



The Fort Elliott Lady Cougars are off to a fast start with a 3-1 record early in the volleyball season. Fort Elliott opens district play Sept. 23 at Chillicothe. Team members are (front row, l-r) Sarah Moon, Andrea Hathaway, Chrystal Selby, Sarah Zybach, Randi Barr, Sarah Zybach and Andria Keelen; (back row, l-r) head coach Curtis Smith, Chynna Atherton, Glory Hartsfield, Alcía Reis, Laura Lohberger, Holly McCurley, Tamara Hefley and Shealee Coulter.

Dotson indicted in teammate's slaying

WACO, Texas (AP) — Melissa Kethley says she last saw estranged husband Carlton Dotson the night of June 12, driving a car that belonged to his former teammate, Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy.

Kethley said she remembers Dotson becoming angry and paranoid after the two ate dinner and she couldn't figure out why.

"Something was just so wrong about him showing up that day," Kethley said.

Dotson, 21, was indicted on a charge of murdering Dennehy on Wednesday. The indictment alleges that Dennehy was shot on or about June 12.

Dennehy's body was found in a field near a rock quarry southeast of town July 25, four days after Dotson's arrest. An autopsy report said that Dennehy died of two gunshot wounds to the head.

Dotson, jailed in his home state of Maryland, faces a maximum penalty of life in prison if convicted. District Attorney John Segrest and other law enforcement officials have refused to discuss motive, which isn't mentioned in the one-page indictment.

Segrest's office Wednesday began the paperwork to formalize a request to Gov. Rick Perry's office to seek Dotson's extradition, but it isn't known how long that will take.

If Dotson continues to contest extradition, a judge in Maryland will schedule a hearing.

"How long it will take to secure his presence here is anybody's guess," Segrest said.

Attempts Wednesday to reach Dotson's attorneys for comment were unsuccessful. Kethley said she planned to attend a memorial service for Dennehy scheduled for Thursday at Baylor.

The case has rocked the Baptist school in Waco and prompted intense scrutiny of the school's basketball program. Coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned Aug. 8. School investigators said they discovered that two players were receiving improper financial aid and staff members did not properly report failed drug tests.

In late July and early August, Bliss told players to lie to investigators and imply that Dennehy was dealing drugs, according to conversations secretly recorded by an assistant coach. After the tapes were made public Aug. 15, Bliss said he had heard stories about Dennehy but was wrong in trying to falsely portray him as a drug dealer.

Also Wednesday, Jesse Jackson urged the international basketball community to ban Bliss from coaching.

"He perpetuated a racial stereotype by casting young Dennehy as a drug pusher," Jackson said in a statement posted on his Web site.

"His lie was based on belief that people would accept that Dennehy, a black man, was a thug who sold drugs."

A campus memorial service was planned for Dennehy on Thursday night.

Smoltz sidelined, but Braves undaunted

By The Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves would rather rest John Smoltz now than have him take a tender elbow into the playoffs.

With a 15-game lead in the NL East, they have the luxury of making that choice.

The Braves put their All-Star closer on the disabled list Wednesday, then beat the New York Mets 4-1 behind Greg Maddux and Chipper Jones.

"I want to pitch in the postseason at my best. If this was a four-game lead, I wouldn't be doing this," Smoltz said.

Smoltz leads the majors with 44 saves, and the move will probably cost him a chance to break Bobby Thigpen's single-season record of 57 set in 1990. But the Braves are more concerned about him closing out games in October.

Team physician Dr. Joe Chandler stressed several times that the right elbow tendinitis isn't serious, and said Smoltz isn't expected to have any lingering effects when he returns Sept. 8.

Smoltz, who had reconstructive surgery on his right elbow in 2000, will rest completely for seven days.

"This is an enforced period of rest that John otherwise wouldn't take," Chandler said. "This takes it out of his hands. This is not a serious problem."

In other NL games, it was Pittsburgh 4, Florida 0; Montreal 9, Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 4, Chicago 2; Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 2; Houston 6, Los Angeles 1; San Francisco 6, Colorado 4; and San Diego 10, Arizona 2.

Maddux (13-10) pitched around a 29-minute rain delay in the fourth, allowing

three hits in six innings for his 286th win. Chipper Jones drove in all four Atlanta runs with a three-run homer off Aaron Heilman (2-6) and an RBI single.

Kent Mercker put two on in the ninth but closed it out in place of Smoltz for his first save since 1992.

"I was nervous," Mercker said. "If I get another chance to do that, I'll be a little more relaxed."

