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TAKS test scores indicate math to be focus next year

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Math will be the number one curriculum focus for eighth, ninth and tenth grades this next year based on last year's TAKS test, according to Barry Haenisch, Pampa Independent School District superintendent.

Reviewing the preliminary numbers of the 2005-2006 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or TAKS test during the PISD board of trustees meeting Thursday, Dana Cargill, director of elementary curricula, noted that math scores

dropped below 70 percent in eighth grade and below 60 percent in ninth and tenth grades.

She and Haenisch both emphasized, however, that the numbers were preliminary.

"There will be a more detailed report in September," Haenisch said.

Cargill said the data presented was inclusive of all students present and tested on the day or days the tests were given regardless of their enrollment status. A more detailed report will be out in late August or early September that will include sub pop-

ulations and without the data for students not present on the snapshot date.

The report showed that 96 percent of Pampa third graders met the TAKS reading standard and 35 percent were commended.

"That means they got an almost perfect score," Cargill said.

She said 78 percent met the reading standard in fourth grade, 92 percent in fifth grade, 91 percent in sixth grade, 73 percent in seventh, 80 percent in eighth, 86 percent in ninth, 89 percent in 10th and 91 per-

cent in 11th grade.

The report showed that 77 percent of third graders met the standard in math and 19 percent were commended.

Cargill said 77 percent also met the standard in fourth grade, 91 percent in fifth grade, 68 percent in sixth grade, 70 percent in seventh grade, 66 percent in eighth grade, 58 percent in ninth grade, 59 percent in tenth grade and 84 percent in 11th grade.

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City to talk about water, other items

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Water, generators, grants and antennae are all on the agenda for the Pampa City Commission meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday in city commission chambers.

There will be a public hearing to take comments on drinking water consumer confidence.

The Pampa City Commission will consider appointing a member to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. The term for Benny Kirksey, who is now one of two representatives on the CRMWA board, expires at the end of July.

The commission will also hear the second and final

reading of an ordinance concerning drilling water wells within the city limits.

They are expected to award a bid for a commercial emergency generator at City Hall.

The city commission will consider submitting an application for a Texas Community Development grant to replace water mains and consider a resolution in connection with leasing antennae on city water towers.

The commission will also hear reports on fire protection requirements, the 2006-2007 budget and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

EDC to meet Tuesday morning

Filing cabinets and a new Web site are on the agenda for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Tuesday morning.

The Pampa EDC will also hear reports on insurance, Texas Economic Development Corporation membership and upgrading telephone lines.

The board will review goals for the next six months and discuss a request by Tim Justice of ACT I to help repair the stage at Central

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School board to meet on facilities

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will once again return to the Pampa High School library Tuesday in connection with the development of the PISD Facilities Master Plan.

The school board will meet with architects and a citizens advisory committee at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Pampa High School library, 111 E. Harvester.

The development of the master plan began earlier this year with the Dallas

architectural firm, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, surveying PISD facilities. They reported earlier this summer that both the high school and junior high buildings should be replaced.

Over a series of meetings this summer with the architects and citizens committee, the school board is exploring replacing the junior high school and renovating the high school. Once the new junior high is complete, school administrative offices and Pampa Learning Center programs may be moved to

the old junior high. Carver and Mann would be torn down.

Other renovations would be scaled back, delayed or absorbed by the school district's maintenance budget.

The discussions Tuesday will be based on meetings held the first part of July and should include more detailed plans and cost estimates.

Replacement and repairs in the master plan are dependent upon the passage of a bond issue in November's general election.

Senate candidate visits area

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - The Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate made a brief swing through the Texas Panhandle over the weekend and will return Aug. 9.

Speaking to some two dozen area Democrats at an Amarillo coffee shop Saturday morning, Barbara Ann Radnofsky skipped the stump speech to answer questions before heading to Clarendon and a West Texas Press Association convention brunch.

The former Houston lawyer is running against incumbent U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Radnofsky said education, health and veterans concerns are at the top of her campaign priority list, but she said that what she is hearing complaints about on the campaign trail are waste and corruption.

Radnofsky said the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act mandates requirements for teachers and school districts but does not fund them. She said the act is shutting down schools instead of opening them up and giving them incentives to improve.

The No Child Left Behind Act, she said, has established a national board of education

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate Barbara Ann Radnofsky listens to Michael Pelfry during a campaign breakfast at Roasters coffee shop in Amarillo.

Patriotic tribute



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Flags, erected by a neighbor, B.X. Grayson, flew around Dr. Frank W. Kelley's Pampa home today in the 1700 block of Christine. Dr. Kelley, 97, died Friday in Fredericksburg. Services were held today at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

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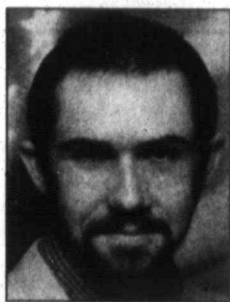
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Obituaries

Joseph Allen Barker, 24

Joseph Allen Barker, 24, died Saturday, July 22, 2006, in Carson County.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with Victor Garcia, pastor of the Borger Christian Center, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley funeral Directors.



Barker

Mr. Barker was born April 1, 1982, in

Enid, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past two years.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Stanley and Patricia Barker of Borger; his mother, Debbie Barker of Clayton, N.M.; one sister, Tammie Harvill of Pampa; three stepsisters, Cassie Floyd of Pampa, Maida Morton of Texarkana, and Misty Humphrey of Borger; his grandmother, Sue Humphrey of Amarillo; and his grandfather, Bobby Humphrey of Borger.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Bonita Green, 86

SWEETWATER — Bonita Green, 86, of Sweetwater, Texas, died Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Sweetwater Health Care Center.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Malcolm Brown officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Mrs. Green was born Jan. 11, 1920, in Winters, Texas. She married T.E. (Bill) Green on Oct. 10, 1952, in Sweetwater. She was a teacher, a Southwestern Bell telephone operator and a housewife.

During her marriage, she lived in many cities in Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona and

Texas. She moved to Sweetwater in 1986 and became a resident of Sweetwater Health Care Center in 1996. While living there she developed many friendships with the residents as well as staff members.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Steve Jones of Hurst, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Bonner and Pam Green of Pampa, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Becky Green of Lubbock, Texas, a loving sister, Oma Lee Bell of Sweetwater; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband T. E. (Bill) Green in 1986 and by a son, Boyd Green.

Joe Gordzelik, 62

WHITE DEER — Joe Gordzelik, 62, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, in Amarillo.

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

Mr. Gordzelik was born January 22, 1944, in Pampa. He had been a lifelong resident of White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School in 1962.

He married Violet Wright on May 1, 1965, in White Deer. She preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 2000.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a farmer.

Survivors include two sisters, Janie Stevens and husband Jerry, and Winona Gordzelik, all of Amarillo; two nieces, Selena Lenz of Amarillo and Camie Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two nephews, Rhett Stevens of Amarillo and Jake Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two great-nieces, Mary Catherine Lenz of Amarillo and Mackenna Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and two great-nephews, Don Paul Lenz of Amarillo and Jonas Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Services tomorrow

BARKER, Joseph Allen — Graveside services at 10 a.m. in Fairview Cemetery.
GREEN, Bonita — 10 a.m. at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel in Sweetwater.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Thirty-five traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 500 block of Yeager, the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets, the 300 block of Miami, the 1000 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Lefors and Browning streets, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, and on three occasions from an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the 700 block of West Brown, the 400 block of Powell, and the 1800 block of Mary Ellen.

Animal complaints were received from the 600 block of North Somerville, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, and the 300 block of North Perry.

Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of West Coronado Drive, the 1500 block of North Nelson, One Medical Plaza, the 400 block of Magnolia, and the 1300 block of Garland.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Schneider, the 700 block of East Francis, the 1300 block of North Christine, and the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 2800 block of Charles; the 800 block of South Talley, where debit cards and blank checks were found; and the 500 block of Carr, where two bicycles were found.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 1400 block of North

Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of Huff Road and the 700 block of Jordan.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1600 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of West 18th, the 1800 block of Christy, and the 200 block of South Tignor.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 1900 block of North Hobart, and the 1300 block of West 23rd.

Prowler calls were received from the 200 block of South Tignor and the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Miami, the 100 block of East Craven, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the 100 block of West Foster, the 700 block of North Christy, and twice in the 2100 block of North Williston.

Resisting arrest and disorderly conduct/language were reported in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported at Express Lane #12, 2801 Perryton Parkway. Damage valued at approximately \$1,000 was done to a car wash motor.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner by Enterprise Rent A Car. A vehicle was egged, causing an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. Eggs were thrown at a house in the 300 block of Tignor, resulting in an estimated \$20 damage.

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

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of

Carr and the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 500 block of North Carr. The incident involved two juveniles.

Driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and open container were reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Driving while intoxicated was reported during a traffic stop in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers. The incident was verbal only.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of Love, the 800 block of South Sumner, and the 1100 block of Seneca.

Sexual assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West Albert and the police department lobby.

A welfare check and assault were reported in the 1500 block of North Nelson. The assault occurred at an unknown location. The victim was transported to a hospital by ambulance. Type and severity of injuries was not available at this time.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of East Brown. No injuries were reported; the incident was verbal only.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported at the intersection of Crawford and Varnon streets. The victim's throat was cut. The actual extent of injury is unknown.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported

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Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. South

southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 95. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.52
Milo	3.20
Corn	4.09
Soybeans	4.62

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

OXY	101.38	+1.82
BP PLC ADR	69.67	+1.48
Cabot Corp	31.91	NC
Celanese	18.76	-0.09
Cabot Oil Gas	45.12	+0.97
Coca Cola	43.94	+0.04
VLO	62.95	+1.00
HAL	30.51	+0.47
TRI	41.15	+0.75
KMI	100.00	+0.01

XCEL	20.00	+0.22
Kerr McGee	69.85	+0.15
XOM	64.86	+0.93
Nat'l Oilwell	58.19	+0.17
Limited	24.53	+0.61
Williams	22.90	+0.38
MCD	34.86	+0.16
Atmos	28.75	+0.16
Pioneer Nat	42.27	+0.54
JCP	63.34	+1.29
COP	65.36	+1.73
SLB	62.06	+0.61
Tenneco	20.37	-0.11
CVX	65.86	+1.41
Wal-Mart	44.36	+0.64
OKE	36.65	+0.36
NS Grp	49.27	-0.09

New York Gold	621.53
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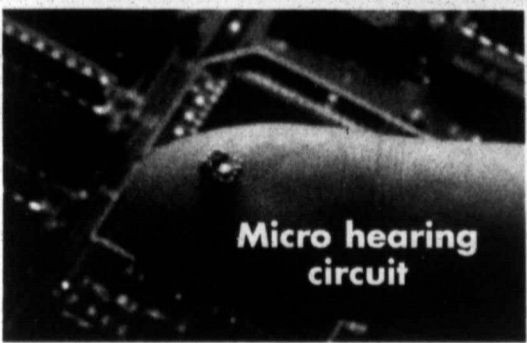
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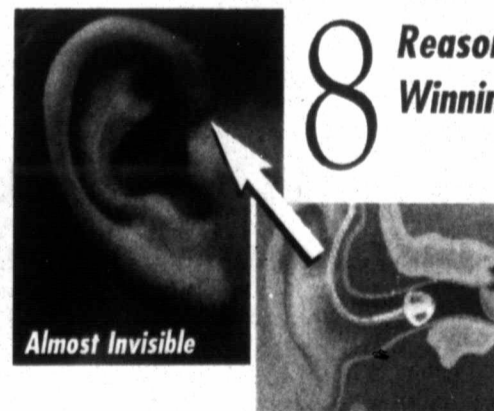
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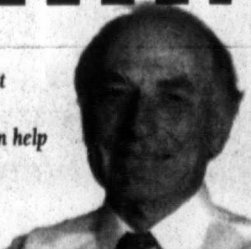
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Seminar

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The seminar will include a demonstration of the RRC's Web site; the

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Record

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in the 100 block of North Warren. A knife was shown but not used. No injuries were reported.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Houston, the 400 block of West Brown, and twice in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton. Two heating and air conditioning circuit boards and an air compressor and fan blade were taken, for an estimated loss of \$727.

Theft was reported in the 2500 block of Beech. A trailer loaded with tools was taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,900.

Burglary was reported at Good Samaritan, 309 N. Ward. A window valued at \$50 was broken.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A shotgun and a pistol were taken, for an estimated loss of \$190.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Warren and the 800 block of East Murphy.

Robbery was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$64 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Wynne and the 1100 block of Seneca, where the vehicle, a Dodge truck, was later located in the 1800 block of Christy and released to the owner.

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

Saturday, July 22

Salvador Rodriguez, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

Shelley Marie Bates, 34, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1800 block of North

Christy by PPD for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, July 23

Lucas Ray Seymour, 19, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for reckless driving, disobeying a police officer directing traffic, and disobeying a warning sign.

Robert Daniel Rollo, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Hobart by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Arturo Ruiz, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of North Starkweather by PPD for resisting arrest, disorderly conduct/language, and public intoxication.

Jeanette Ann Young, 45, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for child not restrained in a vehicle.

Charles Lynn Meador, 58, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and no insurance.

Patrick Edwards, 29, of Houston was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road by PPD for failure to identify.

Monday, July 24

Crystal Tambunga, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Sumner by PPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, July 20

4:36 p.m. — A 1998 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Kima Crystal Blanco, 33, of 325 Doyle, and a 1994 Chevrolet S10, driven by Brian Freeman Sprinkle, 26, of Amarillo collided in the 100 block of North Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Blanco was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, July 22

10:38 p.m. — A 1988 Dodge Ram 1500, driven by Shelley Marie Bates, 34, of Amarillo struck a curb in the 1800 block of North Christy and drove onto the front lawn of a residence. No injuries were reported. Bates was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following

calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, July 21

10:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:06 a.m. — a mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Albert. No transport.

Saturday, July 22

12:52 a.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, July 23

A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Evergreen. No transport.

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

Saturday, July 22

11:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart on a medical assist.

4:54 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

Sunday, July 23

7:29 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a stuck elevator rescue.

8:18 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Russell on a downed power line.

A photo caption in Friday's Pampa News incorrectly stated that a building in the 300 block of Ballard would house The Bridge and PASO. The building will house The Bridge and CASA.

TAKS

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Seventy-two percent met the science standard in fifth grade, 74 percent met the standard in eighth grade, 63 percent met the standard in tenth grade and 85 percent met the science standard in 11th grade.

Cargill said 85 percent met the social studies standard in eighth grade, 83 percent in tenth grade and 93 percent in 11th grade.

EDC

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Park. The Pampa EDC board of directors will meet at 11 a.m. in the Nona Payne Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Police say father shot kids, himself

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who had just lost custody of his children fatally shot two of them then killed himself, police said Monday.

His ex-wife found the bodies of her 11-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter in their beds Sunday night, said Sgt. Dana Wolfe, spokeswoman for the Houston Police Department. The woman had gone to what was the family's house after her ex-husband failed to return the children to her home by 6 p.m.

A neighbor helped the ex-wife get into the house.

The couple also had a 15-year-old daughter, who was not at his house at the time of the deaths, Wolfe said.

The divorce was settled Friday, and the woman was awarded full custody, Wolfe said.

Police would not release the names of the family members Monday.

Wolfe said no suicide note was found at the scene.

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and removed decisions from the local level.

Radnofsky said the Medicare Part D legislation passed by Congress wastes \$270 billion because it is now against the law for Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

The Veteran's Administration, however, can negotiate and their drug prices are much more reasonable.

Radnofsky said her opponent, who sits on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has repeatedly voted against the interests of veterans.

Radnofsky said that Texas leads the nation in uninsured adults and children.

Concerning a number of federal programs, Radnofsky said Texas has gotten the short end of the stick. Radnofsky cites her opponent's stance on last year's transportation bill. Initially, Sen. Hutchison opposed it, but after a \$5,000 campaign donation from the political action committee of Sen. Ted Stevens, she changed her mind.

Even Texas' other Senator, John Cornyn,

couldn't support the transportation bill that provided a \$200 million bridge to nowhere in Alaska, Radnofsky said, but Stevens is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, a committee on which Hutchison serves.

She noted that Alaska is the number one recipient of federal transportation dollars. In the latest Transportation Bill, Alaskans received \$1,500 per capita while Texans received \$36.

She also attacked her opponent for moving to McLean, Va., especially after former Republican Rep. Tom DeLay moved to Virginia and told the courts that he could not run for Congress because he lived in Virginia now. (DeLay resigned from Congress, but he had won the Republican primary and his name was already on the ballot for this fall's general election.) In an effort to remove his name from the ballot, DeLay

moved to his legal residence to Virginia and claimed he was ineligible to run for Congress as a Texan.

Radnofsky said Hutchinson's husband explained to the news media that she was tired of commuting from the nation's capitol to Texas each weekend.


"She should have to come home at least to debate me," Radnofsky said.

It's not only Democrats that are supporting her, Radnofsky said. She said she has won a lot of support from Republicans and Independents.

"We've found a lot of common ground," Radnofsky said.

"We have no one at the senatorial level advocating for Texas," Radnofsky said.

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Viewpoints

History of Clairemont details thriving city turned ghost town

A noted outlaw, the story goes, lies on his death bed mortally wounded by a Texas Ranger's well-placed .45 slug.

