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Water conservation measures considered by city

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The City of Pampa is considering water conservation measures, although not as drastic as some communities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

City Manager John Horst said this week that drought has hit the community's major water supplier hard. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is reporting record low levels at Lake Meredith, the pri-

mary water reservoir in the Panhandle.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority, reported last week that the water level at the lake was 55.36 feet, or about eight percent of the lake's conservation storage capacity.

"Inflows so far this year have been worse than our conservation projections from October, 2005," Satterwhite said in a letter to CRMWA member cities.

In light of the lower lake levels, CRMWA is expected to revisit 2006 allocations of water at their July 12 meeting at their offices in Sanford.

CRMWA provides water to 11 member cities, including Pampa, through a pipeline that stretches more than 300 miles to cities south of Lubbock.

Pampa, Horst said, has never used its full allocation. It has in the past sold part of its allocation to Lubbock.

For now, Satterwhite said, the 90,000 acre-feet of allocated water to those member cities will not change, but the mixture of water from the lake and from the Roberts County wellfield may.

Satterwhite said the CRMWA staff is recommending changing the 2006 allocation from 50,000 acre-feet of lake water and 40,000 acre-feet of well water to an equal mix of 45,000

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Most student injuries from playgrounds

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

There were 24 injuries on Pampa Independent School District campuses during the past school year, according to the district officials.

PISD School Supt. Barry Haenisch told the Pampa school board during a special meeting Thursday that that 19 students were injured on district property during the past school year. Five teachers, staff or cafeteria workers were also injured.

Many of the student injuries, according to Haenisch's report, appeared to be playground scrapes and bruises.

The most dangerous time and place appeared to be March at Austin Elementary School.

There were four playground falls resulting in two students suffering cuts or scrapes, one with a head injury and one with a hand injury. Another student injured his arm after being hit with a door.

Also in March, a Wilson See INJURIES, Page 8



Old Glory

Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER Pat Bagley, right, with the Kiwanis Club, puts out a flag in front of a business on Foster this morning as the Fourth of July dawns over Pampa. The Stars and Stripes greets the sun this morning in front of a downtown business, above. This Independence Day will be filled with American flags as the nation celebrates its freedom and independence.



Chris Bell to campaign in Amarillo on Saturday

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A former Amarillo television newsman is expected to talk about education, health care and stem cell research when he campaigns for governor in the Texas Panhandle Saturday.

Chris Bell, who was a reporter for KVII-TV Channel 7 in the 1980s, will spend Saturday campaigning in Amarillo.

The Democratic nominee in the governor's race faces incumbent Rick Perry, State Comptroller Carol Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman.

Perry is the Republican candidate. Strayhorn and Friedman are running as independents.

A Dallas native, Bell, 46, left Amarillo in 1988 for Houston and law school. Since then, he's served on the Houston City

Commission and as a U.S. Congressman representing part of the Houston area.

Speaking in suburban Fort Worth at a Democratic Independence Day picnic, Bell said people are crying out for change all across the country, particularly in Texas.

He said Texas today is in first place for high school dropouts, teen pregnancies and kids without health insurance.

"On issue after issue," Bell said, "on education, health care, stem cell research, Rick Perry is an absolute miserable failure, and we are falling further and further behind the rest of the country."

Bell said he wants to take the state in a more positive direction.

He said Texans are paying three See BELL Page 8



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Democratic nominee for governor and former Amarillo television newsman Chris Bell addresses an audience of supporters at an Independence Day political picnic in Surburban Fort Worth.

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Obituaries

Mary Dean Dozier, 89

Mary Dean Dozier, 89, of Pampa, Texas, Association, Pampa Community Concert, died July 3, 2006, at Pampa. Friends of the Library, and the Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. First Presbyterian Church.



Dozier

She was a volunteer with the Good Samaritan Christian Services and the Lovett Memorial Library.

Survivors include many cousins, including Ollie V. Stark and wife Helen of Forney, and Leslie Stark and wife Murlene of Cedar Hill; and special friend, Stella Kiser of Pampa.

She was a volunteer with the Good Samaritan Christian Services and the Lovett Memorial Library.

Survivors include many cousins, including Ollie V. Stark and wife Helen of Forney, and Leslie Stark and wife Murlene of Cedar Hill; and special friend, Stella Kiser of Pampa.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

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

Donald Bennett Nicholson, 82

WHITE DEER — Donald Bennett Nicholson, 82, of White Deer, Texas, died June 3, 2006, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nicholson was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Kingsmill. He had been a resident of White Deer most of his life. He married Betty Jo Panches on Nov. 25, 2003.

He farmed in the White Deer area for 25 years, and was the owner of Honest Don's for 10 years. He was the founder of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center and C.E.O for 21 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jo Nicholson, of the home; one daughter, Nicki Maples and husband Keith of Amarillo; one son, Brent Jay Nicholson and wife Pam of

Dallas; three stepdaughters, Kristi Panches and husband Danny of Denver, Colo., Dolly Cowan of Panhandle, and Sandra Davis and husband Danny of White Deer; two stepsons, Darrell Kanaga of Bethany, Okla., and G.W. Panches and companion Diane Stackpole of Denton; two sisters, Roberta Williams of White Deer and Florine Gatlin of Amarillo; one brother, Leon Nicholson of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Keitha Maples and Kaci Maples; 10 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Nicholson, on July 4, 2003.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 744, White Deer, TX 79097.

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

Emergency Services

Correction

In Monday's newspaper, The Pampa News reported that the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees would meet Wednesday at Pampa High School library.

They will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 6, in the Pampa High School library, 111 E. Harvester.

Sheriff

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

Monday, July 3

Stacy Sargent, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assaulting a family member.

Edward Lee Briley, Jr., 27, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Monday, July 3

10:06 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Christy on a medical assist.

5:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Gwendolyn and Price Road on a vehicle accident.

6:01 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the Jordan Unit on a medical assist.

11:51 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to the 2600 block of West Harvester on a structure fire. Fire was contained in the kitchen area and the home suffered smoke damage.

COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

NASA plans Independence Day launch despite crack in foam

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA officials decided a crack in Discovery's fuel tank insulating foam wasn't enough of a threat to stop the countdown today to their first Independence Day shuttle launch and "a nice fireworks display" for America.

Inspectors spotted the crack Monday. A 3-inch piece of foam also popped out of the area, which covers an expandable bracket holding a liquid oxygen feed line against the huge external fuel tank.

After several hours of inspections and meetings, officials decided to continue with the launch as planned. NASA administrator Michael Griffin said today that the crack wasn't a major concern and that cameras were trained on the area so if ice built up after the super-cold fuel was added, the launch could be delayed.

"We establish days, weeks, months in advance the criteria that we have to meet in order to be able to launch. If we don't meet them, we stand down," meaning the shuttle doesn't launch, Griffin told NBC's "Today" show.

"If we get through the list without a problem, we'll see a nice fireworks display," he said.

Photographs taken Monday night by a micro inspection team, using a tiny camera that can be manipulated into tight spaces, showed no further foam damage in the area.

"The piece that fell off took the debris with it," team leader Jeff Rowell said. "The area looked pretty clean."

Another technical problem sprung up Tuesday morning when inspectors discovered they lost backup circuit breakers that control heaters at the joints on both solid rocket boosters. NASA considered sending crews out to repair the problem, but determined to go without the fix because the shuttle remained fully functional and the backups weren't expected to be needed.