It was the first time a pitcher other than Smoltz earned a save for Atlanta since Jung Keun Bong did it in a 15-3 victory over Cincinnati on May 28.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said he won't name a single replacement for Smoltz, choosing instead to make the decision on a game-by-game basis.

Mike Piazza homered for the Mets.

Expos 9, Phillies 6

At Montreal, pinch-hitter Joe Vitiello singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as the Expos closed within a game of the wild-card lead.

Vladimir Guerrero hit his 19th homer for Montreal, which has won four straight overall and eight in a row at home. The Expos led 6-1 in the seventh, but Marlon Byrd tied it with a grand slam.

Philadelphia lost its fifth straight.

Astros 6, Dodgers 1

At Houston, Jeff Bagwell became the 13th player in major league history to hit 30 or more homers in eight consecutive seasons.

The Astros won their third straight and increased their NL Central lead to one game. Los Angeles has lost four in a row but remained 2 1/2 games back in the crowded wild-card race.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL National League At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	85	47	.644	—
Florida	70	62	.530	15
Philadelphia	70	62	.530	15
Montreal	70	64	.522	16
New York	58	73	.443	26 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	70	62	.530	—
St. Louis	69	63	.523	1
Chicago	68	63	.519	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	60	70	.462	9
Cincinnati	58	74	.439	12
Milwaukee	57	75	.432	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	80	51	.611	—
Arizona	69	64	.519	12
Los Angeles	67	64	.511	13
Colorado	64	71	.474	18
San Diego	53	81	.396	28 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Florida 3
Montreal 14, Philadelphia 10
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 5
Houston 18, Los Angeles 4
Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 3, Colorado 1
San Diego 5, Arizona 4
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 4, Florida 0
Montreal 9, Philadelphia 6
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 2
Houston 6, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 6, Colorado 4
San Diego 10, Arizona 2
Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-4) at Cincinnati (P. Wilson 8-10), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Telemaco 1-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 11-8), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hermanson 2-3) at Colorado (Jennings 10-12), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Willis 11-4) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 12-7) at Atlanta (Hampton 12-5), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (W. Alvarez 2-1) at Houston (Redding 8-12), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 12-9) at St. Louis (Morris 8-6), 8:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-10) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 11-11), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Ru. Ortiz 18-5) at Pittsburgh (S. Torres 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 12-9) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 13-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Haren 3-4) at Cincinnati (Bale 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Tucker 0-1) at Florida (Beckett 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 7-9) at Houston (Robertson 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 7-4) at Arizona (Batista 8-7), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Vance 1-0) at Los Angeles (K. Brown 12-7), 10:10 p.m.

American League At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	80	51	.611	—
Boston	77	56	.579	4
Toronto	65	68	.489	16
Baltimore	61	71	.462	19 1/2
Tampa Bay	52	79	.397	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	62	.534	—
Kansas City	69	62	.527	1
Minnesota	68	64	.515	2 1/2
Cleveland	59	74	.444	12
Detroit	33	98	.252	37

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	78	55	.586	—
Seattle	77	56	.579	1
Anaheim	64	69	.481	14
Texas	61	72	.459	17

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 12, Boston 9
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 13, N.Y. Yankees 2
Kansas City 9, Texas 2
Minnesota 3, Anaheim 0
Seattle 9, Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 2, Baltimore 1, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

Boston 6, Toronto 3
Cleveland 9, Detroit 7
Chicago White Sox 11, N.Y. Yankees 2
Kansas City 9, Texas 0
Anaheim 5, Minnesota 4
Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 4
Oakland 6, Baltimore 2

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Cotts 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 14-7), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 6-8) at Oakland (Halama 2-4), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 10-10) at Anaheim (Ra. Ortiz 15-10), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 4-9) at Seattle (Garcia 11-12), 4:35 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 6-17) at Cleveland (Lee 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 7-8) at Kansas City (Abbott 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 4-1) at Boston (Lowe 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 9-8) at Cleveland (Sabathia 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-12) at Detroit (Robertson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 8-8) at Texas (Thomson 12-10), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 9-12) at Kansas City (Gobble 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (DuBose 1-4) at Seattle (R. Franklin 9-11), 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-10) at Oakland (Hudson 13-4), 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

Playoffs At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-3)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Cleveland

Friday, Aug. 29

Detroit at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Cleveland at Detroit, Noon

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

Charlotte vs. Connecticut

Thursday, Aug. 28

Charlotte at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Connecticut at Charlotte, 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1

Connecticut at Charlotte, 7 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

