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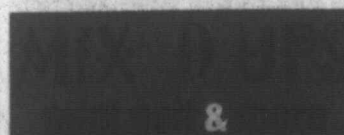
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City OKs bid for improvements to M.K. Brown

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer
Work on M.K. Brown Auditorium will continue; the city will be cleaned up, and the municipal judge got a raise.

The Pampa City Commission Tuesday night approved a \$130,444.06 bid by West Texas Landscape for improvements at M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center. Shane Stokes, who oversees M.K. Brown Auditorium for the city, told the commission that was within the budgeted amount. The City of Pampa had budgeted \$101,000 for the project and the M.K. Brown Foundation contributed a grant of \$32,000 for it. The work will include new entrances on the north and south entries; replace-

ment of concrete islands, curbs and gutter; and asphalt paving. The work should bring the exterior of the building and surrounding environs into compliance with federal disability laws. The commission also approved an \$11,855 bid by Envirosolve, the low bidder, to collect and dispose of hazardous household waste on Sept. 9. City Manager John Horst said Envirosolve had conducted the collection for the city for the past four years. "They've done a great job," said Doug Brown, sanitation superintendent. The commission approved a raise for Municipal Judge Kurt Curfman from \$1,350 a month to \$1,500 a month. Horst said he and Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner

had done a survey of surrounding towns and the \$1,500 a month fee was about midway compared to other communities. He said the municipal judge's activities have increased over the past several years. The commission postponed a vote on creating a new job that would promote tourism and use of the M.K. Brown Auditorium until their next meeting. John Curry, chairman of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Committee, and Pat Vanderpool, the chamber's executive director had approached the commission with the idea at the commission's last meeting. Horst suggested hiring a
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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Pampa City Commissioner Brad Pingel asks City Manager John Horst a question about tourism during the city commission meeting Tuesday.

Pampa man gets 60 years in drug trial

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer
A Pampa man was sentenced to 60 years in state prison Tuesday after he was tried in 223rd District Court in Gray County Courthouse on two drug-related charges. Ricky Lynn Marsh, 45, is in Gray County Jail today awaiting transport to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility as a result of the sentencing, according to jail records. Marsh was sentenced to 40 years for a first-degree felony charge of manufacture, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Kendall Stokes, a lifeguard at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, examines a vending machine that was damaged during a burglary which was reported early Tuesday to Pampa Police Department.

Vandals damage swimming pool

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer
More than \$3,000 in damage was discovered Tuesday morning at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, 701 E. Kentucky, when a staff member arrived at the pool, according to Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department. Police were called at 7:33 a.m. to the scene of the burglary, where an outside door had been pried open to gain access to the facility, Courtney said. "The suspects pried the doors to the office open and then set about ransacking the office," he said. A "very small" amount of

change was taken, and an undetermined amount of snacks were missing, Courtney said. A coin-operated vending machine had its glass broken out. Some employee lockers had also been forced open during the burglary. Further information from the police department this morning showed that an estimated 20 bags of chips had been taken from the vending machine, and a camera and motion detector were either damaged or taken, along with two cash registers. Total estimated loss and damages as of this morning
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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Pampa's State Rep. Warren Chisum and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs visit prior to a meeting in Amarillo Tuesday.

Combs, Chisum push rural economic plans

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer
AMARILLO -- Flanked by Pampa State Representative Warren Chisum and State Senator Kel Seliger, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said the Texas Agricultural Department has an interest in rural economic development. She said that from an economic development, job-creation-retention perspective, the question becomes what does a rural community do if people want to raise families and have children? "We have in the State of Texas 23 counties with no primary care physicians," Combs said. "We have

49 counties with no dentists. We have 154 counties with no OB-GYNs, and 52 rural counties with no hospitals. The differential, as Warren certainly knows, between the number of physicians per 100,000 population is very dense in urban, non-border counties versus rural border counties. There's a huge gap." Medical care is becoming very difficult to find in rural Texas, she said. "With that in mind," Combs said, "we at the Department of Agriculture have really been working for a long time on rural eco-"
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

GREENHOUSE, Nancy Martin — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Miami.
POSEY, Eva — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Nancy Martin Greenhouse, 40

MIAMI — Nancy Martin Greenhouse, 40, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, in Miami. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2006, at the First Christian Church of Miami with the Rev. Billy Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Greenhouse

Funeral Directors of Pampa. Greenhouse was born April 19, 1966, in Spearman. She had been a longtime 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. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Eva Posey, 94

May 31, 1912, at Milo, Okla., and married Travis Posey March 7, 1933, at Duncan, Okla. Mr. Posey preceded her in death June 9, 1976. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942. She was a homemaker and a member of Central Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Alice Marie Hilbert on April 14, 1999. Survivors include a son-

in-law, Dale Cates of Palms, Calif.; three grandchildren, Richard Cates of Ontario, Calif., Carlton Cates of Pampa and Debra Dinges of Amarillo; six great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

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

Hubert E. 'Gene' Ward, 82

Hubert E. "Gene" Ward, 82, of Fritch, died Monday, June 26, 2006. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 East Interstate 40. Hubert E. "Gene" Ward was born on September 20, 1923, in Hominy, Okla. He served in the Navy during World War II and received several medals, one of which was the Purple Heart. He married Betty Ann Ward in Pampa and lived there for 25 years. He worked for Texaco Inc. and retired in 1982. After retirement, he moved to Riverton, Wyo., and later moved to Fritch. Survivors include one son, Donald Drake Ward and wife Jan of Albuquerque, N.M.; one daughter, Carol Ward of Fritch; three brothers, Alvin Ward of Riverton,

Wyo., Bill Frost of Hobbs, N.M., and Norman Ray Frost of Eldorado, Kan.; one sister, Norma Jean Ellis of Pampa; two grandchildren, Meredith Daggett and husband Brad and Russell Heath Morris; and four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 6900 West Interstate 40, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sixteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Wells and Rham streets. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets. Animal complaints were received from the 500 block of East 17th, the 1000 block of North Hobart, and the 100 block of North Nelson. Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of North Sumner and the 2300 block of Cherokee. A welfare check was made in the 700 block of Lefors. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2400 block of Fir. The incident involved the shooting of plastic BBs. A prowler was reported in the 1600 block of Williston. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner. Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner. Two burglar alarms were reported. Fraud was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner. Burglary of a building was reported

at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, 701 E. Kentucky. A 36" metal door and hardware was damaged, vending machine glass was broken, a camera, motion detector and two cash registers were damaged or taken, and 20 bags of chips from a vending machine were taken. Total estimated damage and loss is \$3,075.75. Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A bicycle valued at \$125 was taken. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner. A lawn mower valued at \$875 was taken. Theft was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 27

9:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Browning and Starkweather on a vehicle accident. A vehicle ran into a power pole and left the scene. 12:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 27

12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 4:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Davis and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 4:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 7:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Tuesday, June 27** Richard Scott Collins, 49, of Caldwell, Idaho, was arrested by GCSO and Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and resisting arrest, search or transport. Tamerra A. Davis, 43, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. West-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 96. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind around 10 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 69. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Independence Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

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'Hooters for Neuters' bikini contest draws ire

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The city's animal services department will not accept money from a planned bikini contest called "Hooters for Neuters" for spaying pets.

Animal Services Director Ed Boks reconsidered Tuesday after city officials said the event was degrading to women. He said the department will bow out of the July 13 fundraiser at a Hollywood nightclub hosted

by the Hooters restaurant chain.

"It certainly was not my intention to offend anyone," Boks said in a statement.

Although the fundraiser was not sponsored by the city, a promotional flier was posted on the Animal Services Department Web site. The original flier showed a bikini-clad woman, but the latest version shows a dog wearing a

T-shirt that says "Hooters for Neuters."

City officials earlier had

sharply criticized the decision to participate in the event.

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person at an annual salary of \$24,000 plus benefits, which would bring the total salary to about \$30,000, for one year as a test. If the position proved effective, he said, it could then be extended or made permanent.

Horst said three people had already shown an interest in the position.

Funding for the proposed position would come from increased hotel and motel tax revenue.

