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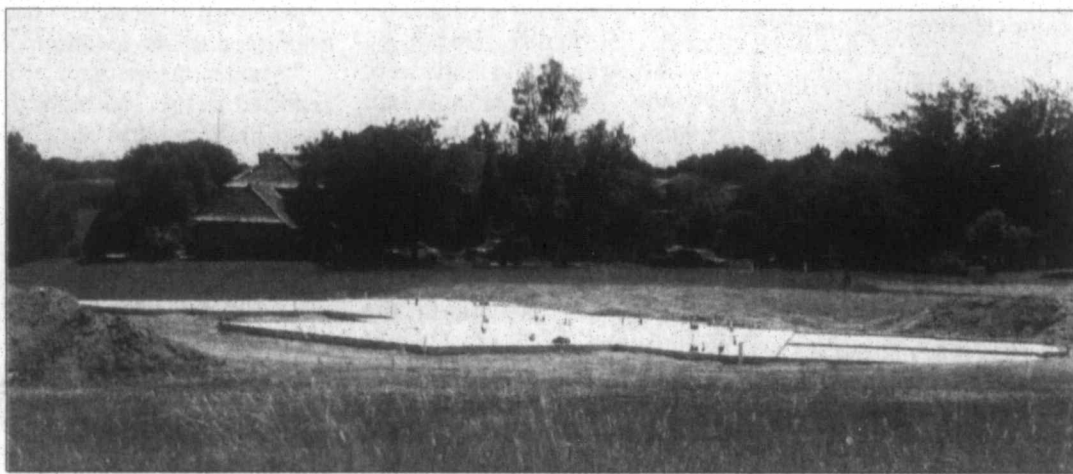
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Pampa grows, faces housing shortage



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Workers, top photo, enclose the roof on a new home being built at White Acres, off Loop 171. The concrete slab, below, for a house being built in north Pampa is allowed to set up before the next step in the construction process.



By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

It's a seller's market for homes and apartments in Pampa right now.

Realtors report fewer houses to sell and higher prices for those that are available. Apartment managers have few vacant units to rent. New housing starts are next to nonexistent.

"We're really, really short on listings, especially the nicer ones. We sold a whole lot the first six months of this year, and the listings haven't come back up," said Judi Edwards of Quentin Williams Realtors.

"Obviously, more people are coming to town than leaving," she said.

"Houses are selling from 15 to 25 percent higher in price than this time last year. We probably don't have over 40 percent of what we had listed last year," said Jim Davidson of Century 21 - Pampa Realty Inc.

"I'd say the total MLS (Multiple Listing Service) is between 90 and 110 right

now. There's not as many houses coming on the market right now, and when they do, they sell in just a few days," he said.

The most popular and quickest-to-sell homes are in the \$60,000 to \$100,000 price range, Davidson said.

"There's a lot of demand. We don't have enough listings. It is really sparse at certain price levels," said Sandra Schuneman of Keller Williams Realty.

"We have had a small increase in price. They are going over the appraisal price, but not that much," she said.

"We haven't had any new construction other than the owner having their own house built. Right now, we have more people coming in than going out," Schuneman said.

Danny Winborne, Pampa building official, confirmed that there are few new houses being built in Pampa. He said one is almost completed, and one other is in the

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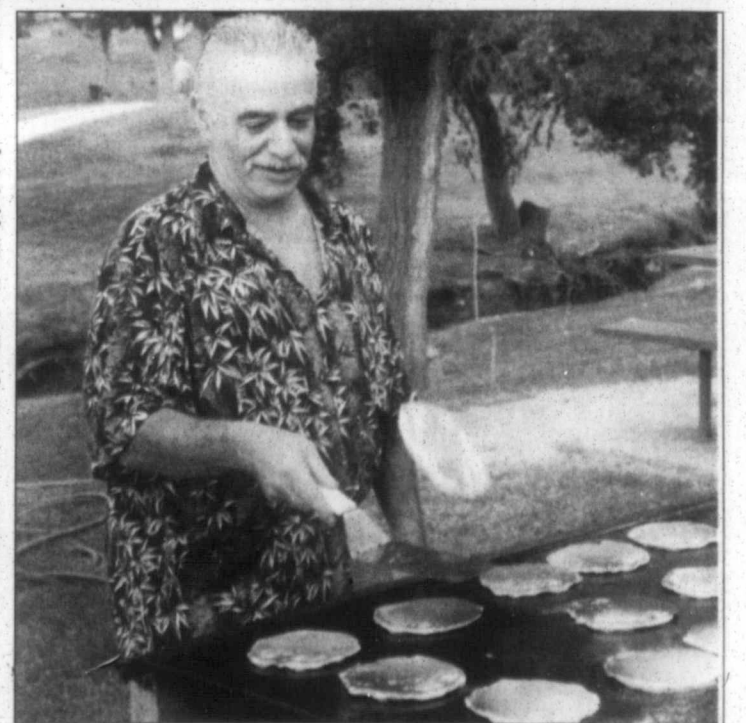
A fun day as Pampanos enjoy Chautauqua festivities



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On the starting gun, runners in the Chautauqua 5K Walk and Fun Run sprint west along Georgia from Mary Ellen this morning in top photo. At left, Iva Lee Thomas, who will be 100 in November, squirts butter on her pancakes this morning at the Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast. At right, Pampa Country Club chef Charles Feldman flips pancakes for the breakfast crowd.



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Obituaries

Kensie Jo McFall

Kensie Jo McFall, infant daughter of Chad and Mandy (Reed) McFall, passed away Sept. 1, 2005, at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, at Marshall & Marshall Chapel in Whitney.

Officiating were the Rev. Tim Thomas, the Rev. Eddie Booth and Lester Robinson.

Interment was at Whitney Memorial Park in Whitney by Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors of Whitney.

Kensie Jo was born Aug. 30, 2005, in Cleburne, TX.

Survivors include her parents, Mandy and Chad McFall of Whitney; paternal grandparents Paula Robinson and husband Lester of Brownwood, and Gary McFall and wife, Cheryl of Pampa; paternal great-grandfather Billy Joe McFall of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Wendy Petty

and husband Terry of Whitney, and Keith Reed and wife Julie of Whitney; maternal great-grandparents Joyce and Don Reed of Whitney, Linda Warner and husband Phil of

Morgan, and Darrell Holman and wife, Pam of Grand Prairie; maternal great-great-grandmother, Desma Clements DeHart of Hillsboro; uncles Marty McFall and wife Stacy of Brownwood, Anthony Albus of Pampa, Chris Petty of Whitney, Justin Reed of Whitney, and Matthew Reed of Whitney; an aunt, Terra Petty of Whitney; and several cousins.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 at Marshall & Marshall in Whitney.

The family requests memorials be to Cook Children's Medical Center, 801 7th Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76104, or King United Methodist Church Family Life Center, P.O. Box 612, Whitney, TX 76692.



McFall

Ready to run



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Romelia Leal, left, fills out an entry form for her daughter, Isabella, right, and her daughter's friend, Charisa Cline, center, for the Chautauqua 5K Fun Run. The Fun Run was one of the activities held today at Central Park. Chautauqua events also included food, music, dancers, and exhibits. Activities in addition to the Fun Run included wall climbing, water polo and a dunking board. The annual event heralds the end of summer and the approach of autumn for the Pampa area.

Services tomorrow

WELDON, Bobby Dean Jr. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
WILSON, Elda Gordon — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Vietnamese refugees find hope in evacuation to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Vietnam's history is marked by two milestone evacuations when millions were uprooted after wars in 1954 and again in the 1970s.

For many like Quan Hong Huynh, who fled to the United States and settled in Louisiana along the Gulf Coast where the climate is similar to Vietnam, Hurricane Katrina will be a historic third forced migration.

"We have experience about escape, about evacuation," Huynh, 55, said outside a Houston Catholic church where several hundred Vietnamese-Americans were being sheltered after

the storm and flooding damaged or destroyed their homes 300 miles to the east.

