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Ordinances to allow for adult businesses

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Adult and topless businesses will be restricted to certain areas of town.

The Pampa City Commission amended zoning ordinances Tuesday afternoon that would allow adult and topless businesses only in light and heavy industrial districts.

Under the amended ordinances, adult businesses must be more than 1,000 feet from schools, churches, day care centers, hospitals, parks, stadiums and residential areas. The ordinances also require an annual \$200 license fee and criminal background check on the business owner or owners.

told the city commission during a hearings. No one spoke for or hearing on the ordinances Tuesday that the city had not had any ordinances concerning adult businesses, and he was directed to draw up the ordinances to restrict their establish-

The adult business ordinances passed the first reading during the Pampa City Attorney Don Lane commission's meeting following the

against the ordinances during the hearing.

The city commission actually held two hearings during their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. While the first was in connection with adult businesses, the second concerned a

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Summer play



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Making the most of the last week before school starts up are (top) Kasadie Baggett and (bottom from left) Andrew Baker and Kelton Baggett. The three were among several playing at the Super Playground this week. The first day of school at Pampa Independent School District is Aug. 15.

Local school districts receive rating from education agency

We have until Aug.

18 to question the

validity of the

score, and we will

do that.

Barry Haenisch

PISD superintendent

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Hopkins Elementary School received a rating of academically unacceptable in Texas Education Agency's 2006 accountability ratings.

PHS' rating is due to an error, according to Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

"Only one subgroup was unacceptable. This was arrived at by a mistake," Haenisch said

The TEA's accountability ratings are determined by how the school scores in each of several categories, including TAKS test scores, special education programs, economically disadvantaged students' performances, dropout rates and completion rates.

A school cannot receive a higher rating than the lowest subgroup, or category, rating. PHS received a rating of unacceptable in the category of completion rate of economically disadvantaged students. The rating was the only unacceptable score the

school received.

PHS' completion rate by economically disadvantaged students was 71.8 percent, Pampa High School and Grandview- which was not a high enough percentage as required by TEA to be

acceptable. "Two of those students were not PHS students. One of the two graduated. Both attended Pampa Learning Center," Haenisch said.

PLC is rated as a separate campus by TEA, and receives its own accountability rating. PLC is categorized as an alternative school. Such schools receive either acceptable or unacceptable ratings. PLC was rated

acceptable for 2006, Haenisch said. "We have until Aug. 18 to question the validity of the score, and we will do that," he said of PHS' rating.

Schools, other than alternative schools, may receive ratings of academically unacceptable, academically acceptable, recognized, and exemplary. Each of the subgroups, or categories, examined by TEA receives a rating, and an overall rating is

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EDC to consider bids for Web site

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will consider bids for building the organization's Web

Thursday in the Nona Payne board will also discuss their Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, the economic

Meeting at 11 a.m. development corporation goals for the next six months

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Organizers gearing up for annual Labor Day event

Food and drinks of all including foot-long corn covered bananas sold at the Youth's funnel cakes, the kinds will be available to ease hunger pangs and slake the thirst of visitors to this year's annual Chautauqua celebration, Sept. 4 in Central Park.

"Dogs" of all kinds,

dogs, hot dogs, and chili dogs, will be served. Also on the menu are hamburgers, Frito pies, nachos, barbeque sandwiches, burritos, and sausage on a stick.

Church of the Nazarene youth booth will be a cool choice for dessert, along bers' homemade cookies, with sno cones at the New AAMOM caramel apple Life Church booth.

Other desserts will Ice cream and chocolate- include Calvary Baptist vention booth.

Girl Scouts' cotton candy, Zion Lutheran Church memslices, and baked goods at Wal Mart's blindness pre-

Thirsty visitors will find a variety of carbonated beverages, along with iced tea, lemonade and sports drinks. Cornerstone Baptist Church members will give away bottled water.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Commissioners to meet

Gray County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in special session in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell, to continue budget discussions for fiscal year 2007.

Commissioners began discussion of the new budget at their last regular meeting on Aug. 1. They also met Aug. 4 to continue budget discussions.

The proposed new budget is scheduled to be adopted before the new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1.

House speaker to repay state money for apartment

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick will reimburse state funds that were spent on renovating his office and rentfree apartment in the state Capitol, his office said.

More than \$50,000 in state money has been used to purchase and install wool carpet and to move furnishings and belongings out of the apartment and offices in preparation for the renovations, records show.

Craddick aides said he will use private money raised for the renovation to repay the state. Lobbyists, businessmen and a corporate foundation are among about 40 donors

who have contributed more than \$1 million to renovate the apartment behind the House chamber, the nation's only residence in a statehouse.

