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U.S. to seek textile deal with China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration announced Thursday that it will try to reach a comprehensive agreement with China to stem a surge of clothing and textile imports flooding into the United States.

Officials said that a U.S. negotiating team will travel to San Francisco next week for two days of preliminary talks next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The administration has already re-imposed quotas on several categories of Chinese clothing imports at the request of the U.S. industry, which has contended that a surge of

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— David Spooner
Negotiator

shipments since global quotas were removed on Jan. 1 has cost thousands of U.S. textile jobs already and forced the closing of a number of plants.

David Spooner, the administration's special textile negotiator in the office of U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman, will lead the U.S. delegation, which will also be composed of officials from the departments of Commerce, State, Labor and Treasury.

"In our numerous consultations with our domestic textile and apparel industries and members of Congress, we heard unambiguous calls for a more comprehensive approach to textile trade with China," Spooner said in a statement announcing the decision. "As a result, we will commence negotia-

tions on a broad agreement with the Chinese."

Spooner noted that the decision was made after talks in recent days with industry officials and lawmakers including Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C.

The administration, struggling to get the needed votes to pass the Central American Free Trade Agreement last month, made a number of pledges in an effort to attract support from Republican textile state lawmakers. CAFTA passed by a slim two-vote majority in the House last month.

CCPC to begin nursing program



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Cynthia Morgan, left, and Denise Angton, right, both of Shamrock, are among applicants for Clarendon College-Pampa Center's new vocational nursing program, which will be taught by Sharron Rust, RN, center. Morgan and Angton had just learned that they had passed their pre-admission testing, one of the requirements for admission to the one-year course.

Applications now being accepted at local college

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A new vocational nursing program at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is now accepting applications, with classes to begin Jan. 15, 2006.

"This is a program to help students work toward taking the exam to become a licensed vocational nurse," said Sharron Rust, RN, nursing director for Clarendon College and instructor of the Pampa class.

Students who complete the one-year course could take the state exam as early as December 2006 to become LVNs, she said.

"We're pre-admission testing right now. We will select the class in September or October," Rust said.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED. They must take a pre-admission test, followed by an interview with the college's advisory committee.

A background check will be conducted on students selected for the course. Students will be

notified of the results of the check, Rust said, and must pass it in order to take the course.

The pre-admission test consists of math, science, English and reading comprehension questions, and is taken on a computer. The test can be scheduled and taken at the Pampa campus.

The class will be limited to 24 to 28 students.

Students who successfully complete the course can expect a background check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation before graduation, Rust said.

The course is not for those who aren't ready for hard work and long hours.

"You have to be fully dedicated, because it's a year of hard work. It's classes Monday through Friday, usually 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Clinicals are from 6 a.m. to 2 or 4 p.m.," Rust said.

"It's a long road, but it's a

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Local Boy Scout survives Jamboree heat, shakes President Bush's hands

Joshua Mulkey, 15, represented Pampa at the recent National Scout Jamboree and shook both of President George Bush's hands during closing ceremonies.

Joshua is a member of Pampa BSA Troop 413, and attended the gathering as a member of Jamboree Troop 1731.

Joshua is the son of Warren and Jeri Joiner of Pampa.

Roland Nunez, jamboree Troop 1731 scoutmaster, said Joshua was chosen for the honor because he is a good example of the qualities sought in scouting.

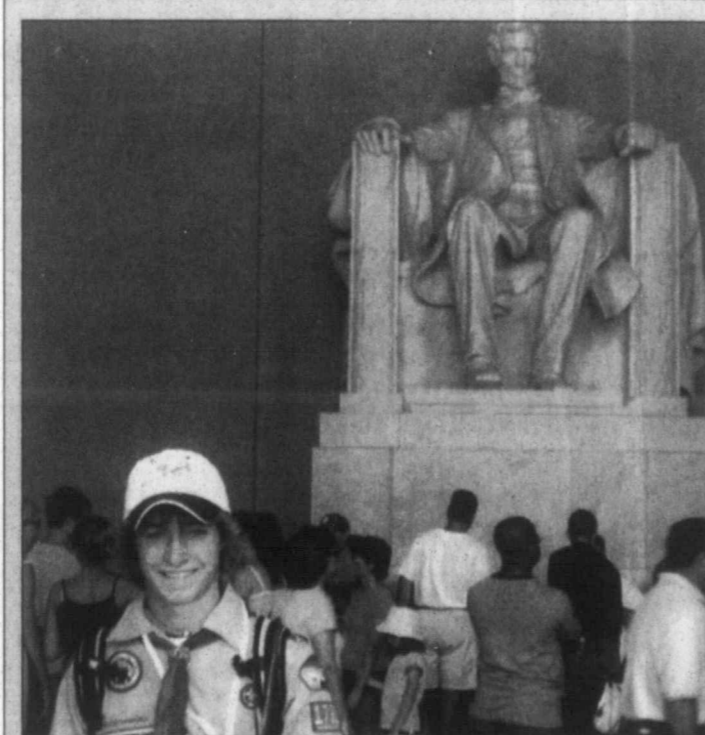
The Jamboree troop was made up of 37 scouts from 26 troops of the Golden Spread Council. Joshua was the only Pampa scout known to attend the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., according to his stepfather, Warren Joiner.

The Jamboree endured tragedy when four members of an Alaskan troop were electrocuted while erecting a large dining tent. The intense heat also claimed about 300 scouts who fell ill to heat exhaustion. The heat also caused cancellation of the opening ceremony.

The closing ceremony finally took place on July 31. When President Bush ended his speech, he left the stage and began to use both hands to shake hands with scouts. Joshua managed to thrust out two hands and had both the President's hands.

Joshua and the rest of Jamboree Troop 1731 returned on Aug. 3.

"Although it was really hot, I think I'd like to go back in 2010 as staff," Joshua said.



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He had been a resident of White Deer since 1960. He worked for Cabot and IRI for 37 years, retiring in 1995. He was a charter member of the White Deer Riding Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peace time.

Survivors include one daughter, Marla Jo Mitchell of White Deer; three sons, Kent Mitchell and wife Kebby of Dallas, Chuck Mitchell and wife Treacia, and Jim Bob Mitchell and wife Karla, all of White Deer; one brother, Jack Mitchell and wife Wanda of Pampa; one sister, Barbara Meadows and husband Sam of Briscoe; seven grandchildren, Layci Danner and husband Casey of Amarillo, Lenzi Hart and husband Donnie of Lubbock, Hayli Ketchum and husband Jason, Tanner Mitchell, Kaycia Mitchell, Riley Mitchell and Merrit

Mitchell, all of White Deer; six great-grandchildren, Aaron Danner of Pampa, Kieran Ketchum and Karson Ketchum, both of White Deer, Sydney Hart of Lubbock, Alec Danner and Alyx Danner, both of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Saylor Danner, in 2003.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, TX 79097; or the White Deer EMS, 309 W. 2nd, White Deer, TX 79097.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

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Mitchell

Walter Max Wade, 93

GROOM — Walter Max Wade, 93, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Seven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 2500 block of Duncan.

One business alarm was reported. Two open doors were checked.

Civil matters were reported in the 1400 block of Charles, the 2000 block of Duncan, and the police department lobby.

An animal complaint was received from the 900 block of Love.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Price.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1900 block of North Duncan.

Lost property was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. A wallet was lost.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Graham and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A coin operated machine was burglarized. Estimated loss is \$1,060.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Warren. An AM/FM/compact disc player valued at \$150 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehi-

cle was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A compact disc player valued at \$100 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. The vehicle is a 1995 Saturn.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster. A bicycle valued at \$75 was taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident concerned forged checks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. Minor injuries were reported.

Assault by threat was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

A hostage situation was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia. The incident resulted in an arrest.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, Aug. 8

1:12 p.m. — A 1998 Ford Escort ZX2, driven by Tami Jolene Reames, 35, 522 E. Browning, and a 1999 Ford Mustang, driven by Erica Granillo, 19, 419 N. Somerville, collided at the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Reames was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign, and no proof of financial responsibility.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

9:56 a.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Sandra Stroud Snow, 43, 2742 W. Harvester, and a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Danny Lynn McDowell Jr., 32, 412 E. Browning, collided in the

1000 block of West Somerville. No injuries were reported. Snow was cited for following too closely.

Gray County Sheriff's Sheriff

Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Aaron Tipton Robinson, 21, 344 Miami, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Hemphill County warrant for theft by check.

Jesus Javier Espinoza, 20, Fort Stockton, was arrested on a probation violation for fictitious registration.

Manuel Alvarez Rizo, 39, McLean, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for two counts of aggravated assault, and a bond forfeiture for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Aug. 11

7:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Amarillo.

10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Amarillo and transported a patient(s) to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

11:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Nursing

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very worthy cause. The employment's not too bad, and salaries are pretty good," she said.

The local need for nursing staff is a point in favor of graduates of the course when they seek employment, and is illustrated in the donations received by the fledgling CC-PC program.

Pampa Regional Medical Center and Parkview Hospital of Wheeler have both donated to the new program. PRMC's contributions include beds, a crib, an examination table, scales, and various bedside and over-the-bed tables.