Horst said the city had already collected an amount so far this year that is equal to all of last year. He said the hotel/motel taxes from the new motel that opened earlier this year wouldn't begin to flow to the city until July. Another

motel is scheduled to open later this year.

"We haven't had anyone promoting the city in several years," Horst said.

"I think it's a great idea," said Commissioner Brad Pingel.

Mayor Lonny Robbins wants the chamber of commerce to develop a job description before the commission votes on creating the new position.

The commission also received preliminary budgets in preparation for the budgeting process this summer.

Dr. Joe Donaldson spoke to the commission about establishing a chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Pampa.

Gary Sutherland, representing the Pampa Rotary Club, spoke to the commission about a new sign at Sunset Park, the eastern entrance to the city on U.S. Highway 60.

Combs

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conomic development. Warren Chisum and I started back in 1999, talking about the Office of Rural Affairs that he helped transfer to the Department of Agriculture because rural economic development is so critical to the continued health of rural Texas."

She said one of the things her agency has come up with to help with rural economic development is the Texas Capital Fund.

The Texas Capital Fund uses federal community development block grants to put money into new enterprises or to keep an enterprise from leaving or for new infrastructure.

"That can be really important for people trying to generate or create jobs," Combs said.

Since the program was established in 2001, she said it has created or retained more than 6,400 jobs in rural Texas.

Combs said that's important because in towns like Eden, near San Angelo, a few jobs can have a great impact.

Eden has a population of about 2,500 people.

"Thirty jobs in Eden is the equivalent of 22,000 jobs in Houston," Combs said.

Community size has a lot to do with it.

"Out at Marathon where I ranch," Combs said, "if we had five jobs, we would have a street parade," Combs said. "We would be so excited with five new people moving into town."

She said she cannot overstate how important it is to have even a few new jobs in rural Texas.

Combs said the Texas

Capital Fund has also taken over the Main Street program.

"Main Street is really an infrastructure program," Combs said.

She said Main Street cities have been doing a good job of fixing up rural communities.

"We've also got money set aside for what I call downtown revitalization," Combs said. "I make the point that beautification is not frou-frou. Beautification means jobs and it means money."

She said if a man is with his wife in a car and she said they're not stopping in a town, they're not stopping.

"My point is that every community has one chance of making a first impression," Combs said. "What we're trying to do is help small communities both with the downtown revitalization and through some Texas beautification dollars, put money out to make the communities more attractive."

The Texas Department of Agriculture, she said, has \$5,000 beautification grants to be matched by the community.

"The community has to put up at least \$2,500 of the match in cash," Combs said. "The balance can be sweat equity."

The problem is, she said, that communities are competing with a lot of other communities that have some civic pride.

Trial

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with intent to deliver. He received a 20-year sentence for a second-degree felony charge of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

He was indicted Dec. 8, 2004, on each charge. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at that time at \$100,000, with another \$25,000 bond on the second-degree felony charge.

The indictments alleged that on April 4, 2004, Marsh possessed anhydrous ammonia, a substance used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Also on that date, he was alleged to have manufactured, delivered or possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Marsh's trial began at 1 p.m. Monday and continued until 6 p.m. Testimony resumed at 9 a.m. Tuesday,

and the jury received the case at 11:47 a.m.

Verdicts of guilty on both counts were returned at 1:40 p.m., followed by about two hours of deliberation on the punishment, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, who prosecuted the case.

No fines were assessed Marsh in either verdict. He will be eligible for parole after he has served one-fourth of his total sentence, or 15 years, Switzer said.

Earl Griffin of Childress was retained as Marsh's attorney for the trial.

"He has already filed a notice of appeal and a motion for a new trial," Switzer said.

Judge Richard Dambold of Amarillo was the visiting judge who heard the case.

Switzer presented 87 exhibits and 17 witnesses during the trial.

"I was very pleased with the jury," Switzer said. "We worked them hard and fast, and I think they did a very good job. It's not easy being on a jury in a trial."

Pool

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was \$3,075.75, according to police reports, "Crime scene investigators recovered several pieces of evidence and

believe the fingerprints they expect to recover will help reveal suspects," Courtney said.

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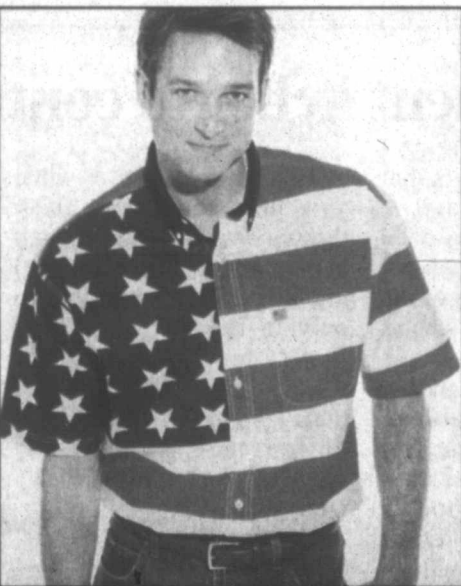
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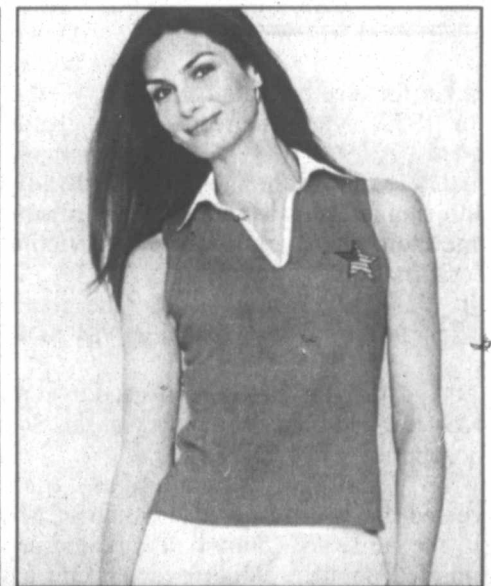
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Viewpoints

Dems practicing 'rule or ruin' strategy

I've been wondering why there is something familiar about the behavior of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq, and suddenly it dawned on me that we have our own similar insurgency right here at home — it is called the Democrat Party.

Think about it. Both are operating under the same motivation — an unrequited lust for lost power. And both will do just about anything to retrieve it.

Remember, under Saddam Hussein's long rule, his fellow Sunnis — a distinct minority in a nation with a vast Shiite majority — were the kings of the hill — and incredibly cruel monarchs to boot.

Saddam may have ordered

the atrocities, but it was the Sunnis who carried them out, torturing, beheading and otherwise brutalizing the Shia and the Kurds and looting the nation's treasure.

They were very well compensated for their services — and since being ousted by the U.S. invasion and the deposing of their benefactor they have been unable to accept their current powerlessness. They are, as the liberals like to say, "in denial." They just can't live with their loss of authority and act as if they can somehow regain what they lost by mounting an insurgency against the new Iraqi government.

It's a case of "anything goes," as demonstrated by

their recent idol, the late Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Killing their fellow Iraqis — including women and children — by the hundreds, destroying the infrastructure, and depriving their fellow Iraqis of electricity, water and income from oil are all acceptable methods of expressing their lust for power.

What it all comes down to is a willingness to tear down their own house if they can't assert absolute ownership of the premises. It's what is known as a "rule or ruin" strategy.

Here in America we have a similar situation — a political party that for years dominated Capitol Hill. They ruled the roost for so long that they began to believe they had some divine right to control the House and Senate.

They got to run the committees, with senior members reveling in the title "Mr. Chairman" with all the perks that went with the title. Only they were allowed to introduce legislation or hire committee staff — the minority had to go to them, hat in hand, to get even a tiny minority staff.

Thankfully, they weren't able to torture or behead the Republican minority at will, but they never let it be forgotten that they were in charge and if Republicans wanted the key to the men's room they'd have to bow and scrape to get it.

Like the Sunni insurgency in Iraq, the Democrats cannot accept their minority status, even though when the GOP took over Newt Gingrich refused to impose the kind of absolute, anti-minority rule his party suffered under the Democrats. They were treated as colleagues, not serfs whose presence was to be barely tolerated. Since then, the Democrats have shown not one whit of gratitude.