Thanks to Katrina, some 15,000 people, about 50 percent of the Louisiana's Vietnamese population, were in Houston, already the adopted home to one of the largest groups from that country.

Others could come to Texas soon, from as far away as Mississippi and its devastated shrimping community.

Texas has about 134,000 Vietnamese, second most behind California, according to U.S. Census figures.

Most of the storm victims were staying at church shelters in Houston, or with

friends or relatives, and most appeared to have heeded the early warnings and left before Katrina hit.

"We thought when we evacuated it would be like before, a couple days and back," Liem Le, 39, who came to the U.S. in 1980, said.

Along with his wife and four children, they packed only a few pieces of clothing for what they thought would be a short trip.

"Now we don't have anything," the production manager at a Kenner, La., plant said.

"We don't know what to do."

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Sept. 3

Thirteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

An animal complaint was received from the 600 block of Naida.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Dwight and at One Medical Plaza.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 100 block of North Sumner.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 900 block of Duncan and the intersection of Montagu and Wells streets.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of Gordon.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Gordon and in the police department lobby.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of Sloan.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault by threat was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of East Foster.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of North Russell and the 1000 block of Duncan.

Mick Gene Pendergrass, 48, 316 N. Sumner, was arrested on a fugitive warrant for a parole violation out of California, and for possession of a controlled substance.

Mary Michelle Daniels, 33, 1040 S. Faulkner, was arrested for no valid driver's license, no insurance, and expired registration.

Sunday, Sept. 4

Fifteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 2000 block of Hamilton.

An animal complaint was received from the 100 block of North Hobart.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Two business alarms were

reported. One open door was checked.

A welfare check was made in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic and the 700 block of North Banks.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Harlem and Barrett streets, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the 2300 block of Primrose.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Coffee.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 2100 block of Williston, the 700 block of Scott, the 800 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of Huff Road, and the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 400 block of North West, the 400 block of Short, the 600 block of North Wells, and the 700 block of North Wells.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 100 block of South Faulkner and the 800 block of South Hobart.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Mary Ellen streets.

Assault was reported at One Medical Plaza, the 300 block of Anne, and the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Justin David Kalka, 21, 1133 Sierra, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, expired inspection sticker, duty on striking fixture, fail to inspect, and two counts of no insurance.

Cecil Ward Dowdy, 40, 704 E. Browning, was arrested in the 1000 block of Barrett for possession of under two ounces of marijuana.

Benito Flores Martinez, 53, 104 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 100 block of South Faulkner for interference with an emergency call.

Monday, Sept. 5

Clayree Michelle Busse, 39, homeless, was arrested in the 200 block of North Wells for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Ray Wellborn, 24, 723 N. Zimmers, was arrested in the 800 block of West Kingsmill for theft of property by

check, expired inspection stickers, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Sept. 3

Jason Paul Allen, 31, 419 N. Dwight, was arrested on a Randall County warrant for tampering with government records.

Michael Scott Ailport, 24, 1233 S. Faulkner, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Sept. 2

11:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan unit and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Coronado Health Care Center.

5:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 23rd and Lea and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to VA medical center.

9:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA.

Saturday, Sept. 3

8:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a call in the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit transported a patient from PRMC to BSA.

12:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 69. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 62.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.

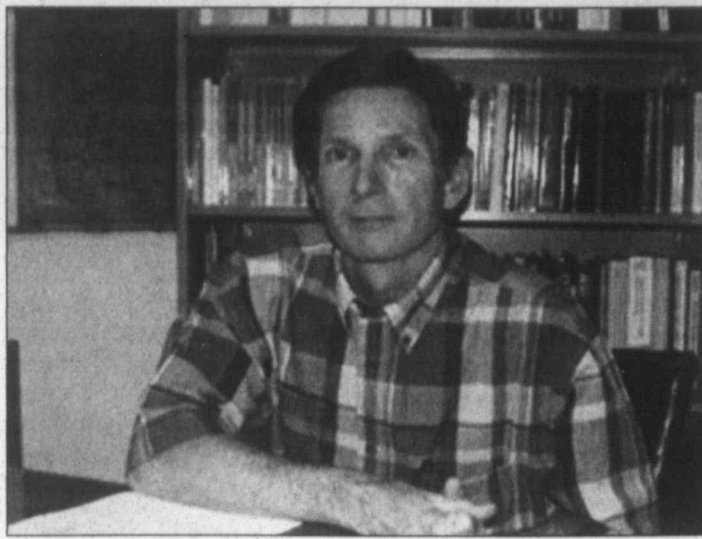
Hurricane: Consumers could see brief price increase on some food items

By BLAIR FANNIN
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — Consumers could see temporary price increases in some food items if the port of New Orleans is closed for an extended period, a Texas Cooperative Extension economist said.

"If we see a lot of backup or inability to move tropical products or fresh produce into the United States, certainly in the near term we could see some price spikes," said Dr. Parr Rosson, economist and director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University. "How long that would last is really difficult to say," he said. "I would think that in the matter of a few weeks, though, we would see things stabilize because there are alternative sources of supply, alternative ports for bringing in cargo, and alternative modes of transportation. It's just a matter of getting the logistics and cargo moving through those alternative systems."

Cold food products, such as fresh grapes and frozen broilers, can be shipped



Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by BLAIR FANNIN
Dr. Parr Rosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University.

through Houston and Corpus Christi, Rosson said.

Corn, soybean and some wheat is exported out of New Orleans. Japan and China were the biggest recipients of corn and soybean exports from New Orleans ports in 2003 and 2004, Rosson said. Last year, Japan received 1.9 million tons of corn and 1.6 million in 2003. China received 2.3 million tons of U.S. soybeans in 2004.

Some rice is also shipped from New Orleans to both Asian and Latin markets. A small amount of wheat is also exported from the New Orleans area, Rosson noted.

The extent of hurricane damage at the New Orleans ports will dictate if there will be a backlog of products coming in and going out, he said.

"The real critical issue is how much damage there is to the grain elevators, (and

loading and unloading facilities," he said. "You've also got to factor how much debris is blocking the Mississippi River, and how much cargo is waiting up river waiting to come down."

The other question is how much product is up river on the barges waiting to come down, he said.

"If it appears that delays and disruptions will extend for weeks, then alternative modes of moving cargo off of the barge onto truck or rail come into play," Rosson said.

Cargo could be transferred to alternative ports, such as Houston or Galveston, "depending on how much product they can handle."

"Some of it could go to Jacksonville or Brunswick," Rosson said. "Beyond that, we don't know the extent of the damage in Mobile and some of the Mississippi ports."

Until that is evaluated, there is uncertainty, he said.

"But I think contingencies are in place and we'll begin to see things pick up and move in a few days to a week."

Housing

Continued from Page 1

beginning stages of construction. Those two constitute the total housing construction for the city, he said.

Winborne has seen much more commercial building going on than residential construction.

"As far as my office is concerned, we had a record year last year as far as building evaluation jobs. We have probably the second highest this year," he said concerning non-residential buildings.

"It's the busiest I've ever seen as far as building permits goes. If business keeps coming to Pampa, we're going to have to build something (residential)," Winborne said.

The surrounding area just outside city limits has five houses currently in various stages of completion, said Gray County Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby. All are already "spoken for" and are being built by or for the property owners.

"As of January to now, there have been several, two or three of which are half-a-million-dollar homes," Willoughby said.

Apartments are as scarce as new homes, according to some apartment managers in Pampa.

"Right now, I am 95 percent occupied. I have four one-bedroom units vacant, two with furniture, out of 148 total rental units," said Janice Bellah, manager of Caprock Apartments.

"I've been here 15 years and I have never been so full. I have no two-bedroom or three-bedroom units available."

"We've been this way since May or June. I have people renting apartments sight unseen."

"There is not any one thing I can attribute it to," Bellah said.

Three tenants were due to move out over the weekend, freeing up three more units, but they may not last long, she said.

"I anticipate that by the second Friday in September, I won't have anything vacant," she said.