If Discovery gets off the ground today,

it would be the first manned launch by the United States on the nation's birthday, the first launch in almost a year, and only the second launch since the Columbia disaster killed seven astronauts in 2003.

Columbia's wing had been hit by a chunk of flyaway foam during liftoff. That damage caused the shuttle to break apart over Texas on re-entry Feb. 1, 2003.

NASA managers decided to go ahead with the attempt Tuesday because of three criteria: They were confident that enough foam was still on the bracket to prevent a large piece of ice from forming; they didn't believe the area would be exposed to extreme heat during ascent; and the area of foam where the piece dropped was still intact.

"They fully have shown that the foam is acceptable and ready to fly," said Bill Gerstenmaier, a NASA associate administrator. "There were no dissenters when we went around the room ... no concerns raised."

Early inspections Tuesday were promising, with no ice buildup overnight in the area

where the piece fell off. Fueling was completed in just under three hours, and the forecast improved to an 80 percent chance weather would be favorable for launch — the best odds so far. NASA had scrubbed launch plans Saturday and Sunday as electrically charged clouds loomed over the area.

The 3-inch triangular piece of foam that dropped from the tank is far smaller than the 1-pound foam chunk that brought down Columbia. Gerstenmaier showed reporters the piece of foam, which looked like a wedge of toast.

NASA has spent millions of dollars trying to prevent foam from breaking off at liftoff. Engineers were startled when it broke off Discovery during last year's mission — the first shuttle flight after the Columbia disaster — but it didn't harm the shuttle.

'We establish days, weeks, months in advance the criteria that we have to meet in order to be able to launch. If we don't meet them, we stand down.'

— Michael Griffin
NASA administrator

Man held in fatal beating of child

DALLAS (AP) — A funeral is scheduled this week for a 6-month-old boy who died from massive trauma that police say he suffered at the hands his mother's boyfriend.

Roderic Holland died Saturday from injuries including a lacerated liver, a bruised heart, a broken arm and broken ribs. His sister, 22-month-old Samoria Holland, was in intensive care on Monday with a cracked skull and internal bleeding. She had suffered seizures since being injured last Tuesday.

James Felton Williams, 21, was being held in Dallas County Jail on Monday,

accused of capital murder in Roderic's death and injury to a child in Samoria's case.

Samoria's condition worsened on Saturday, said Patricia McMaryion, the child's aunt.

"She started having her seizures and had to be moved back" to intensive care, Patricia McMaryion said. "Right now, she's not able to move her left side at all."

Jacquelyn McMaryion, 22, left her children with Williams at the couple's apartment last Tuesday when she went to work, police said. Later that day, Williams asked a neighbor to watch the children while he ran an errand.

Neighbor Curtis Vaughn, 17, said he noticed something was wrong with Roderic's hips and that he had cracked ribs. Samoria's eyes kept rolling back into her head, he said.

Neighbors confronted Williams when he returned, but he claimed the children's grandparents had harmed

them, Vaughn said. A neighbor took the mother and her children to the hospital that evening.

Child Protective Services officials said the children were taken into state custody that night. They said neither Williams nor Jacquelyn McMaryion had a record with the agency.

Neither Williams nor the mother could be reached for comment Monday.

Neighbors and family members said they warned Jacquelyn McMaryion about the abusive relationship.

"I told her that somebody's going to end up hurt in this relationship, you or the kids or both," Vaughn said.

Detectives arrested Williams when they found him hiding in a trash bin not far from the apartment where the alleged abuse took place. He was being held on suspicion of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, evading arrest, capital murder and injury to a child. His bond totaled \$826,000.

Gray County Weather

Independence Day: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Increasing clouds, with a low around 62. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 63.

East wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. East wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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Viewpoints

Today is a special day for patriots who love this country

Today we celebrate our country's independence from foreign rule.

Today is a day for picnics, barbecue, cold drinks in the shade, parades, the Stars and Stripes, patriotic music and fireworks.

I always enjoy the Fourth of July. I confess, I am a flag-waving patriot who still gets tears in my eyes every time I hear Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The U.S.A." even though I've heard it many times.

I can think of no other country on earth I'd rather call home. We are so blessed to have America. There is no other country like it anywhere, no nation that has the same beauty, abundance of riches, and freedom for a citizenry that is a melting pot of every nationality on earth.

Somehow, in the face of incredibly poor odds and near-insurmountable obstacles, the founding fathers managed to unite the colonies and create a nation the likes of which had never been seen before, and has not been duplicated since.

So far, I have only set foot in one other country. Some years ago, my husband and I went to Cancun, Mexico. We stayed in a hotel on the "Hotel Strip", a finger of land jutting out into the Gulf where all the tourist spots are, and where they cater to visitors even to the point of providing water purified according to U.S. standards, so we didn't have to worry about Montezuma's revenge if there were ice cubes in our Cokes.

We ventured into the inter-

rior one day on a tour to see some Mayan ruins. Near the ruins, enterprising locals had set up stalls to hawk their wares to the tourists. Some of the items were quite beautiful, while others were more run-of-the-mill typical souvenir curios.

These people were all very, very eager to sell something, anything. So I was shocked at my encounter with some of them.

At least one vendor called out to me in perfect English that he wanted to buy the shirt off my back. I had on a Dodge Viper T-shirt. I don't know whether he wanted it

for himself or thought he could sell it at a nice profit.

One started offering me several items at his stall in exchange for the shirt. I felt I was running a gauntlet, and toyed with the idea of finding a secluded spot and have my husband stand guard while I turned the darned shirt inside-out to wear.

Another day, we were in a group that toured some of the waterways and islands just off the coast. We each paired off in two-man motorboats and set off, conga-style, to putter around the islands and see barracudas playing offshore (maybe hoping one or more of us

would fall overboard).

On other days, we beach-combed, shopped at the big American-style malls on the Hotel Strip and enjoyed local entertainment provided by our hotel.

One time, we took a taxi into Cancun proper, to see what the city was like apart from the tourist area. It was a distinct contrast. We saw lots of ditch digging going on, and were told by our taxi driver that telephone lines were being installed for the first time in several areas. Now remember, this was in recent history, within the last score of years.

We also saw areas that the driver described as "average" homes. If these homes were average, then the average family in Mexico doesn't have it near as good as

we do.

My point is not to defend those who are entering our country from the south and remaining here illegally. My point is that sometimes we need to see how others live in order to know just how lucky we are to be here.

There are other countries I'd like to see, especially Great Britain, where some of my ancestors boarded a ship centuries ago to come to the New World. I think Canada, Spain, Germany, France and Italy would be great vacation spots, too.

If I ever make it to any of those distant lands, I know that no matter how interesting, beautiful and exotic they are, they're nice places to visit but I wouldn't want to live there.

God bless the U.S.A.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 4, the 185th day of 2006. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City.

In 1872, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt.

In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium.

In 1946, the Philippines became independent of U.S. sovereignty.

In 1966, President Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into

'Intellectually, I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country.'

— Sinclair Lewis
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effect the following year.

In 1976, America celebrated its bicentennial with daylong festivities; President Ford made stops in Valley Forge, Pa., Independence Hall in Philadelphia and New York, where more than 200 ships paraded up the Hudson River in Operation Sail.