Parkview Hospital has donated six beds and mattresses, a respiratory tent for cribs, a suction machine, and funds for several scholarships.

LVNs who decide to progress to the next step in nursing may receive partial reimbursement from their employers to pursue their registered nurse studies, Rust said.

"I hope to build an RN program here," she said. "That's probably five years into the future."

Rust has been nursing program director for Clarendon College for the past five years. The Pampa program will be a satellite, or mirror, program of the one in Clarendon, she said.

"We are fully accredited

for vocational nursing," Rust said.

Rust is a graduate of Amarillo College and is currently working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at West Texas A&M University. She said she plans to pursue a master's after receiving her bachelor's.

Rust worked for the BSA hospital system for 20 years before becoming an instructor and program director at Clarendon College. Her work in Amarillo included charge nurse in the emergency room of St. Anthony's Hospital.

The Port Arthur native was raised in Salida, Colo., and lives in Amarillo.

For more information on the vocational nursing course, call 665-8801.

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BP PLC ADR	71.16	+0.58
Cabot Corp	43.75	+0.52
Celanese	19.40	+0.28
Cabot Oil Gas	43.75	+0.52
Coca Cola	43.90	NC
VLO	92.15	+1.38
HAL	59.65	+0.58
TRI	47.47	+0.02
KMI	94.71	+0.86
XCEL	19.31	+0.23
Kerr McGee	86.38	-0.01
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Three people lose lives in flood waters

COMANCHE, Texas (AP) — At least three people died Wednesday in flood waters created by heavy rains in Central Texas.

One woman died after she was swept away by a swollen stream in front of her home. And two men died when their pickup trucks were swept into a rain-swollen creek.

Donna Allison Farney, 58, was returning home from work Wednesday morning when she stopped at a concrete crossing in front of her Gatesville house. Her home was overrun with rushing water from a stream, Coryell County Sheriff Johnny Burks said.

She called the house and talked to her husband, who told her to wait. Farney's husband then got in his truck to help his wife, but she was gone. Officials found the woman's body more than a half-mile downstream, Burks said in the Waco Tribune-Herald's Thursday editions.

Meanwhile, Comanche County Sheriff Jeff Lambert said

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Comanche County Sheriff

pulled the bodies of Candelario Medina, 35, and James Lowell Bearden, 72, from Mountain Creek south of Comanche. Both men were from Comanche.

Searchers were called out after a man driving a tractor-trailer rig reported seeing a pickup truck being swept into the creek. The man's 18-wheeler stalled out on the bridge over

the creek. "He was able to tell us that he had been passed by a vehicle and when he got in the water, he saw the taillights of the vehicle going downstream," Lambert said.

The two victims were driving separate trucks south on Highway 16, Lambert said. He said the bodies were found about two miles downstream. One vehicle was recovered and the search was to resume today for the second.

According to National Weather Service radar, storms Wednesday dropped up to 10 inches of rain from southeast of Abilene to near Temple.

The heaviest rainfall was reported around Brownwood. Numerous roads in the Gatesville area were closed by high water during the day but water receded in most areas by Wednesday night.

Lambert said Mountain Creek rarely floods at the bridge as it did on Wednesday.

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Crawford site of war protest

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Cindy Sheehan's cornflower blue eyes well with tears when she talks about her oldest son, Casey, who sometimes laughed so hard while sipping a soft drink that it sprayed out of his nose.

The easygoing young man with a quiet wit had joined the Army in 2000, never imagining he would see combat. Five days after he arrived in Iraq last year, the 24-year-old was killed in Sadr City.

'Before my son was killed, I used to think that one person could not make a difference.'

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Protest leader

The Vacaville, Calif., mother knows nothing can bring back her son, but she wants to talk to President Bush. She has been camping out along a road near his ranch since Saturday, vowing to remain until his Texas visit ends later this month. And her makeshift campsite is growing with dozens of supporters from across the country.

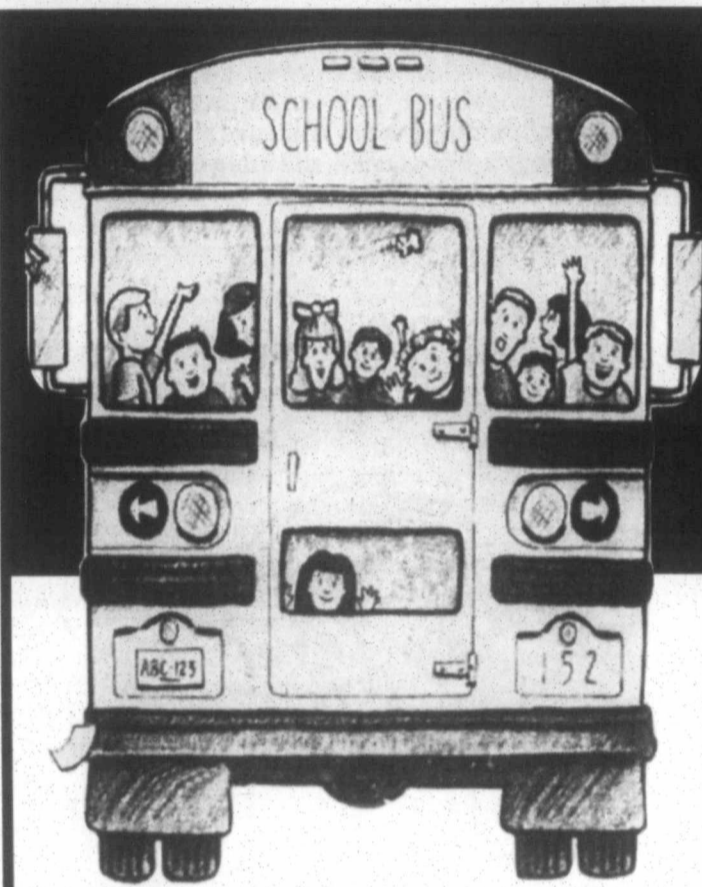
"Before my son was killed, I used to think that one person could not make a difference," she said Wednesday under a tent where she has slept since arriving. "But one person that is surrounded and supported by millions of people can be heard."

Two high-level Bush administration officials, the national security adviser and deputy White House chief of staff talked to Sheehan on Saturday. But she called the 20-minute meeting "pointless."

By Wednesday, about 50 people had joined her cause, pitching tents in muddy, shallow ditches and hanging anti-war banners; two dozen others have sent flowers. One activist called her "the Rosa Parks of the anti-war movement." Her name was among the most popular search topics Wednesday on Internet blogs.

The soft-spoken Sheehan, 48, is surprised and touched at the overwhelming response — most of which is positive, she says.

But not everyone supports her. Kristinn Taylor, co-leader of the Washington, D.C., chapter of FreeRepublic.com, said Sheehan's protest is misguided and is hurting troop morale.



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Mr. Mitchell was born April 25, 1933, in Goodlett. He was reared in Wheeler, graduating from Wheeler High School in 1952. He married Mary Riley on Sept. 26, 1953, in Wheeler. She preceded him in death on Nov. 10, 1993.

He had been a resident of White Deer since 1960. He worked for Cabot and IRI for 37 years, retiring in 1995. He was a charter member of the White Deer Riding Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peace time.

Survivors include one daughter, Marla Jo Mitchell of White Deer; three sons, Kent Mitchell and wife Kebby of Dallas, Chuck Mitchell and wife Trecia, and Jim Bob Mitchell and wife Karla, all of White Deer; one brother, Jack Mitchell and wife Wanda of Pampa; one sister, Barbara Meadows and husband Sam of Briscoe; seven grandchildren,

Layci Danner and husband Casey of Amarillo, Lenzi Hart and husband Donnie of Lubbock, Hayli Ketchum and husband Jason, Tanner Mitchell, Kaycia Mitchell, Riley Mitchell and Merrit

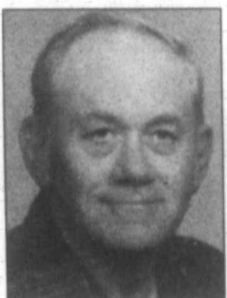
Mitchell, all of White Deer; six great-grandchildren, Aaron Danner of Pampa, Kieran Ketchum and Karson Ketchum, both of White Deer, Sydney Hart of Lubbock, Alee Danner and Alyx Danner, both of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Saylor Danner, in 2003.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, TX 79097; or the White Deer EMS, 309 W. 2nd, White Deer, TX 79097.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

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



Mitchell

Walter Max Wade, 93

GROOM — Walter Max Wade, 93, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Seven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 2500 block of Duncan.

One business alarm was reported. Two open doors were checked.

Civil matters were reported in the 1400 block of Charles, the 2000 block of Duncan, and the police department lobby.

An animal complaint was received from the 900 block of Love.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Price.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1900 block of North Duncan.

Lost property was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. A wallet was lost.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Graham and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A coin operated machine was burglarized. Estimated loss is \$1,060.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Warren. An AM/FM/compact disc player valued at \$150 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehi-

cle was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A compact disc player valued at \$100 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. The vehicle is a 1995 Saturn.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster. A bicycle valued at \$75 was taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident concerned forged checks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. Minor injuries were reported.