Jason Bagwell of Pampa owns 15 rent houses and 34 duplex rentals in town, and said his occupancy is at 100 percent.

"I've been full for at least the last three months. I have a waiting list," Bagwell said.

He has eight one-bedroom duplexes, 14 two-bedrooms, and 12 three-bedroom duplexes. His rental houses, with the exception of one two-bedroom, are all three- and four-bedroom homes.

"When I took them over two and one-half years ago, we were 85 percent full," he said.

"There's not much there to pick from, whether you want to rent or whether you want to buy. The pickings are pretty slim," Bagwell said.

Some of Pampa's newest residents are associated with the oil field, including a number of Halliburton Energy Services employees, said several of the real estate agents and landlords. Some of the others work for construction companies and Pampa Independent School District, which currently has the highest enrollment since 2001, according to Superintendent Barry Haensch.

On Aug. 31, PISD had 62 more students enrolled than on the same day in 2004, Haensch said. Current enrollment is 3,325, and if this school year follows the trend of past years, that number may go up between now and Christmas.

The question is, where to put anyone else who comes to town?

Kids, parents reunited

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Seven children who were separated from their families during a rooftop rescue in New Orleans were reunited Sunday night with their mothers, who found them using a national hotline and Web site.

The children, ranging in age from 5 months to 6 years, had been taken to a special shelter in Baton Rouge after being plucked from apartment rooftops. Their parents were later airlifted and taken to a San

Antonio shelter. State Department of Social Services employees photographed the children once they arrived in Baton Rouge. One, a 2-year-old girl, saw her picture and said, "Gabby." That information was included with her photo and posted on the Web site. At that time, a mother reported her child "Gabby" was missing. A Texas child protection services worker who relayed the information.

Evacuees not told their destinations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It wasn't confusion that prevented Hurricane Katrina evacuees from learning they were headed to Utah — it was intentional.

"I knew where Utah was, but nobody told me that's where we were going. Nothing personal. It's nice. But I don't know anybody here," said Jervis Bergeron, among the first batch of 152 evacuees to arrive at the National Guard's Camp Williams training site 30 miles south of Salt Lake City. The number rose to about 600 by late Sunday.

Like others who arrived in smaller military planes, Bergeron wasn't told where he was headed when he boarded the JetBlue airliner Saturday at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

National Guard officials asked a reporter and photographer aboard two separate military planes not to identify their news organizations or tell the refugees where the planes were going.

They said some refugees on earlier flights complained or refused evacuation when told where they were going.

Federal emergency officials said pilots had their passengers' safety in mind. Few evacuees are holding a grudge.

But some argue that as a matter of respect and simple courtesy, they should have been told where they were landing.

"I asked four or five people, but they said they didn't know," Bergeron, 54, told

The Salt Lake Tribune. "It wasn't until the airplane doors were shut and the engines started that they told us, Utah."

Michael Widomski, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said keeping destinations a secret wasn't an official policy decision, but more likely a last-minute response to trying circumstances.

He did know if the practice were unique to Utah-bound flights.

"This is not a relocation effort. It would be great to provide air service to wherever they want. But that's not logistically possible," said Widomski.

He said 13 states were sheltering refugees, with Utah and Arizona the farthest West.

"It isn't good or bad policy," said Widomski. "The priority is getting people into a safe, clean environment as fast as we can."

Not everyone was dismayed to find themselves thousands of miles from home in foreign surroundings.

"I was just happy to get out of there," said Antoinette LaFrance, 61, for whom it was her first airplane trip and first visit to Utah.

"People applauded when they heard it was Utah," said Adolph Dennis, who arrived on a Sunday morning flight. "We heard it was getting awful crowded in Houston. Everyone has been so hospitable here."

Lipstick used for rescue

DALLAS (AP) — A mother, who used lipstick to script her call for help on an old bed sheet that she held on her rooftop, has been reunited with her children thanks to a shelter phone bank.

Lahoma Beal Hudson, who suffers from asthma, was separated from her four children, ages 11 to 21, when high waters prevented her evacuation from New Orleans, said Larry Meyer, spokesman for SBC Communications.

The children were at a house a few blocks away when the family decided on an evacuation route.

Hudson was following the route, some minutes behind her family, when police stopped her, saying the path was not safe.

She walked back seven blocks to her house, where high water forced her to her rooftop.

"She fashioned this sign," Meyer said.

A helicopter team lifted her to safety about 2 a.m. Friday, he said.

Hudson was flown to San Antonio, where she used the SBC phone bank at Kelly USA. Hudson's daughter had managed to keep her cell phone charged.

"She found out they were in Dallas. They were all together. They were all OK," Meyer said.

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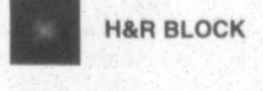
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Viewpoints

Natural beauty of Texas offers much

While there is so much I love about Texas, it is the connection between the people and the land that makes it special. The land influences everything from the crops our farmers cultivate to the way people think. I suspect our land, with its big skies and wide-open spaces, is one of the things that have contributed to so many Texans turning big dreams into reality.

In past articles, I have written about our state's rich history, but Texas's natural beauty was the magnet that drew the early settlers. Texas holds a diverse collection of landscapes, from beautiful beaches on the coast to majestic mountains out west. One of the best ways to absorb a bit of the land is to

go for a hike on one of our many trails.

The Panhandle and North Texas are known for their plains, but they are anything but plain. This is where many easterners first encounter the tumbleweeds and vistas that tell them they have finally reached the true West. The big skies make for some of the most beautiful sunsets in the world and make it possible to watch powerful storms roll in from a distance.

Some of the most breathtaking sites, and some of the most scenic trails, are in the canyons. The Caprock Canyons have over 90 miles of trails snaking through a landscape bursting with color: the whites, reds, and browns of the canyons con-

trast with the deep-blue sky and the green vegetation. There, you can hike and catch sight of the state's largest herd of bison. You can also venture out to Lake Meredith, which provides abundant bass and walleye fishing.

Or you can mosey on over to Possum Kingdom Lake to fossil hunt or to watch the turkey vultures soar overhead near Morris Sheppard Dam.

Over to the east, in the Piney Woods, is a national treasure: Big Thicket. This area has been called "America's ark" because of

the great diversity of its wildlife. As a crossroads of many different environments, from deserts to swamps, Big Thicket may be the most biologically diverse area in the world. In fact, Big Thicket's abundant assets have earned it a spot on the United Nations' short list of Biosphere Reserves in the world that deserve protection. It has at least 85 different types of trees and over 300 different varieties of birds. I and many others are working to increase this preserve by adding new land each year.

Down along the 600 miles

of Texas's Gulf coastline are some incredible beaches. A gem of the Gulf of Mexico, Padre Island, has gorgeous sand dunes. One of my favorite childhood treks was also on the Gulf Coast. My family used to take the ferry from Galveston to Bolivar to visit my grandmother in Beaumont. My brothers and I would climb up to the top of the ferry and stand tall to let the wind and the water blow in our faces. If you venture down to Corpus Christi, a rainy day will not spoil your appreciation of nature because you can always take a hike in the Texas State Aquarium. Experienced divers can swim through Texas's aquatic beauty by taking a deep water dive in the Flower

Garden Banks, a series of pristine reefs south of Galveston Island.

On the way down to the Valley, Laguna Madre offers an opportunity to check out the lagoons and enjoy fly-fishing. In the Valley, the abundant wildlife provides both excellent bird-watching and great game hunting with everything from hares to javelinas. And no one should miss the quiet beauty of the desert around the Rio Grande.

In Central Texas, there are refreshing hikes in the Hill Country that showcase its greenery, rivers and natural rock formations. During hot summer days, you can rest in the shade of the numerous

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2005. There are 117 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 5, 1945, Iva Toguri D'Aquino, a Japanese-American suspected of being wartime broadcaster Tokyo Rose, was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason, stripped of her U.S. citizenship and sent to serve 10 years in prison, but ended up serving six; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Ford.)

On this date:

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counterrevolutionary activities.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1905, 100 years ago, the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the Russo-

Japanese War, was signed in New Hampshire.