Like the Sunni insurgency, the national Democrat party and its congressional contingent has demonstrated time and again that they will willingly sacrifice the welfare and security of the American people to get their way.

As Michael Barone has written: "It comes down to this: A substantial part of the Democratic Party, some of its politicians and many of its loudest supporters do not want America to succeed in Iraq. So vitriolic and all-consuming is their hatred for George W. Bush that they skip right over the worthy goals we have been, with some considerable success, seeking there — a democratic

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 28, the 179th day of 2006. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event that triggered World War I.

On this date:

In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, "Molly Pitcher" (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W.

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— Helen Merrell Lynd
American sociologist and educator (1896-1982)

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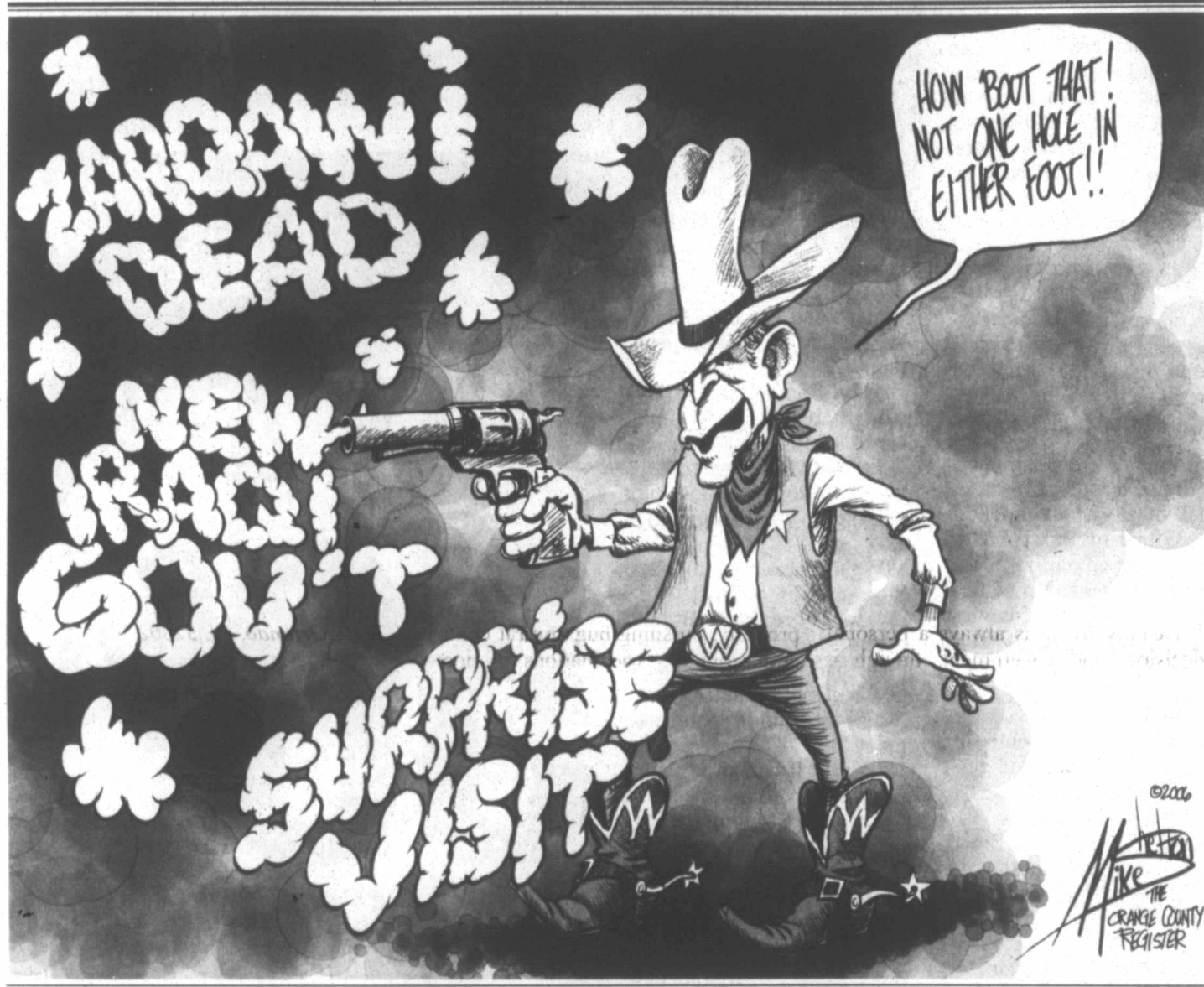
In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, South Korea.

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California at Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who'd argued he was a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

Ten years ago: The Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

Five years ago: A unanimous federal appeals court reversed the court-ordered breakup of Microsoft, but ruled that the software giant had violated antitrust laws, and appointed another judge to determine a new punishment. Former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic was handed over by Serbia to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.



Government itches to control every aspect of our lives

Anybody who doubts that many Americans have a problem with obesity need only visit an all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant. Most of the customers fill their chairs and then some.

Nevertheless, it is not a government problem. Freedom means you can have a lot to lose if you want to, and it's nobody's beeswax. Some people are genetically programmed to be hefty, some people have glandular disorders, and the rest of us just eat too much.

By eating "too much," I mean taking in more calories than we burn. Arthur Jones, the inventor of the Nautilus exercise machines, said something years ago that I believe is true. He said the human body was designed for hard manual labor.

That makes sense when you think about how many thousands of years human beings had to perform hard manual labor. It's really been only in the past few decades that those of us in the industrialized countries have been rendered sedentary by our jobs and by labor-saving devices. We go from house to car, from car to office, and then reverse the process at the end of the day. Most men no longer wear hats because they are indoors all day.

I keep waiting for the fedora to come back, but not even Indiana Jones could make it fashionable again.

People who keep records know there has been a steady decline in the physical fitness of children. I was leafing through an old book published in the 1920s. There was a picture of about 300 Boy Scouts running down to a lake for a swim. There wasn't a fat kid in the bunch. You'd be hard-pressed to find 300 boys with no flab on them today.

There is a paradox. All children are growing taller, and athletes tend to be more muscular even without steroids because of better nutrition and weight training. But a handful of student athletes does not a healthy

student body make. Physical education, which has been dropped in many schools, ought to be reinstated, and all the vending machines taken out of schools. The vending machines were a dumb idea to begin with.

I interviewed a guy who was supposed to be one of the foremost geriatric scientists in the world. At the end of our conversation, I asked him if science knew anything that would prolong life. "Eat less," he said, and then explained about tests with rats. Those whose caloric intake was reduced 30 percent lived longer and were healthier than the others.

That's true, no doubt. Reducing caloric intake isn't

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **June 26**
El Paso Times on preventing terrorism in the U.S.:

Something must be working right in America's battle to prevent domestic terrorism.

On Thursday, law-enforcement officials arrested seven people in Miami who allegedly were engaged in plotting terror activities such as attacking the Sears Tower in Chicago and a Miami FBI office, as well as other buildings in the United States.

Should these accusations prove true

— and it must be emphasized that the people arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty — it will show that despite having no domestic terrorism since 9/11, we must not let our guard down. It seems there will always be some person or some group out there determined to do domestic harm to this country and its residents.

Constant vigilance is now a part of our everyday existence, and that must be accepted, not in a paranoid sense, but in accordance with the reality of today's world.

We must live in a state of watchfulness. It's even more important to keep a watchful eye out for what's going on in your neighborhood. In the Miami inci-

dent, neighbors noticed young men coming outside late at night and exercising and, in general, it appeared to be a militaristic group.

And it's important to realize, in this time of focusing on border security, that the threats are out there and they could be anywhere.

Early last week, Vice President Dick Cheney praised aggressive U.S. actions as helping to prevent new terror attacks, but noted, "Nobody can promise that we won't be hit."

We're aware of that possibility. But efforts to thwart such attacks must be given credence and credibility, as in the recent Miami incident.