Assault by threat was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

A hostage situation was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia. The incident resulted in an arrest.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, Aug. 8

1:12 p.m. — A 1998 Ford Escort ZX2, driven by Tamie Jolene Reames, 35, 522 E. Browning, and a 1999 Ford Mustang, driven by Erica Granillo, 19, 419 N. Somerville, collided at the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Reames was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign, and no proof of financial responsibility.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

9:56 a.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Sandra Stroud Snow, 43, 2742 W. Harvester, and a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Danny Lynn McDowell Jr., 32, 412 E. Browning, collided in the

1000 block of West Somerville. No injuries were reported. Snow was cited for following too closely.

Gray County Sheriff's Sheriff

Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Aaron Tipton Robinson, 21, 344 Miami, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Hemphill County warrant for theft by check.

Jesus Javier Espinoza, 20, Fort Stockton, was arrested on a probation violation for fictitious registration.

Manuel Alvarez Rizo, 39, McLean, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for two counts of aggravated assault, and a bond forfeiture for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Aug. 11

7:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Amarillo.

10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Amarillo and transported a patient(s) to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

11:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Nursing

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very worthy cause. The employment's not too bad, and salaries are pretty good," she said.

The local need for nursing staff is a point in favor of graduates of the course when they seek employment, and is illustrated in the donations received by the fledgling CC-PC program.

Pampa Regional Medical Center and Parkview Hospital of Wheeler have both donated to the new program. PRMC's contributions include beds, a crib, an examination table, scales, and various bedside and over-the-bed tables.

Parkview Hospital has donated six beds and mattresses, a respiratory tent for cribs, a suction machine, and funds for several scholarships.

LVNs who decide to progress to the next step in nursing may receive partial reimbursement from their employers to pursue their registered nurse studies, Rust said.

"I hope to build an RN program here," she said. "That's probably five years into the future."

Rust has been nursing program director for Clarendon College for the past five years. The Pampa program will be a satellite, or mirror, program of the one in Clarendon, she said.

"We are fully accredited

for vocational nursing," Rust said.

Rust is a graduate of Amarillo College and is currently working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at West Texas A&M University. She said she plans to pursue a master's after receiving her bachelor's.

Rust worked for the BSA hospital system for 20 years before becoming an instructor and program director at Clarendon College. Her work in Amarillo included charge nurse in the emergency room of St. Anthony's Hospital.

The Port Arthur native was raised in Salida, Colo., and lives in Amarillo.

For more information on the vocational nursing course, call 665-8801.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.93
Milo	3.16
Corn	3.93
Soybeans	5.48

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

OXY	82.71	+0.58
BP PLC ADR	71.16	+0.58
Cabot Corp	43.75	+0.52
Celanese	19.40	+0.28
Cabot Oil Gas	43.75	+0.52
Coca Cola	43.90	NC
VLO	92.15	+1.38
HAL	59.65	+0.58
TRI	47.47	+0.02
KMI	94.71	+0.86
XCEL	19.31	+0.23
Kerr McGee	86.38	-0.01
XOM	60.92	+1.02
Limited	24.39	-0.03
Williams	22.19	+0.48
MCD	33.31	+0.61
Atmos	29.49	+0.34
Pioneer Nat	43.09	+0.99
JCP	52.30	+0.25
COP	66.46	+0.82
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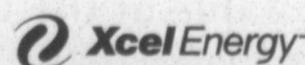


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Three people lose lives in flood waters

COMANCHE, Texas (AP) — At least three people died Wednesday in flood waters created by heavy rains in Central Texas.

One woman died after she was swept away by a swollen stream in front of her home. And two men died when their pickup trucks were swept into a rain-swollen creek.

Donna Allison Farney, 58, was returning home from work Wednesday morning when she stopped at a concrete crossing in front of her Gatesville house. Her home was overrun with rushing water from a stream, Coryell County Sheriff Johnny Burks said.

She called the house and talked to her husband, who told her to wait. Farney's husband then got in his truck to help his wife, but she was gone. Officials found the woman's body more than a half-mile downstream. Burks said in the Waco Tribune-Herald's Thursday editions.

Meanwhile, Comanche County Sheriff Jeff Lambert said searchers

'He was able to tell us that he had been passed by a vehicle and when he got in the water, he saw the taillights of the vehicle going downstream.'

— Jeff Lambert
Comanche County Sheriff

pulled the bodies of Candelario Medina, 35, and James Lowell Bearden, 72, from Mountain Creek south of Comanche. Both men were from Comanche.

Searchers were called out after a man driving a tractor-trailer rig reported seeing a pickup truck being swept into the creek. The man's 18-wheeler stalled out on the bridge over

the creek.

"He was able to tell us that he had been passed by a vehicle and when he got in the water, he saw the taillights of the vehicle going downstream," Lambert said.

The two victims were driving separate trucks south on Highway 16, Lambert said. He said the bodies were found about two miles downstream. One vehicle was recovered and the search was to resume today for the second.

According to National Weather Service radar, storms Wednesday dropped up to 10 inches of rain from southeast of Abilene to near Temple.

The heaviest rainfall was reported around Brownwood. Numerous roads in the Gatesville area were closed by high water during the day but water receded in most areas by Wednesday night.

Lambert said Mountain Creek rarely floods at the bridge as it did on Wednesday.

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Crawford site of war protest

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Cindy Sheehan's cornflower blue eyes well with tears when she talks about her oldest son, Casey, who sometimes laughed so hard while sipping a soft drink that it sprayed out of his nose.

The easygoing young man with a quiet wit had joined the Army in 2000, never imagining he would see combat. Five days after he arrived in Iraq last year, the 24-year-old was killed in Sadr City.

'Before my son was killed, I used to think that one person could not make a difference.'

— Cindy Sheehan
Protest leader

The Vacaville, Calif., mother knows nothing can bring back her son, but she wants to talk to President Bush. She has been camping out along a road near his ranch since Saturday, vowing to remain until his Texas visit ends later this month. And her makeshift campsite is growing with dozens of supporters from across the country.

"Before my son was killed, I used to think that one person could not make a difference," she said Wednesday under a tent where she has slept since arriving. "But one person that is surrounded and supported by millions of people can be heard."

Two high-level Bush administration officials, the national security adviser and deputy White House chief of staff talked to Sheehan on Saturday. But she called the 20-minute meeting "pointless."

By Wednesday, about 50 people had joined her cause, pitching tents in muddy, shallow ditches and hanging anti-war banners; two dozen others have sent flowers. One activist called her "the Rosa Parks of the anti-war movement." Her name was among the most popular search topics Wednesday on Internet blogs.

The soft-spoken Sheehan, 48, is surprised and touched at the overwhelming response — most of which is positive, she says.

But not everyone supports her. Kristinn Taylor, co-leader of the Washington, D.C., chapter of FreeRepublic.com, said Sheehan's protest is misguided and is hurting troop morale.

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Viewpoints

More violence further complicates border issue

I was surprised how many people were interested in my last column, the one concerning illegal aliens and the Mexican border in southern New Mexico.

People in Pampa have commented on both sides of the issue. I have no problem with somebody crossing a border seeking a better life. Obviously, there is a problem, and I think there needs to be at the very least a work permit program for those people. It could perhaps lead to U.S. citizenship if they wished.

You see, I'm a romantic. I believe in the Statue of Liberty. I believe in "Give us your cold, your tired, your hungry."

I'm a product of Bavarian, French, Scottish and Irish ancestry. I am an American. Not a hyphenated American,

an American.

I'm not a nation. I'm not an ideologue. I don't deal with massive groups of people. As a photographer, I tend to deal with people on an individual basis.

I have a great deal of respect for the man I met in an El Paso colonia several years ago. Born in Mexico, he came to the United States, became a naturalized citizen and was trying to make a living.

He lived in a one-room shack without electricity and without running water. He was at the center of a legal battle around El Paso concerning unscrupulous developers who were selling plots of ground in the desert for \$30 down and \$30 a month for the rest of your life to unwary and unsophisticated buyers, mostly Hispanics,

some legal, some not.

The man I met was about 70, spoke little or no English, raised chickens and sold eggs to make a living. He lived about a mile north of H u e c o Tanks State Park where a naturally occurring spring bubbled up amid the rocks in the desert.

But the man I met wasn't allowed to walk over to the state park and get water. He had to walk three miles down the highway where a generous service station / convenience store manager allowed him to fill his scavenged plastic gallon jugs with water and carry them back to his home. And home

it was.

As we stood in front of his home made of packing crates, the old man eyed me keenly and said through my interpreter that his home may not look like much, but it was his.

"E s t e m i o," he said with the fierce pride of home ownership.

He explained that this place was his palace.

I have a great deal of respect for that man. In the face of a lot of adversity, he was living the American dream.

I have no problem with people coming to this country seeking a better life.

They are the ones that made this country great.

The ranchers I know along the border, like many of the people with whom I've talked in Pampa, are split on the issue. Some, if they see migrants walking across their land, heading north from the border, will simply ignore them and let them go on their way. Some will call the Border Patrol.

The rancher near Columbus, N.M., with whom I spent some time this summer, admits that for most of his life he fell into the former group, but that's changing. He complains about a new breed of migrant. Over the last few years, there are more cut fences and more trash. The migrants seem to be younger and more confrontational.

