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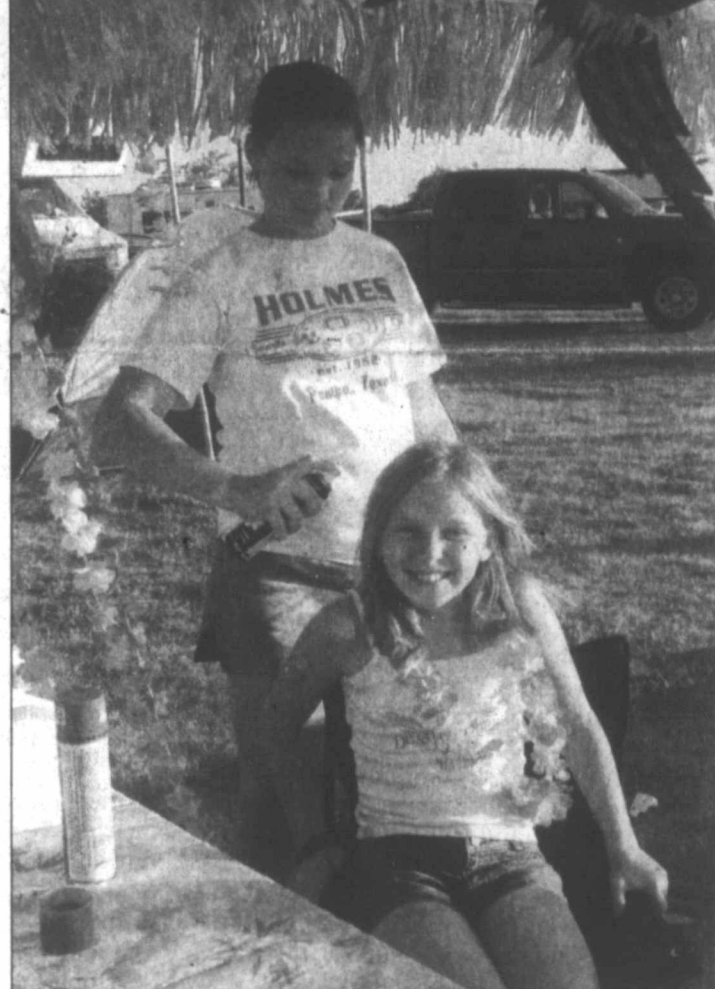
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Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS
Leslie Ramming, left, and Tiffany Reames, in photo above, insert candles into bags at Recreation Park Friday evening.



The candles were lit at dusk, and the luminarias were part of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, which began at 6:30 p.m. in the park. In photo at left, Alison Alexander sprays color on Taylor Dalton's hair at one of the sites set up by various organizations at the relay. Face painting as well as hair painting were offered at Alexander's and Dalton's table.

Authorities probe Shamrock ax death

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer
SHAMROCK -- Wheeler County and Shamrock officials were awaiting the results of an autopsy today in the case of a man hacked to death early Saturday morning here.
Authorities said today that Jesse Cano Roa, 69, of Shamrock, was apparently killed in the early morning hours of June 24, as he slept in his 1966 Ford pickup in the 400 block of North Oklahoma Street in the east side of Shamrock.
Officers said the man appeared to have been hit repeatedly with an ax.
Emergency personnel were called the scene about 6:20 a.m. Saturday.
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Public Safety investigators were examining the pickup today, officers said.
An autopsy was expected to be performed today in Lubbock.
Wheeler County Sheriff Joel Finsterwald said today that Shamrock police officers and Wheeler County deputies questioned seven or eight people over the weekend in connection with the killing.
Finsterwald said the joint investigation includes officers from the Shamrock and Pampa police departments, deputies from the Wheeler and Collingsworth County sheriff's departments, Texas Department of Public Safety personnel and Texas Ranger Bart Bivens.

Roach returns to face charges

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer
A former Gray County district attorney, now serving time in a federal penitentiary on a weapons charge, was back in Pampa today to face state drug charges.
Richard J. "Rick" Roach was indicted May 17, 2005, by a Gray County grand jury on two state charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
On Feb. 8, 2005, Roach resigned as 31st District Attorney and entered a guilty plea in the Amarillo U.S. District Court to a federal charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms.
Roach was arrested Jan. 11, 2005, at Gray County Courthouse by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on a charge of possession of methamphetamine. As a result of a plea bargain, Roach was sentenced to five years in federal prison on federal weapons charges and three years of supervised release. Federal drug charges were dropped.
Gray County sheriff's deputies returned Roach to Gray County jail on May 5, from the federal prison system in preparation for a hearing today on motions concerning the state case against him.
Witnesses called for the
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City to consider bids for M.K. Brown work

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer
Bids for repairs to M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center and the collection and disposal of hazardous household waste along with hiring a 'new employee to promote tourism are on the Pampa City Commission's agenda Tuesday.
Using remaining funds from the old PEDC, the city has budgeted \$101,000 coupled with a \$32,000 grant from the M.K. Brown Foundation for renovations to the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center.
The work includes replacing some of the deteriorating concrete walkways and gutters, installing new doors, installing new light poles, removing concrete islands at the civic center's entrance and paving and striping part of the parking lot.
The commission will also consider bids, expected to be about \$11,855, for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste on Sept. 9.
A new employee to promote tourism will also be on the commission's agenda.
The city staff has proposed the person work at the
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Mary Powell of Pampa examines Home Interiors and Gifts' exhibit at Saturday's Business Expo, held at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Various companies and organizations offered information, giveaways and door prizes during the day-long Expo.

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Obituaries

John Osborn Bowman, 77

John Osborn Bowman, 77, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Lowell Schmidt, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Bowman

Mr. Bowman was born March 21, 1929, in Foster, Okla. Although he was born and raised in Oklahoma, he spent most of his adult life in Pampa. He entered the U.S. Army on Jan. 15, 1951, and was honorably discharged on Oct. 25, 1956.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Inez Raines of Tupelo, Miss.; his second wife, Laura Enterline of Pampa; his parents, Ernest and Myrtle Bowman; and by two brothers, Billy Joe Bowman and David Lee Bowman.

Survivors include three sons, Johnny Lee Bowman of Pampa, Shane Bowman of Marlow, Okla., and Ricky Bowman and wife Gennie of Velma, Okla.; three sisters, Edna Blackburn of Pampa, Bonnie Young of Lefors, and Mary Boortz of Granbury; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Bowman's niece, Rose Wright, for all her contributions in helping to care for John. Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Nancy Martin Greenhouse, 40

MIAMI — Nancy Martin Greenhouse, 40, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, in Miami.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Greenhouse

Mrs. Greenhouse was born April 19, 1966, in Spearman. She had been a long-time resident of Pampa, moving to Miami in 1987. She attended Pampa schools.

She married Ty Greenhouse on Nov. 20, 1987, in Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of

Miami. She was a cooking fan of Emeril LaGasse.

Survivors include her husband, Ty Greenhouse of the home; one daughter, Kaylee Greenhouse of the home; one son, Colby Greenhouse of the home; her mother, Ivy Cunningham of Pampa; two sisters, Audrey Beckham and husband Monte of Shallowater, and Mary Villareal and husband Roy of Pampa; three nieces' two nephews' two great-nieces; two great-nephews; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Martin.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065.

Elmer Daniels, 72

ALANREED — Elmer Daniels, 72, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Alanreed Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Arrangements are by Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Daniels was born Dec. 13, 1933 in Ellis County, Oklahoma to Dewey and Edna Daniels. He met and married Dorothy McDonald on March 19, 1955, in Clovis, N.M. They were married 47 years until Dorothy passed away in August 2002.