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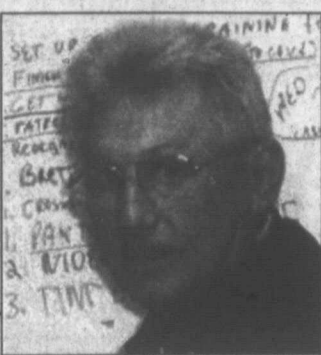
COP CORNER

The other day I was at Wal-Mart getting some things for the office. Many times people recognize me from Cop Corner and we launch into a discussion of past articles.

One of the good things that come from these discussions is a new idea to write about. While waiting in line I spoke with a lady about the lack of stop and yield signs at intersections in town.

So this is the idea that came from that chat, "Designated Through Streets in Pampa."

At some past time, the idea came forth to take away the



Courtney

stop and yield signs in the residential areas. But somewhere in there, somebody had a plan to keep traffic moving efficiently in those areas, hence the establishment of designated through streets.

These streets are controlled at every intersection, mostly by stop signs. I hope I get the list of streets correct, so here goes: Russell, Zimmers, Sumner, and Evergreen run north and south through the neighborhoods.

Twenty-fifth, 23rd, 18th, Randy Matson, Harvester, Browning, and Kentucky run east and west. Of course, everyone knows the major streets, Hobart, Duncan, Francis, and so on. These would be through streets too.

Well, I hope this gets everyone up to speed on how to get around the residential areas without worrying about all those open intersections.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

People in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor John Cusack is seeking a restraining order against a woman he claims has been stalking him for more than 18 months.

In papers filed Friday in Superior Court, Cusack requested that 31-year-old Emily Leatherman stay at least 500 feet away from him, his home, his work, his car, and offices or companies in which he does business.

The documents indicate that Leatherman has no known address and identify her as a transient.

"This person is showing unusual interest by stalking, throwing long letters of interest over my fence in bags with rocks and screwdrivers inside, making unannounced visits to offices of people I work with in an attempt to

meet with me and listing my address as her own during a recent arrest," Cusack said in the request.

Cusack said he has never met Leatherman, yet her mail has been arriving at his home. The woman has suggested in letters that she wants "a normal life and home" with Cusack, and threatened to hurt herself if he doesn't help her, according to the papers.

The documents noted that Leatherman had previous arrests for "stalking and aggressive behavior toward police" but did not specify whether the arrests resulted in any convictions.

Messages left Tuesday for Cusack's attorney were not immediately

returned.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Parker Posey never was a comic-book geek. Yet she found herself a bit breathless on the set of "Superman Returns," preparing for the scene where the Man of Steel rescues her from a car crash.

Posey plays Kitty Kowalski, the covetous moll of supervillain Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey), who dispatches his lady friend in an out-of-control sports car to lure in do-gooder Superman (Brandon Routh) to save her.

Kitty's so awe-struck over Superman's heroic actions that she hitches a ride with the flying man to a hospital because she doesn't want to part company with him.

Reese

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the whole story of healthy eating, but it's an important part as far as keeping the flab off. Women, however, should be careful not to let Hollywood's current fascination with slimness cause them to go on extreme diets. Nature designed women with 30 percent more fat than men, and there's probably a good reason for it. Besides, "beauty" and "weight" are not synonymous.

Healthy living is always a personal decision, and government, though it

itches to control every aspect of our lives, should stay out of it. For one thing, you can't compel people to live healthy lives, nor should anyone desire to do so.

I've heard our current situation described as a "therapeutic" society. That's a euphemism for busybody meddling, and optimistic to boot, since a great many therapies don't accomplish anything but improving the income of the therapists.

There is a role for government, and it's called public health. That means keeping the sewer systems running properly, pursuing bug and rat control, and providing vaccinations. A doctor

once pointed out that sanitary engineers have saved far more lives than doctors by properly disposing of sewage and maintaining a clean water supply. That's another truth to keep in mind.

The bottom line in a free society is that if people wish to pack on the pounds, that's their choice. Fat or skinny, nobody lives forever, and if food is one of the great pleasures of your life, then enjoy. The Dutch and the Turks are reputed to be the world's biggest eaters, and they seem to have the same life spans as everybody else.

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

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.

• **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: July 25, Shepard'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.

Department of State Health Services will offer 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 clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., July 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **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.

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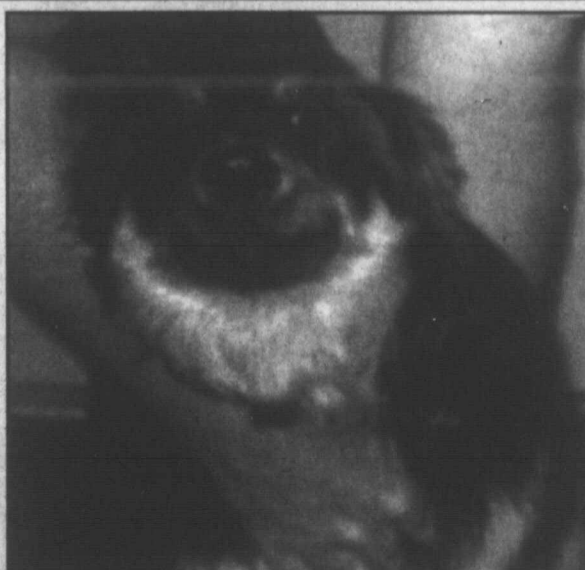
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Reagan

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government, with guaranteed liberties for all, a vibrant free economy, respect for women — and call this a war for oil, or for Halliburton.

"Successes are discounted, setbacks are trumpeted, the level of American casualties is treated as if it were comparable to those in Vietnam or World War II. Allegations of American misdeeds are repeated over and over; the work of reconstruction and aid of American military personnel and civilians is ignored."

In the end, all that matters to them is regaining the power the American people took from them in 1994, and, thank God, have kept it out of their hands ever since.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am being married this summer to my fiancée of five years, "Beth." I had always assumed that my brother, "Mike," who is also my best friend, would be my best man. Mike is gay. When I asked him, I was stunned at his response. Mike said he loves me and Beth, but refuses to be part of a ceremony celebrating something for which he is discriminated against emotionally, financially and socially. He refuses even to attend. Now that I have been forced to confront this issue, I realize my brother is right. Beth thinks he should "get over it," and he needs to accept that it's just "the way things are in the world." As hurt as I am, I can't hold against my brother his refusal to participate in what he refers to as a "reminder that he is considered a second-class citizen without the same civil rights" as I have. How can I handle this without turning it into something that could overshadow what is supposed to be one of the happiest days of my life? -- **DISAPPOINTED IN WESTLAKE, OHIO**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: By respecting your brother's decision, and reminding your bride-to-be that accepting the status quo is not always the best thing to do. Women were once considered chattel, and slavery was regarded as sanctioned in the Bible. However, western society grew to recognize that neither was just. Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain have recognized gay marriage, and one day, perhaps, our country will, too.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in college for interior design. A woman I have many classes with is making class time unbearable. She frequently interrupts the instructor, or says "uh-huh" repeatedly during lectures. It's very distracting. I counted once, and she