A lot of the rancher's

complaints are about the nuisance of litter, but the thing that worries him most, and me, is the violence.

Bandits live in the hills behind his house. They are on his land, and there is little that he can do about it.

In broad strokes, our government tends to treat all migrant workers the same. There is no distinction between those willing workers and those looking for free handouts or a few bucks taken at the point of a gun.

Perhaps the saddest part is that the people who are being held up are those who can least afford it.

Something should be done concerning undocumented workers. Not out of any altruism, but because our economy demands them. I

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David Bowser
Staff Writer

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2005. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 11, 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev.

In 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Vichy government official Pierre Laval publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock died in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1978, chiefs of state and foreign dignitaries arrived in Vatican City for the funeral of Pope Paul VI.

In 1992, the Mall of America, the biggest U.S. shopping mall, opened in Bloomington, Minn.

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Our readers write

Businesses should succeed or fail on their own without taxpayers' help

The city government is at it again. It seems they just cannot stand to see progress. Since the recent dissolution of the economic development corporation, Pampa has experienced a lot of economic development without the interference of government.

Pampa has seen the construction of a Super Wal-Mart. A new strip mall is being built right next to it. Two new motels are in the process of being built. A very nice auto body shop on the corner of Hobart and Foster is up and running. RJ's Hot Shot has been doing business in Pampa for

several months now. These are just the new businesses I know about. There are probably many other ventures where entrepreneurs are risking their own capital because of market forces. If they are wrong, they will pay the price — not the taxpayer. The point is, these people are risking their own money.

Government, regardless of how honorable or noble their intentions, cannot possibly weigh the risk of a particular venture as well as the people who risk their own money. It is always risky to enter into business. The pri-

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Human rights versus property rights

In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent 5-4 ruling in *Kelo v. New London*, statements have been made about property rights that are demonstrative of the paucity of understanding among some within the legal profession. Carolyn Lochhead's recent San Francisco Chronicle article, "Foes Unite in Defense of Property," reports on the coalition building in Congress to deny federal funds to cities that use laws of eminent domain to take private property for the benefit of another private party.

But it's the article's report on a statement made by a representative of People for the American Way, lead

opponents to constitutionalists being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, that I'd like to address. According to Ms. Lochhead's article, "Elliot Minberg, the group's legal director, said the case [*Kelo v. New London*] had been brought by the Institute for Justice as part of an effort by conservatives to elevate property rights to the same level of civil rights such as freedom of speech and religion, in effect taking the nation back to the pre-New Deal days when the courts

ruled child labor laws unconstitutional." To posit a distinction between civil or human rights on the one hand and property rights on the other reflects little understanding. Let's look at it.

My computer is my property. Does it have any rights — like the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Are there any constitutional guarantees held by my computer? Anyone, except maybe a lawyer, would agree that to think of property as possessing rights is unadul-

terated nonsense. So where do property rights come in? Property rights are human rights to use economic goods and services. Private property rights contain your right to use, transfer, trade and exclude others from use of property deemed yours. The supposition that there's a conflict or difference between human rights to use property and civil rights is bogus and misguided.

Let's go back to my computer example. Suppose someone steals my computer. Hasn't he violated my rights to my property and hence, my human or civil

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Walter Williams
Columnist

Web page building for beginners, part two

Last week, I discussed HTML and how it is used to create web pages. This week, let's jump into some of the particulars of this design process.

Location is everything. You might have heard this one before, but it bears repeating: The Internet only has two different kinds of computers connected to it: clients and servers. A client computer is used to GET information from the Internet. Your computer at your home or office is considered a client. Clients are mainly used to receive information. Every now and then, you may SEND some information (like e-mail), but for the most part, you are using it to RECEIVE.

Servers, on the other hand, usually sit in a closet somewhere. No one sits down and types on them. They are connected to the Internet 24 hours a day, 7

days a week (usually shortened to the term, 24/7). Their sole duty is to divvy out information whenever a CLIENT requests it. That's right, folks. ALL the information on the Internet (including Web pages), must be stored on servers. You can design your pages on your client PC, but in order for the rest of the world to see them, they must reside on a server.

While that may sound a bit inconvenient, think about it: "Would you really want the rest of the world to have access to your home computer?" Trust me, it's safer this way.

So, how do we get those pages to the server? Well, they must be uploaded to the server. What is "uploading,"

you ask? The best memory trick for this term is to always picture the server as being "above you." If you need to transfer a file from a server, you UPLOAD it. If you need to transfer a file from a server to client, you DOWNLOAD it. Got it?

Downloading can be done with any browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape.) However, uploading is more difficult. Ready for a new term? FTP. File Transfer Protocol is the method used to transfer many computer files around the Internet. It can be used for uploading and downloading, but most people use it for uploading Web pages to a server.

For those of you using an

HTML design program like Front Page or Dreamweaver, understand that when you hit the "Publish" button, you are, in effect, uploading (or FTPing) your pages to a server. The process is just hidden from you.

Several great FTP programs exist. My two favorites are WS-FTP LE and CuteFTP. You can find either at <http://download.com> by searching on their names. But before you run out and download one of those little programs, know this: These programs were designed by computer geeks FOR computer geeks. I have yet to come across a user-friendly FTP program. Needless to say, read the included instructions carefully before pressing a button.

Now that we have the methodology (great word to

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Art show



Artists Linda Nowell of Pampa and Amy Winton of Lipscomb are currently exhibiting their art through Aug. 25 at Baker Art Center in Liberal, Kan. The above picture is of Winton at her easel painting. Nowell produces fine pottery that is functional and artistic. She was Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year in 2001 and has received numerous awards. Winton is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the American Plains Artists. She has received numerous awards. Her work hangs in collections in Austria, Russia, Mexico, Canada, Texas, and both Coasts.

Border

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would like to see a working permit program.

The question is: Will anything be done about the outlaws in the hills, or will we wait until they come down and start to feed on the righteous white folk who own the land we won't protect?

Many crossing the border are seeking the American dream, like the old man in El Paso, and are willing to work to achieve it, but will we protect them even if they are not U.S. citizens? Will we hide behind the strict interpretation of the law?

Does it really depend upon what your definition of "is" is, or is it a matter of those certain inalienable rights, endowed by our Creator, for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Just because something is legal, doesn't make it right.

Rights

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rights? Or, alternatively, if I throw my computer through your window, it's not my computer that's violated your human rights; it's I. Why? Because I've used my computer in a fashion that infringes on your human rights to your property.

That it's bogus to make a distinction between human, civil and property rights can be seen in another way. In a free society, each person is his own private property; I own myself and you own yourself. That's why it's immoral to rape or murder. It violates a person's property rights. The fact of self-ownership also helps explain why theft is immoral. In order for self-ownership to be meaningful, a person must have ownership rights to what he produces or earns. A good working description of slavery is that it is a condi-

tion where a person does not own what he produces. What he produces belongs to someone else. Therefore, if someone steals my computer, he's violated my ownership rights to my computer, which I earned through my labor, and therefore my human or civil rights to keep what I produce.

Creating false distinctions between human rights and property rights plays into the hands of Democrat and Republican party socialists who seek to control our lives. If we buy into the notion that somehow property rights are less important, or are in conflict with, human or civil rights, we give the socialists a freer hand to attack our property.

As President John Adams (1797-1801) put it, "Property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty." Adding, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence."

Internet

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impress people at parties with) to transfer Web pages to servers, how do we actually write them?

Let me answer that question by asking you another: If you design a Web page on a Windows PC, can a Macintosh user view it? Or do you have to write a "Mac version" also? The answer to the first question is an emphatic "yes." No matter what kind of computer you use to design your pages, ANY computer (client) can view it. The reason lies in the FILE TYPE of all Web pages.

Web pages are TEXT files. All computer files can be divided into two categories: Text and Binary. Text files consist ONLY of ABC's and 123's. No special, weird-looking codes exist in text files. Binary files DO contain special characters. Have you ever received an e-mail message that just looked like a bunch of funky codes on your screen? That was a corrupted binary file. Text files just have letters of the alphabet, numbers, and basic punctuation in them. ALL computers understand and can interpret text files.

To write web pages, you need a text editor. Windows comes with one called Notepad. You can see it by clicking on the START button, PROGRAMS, ACCESSORIES, and then Notepad. All files saved with Notepad are saved as text files. You can use a word processor like

Microsoft Word to create text files, but it is a bit more complicated.

You need to become familiar with these three terms: Web site, Web page and home page. A Web site is like a book. A book consists of many pages, and so a Web site consists of many Web pages. A company or organization usually only has one Web site. That Web site consists of hundreds, or even thousands of Web pages. A Web page is, well, like one page in that book. You may have one page selling this product, or another page explaining this idea. More importantly, you need to understand that each Web page is a computer file.

Home pages are Web pages. However, they are special Web pages. Think of the home page as the table of contents in that book. A table of contents has two purposes: to show you WHAT is in the book and to show you WHERE it is. A home page is also like the "front door" to a Web site. It's where you want the visiting public to go first. From there, they can go to any other page on the site. All Web sites only have ONE home page.

What do you name your Web pages? Where do you go to find a reliable server? How do you choose a ".com" address? Find out next week!