Mr. Daniels was a private in the army dur-

ing the Korean War. H worked as a night watchman at the McLean Feed Yard for many years until he retired.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Bailey, Kristy Daniels, Lynda Jo Hastings and Kara Sanderson; one son, James Daniels; two sisters, Delia Range and Imo Lee; three brothers, Delmar Daniels, Lloyd Daniels and Dwight Daniels; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Daniels and a great-grandchild, Bryan Bybee.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Eva Posey, 94

Eva Posey, 94, died Monday, June 26, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thirty-one traffic stops were made, resulting in at least three arrests.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 400 block of Hazel.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of North Wells, the intersection of Jordan and Jupiter streets, the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets, the 1600 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of Warren, the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2500 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Sierra, the intersection of Wilks and Nelson streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart, and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Animal complaints were received from the 800 block of South Hobart, the 900 block of East Brunow, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 700 block of Hazel, the 1400 block of Charles, the 600 block of North Naida, the 500 block of West Brown, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 1900 block of North Christine, an unreported location, the intersection of Sumner and Montagu streets, and the 1100 block of Clark.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the 2300 block of West Alcock, the 800 block of East Frederic, and the 200 block of North Sumner.

Lost property was reported in the 100 block of South Wynne.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A bank bag valued at \$10 was reported lost.

Lost property was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart. A wallet and contents, including cash and checks valued at \$2,000, were lost.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Wells and Ripley streets and the 300 block of Sunset.

Civil matters were reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner, the police department lobby, and the 400 block of Hill.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 200 block of Coronado, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Gray and Browning streets, the 1600 block of West Gwendolyn, the 1200 block of South Nelson, the 1000 block of Love, the 900 block of South Christy, the 1000 block of Darby, and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North West, the 100 block of North Warren, the 700 block of Lefors, the 500 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of West Oklahoma, the 1400 block of Dogwood, the 400 block of North West, the 1100 block of South Faulkner, the 400 block of Powell, the 300 block of Hill, and the 700 block of Denver.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported on Highway 60 East, in the 2200 block of North Russell and in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Minor in possession of alcohol and open container were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received on three occasions from an unreported location.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic and the 900 block of South Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Fir. A garage door was painted. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Hobart. A building was painted with graffiti. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported at Radio Shack, 1820 N. Hobart. Light bulbs and outer fiberglass on a marquee sign were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Russell. A vehicle windshield valued at \$200 was broken.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Rider.

A domestic disturbance and public intoxication were reported in the 1200 block of East Foster. No injuries were reported. An arrest was made in connection with the public intoxication report.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. The incident was verbal only.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of South Nelson. Medical attention was refused.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of East Brunow. Minor injuries were reported, and no medical attention was needed.

Assault and domestic violence were reported in the 400 block of Hill. The incident was verbal only.

A bomb threat was reported in the 100 block of North Houston.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler, on three occasions in the police department lobby, and in the 800 block of North Gray, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of Hazel. A beagle puppy valued at \$700 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Charles. A driver's license valued at \$25 was taken.

Theft was reported at Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy, 1032 N. Hobart. A food item valued at \$5 was taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby and at Dean's Pharmacy, 2217 N. Perryton Parkway.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Frederic.

Gas drive-offs were reported on two occasions at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. In one instance, fuel valued at \$60 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. A door frame was damaged and a DVD player was taken. Estimated cost of damage and loss is \$400.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, June 24
Zachary Wade Skinner, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of East Frederic by Pampa Police Department for no seat belt.

Stacy Glen Terry, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Hazel by PPD for public intoxication.

Sunday, June 25
Travis Frank Berryman, 23, of Pampa was arrested in

the 800 block of North Gray by PPD on *capias pro fines* for five counts of issuing a bad check.

Monday, June 26
Jordan Back, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Darby by PPD on two *capias pro fines* for issuing a bad check.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, June 22
1:00 p.m. — A 2004 Ford Super, driven by Kenneth Steven Cox, 50, of 1500 W. 22nd, collided with a legally parked 2001 Oldsmobile Alero, owned by Juana Soto Blanco, 37, of 404 Doucette, in the 1500 block of West 22nd. No injuries were reported. Cox was cited for backing without safety from a driveway.

10:45 p.m. — A Ford Taurus driven by an unknown driver collided with a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Mark Richard Stone, 16, of 408 E. Louisiana, at the intersection of 22nd and Dwight streets. The Taurus and its driver then fled the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 24
7:52 a.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a public relations program.

9:31 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 500 block of Lowry on a cooking fire.

Sunday, June 25
3:13 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Sunday, June 25
8:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, June 26
12:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transports a patient to PRMC.

2:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Senator calls for federal probe of airport spending

RONKONKOMA, N.Y. (AP) — Federal authorities should investigate the reported misallocation of at least \$65 million in federal grants to expand the Southwest Airlines terminal at Long Island MacArthur Airport, says Sen. Charles Schumer.

"Tens of millions of dollars are being wasted, and we need to find out why this occurred," Schumer told Newsday in Monday's editions. "If there was ever a time for federal investigation, it's right now."

Newsday has reported that \$65.2 million in public money was spent to fund the expansion since 2000, despite promises to local taxpayers that they would not pay a cent. The bulk of the federal funds were spent on roadway and terminal improvements at the airport, the newspaper said.

Services tomorrow

BOWMAN, John Osborn — Graveside services 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 80. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 61. South southwest wind

between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South southwest wind between 10

and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 67.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 95.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

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Milo 3.13

Corn 4.02

Soybeans 4.63

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

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BP PLC ADR 66.79 -0.24

Cabot Corp 32.57 -0.13

Celanese 20.15 +0.16

Cabot Oil Gas 43.91 -0.09

Coca Cola 42.59 -0.16

VLO 61.89 -0.23

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Alioto breaks tie in death penalty case

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito broke a tie today in a ruling that affirmed a state death penalty law and also revealed the court's deep divisions over capital punishment.

Justices split 5-4 in the term's oldest case, which was argued in December before Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement. A new argument session was held in April so that Alito could break a deadlock.

The justices are in the final week of their term and will meet again Wednesday to announce more decisions.

The Kansas case was unique. The state law says juries should impose death sentences if aggravating evidence of a crime's brutality and mitigating factors explaining a defendant's actions are equal in weight.

Justice David H. Souter, writing for the liberals, said the law was "morally absurd."

But the five conservatives, including Alito, overturned a Kansas Supreme Court ruling that found the law violated the Eighth Amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

Writing for the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas disputed the claim by critics that the law created "a general presumption in favor of the death penalty in the state of Kansas."

The ruling affirms the court's long-held position that states should determine how juries weigh factors presented by the prosecution and defense in capital cases.