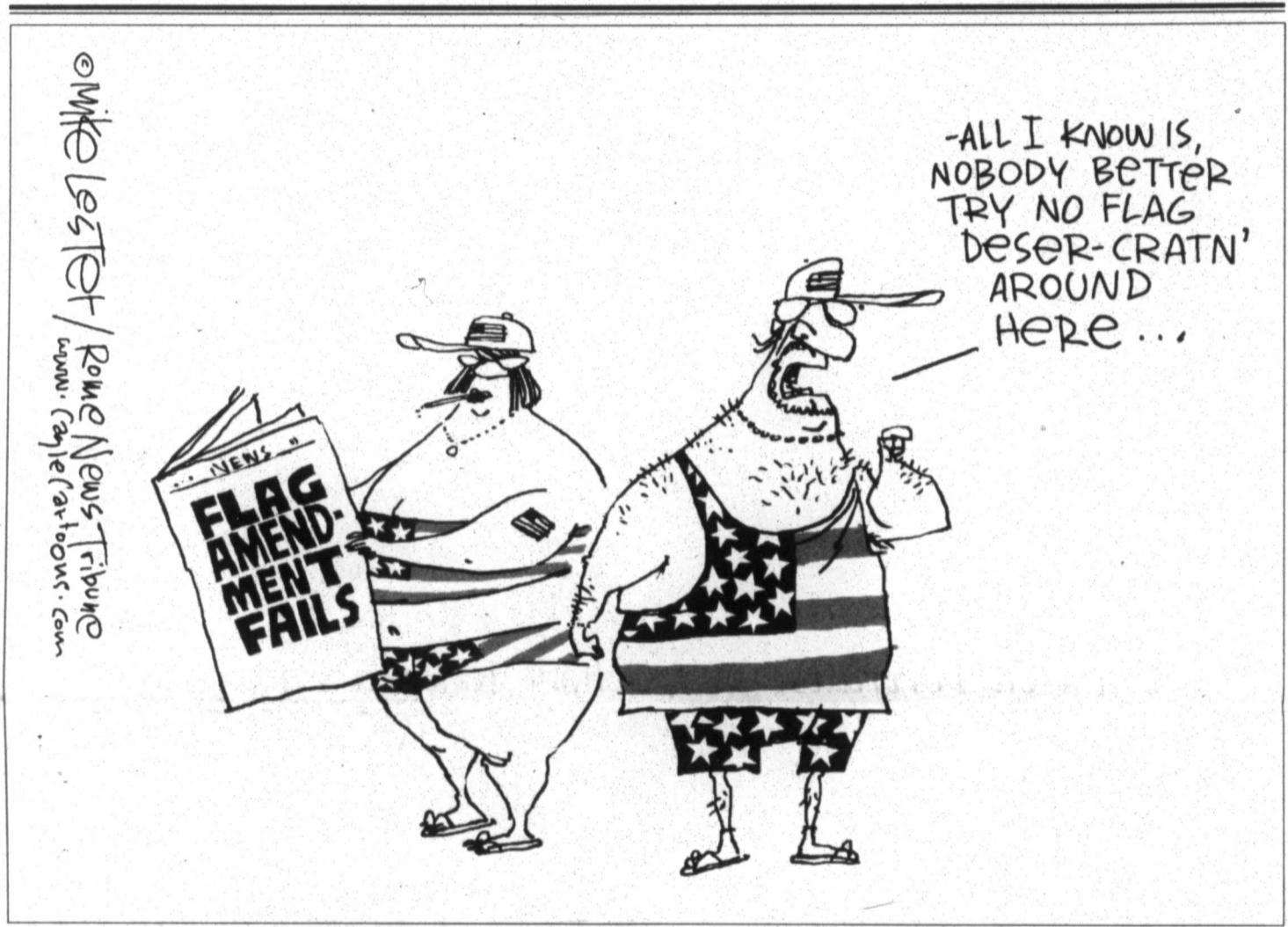
In 1976, Israeli commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1986, Liberty Weekend was capped with a spectacular fireworks display that lighted up New York Harbor.

Ten years ago: President Clinton extolled the joys of democracy and asked the nation to honor America's independence by praising continued free rule in Russia as he spoke during a jamboree honoring the 200th anniversary of Youngstown, Ohio.

Five years ago: A Russian airliner crashed in Siberia, killing all 145 people aboard.

One year ago: President Bush, during an Independence Day visit to Morgantown, W.Va., urged resolve in the war in Iraq and said that the proper response is not retreat.



Foreign aid allows dictators to prosper

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, along with other G-8 leaders, have called for the doubling of foreign aid to African nations by 2010. The idea that foreign aid is a route out of poverty and political instability is not only bankrupt but a cruel and evil hoax as well.

Nearly every sub-Saharan African nation is poorer now than when they became independent during the '60s and '70s. Since that time, food production has fallen by roughly 20 percent. Since 1975, per capita GDP has fallen at a rate of half of 1 percent annually. Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo estimated, "Corrupt African leaders have stolen at least \$140 billion from their people in the [four] decades since independence." The call for more aid by George Bush, Tony Blair and other G-8 leaders

will produce nothing but more of the same.

Zimbabwe provides an excellent example of why foreign aid, as a way out of poverty, is a fool's errand. Salem University, Winston-Salem, N.C., professor Craig Richardson explores this further in "Learning from Failure: Property Rights, Land Reforms, and the Hidden Architecture of Capitalism," a paper written for the American Enterprise Institute's Development Policy Outlook Series (2006). Not that long ago, Zimbabwe was one of the more prosperous African countries. Professor Richardson writes, "Few countries have

failed as spectacularly, or as tragically, as Zimbabwe has over the past half decade. Zimbabwe has transformed from one of Africa's rare success stories into one of its worst economic and humanitarian disasters."

It has the world's highest rate of inflation, currently over 1,000 percent. To

put this into perspective, in 1995, one U.S. dollar exchanged for eight Zimbabwe dollars; today, one U.S. dollar exchanges for 100,000 Zimbabwe dollars. Unemployment hovers around 80 percent. Its financial institutions are collapsing. The specter of mass starvation hangs over a country that once exported food.

What's the cause? President Robert Mugabe blames domestic and foreign enemies, particularly England and the United States for trying to bring about his downfall. Of course, according to Mugabe, and some of the world's academic elite, there's that old standby excuse, the legacy of colonialism and multi-national firms exploiting the Third World. The drought is used to "explain" the precipitous drop in agricultural output. Then there's AIDS.

Let's look at drought and AIDS. Zimbabwe's next-door neighbor is Botswana. Botswana has the world's second-highest rate of AIDS infection, and if there's drought in Zimbabwe, there's likely a drought in Botswana, whose major geo-

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Walter Williams
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Texas Thoughts

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■ **June 25**
Houston Chronicle on a federal review of Texas' voting laws:

Jolting the leadership of their own party, Texas Republicans in the U.S. House helped block a vote on renewing a key section of the Voting Rights Act. Though the White House, leaders of both parties and a Republican-led committee all supported the bill, the Texans claimed it wrongly singled out this state and was, in any case, unneeded.

The Texans were half right. The 1965 Voting Rights Act, much of which is permanent, choked off the Jim Crow laws that kept minorities

from voting.

Section 5, which is up for renewal, made states with histories of voter discrimination get federal "preclearance" for any changes in their voting law. Texas is one of those states.

There was good reason to subject Texas to federal review. Civil rights lawyers would wrestle down one assault on rights a poll tax, or a literacy rule, or a morals test only to see Dixiecrats dream up a new one.