"Tell me who you rode with and where I can find 'em," the state lawman orders the dying badman.

"Can you keep a secret?" the pale felon whispers, barely able to talk.

"You bet your boots I can," the Ranger replies.

"So can I," the outlaw says shortly before dying with his boots on.

And so does the graffiti-covered old jail in what little is left of the West Texas community of Clairemont, once the seat of Kent County.

Named after Alamo defender Andrew Kent, the county was organized in 1892. A land dealer named R.L. Rhomberg donated a town site for a county seat named in honor of a young family mem-

ber, Claire Becker.

A two-story courthouse with an attic and cupola became the hub of a new community that soon featured all the amenities, from general store to post office to livery stable.

County officials had the jail built in 1895 of red sandstone quarried from a feature southeast of town on the 0-0 Ranch called Treasure Butte. The first floor of the 18 by 24 building held a steel cage containing four cells. While a state-of-the-art facility in every other regard, the new lockup did not feature indoor plumbing and never did. Inmates had to use an outhouse.

For their money, Kent County taxpayers got themselves a sturdy slammer, known across West Texas as virtually escape-proof. In fact, local lore has it that only one inmate ever made it outside of his own volition — except to go to the

outhouse.

The prisoner somehow managed to get out of the jail and hotfoot it across the street, where he ran up the stairs in the courthouse and hid in the cupola atop the building.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



After going without food for a couple of days while the sheriff and others searched for him, the hungry escapee decided a meal behind bars beat freedom and a growling stomach.

What got him in the clink in the first place is not mentioned in the telling of the story in Jewell Pritchett and Erma Black's 1983 book "Kent County and Its People."

Kent County must have had its share of miscreants and felons over the years, not to mention unwelcome visitors up to no good, but the nature of crime in the county goes unreported in their book.

While acknowledging that their county once had "a wild and tough reputation" and had seen many "brutal crimes" in its early history, the authors wrote: "These stories have been told repeatedly by fledgling writers who often glorified the evil deeds done to make the sensational stories even more gruesome and gory than was factual."

Those crimes, the authors continued, included "cowardly murders, where the victim was shot in the back" and the occasional lynching. And it does not strain credulity to suppose that at one time or another someone might even have rustled a cow or two or "borrowed" a horse and forgot to return it.

"Those dark days are gone," the

county historian concluded, "and old enmities are best forgotten. We do not care to stir up any new problems nor to open closet doors long since sealed."

That sentiment may explain why the old jail has no official state historical marker to tell visitors anything about its history. Across the highway, in front of what's left of the old courthouse, is a granite marker commemorating Kent County's 90th anniversary. But the polished stone offers no details other than a listing of the original county officials and does not mention the old jail or why both buildings stand abandoned and vulnerable to vandals.

Indeed, the biggest crime in Clairemont history may have been the "theft" of its status as county seat, an event that transformed it into the ghost town it is today.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 24, the 205th day of 2006. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of

whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

In 1991, Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer died in Miami at age 87.

In 2002, nine coal miners were trapped in a flooded mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily three days later with the rescue of all nine.

Ten years ago: Two bombs blamed on Tamil separatists ripped through a commuter train near Colombo, Sri Lanka, killing 64 civilians and wounding more than 400.

Five years ago: A Chinese court sentenced two U.S. residents to 10 years in prison on charges of spying for Taiwan. (China released Gao Zhan and Qin Guangguang two days later.)

One year ago: Lance Armstrong closed out his cycling career with a seventh consecutive Tour de France victory.

'My feeling is that there is nothing in life but refraining from hurting others, and comforting those that are sad.'

— Olive Schreiner
South African author
and feminist
(1855-1920)



Earning the right to say 'I told you so'

We were right all along, and that gives us the right to say "we told you so."

Nobody wanted to listen when former Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu and a lot of American conservatives warned that you cannot negotiate with terrorists such as Arafat, Hezbollah and Hamas, or their sponsors in Syria and Iran. We were accused of being warmongers and told that the future of Israel lay not in defending itself, but in making concession after concession to an enemy sworn to demolish the Jewish state and drive its people into the sea.

Goaded by the peace-at-any-price crowd who can never recognize evil when it stares them in the face because they don't recognize that evil exists, Israel attempted to mollify the

anti-Israel United Nations and the hand-wringing liberals here and abroad by playing nice with their sworn enemies.

Israel withdrew from Gaza, driving their own people — who had settled there with Israel's approval and encouragement — out of their homes and land. In return for this magnanimous gesture, the terrorists showered missiles on Israeli territory almost daily.

Undaunted by this display of the real and vicious nature of the enemy, Israeli's government pushed on with plans to evacuate the West Bank, and hand it over to what purports to be a

Palestinian state aborning.

The response: more missiles raining down on innocent Israeli citizens and more threats to destroy Israel.

When it finally dawned on the Israeli government that appeasement does not work when the enemy refuses to be appeased with anything less than total victory and the total destruction of the state of Israel, one would have thought that the international liberal appeasement movement would have applauded Israel for going all-out to defend its people.

It's obvious that this was not to be — the appeasers

merely stepped up their rhetoric, demanding that the international community intervene and force Israel to sit down and negotiate with Hezbollah and Hamas — heaven knows who else. There is now a great hue and cry demanding diplomacy and negotiations — all aimed at preventing Israel from finally putting an end to the terrorism that they have for so long endured. Nobody echoes Douglas MacArthur's warning that there is no substitute for victory.

You'd think the appeasers would learn from what happened when MacArthur was prevented from achieving victory in the Korean War. The reality of a crazed North Korea would not exist as a

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Michael Reagan

Columnist



Better to have a gun and not ever need one

Some years ago, I was genuinely shocked when a young man, age 27, told me he had never even touched a firearm. To me, a Southerner, it seemed unimaginable that any male could attain the age of 27 without ever having handled a gun.

But as I thought about it, I understood. In today's America, where there is no draft, most young men and women don't have any military experience. In the days of the draft, even draftees from big cities with gun-control laws like New York had been exposed to firearms.

Furthermore, most Americans today grow up in urban areas where there is scant opportunity for recreational use of firearms. This absence of contact with firearms shows up as a sort of generic ignorance that one sees frequently in journalism and politics.

I recently skimmed a book of satirical essays poking fun at the vice president's hunting accident, but one would-be humorist ruined his piece

by constant references to buckshot. Dearly beloved, if the vice president had been using buckshot, his lawyer friend would be dead and

missing a face, and any quail the veep had shot would be soup and feathers. As every bird hunter in the world knows, you use birdshot for quail. Double-ought buckshot are pellets the size of a .22-caliber bullet. Buckshot is used on deer, hogs and humans.

I was reading a mystery

paperback once, and the author had his hero "slip the safety off his revolver." There is no safety on a revolver. Most semiautomatic pistols do have manual safeties, though not all of them these days.

The generic ignorance really showed up in the hysteria about "assault weapons." A true assault weapon is either a fully automatic weapon or a weapon with a selector switch that allows it to be fired in either a semiautomatic or full automatic mode. Without that selector switch, no matter

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was recently informed by the parent of a close friend of my 8-year-old daughter, "Emma," that Emma had been "beating up" her daughter. When we confronted Emma about it, she admitted it but could not explain why. Emma has also been verbally abusive to the girl, putting her down or stopping her in mid-sentence to constantly "correct" her. Abby, Emma's a straight-A student, loved by all of her other friends, their parents, her teachers, our pastor, etc. She's involved in theater, sings, dances, ice skates competitively, cheerleads, races motocross and plays piano. She is very well-behaved at home, and we have no trouble with her. I just don't understand what's going on. When I ask her, she doesn't have an explanation, but truly feels bad for hurting her friend. The girls are no longer allowed to be friends. This is damaging for us parents because we were all very close and did a lot together. We camped, fished, hung out, etc. Help! What do I do? — **CLUELESS IN ESCONDIDO**

DEAR CLUELESS: Children sometimes pick on other children they perceive as weaker. Some do it out of anger; others do it simply because they "can." Your daughter may have done it because she is overscheduled, and her friend was the only thing in her life she could control. I'm not sure it is realistic of you to expect your 8-year-old to completely understand why she has acted out against someone who is supposed to be a friend in this way. But I'll bet a child psychologist could provide some insight -- and also help you teach your daughter that there are more appropriate and effective ways of dealing with her emotions than victimizing someone who can't fight back.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has had a "best friend" for many years. "Joan" has had many problems in her life that Mom has

seen her through. Joan has helped my mother through some rough times, too, particularly through the death of my father 10 years ago. Joan can sometimes be very difficult to be around because she constantly seeks attention and tends to become rather dramatic. She seems to take pleasure in the idea she has it worse than anyone else. A few weeks ago, Joan, who is a massage therapist, was giving a massage to my best friend, "Becky." Becky later informed me that during the 45-minute massage, Joan bad-mouthed my mother and disclosed some personal problems that Mom has confided to Joan. Should I tell my mom about this? It would crush her if I do; my mom has been through some big changes and isn't exactly emotionally stable at the moment. But I can't let Joan go around bad-mouthing my mom, her supposed "friend." Should I tell my mother that Joan is leaking personal information about her to other people? Or should I confront Joan? — **OUTRAGED IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

DEAR OUTRAGED: Do not fight this battle for your mother. She needs to be told that she's pouring out her heart into a leaky vessel. However, because she is "not exactly stable," you will have to find a way to do it in a manner that won't roil the waters. The first thing to do is to cool your outrage so you don't cause your mother to overreact. Then find a way to do it with humor. "You know, Mom, we both know that Joan isn't the sharpest tool in the shed..." Once your mother stops providing Joan with information, she'll have nothing to talk about.