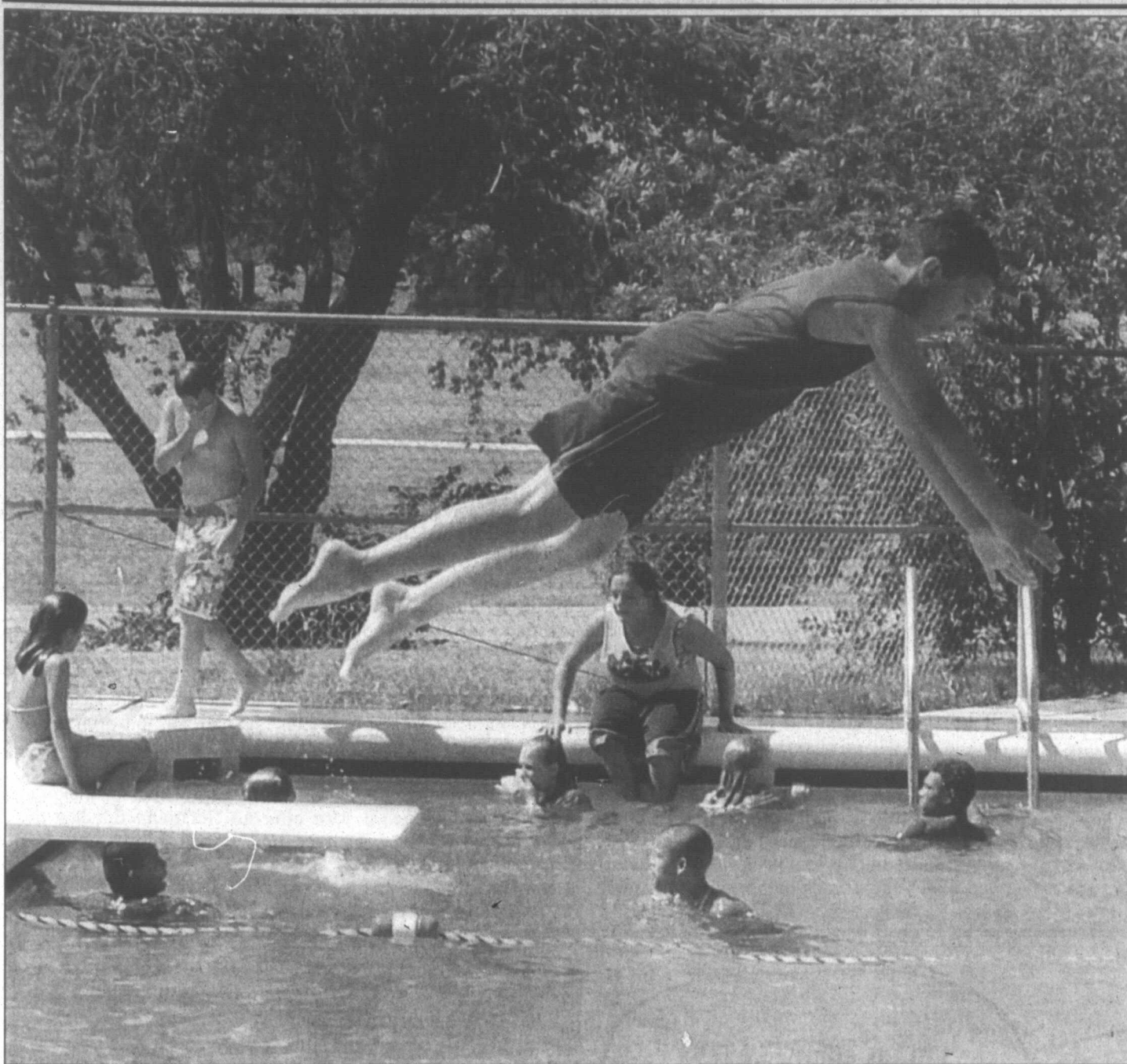
Fifteen states filed friend-of-the-court briefs, predicting that a ruling for former death row inmate Michael Lee Marsh would have required states with capital punishment to set up systems for juries to weigh evidence at sentencing.

Souter said that "in the face of evidence of the hazards of capital prosecution," maintaining a system like the one in Kansas "is obtuse by any moral or social measure."

Marsh was convicted in the June 1996 killings of Marry Ane Pusch and her 19-month-old daughter, Marry Elizabeth. Pusch was shot, stabbed and her throat was slit. Her body was set on fire. The toddler died several days later from severe burns.

In its December 2004 ruling striking down the death penalty law, the Kansas court also invalidated Marsh's capital murder conviction for the child's death, saying Marsh's attorneys should have been allowed to present evidence that someone else was connected to the murders.

No one has been executed since the law took effect in 1994 and the last execution in Kansas was in 1965.



Summer fun

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Anthony Chavez was among a number of swimmers using a diving board recently at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, 701 E. Kentucky. The public swimming pool is a popular place when temperatures rise in the summer months.

Bush decries release of terrorist information

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today sharply condemned the disclosure of a program to secretly monitor the financial transactions of suspected terrorists. "The disclosure of this program is disgraceful," he said.

"For people to leak that program and for a newspaper to publish it does great harm to the United States of America," Bush said, jabbing his finger for emphasis. He said the disclosure of the program "makes it harder to win this war on terror."

The program has been going on since shortly after

the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. It was disclosed last week by the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times.

Using broad government subpoenas, the program allows U.S. counterterrorism analysts to obtain financial information from a vast database maintained by a company based in Belgium. It routes about 11 million financial transactions daily among 7,800 banks and other financial institutions in 200 countries.

"Congress was briefed and what we did was fully

authorized under the law," Bush said, talking with reporters in the Roosevelt Room after meeting with groups that support U.S. troops in Iraq.

"We're at war with a bunch of people who want to hurt the United States of America," the president said.

"The American people expect this government to protect our constitutional liberties and at the same time make sure we understand what the terrorists are trying to do," Bush said. He said that to figure out what terrorists plan to do, "You try to follow their money. And that's exactly what we're doing and the fact that a newspaper disclosed it makes it harder to win this war on terror."

Later, White House spokesman Tony Snow said it was up to the Justice Department to determine whether there would be a formal investigation of the news leak.

"Certainly nobody is going to deny First Amendment rights. But the New York Times and other news organizations ought to think long and hard about whether a public's right to know in some cases might override somebody's right to live," Snow said. "And

whether, in fact, the publication...could place in jeopardy the safety of fellow Americans."

Meanwhile, the administration said it has informed major allies that the secret program has adequate privacy safeguards and will continue.

Tony Fratto, chief spokesman for the Treasury Department, said the contacts were made following the disclosure. "We have made a point of reaching out to our partners in the international community to make sure they understand our views and the safeguards we have in place," he said.

In advance of Bush's remarks, the New York Times defended itself against criticism for disclosing the program.

In a note on the paper's Web site Sunday, Executive Editor Bill Keller said the Times spent weeks discussing with Bush administration officials whether to publish the report.

He said part of the government's argument was that the anti-terror program would no longer be effective if it became known, because international bankers would be unwilling to cooperate and terrorists would find other ways to move money.

City

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M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center. A salary of \$24,000 a year is proposed for the new employee. The money to pay the new employee would come out of projected increases in hotel and motel taxes, said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

Horst said the position would be for one year on an experimental basis.

The commission will also take up the question of a monthly fee for the municipal judge. The city staff is recommending

increasing the monthly fee from \$1,350 to \$1,500, effective in October.

Horst said the time the judge spends in municipal court has increased over the years as has the cost of fuel to get to and from court.

The commission will also hear reports from Dr. Joe Donaldson on Habitat for Humanity and Gary Sutherland on a plan for Sunset Park.

The preliminary draft of the city's 2006-2007 budget will also be presented to the commission.

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chamber of City Hall.

Roach

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hearing were dismissed this morning until 1:30 p.m. today as attorneys met behind closed doors this morning.

The charges involve

methamphetamine and cocaine. Both indictments state that a handgun was present at the time of the incident, that the amount of the substance was four grams or more but less than 200 grams, that the incidents occurred Jan. 11, and that they occurred within 1,000 feet of a drug-free zone.

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Viewpoints

Exhibition on killing buffalo a little too much for spectators

When Fred Gipson's family went to an old-settlers reunion and fair at Katemcy to see the aging Herman Lehmann put on a one-man exhibition, the Mason County youngster got a taste of the old west far more realistic than anything he ever saw in a Tom Mix movie.

Captured by the Apaches at 11, Lehmann spent more than eight years with the Indians, finally reuniting with his family in Texas in the spring of 1878. As he grew older, Lehmann became a Hill Country celebrity, periodically earning a little money for staging performances that amounted to one-man Wild West shows.

By the time the Gipsons reached Katemcy, a good-sized crowd had gathered near the schoolhouse in an open field bounded on one side by a barbed wire fence to see Lehmann demonstrate how he once killed buffalo. Spectators stood

under the pecan trees, leaving a narrow strip of unoccupied space for Lehmann between them and the fence.

Gipson cut out on his own, trying to make his way to a ringside seat. But the gangling boy with the blue eyes, long upper lip, and hay-colored hair did not make good progress. Grownups, he realized, were not much inclined to make way for a barefoot kid. Dropping to his hands and knees, he began to crawl through the legs of the adults — a forest rooted in dusty boots and high-topped shoes.