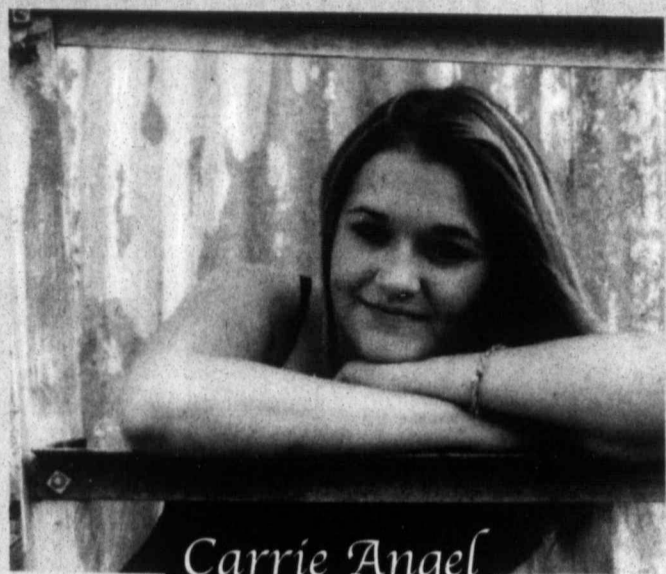
Section 5 switched the burden of defending voter rights from civil rights workers to the federal government. Today, the rule is especially useful at the local level, where council members and others might not be sensitive to a law or procedure that would have an adverse impact on racial minorities.

When the Voting Rights Act was passed, it was easy to spot attempts to disenfranchise minority voters. Most took place in the South. In recent years, though, attacks on voter rights and access to polling places have erupted all over the map. In the last presidential election, some of the most egregious violations occurred in Florida and Ohio states largely exempt from Section 5.

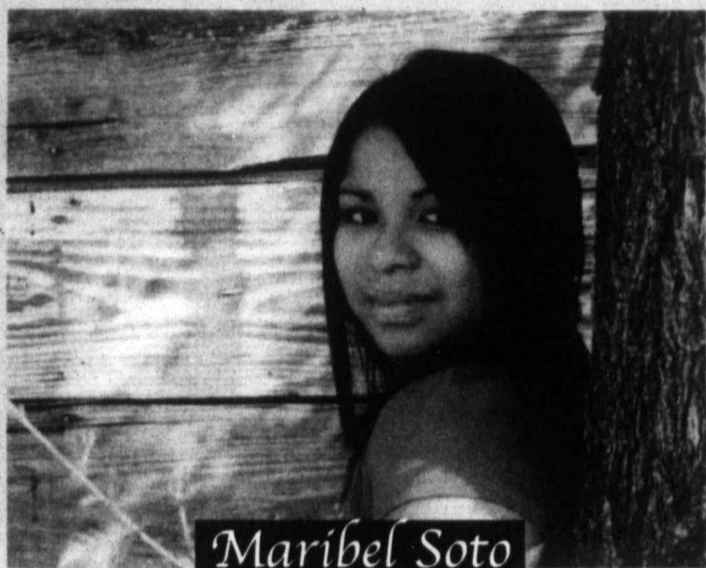
In an ideal world, the proposal of some Texas Republicans would indeed be law. The preclearance rule would apply to everyone. In reality, as the Texas delegation well knows, any such amendment to the Voting Rights Act would be a poison pill and prevent renewal. States now exempt from

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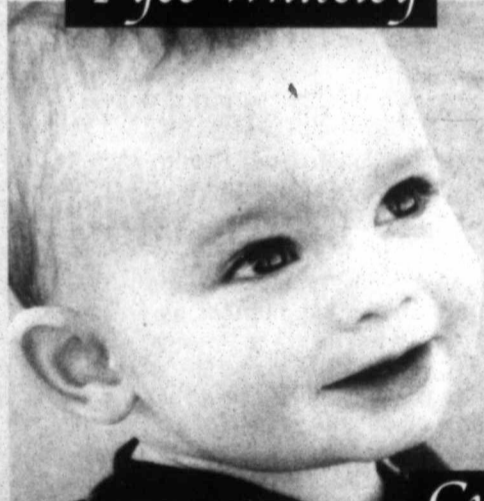
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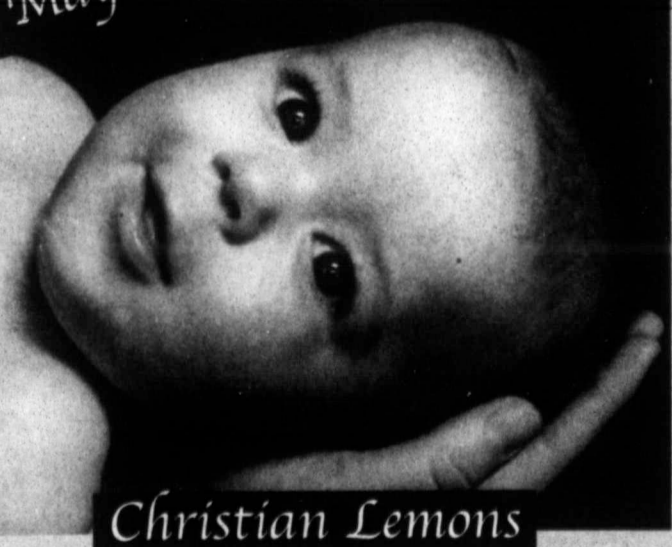
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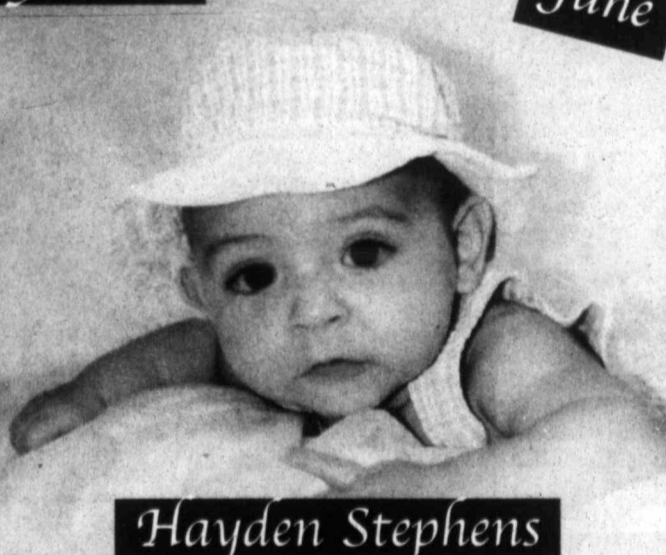
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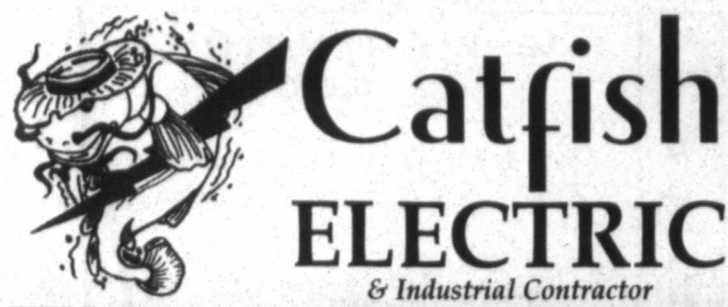
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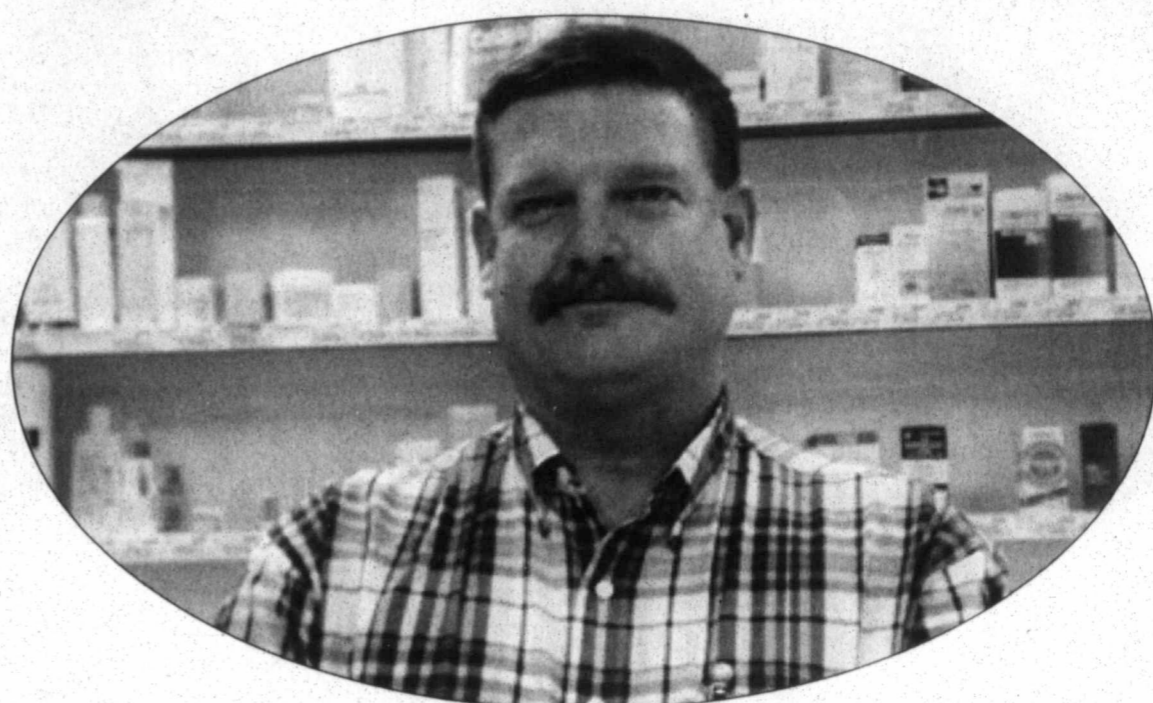
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BUSINESS REVIEW