I'll see you in Cyberspace!
—Eric Spellmann is the owner of Spellmann & Associates, a corporate technology training facility in Amarillo. Besides his weekly column, he produces technology segments for his local ABC television affiliate and speaks at numerous conferences.

Community happenings

KVII-TV Prowns7 and ABC will host an open casting call for ABC's hit series "The Bachelor" from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday at Amarillo Civic Center. Applicants simply need to show up to the casting call, fill out an application and be ready to go in front of the camera. Full details, including eligibility requirements, are also available at www.kvii.com.

The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast at the Big Texan in Amarillo will be Saturday with Bill Crenshaw, a former Matador cowboy, as the headliner. For more information, contact the Big Texan.

Carson County Historical Commission will meet at approximately 8 p.m. Monday at Hazlewood Building located in Carson County Square House Museum. The meeting is scheduled immediately following a gathering of the board of trustees. Updates on ongoing programs and plans for future projects will be discussed during the gathering. The meeting is open to the public.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will conduct a blood drive between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt and hot dog. To schedule an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-574-8800.

Letter

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This current crop of "city fathers" will assure us they know best. Of course they want to invest in Pampa — the only difference is, they want to invest your money instead of theirs. If they really want to help provide a healthy business environment, they should be considering reducing taxes, not raising them. Enough is enough!

Wade A. Mitchell
Pampa

Cabbie says fugitive couple said they were headed to an Amway meeting

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

— The cab driver who picked up a couple suspected in the slaying of a Tennessee prison guard during a courthouse escape said today the two told him they were going to an Amway convention but their story just "didn't really seem to wash."

Mike Wagers said he drove George and Jennifer Hyatte about 115 miles, from Erlanger, Ky., to Columbus, and dropped them off at a budget motel.

In an interview with CBS' "The Early Show," Wagers said he didn't make the connection with the killing until he returned to Kentucky and called local police.

"The cover story they gave me didn't really seem to wash too much," Wagers said. "I could kinda see through that. But I had no indication that these guys were really dangerous or they were on the run."

The Hyattes were arrested Wednesday night without a struggle at the America's Best Value Inn in Columbus after at least 25 officers surrounded their room, ending a

vate ownership of the means of production is the surest guarantee that venture capital will go where it is most likely to succeed.

Surely, the good citizens of Pampa have a long enough memory to recall the failed economic development corporation that recently ceased to exist. A track record of one failure after another should be enough to keep the good citizens wary of their benevolent benefactors at city hall.

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more than 300-mile manhunt, authorities said.

Jennifer Hyatte is accused of ambushing two prison guards as they were leading her husband from a hearing in Kingston, Tenn., fatally shooting one before the couple sped away, authorities said.

Wagers said he had doubts about the Hyattes' story because they "just didn't fit the type."

"They didn't strike me as the Amway type because to be honest they weren't very pushy about their product

'The cover story they gave me didn't really seem to wash too much.'

— Mike Wagers
Cab driver

and I've dealt with them before so — that was my only real suspicion," Wagers said.

"But they paid me for the trip so I had no outward reason to suspect that these were bad people."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a licensed counselor and adjunct faculty member in communications. I hope you will help me get a message out to parents who are sending their children off to college this fall. Every semester, I see kids who have a miserable college experience due to roommate conflicts. Some students become so distracted that their grades suffer, and some actually move back home.

A successful college experience requires both academic and social skills. Parents can prepare their children by teaching them the vital social skill of settling differences before they become overwhelming. This will not only help them make their college years successful, but also the rest of their lives.

I offer five tips for parents:

(1) OFFER SUGGESTIONS, NOT SOLUTIONS. Help your children become critical thinkers by imagining scenarios, considering possible outcomes and brainstorming solutions. Conflict resolution is a skill that needs to be practiced. Telling your children what to do -- or worse, handling the problem for them -- does more harm than good because it creates dependency.

(2) PREPARE FOR CONFLICT: Teach your child that conflict does not have to be negative; it can also be an opportunity to think creatively. Conflict is inevitable because people are different. Even best friends can have differences in needs, living habits, stress levels and communication skills.

(3) SHARE EXPECTATIONS. The more that's discussed beforehand, the better the relationship. Roommate contracts are popular today, and many universities require them as a way to get kids talking about their expectations. Encourage your child to discuss things like sleep and study habits, bills, sharing items, cleaning, and the best times to have visitors.

(4) ENCOURAGE FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATIONS. More and more kids

today would rather communicate through e-mail, IM and text-messaging rather than face-to-face. Without the benefit of facial expressions, tone of voice and body language, messages can be misunderstood. Also, warn kids that gossiping to others instead of talking directly to their roommate only escalates problems.

(5) ASK FOR HELP BEFORE THE SITUATION BECOMES CRITICAL. Residence life staff will help to mediate, as long as the student has already tried problem-solving face-to-face. (Unfortunately, too many students wait to mention that there's a problem until they want to move out, or, at the first sign of trouble, they report it to their RA expecting that person to solve it.) Campus counseling centers are also available for help if a roommate is exhibiting signs of mental illness such as depression, substance abuse or cutting. In addition, a counseling session can help your child learn to deal with stress and find better ways to manage the situation. -- **SUSAN FEE, AUTHOR OF "MY ROOMMATE IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!"**