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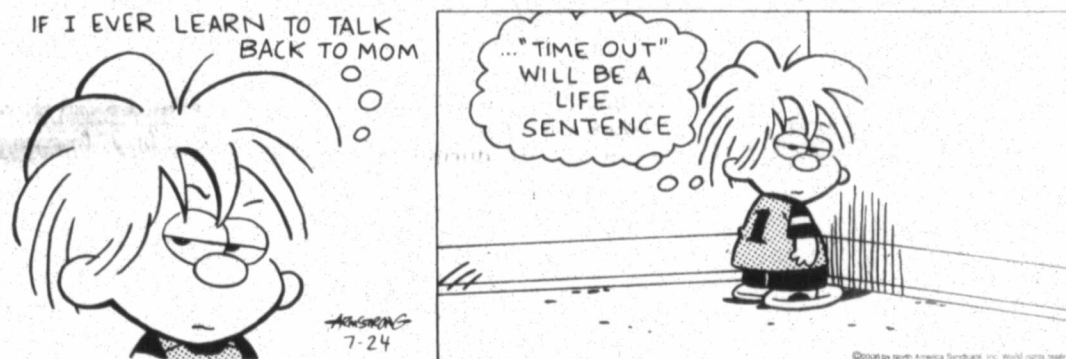
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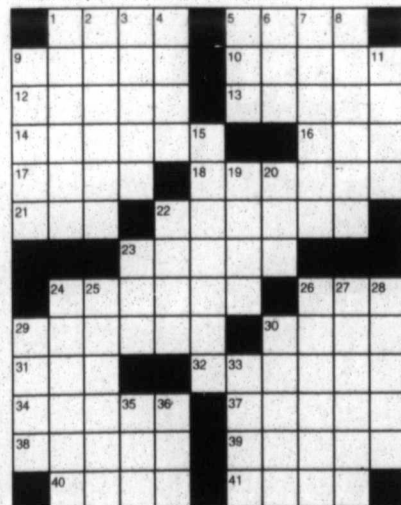
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 1 Tiny pieces
 - 40 Coral structure
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 - 9 Singer Shore
 - 10 Established rule
 - 12 Custom
 - 13 "Keen!"
 - 14 Patron of lost causes
 - 16 Zodiac roarer
 - 17 Snare
 - 18 Kilt pattern
 - 21 —
 - 22 Kippur
 - 22 Explosion sound
 - 23 In a merry manner
 - 24 1990s veep
 - 26 Dan
 - 26 Sad
 - 29 Jumper's cord
 - 30 Papa's wife
 - 31 Young fellow
 - 32 Not suitable for kids
 - 34 Steer clear of
 - 37 "... as good as —"
 - 38 Therefore
- DOWN**
- 1 Café's cousin
 - 2 Stuck
 - 3 Touch base
 - 4 Storage building
 - 5 Fellow
 - 6 Firefighting tool
 - 7 Theater district
 - 8 Cheering call
 - 9 Not recently cleaned
 - 11 Earth orbiter
 - 15 Online speakers
 - 19 Qualified merchant
 - 20 Singer
 - 22 Danny of "The Court Jester"
 - 23 Comic bit
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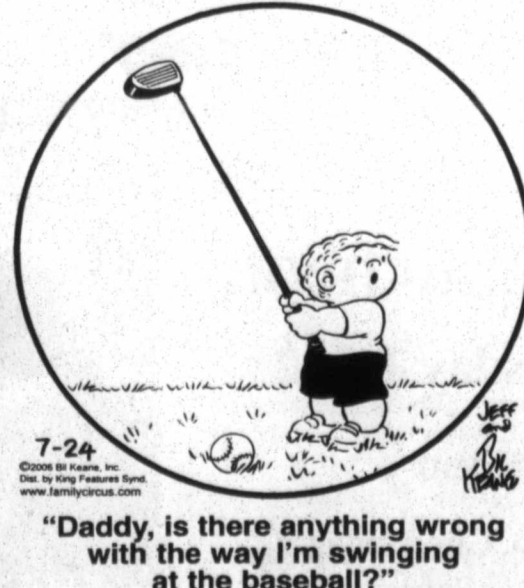


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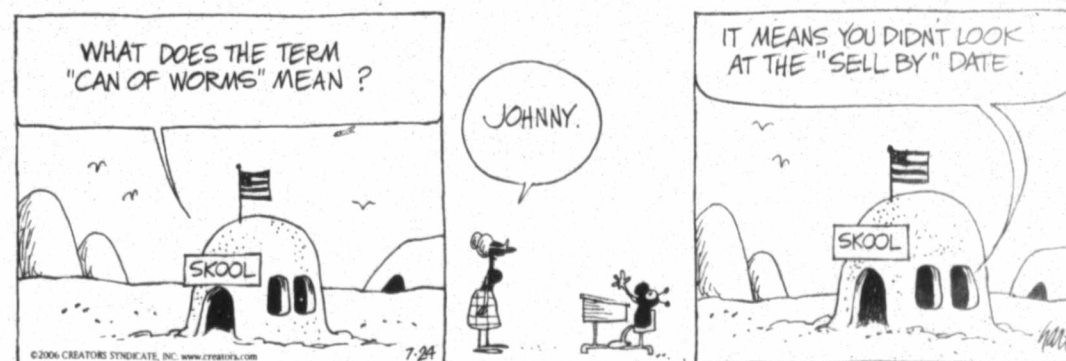


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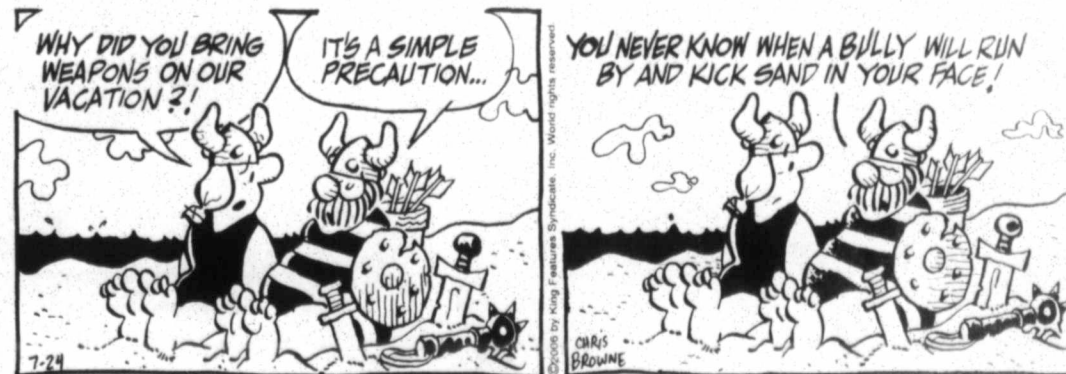
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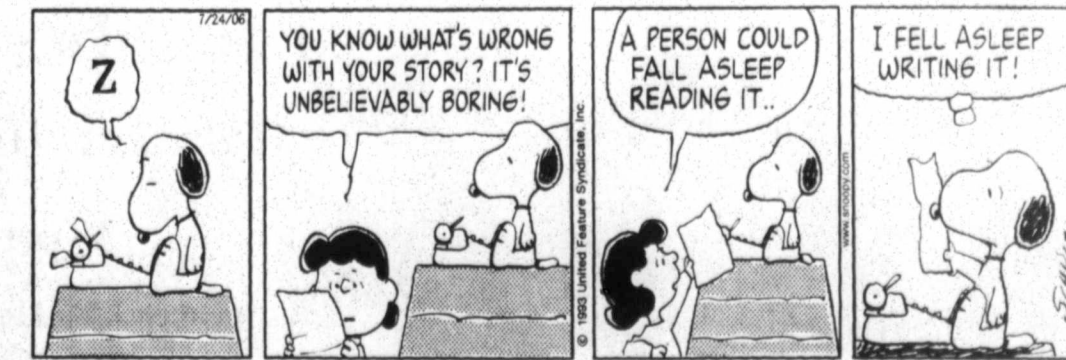
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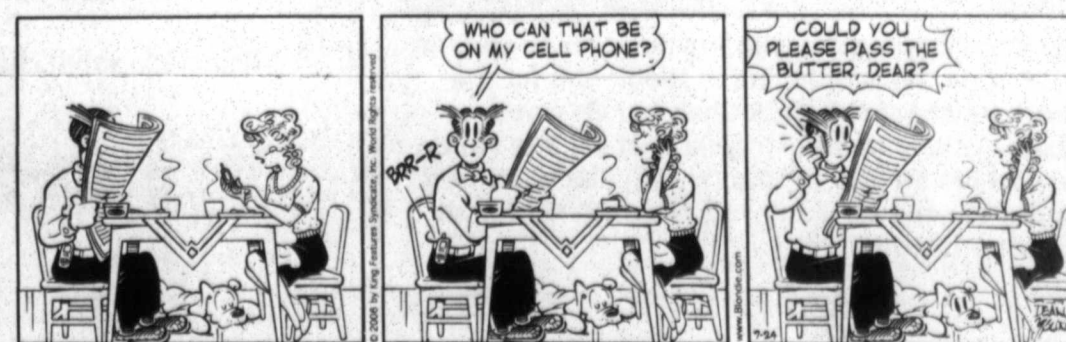
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Speaking of opportunities