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

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The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

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any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

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Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

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B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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Sports Day

Amarillo's Jalomo looks to improve his stock Friday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Amarillo boxer Tino Jalomo will be leaving for Hyannis, Mass., later tonight for a Friday night Super Middleweight fight against Joe "Sugar" Rea.

The match is an under card bout of CES Boxing's "Let Freedom Ring" event which will feature a main event match between highly ranked Joey "The KO Kid" Spina and opponent Jay Pina.

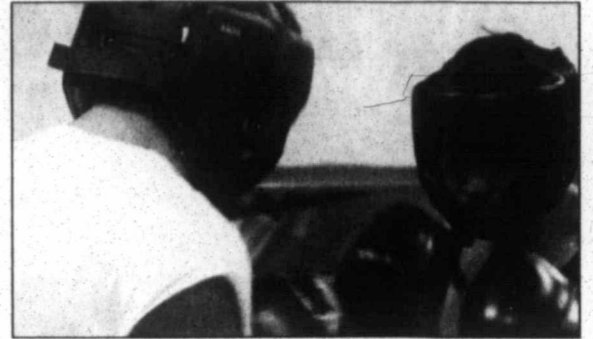
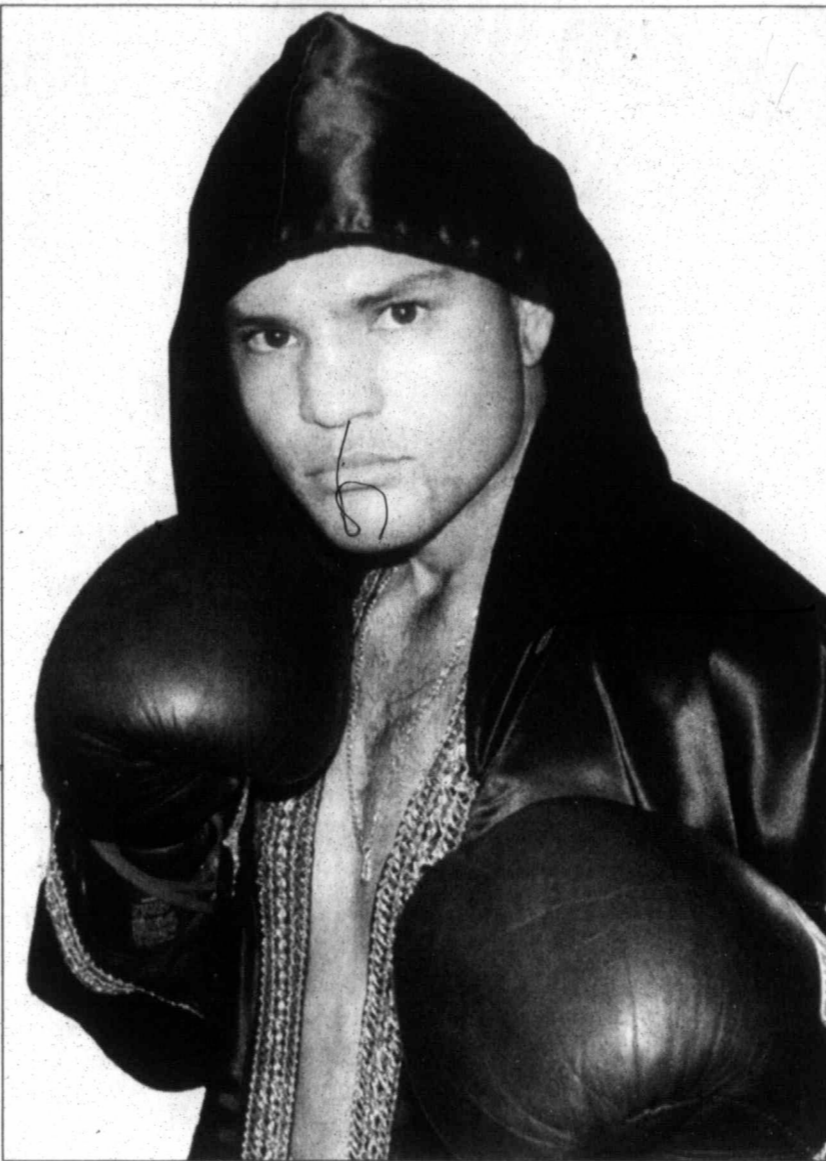
Jalomo is 2-0 since turning professional at the beginning of the year. He defeated Efran Javier Diaz, Feb. 16, in Fort Worth. His last bout came against Brandon Jackson in Dallas on May 19.

"I'm really looking forward to this fight," Jalomo said as he and trainer Jose Montanez worked out over the weekend. "I'm going to go and give it everything I have. Hopefully, it will be enough."

Jalomo, a former Texas State champion, is quick where Rea appears to pack plenty of power. Four of Rea's five wins have come by way of knockout. Jalomo's speed, agility and ring knowledge could cause Rea and trainer "Irish" Mickey Ward problems, however.