did it 100 times in one class -- no exaggeration. She also laughs very loudly at things that are not remotely funny, eavesdrops on other people's conversations and interjects when her opinion is not asked for or wanted. Even our instructors are frustrated with her. When we have critiques of our work -- which is quite often -- she's rude and uncalled-for in her critique, which is funny because her work is less than remedial, at best. This woman is in her 40s. Most of my classmates are in their 20s and 30s. Is she mentally unstable or just socially inept? How should we deal with someone who grates on everyone's nerves? I have tried ignoring her and giving her unsubtle hints that she's being out of line. Some of my classmates have talked to our instructors about her and nothing came of it. I'm at the end of my rope. I dread every class I have with her. Please help. -- **DESIGN STUDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR DESIGN STUDENT: You have described a person who is sorely lacking in social skills. She appears to be unable to pick up on the normal "cues" that guide most people's social interaction, which is very sad for her, because if she plans a career in interior design, she will have to successfully interact with many different kinds of people. You and some of the other students should go back to your instructors and explain to them how disruptive and distracting the woman's behavior has been. If nothing is done, complain to the head of the department. However, if the problem can't be remedied, you may have to grit your teeth, remember that these classes are not forever, and keep as far away from her as you can.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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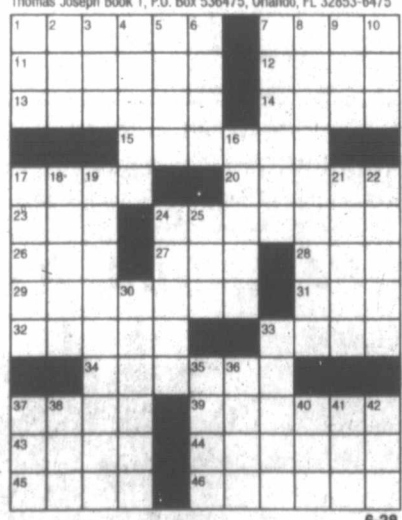
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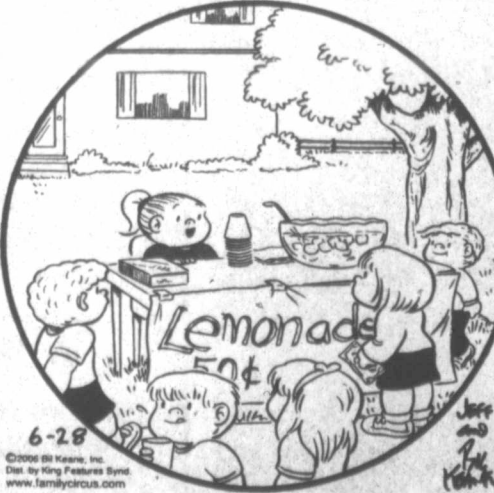
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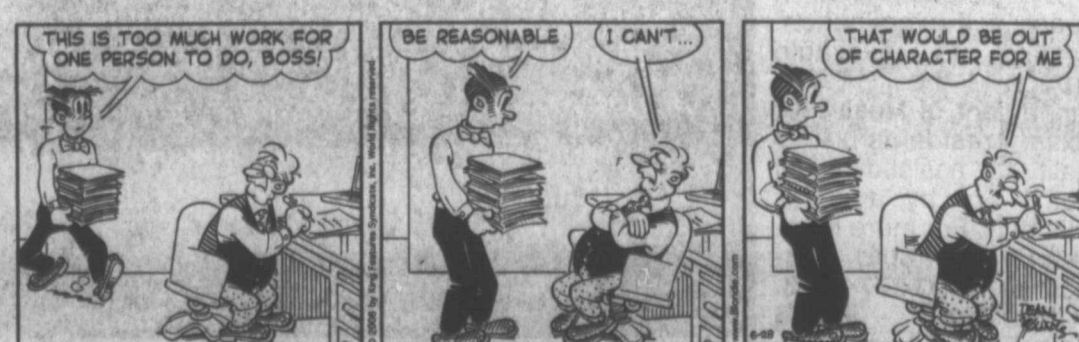
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Sports Day

Family fun day



With wife Becky looking on (left), Tom Craig watches a putt at No. 2 roll around the cup and just inches beyond Tuesday afternoon at Hidden Hills. The Ohio couple is in Pampa visiting Becky's father, Jack Davis (above). The group, including Greg Davis (not pictured) took advantage of the mild temperatures, which are expected to continue today.

Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Curtis finally wins Booz Allen Classic

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) - After making the winning putt, Ben Curtis pumped his fists and joined his playing partners in a bow of gratitude to the volunteers and superintendents behind the 18th green.

He had reason to give thanks. After all, it took him six mostly waterlogged days to win the Booz Allen Classic, his first title since the 2003 British Open at Royal St. George's. The Tuesday finish was the first on the tour since the 1980 Tucson Open.

"It was just a big relief to get it done and finally get this win," Curtis said. "I've been waiting three years for it and it finally came. We bowed to the superintendents because they did a wonderful job getting the course ready."

But there was hardly anyone to see Curtis complete the five-stroke victory. Fans were not allowed on the course Tuesday because the tournament didn't anticipate six days of security arrangements.

That left about 40 people, including a handful of fellow golfers, to watch Curtis tap in for his second bogey of Tuesday morning. The two harmless bogeys concluded a 1-under-par 70 in an event that dragged on because of rain.

Curtis began Tuesday on the 17th hole facing a 28-foot par putt, which he missed. He failed to get up and down for par on the 18th and wound up at 20-under 264, one short off the tournament record.

Curtis, who earned \$900,000, was five shots ahead of Billy Andrade (64), Padraig Harrington (66), Nick O'Hern (67) and Steve Stricker (68).

The tournament, already fighting for its existence, was depleted because most top players skipped the event because it followed a week of tough play at the U.S. Open. The tour plans to move the event to the fall

in 2007, but a monthslong search for a new title sponsor has yielded no results. If a sponsor can't be found, the tour's only stop in the Washington area probably will disappear.

Curtis said he would defend his title if he gets the chance, but he wasn't given a proper trophy presentation on the 18th green. That was done in the clubhouse.

Rain wreaked havoc on the schedule Saturday, Sunday and Monday. By the end of play Monday, the TPC at Avenel course had been hit with more than 9 inches of rain over 1 1/2 days, and more rain fell Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

There were small ponds around the 18th green, and every sand trap was a mini lake. Officials scheduled a 7:30 a.m. start Tuesday, but that was delayed by about an hour. The bad weather also forced Tuesday's British Open qualifier at nearby Congressional Country Club to be canceled.

There wasn't much drama at the start of the day - Curtis already had a big lead before he missed the 28-foot putt for par at the 17th hole. Brett Quigley, who played in the final group with Curtis and Stricker, made the day's most exciting shot by holing a 45-foot birdie putt on 18 to move into a tie for sixth.

"There was still plenty on the line," Quigley said.

Many tournaments hit by rain have been shortened to 54 holes. Curtis said finishing the event, even on a Tuesday, made it more satisfying.

"Anyone who plays this game, they don't want to be a 54-hole winner," Curtis said. "Obviously you'll take it, you won't complain about it, but I think if you have a choice to play 72 holes, you want to play 72 holes."

Agassi copes with emotions in final Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Andre Agassi is trying not to let emotions get the better of him during his 14th and final Wimbledon.

"I don't need this championship to give me any more than it's given me," the 36-year-old former champion said after a four-set opening round victory on Centre Court. "It's already given me so much."

Agassi won the first of his eight Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon in 1992, surprising the established grass-court order by beating the serve-and-volleyers with his baseline game.

Troubled by chronic back problems, Agassi announced last weekend that he will retire from tennis after the U.S. Open in September.

Always a crowd favorite at the All England Club, he drew an even longer and louder ovation than usual before and after Tuesday's 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 win over Boris Pashanski. In a normal year, the first-round victory would barely have caused a ripple. However, this one took on special meaning for Agassi and the fans.

"You expect to be overwhelmed with the whole situation anyhow,

regardless of just how warmly you're embraced," he said. "But then to feel that sort of support, it just meant the world to me. I just wanted to do 'em proud. So I got a little nervous about trying too hard early, overhit a lot. Took me a while to settle down."

Agassi appeared to have some trouble with his back late in the fourth set, but didn't want to talk about his health. Getting through several tough matches on grass won't be easy.

"I've had years where I have felt better," he said. "Sort of don't want to harp on any of the negatives. This is a challenge for me in more ways than I probably ever communicate about."

Agassi is looking forward to life in retirement with his wife Steffi Graf - a seven-time Wimbledon champion - and their two young children. Agassi wore a necklace Tuesday with the words "Daddy Rocks," made with the help of 4-year-old son, Jaden Gil.

"I wait with great anticipation to embrace that part of my life," Agassi said. "Certain parts of my heart and mind will feel a sense of freedom in my life. I'll feel good about being able to breathe a little deeper initially. But I

won't do well bored, so that's not an option for me."

Agassi gets today off, but others will come back for a second straight day of play - including the featured second-round match between three-time defending champion Roger Federer and Tim Henman.

Federer, bidding to become the third player in the Open era to win four straight titles, looked at the top of his game Tuesday when he swept France's Richard Gasquet 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

It was Federer's 42nd straight win on grass, surpassing the mark he shared with Bjorn Borg. The Swede won 41 straight from 1976-81.