Dear Members,

The old Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared." The most effective economic development motto is "Be prepared when opportunity knocks, and go find opportunities."

Or, as the old "knock, knock" joke goes: Knock Knock. Who's there? Opera! Opera who? Opera-tunity, and you thought opportunity only knocked once!

We have been presented with some exciting opportunities recently. One of them appeared just yesterday. I've included the text of a letter below. If you have a family member serving in the military stationed in Iraq or if you know someone who does, this will be of interest to you.

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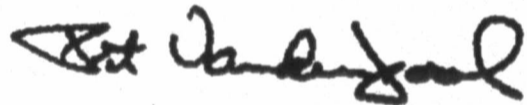
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"Anyone interested may contact me at tb1763@att.com or call 806-378-1396.

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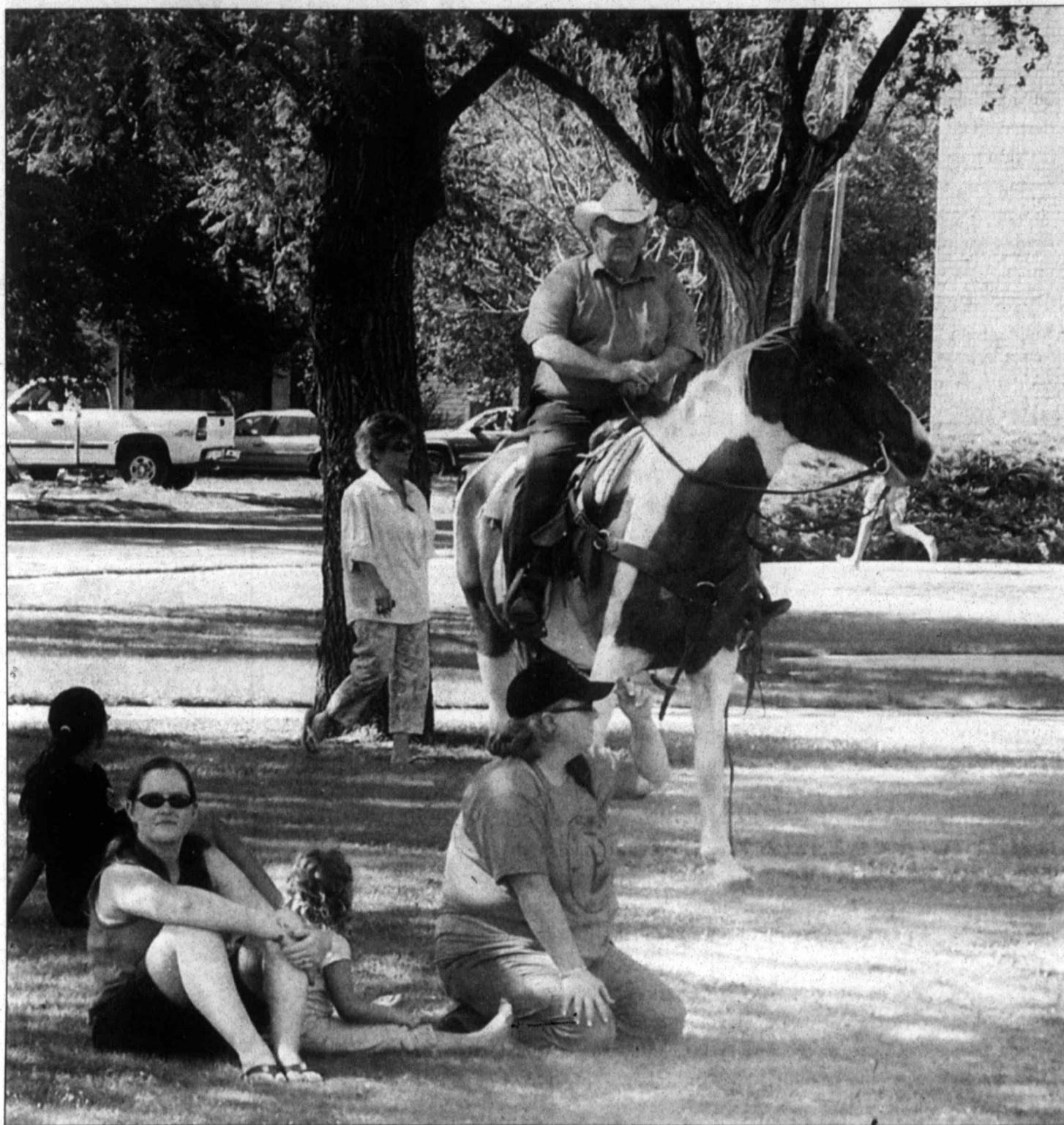
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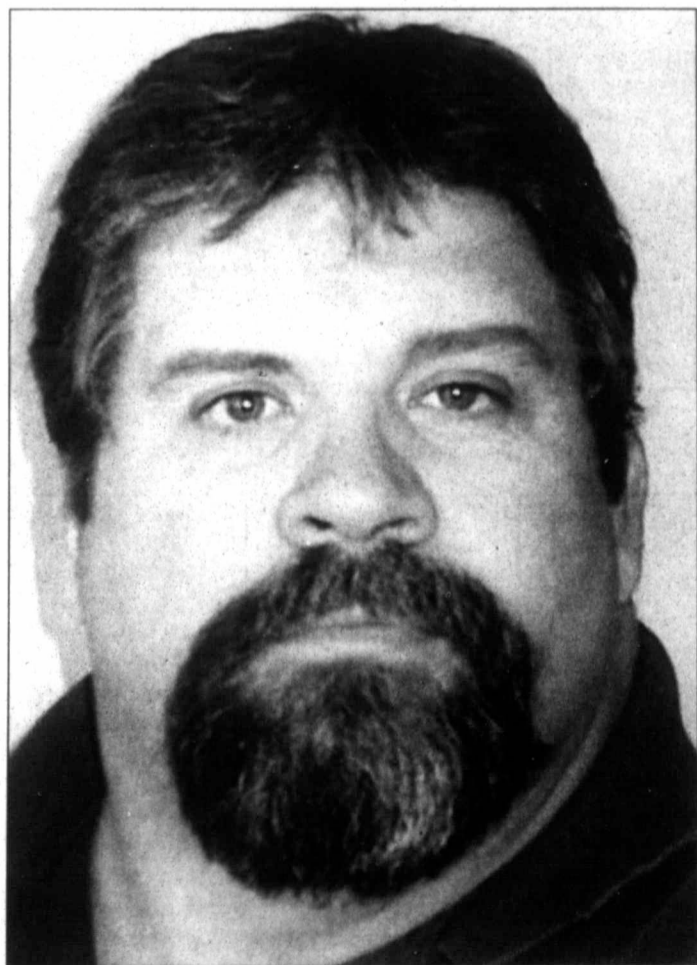
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Sports Day

Through the tears, Woods hoists claret jug for second time

HOYLAKÉ, England (AP) — Tiger Woods was going through the victory routine for yet another major championship when Chris DiMarco interrupted with a desperate plea.

"Hey Tiger," DiMarco said, "would you give me a little chance for once?"

In all fairness, Woods tried to even things up at the British Open.