A win Friday night could propel Jalomo's stock, leading to more lucrative bouts as the Amarillo boxer continues to forge a name for himself in the Super Middleweight ranks.

More information on "Let Freedom Ring" can be obtained at www.cesboxing.com.



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▲ Valentino "Tino" (right) spars against an opponent in Amarillo June 24 in preparation for his Friday night match against Joe "Sugar" Rea in Hyannis, Mass. The Super Middleweight bout is part of CES Boxing's "Let Freedom Ring" event.

▲ Jalomo festooned in his boxing gloves and robe.

Canseco returns, promises 'devastating' steroids info

CHICO, Calif. (AP) - Jose Canseco's most entertaining stuff came hours before he stepped back onto the field, when he criticized Major League Baseball and promised more significant steroids information.

His on-field performance left a lot to be desired.

Canseco returned to professional baseball with a three-strikeout showing as the designated hitter for the San Diego Surf Dawgs in their 4-3 Golden Baseball League win over the Chico Outlaws on Monday night.

On the steroids front, he got everybody's attention again - calling for a "cleanup" in Major League Baseball and suggesting baseball officials might play favorites when it comes to penalties.

"The policy sounds great, but that's not the problem," he said in a news conference five hours before first pitch. "There are major problems not with the policies but the individuals who are instituting this policy. For example, and this is theoretical, if Roger Clemens gets tested and he gets tested positive and it comes back, what do these individuals do with this policy? I think it's going to depend on a case-to-case, player-to-player basis."

Canseco, who wrote a book that helped persuade baseball to toughen its steroids policy, received a smattering of boos and cheers before the game when he was announced, then again when he stepped into the batter's box leading off the second inning.

Astros, Rangers both win

Astros 7, Cubs 2

HOUSTON (AP) - Roger Clemens finally got some run support and won for the first time in his latest comeback.

"All in all, it was a good game," Clemens said. "The guys hit the ball, and that was a lot of fun to see."

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner allowed two runs and four hits and struck out five in five innings Monday night, leading the Houston Astros to a 7-2 win over the Chicago Cubs.

The 43-year-old earned his 342nd career victory, his first since beating the Cubs 3-1 in the second-to-last game of the 2005 regular season.

Lance Berkman homered twice and Preston Wilson had an RBI double as the Astros scored more than three runs for just the 13th time in Clemens' 35 starts since the beginning of last season.

The Astros still can't pinpoint why they struggle to score when Clemens pitches.

"It's not like we're trying to get shut out," Berkman said. "I guarantee you, if you take a poll of all the players in here, we don't care who's on the mound. We want to score runs every night."

Clemens (1-2) was hardly perfect - he walked three, threw a wild pitch and gave up a home run to Jacque Jones - but he still allowed two runs or fewer for the 19th time in his last 23 starts. He left after throwing 115 pitches.

"I know I'm on the fast track," Clemens said, "but I still expect certain results. I think that's the hardest thing I've got going right now."

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Rookie John

Rheinecker pitched seven strong innings and Mark DeRosa had three hits and three RBIs to lead the Texas Rangers to a 6-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

Rheinecker (4-2) gave up one run and five hits, struck out three and walked one for the Rangers, who had lost seven of eight.

Ted Lilly (8-8) nearly matched Rheinecker, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked three.

DeRosa, inserted into the starting lineup to give regular third baseman Hank Blalock a night off, led off the sixth with his fourth homer to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead.

Texas, which had scored 14 runs in its previous seven games, pushed across a run in the second on Jason Botts' sacrifice fly.

Rheinecker, who allowed 37 hits in his four previous starts, shut out the Blue Jays over the first five innings, allowing one hit.

Toronto started the day leading the majors in batting average (.297), slugging percentage (.488), hits and total bases.

Rheinecker retired six straight hitters before the Blue Jays opened the sixth by loading the bases on consecutive singles by Reed Johnson, Aaron Hill and Vernon Wells.

After Troy Glaus was retired on a pop-up, Johnson scored the tying run on Shea Hillenbrand's fielder's choice. Rheinecker got out of the inning with the score tied at 1 when Bengie Molina grounded out.

Texas stretched its lead to 5-1 with a three-run seventh against Pete Walker on Michael Young's RBI double and DeRosa's two-run single.

Young made it 6-1 in the eighth when he drove in a run with his major league-leading 30th double.

WIMBLEDON

Sharapova, Henin-Hardenne reach semis

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Former champion Maria Sharapova and five-time major winner Justine Henin-Hardenne reached the Wimbledon semifinals today with straight-set victories.

Sharapova, the winner in 2004, outplayed fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 6-1, 6-4 and is now in the semis at the All England Club for the third time and sixth time at a Grand Slam event.

Henin-Hardenne, hoping to complete a collection of all four Grand Slams by winning Wimbledon, beat French qualifier Severine Bremond 6-4, 6-4.

The fourth-seeded Sharapova will next face the winner of the quarterfinal between top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo and former French Open champion Anastasia Myskina.

No. 3 Henin-Hardenne, who hasn't dropped a set in five matches, will play No. 2 Kim Clijsters or Li Na, the first Chinese player to get this far at a Grand Slam.

Sharapova's match was briefly interrupted by a male streaker who got onto the court as she prepared to serve at 3-0 in the second set. She turned her back as the man did a cartwheel and a dance about 10 yards from her.

Two security guards wrapped a red blanket around the man and led him away. Sharapova showed no reaction while Dementieva gave a slight smile.

Sharapova beat Dementieva for the fifth time in six career matches. After saving a break point in the first game, she took control, winning seven straight games at one stretch to go up 4-0 in the second set.

Dementieva came back to 4-3 and had a chance to break for 4-4. But she failed to capitalize on two second serves, missing forehand returns both times. Sharapova held and served out the match two games later.

"I got off to a really good start," she said. "I put a lot of pressure on her serve. I played really solid but had a little bit of a letdown in the second set. I had a point for 5-0 on her serve, but played a sloppy point and she gained confidence."

Henin-Hardenne had a tougher-than-expected time before subduing the 26-year-old Bremond, the first qualifier to reach the Wimbledon quarters since 1999. The 129th-ranked Bremond won three qualifying-round matches and four main-draw matches.

Henin-Hardenne actually fell behind 3-2 in the first set, before breaking back to seize control. She hadn't lost more than three games in a set in her previous matches, but Bremond kept close by taking chances and going to the net.

"She played unbelievable tennis the last two weeks," Henin-Hardenne said. "I was ready to fight but I wasn't feeling very well in the beginning of the match. It took me a while to get a rhythm because she was coming to the net so much."

Henin-Hardenne reached her first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon in 2001, losing to Venus Williams. Since then, she has won the French Open three times and the U.S. Open and Australian Open once each.

"It's great to be back almost at the end of the tournament, and I hope to go to the final one more time," she said.

The men's quarterfinals are set for Wednesday, with three-time defending champion Roger Federer facing the player who last beat him on grass four years and 45 matches ago: Croatia's Mario Ancic.

The winner will face Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman or Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic. In the bottom half, the matchups are: 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt vs. Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis, and French Open champ Rafael Nadal vs. Jarkko Nieminen.

Stepanek, Baghdatis, Nadal and Nieminen reached the final eight at Wimbledon for the first time.