DEAR SUSAN: From time to time over the years, I have received mail from students complaining about "the roommate from hell." And you're right, too often people (of all ages) wait until the situation becomes critical before asking for help. I hope your suggestions will help parents to have some important conversations with their children before they fly the nest, because the subject is too important to cover in just one session. On their behalf, I thank you for writing.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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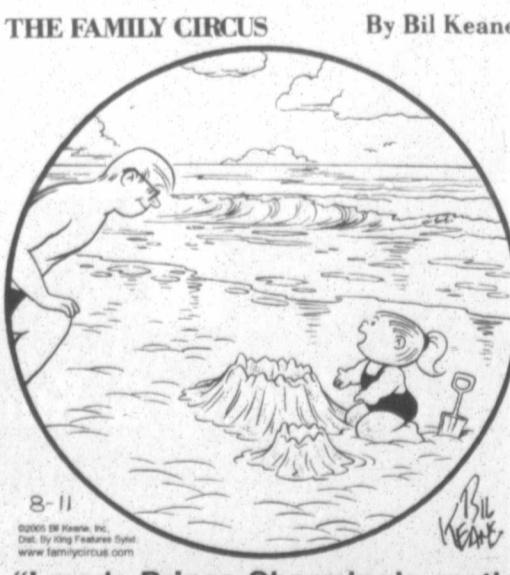
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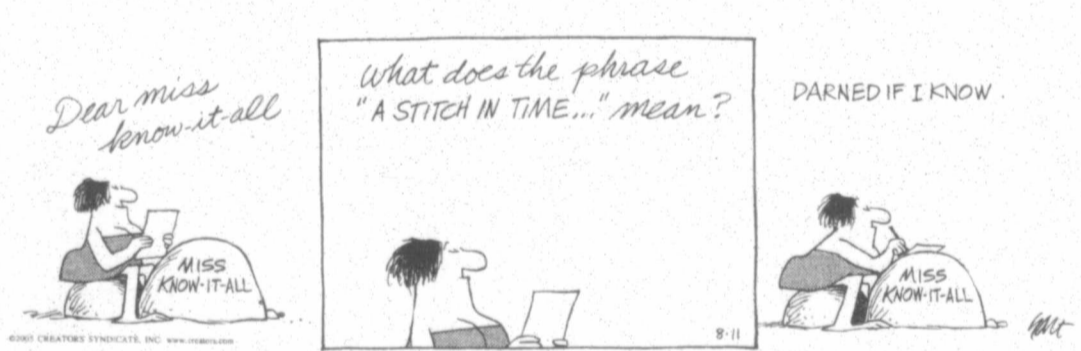
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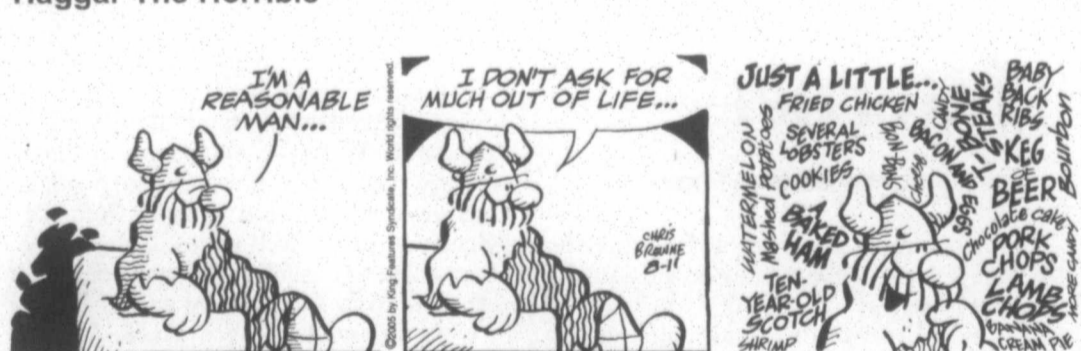
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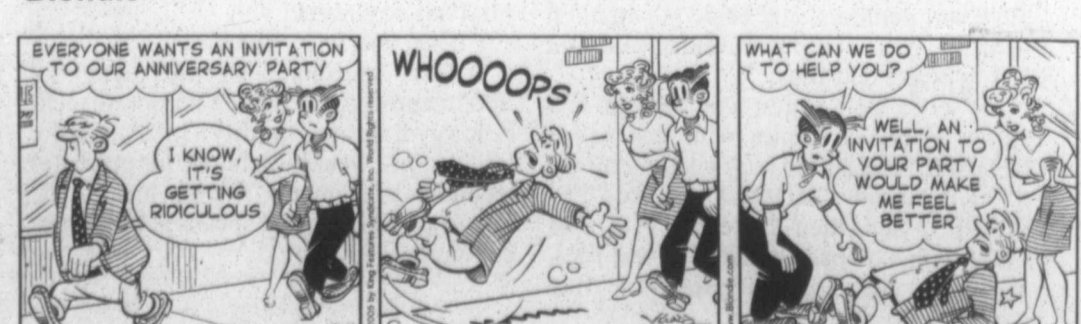
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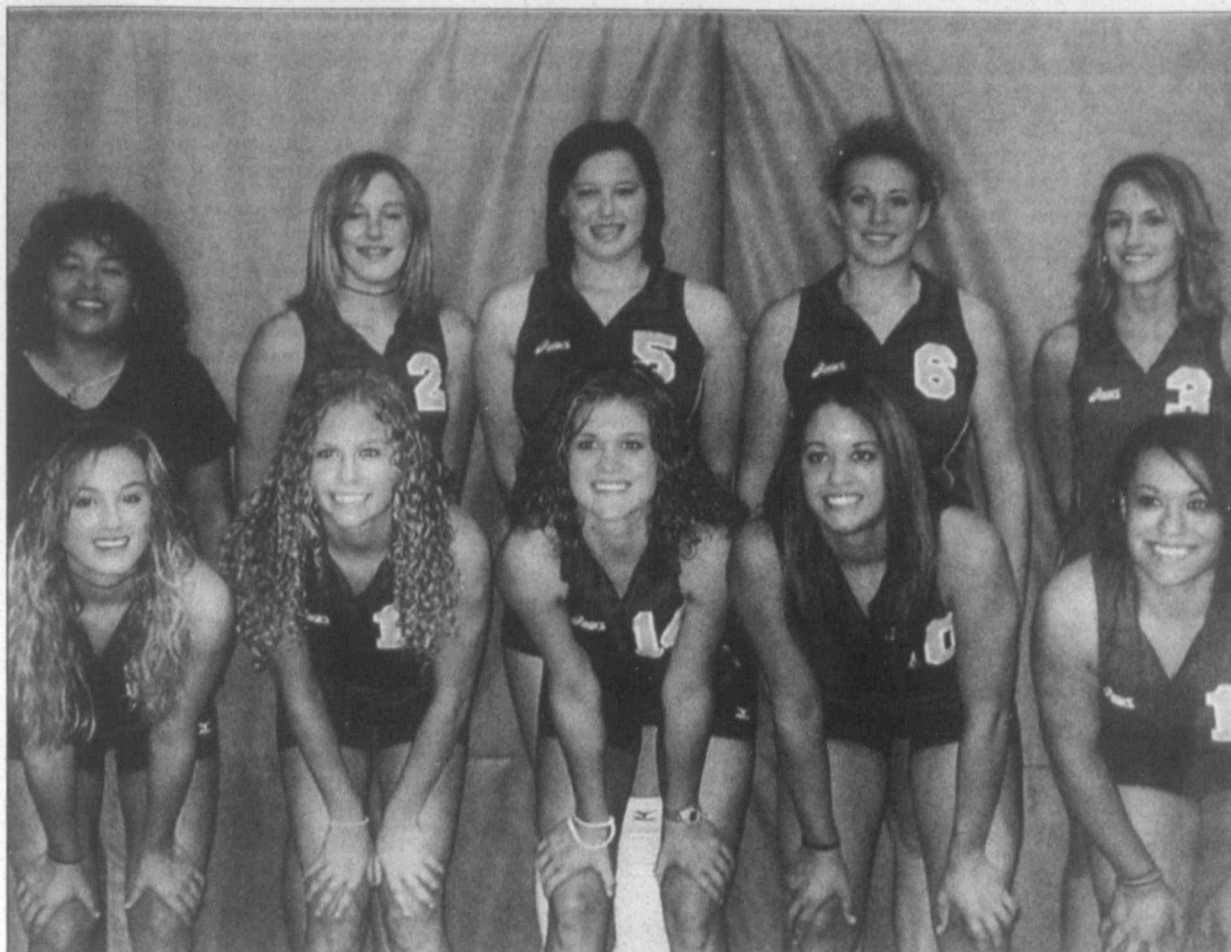


Sports Day

Lady Harvester 2005 volleyball schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME-JV/VAR
Aug. 9	Perryton	Pampa	5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
13	Frenship	Frenship	2 p.m. 2 p.m.
16	AHS & River Road	Amarillo High	5 p.m. 5 p.m.
19-20	Borger Tournament	Borger	TBA
	Hereford Tournament	Hereford	TBA
23	Plainview/Ama.Rockets	Plainview	5 p.m. 5 p.m.
26-27	Graham Tournament	Graham	TBA
	Borger Tournament	Borger	TBA
30	Childress/Vernon	Childress	5 p.m. 5 p.m.
Sep. 2-3	Wayland Tournament	Plainview	TBA
3	Dumas Tournament	Dumas	TBA
6	Borger	Borger	5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
10	Tascosa	Tascosa	Noon 1:30 p.m.
13	Amarillo High	Pampa	5 p.m. 5 p.m.
17	Seminole/Kermit	Seminole	11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
20	**Randall	Randall	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
24	**Hereford	Hereford	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
27	**Palo Duro	Palo Duro	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	**Dumas	Pampa	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
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8	**Randall	Pampa	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
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18	**Dumas	Dumas	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
22	**Caprock	Pampa	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

** District Games



The 2005 PHS volleyball season is under way with first year head coach Sonia VanGilder leading the Lady Harvesters this season. Pictured with the varsity team is VanGilder (back row-left to right), Britteni Rice, Jackye Barber, Mckinsie East and Krishna Henderson. Front row- Logan Winkleman, Stephanie McVay, Jackie Gerber, Nicole Clark and Cassy Tice. VanGilder and her varsity team dropped Perryton Tuesday 25-21, 25-23 and 25-23.

LIFE IN A SMALL TOWN

Want a good challenge? Coach a small school

As I made my way to McLean this morning to take a picture of the 2005 Tiger football team for the upcoming Football Fever insert, I began to ponder the plight of the small town coach. The challenges they must face knowing the pool they draw from is not as well stocked as those available to larger programs. Coach Jack Graves is such a coach.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

In his second year at the helm, Graves says he is glad to have one season under his belt, and the new one about to start. "They're almost all new," he said as he pointed to his team warming up in the gym. "But I have really enjoyed them so far. They get along. They act like a team." Graves noted his squad seems to have gelled already. At least they all appear to share common goals and interests, right down to the music they warm up to.

What concerns Graves is the depth of his team. So goes the challenge of the small school, six man program. The McLean coach has 17 kids on his team this year, give or take one or two. And though it may sound funny, he is already trying to figure out how to make sure they all get playing time. "We're deep in bodies. We could use a little more experience," says the head Tiger.

Graves hints that one of the toughest challenges he faces is keeping his troops

enthusied, positive and motivated. This is probably one of the many common bonds these coaches share. But cross that threshold where four or five of these kids realize they can play, and it could set off a chain reaction any coach would welcome.

On the other hand, inexplicable losses can prove to be mountains a team just cannot climb. Mistakes beget mistakes. Such negatives tend to permeate within the tight confines of the small school program. Graves knows this. His team last season won a game or two that no one gave them a chance at, and lost a few they probably should have won.

Coach Graves is anxious to field his team to see what they might have for the competition. The Tigers have a scrimmage scheduled for Saturday. "I can't believe start of the season is here. But I'm ready," said Graves.

Still, I have to wonder, when these small town coaches look in the stands on Friday night, are they looking to see how many fans showed up to support their team? Or, are they actually scouting the future? The smart coach might consider flowers and candlelight dinners to ensure job security. His job, yes. But the flowers and dinners would be for parents who these coaches depend upon to keep their small pools as well stocked as possible.



Bush to throw out first pitch at Little League tournament

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — President Bush will throw out the first pitch Saturday at the championship game of Little League Baseball's Southwestern Regional tournament.

The winner of the game, to be played in Waco, Texas, will take one of 16 berths at the Little League World Series, which starts Aug. 19.

Bush, an avid baseball fan and a former

owner of the Texas Rangers, played Little League in Midland, Texas, in the 1950s on a team called the Cubs.

Eight teams from the United States and eight international teams take part each year in the Little League World Series. So far, the teams that have qualified are: Guam, Japan, Curacao, Russia, Venezuela and Seguro Social, a team from Mexico.

Good start for former winners except for Tiger at PGA event

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Former major champions Steve Elkington and Ben Curtis were early co-leaders Thursday at the PGA Championship, while Tiger Woods' pursuit of winning three majors in a year for the second time got off to a less-than-spectacular start.