Finally he could see the old German, dressed in buckskin, sitting astride his bare-backed horse. Lehmann wore a hat made from a buffalo head, the curved black horns jutting out just above his ample ears. Around his neck hung a breastplate fashioned of bones; a white sash decorated with flowery designs circled his quirt-thin waist;

white fringe hung from the full shoulders of his buckskin blouse.

Just after Gipson reached the edge of the crowd, Lehmann cut loose with an Indian whoop from another time — a human panther's scream that would make a grown man break out in a midnight sweat. Hearing Lehmann's cry, a fright-

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



ened steer — the substitute buffalo — let out a bawl and charged down the fence line. Lehmann galloped close behind, bow and arrow in his hands and his old, experienced legs wrapped tightly around his horse. Leaning under his horse's neck, as he had done many times before on

real buffalo hunts, or when the target had been a man, Lehmann overtook the steer.

He drew his bow, the arrow pointing at the wide-eyed crowd. A miss might send the deadly shaft whistling in the direction of some spectator's heart. Just as Lehmann, the steer, and Gipson lined up on an axis as straight as a war lance, Lehmann let fly with his arrow.

Gipson heard a "thunk" and a bellow of pain as pink foam blew from the yearling. A bloody metal arrowhead ripped through the steer's thick hide, just inches from the boy's astonished, horrified face. The steer made it a few more yards, running on impulses from a dying brain. The animal's knees buckled, and it dropped in a spray of dust as Lehmann wheeled his horse and let out another fierce yell.

Dismounting in an effortless movement, Lehmann plunged his

knife into the belly of the fallen yearling. To the horror of the crowd, he thrust his hand inside the steaming cavity and, after some quick knife work, yanked out the steer's glistening liver, holding it up for the audience. Spectators gasped and gagged. Some found themselves looking at the clouds overhead or just closing their eyes. They had come to see a steer killed by a man who once had been an Indian captive, but they were not ready for this degree of authenticity.

Those who still watched then saw Lehmann begin to eat the raw liver. The Indians, and Lehmann because he had learned from them, considered it a delicacy. Gipson did not take in that part of the program. The bloody arrow had been enough for him. As Lehmann finished the liver and wiped blood and bile

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 26, the 177th day of 2006. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

On this date:

In 1870, the first section of the boardwalk at Atlantic City, N.J., was opened to the public.

In 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease yellow fever.

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I.

In 1944, the Republican national convention opened in Chicago with a keynote speech by California Gov. Earl Warren.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated west-

'There are two insults which no human will endure: the assertion that he hasn't a sense of humor, and the doubly impertinent assertion that he has never known trouble.'

— Sinclair Lewis
American author*
(1885-1951)

ern sector of Berlin.

In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1968, Chief U.S. Justice Earl Warren announced his intention to resign.

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.

In 2003, Strom Thurmond, the longest-serving senator in U.S. history, died in Edgefield, S.C., at age 100.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ordered the Virginia Military Academy to admit women, or forgo state support. Former White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum took the blame for the FBI files controversy; White House security chief Craig Livingstone resigned. President Clinton and leaders of the world's other industrial powers gathered in Lyon, France, for their annual economic summit.

Five years ago: President Bush urged Ariel Sharon during a White House meeting to take the next step toward Middle East peace talks, but the Israeli prime minister said violence had to end first.



Is K.T. McFarland the Hillary helper?

It's time for Kathleen "K.T." McFarland to withdraw from the Senate race against Hillary Clinton. She's being used as a shill by Hillary's supporters to slow down John Spencer, the Conservative Party nominee and Republican Party-endorsed candidate.

The only chance to defeat Hillary is for McFarland, who has never held public office to withdraw and let a single challenger proceed. Since she probably won't, it's important for those who might donate to her campaign to realize that every dollar sent to KT actually helps Hillary.

Democrats and Hillary backers are flocking to McFarland to support her candidacy and keep her in the race. One example: Lionel Pincus, who has donated thousands to Hillary

and tens of thousands to committees to help Hillary and hundreds of thousands to the Democratic National Committee, gave McFarland \$4,200.

Twenty other McFarland donors (who've given her a total of \$25,200) also gave more than \$300,000 to the Democratic Committee, \$6,000 to Chuck Schumer's Senate Campaign Committee, \$9,900 to Howard Dean, \$4,000 to John Kerry and \$6,910 to Hillary Clinton.

This pattern is no coincidence. At the very least, Hillary's supporters recognize that McFarland's pri-

mary challenge to John Spencer, the former Yonkers mayor, handicaps his general-election challenge to the senator. At the most, there may be a concerted campaign to encourage Hillary donors to give to KT.



Dick Morris
Columnist

McFarland and Spencer competed fairly for the Republican nomination — and the GOP State Committee vote was 2 to 1 in favor of Spencer. (The Conservative Party also endorsed him.)

Can Spencer win? His campaign will get some traction from Hillary's refusal to commit to serving a full-

term in the Senate. On the left, Hillary has won no plaudits from her fellow Democrats by backing Bush to the hilt on the war in Iraq. Her partisan attacks on every other aspect of the president's policy notwithstanding, she is wearing out her welcome with her party.

Hillary Clinton has raised close to \$20 million, allegedly for her bid for the Senate — but obviously for her presidential race. The more viable Spencer's challenge is, the more money she has to spend getting re-elected.

Those who worry that Hillary would be a terrible president should donate to Spencer — and resist the temptation to split the vote by giving to McFarland.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Materialism has replaced leadership in America

Ann Coulter, to use one of her favorite words, is an over-40 smart "broad" who makes a ton of money out of being controversial. She laughs all the way from her Palm Beach, Fla., mansion to the bank when Democrats and liberals get outraged by something she says or writes.

A former corporate lawyer, she's a regular on Fox News and collects big fees for speaking engagements. She's at the height of her fame. In a way, she's the Republican equivalent of Michael Moore, who, despite his costume of work-

ing man's clothes, also lives in a mansion. If you play your cards right, you can get rich being a polemicist for the poor or a polemicist for the rich.

Calling some of the 9/11 widows harpies and witches who enjoy their husband's deaths is no more tasteless and cruel than many of the other things Coulter has said or written. She is, after all, a verbal exhibitionist. The fallacy of her vituperation is that the

widows did not choose to become celebrities. The media chose them. And who is surprised that people from New York City and the New Jersey suburbs are liberals? Most people who live there are.

The prize for the dumbest remarks, however, goes to Sandy Rios, described as a Fox News contributor, who said that just because the widows lost their husbands to an accidental bombing "does not give

them license to then criticize their commander in chief."

Error No. 1, it was not accidental; error No. 2, it was not a bombing; error No. 3, George W. Bush is not their commander in chief (he's commander in chief only of the armed forces, not of the civilian population); and error No. 4 is that nobody needs a license to criticize any public official. That's the right of every American citizen.

The real question is: Does all of this vituperation and nasty name-calling contribute to anyone's under-

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New test could help answer questions about Alzheimer's disease

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — A new test may help scientists answer a perplexing "which came first" question about the development of Alzheimer's disease, possibly pointing the way to earlier diagnosis or even treatment.

Brain deposits of a small protein known as amyloid beta long have been associated with Alzheimer's. But scientists have been unable to determine whether the body begins producing too much of the protein or loses the ability to clear it away.

Now, a research team led by Dr. Randall J. Bateman at Washington

University in St. Louis is poised to find that answer with a test that for the first time can monitor the protein.

An initial test of the new technique on six healthy volunteers determined that the protein is quickly produced and quickly cleared; keeping it in balance in the central nervous system, the researchers report in Monday's online issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*.

Indeed, it turned out that the protein, also known as Abeta, is produced faster than any other measured before, Bateman said in a statement.

That was unexpected. Because the brain-wasting disease takes so long to develop, many experts had assumed that the production rate for the protein was very slow.

Bateman is now turning to people with Alzheimer's in an effort to determine whether increased production or decreased clearance of Abeta is a source of the disease.

"The paper describes an extremely interesting and potentially important advance," Dr. Samuel Gandy of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia said. "This method is light-years ahead of any existing technology for approaching the

issue," said Gandy, who was not part of the research team.