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

In 1972, Arab guerrillas attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1977, the U.S. launched the Voyager I spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager II.

In 1997, Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti died in France at age 84.

Ten years ago: France ended its three-year moratorium on nuclear tests, setting off an underground blast on a South Pacific atoll. O.J. Simpson jurors heard testimony that police detective Mark Fuhrman had uttered a racist slur, and advocated the killing of blacks. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, addressing the UN-sponsored fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, declared it was "time to break the silence" about the abuse of women.

Five years ago: On the eve of congressional hearings into the recall of 6 1/2 million Firestone tires, Ford Motor Co. released new documents to bolster its contention that it had no reason to doubt the safety of the tires being investigated in 88 deaths.

'History may be divided into three movements: what moves rapidly, what moves slowly and what appears not to move at all.'

— Fernand Braudel
French historian
(1902-1985)



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MIKE LESTER

Lady Luck never smiles for too long

Iraq has always been ruled by a strong central authority, whether the rulers were the Turks, the British or the Baathists. The reason is that the differences are too wide and too deep to be bridged by political compromise.

Compromise requires that all the parties agree to the same basic premise. The easiest example is the sale of a house. If I wish to sell my house and you wish to buy it, then we can reach a compromise on the price. That's because we both want the same thing — to transfer the house from my ownership to yours.

But if I don't want to sell and you want to buy, no compromise is possible. For you to get what you want, I would have to lose what I want.

In Iraq, the Kurds want autonomy, and the Sunnis want a strong central gov-

ernment. You can't have both, as we discovered in 1860. The Shiite faction wants government based on Islamic law; the Sunnis and the Kurds want a secular state. Again, you can't have both. The Sunnis, who have ruled Iraq in modern times, don't want to be under the thumb of the Shiites and the Kurds. The Shiites and the Kurds, who were the underdogs, now intend to be the top dogs.

The United States, which set up the rules for adopting the Iraqi constitution, has probably shot itself in the foot, as it usually does when it tries to play the imperial game. One of those rules states that the constitution is

dead meat if it fails to get a two-thirds vote in three provinces. The Sunnis are a majority in four provinces. They call the draft constitution a plan for civil war.

The Iraqi politicians may try to follow the American way and paper over these differences, putting off the unpleasant reckoning until a future date, but I wouldn't bet a nickel on their success. The draft constitution obviously contemplates that the Kurds will establish an autonomous region in the north that will control the northern oil fields. The Shia religious parties will establish a Shia region in the south that will control all the southern oil fields. There is no oil to

speak of in the Sunni region. Thus, the Sunnis see the constitution as starving them of revenue and influence and eventually breaking up the country. The draft also contains punitive measures for former members of the Baath Party. Any Sunni who had no reason to fight will soon have plenty.

The Bush administration, as short-sighted and ignorant as ever, is so intent on following the artificial deadlines it set for this process that it has bought into the draft constitution. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who sometimes seems to be approaching his dotage, is blithely unconcerned about the prospect of civil war and dismisses it. Well, we shall see. So far the Bush administration has not been right about anything in Iraq, and I

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Politically correct NCAA going overboard

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has adopted a new policy prohibiting member institutions from exhibiting what it deems to be hostile or abusive mascots in the NCAA's championship competitions.

The NCAA singled out 18 colleges and universities that must either change or camouflage their mascots prior to Aug. 1, 2008, or face suspension from postseason play.

The targeted institutions all have mascots related to Native Americans, such as Mississippi College's

Choctaws and McMurry University's Indians.

The NCAA Executive Committee issued the new guidelines from its headquarters in Indianapolis. That's in Indiana.

Surely the NCAA has good intentions. And at least one school on the list has a mascot that has clearly pejorative connotations: Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Savages.

But it's not at all clear that most, or even many, Native Americans find all mascot associations to be either harmful or abusive. In many instances the University of Illinois, the University of Utah, the University of North Dakota the names of states and their institutions of higher learning reflect the historical significance of Native American

tribes. The NCAA can demonstrate sensitivity to Native Americans in other ways. It might consider scaling back its assault on mascots and instead encourage institutions to offer more scholarships for Native American athletes, like Florida State University's Seminole Scholars program.

Meanwhile, the NCAA has declined to take action against the University of Idaho or the University of Notre Dame for their hostile imagery of Vandals and Fighting Irish.

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Safety award

D.W. Stidham, right, area service manager for Cooper Compression, recently presented David Lee, Cooper, Cooper customer support specialist, with the September "Safe Employee of the Month Award."

Perry wants other states to take refugees

AUSTIN (AP) — With Texas shelters reaching their limit of refugees from Hurricane Katrina, Gov. Rick Perry launched plans to fly some of them to other states that have offered help.

With nearly a quarter million refugees already in Texas and more still pouring in, Perry said Sunday that Texas needs other states to help manage the growing crisis. Officials at Texas relief centers say they are simply running out of room.

"We want to make certain every evacuee has a safe haven where they can receive medical care, water, food and other assistance," Perry said. "There are shelters set up in other states that are sitting empty while thousands arrive in Texas by the day, if not the hour. We are

doing everything we can to address the needs of evacuees as they arrive, but in order to meet this enormous need, we need help from other states."

Under the plan set up Sunday, aid centers will be established at airports in Houston and Dallas where incoming refugees can be given food, water and medical care before they are flown out.

The Texas National Guard will coordinate the air operation and the governor's office said that people should not just show up at an airport expecting to be transported. Perry said that American, Continental and Southwest Airlines, all of which are based in Texas, have agreed to lend their help.

Since Thursday, Perry's office has been in contact with several states, including the governors of Utah, Oklahoma, Michigan, Iowa, New York, West Virginia and Pennsylvania about providing shelter for Louisiana evacuees.

Perry's office said arrangements also were being made to bring cruise ships to Galveston to help house Louisiana residents left homeless by the storm and that Perry had told federal officials that more ships could be stationed in Beaumont and Corpus Christi.

Meanwhile, flashing traffic signs on Interstate 45 around Houston carried messages ordering evacuee buses to divert to Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said she didn't know how many refugees might ultimately end up in other states.

"Governor Perry has been heartened by the number of governors who have called him," Walt said.

Texas has been taking in refugees from New Orleans since Wednesday. By Saturday, Perry warned the state was nearing its limit. The storm and its aftermath has displaced some 1.5 million people.

Texas officials estimate about 100,000 Louisiana residents are staying in hotels and motels across the state and another 139,000 are being temporarily housed in 137 shelters throughout the state.

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cedar trees or go for a swim in the natural swimming pool at Barton Springs. In Enchanted Rock Natural Area, there is a nice four-mile hike

through rock outcroppings. Some ancient tribes believed one of the outcroppings was haunted because of the strange noises heard from the granite at night.

Finally, out in far West Texas lies some of the most majestic mountains in the country. You can hike on some of the 280 miles of trails in Big Bend and Guadalupe National Parks. And there is even a way to appreciate

Texas's natural beauty at night; just pay a visit to McDonald Observatory where astronomy enthusiasts can enjoy the "darkest night skies in the continental" United States.

Even this relatively short hike through just a handful of the state's treasures reveals that Texans have been blessed with a great deal of natural beauty.

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suspect its record of wrong guesses will remain intact.

The original goal of the neoconservatives — academics and chicken hawks all — was to establish a secular democracy that would influence the surrounding countries. Well, that scheme is in the ashcan. What they

have done is establish a religious ally of Iran, while the surrounding states, all Sunni-dominated, are unhappy as heck. They have also established a major recruiting and training ground for terrorists allied to al-Qaida.

Those who opposed this war have been proven right, and those who advocated it have been proven wrong. Those who now say we have to stay and see it through are saying we have to stay and participate in a civil war and the imposition of a theocratic state. So, what are we going to get if we do stay? Nothing any sensible

American would want.