Federer's streak includes three titles at Wimbledon and four at the warmup tournament in Halle, Germany. He said he considers Borg's achievement more impressive because all his wins came at Wimbledon. Borg won five straight Wimbledon titles before losing in the 1981 final to John McEnroe.

"Wimbledon stays Wimbledon after all," Federer said. "The five Wimbledon and six finals is something almost beyond possibility for any player."

Not much for sure in the NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP) - The only sure thing as the NBA draft approached was that a high school player would not be the No. 1 pick.

In fact, under the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement no one from high school will be chosen at all for the first time since 1974.

Three of the last five No. 1 picks were high school players - Kwame Brown by Washington in 2001, LeBron James by Cleveland in 2003 and Dwight Howard by Orlando in 2004.

Greg Oden, a 7-footer from Indianapolis, would probably have been the No. 1 choice before the new rules eliminated anybody under 19. He's going to Ohio State next season, and the Toronto Raptors will have to look elsewhere for the first player chosen.

"There's no definitive No. 1 pick, but there are a lot of guys out there who are eventually going to play in the league," said Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting. "I'm more excited about this one than any in maybe the last 15 years. It's very deep. I think it's very exciting."

Among those listed as a

possible pick for the Raptors are Andrea Bargnani of Italy and college sophomores Tyrus Thomas of LSU and LaMarcus Aldridge of Texas.

"At this point, it seems to be that we are more or less locked in at the No. 1 spot," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said Tuesday. "It's the day before the draft, and it appears we will utilize the pick."

Colangelo had some chances to make a deal.

"There have been quite a few inquiries about the pick, nothing we felt was enough to change our course and use the selection," Colangelo said. "The offers that we received were not in the caliber that we felt it required to move the pick."

Speculation has focused on the 20-year-old Bargnani since the Raptors won the draft lottery in May. Colangelo seemed to send a strong indication recently that the Raptors were leaning that way when he hired former Benetton Treviso executive Maurizio Gherardini, whose team Bargnani played for, as his new assistant.

GAMMONS RECOVERING

ESPN analyst stricken with brain aneurysm

BOSTON (AP) - Peter Gammons, an ESPN analyst and a member of the writer's wing of the baseball Hall of Fame, underwent brain surgery Tuesday after he was stricken with an aneurysm near his Cape Cod home.

The 61-year-old Gammons was resting in intensive care Tuesday night following the operation. The Boston Globe reported on its Web site.

Gammons was taken to a Cape Cod hospital Tuesday morning and then airlifted to the Boston area. The newspaper said he's expected to be in intensive care for 10 to 12 days.

Several ballplayers called the press box during Boston's game against the New York Mets for updates on Gammons' condition.

"Peter is one of the Hall of Famers we have on TV, and everybody has a lot of respect for him," Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez said in the visitor's clubhouse after the game. "I wish him well."

Gammons has been a regular on ESPN's Sunday night telecasts this season, working the Braves-Yankees game in New York on Monday night. "Our thoughts and best wishes are with Peter and his fami-

ly at this time," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said.

At the Globe in the 1970s, Gammons popularized the baseball notes columns that have become staples in Sunday newspapers. He also wrote for Sports Illustrated twice - and the Globe in between - before joining ESPN full-time in 1990.

More recently, Gammons has dabbled in music and next week is scheduled to release his first CD, "Never Slow Down, Never Grow Old." The proceeds are designated for the foundation established by Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein, who appears on the album along with several ballplayers and professional musicians.

"He and his wife know our thoughts are with them," Epstein said Tuesday. "We're hoping for good news."

Gammons was honored with the 2004 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for outstanding baseball writing by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

A Boston native who grew up in nearby Groton, Gammons attended the University of North Carolina and started at the Globe as an intern in 1969.

Other Sports in Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - The NFL has toughened up its drug policy, adding amphetamines to the list of banned performance-enhancers starting in 2007.

Amphetamines were previously listed as a "substance-abuse drug," but are now in the same category as steroids and other enhancers that carry much stronger penalties. Next year will serve as a transition year, where a first positive test would bring a warning and put a player into the drug program.

But in 2007, a first positive test will result in a four-game suspension, the same penalty now levied for positive steroids tests.

BASEBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Phillies pitcher Brett Myers will take a leave of absence through the All-Star break, saying he has embarrassed his family and the team with his arrest on charges that he hit his wife in the face.

Myers, Philadelphia's best pitcher, said he asked the team for time off so he can "concentrate on this matter and make plans for whatever assistance is appropriate."

PRO BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indiana Pacers forward Peja Stojakovic opted out of the final year of his contract,

but wants to return to the team.

Stojakovic took advantage of the early termination clause in his six-year deal and became a free agent in hopes of getting a raise and long-term contract, his agent said.

HOCKEY

BOSTON (AP) - Mike Sullivan was fired after two seasons as coach of the Boston Bruins. No replacement was announced.

The Bruins finished last in the Northeast Division last season. In 2003-04, Sullivan's first season, they lost in the first round of the playoffs.

COLLEGE

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Duke athletic director Joe Alleva injured his head during a boating accident on a lake north of Durham, and his son was charged in the wreck.

Joseph David "J.D." Alleva, 27, was charged with operating a boat while impaired Friday after the ski boat he was driving ran onto a pile of rocks at Hyco Lake.

Sgt. Tim Sasser of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission said that J.D. Alleva refused to give officers a breath or blood sample, but three officers smelled alcohol on him several hours after the accident.

Cuban joins financier's bid for NHL's Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Mark Cuban is known for baiting NBA officials, and Dan Marino is the most prolific passer in NFL history. But the Pittsburgh natives now want to expand into a different sport in their hometown - hockey.

The two have joined with a New York City financier in trying to buy the NHL's Penguins from Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux's group, which is selling the two-time Stanley Cup champions even as the team seeks a new arena deal.

The group of prospective Penguins owners is headed by Andrew Murstein, the president of Medallion Financial Corp., a company that finances New York City taxicab medallions and originates consumer loans for recreational vehicles. Also included are principals in Pittsburgh-based Walnut Capital, a real estate management and development company.

Walnut Capital CEO Gregg Perelman recently teamed with Cuban to buy a nine-story downtown Pittsburgh office building. Cuban, who grew up in suburban Pittsburgh, is the billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner whose holdings include a movie production firm and high-definition TV channel.

Adding Cuban and Marino is expected to strengthen the group's estimated \$150 million bid not only financially but perception-wise. Neither Cuban nor Marino have any interest in moving the Penguins from Pittsburgh - Cuban has made it a condition of his

participation - even though the team has yet to land a deal to build an arena to replace 45-year-old Mellon Arena.

Murstein was in Dallas on Tuesday, presumably to meet with Cuban about his involvement in the group. In the past, Murstein expressed interest in buying two NHL franchises, the Blues and Ducks, and the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer.

Todd Reidbord, Walnut Capital's president, said recently his group was the only one interested in buying the Penguins that has fully committed to staying in Pittsburgh. At least four other groups have expressed interest in the team, which is expected to be sold before the start of the NHL season in October.

Lemieux's ownership group, which also includes California businessman Ron Burkle, bought the team in federal bankruptcy court in 1999 - partly to protect the nearly \$30 million in deferred money owed Lemieux on his contract. Lemieux's group has since paid back all money owed by the club before its bankruptcy filing, a rarity during such procedures.

The uncertainty over the Penguins' arena status has clouded their future in Pittsburgh. Lemieux's group has partnered with Isle of Capri Casinos, which has agreed to build a \$290 million arena if it wins the solitary license that will be awarded for a slot machine casino in the city.

Brazil satisfied with 3-0 win

DORTMUND, Germany (AP) - Brazil loudly celebrated its 3-0 victory over Ghana, which despite the score provided a tough challenge for the five-time champions. Next up: a rematch of the 1998 final against France.

"The World Cup is very difficult," coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said Tuesday. "There's no point in having control or playing very well or shooting at the goal. The thing is to win the important games, and we did that."

Even though the five-time champions were outplayed at times.

The African squad, making its first World Cup appearance, controlled possession and outshot the Brazilians 25-21. Ghana's shots, however, were either just off the mark or well within reach of Brazil goalkeeper Dida.