The Craddicks "have always planned on reimbursing the State Preservation Board," Craddick spokeswoman Alexis DeLee said in Wednesday editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

However, in a letter to the newspaper in April, DeLee called the carpet purchase and installation "routine maintenance" and said the Craddicks would reimburse the state "if enough private money is raised."



A National Customer Service Company Will Conduct A "Job Recruiting Fair" In Pampa Tue., Aug. 8 - 4-8pm & Wed., Aug. 9 - 8am-8pm. At The Clarendon College Pampa Center 1601 W. Kentucky

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School

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reached from those scores. Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District received an academically unacceptable rating because its students scored below the minimum TEA requirements on the TAKS writing science According to the TEA Web site, 33 percent of Grandview-Hopkins students passed the science test; a minimum of 35 percent must pass in order to be academically acceptable

to the TEA. Too few stu-

dents took the writing test,

so results were not avail-

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LOST 1700 blk Evergreen: female Austrailian Shepard/ Blue Heeler mix, mostly black, long haired, 5 yrs. 669-1907 or 886-8286.

A call to the Grandview-Hopkins school office was not returned as of press time today.

Two PISD campuses achieved a rating of recognized, the first time in five years that more than one campus received the higher rating, Haenisch said.

Austin and Travis elementary schools each were rated as recognized by the TEA for 2006.

Lamar Elementary, Wilson Elementary and Pampa Junior High schools each were rated as academically acceptable.

McLean School rated as recognized, while Lefors School was deemed academically acceptable.

Austin Elementary earned exemplary status in reading, math, science and special education, and recognized status in writing.

Travis Elementary was rated as recognized in reading, writing, math and science. There were not enough special education students tested at Travis to be included in the rating.

Wilson earned an exemplary rating in reading and special education, recognized in writing and math, and acceptable in science.

Lamar was rated exemplary in special education, recognized in reading and writing, and acceptable in math and science.

PJHS students scored high enough to earn exemplary status in writing and special education, recognized in reading, and acceptable in social studies and math. Science scores were not included in the information.

PHS was rated as exemplary in special education, recognized

studies, acceptable in math and science, and unacceptable in completion rate.

Pampa ISD's overall rating for 2006 is acceptable. Information on the 2006 accountability ratings is available at TEA's Web site, http://www.tea.state.tx.us/.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Four traffic stops were

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Huff and Crawford streets and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Animal complaints were received from the 1100 block of Seneca, the 1100 block of Neel Road, and the of Randy intersection Matson and Hobart streets.

A welfare check was reported in the police department lobby. Agency assistance was

rendered in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. Lost property was reported in the police department

lobby. Civil matters were reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 300 block of North Hobart, and the police department

lobby. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one

A suspicious person call

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rezoning request for a new

pharmacy coming to Pampa.

Corporation of Manchester,

Conn., requested a rezoning

of the south half of the block

by

Kentucky and Coffee from

CVS is planning to build a

pharmacy there. According

to Donny Hooper with the

Hobart,

bounded

office to retail.

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was received from the 1000 block of Neel Road.

A prowler was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. A narcotics violation was

reported in the 800 block of South Hobart. A silent/abusive 911 call

was received from the 900 block of Fisher. Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of

Varnon Drive. Sugar was poured into a gas tank. Estimated cost of damage is unknown. Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Buckler. Profanity was written on the sidewalk in front

of damage is unknown. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Zimmers and the 300 block of Anne.

of a house and on a window

of the house. Estimated cost

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Assault was reported in the 1900 block of North Zimmers. The incident was verbal only, and no injuries were reported.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Fraud was reported in the 2100 block of Christine.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 100 block of North Cuyler, and the 600 block of

Public

between Hobart and the

north-south alley dividing

the area would be parking.

The area between the exist-

ing alley and Coffee would

be an 11,000-square foot

store. The property would

extend from Kentucky to the

south edge of a Mexican

food restaurant that faces

A representative from

First Hartford Realty told the

commission that construc-

tion is expected to start in

Department, the

Works

area

city's

Hobart.

mid-September.

North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee and the 3100 block of North Crest.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

ing arrests today. Tuesday, Aug. 8

Coleman Hampton, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for expired registration and no valid driver's license.

Janna Linn Sims, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Wells by Pampa Police Department on 11 counts of issuing a bad check and a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 8 4:55 p.m. - One unit and

three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for lifting assistance.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 12:38 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Cuyler on a Dumpster fire.

6:11 a.m. - One unit and

The commission also

voted to accept bids on

seven tax delinquent proper-

ties, but set aside four other

tax delinquent properties for

Pampa City Manager John

Development

Horst said the Pampa

Corporation and Pampa

Industrial Foundation were

negotiating with a company

they were trying to get to

come to Pampa, and the

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the time being.