He said the challenge now is finding clues to the developing disease before symptoms begin to appear. For now, Gandy said, the new test "is much more likely to be useful as a research tool than as a clinical diagnostic test."

Gandy noted the test requires sophisticated biochemical analysis and must be performed in highly specialized research settings.

Nonetheless, Bateman said it could be useful in Alzheimer's studies. Researchers could "directly monitor patients in clinical trials to see if the drug is really doing

what we want it to do in terms of Abeta metabolism," he said.

"If further study confirms the validity of our test, it could be very valuable for determining which drugs go forward in clinical trials and at what doses," he said in the statement.

Currently, determining whether any new Alzheimer's drug works requires researchers to follow the mental progress of patients for months or years.

Bateman said he hopes the test "can develop ways to identify potential Alzheimer's patients" by examining Abeta production and clearance in the body.

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standing of the issues facing this country? I think not. People who are inclined to substitute vituperation for argument — whether from the left or the right — are people who already have their minds made up and believe either no explanation is necessary or that the truth will collapse their position.

The whole talk phenomenon, which includes television and radio, has more to do with entertainment than with either politics or public enlightenment. One establishes oneself as a "personality" and plays the role. Who knows what these people really think, or if they think at all about the topics they are so bombastic about? I suspect they think mostly about book contracts, book sales and ratings.

Argumentum ad hominem, which is what name-calling is, is a dead giveaway that the person wishes to avoid a rational discussion. We would all do better to ignore the entertainers and concentrate on civil discussions. After all,

good people can disagree, and on most issues there are pros and cons. It's all right to skewer your opponent's arguments, but personal attacks only reveal you to be a yahoo.

Of course, there has always been a yahoo element in the population, but at least in the past, most of them did not become rich and famous. We have reached a point in our present culture in which if anybody can make money, it's OK, no matter how the person makes it. That's probably inevitable in a society in which leadership has nothing to offer but materialism.

Materialism is no good as a life's philosophy. In the first place, most of us will not accumulate that many toys, and even those who do have to turn them all in at the cemetery gate. Being acquisitive is a poor substitute for a life with meaning.

I suspect the widows who have been motivated to correct the political errors that led to the 9/11 attacks will have much more meaningful lives than Ann Coulter. Fifteen years from now, nobody will remember Coulter.

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

Judge bars government from publicizing credit offer

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge temporarily has barred the government from publicizing its free credit monitoring offer to veterans whose personal data was stolen and wants to see if they might get a better federal offer.

Lawyers who have filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of the 26.5 million veterans and active-duty troops affected contend that accepting the government's offer could jeopardize their chance of winning more money in the privacy suit.

U.S. District Judge William Bertelsman in Kentucky scheduled a hearing this Friday to determine whether the Veterans Affairs Department should revise its offer. His order on the credit

monitoring was issued late last Friday.

The suit seeks free monitoring and other credit protection for an indefinite period as well as \$1,000 in damages for each person — or up to \$26.5 billion total — in what has become one of the nation's largest information security breaches.

Last week, the department announced its plan to offer free monitoring for a year to millions of veterans and nearly all active-duty military troops whose names, birthdates and Social Security numbers were stolen May 3 from a VA data analyst's home in suburban Maryland.

The department said it would send out letters to affected veterans and military personnel in early

August — after it solicits bids from contractors — on how to sign up for the free service. It also posted information on the government's Web site.

But in court papers, lawyers for veterans said the VA's deal was "incomplete

and misleading." The VA must make clear whether veterans who take the government deal will have to give up their rights in court to a potentially larger payout, lawyer Marc Mezibow wrote.

Cox

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from his aged face, the barefoot boy scrambled back through the crowd to the safety of his family.

The realism of that day never faded from Gipson's memory. Decades later, it

helped him as a writer of children's adventure tales, including the 1956 Texas classic, "Old Yeller."

Portions of this column originally appeared in the author's 1980 book, "Fred Gipson: Texas Storyteller."

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Events calendar

- **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

- **Pampa Cancer Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pampa Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 669-7190 or 669-9667.

- **Sayre Main Street Community Theatre** of Sayre, Okla., will present an "Oklahoma Music Celebration" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the city's high school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Group and senior discounts are available. To find out more or to make a reservation, call (580) 928-3355. Proceeds will be used to restore Sayre's historic Stovall Theater for community use.

- **The Pampa High School Class of 1986** reunion will be held July 28 and 29. For more information, call 665-8685 or 669-4800.

- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic(s): Tuesday and July 25, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

- **The Texas Photographic Society** is sponsoring a photo contest for both amateur and professional photographers in Texas. The deadline to submit slides for the contest is July 5. The exhibition will be on display at the Dougherty Art Center in Austin in September. An artist's reception is planned Sept. 5. For an entry form, guidelines and rules, log onto www.texasphoto.org on the Internet or call (210) 824-4123.

- **Hereford High School Alumni Association** will hold its first annual multi-class reunion July 14-15 at Grapevine. For more information, log onto www.herefordalumni.com; e-mail info@herefordalumni.com; write HHS Alumni Association, 1108 Oakridge Dr., Euless, TX 76040; or phone (817) 267-2068.

- **Registration for the second summer semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will last through July 17, the day classes officially begin. Courses will be conducted Monday through Thursday and include English Comp I and II, Microbiology, Web Site Design, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Non-Western World Literature, State Government, U.S. History, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Microeconomics, Interpersonal Speech and Social Issues. To learn more or for a complete schedule, call the campus at 665-8801 or e-mail david.bradford@clarendoncollege.edu. Offices are closed Fridays.

- **The 22nd Annual Greg Black Memorial 10-K and 5-K Run** will be held July 29 in Hereford. The event will kick-off at 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA. Registration will be from 7-7:45 a.m. Entry fees are \$12 in advance or \$15 the day of the race. For more information, call (806) 364-6990.

- **Kwahadi Dancers** will present "Song of the Eagle" summer pageant through Aug. 13 at Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum in Amarillo. For show times or dinner reservations, contact the museum at (806) 335-3175.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After I dated an older man, I gained a bad reputation among some lower-lever, gossipy co-workers at my job, even though I tried to keep it quiet and even denied it. Now I've started a friendship with an older man at the company where I work. Although we are just friends, these co-workers think there is something more and are spreading gossip, saying that we are having an affair. This could be damaging to both my career and my friendships with the man and my co-workers. How can I stop the gossip? Or does my past behavior make me forever guilty? — **NOT LOVING IT IN NEW YORK**

DEAR NOT LOVING IT: Wait a minute. How did your co-workers learn about your relationships with these two men? Were you obvious about the personal relationship at work? Did you, perhaps, mention it to someone who dropped the tidbit at the water cooler? Once gossip starts, it is impossible to stop. You can, however, make it seem less plausible if you keep your behavior above reproach in the workplace, and your lip tightly zipped when it comes to your personal life. Period.