Those who say we have to fight the terrorists in Iraq to avoid fighting them in the U.S. will soon, no doubt, be disabused of that stupid idea. A federal bureaucracy that bans toddlers, babies and entertainers from flying but can't control the borders, where millions come in unseen and unknown, is certainly not going to be able to protect the American people. We've just been lucky so far, but as every gambler knows, luck never lasts indefinitely.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage"** 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

• **The registration deadline for a weekend retreat** in Canyon for writers will be Tuesday. The retreat, to be led by Jodi Thomas, is sponsored by Writers' League of Texas. The limit is 16 persons. Participants may bring up to 10 pages of manuscript to read. Sessions will be held at Hudspeth House and at the Cornette Library. Participants will also tour Panhandle-Plains

Historical Museum. For more information, call (512) 499-8914 or e-mail wlt@writersleague.org. Cost will be \$199 for members and \$244 for nonmembers.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Wednesday and Sept. 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 19, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 22, Groom Elementary School, Groom.

• **Pants Mandolin will perform from 6-9 p.m.** at Amarillo Museum of Art on Sept. 15. The group was formed about two years ago and consists of five West Texas A&M University students and a Canyon High School senior.

• **Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens will hold its annual Trail Ride** Sept. 17 at Reynolds Ranch, 17 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70. Sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. The ride will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m. Registration is \$20. A current Coggins Test is required for all horses entered in the trail ride. Only original papers will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded including boots, horse feed and a Stetson hat. For more information, contact ride coordinator Gloria Swires at 665-2294 or Sherry Carlson at 669-9672.

• The local Girl Scout council is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jack," and I have been married three years. I'm a feminist and didn't want to change my family name upon getting married. In addition, my husband had his stepfather's name, and the man was physically abusive to him while he was growing up.

Jack agreed to take my last name and legally changed his name a year after we were married. When we mentioned it to his mother before our wedding, she was completely against it and threatened to disown Jack if he took my name. That's when we decided to do it and not disclose it to his family.

Jack still uses his original name, but once we have children (which will be in the next year), he and our children will be using my last name. How, and when, should we tell his family? I feel it might be better to break the news before we actually have kids. -- **EAST COAST FEMINIST**

DEAR FEMINIST: When you say your husband's mother threatened to "disown" him if he changed his name, I assume she meant in the financial sense. If he is prepared for that, then it makes no difference when he gives his mother the news. Because his stepfather was abusive and his associations with the name are unpleasant, I see no compelling reason for him to carry it on.

However, it will be interesting to see if his mother follows through with her threat, in light of the fact that if she does she'll be cutting herself off from her grandbabies when they arrive. That's a hefty price to pay for trying to make a point, I'd say.

DEAR ABBY: Please don't mention my name or town because this is a small community and people will know it's me. I'm an avid reader, and I trust only you with this.

I'm a 15-year-old sophomore in high

school. I have been told I live the "perfect life." I'm popular in school and in the top 10 percent of my class of 300 and get straight A's. I have a cute boyfriend, and my parents are "cool" and let me do things. I've never had sex, done drugs or drunk alcohol.

The problem is I'm not happy. I've been cutting myself for two years. All my dad does is degrade me and tell me everything I do is wrong. We argue constantly. Mom tries to be my best friend instead of a mother, and I can't stand to be around her.

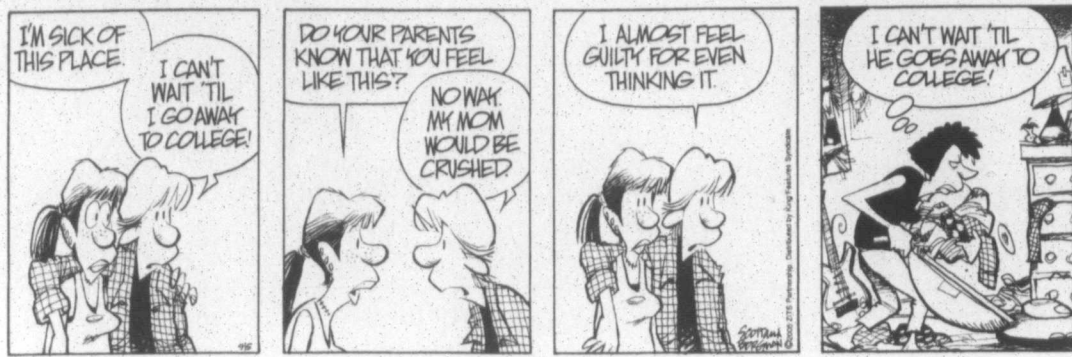
I don't feel anything toward my best friends or my boyfriend. I don't know if I really like him. We have been together on and off for two years. This is the fifth time we've tried to work things out. When I break it off, I get even more depressed and cut myself more. My best friends annoy me, but if I don't hang out with them they'll get concerned and tell my parents about the cutting. My closest friend knows I do it, but she does it too, so she can't rat me out. Please help me. It's not that I want to commit suicide, but it's like I have forgotten how to be happy. -- **SEEING GRAY, FEELING BLUE IN N.Y.**

DEAR FEELING BLUE: The feelings you have described can be symptoms of chronic depression, which is an illness. Everybody has days when they feel down and isolated. However, when people begin cutting themselves to take away the pain, it is time to get help from a trained therapist. Please clip this letter, show it to your parents or a trusted adult -- a relative, a teacher or counselor at school, a clergy person -- and admit that you wrote it. You need to be evaluated and treated by a doctor because there is help for your problem. Please don't wait to do this, because you have a right to be happy, and it's only a phone call away.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

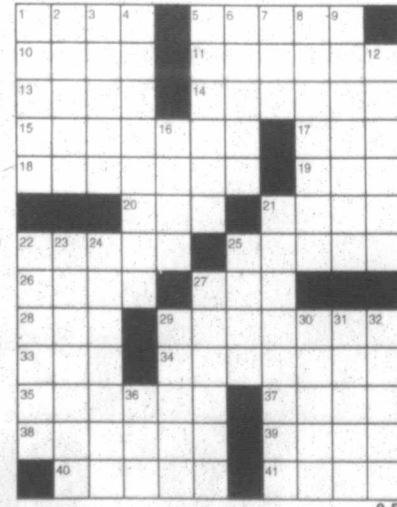
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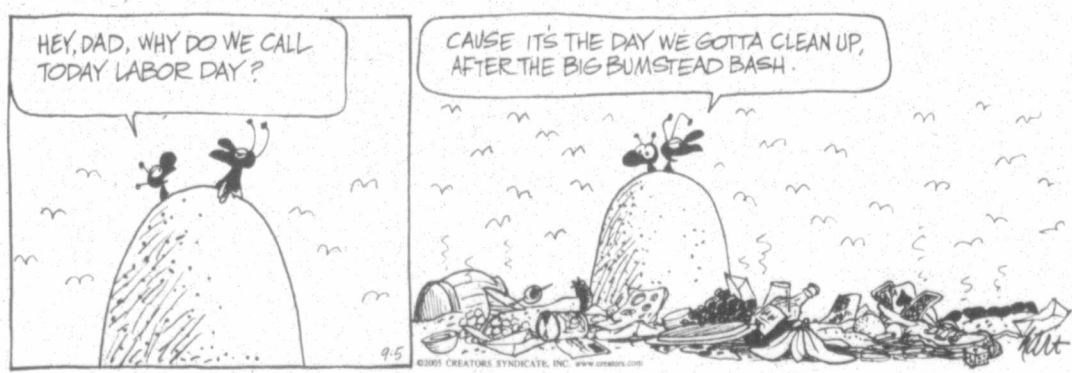


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Sports Day

Royals avoid sweep, rout Rangers, 17-8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Angel Berroa hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs, matching his career high, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Texas Rangers 17-8 Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep.

The victory was only the sixth in 34 games for the Royals, who own the worst record (44-91) in the majors. Kansas City had 18 hits in its highest-scoring game of the season.

Berroa homered in the second with Matt Stairs and Mark Teahen aboard. It was Berroa's first extra-base hit in 23 games, a span of 82 at-bats.

Berroa added a two-run single in the sixth. He also had five RBIs on Aug. 9, 2004, at Detroit.