He broke out his driver just one time, way back on the 16th hole of the opening round. That ball ended up in an adjacent fairway, which prompted him to mosh-bail his big stick for the rest of the weekend at Royal Liverpool.

That's right, Woods won his 11th major title Sunday while playing the final 56 holes without one of the most basic clubs.

Maybe next time he'll go barefooted.

Or leave his putter at home. Or carry the bag himself.

This guy is that good. "He came up with a strategy that was unique to him," said his coach, Hank Haney.

It's hard to imagine anyone else winning a major without using a driver, but it took Woods only a couple of holes of practice to decide that he wouldn't need it at this course. He'd stick with his 2-iron and 3-wood, which allowed him to keep the ball out of the treacherous bunkers and take advantage of the baked, brown fairways to get enough distance.

Once he was within sight of the greens, Woods homed in on the flag with precise iron shots that left his rivals shaking their heads. Haney figured that his star pupil had only three bad shots all week, a remarkable accomplishment that allowed him to win comfortably with an 18-under 270.

When it was over, Woods didn't follow his normal script. For once, he opened up and let everyone know what he was truly feeling. He broke down as he hugged his caddie, Steve Williams, in the center of the green.

Then he sought out his wife, Elin, embracing her for a good minute while sobbing uncontrollably. His chest was heaving as she rubbed the back of his head and whispered something in his ear.

Back in April, Woods desperately wanted to win the Masters for his dying father, knowing it would probably be the last chance in a major, but settled for third behind Phil Mickelson. Earl Woods passed away in May after a long battle with cancer, and his son was deeply affected by losing the man who steered him to golf, guided his career in the early days and provided myriad lessons that are still in use to this day.

"I'm kind of one who bottles things up a little bit and moves on, tries to deal with things in my own way," Woods said. "But at that moment it all came pouring out and all the things my father has meant to me and the game of golf. I just wish he could have seen it one more time."

Woods wasn't the only one dealing with a loss. DiMarco finished two strokes back and struggled to hold back the tears as he remembered his mother, Norma, who died suddenly from a heart attack while vacationing on the Fourth of July.

"I know my mom would be very proud of me right now," DiMarco said.

DiMarco was the only player on a star-studded leaderboard who made a serious run at Woods. Sergio Garcia got to play with Woods in the final group but was out of it by the time he made the turn, having bogeyed four of the first nine holes. Ernie Els and Jim Furyk faded away, as well.

Mickelson finished before the leaders even began the final round. Coming off his collapse in the U.S. Open, he was never a factor during the weekend and closed with a 70 to finish 13 shots behind in a tie for 22nd. Even though three players started Sunday one shot back and 11 others were within five strokes, no one had enough game to derail the greatest finisher in golf. Woods won his 11th career major just like the first 10, going to the final round in the lead and dispatching anyone who dared challenge him.

This time, the defining shots came at the 14th hole. DiMarco had just birdied the 13th to pull within a stroke of Woods and stayed in the game by sinking a 50-foot, par-saving putt at the next hole, sending up a roar from the gallery that could be heard all across this seaside links in the northwest of England.

Woods wasn't listening. He sent another low, penetrating iron into 8 feet at the 14th and made the birdie putt. He birdied the next two holes, as well. Game over.

"He's a hard guy to catch," DiMarco said. "He's got an uncanny ability, when somebody gets close to him, to just turn it up to another level."

There was some consolation for the runner-up. After battling a bad back and inconsistent play most of the year, DiMarco jumped from 21st to sixth in the U.S. Ryder Cup standings and virtually assured that he will among those coming back across the Atlantic in a couple of months to take on the defending champion Europeans.

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— Tiger Woods
2006 British Open
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Game on



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Jim Brashears sends a shot down the fairway to start his opening round of the 72nd annual Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament which got under way this morning at the Pampa Country Club. Overcast skies and mild temperatures welcomed golfers as play began. The tournament will conclude Thursday.

BRITISH OPEN

Following dad's advice

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

HOYLAKÉ, England (AP) — This one had a sense of inevitability about it from the beginning. Tiger Woods was so good he spotted the rest of the field one club and still won.

He didn't need his driver. He barely needed his 3-wood. Woods could have left caddie Steve Williams at home and played this British Open with a putter and a few irons slung in a carry bag over his shoulder.

It was as beautiful as it was monotonous. As relentlessly efficient as it was chilling to his fellow players.

Just the way his father would have wanted it. "He would have been proud, very proud," Woods said. "He thoroughly enjoyed watching me grind out major championships."

Earl Woods would have loved this Open. Every lesson he ever taught his son about life and golf seemed to be in play over four days at Royal Liverpool.

He raised young Eldrick to be a championship golfer, and fueled the competitive drive that now fires a grown Tiger. Earl Woods taught his son the right way to go about winning, and how to control his emotions when it mattered most.

It was harder to do on this Sunday afternoon than any before. Woods, though, had learned his lessons well.

For nearly four hours, he kept his mind busy with yardages, clubs, lines and scoreboards. He hit every shot flush, nearly every putt true.

The focus was entirely on the task at hand, winning the British Open for the second straight time and the third in his spectacular career.

There wasn't time to think about Dad. And this wasn't the place.

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Daredevil crashes

MIAMI, Okla. (AP) — Motorcycle daredevil Trigger Gumm crashed Sunday while attempting a world-record motorcycle jump at a northeast Oklahoma casino.

Gumm, 38, fell far short of his attempted goal of 315 feet. Riding a 450cc Service Honda outfitted with a custom-built, 4-stroke engine and specially designed shocks, Gumm hit a ramp at about 90 mph that launched him about 70 feet in the air before he landed on a dirt ramp, lost control and crashed.

Gumm waved to the crowd while being treated by medical personnel. He then got up and walked to a waiting ambulance, which transported him to a local hospital.

Promoter Tony Holden said Gumm's bike may have had a carburetor problem that kept the bike from reaching the speed needed for the record-breaking jump.

The San Clemente, Calif.-native already holds the Guinness world record for a 277 1/2-foot jump on May 14, 2005, at the Queensland Raceway in Australia.

Berkman injures groin

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston Astros outfielder Lance Berkman was forced to leave Sunday's game against the New York Mets when he strained his left groin running out a fifth-inning double.

Berkman, who came into the game batting .316 with 87 RBI, one behind league leader Andruw Jones, pulled up as he neared second base on his double. He was replaced by pinch runner Luke Scott.

Berkman's hit drove in Mike Lamb with Houston's go-ahead run and knocked out Mets rookie starter Mike Pelfrey.

Hamlin sweeps Pocono, races into Chase contention

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Denny Hamlin hardly had to use his rearview mirror at Pocono Raceway, where no one was ever close enough to catch him.

But if Hamlin had taken a peek, he might have gotten a glimpse of the chaos unfolding behind him.

Tony Stewart tangled with Clint Bowyer and Carl Edwards, leading to aggressive driving penalties for Stewart and Edwards and hot tempers all over the garage. It all overshadowed Hamlin's season sweep at Pocono.

"Covering drama is more exciting than covering the race anymore," quipped second-place finisher Kurt Busch.

That was never more true than Sunday, with Edwards threatening to beat up Stewart and a seething Bowyer actually seeking out the NASCAR champion before he was intercepted on pit road.

Stewart, meanwhile, was pining for the days when the late Dale Earnhardt policed the garage and kept order on the track.

It began very early in the race when

Bowyer pinched Stewart into the wall. Stewart responded with a wave out of his window, then his own bump of Bowyer's car. It sent Bowyer spinning into Carl Edwards and earned Stewart a one-lap penalty for aggressive driving.

A furious Edwards later drove alongside Stewart and raised his arms as if to ask "what was that about?" and Stewart responded with a one-fingered salute that infuriated Edwards. He spun Stewart out on pit road to earn his own penalty, and vowed over his radio to fight Stewart after the race.

"I've got to choose my words carefully — if it weren't for the respect of the sport and the people watching and his team, he'd be out there bleeding right now," Edwards later fumed. "That's so frustrating. How can a person make it this far in life being such a jerk?"

"If you hold that guy up, like if he thinks you held him up, he gets so upset and then he can wreck two guys and give you the finger. That's spectacularly self-centered. I can't imagine being like that."

Stewart recovered to finish seventh,

and got back into Chase for championship contention at 10th place in the standings. He seemed rather pleased with the day's events as he stood outside his car on pit road.