DEAR ABBY: "Danny" and I have been together six months. During the first six weeks I was studying in Europe, and when I got back we jumped straight into an intense, time-consuming relationship. Then he asked if he could move in with me. It was all too sudden for me, and I said I wasn't ready. Danny reacted by breaking up with me. Since then, our relationship has been rocky. We never established a foundation, and we have been trying to ease our time commitment to each other. Danny says that he loves me. I feel I centered my life around him, and I need to regain my balance before I can be in a relationship with him again. I want to take a

couple of steps back this summer, and get to know each other again and build a foundation. I know Danny is the man I want to spend the rest of my life with, but I'm not ready for that kind of commitment now. Should I give up and walk away, or continue to try to rebuild our relationship? — **LINDY IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR LINDY: Danny may say that he loves you, but if it is more than lip service, he should be willing to give you the space you need. If he's unwilling to do that, then the message he's sending is that he's more interested in a live-in than a life partner. What you're proposing is reasonable, and if he can't respect your feelings, you should, indeed, walk away.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in reference to the letter from "Katie's Daughter" that ran in your column about a month ago. I lost my mother when I was 21 and wish I had written down some of her recipes. I, like Katie's daughter, wanted to make some of my mother's specialties. I am now in my 60s. I decided that while I am still able, I would compile a collection of recipes that my sister and I have prepared over the years for my sons, nieces and nephews so they would not have to "search" for them. By December, I had typed all our family favorites on a special computer program. I printed it, and then took it to a local office supply store, had it bound and a cover put on. It was one of the favorite Christmas gifts they received. — **ALMA'S DAUGHTER IN AUBURN, N.Y.**

DEAR ALMA'S DAUGHTER: What a terrific idea. I never thought I'd be discussing Christmas gift ideas in June, but for a project like this one, it's not a bad idea to start early. Thank you for sharing a delicious suggestion with me and my readers.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

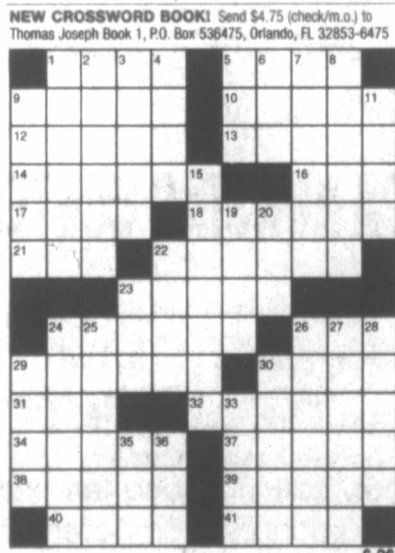
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 1 Hall of Fame pitcher
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 - 5 Actor Grant
 - 9 Cease-fire
 - 10 Self-evident truth
 - 12 Roping contest
 - 13 Lofting golf club
 - 14 Not given the honor that's due
 - 16 Belly
 - 17 Terminate
 - 18 Some beers
 - 21 Freight weight
 - 22 Become bankrupt
 - 23 Pal of Larry and Moe
 - 24 Cryer's cry
 - 26 Pen point
 - 29 Spa feature
 - 30 Plummeted
 - 31 Volcanic dust
 - 32 Fit for consumption
 - 34 Grave
 - 37 Busy
 - 38 Painter Rousseau
- DOWN**
- 1 Right away
 - 2 River of New York
 - 3 Cover with frost
 - 4 Writer Uris
 - 5 Crow cry
 - 6 Chopping tool
 - 7 Corduroy features
 - 8 Dairy case buy
 - 9 Confidence
 - 11 Shea team
 - 15 "Gracious!" truth!
 - 19 Skilled
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 - 22 Wise teacher
 - 23 Purr producer
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 - 25 Fuel gas choice
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Saturday's answer



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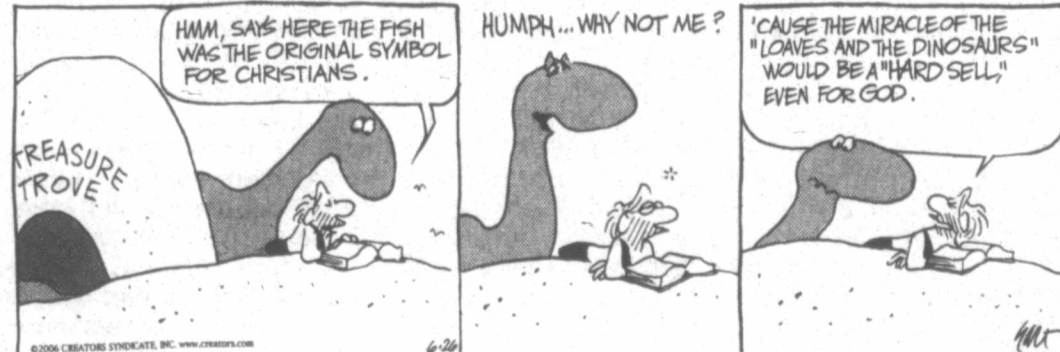
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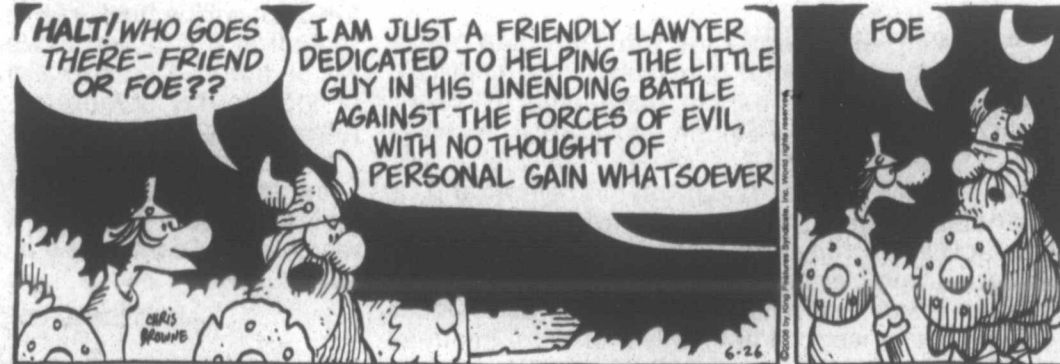
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Sports Day

Summer heat



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Duncan, Frazer & Bridges Insurance Co. catcher Zach Murray provides the target for pitcher Dane Pereira who hurls some heat during Thursday's City Tournament championship game at Pampa Optimist Youth Club Park. Cabot defeated DFB 15-7 to claim the Cal Ripken 11-12 League title.

Golf notes: Ben Curtis cruising; Harris takes Commerce title; Jeng wins Wegmans event

Booz Allen Classic
POTOMAC, Md. (AP) - Ben Curtis will have to wait at least one more day to get his first victory since the 2003 British Open.

Curtis was routing the field Sunday in the Booz Allen Classic, leading by eight strokes over Padraig Harrington with seven holes to go when play was suspended for the day because of an approaching thunderstorm.

Curtis was on the 12th hole with a score of 23 under, poised to break the tournament record of 21 under. Play was scheduled to resume today at 8 a.m.

"I've still got to play my game," Curtis said. "I don't want to go to sleep tonight, 'Oh, you've got it won,' because I've still got 6 1/2 holes to go."

Curtis has led after every round, shooting 62, 65 and 67 on the TPC at Avenel. The low scores are skewed somewhat because the players have been allowed to lift, clean and place their shots on the fairways during the last three rounds. Storms and threats of storms prompted the ruling, but it was really only needed on Sunday, when the heavy rains finally came and postponed the start of play by six hours.

Commerce Bank Championship

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. (AP) - John Harris won the Commerce Bank Championship for his first Champions Tour title, birdieing the first hole of a playoff with Tom Jenkins.

Harris, the former Minnesota college hockey star who had an outstanding amateur career, had eight top-10 finishes in his four-plus year on the tour. He matched the tournament's best round with a 64 Sunday after bogeying the 18th hole in regulation.

He holed a 6-foot birdie putt on that same par-4 in the playoff, taking home the winner's share of \$225,000 from the purse of \$1.5 million.

Jenkins, who had a one-stroke lead after completing

the rain-delayed second round Sunday morning, parred the 18th with a tap-in to cap a 69 and tie Harris at 11-under 202 after three rounds on the Red Course at Eisenhower Park.

Wegmans LPGA
PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) - South Korea's Jeong Jang won the Wegmans LPGA for her second career LPGA Tour title, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke victory over Paraguay's Julieta Granada.

The 26-year-old Jang, the 2005 Women's British Open champion, had a 13-under 275 total on the Locust Hill course. She became the eighth South Korean winner this season, and earned \$270,000 to jump from 11th to seventh on the money list with \$650,081.

Granada, a 19-year-old rookie who tied for fourth in February at the Fields Open in Hawaii, birdied the last hole for a 67.

Marcy Hart (69) missed an 18-inch par putt on the last hole to drop to 11 under and a tie for third with Brittany Lang (71).