Aaron Guiel had three hits, including his first home run since Aug. 23, 2004, and scored three runs. Emil Brown drove in a career-high four runs with a two-run homer in the eighth and a two-double in the third.

The Royals batted around in a five-run third and chased Rangers right-hander

Edison Volquez, who was making his second big league start.

Teahen and Brown each contributed two-run doubles in the third. Stairs drove in the first run of the inning with a bases-loaded walk.

Teahen had a sacrifice fly to score Terrence Long in the Royals' three-run fourth. Guiel led off the inning with a home run. Stairs' single to center scored Denny Hocking for the other run in the fourth.

Volquez (0-1) faced 15 batters and eight scored. He retired none of the six batters he faced in the third inning and four of the six hits he yielded were for extra bases.

Left-hander Jimmy Gobble, who was making his first start of the season after 22 relief appearances, held the Rangers to one run and five hits over 4 1-3 innings. He left with the Royals up 11-1, but was on a restrictive pitch count. He threw 61 pitches before being replaced by rookie right-hander Leo Nunez (3-2), who was credited with the win.

Dallas practice squad has seven returnees, new kicker

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys on Sunday brought back seven recently released players to be on their practice squad and added a kicker to keep up the pressure on new starter Jose Cortez.

What they didn't do was announce the addition of receiver Peerless Price, whose agent said he picked Dallas on Saturday. The move likely is awaiting his signature, which probably will happen in time for practice Monday. Veteran receiver Quincy Morgan is expected to be released to open a spot on the 53-man roster.

The returnees include receiver Tom Crowder, tight end Tony Curtis, running back Keylon Kincaid, tight end Sean Ryan and offensive lineman Matt Tarullo, all of whom were part of the final preseason cuts Saturday. Previously released defensive tackle Chris Van Hoy and receiver Jamaica Rector also were signed.

The new kicking candidate is Shaun Suisham, a rookie out of Bowling Green who was among four players given a workout Friday.

FEATURE STORY BOX

Open comments for some special folks

Dear Amarillo Media, Business & Civic Leadership

Please keep in mind there is a great difference between a feel-good story, and a displaced victim. Those people now residing in the Amarillo Civic Center have been hurled into a place in life where every ounce of their faith is being and will continue to be tested. They are not trophies to be held on high, or to help you further your name, cause or effort. Offer support. Help in any way you can. But do so from your heart and not some misguided personal or bottom line agenda.

Dear Ryan Torres

I wish everyone could have been there Friday night to see you make the catch you did against Clovis. It wasn't so much the catch really, but your

desire to hang on to the ball and the way you sprang to

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



your feet after taking the hit you did. That moment, that one deed, defined your heart and that of your team. By the way, please pass along my thanks to your fellow Harvesters for scoring just a few plays later. Win or lose, it was great to see your sacrifice pay off.

Dear PHS Football Booster Club

I give you a snack combo, the Trent Loter. It consists of a soda and a box of popcorn and it is a must-have at half time. Think of how easy it would be for a

Harvester fan to walk up and ask for, "Two Trent Loters please."

Dear PHS Volleyball Team

Congratulations on the great season you are putting together, in particular the great finish at the Lu Allen Memorial Tournament in Graham.

Dear PHS Tennis Team

Ditto.

Dear Wendell Palmer

Why is it every time I see you, the phrase "act your age" comes to mind? How is it you can be in your 70s and still compete in track and field events?

Not just competing, but winning. I replaced a couple of ceiling fans over the weekend and today I feel like some one beat me silly. They were big ceiling fans. Kind of heavy.

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Jerry Rice may be considering retirement

By the Associated Press
Jerry Rice could have played his last down in the NFL.

The NFL's all-time leading receiver was mulling retirement Sunday, after Broncos coach Mike Shanahan told him that he would not be the team's No. 3 wideout.

His agent, Jim Steiner, said Rice wanted to close out his career no lower than a third receiver.

"That's what his goal was," Steiner said. "That's what he wanted."

Rice was checked out of his hotel in Denver. Steiner said Rice was in San Francisco, and a decision on the future most likely would come Monday.

The 42-year-old Rice signed with the Broncos this summer in hopes of playing a 21st season with a winner. Hampered by a nagging foot injury, Rice caught only four passes for 24 yards in the preseason and had trouble getting open.

Denver kept six receivers on its final roster, including Rice, Darius Watts, Charlie Adams and Todd Devoe.

Walking off the field after Denver's final preseason game Friday, Rice told the Denver Post: "Those guys deserve

to be on the field. They worked real hard. The thing is, I'm going to hold my head high if it doesn't work out."

At this point, it looks as if Watts is the third receiver and the other three are competing for the final two spots. If Denver stays with six receivers, Rice could be put in the position of being inactive for some of the team's games.

The Philadelphia Eagles filled their need for a big running back, claiming Lamar Gordon off waivers from the Miami Dolphins. Second-year pro Bruce Perry was released to make room for Gordon.

A third-round pick by St. Louis in 2002, the 6-foot-1, 223-pound Gordon spent two years with the Rams and was traded to Miami two days before the season opener last year. He is scheduled to practice with the Eagles Monday.

Philadelphia had been looking for a back with size since Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury for the third time in four years. Pro Bowl running back Brian Westbrook, rookie Ryan Moats and third-year pro Reno Mahe each are

listed at 5-10 or shorter and under 212 pounds.

Gordon played in three games for the Dolphins last year before being sidelined for the remainder of the season with a dislocated shoulder.

In other moves:
—The Jaguars placed linebacker Jorge Cordova on injured reserve with a knee injury.

Cordova, a third-round draft pick in 2004, is still recovering from left knee surgery after tearing a ligament during training camp last season. The pass rushing linebacker/defensive end also spent last year on injured reserve. To replace him, the Jaguars claimed linebacker Tracy White off waivers from the Seattle Seahawks.

—The New York Jets acquired offensive lineman Steve Morley from the Green Bay Packers for an undisclosed draft choice. The Jets also cut first-year guard Jason Nerys, and claimed wide receiver Dante Ridgeway off waivers from the Cincinnati Bengals and cornerback Lamont Reid off waivers from the Arizona Cardinals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005:

Listen to your instincts concerning money, and you will see a lot of money head in your direction. Whether you discipline yourself and hold on to some of this surplus is your choice. You could hit a major money peak this year. Take advantage of this opportunity. Communication flourishes from the winter on. You will meet people easily. Your family and your domestic life become more important than in previous years. If you are single, you will enjoy many people and might not be ready to commit for a while. If you are attached, work on your finances together. Schedule some more time together out and about. LIBRA helps you mobilize your money-making abilities.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Others seem to be ready, willing and able to pitch in. You accomplish a lot and gain new insight into those around you. Be willing to break past your normal thought patterns, and you will ultimately gain. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Follow a special person's wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You put in a stellar performance right now, causing others to step back and applaud, or at least admire your abilities. You get the job done. A partner revises his or her attitude toward you. This might be a continuing process. Tonight: Work out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to explain a lot, but somehow actions mean more than

words. Let your creativity surge, and you have a way of enchanting others. Be more observant about those around you. You will learn a lot. Tonight: Do you really care that it's Tuesday night?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ If you can stay home, do, even if it means working from there. You will feel much better and more creative in this setting right now. You become a trouble-shooter and handle a crisis well. Curb spending. Tonight: How about a favorite dessert?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Loosen up and drop your shield. Good news will head in your direction if you put yourself out there and reach out to others. Your creativity surges, no matter where you direct it. There are no problems, only solutions. Tonight: Help someone open up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Finally, money seems to be heading toward you. Of course, this isn't a money tree. So although you might feel wealthy today, don't think this will be your status forever. You could get a pay raise. Your family and your domestic life are changing. Tonight: Buy that item you have been eyeing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ For once, you can do no wrong. Loosen up and enjoy yourself. You might find a different style of communicating to be more effective. Change plans and adjust to others. You have nothing to lose. Tonight: Your request is another's pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Know when to back off. You have more information than others do, but you cannot share all the facts right now. Use caution with money. Consider revising your budget or portfolio. Be willing to do

your own research. Your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Vanish into your own world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ As the result of your flexibility, you come out a winner. Others appreciate the way you can transform a situation through your own acumen and perceptions. Meetings serve your purposes. Tonight: Celebrate living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Others turn to you for advice. You intuitively know what to say. Perhaps the best way of teaching is through example. You seem to be able to follow through on work and other commitments. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Stretch your wings and look at a situation with renewed eyes. A different perspective helps you resolve a problem. You understand what is going on with a friend. Perhaps you need to do some changing, too. Tonight: Choose an activity that helps your mind relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