Elkington, the 1995 PGA champion, and Curtis, the 2003 British Open winner, were both 3 under par on their second nines of the opening round.

Woods opened his round on No. 10 at the 7,392-yard, par-70 Baltusrol Golf Club's Lower Course by three-putting from about 30 feet for a bogey 5 and never could get back to even par as he struggled to find fairways.

The best he could do from the rough on No. 14 was to hit into a bunker, leading to another bogey. And on the par-5 18th, a birdie hole if he could find the fairway,

Woods went so far to the left that he had to take an unplayable lie and made another bogey.

Woods' frustration began to show late in the round. He flung his putter to the ground when a birdie putt stopped on the lip, and he dropped his iron when his approach on the next hole, No. 3, spun down the slope. He bogeyed No. 4 to fall seven shots behind the early leaders.

U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell, the only player to finish ahead of Woods in a major this year, was even through nine holes but bogeyed the next three holes.

Defending champion Vijay Singh had an afternoon tee time.

When Woods beat Bob May in a playoff to win the PGA at Valhalla in 2000, he became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three-quarters of the Grand Slam in one year.

Rogers, Rangers roughed up by Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Maybe another week off would have done Kenny Rogers some good.

Rushed into the rotation when his suspension for shoving two cameramen was cut from 20 games to 13, Rogers gave up Manny Ramirez's long home run in a five-run fourth inning Wednesday night and the Boston Red Sox scored nine more off the bullpen in the eighth to beat the Texas Rangers 16-5.

"We struggled," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "A lot of people struggle in Boston."

The Red Sox won their fourth straight game and their 12th in 14 tries to move 5 1/2 games in front of the New York Yankees in the AL East. It's Boston's biggest lead in the division since the end of the 1995 season.

"It's good to have a little cushion," Red Sox outfielder Gabe Kapler said. "But it's not going to be easy."

Bronson Arroyo (10-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. He took a 7-1 lead into the eighth before Texas scored four runs off four Boston pitchers to cut the lead to 7-5.

Mike Timlin needed one pitch to end the threat, getting Kevin Mench to line out to

left, where a charging Ramirez caught the ball backhanded. Boston answered with a season-high nine runs in the bottom half to win its 11th consecutive game at Fenway Park.

The Red Sox scored 35 runs in their three-game sweep of Texas.

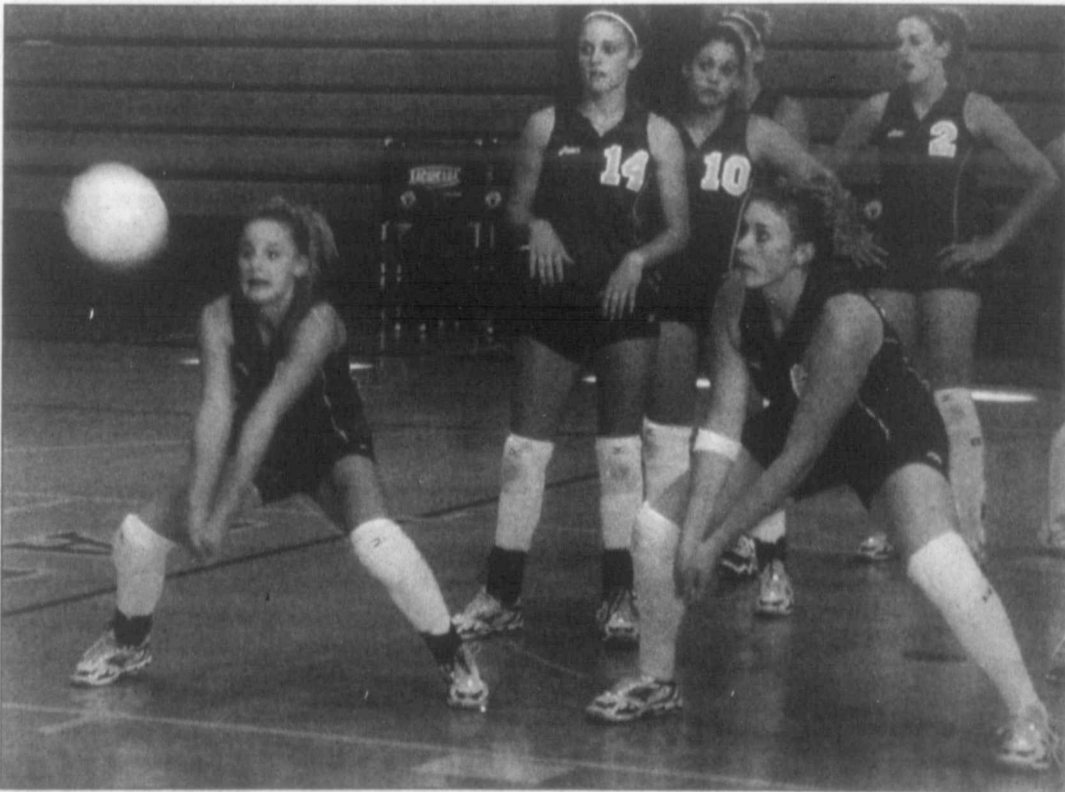
"This team's firing on all cylinders," Timlin said. "We're running well."

Rogers (11-5) allowed five runs and seven hits in five innings, walking one and striking out five in his first loss since July 3. He took a line drive off his right forearm in the first but stayed in the game and retired the first eight Boston batters; X-rays were negative.

"Kenny was pitching well until he got hit by that line drive and he battled his way through five innings," Showalter said.

Asked if he thought the layoff affected Rogers, Showalter said, "I think what he got affected by was the line drive by David Ortiz."

Rogers was suspended 20 games by commissioner Bud Selig for a June 29 tirade in which he shoved two cameramen. On Tuesday, an arbitrator trimmed the punishment to 13 games and Rogers joined the Rangers in Boston to get ready for his first start since July 26.



Return shot

Logan Winkleman, left, returns a shot while McKinsie East backs her up. Looking on in background are Jackie Gerber (14), Nicole Clark (10) and Britteni Rice (2). Pampa beat Perryton Monday, 25-21, 25-23 and 25-23 at The Pit.

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'Totally Knocked Out'

Owens breaks training after quarrel with Reid

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Terrell Owens has some unexpected time off to plot the next twist in his colorful and controversial career.

TO has been TKO'd — as in Totally Kicked Out — of training camp. The playmaking, show-boating wide receiver was asked to leave Eagles camp Wednesday after a heated exchange with coach Andy Reid.

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— Terrell Owens

Defending himself from what, it's not exactly clear.

Owens refused to say what the argument was about, and the Eagles issued only a brief statement saying Owens was not expected to return to the team until next Wednesday.

Suddenly, pulling a Sharpie from his sock or posing on the Cowboys' star seems downright tame.

But this was the risk the Eagles were willing to take last year when they traded for Owens because they thought he could help them win a Super Bowl.

Now comes this. For the fifth time in six days, Owens did not practice Wednesday because of a groin injury suffered last week.

Instead, he worked out with the assistant trainer for about 20 minutes, catching balls from a machine and doing some light running. He did not speak to reporters or acknowledge the fans who chanted his name.

Between sessions — the Eagles had a special teams practice Wednesday afternoon that Owens was not required to attend — Owens and Reid started arguing during a meeting.

Reid asked the injured Owens to leave after their discussion, according to Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, and his publicist, Kim Etheredge.

Owens then got his belongings

and cleared out of training camp at Lehigh University.

"If the truth needs to be told, then that's what I'll do," Owens said. "If he (Reid) wants me to be a man about it and have me really go on the air and really tell the people what happened, then I can. It was a difference of opinion."

With reporters camped on his lawn and helicopters hovering overhead while Owens played basketball and lifted weights, the circus scene only magnified the distraction Owens has become to the NFC champions. While Owens was an instant fan

favorite last year for helping the Eagles reach the Super Bowl, he's caused constant headaches for management because of his demand for a new contract.

He also damaged his relationship with Donovan McNabb when he took a shot at the quarterback "who got tired in the Super Bowl."

Owens is unhappy the Eagles have refused to redo his contract as he enters the second season of a seven-year, \$48.97 million deal. He hired Rosenhaus and threatened to skip camp completely. Instead, Owens reported, then injured his groin last Thursday.

He was day to day and the injury wasn't considered serious.

Owens also skipped a scheduled autograph session with the rest of the Eagles' receivers after Wednesday's practice.

"He was unable to attend because he was injured," Etheredge said.

The Eagles still won't show Owens the money he desperately wants. They have, however, shown the All-Pro wide receiver the door.

Since arriving at Lehigh, Owens has been distant on the field with his teammates. After signing autographs and slapping hands with fans on a nearly daily basis last year, Owens has jogged on and off the practice field, barely acknowledging their chants and screams.

Sports briefs

By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Terrell Owens was asked to leave Philadelphia Eagles camp after a heated exchange with coach Andy Reid, making it the latest curious twist in a controversial career.

Instead, Reid asked the injured All-Pro wide receiver to leave after their discussion, according to Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, and his publicist, Kim Etheredge. Owens was asked to return next Wednesday.