Chattanooga Classic

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - Kyle Reifers won the Chattanooga Classic in his first Nationwide Tour start, beating Brandt Snedeker with a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff after breaking the course record with an 11-under 61.

Reifers, the 22-year-old former Wake Forest star who turned pro less than two weeks ago, became the 19th Monday qualifier to win in tour history and the first since Eric Axley last year in The Rex Hospital Open.

Snedeker followed his third-round 62 with a 69 to match Reifers at 26-under 262 on the Black Creek Club course. Snedeker eagled the par-5, 18th to force the playoff.

Reifers waited out a 62-minute weather delay before rolling in his winning 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff.

BIDDING FAREWELL

Letting go for Agassi will be the easy part

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Letting go won't be easy, if only because of how long and how much it took out of Andre Agassi to hold on.

People of a certain age couldn't help but watch tennis' elder statesmen announce the beginning of his farewell tour and be reminded of the enfant terrible Agassi used to be. Back then, you could get better odds in Vegas on Peter Pan reaching adulthood before Andre did.

The kid who broke into the racket in 1986 was brash, with a weakness for fast food, loud, pastel outfits and Vegas showgirl-styled hair. But the 36-year-old who said Saturday this would be his final Wimbledon, followed by a last call at the U.S. Open two months further on, is a model of decorum, fitness, monochromes and aerodynamic efficiency.

Which may be why there was no more fitting place than on the lawns of the All-England club for Agassi to start taking his leave. Because that was where the transformation began.

"I grew up in the public eye. I sort of had to learn some tough lessons in front of a lot of people," Agassi recalled, "one of which was to respect the greatest tournament in our sport."

That happened in 1992, like a bolt out of the blue, when Agassi was still all words and precious few deeds, better at hawking sneakers than using a pair to run down tough shots in the final of any of the game's big four tournaments.

When Agassi arrived at Wimbledon that year, it looked as if the die had

already been cast. He was going to make other people famous - Pete Sampras in the 1990 U.S. Open; Andres Gomez (Andres Gomez?) in the French Open earlier that summer and Jim Courier on the same red clay in the summer after that. He was afraid to win, afraid to reach down deep enough and find out whether he or his opponent would let go first. Every time the going got tough, he got tight and started hitting the ball harder, even though that meant lower- and lower-percentage shots.

That way, the "image-is-everything" brat could shrug off losing simply as "going for it." That way, it was never a failure of his nerves or judgment, just another day on a commercial shoot when the ball didn't land where it was supposed to.

Why all that changed in the course of a single match, his 1992 Wimbledon final against Goran Ivanisevic, is a question only Agassi can answer. How it changed is another matter.

He had to fend off a then-record number of aces, 37 in all, then separate the freewheeling Croatian from the supreme confidence that comes with knowing one swing of his racket produced the same result as a rally won after a dozen hard-hit, carefully placed groundstrokes from Agassi.

He'd tanked sets, even matches, in the past under less pressure. But against all odds and all previous form, Agassi doggedly threw back almost everything Ivanisevic could muster, then waited to see whose nerves would fail first. Match point came, not coincidentally, on Ivanisevic's second serve.

Instead of going all-out for a return winner, Agassi bunted back a two-handed, backhand that swerved into Ivanisevic's body and forced an awkward volley, then watched the ball nosedive into the net and dropped to the grass in disbelief.

Maybe that was the moment Agassi figured out what real champions eventually understand, that winning is a marathon and not a sprint. Either way, that first Grand Slam title became the template that launched him down the path to seven more.

Agassi discovered the harder he worked, the better he got. The facade of cool became a reservoir. He was no longer just the best baseline player, but one of the best-conditioned athletes out there. He learned to serve better, return serve better, and invent shots to cover up weaknesses. What opponents learned is that Agassi could - and would - hold on by his fingertips all day if need be, and into the night when the match called for it, if that was what winning demanded.

His marriage in 2001 to Steffi Graf, who won 22 majors herself, and the subsequent birth of two children, only deepened his resolve. Agassi made a point of never discussing the grueling time he puts in at the gym, but soldiering on long after the best of the rest of his generation is gone has taken its toll. He's played only one match in the last three months because of a bad back.

And so he'll learn to love that part of retirement soon enough, to get up in the morning without aches and pains.

Oregon State beats North Carolina, sends CWS to deciding game

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Oregon State was down by five runs and facing the prospect of watching its season come to a disappointing end.

A few innings and a bunch of runs later, the Beavers were all smiles and headed to a deciding Game 3 against North Carolina at the College World Series.

"It took a couple of hits, it took a spark," shortstop Darwin Barney said. "That's the thing about the college game, one spark can change the whole attitude of your team."

Bill Rowe's three-run homer capped Oregon State's seven-run fourth inning, and the Beavers forced a final game in the best-of-three championship round with an 11-7 come-from-behind victory Sunday night.

"We're good to get this first win, but we've got a lot of business to take care of, so there's no party tonight," Barney said. "We're playing for a national championship - there's nothing better. What's better than one game for one champion?"

Oregon State (49-16) and North

Carolina (54-14) will play tonight, with the winner taking home its first national title in baseball.

The Beavers are trying to become the first Pac-10 team to win the College World Series since Southern California in 1998. The Tar Heels hope to become the first Atlantic Coast Conference team to win it since Wake Forest in 1955.

"There's a lot of teams sitting at home wishing they were in this spot right now," said Beavers closer Kevin Gunderson, his left shoulder wrapped in ice. "There's no time to be sore and be hurt right now. It's one game, tomorrow night: Oregon State and North Carolina."

Rowe went 2-for-5 with four RBIs, and Gunderson (3-2) pitched a season-high 5 1-3 relief innings as the Beavers erased an early five-run deficit and ended the Tar Heels' nine-game winning streak.

"You saw a bunch of young men with heart, guts and determination take the field here at Rosenblatt, and hopefully, that's one for the memories,"

coach Pat Casey said.

With Oregon State down 5-0 in the fourth, Tyler Graham was hit by a pitch leading off and stole third after John Wallace's single.

"When Tyler stole that bag at third, I think it was just a message that we're not surrendering," Casey said.

Chris Kunda walked to load the bases, and Shea McFeely followed with a two-run double. Matt Danford (7-2) came on in relief of starter Robert Woodard and struck out Scott Santschi for the first out, but things unraveled quickly for the Tar Heels.

"After we got that big lead, everyone kind of calmed down and we were just kind of putting it on cruise control," Tar Heels catcher Tim Federowicz said. "After that, they just came back."

Barney singled past a diving Reid Fronk at third and Josh Horton at short to make it 5-3. Danford then threw a wild pitch that bounced in front of Federowicz, deflected off his right shin guard and into the Beavers' dugout to force in a run.

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**** Your evaluation holds up against questions and scrutiny. Understand what is going on with a child or loved one. Perhaps he or she needs more attention. Make it your pleasure. Think in terms of gains and growth. Tonight: Gather your bills.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Take your time this morning. Go for what you want this afternoon, when the Moon slides into your sign. Communication flourishes as you naturally choose the right words and say the right thing. Zoom in and get what you want. Tonight: With friends.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You crest in the morning and slowly get tired as the day goes on. This afternoon, do more quiet work or choose activities that are less people-dependent. A compliment might bring out your shy side. Don't hide your many facets. Tonight: Where the gang is.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Take a stand if need be. Enjoy the limelight. Others come to you. You have a lot to celebrate. Aim for success, and you will greet just that in the afternoon. A friendship plays a big role in your day. Tonight: Where the gang is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Read between the lines. Sometimes what isn't being said could be more important than what is being said. With the insight you gain, you move an important project or meeting in the direction you want. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Togetherness proves to be a strong theme in the a.m., but by the afternoon, you will want to look at the big picture. Positive feelings mark your interactions, be they professional or personal. Tonight: Let go and live.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You simply don't have an easy or clear playing field. You might want to do something totally different. Right now, you need to support others in their plans, as many need to see the results of their thinking or actions. Tonight: Easy does it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Get into work or a project as if there is no tomorrow. The true reason becomes evident later in the afternoon, when you change gears and suddenly become the social butterfly. Don't let anyone or anything stop you. Tonight: Away you go. Say yes to an invitation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Let your imagination work with you. Whatever you do will have that additional flare and touch. You might be tired and drawn early on, as you put so much of yourself into a project. Make time to put your feet up.