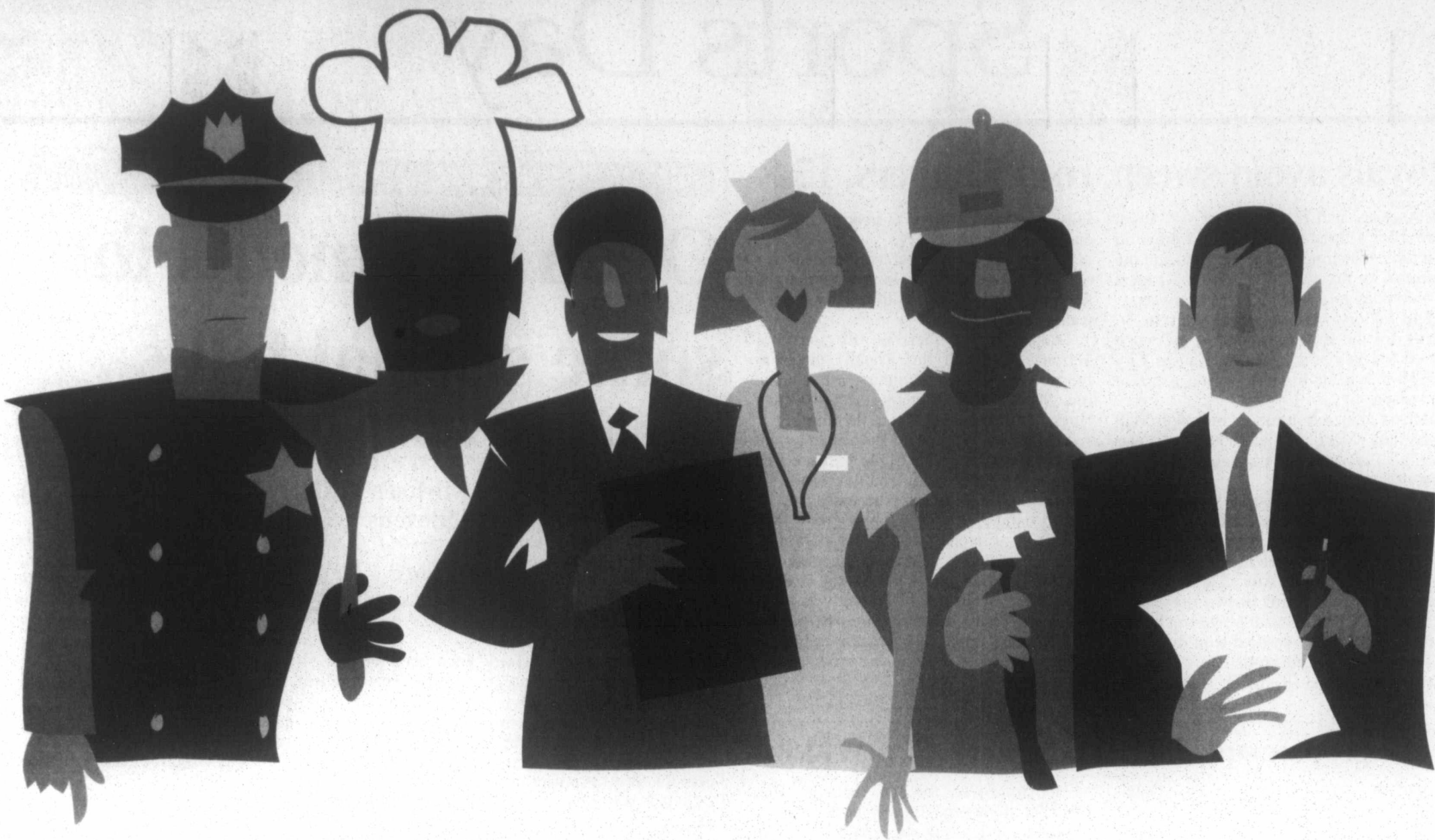
★★★★★ A partner might be more helpful than you thought possible. If you are attached, he or she might be getting a pay raise. You appreciate what this person does for your life. Do more together in public. Tonight: Say thank you to this person.

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Educator Catharine Beecher (1800), comedian Jeff Foxworthy (1958), actress Jane Curtin (1947)

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PERMIT NO. WQ0010358002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Pampa, P.O. BOX 2499, Pampa, Texas, 79066, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010358002, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 3,000,000 gallons per day. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 4, 2005. The facility is located on the north bank of Red Deer Creek, at a point 3,400 feet northeast of the intersection of State Highway Loop 171, approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and State Highway 273 in Gray County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Red Deer Creek; thence to Canadian River below Lake Meredith in Segment No. 0101 of the Canadian River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life use for Red River Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0101 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation. The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, fact sheet and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Pampa City Hall, 200 West Foster, Pampa, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit with-

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out providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and / or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may be obtained from City of Pampa at the address stated above or by calling Richard E. Morris, P.E., at (806)669-5750. Issued: August 24, 2005 C-99 Sept. 5, 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE
In July 2005, the City of Pampa's water plant (PWS ID #0900003) tested positive for coliform bacteria. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. The water system collected six water samples during the month of July that contained coliform bacteria. One repeat sample also contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of 20 routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis.

When coliforms are detected in the water, follow-up testing is required. After Pampa's follow-up testing, no harmful bacteria were found and the water was deemed safe to drink. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than 5.0 percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliforms. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one sample per month may be positive for total coliforms.

When coliforms are found in water, TCEQ requires that all residents be notified by Public Notice. This is not an emergency. The Public Notice is a tool designed to keep consumers informed. As drinking water customers, you have a right to know the quality of your water. OMI's further testing confirmed that the water is properly disinfected and safe to drink. Our number one focus is always on providing safe drinking water. If ever there is a question about the safety of the water, Pampa residents will be notified immediately. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact: Brad Mathis, Operation Supervisor, City of Pampa's Water Treatment Plant, 806-669-5830 D-2 Sept. 5, 2005

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **John Robert Christopher**
% J.A. Martindale
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Bush picks Roberts for chief justice position

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today nominated John Roberts to succeed William H. Rehnquist as chief justice and called on the Senate to confirm him before the Supreme Court opens its fall term on Oct. 3. Just 50 years old, Roberts could shape the court for decades to come.

The swift move would promote to the Supreme Court's top job a newcomer who currently is being con-

sidered as one of eight associate justices. It would also ensure a full 9-member court, because retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has said she will remain on the job until her replacement is confirmed.

"I am honored and humbled by the confidence the president has shown in me," Roberts said, standing alongside Bush in the Oval Office. "I am very much aware that if I am confirmed I would

succeed a man I deeply respect and admire, a man who has been very kind to me for 25 years."

"He's a man of integrity and fairness and throughout his life he's inspired the respect and loyalty of others," Bush said. "John Roberts built a record of excellence and achievement and reputation for goodwill and decency toward others in his extraordinary career."

The selection of Roberts

helps Bush avoid new political problems when he already is under fire for the government's sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina and his approval ratings in the polls are at the lowest point of his presidency.

A brief delay in confirmation hearings for Roberts, which had been set to start Tuesday, was likely in light of his new nomination and Rehnquist's funeral this

week.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he still expects Roberts to be confirmed before the new court session begins on October 3.