Ancic was a qualifier when he beat Federer 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3 in the first round of the 2002 championships. The Swiss star has since won seven Grand Slam titles and put himself in line to become one of the best players of all time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 5, 2006:

Listen to feedback from others, though you might not choose to internalize comments or act on them. Money matters need a firm hand, especially if you want to stay solvent and build on your present security. Optimism surrounds creativity and romance. Children also could add to the quality of your life. If you are single, having more roots and family will mark many of your decisions. Try not to isolate yourself, as you could be too comfortable. If you are attached, you build many more bonds, especially involving family and property. A new house could happen. Caring evolves. SCORPIO makes you laugh.

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)

★★★★ After the recent happenings, you will be pleased to settle down and relate to one person instead of a group. Frustration dealing with a friend or trying to force your way might not be worth it. Tonight: Quality time with someone you care about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Pressure might force you to want to stall. You might not even want to go to work, or you might want to vanish out of the limelight. Whatever you choose is fine and A-OK. Some time away from the pressure might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Pace yourself. What occurs in the morning might simply be a preview of what lies ahead. Wanting to step away

from problems is a very normal reaction. Don't put yourself down and allow these events to unfurl. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Money matters could be subject to revival and a different point of view. What is clear is that you don't have enough of a grasp on a changing situation. A risk could be ill-advised. Walk the conservative path. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Extremes punctuate your mood and decisions. Many people might tell you what is going on, but you don't want to hear it. Think positively. Your temper easily rages if you feel attacked. Maybe the motives involved are different. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you choose to kiss diplomacy goodbye, any additional flourish could add to the fiery nature of the situation. Facts, just facts, dear Virgo. Handling uncomfortable feelings could be a different issue. Tonight: Take your time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your expenses could easily get out of whack. You might want to think more carefully before you leap into action. Hassles greet those who are unwilling to get past their problems. Someone could be in a bad mood. Know when to step out of the line of fire. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Investigate what might be happening with others. Pressure builds as you juggle home and family. You have a lot to do, but perhaps you still want to take your time handling different issues. Precision goes far. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take your time and think rather than walk into a provocative situation.

You might be better off working behind the scenes or closing your door. Though you might not be able to be as expansive as you would like, you still get a lot done. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be ready to move on a key project or bring friends together. Someone key to this operation might be dragging his or her heels. Use this slowdown to positively enhance what you have in mind. You can never be too sure of yourself. Tonight: Have a good time with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take a step forward and assume a leadership position. Though you could deal with some touchy or negative people, you easily get past any hassles. You deal with someone directly, though he or she might not be able to understand where you are coming from. Tonight: A must show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take the high road. Think positively about a new break or different approach. You could pressure yourself even more than necessary. Know when to cut back and say enough. You have style and know-how. Tonight: Take in a different perspective.

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Voting

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Section 5 would furiously resist any attempt to rope them in, and administering universal application would be nearly impossible. The Texas lawmakers' second argument, unlike the first, is indefensible: "I don't think we have racial bias in Texas anymore," asserts the optimistic U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-Round Rock. Really? The controversial redistricting of Texas congressional districts (deemed

objectionable by the Justice Department's career lawyers) and recent attempts by the Legislature to require voter IDs suggest otherwise. House Republicans say they want to maximize justice in Texas. If they dropped their attack on the Voting Rights Act and worked to show Texas no longer discriminates, they would achieve their goal. Minority voters would continue to be protected by federal oversight until the state provides the welcome proof that federal oversight is unneeded.

Williams

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graphic feature is the Kalahari Desert, which covers 70 percent of its land mass. However, Botswana has one of the world's highest per capita GDP growth rates. Moody's and Standard & Poor gives Botswana an "A" credit rating, the best credit risk on the continent, a risk competitive with countries in central Europe and East Asia. Botswana compared to her other African neighbors prospers not because of foreign aid. There's rule of law, sanctity of contracts, and in 2004, Transparency International ranked Botswana as Africa's least corrupt country, ahead of many European and Asian countries. The World Forum rates Botswana as one of Africa's two most

economically competitive nations and one of the best investment opportunities in the developing world. Botswana shares a heritage with Zimbabwe, for it, too, was a British colony. What it doesn't share with Zimbabwe explains its success: the rule of law, minimal corruption and, most of all, respect for private property rights. No amount of western foreign aid can bring about the political and socioeconomic climate necessary for economic growth. Instead, foreign aid allows vicious dictators to remain in power. It enables them to buy the allegiance of cronies and the military equipment to oppress their own people, not to mention being able to set up "retirement" accounts in Swiss banks. The best thing westerners can do for Africa is to keep their money and their economic development "experts."

Water

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acre-feet from each source. The wellfield was originally brought on in an effort to improve water quality and increase water quantity. Horst said the cities' allocations, including Pampa's, will remain the same this year. But those allocations

could be cut as the water authority meets in October to decide water allocations for next year. Those steps could be taken based on computer models that show the lake could reach a point as early as next year if levels continue to drop where there would no longer be useable water storage. Satterwhite said, however, that those figures are preliminary. If drought planning is instituted by CRMWA, the

allocations for next year could drop to 70,000 acre-feet for the next few years. Well water could make up as much as 50,000 to 70,000 acre-feet as lake water allocations drop to as little as 6,000 acre-feet. Horst said that Pampa's mayor and commissioners showed great foresight in joining the bond issue proposed by CRMWA earlier this year, thus ensuring a steady supply of water for the community.

Injuries

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student fell on the playground and suffered a head injury. All five students were sent to see a doctor, Haenisch said. The good news is those were the last injuries reported in the district. There were none reported in April or May. The 2005-2006 school year started with a student running into a gym wall in August at Lamar. The student suffered a fractured wrist. In September, a member of the district staff injured a hand pulling out bleachers at the gym at Wilson. Haenisch said that while painful, there was no fracture. A student fell from the monkey bars at Travis in

October and suffered a fractured wrist. An Austin student suffered a cut on the chin in a playground fall that required sutures. A car ran over a student's foot before school at Pampa High School, but there were no fractures. A doctor put the student on crutches. Chemicals splashed in a student's eyes in biology lab at Pampa High. The student was sent to see a doctor. Also in October, a teacher at Wilson fell in the classroom and bruised a leg and a shoulder. In November, a Pampa High student closing a classroom window suffered superficial cuts when the window pane broke. Sutures were required, however, when a cafeteria worker cut her hand in December at Wilson. In January, an Austin student was sent to a doctor for evaluation of a wrist injury after falling on the playground. That same month, a

Travis student was sent to the doctor after falling from a swing, and another Travis student was sent to the doctor after suffering a cut from a fall on the sidewalk. Two Wilson students were sent to the doctor after suffering head injuries in falls on the playground. One of those also suffered cuts. An Austin student fell on his face on the playground in February and suffered a swollen nose. The student was sent to a doctor, Haenisch said. Also in February, a student at Lamar fell in a restroom. The student was sent to a doctor for evaluation of an elbow injury. A teacher fell in a doorway in February at Lamar and suffered a cut on the head. Sutures were required, Haenisch said. A cafeteria worker at Lamar suffered a cut finger in February, but the bleeding was stopped with pressure and a dressing.