Museum raffle



Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch recently acquired a special interactive exhibit from the North West Texas Museum Association. The acquisition will go on permanent display at the wildlife museum in 2008 after it finishes touring museums in the plains states. The Fritch museum's board of directors has purchased and donated for raffle a smoker to help raise funds to house the exhibit called "Gems of the Playas." Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum board members (from left) Sam Dunn, Tony Rusk, Walt Poling, Eck Spahich and Karren Brown stand behind the smoker they donated to the museum for raffle. The raffle will be staged on Howdy Neighbor Day Sept. 30 in Fritch City Park. Tickets may be purchased at the museum. The interactive display will be used to educate the public about the importance of playa lakes to the region and will enhance conservation understanding of playa's unique natural formation. The museum is open from 12 until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 857-2458.

Storms tie up D.C. region with floods, mud

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A weekend of heavy rain created a nightmare for commuters in Washington, D.C., and the mid-Atlantic region today, spilling mud over the Capital Beltway, washing out roads and disrupting Amtrak service, and forecasters warned the storms won't be ending any time soon.

Rain is in the forecast every day this week because of a stubborn low-pressure system off the coast, said National Weather Service spokeswoman Jackie Hale.

High water shut down some Amtrak and commuter rail lines into Washington early today, and only limited service had resumed between Washington and Philadelphia at 6:30 a.m. Even Metro subway service in the city was disrupted because of high water on the electrified rails downtown, said Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

"Riders should bring an umbrella and a bucket full of patience," Farbstein said.

Drivers weren't having much more luck. Underpasses were flooded, and on the Capital Beltway, a mud slide piled five feet of debris on the roadway near Alexandria, Va., backing up traffic. Transportation crews were working to open at

least some lanes for the morning commute but warned of long delays, said Virginia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Joan Morris.

Even the National Archives was closed — the moat surrounding the building on Pennsylvania Avenue had flooded, spokesman Susan Cooper said. She said a preliminary assessment indicated all records held there were "safe and dry."

At the White House, a large tree fell over on the president's lawn.

On Maryland's Eastern Shore, 10 to 12 inches of rain fell over the weekend in Federalsburg, washing out roads and flooding church basements. Mayor Betty Ballas declared an emergency Sunday for the town of 2,600 residents, 60 miles southeast of Baltimore near the Delaware line. There were no reports of deaths or serious injuries.

In Seaford, Del., cars were floating in a Wal-Mart parking lot. Amy Walls, a spokeswoman for the city, said between 10 and 15 people were evacuated from homes in an area known for flooding. City officials were urging people to stay off the streets.

Some homes endured extensive damage. Thelma Gillespie said water was

waist-high in the family room of her split-level home and three of her vehicles were submerged up to their roofs.

"It's just a mess. I don't know where to start," Gillespie said. "All my furniture down here was new last year, and I don't have flood insurance. I don't know what we're going to do."

Caroline County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Dixon spent the day helping Federalsburg residents evacuate. "I don't think there's been any panic," Dixon said. "Everyone understands it's better to err on the side of caution."

Homes also were evacuated in the Galestown area, and a National Guard UH-60 helicopter was deployed to survey flooded areas on the Eastern Shore, said Mike Zeigler, an assistant director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

First Sgt. Russell Newell, a spokesman for the Maryland State Police, said at least 20 Dorchester County roads were closed.

Newell said Route 307, a state road, had been completely washed out in a large section down to the gravel. The road will have to be completely rebuilt in order to be used again, he said.

"It is quite a serious situation," he said. "There's a lot of roads that have been disabled due to heavy rains and flooding."

A late round of storms that rolled through central Maryland Sunday night knocked out power to thousands of Pepco customers in Montgomery County.

Miss Houston wins pageant

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — For the second year in a row, Miss Houston has been crowned Miss Texas USA.

Magen Ellis won the title Sunday night in the pageant held in Laredo. She was crowned by Miss Texas USA Lauren Lanning, who represented Houston last year.

Crystle Stewart, Miss Southeast Texas, was chosen as first runner-up. Kendhal Beal, Miss Bay Area, was selected as second runner-up.

It was another statewide victory for Ellis, who won the 2004 Miss Texas Teen USA. The 19-year-old said she plans to keep up her

training regimen in preparation for the Miss USA pageant next year.

"I'm going to continue doing all the things I did to become Miss Texas," Ellis said in a story in Monday's Laredo Morning Times.

The 132 contestants were judged in three categories: interviews, swimsuits and evening gowns.

Ellis said she intends to use her position to call attention to issues including preventing childhood obesity, and screening for ovarian and breast cancer.

As the winner, Ellis will receive a 2006 Ford Mustang.

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Aggressive peacocks prompt debate

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With attacks reported on people and cars, residents of an Arlington neighborhood say a flock of peacocks has become uncharacteristically aggressive as four males seek the attention of one hen.

The city's Community Service Department called a neighborhood meeting last week to discuss what to do about the flock.

"What happens sometimes is the peacock male will see its reflection in the car's paint and think it's another male peacock, then move to protect his territory," said Mike Bass, the department's assistant director.

Residents of the Fannin Farm neighborhood, which is bisected by a 106-acre greenbelt, said the peacocks have been there for at least seven years.

Dorothy Nelson, a longtime resident, said the behavior is a classic symptom of having "too many men."

One woman said her daughter was scratched on the stomach by one of the peacocks. Other neighbors complained about the birds' feeding on gardens.

"There are neighbors who will not visit

my home any more because of the peacocks," resident Elfreda Makil said. "Not everyone's going to love them."

Sandy Vaughn, a flock defender, has placed mirrors in her yard to attract the attention of the alpha male, which some neighbors call "Big Daddy."

"He pecks at the mirrors, but he's not broken one yet," Vaughn said.

Neighborhood residents decided at the Thursday meeting to place more mirrors in the neighborhood to try to hold the peacocks' attention and keep them away from people and vehicles.

They also agreed to reassess the situation after mating season, with thinning the flock remaining an option.

Several residents opposed the idea of trapping and relocating the flock's alpha male. Resident Charlotte Shaw said people have come to associate the neighborhood with peacocks.

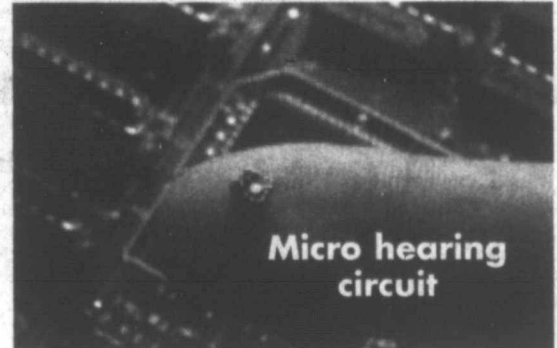
"It isn't just us that enjoys these birds, it's all of Arlington that enjoys these birds," Shaw said. "These birds belong to everyone."

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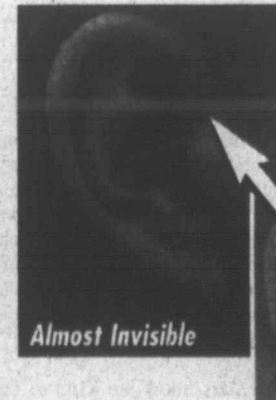
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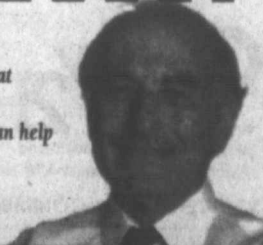
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