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Comcast SportsNet reported the disagreement occurred during a team meeting. Owens then got his belongings and cleared out of training camp at Lehigh University. Hours after testing his injured groin on a separate playing field from his teammates, Owens was at home.

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Rookie wide receiver Braylon Edwards agreed to terms on a five-year contract with the Cleveland Browns, ending his holdout.

Edwards, the No. 3 overall pick, will sign his contract on Thursday and practice with the Browns for the first time, a person within the league told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The source asked to remain

unidentified due to the sensitivity of the negotiations between the Browns and agent Lamont Smith. **BASEBALL**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Jim Thome is expected to have season-ending surgery on his right elbow next week.

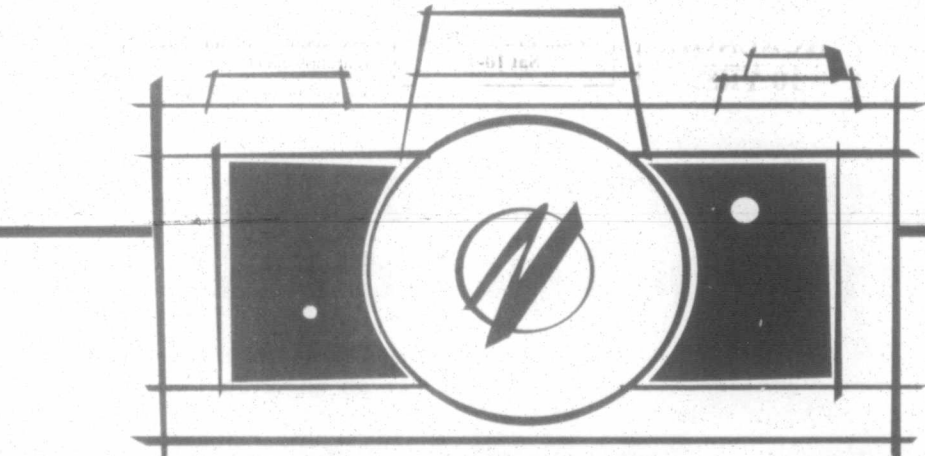
The four-time All-Star was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 1, his second stint on the DL this season. He hit .207 with seven homers and 30 RBIs in 59 games this year.

BOSTON (AP) — Rushed into the rotation when his suspension for shoving two cameramen was cut from 20 games to 13, Kenny Rogers gave up Manny Ramirez's long home run in a five-run fourth inning and the Boston Red Sox scored nine more off the bullpen in the eighth to beat the Texas Rangers 16-5.

Rogers was suspended 20 games by commissioner Bud Selig for a June 29 tirade in which he shoved two cameramen. On Tuesday, an arbitrator trimmed the punishment to 13 games and Rogers joined the Rangers in Boston to get ready for his first start since July 26.

TRACK AND FIELD
HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Americans Bryan Clay and Tianna Madison were triumphant on a cold, wet and windy night at the world track and field championships.

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Southwest said the number of free seats would vary by flight, and it warned that it may be difficult to redeem awards during holiday or peak travel periods.

The airline said members of its Rapid Rewards program would get two years instead of one year to earn travel credits, effective immediately. Existing credits will be extended an

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NASA to launch orbiter with new tools designed to gather data on planet Mars

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two days after bringing Discovery home, NASA prepared Thursday to launch a spacecraft to Mars with new tools designed to gather more data on the planet than all previous Martian missions combined.

The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter is expected to spend at least four years circling Mars, collecting information that will help NASA plan where to land two robotic explorers later this decade. The Phoenix Mars Scout, in search of organic chemicals, will be launched in 2007, and the Mars Science Laboratory will follow two years later.

The information gathered by the orbiter also will aid possible future human exploration of the Red Planet.

"We don't want to be hauling cement to Mars. That's very expensive," said project scientist Richard Zurek of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "Better to know what we can make on the surface of the planet."

Early morning thunderstorms Thursday pushed back the liftoff time by more than an hour. But the weather improved and workers began the previously delayed fueling of the rocket, aiming for launching between 9 and 9:35 a.m.

The two-ton orbiter, equipped with the largest telescopic camera ever sent to another planet, will provide unparalleled information on Mars' weather, climate and geology. The \$720 million

mission is also expected to help build on NASA's knowledge of the history of ice on the planet.

The planet is cold and dry with large caps of frozen water at its poles. Scientists think it was a wetter and possibly warmer place eons ago.

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literally just scratched the surface and we're trying to probe, now, more than a couple of feet into it," Zurek said.

The orbiter will join three other spacecraft, including a European orbiter, when it arrives at the planet in March 2006. Two NASA rovers launched in 2003, Spirit and

Opportunity, also continue to roam the planet, providing information water on Mars.

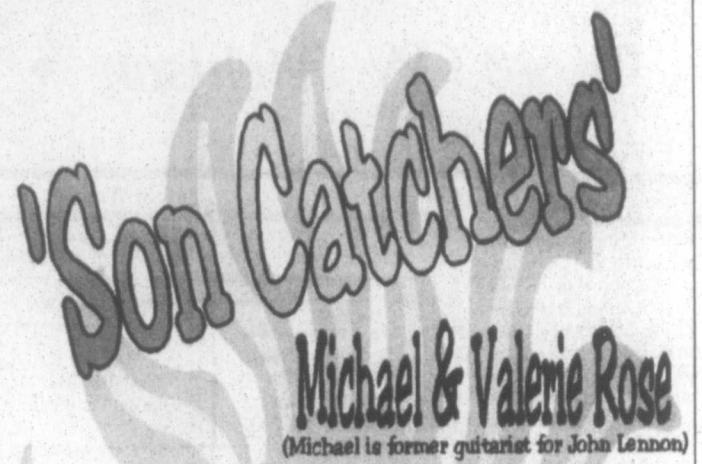
With more instruments and higher-resolution imagery, the larger Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter will be able to offer a more comprehensive sweep of the planet and send back more data than the other orbiters, said project manager Jim Graf of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

It has a powerful antenna that can transmit 10 times more data per minute than the current trio of satellites positioned around the planet — NASA's Global Surveyor and Mars Odyssey and the European Space Agency's Mars Express.

The orbiter is also loaded with two cameras that will provide high-resolution images and global maps of Martian weather, a spectrometer that will identify water-related minerals and a radiometer to measure atmospheric dust. The Italian Space Agency has provided ground-penetrating radar that will peer beneath the surface of layers of rocks or ice.

"They're bringing their data back, we think, through a straw," Graf said of the current orbiters. "We're going to start opening up the fire hose. ... We're going to be awash in data that will allow us to better understand the planet as a whole."

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Beef cooking school coming to Amarillo

AMARILLO — Have you ever wondered about entering a cooking contest? Well, wonder no longer.

Potter County Beef Education Task Force will host "The Best of Beef" Cooking School from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 27 for individuals interested in entering the Bob Givens Memorial Lean Ground Beef Contest at the Tri-State Fair this fall.

The cooking school will take place at the Potter County Extension Kimble 4-H Center, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

Melina Pennington, Market Street Cooking Cottage chef, and Becky McKinley, contributing food columnist for the Amarillo Globe-News, will be presenters for the cooking school.

Pennington will share techniques for transforming a basic recipe into an original dish.

Herbs and spices that enhance the flavor of beef will be discussed. She also

will suggest ways to reduce the fat content in recipes.

A variety of cooking techniques for lean ground beef will be the focus of McKinley's presentation, as she shows how to make dishes ranging from appetizers to main dishes.

Food safety issues also will be addressed as McKinley talks about properly measuring the temperature of different dishes. Additionally, she will cover the basics of marinades.

Contest guidelines for the Bob Givens Memorial Lean Ground Beef Contest will be presented by Sue Church, family and consumer sciences Extension agent for Potter County.

Questions from prospective contestants regarding the lean beef contest will be answered by the panel of presenters.

To sign up for "The Best of Beef" Cooking School, call the Extension office at (806) 373-0713.

Truck loaded with 35,500 pounds of explosives blows up on highway

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A tractor-trailer carrying 35,500 pounds of explosives overturned and exploded on a Utah highway, injuring at least 19 people.

The explosion left a giant crater — estimated to be 70 feet wide and 30 feet deep — on U.S. 6 about 60 miles south of Salt Lake City and forced the two-lane highway's closure in both directions.

Several small fires were started by the explosion and flying debris.

"The entire road is gone, shoulder to shoulder, there's no asphalt left," said Tom Hudachko, Utah Department of Transportation spokesman.

Witnesses said the truck's driver appeared to lose control of the vehicle after taking a curve at high speed, Highway Patrol Lt. Doug McCleave said.

The driver, Travis Stewart, 30, was flown to

University Hospital in Salt Lake City, where he was in fair condition, spokesman Chris Nelson said.

Troy Lysfjord, 37, was lying down in the back of the cab when the accident occurred.

He told The Salt Lake Tribune that he helped Stewart out of his seat belt and they climbed out of the cab with the help of nearby motorists.

By that time, between 20 and 30 people had gathered around the wreckage to help and Lysfjord said he shouted, "It's explosives! Get out of here."

"I was close enough that it literally picked me up off my feet and threw me on the ground," he told the newspaper. "I felt it literally all the way through me."

Lysfjord was in fair condition at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo and was expected to be released today.

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