Bell

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dollars a gallon for gasoline while the Legislature is robbing utility subsidies for poor people and Perry is bragging about a tax plan that gives oil companies and utilities a \$400 billion tax holiday. "The Legislature voted itself a pension increase while benefits for retired teachers haven't been raised in over a decade," Bell said. He said he wants to give teachers a \$6,000 raise to bring them up to the national average. "Don't get me wrong," he said. "I don't have any against property tax relief. I served five years as a member of the City of Houston

City Council. I think we put too much of the burden for funding government on the back of property owners. I helped lead the effort as a member of the Houston City Council for the first ever property tax rate rollback, and I didn't even need a court order to make me do it." Bell said that when it comes to stem cell research, it is a personal issue for him. "I watched my mom pass away in 1999 after she fought a 10-year battle with Parkinson's disease," Bell said. He said his wife, Allison, fought a successful battle against breast cancer. "What kind of son would I be and what kind of husband would I be," Bell said, "if I didn't do all I could to keep other families from

having to experience the same." Bell said that stem cell research, whether a person is suffering from Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, cancer, diabetes or any one of a number of other diseases, offers so much hope. "Rick Perry has said that as long as he's governor," Bell said, "he'll work to make sure that no taxpayer dollars go to the funding or promotion of stem cell research here in Texas. He's decided to drag it into the debate about abortion politics where it really doesn't belong." Bell said he believes God gave man the gift of science and technology so he can help mankind. "When Jesus cured the lepers," Bell said, "he didn't consult the Pharisees."

Pampa man arrested on drug charges

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A Pampa man was in Gray County jail on charges of possession of a controlled substance after being arrested early Monday morning. Eloyd Ernest Poland, 40, of Pampa, was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants shortly after midnight, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. As officers handcuffed Poland, deputies said he appeared to drop something from one of his hands. Officers found a white powdery substance on the floor. The substance was impounded for evidence for testing. In the meantime, Poland is also being held on municipal warrants charging him with driving without a valid license, not wearing a seat belt and failure to appear in court.

Rural development taking applications for producer grants

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Small Minority Producer Grant Program, according to USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel. Funding in the amount of \$1.473 million is available to cooperatives and associations of cooperatives whose governing board and/or membership is comprised of at least 75 producers with technical assistance such as market research, product or service improvement, legal assistance, feasibility studies, business plan and marketing plan development and training. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000. Applications, available online at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/SMPG/SM PG.htm> or at USDA Rural Development local offices. Local and area offices are in Pampa at 12125 E. Frederic, 806 665-1751; Panhandle, 221 Euclid, 806 537-3504; Wellington, 801 Fort Worth, 806 447-2575; and Clarendon, 321 S. Sully, 806 874-3561.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR M.K.: I received a ton of mail from supportive readers urging her to go. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I come from a small, rural town in Kentucky. During high school I did not have the easiest time. You see, I am gay. It was widely suspected in high school, and I had my share of teasing. After graduation I married a girl from my class only to have a daughter and divorce shortly thereafter. At 22, I finally came out of the closet, and shortly after, met the man of my dreams. We've been together more than 16 years and I'm very happy. My daughter, husband and I live together, and my life is better than I ever thought it could be. As I began planning our 20-year high school reunion, I was able to reconnect with all 120 students from my class. Time

has changed us all. Some of the guys who gave me a hard time back then have already apologized, and two of the biggest football players took me aside last week and told me that if anyone "bothered me" at the reunion I should let them know! We grow up a lot after getting out of the fish-bowl of high school. I say, go back. Dance, laugh, catch up with your friends and celebrate your youth. You will be surprised how the "big world" irons out our differences and makes us wise! — **TAB IN ILLINOIS**

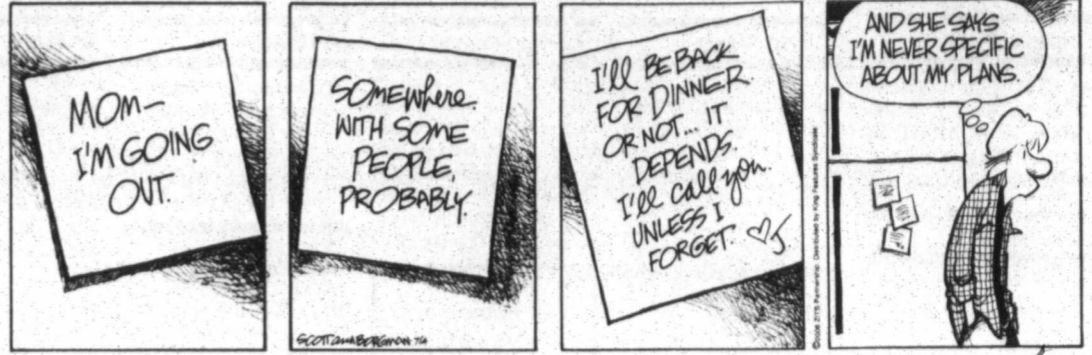
DEAR ABBY: I also had some very cruel classmates in high school, and had similar doubts for different reasons. I was the class "intellectual" and couldn't wait to get away to college, where I was happy for the first time in my life. I had been beaten up and my personal possessions had a way of turning up -- if at all -- in others' lockers. In addition, I was called every anti-Semitic epithet in the book. My husband and I went to my 20th reunion looking like a million. I organized a get-together that brought several of my best friends back, and we attended as a group. Most important, though, was learning that the worst of my tormentors was dumped just before college graduation by her boyfriend of 10 years, who then married her best friend. She got married on the rebound and couldn't come to the reunion because her husband had given her twin shiners in honor of the occasion. Don't use my name, please. Sign me ... **SCHADENFREUDE IN SALEM**

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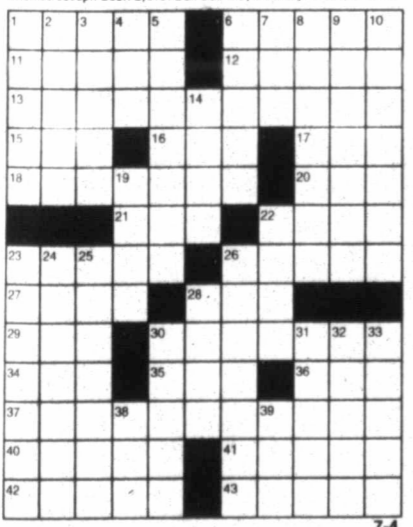
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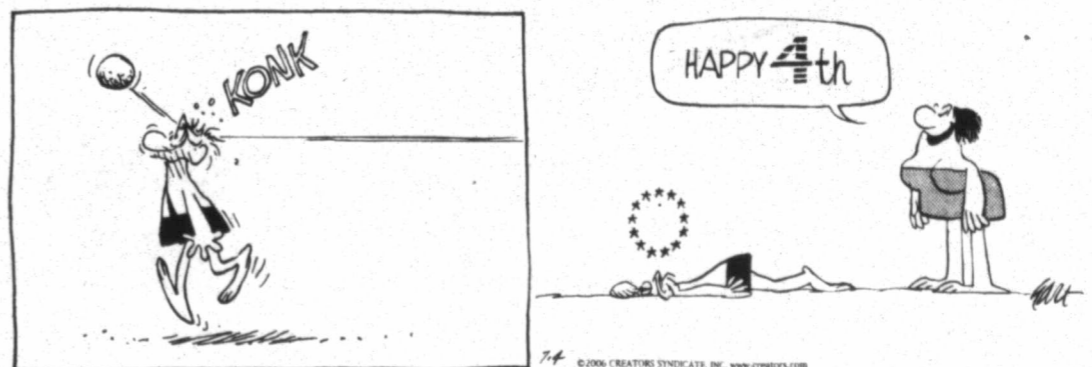


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