And Brazil had Ronaldo.

Ronaldo netted his 15th World Cup goal in the fifth minute, putting him past German Gerd Mueller as the tournament's all-time leading scorer. Adriano added another in first-half injury-time, and Ze Roberto closed the scoring in the 84th.

The striker scored in the fifth minute. He broke through an offside trap, received a perfect through pass from Kaka, broke down goalkeeper Richard Kingson with a nifty stepover and shot it just as defender John Pantsil arrived.

"It was never my goal (to break the record)," Ronaldo said. "It just happened match after match."

"I want to continue to increase the record, but without forgetting that the main goal in the World Cup is winning the title," Ronaldo said. "We know that we are going to face more difficult rivals every time, and we have to be prepared for that."

They must prepare for the French, who beat them in the 1998 title game in St. Denis, just outside Paris. France surprised Spain 3-1 at Hanover.

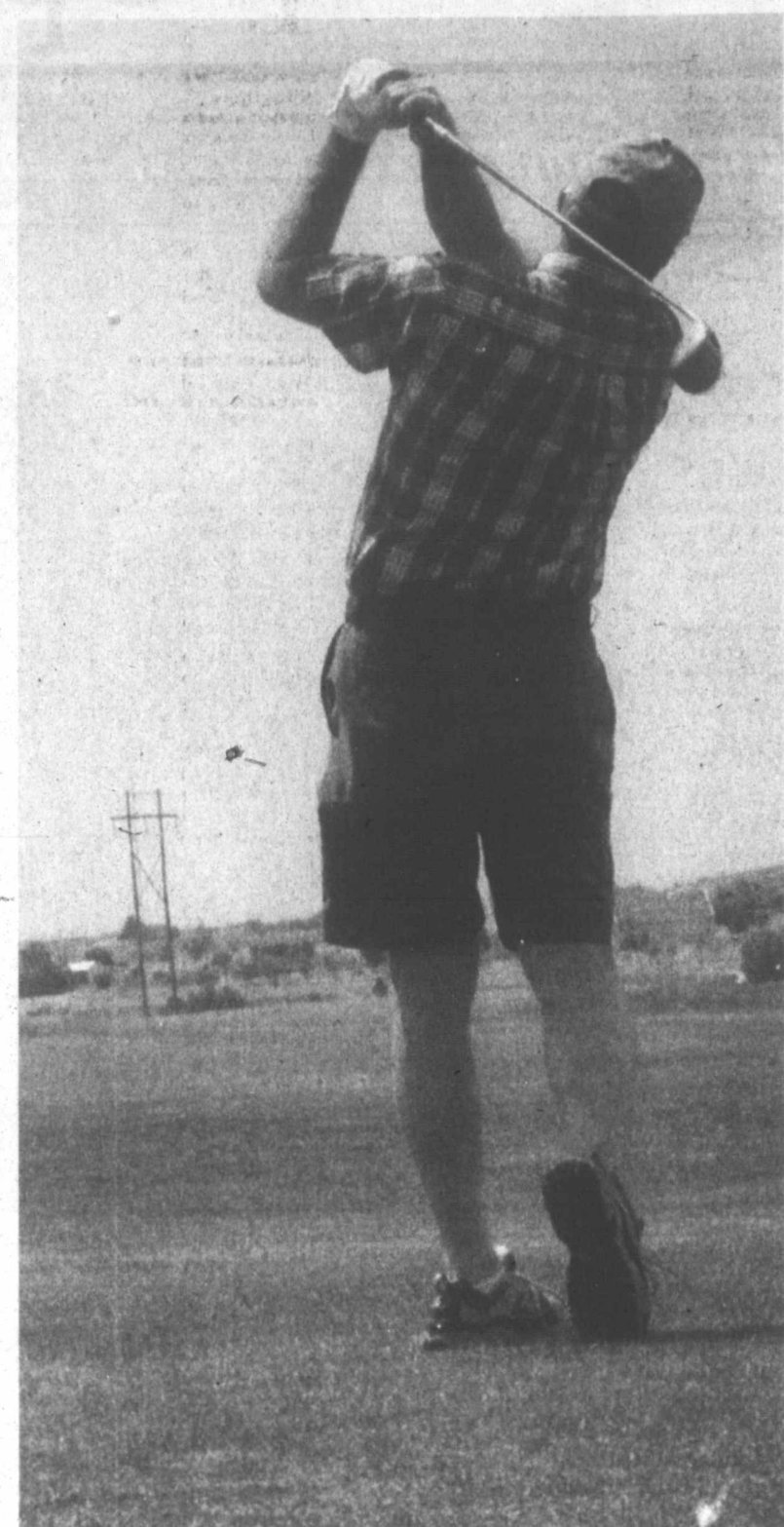
And they can't afford any leaks in the defense, as they occasionally displayed Tuesday, or any lulls.

"I drew attention of my players at halftime because we made many mistakes," Parreira said. "We made many mistakes because we hurried the ball. In the second half, after the first 15 minutes, we improved and balanced out."

The Ghanians picked up six yellow cards and one red after Asamoah Gyan was booked for a second time for diving.

The African squad committed 24 fouls against Brazil's 18.

Flight control



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Greg Davis sends a ball down the fairway off the No. 3 tee Tuesday afternoon at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

SEEKING A LEVEL PLAYING SURFACE

A Wimbledon tradition: unequal pay

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

For those of us who live on the other side of the pond, the Brits have always seemed a quirky sort.

They break for afternoon tea, drink warm beer and endure endless queues and bad plumbing without complaint. They cling stubbornly to their own money, and share a strange fascination for the sun when it shines.

And, more often than not, they love their sports figures better when they fail than when they succeed. Tim Henman has never made it past the Wimbledon semifinals, but he'll always be known in England as "Our Tim."

So how surprising is it that, in an age of equality and political correctness, they continue to pay women less money to play tennis than men?

About as surprising as the rain that fell Monday, disrupting the first round of play at the All England Club for yet another year.

You see, the people who run the most famous tournament in tennis tend to be a stuffy sort. They make players wear white, continue to play tennis on green grass, and until only recently required everyone to make a cute little curtsy whenever the royals were in town.

Pay women the same as men? Jolly well, mate. Next they'll want cold beer and a roof over Centre Court.

Actually, they are putting a roof over Centre Court, though it won't be ready for another three years. And, for the first time, on-court officials and ball kids are wearing blue uniforms.

Even at stodgy old Wimbledon, the times are changing.

Some traditions die harder than others. So, once again this year, Maria Sharapova will be playing for less than Roger Federer, and Venus Williams won't have a chance to make as much as Andre Agassi.

The other major tennis championships - the U.S., French and Australian Opens - all pay their champions the same. But their winners are men and women.

At Wimbledon, the titles are won by ladies and gentlemen.

Some of those ladies don't exactly act ladylike when it comes to wanting prize check equality.

"For us, it's not about earning more money or becoming any more well-off; it's really about an equality issue," Williams said. "At this point it's become really that we represent women around the world. We're the premier sport for women. We would like to empower women around the world by showing that we are willing to fight for equality."

This isn't exactly a fight for equality, though. More like a chat about it.

The draw sheets still show Williams and the other top players in the world scheduled to play Wimbledon. There's no talk of a boycott, no chance of anyone not playing because she believes so much about the social issue of equal pay.

When you look at the money involved, you understand why. The men's champion will earn some \$1.2 million this year, and the women's winner will pocket \$1.15 million.

You have to be awfully committed to the notion of equality to pass up a chance at that.

Why the All England Club can't throw an extra 50 grand into the ladies' pot is a mystery known only to the gentlemen in blazers who run it. Sell a few more strawberries and cream and the thing will pay for itself.

The mere suggestion of equal pay is met with such astonishment that you would think someone wanted to begin driving on the right side of the road. The blazers the other day defended themselves by trotting out statistics showing last year's women quarterfinalists earned \$2,635 a game to \$1,827 for the men.

That's because, they said, the men work harder for their wins. They play best-of-five-set matches to best-of-three for the women.

The blazers also noted that Wimbledon pays women 87 percent as much money as men, while the top women's regular tour events pay just 63 percent as much as the top men's tournaments.