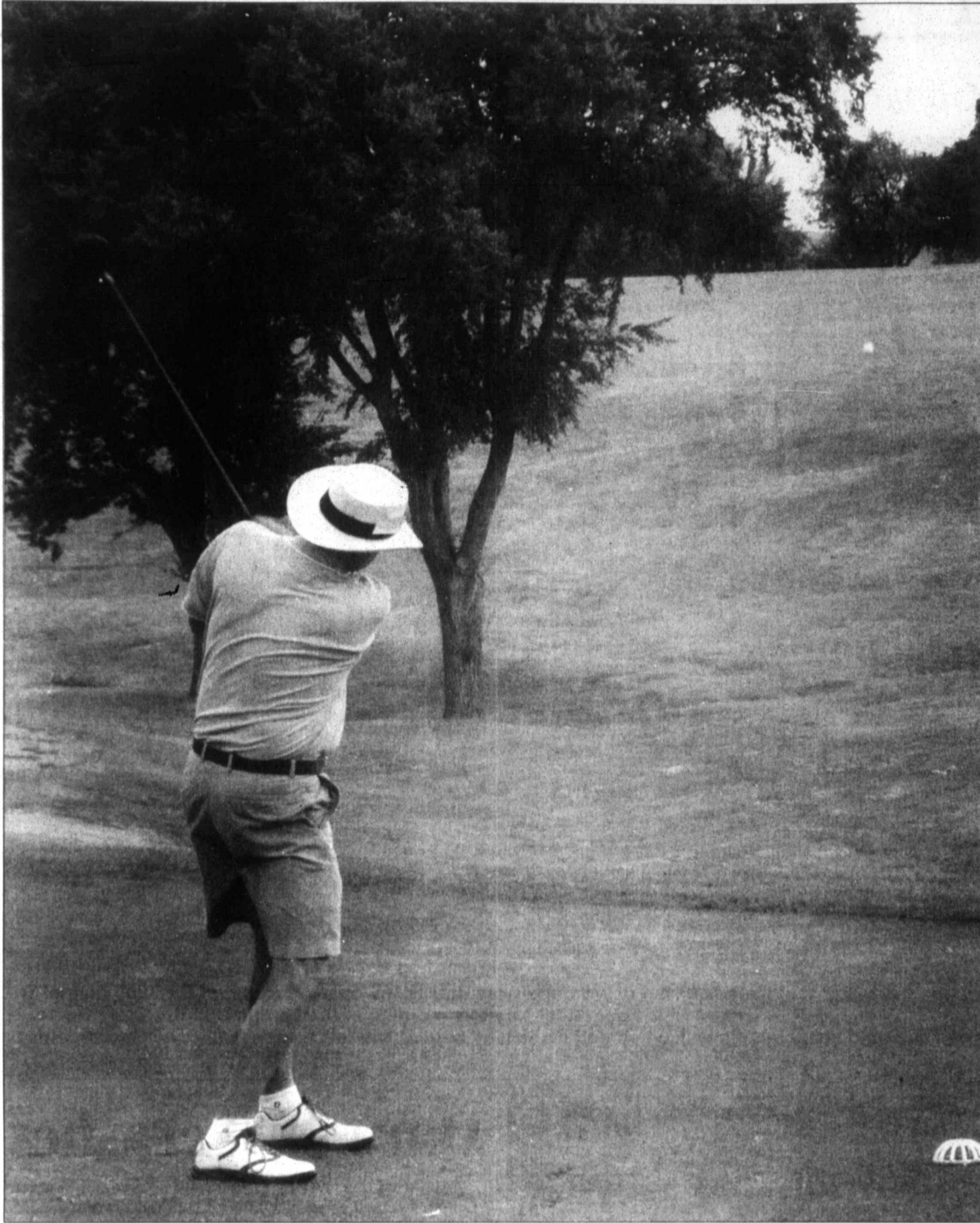
But as he gave his take, a furious Bowyer had marched out to meet with him — only to be unable to get past the front of the car. Had he made it, Stewart might have been ready with a stern Earnhardt-like lecture.

"I think if the No. 3 car was here, I don't think we would have the same problems in this series as we have," Stewart said. "He always had a way of letting drivers know where they stood and when to move and when not to move. It's just the first-year and second-year drivers that don't understand that there needs to be a little give-and-take."

"There is only a handful of guys that don't get it, but the problem that they are in good race cars and they don't run up front enough to learn from the rest of us how to race up front."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., meanwhile, is out of the top 10 after a hit from Dave Blaney sent him into the wall and out of the race. He finished 43rd for the

Opening shot



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Amarillo's Ken Pierce follows the ball after sending it true off the tee to start his opening round of the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament this morning at the Pampa Country Club.

Texas Baseball

Astros 8, Mets 4
NEW YORK (AP) — Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt has been around long enough to recognize that baseball isn't always fair.

"Sometimes you pitch great and lose," Oswalt noted Sunday. "And sometimes you pitch terrible and win."

The Astros beat the New York Mets 8-4 Sunday and Oswalt's bat had as much to do with the win as his arm. He contributed a pair of singles to help build Houston rallies and came away with his first victory in over a month.

There had been four losses and three no-decisions since he beat Chicago on June 14 so Sunday's win was a welcome change. "It was a battle," Oswalt said. "I didn't have great stuff. Sometimes you're able to battle and get through it."

It was a day that did not begin well for Oswalt (7-7). He gave up a three-run homer to New York's Carlos Delgado in the first inning. It was a similar start to Saturday when the Mets Orlando Hernandez gave up three runs to Houston in the first inning in a game New York won 4-3.

"After it's 3-0, you just try to keep your club in the ballgame," Oswalt said. "I was able to get to the sixth."

By then, the Astros had battled back to take the lead. They scored a run in the third when Oswalt contributed a single and four more in the fifth when he led off with another single.

Manager Phil Garner wasn't as tough on Oswalt as the pitcher was on himself.

"I thought Roy threw

good," the manager said. "He left one up over the plate to Delgado. The Mets are swinging pretty good right now. They worked deep counts on him."

White Sox 5, Rangers 0
CHICAGO (AP) — First, Ozzie Guillen threw a towel. Later, he slammed a water bottle.

The Chicago White Sox manager was still seething after Sunday's 5-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Why? Because Texas Rangers starter Vicente Padilla hit a batter, again. And because Jon Garland badly missed Ian Kinsler the next inning.

"This guy (Padilla) is the nastiest pitcher in the league and all of a sudden, he hits someone," Guillen said. "I was upset also because Garland ... missed it. I expect him to do a better job."

Garland pitched 8 1-3 shutout innings, and the White Sox snapped a four-game losing streak and avoided a sweep.

But the ill will between Chicago and Vicente Padilla resurfaced after Texas' starter hit Alex Cintron in the third inning. Garland responded by throwing the first two pitches of the fourth behind Kinsler.

The White Sox managed just five hits, but they moved runners. Ross Gload had two sacrifice bunts that led to runs. And Tadahito Iguchi delivered the big blow with two out in the fifth, when he followed Scott Podsednik's second RBI grounder with his 11th homer to extend Chicago's lead to 4-0. Podsednik led off the eighth with a homer off Joaquin Benoit.

British Open Scores

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Sunday			
At Royal Liverpool Golf Club			
Hoyleake, England			
Purse: \$7.35 million			
Yardage: 7,258; Par: 72			
(a-amateur)			
Final			
Tiger Woods, \$1,338,480	67-65-71-67	—	270
Chris DiMarco, \$799,370	70-65-69-68	—	272
Ernie Els, \$511,225	68-65-71-71	—	275
Jim Furyk, \$390,390	68-71-66-71	—	276
Hidetoshi Tanihara, \$296,511	72-68-66-71	—	277
Sergio Garcia, \$296,511	68-71-65-73	—	277
Angel Cabrera, \$237,952	71-68-66-73	—	278
Carl Pettersson, \$177,225	68-72-70-69	—	279
Andres Romero, \$177,225	70-70-68-71	—	279
Adam Scott, \$177,225	68-69-70-72	—	279
Anthony Wall, \$128,891	67-73-71-69	—	280
Ben Crane, \$128,891	68-71-71-70	—	280
SK Ho, \$128,891	68-73-69-70	—	280
Sean O'Hair, \$105,034	69-73-72-67	—	281
Retief Goosen, \$105,034	70-66-72-73	—	281
Robert Rock, \$83,655	69-69-73-71	—	282
Brett Rumford, \$83,655	68-71-72-71	—	282
Mikko Ilonen, \$83,655	68-69-73-72	—	282
Geoff Ogilvy, \$83,655	71-69-70-72	—	282
Robert Allenby, \$83,655	69-70-69-74	—	282
Peter Lonard, \$83,655	71-69-68-74	—	282
Mark Hensby, \$65,762	68-72-74-69	—	283
Phil Mickelson, \$65,762	69-71-73-70	—	283
Charl Schwartzel, \$65,762	74-66-72-71	—	283

Kanaan win at Milwaukee

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — Tony Kanaan held off a late charge by Sam Hornish Jr. to win Sunday's IndyCar Series race at the Milwaukee Mile.