Thursday, Aug. 28

Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m., if necessary

Houston vs. Sacramento

Friday, Aug. 29

Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Sacramento at Houston, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Sacramento at Houston, 9 p.m., if necessary

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-3)

Friday, Sept. 5

TBD, 8 and 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 7

TBD, 4 and 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8

TBD, 8 and 10:30 p.m., if necessary

FINALS

(Best-of-3)

Friday, Sept. 12

TBD, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14

TBD, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

TBD, 8 p.m., if necessary

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 29, 2003:

You discover new ways of expressing your talent and potential. As a result, you could easily gain financially. You will enter a new life cycle in a couple weeks where "luck" is your middle name. This year is one of expansion. Do be careful about a sweet tooth and your blood pressure. Funnel this growth cycle into your work and personal life. If you are single, a relationship will knock on your door. Are you ready? It could happen as soon as fall. If you are attached, schedule as much quality time as possible with your significant other, which will improve your relationship. LIBRA gets down to brass tacks.

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)

***** Others wave to you; be responsive, even if you feel you have been through a war recently. Others, too, have been experiencing their share of ups and downs. Go along with another's wishes; you might gain new understanding. Tonight: Could be a late night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Relax with your work, as you might have just emerged from a whirlwind. Pace yourself and get as much work done as possible. A child or loved one makes an overture that you might want to respond to. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your playfulness marks the office or wherever you are. Your softness emerges when dealing with family or a special friend. Allow more goodness into your life. Check out a potential move or

investment. Hold back as long as possible. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Stay anchored. Reach out for more information if need be. If you can, spend extra time at home, or work from home. Speak your mind but be willing to seek out facts. Anchor in and think about what you want. Tonight: Make your home your base of operations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Keep conversations moving. You might want to have a discussion with a partner who hasn't been the epitome of stability. Do a better job of listening. Treat someone as you would like to be treated. Example often is the finest way of teaching. Tonight: Allow yourself to go overboard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Financial matters come up that you might want to review and think about. Not everything is as you would like, but if you remain positive, others will too. Your ability to move forth could set you back, as well as others. Tonight: Make it your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** The Moon shines on you, easing some of the recent pressure that surrounds an emotional situation. Go within, and you'll discover just how peaceful you are. Use your gentleness and magnetism, and you'll get much more of what you want. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Know when to take some time to yourself, even in a group or work situation. Create the kind of tranquility needed to focus on your work and complete a key task. After all, the weekend is about to knock on your door! Tonight: Do the Scorpio mysterious act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You find yourself in a position where others listen, and you feel relieved. Through a meeting or associates, you gain a sense of accomplishment. You might feel you have been fighting an uphill battle. Pat yourself on the back. Tonight: Take off and have a good time as good as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Working with others takes you to a new level of understanding right now. Your sense of dedication warms up a difficult situation, and, for the moment, takes the pressure off. Be a little more frivolous with a friend or co-worker. Tonight: Out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Try walking in someone else's shoes. Your ability to work through a problem adds to your sense of confidence. You know what you're doing, and you do it well. A partner finally does his or her best to let you know how much he or she appreciates you. Tonight: Take off for the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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FBI scrutinizing lab specialist's conduct in OKC bombing case

By JOHN SOLOMON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI internal affairs office is investigating the crime lab's chief of scientific analysis about his conduct in the Oklahoma City bombing case, according to people familiar with the investigation.

The Associated Press reported last spring that a transcript of a Justice Department interview showed that FBI scientific analysis unit chief Steven Burmeister initially had alleged in 1995 that his lab colleagues performed shoddy work in Timothy McVeigh's case, but then retracted several statements before appearing as a prosecution witness at the trial.

AP also reported that lawyers for some FBI lab employees sent a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft in 2001, just days before McVeigh was executed for the April 1995 bombing, alleging Burmeister may have been pressured to give false testimony in the case. No action was taken and the allegation was never divulged to McVeigh's lawyers.

The revelation about Burmeister, however, became an issue in the Oklahoma

state murder trial of McVeigh conspirator Terry Nichols this spring. Burmeister had given key testimony against McVeigh and was originally slated to be a prosecution witness in the new trial for Nichols, whom Oklahoma prosecutors want to put to death.

Burmeister has been withdrawn as a state witness by the prosecutors.

The FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility, which investigates allegations against agents, recently opened an internal investigation into Burmeister's conduct in the McVeigh case, including his recantation, according to persons familiar with the investigation.

One of Burmeister's former colleagues said the FBI internal affairs office had contacted him in the past month.