The logic of the English can sometimes be as baffling as their love of bad food. But they have a point.

In an entirely politically correct world, women would be earning the same as men in all sports. Sharapova would make as much as Federer, the WNBA would be paying Sheryl Swoopes \$14 million and female soccer players would be superstars instead of being unemployed.

None of that is happening because women's sports is still, well, women's sports. They're worth less because men in general don't watch them and they have yet to gain a big footing even among their own gender.

That's why the women's pro soccer league failed, and the WNBA is kept alive only by the grace of NBA owners. Women's golf exists only as a niche sport, and even the Williams sisters and the telegenic Sharapova haven't been enough to make women's tennis must-see TV.

The concept of equality in sports is an admirable one. Unfortunately, a very different reality exists in the marketplace.

It will take a lot longer than a fortnight at Wimbledon to change that.

Rocket still looking to blast off

DETROIT (AP) - The Rocket pitched against the ballclub his manager dubbed "the hottest team on the planet" and got burned.

Roger Clemens threw six strong innings before giving up a pair of one-out walks in the seventh and the Detroit Tigers made him pay for it.

Craig Monroe hit an RBI double off reliever Dan Wheeler in the three-run seventh and Nate Robertson threw seven scoreless innings to give Detroit a 4-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

The Tigers, who have the best record in baseball, have won five straight and 15 of 17.

"With some of the magic we've been getting, especially in the late innings," Robertson said, "you just had a feeling that when he came out of the game, we would get a couple of runs."

In his second start this season, Clemens allowed two runs - one earned - and three hits with two walks in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out three consecutive batters over the fifth and sixth innings, but didn't fan another Tiger in his 84-pitch outing.

"I thought he pitched great," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "He couldn't have pitched any better playing against the hottest team on the planet."

The seven-time Cy Young winner left the field very angry, and wasn't in a much better mood in the clubhouse.

After his final pitch, Clemens (0-2) pumped his fist because it looked like he thought he threw a second strike to Carlos Guillen and that Magglio Ordonez was caught stealing for a second out. Instead, Guillen drew a walk on a 3-1 pitch - giving Ordonez second base.

"I'm not going to talk about that," Clemens snapped. "You just don't need to know about that."

Clemens did say he wasn't happy about being taken out of the game by Garner.

"I was hoping he would give me a chance to get through that inning," he said. "I'm here for a number of reasons, but I have to get some innings, too. I don't want to see our bullpen guys out there all the time."

After Clemens slowly walked off the mound, he shouted at least twice at plate umpire C.B. Bucknor while a sellout crowd - the third in four games - gave him a standing ovation.

"I tip my hat to the fans, they were great when I came off," Clemens said. "It's fun to see great crowds here again, rooting their Tigers on."

Showalter, Young ejected

Giants 5, Rangers 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Texas Rangers manager Buck Showalter and shortstop Michael Young were ejected after the fifth inning of Tuesday night's game against the San Francisco Giants.

Young struck out looking against Matt Morris to end the fifth and threw his bat to the ground in disgust. He was immediately ejected by home plate umpire Larry Young.

Showalter then sprinted out of the dugout and began yelling in the umpire's face and was ejected. Showalter also walked down the third base line and bowed with both arms toward the Giants' dugout.

Showalter, who had already been out twice previously to argue, was ejected for the second time this season. It was the first for Michael Young.

The Rangers trailed 5-0 in the opener of the three-game interleague series.

San Francisco Giants' first base umpire Bill Welke ruled it foul.

"That was a separate incident, but that still doesn't make it any easier," Teixeira said. "Everyone saw it. ... I honestly couldn't believe it. It blew my mind that that was the call. I didn't know what to do."

The crazy ending overshadowed another fine performance by Giants starter Matt Morris, who won three straight starts for the first time this season and improved to 7-0 in interleague play over the last two years.

Randy Winn hit a three-run homer in the second inning, doubled and singled twice for the Giants.

Morris (6-7) pitched eight strong innings to remain undefeated in eight interleague starts since beating Oakland on June 15, 2004, while with St. Louis. He gave up six hits, struck out seven and walked two. He has a 2.19 ERA in June.

Last Tuesday night, it looked as if Teixeira connected for a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth, but as the ball passed over or near the right field foul

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Mark Wood, research farm manager, harvests a patch of wheat at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research farm near Bushland. Much of the wheat being harvested is poor quality and will not make good wheat seed next season, according to Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist.

Consider seed source for next year's wheat crop

By KAY LEDBETTER
Extension News

AMARILLO — The low wheat grain yields throughout much of Texas and Oklahoma will likely result in a shortage of quality wheat seed this August and September, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

Often farmers choose to save some of their harvested wheat grain each year to use for planting their next wheat crop, said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist.

"Since many farmers did not harvest any wheat due to drought, disease and greenbugs, more farmers than usual will be looking to purchase seed this fall," Bean said.

"It is important for farmers to remember that a good wheat crop starts with quality seed," he said. "This is just as important, if not more so, for fall and winter forage production as it is for optimizing grain yield."

Test weight is generally considered a good measurement of seed quality, Bean said, adding only wheat seed with a test weight of 58 pounds per bushel or higher should be considered for planting.

Also, do not forget to check the purity of the seed, he cautioned. Surveys show non-certified

seed is more likely to be contaminated with weed seed, making it even more important for producers to know where the seed was produced.

All of the new higher-producing wheat varieties can only be sold as certified, registered or foundation seed, Bean said. An emergency wheat recertification program was put into place this year to help alleviate the potential problem of not having enough seed for planting this fall.

This program temporarily relaxed the qualifications for certifying wheat seed, he said. But it did not modify the Plant Variety Protection Law that prevents farmers or other individuals from selling protected varieties.

"Most new varieties fall under this law and can only be sold by authorized dealers," Bean said.

"Seedsmen are very serious about protecting their investment in new varieties," he said. "In recent years, fines as high as \$30,000 have been levied against a number of individuals or companies that have violated the Plant Variety Protection Act."

In buying wheat seed for the next crop, Bean suggested booking wheat seed early from authorized dealers. Producers can check with Extension offices for the latest recommendations on wheat varieties.

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Israeli military pressures terrorists to win soldier's release

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel kept up the pressure on Palestinian militants to release a captive Israeli soldier today, sending its warplanes to bomb a Hamas training camp after knocking out electricity and water supplies for most of the 1.3 million residents of the Gaza Strip.

Palestinians dug in behind walls and embankments, preparing for a major strike after Israel sent in troops and tanks, and bombarded bridges and a power station.

At mid-afternoon, warplanes fired missiles at open fields in northern Gaza in an effort to prevent Palestinians from launching rockets from the area, the military said. Separately, Israel attacked a rocket-making factory in southern Gaza.

No casualties were reported.

Later, Israeli aircraft struck a training camp of the Hamas militant group in Rafah, witnesses said. The army had no immediate comment.

It was Israel's first ground offensive since pulling its soldiers and settlers out of Gaza last summer. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel would not balk at "extreme action" to bring Cpl. Gilad Shalit, 19, home but did not intend to reoccupy Gaza.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas deplored the incursion as a "crime against humanity," and a

leading Hamas politician issued a call to arms against the Israeli troops.

Meanwhile, concerns about the fate of a missing West Bank settler grew after militants claiming to hold him displayed what they said was a copy of his identification card.

Israeli tanks and soldiers began taking up positions east of Rafah overnight under cover of tank shells, witnesses and Palestinian security officials said. Capt.

Jacob Dallal, a military spokesman, said troops moved a mile inside the coastal strip.

Israeli warplanes fired at least nine missiles at Gaza's only power station, cutting electricity to 65 percent of the Gaza Strip, engineers at the station said. The station's three functioning turbines and a gasoline reservoir were engulfed in flames.

Wafiq Kabha, the Palestinian minister of prisoner affairs in the Hamas,

said that the Israeli attacks were creating a "humanitarian crisis."

"They hit the bridges, they hit the power station, so there will be a problem in water supply and health services," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

The Israeli military said in a statement that three bridges were attacked "to impair the ability of the terrorists to transfer the kidnapped soldier."

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