Economic

four personnel responded to the 800 block of Gordon on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 7 8:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 1900 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Duncan. Call disregarded.

8:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to County Road C and prepared a patient(s) for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

1:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

11:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2900 block of Randy Matson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

6:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Gordon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

300 block of Ballard. Lonnie Vaughn had bid \$500 on each property.

The commission approved the sale of 703 Foster to Vernon R. Noble for \$200, 519 S. Somerville to Sharon Gonzales for \$101, 918 S. Sumner to Violeta Moreno for \$250 and 702 S. Gray to Milton and Terri Thompson for \$250.

The Thompsons also got 1064 Varnon for \$300, 715 Octavius for \$200 and 405 Maple for \$150.

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Non-profit organizations sponsor the refreshment booths. Proceeds are used to benefit the organizations' service projects in the area throughout the year.

The day's events begin at a.m. when registration opens for Pampa Regional Medical Center's Fun Run and 5K. Anyone who missed breakfast will be able to find pancakes served by Pampa Rotary Club.

The free stage, exhibits, children's activities and food booths open at 9 a.m. The 25th annual event is sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Chautauqua (pronounced Sha-TA-kwa) is a Native American word used to name towns and streets throughout the United States, according to Darlene

"Some say it means two bags tied in the middle, which describes the shape of Lake Chautauqua in New York where the first Chautauqua began," Birkes

The web site of the Colorado Chautaugua Association defines the word, identified as part of the Iroquois language, as meaning "two moccasins tied together" or "jumping

The original Chautauqua was held in 1875 as an educational endeavor for Sunday School teachers. Chautauquas eventually offered summer-long educational, recreational and cultural programs and accommodations.

one-day Pampa's

Chautauqua celebration is designed to provide entertainment for families and persons of all ages.

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The Chautauqua at Boulder, Colo. is the only year-round Chautauqua. It was begun in the 1890s when civic leaders bought 171 acres of ranch land and established the educational retreat, which has been revived and is currently in operation.

Other Chautauquas are of varying duration and location, such as the week-long event held at Waxahatchie.

Obituaries

H.J. Preston, 69

Pampa, died Aug. 7, 2006, at Tulsa, Okla. Services are of Pampa.

H.J. Preston, 69, of pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

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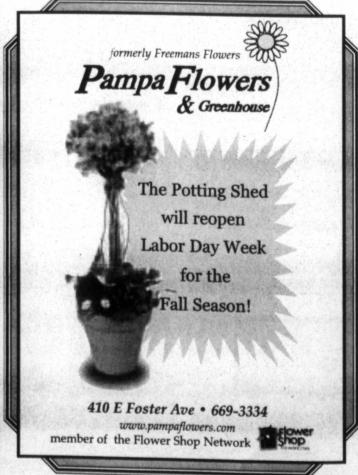
and review labor market information.

They will also hear a report on the design of a PEDC logo by Pampa High School art students, a report on the purchase of a file cabinet and a report

on speaking opportunities for board members. They are also expected to respond to a request by Tim Justice to repair or rebuild the stage in Central Park.







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Recycled water used for irrigation

By BLAIR FANNIN **Extension News**

SAN ANTONIO Maintaining high-quality turfgrass during the hot and dry summer months in Central Texas requires irrigation that increases demand on potable water supplies.

But new Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research shows few adverse effects when recycled water is used on turfgrass in the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

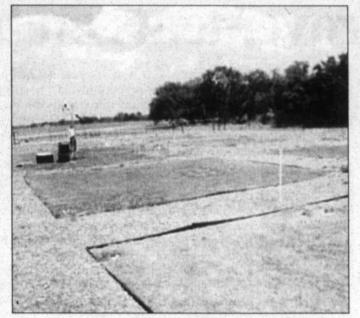
The findings are significant, researchers say, because it could help reduce daily demands from the diminishing aquifer.

The study examined Type 1 recycled water, known as municipally treated wastewater, reclaimed water or effluent water. It's frequently used to irrigate large turfgrass areas, helping to save higher quality surface and groundwater for potable

With San Antonio's growing population requiring more water, maximum withdrawal rates have been imposed by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

"One impetus for our study was the fact that two plants and a distribution pipeline have been built to produce and distribute recycled water throughout the metropolitan area," said Jim Thomas, Experiment Station scientist.

Officials questioned whether customers on the



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo)

The two-year turfgrass study began in March 2002 and involved 18 field plots. Irrigation treatments included potable water and recycled water applied at rates to replace evapotranspira-

recharge zone could use recycled water for irrigating turfgrass. Water officials' main concern was whether unwanted nitrates would penetrate the recharge zone and threaten drinking water.