"I was contacted by my attorney and told that the FBI-OPR was looking to talk to me about an OPR investigation on Burmeister," said Frederic Whitehurst, the former FBI scientist whose whistleblowing allegations in the mid-1990s divulged shoddy work inside the FBI lab and led to widespread changes.

FBI officials refused to

discuss the investigation but when AP first reported the existence of the transcripts of Burmeister's interview by the Justice Department inspector general, FBI lab director Dwight Adams said he considered Burmeister to be one of the bureau's top lab experts.

Adams said Burmeister was not pressured to change his testimony about problems at the FBI lab in the McVeigh case and rather did so because he learned some of his earlier allegations to the inspector general were inaccurate or imprecise.

"He made the effort because he is such a meticulous, honest person that he

wanted the IG report to be correct," Adams said. "He truly is one of our best."

A letter obtained by AP shows that lawyers for FBI lab employees, including Whitehurst, wrote Ashcroft 10 days before McVeigh was executed in 2001, claiming Burmeister may have given false testimony about key forensic evidence in the case.

The FBI denies the allegations. The Justice Department never divulged the letter to McVeigh's lawyers.

The transcripts show Burmeister originally told the Justice Department in 1995 that one of his lab colleagues, unit chief Roger Martz,

"erred in some examinations" he performed in the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

Burmeister reversed course in late 1996, just before testifying at McVeigh's trial. "I don't think he erred in any of these exams. ... I think he did an acceptable job there," Burmeister said.

In his 1995 interview, Burmeister criticized Martz's decision to vacuum clothing suspected of having explosives evidence, calling it an "unqualified technique." But in his 1996 interview, he gave a different assessment.

"I'm incorrect in saying that because I do believe the vacuuming technique, over-

all, is a qualified technique," Burmeister said.

On the lab's handling of a knife, Burmeister said in 1995 that his colleagues should have rinsed it, rather than using a moistened swab to loosen possible explosive evidence. But in 1996, Burmeister said that both swabbing and rinsing were "viable sample-removing techniques."

And Burmeister retracted his 1995 comment that Martz had not been qualified to perform one of the explosives tests he performed on McVeigh evidence. "I'm incorrect in saying that he is not qualified. ... I would consider him fully qualified," he said in 1996.

More access to federal lands necessary, energy experts say

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The federal government has contributed to the shortage on natural gas and the price increases that have followed, energy producers said Wednesday.

Federal policies that encourage the use of natural gas, but limit where companies can explore and drill, have led to shortages and volatile price changes in the nation's natural gas supply, members of the Speaker's Natural Gas Task Force for Affordable Natural Gas were told in a congressional hearing at the state Capitol.

The congressional committee appointed, by House Speaker Dennis Hastert R-Ill., is chaired by Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., and includes Reps. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and John Shimkus, R-Ill.

Members of the task force are conducting congressional hearings throughout the United States and are expected to come up with a plan to curb natural gas price increases, especially during cold winter months.

The congressmen heard testimony from natural gas exploration companies, utility companies and those who

regulate the industry.

Producers say their ability to provide natural gas is crippled because they aren't being allowed to drill in non-park federal owned land with large natural gas deposits.

"The U.S. is not running out of gas," said Steve Pearson, general manager for domestic onshore operations at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

"It's just running out of places to drill gas."

Producers said it will be impossible to keep up with the demand for natural gas, which is expected to increase by 65 percent by 2025, without drilling in Alaska, the mountain west and Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic.

Lawmakers are pondering an energy policy that would take away some of the restrictions on where producers can drill, including federal lands.

"I'm optimistic that with flexibility this will work," Barton said. "We just can't hamstring producers with too many federal regulations."

The price of natural gas has almost doubled from \$3 per thousand cubic feet a year ago.

Price increases are a result of production not keeping up with demand, said Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Chairwoman Denise Bode.

Bode said industry officials have been warning the federal government about the short supply of natural gas since the mid 1990s.

"There have been ample warnings of the impending disaster," Bode said. "We are facing these energy shortages in energy-rich America simply because we have not made it a national priority to maintaining our domestic energy infrastructure."

In an effort stabilize natural gas prices in Oklahoma, the Corporation Commission approved an order Wednesday that would allow some gas wells to produce as much as possible. In the past some wells had been limited in their natural gas production.

"Investors interested in placing badly needed-dollars into energy exploration and production in Oklahoma need to know the rules of the game aren't going to change suddenly," Bode said.

Miss Rodeo North Texas



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