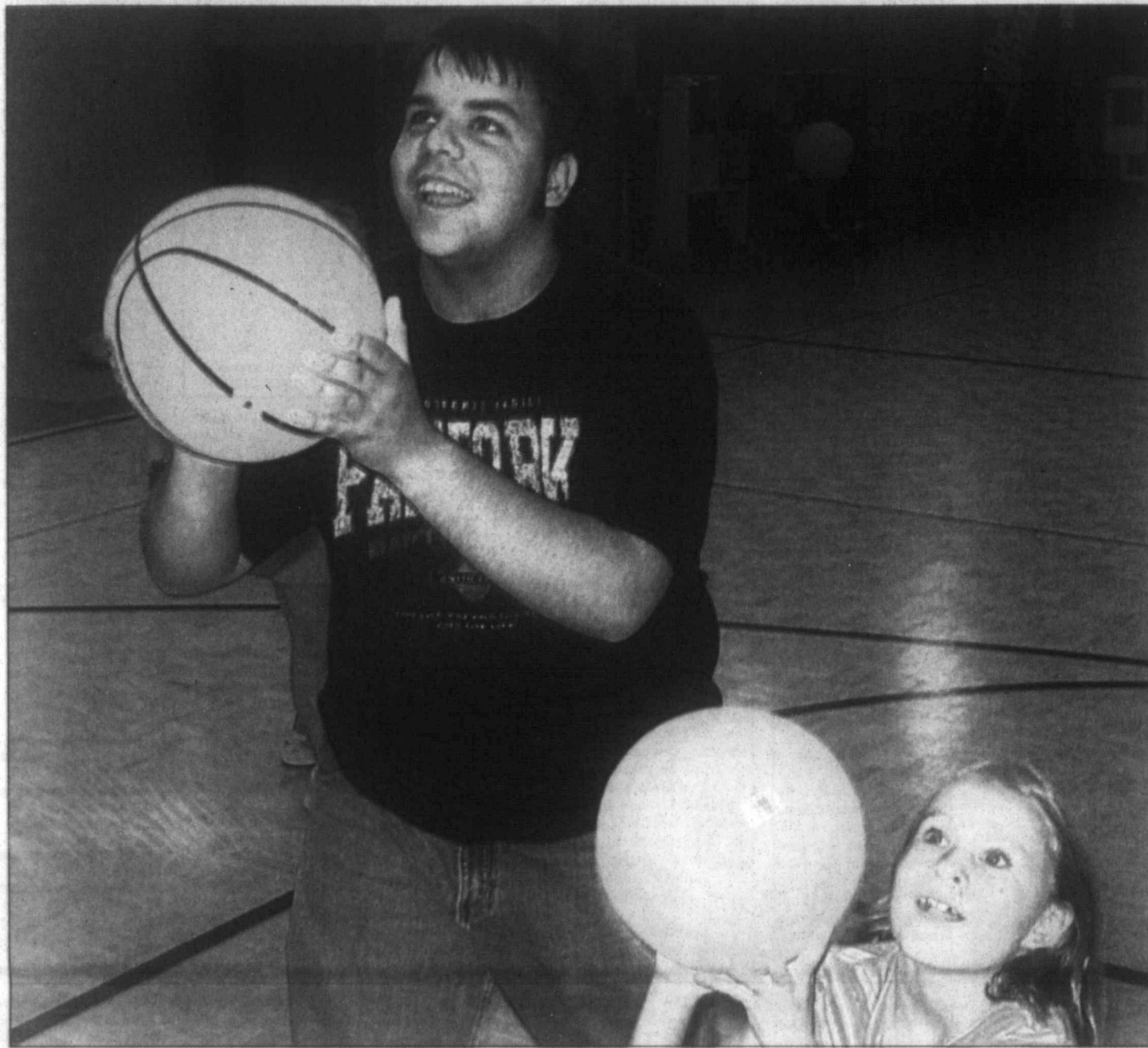
"The president has made an excellent choice," Frist said today. "Mr. Roberts is one of the most well qualified candidates to come before the Senate. He will be an excellent chief."

Democrats said Roberts

will now be held to a higher standard, although they had found little in his record to suggest they would thwart his nomination as associate justice.

"Now that the president has said he will nominate Judge Roberts as chief justice, the stakes are higher and the Senate's advice and consent responsibility is even more important," Democratic leader Harry Reid said today.

Lining up the shot



Non-profit organizations like Create-a-Beat would be in trouble without great helpers like Scott Guthrie. Guthrie is helping Kaylan Smith work on her shooting skills.

President to visit Gulf Coast again to view storm aftermath

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since two days after Hurricane Katrina lashed much of the Gulf Coast into oblivion, President Bush hasn't gone a day without a public event devoted to the storm.

Today was no different, as he planned a return to the storm-ravaged region for a third look at Katrina's effect with visits to Baton Rouge, La., and Poplarville, Miss.

But none of it — including a stream of Cabinet secretaries and other high-level federal officials to the area and on the airwaves Sunday — has quieted the complaints that Washington moved too slowly in the storm's aftermath.

Aaron Broussard, president of Jefferson Parish, just south of New Orleans, broke down on NBC's "Meet the Press" when he talked about people who waited for help.

"They were told like me, every single day, the cavalry's coming, on a federal level. The cavalry's coming, the cavalry's coming, the cavalry's coming. I have just begun to hear the hoofs of the cavalry ...," Broussard said.

"They've had press conferences — I'm sick of the press conferences. For God's sakes, shut up and send us somebody."

Bush's itinerary today, which replaces a planned Labor Day speech in Maryland, was taking him a little farther afield of the center of the storm's fury than his trip on Friday. Then, Bush walked a neighborhood in decimated Biloxi on Mississippi's coast and stopped at the airport and a

breached levee in New Orleans. The president also saw hurricane damage last

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Wednesday during a flyover of the coast from aboard Air Force One.

By contrast, Baton Rouge, about 80 miles northwest of New Orleans, largely escaped damage. Its population, however, has swelled dramatically with refugees and is experiencing clogged roads and supply shortages.

Poplarville, where Bush was to meet with state and local officials at the Pearl River Community College, is about 45 miles inland. But the area was in the path of Katrina's eye and devastation in the town and surrounding rural areas was enormous.

"The world saw this tidal wave of disaster descend upon the Gulf Coast," Bush said Sunday during a visit to the Red Cross disaster operations center in Washington, where he urged Americans to donate money, time and blood to the relief effort. "Now they're going to see a tidal wave of compassion."

The president has come under fire for waiting until two days after Katrina hit — and a day after levee breaks drowned New Orleans and turned it into a place of lawless misery — to return to Washington from his August break in Texas to oversee the federal response.

It ended up taking several days for food and water to reach the tens of thousands of desperate New Orleans residents who took shelter in the squalid and deadly Superdome and city convention center. Outlying areas, though receiving less nationwide attention, suffered some of the same problems.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff took up the administration's cause Sunday, dispatched to appear on all five network interview shows after damage-control efforts by the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michael Brown, met with little success last week.

Chertoff echoed the White House line — saying the time to place blame will come later. But he also hinted at an emerging line of defense, saying federal officials had problems getting information from local officials and were surprised they hadn't been told by Thursday of the violence and horrible conditions at the New Orleans convention center.

"I got to tell you that hearing reports on TV and then calling the field and hearing something different is not what the secretary of Homeland Security wants to see happening," he said.

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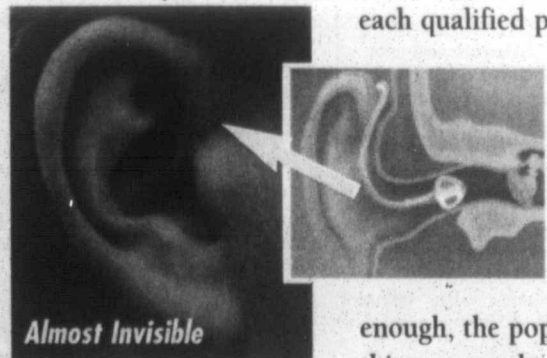
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