Kanaan and his three Andretti Green Racing teammates dominated the top five positions for most of the race, but Hornish — who qualified second, but faded and fell a lap behind the leaders in the first half of the race — suddenly found speed when it counted.

Hornish passed AGR's Dario Franchitti for third place after a restart with 16 laps to go, then passed AGR rookie Marco Andretti for second two laps later.

Hornish couldn't catch Kanaan at the end and finished second, retaining the series points lead on a day where his three closest championship pursuers struggled.

Hornish's Marlboro Team Penske car had a vibration in the closing laps and he didn't want to push it to try to catch Kanaan. "I didn't know what was wrong," Hornish said. "I didn't want something to happen and end up in the wall."

Tomas Scheckter finished third, followed by Danica Patrick. Patrick is rumored to be leaving Rahal-Letterman at the end of the season, but the team seems to be turning around its performance since switching to the Dallara chassis in midseason.

Advice

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Earl Woods wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

"He was always on my case about thinking my way around the golf course and not letting your emotions get the better of you," Woods said.

Woods made that mistake at the Masters. His father was dying of cancer, bedridden at home and unable to come to Augusta for the first time since his son began playing there.

Woods knew his father would not live to see another major. He wanted desperately to win another green jacket for him, but the putts he tried to will into the hole just wouldn't go in.

"It was the only time I had seen him try too hard," Williams said. "He wanted to win that so badly."

Earl Woods died a few weeks later, and Tiger was devastated. He knew it was coming, but now he was faced with the reality that his father would never be there again to offer him advice, a putting tip or even a simple hug.

It wasn't until the U.S. Open that Woods resumed his career, but he clearly wasn't ready. He missed the cut in a major championship for the first time as a pro, and watched from home while Phil Mickelson imploded on the final hole.

Still, he came here with high expectations. His putting and ball striking were coming together, and he needed only a good game plan and the patience to execute it.

His father had taught him that, too. Always be prepared, and always be prepared to follow your plan.

The plan quickly became clear in the practice rounds. Woods was banging his driver 375, sometimes 400, yards off the tee on the hard

and dried out grounds of Royal Liverpool. He knew that he wouldn't be finding too many fairways with that length.

He decided to hit irons off almost every tee, even on some of the par-5s. Woods played his last 56 holes without touching his driver, controlling the ball beautifully with his irons even as his playing partners blasted it past him with their woods.

All along, he felt his dad at his side.

"He was out there today keeping me calm," Woods said. "I had a very calm feeling the entire week, especially today."

Woods needed that calmness when Chris DiMarco made a back nine move that brought him to within one shot. Woods responded with three straight birdies beginning on the 14th hole to put it away, guaranteeing himself a stress-free walk up the final hole.

In the 18th fairway, Williams told him he had won it for his father. Woods responded that there was still golf to be played, and now wasn't the time to think of that.

His father would have wanted it that way, too. Focus on the task at hand and get the job done.

It wasn't until Woods tapped in for par on the 18th green that a lifetime's worth of emotions came pouring out. He raised his hands in victory, let out a big "Yes!" and embraced Williams.

The world's best player and his caddie stood there for a long time, barely hearing the cheers of the huge crowd. Woods sobbed with his head buried on Williams' shoulder, finally coming up for air with tears streaming down his face.

The job was finished. He had made his father proud.

"I miss my dad so much," Woods said. "I wish he could have seen this one last time."

Woods

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By the time Woods strolled up to the 18th green, the victory was his. He showed a brief hint of frustration after missing an 8-foot birdie putt that would have tied his scoring record (19 under) from St. Andrews in 2000, but it didn't last long.

Woods pumped his fists, broke into a big, toothy smile and screamed "Yes!" after posting a 5-under 67 and becoming the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win golf's oldest championship in consecutive years.

Then came the tears, big ones that streamed down both cheeks as he thought of his dad.

"I was pretty bummed out after not winning the Masters because I knew that was the last major he was going to see," Woods said. "And finally to get this one, it's just unfortunate that he wasn't here to see it."

With this major title, Woods tied Walter Hagen for second place on the career

list. The only guy to win more of golf's biggest events as a pro was Jack Nicklaus, whose 18 has long been the motivating beacon of Tiger's career.

"He's all about winning majors championships," Haney said. "It's so hard to win these things. It's incredible what he's been able to do."

Woods just turned 30 in December, so it would seem the question is when, not if, he's going to relegate the Golden Bear to second place. He certainly answered those naysayers who wondered if missing the cut at the U.S. Open — the first time that's happened to him in a major since he turned pro — signaled that Woods was lost without his father and would need a while to deal with his death.

Clearly, Woods is still grieving. But he's also getting on with his life, putting to use those tenets instilled in him by his father.

"I wish he was here to see this," Woods said. "But he was out there today keeping me calm. I was very calm all week, especially today."

Until he had the claret jug firmly in his grasp. Then it all came pouring out.

United League standings

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Edinburg	39	22	.639	—
San Angelo	36	25	.590	3
Alexandria	29	32	.475	10
Amarillo	27	34	.443	12
Rio Grande Valley	26	34	.433	12 1/2
Laredo	25	35	.417	13 1/2

Sunday's Games

Edinburg 8, Rio Grande Valley 4, 12 innings
Alexandria 13, San Angelo 4

Amarillo 13, Laredo 1

Monday's Games

Alexandria at San Angelo
Amarillo at Laredo
Edinburg at Rio Grande Valley

Tuesday's Games

Alexandria at San Angelo
Amarillo at Laredo
Edinburg at Rio Grande Valley

Thunderheads



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This photo was shot on County Road E 1/2 east of the loop one recent evening. Thunder clouds are seen rising above the darkened structures.

Reagan

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nuclear-armed communist dictatorship had MacArthur been listened to.

The international community, which is content to let the United States and Britain shoulder the burden of fighting the war on Islamic terrorism, stands on the sidelines. Instead of cheering us on, it condemns us for defending them against the terrorism

that threatens them as much as it does us.

They whine about the need to accommodate the displaced Palestinians by allowing them to have a state of their own, side-by-side with Israel, but ignore the fact that the Palestinians could have their state for the asking, but are prevented from doing so by Hamas and Hezbollah and their sponsors in Iran and Syria who will accept nothing less than the destruction of Israel.

It really irks me to hear

the networks give time to the likes of Madeline Albright, Clinton's secretary of state and one of those demanding diplomacy as the only means of dealing with the Mideast crisis. The administration she served sat idly by in the face of such outrages as the first World Trade Center bombing and the bombing of the USS Cole.

Newt Gingrich is right. We are in the midst of World War III and you don't win wars by courting the enemy, you win them by doing what

Israel is doing — fighting back with everything they've got. God help them if they listen to the siren song of peace through weakness, of victory through negotiation.

We were right all along, and we have a right to crow.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Reese

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what it looks like, it's not an assault weapon.

You can buy various versions of the AK-47 or the Uzi, but these civilian models only shoot semiautomatic. The great irony of the assault-weapon hysteria was that weapons that shoot fully

automatic had been regulated since the 1930s. To buy one, you needed a special license from the Treasury Department.

What Congress ended up doing was banning cosmetic features, like flash suppressors or bayonet lugs, that had nothing to do with the firing mechanism.

A weapon that fires semiautomatically works just like a revolver — one shot per one pull of the trigger. An automatic keeps firing as long as you hold the trigger back. About the only people in America who bothered to buy fully automatic weapons since the 1930s, besides the police and the military, were wealthy collectors. Bullets today cost about 25 cents apiece, so you can imagine not many folks wish to shoot up quarters at the rate of 400 or more a minute.

Furthermore, unless you are being charged by 50 or

more people, a semiautomatic weapon or a shotgun will do just as well as a machine gun in a self-defense situation. I don't think any American civilian has been charged by a large group of men since the end of the Indian wars and the last lynching.

There is no excuse for a journalist or a politician to be ignorant about firearms. Whatever you're going to write about or regulate, you ought to at least know what the object is, whether it's sewer pipes or firearms. If you've never handled a gun, visit your local gun shop and touch one.

As my friend Colonel Dan says, it is much better to have a gun and never need it than to need it and not have it.

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Town

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When a rail line came through the county in 1909, it bypassed Clairemont by 10 miles in favor of the community of Jayton. Clairemont slowly declined while Jayton grew. In 1952, county residents voted to move the county seat to Jayton. The courthouse and jail stood abandoned by 1954.

Not long after county officials moved their offices to Jayton, a fire heavily damaged the old courthouse. The county had what was left of the second story removed and restored the first floor for use as a community center. The Clairemont post office finally closed in 1970 with the retirement of the last postmaster.

As for Kent County's "dark days," until someone takes the time to wade through rolls of newspaper microfilm and pore over the county's criminal dockets, assuming those records have remained intact, the old jail's secrets will keep.

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