"Basically, the answer is yes," Thomas said. "We found there were only slight increases in nitrates. We found it was reasonably safe to use on the location we studied. We had only a slight increase in the accumulation of salt and sodium in the soil."

Results also revealed a slight increase in potassium in leaf tissue, and "a little increase in salt leaching down to the groundwater table," Thomas said. "The majority of constituents remained within drinking water requirements," he said. "Thus, irrigation with recycled water wasn't going to pose a significant threat to groundwater."

Thomas, who partnered on the study with Dr. Richard White, Experiment Station scientist, said Type 1 recycled water receiving the highest treatment is rated safe for incidental human contact.

The two-year study began in March 2002 and involved 18 field plots. Irrigation treatments included potable water and recycled water applied at rates to replace evapotran-

spiration. In addition, the study included recycled water applied at a rate of 1.1 times the rate of evapotranspiration.

Tifway Bermudagrass and Jamur Zoysiagrass, common grasses grown in the San Antonio area, were used in the study. Samples of runoff water, leachate water, and soil and leaf tissue were collected monthly and tested for nine nutrients and total salts.

Both water sources were found to be capable of producing high quality, "aesthetically pleasing turf," Thomas said, "when used with other appropriate management practices, such as proper mowing and nitrogen fertilization."

Increased amounts of total salts and were measured in soil samples where recycled water was applied, he said.

"Careful long-term salt management would be needed to prevent the accumulation of an excessive amount of total salts or sodium in the root zone. Concentrations of all other nutrients in the soil were unaffected by irrigation water resources," Thomas

The study was published in the July-August issue of Agronomy Journal. Experiment Station researchers teamed with the San Antonio Water System, Bladerunner Turf Farm, and consultants from CH2M HILL to complete the study.

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Infant found dead in vehicle in Lindale on hot afternoon

LINDALE, Texas (AP) -An infant was found dead in a hot, parked vehicle outside Lindale City Hall on Tuesday after being left inside by one of the town's reserve police officers, authorities said.

The officer parked his truck Tuesday morning and drove a police car to a lawenforcement class in another town. About 3:20 p.m., the man contacted Lindale police in a panic and said he did not recall taking his infant to day care that day, Justice of the Peace James R. Cowart said.

Officials said Kevin Petty, a reserve sergeant with the department for seven years, had been attending a class in Canton, about 30 miles

The reserve officer asked to be met at his truck, where his 5-month-old daughter was discovered dead inside the vehicle, Cowart said.

We had a penguin wreck. They were thrown out into a ditch and in the roadway.

> Richard Buchanan Department of Public Safety trooper

Texas community climbed to 102 degrees during the after-

An autopsy was being conducted on the baby.

Truck spills penguins, octopus onto East Texas highway

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) A truck transporting zoo animals from Indiana to overturned Galveston Tuesday, spilling about two dozen penguins, tropical fish and an octopus onto an East Texas highway, authorities

"We had a penguin Department of Public Safety trooper Richard Buchanan said. "They were thrown out into

a ditch and in the roadway." Two employees from the Indianapolis Zoo were transporting the animals to Gardens Moody Galveston when the accident occurred on U.S. Highway 59 at about 4:30 a.m., Buchanan said.

The driver, Kelly Hodge, 34, swerved, overcorrected and then rolled the truck into a ditch, Buchanan said.

She and her passenger, Tammy Root, both sustained minor scratches and bruises, but were not seriously

The penguins were traveling in heavy tubs, which broke open when the truck crashed. Three penguins landed in the highway and

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were killed by oncoming traffic; one died in the crash. Another penguin suffered a broken wing.

Physics teacher admits role in accidental explosion

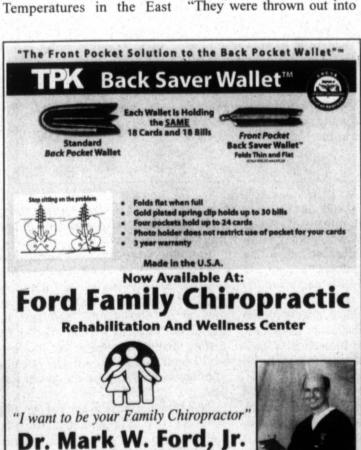
TYLER, Texas (AP) — A former Winona High School physics teacher pleaded guilty Tuesday to distributing explosive materials to a student who blew his hand off while at school.

Bradley Todd Brown, 33, of Lindale, faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine after he admitted giving gunpowder and other explosive materials to a student under 21.

Jonathon Strength, 17, lost his left hand in the May explosion while he was working on a project at school when a pipe filled with gunpowder detonated.

Federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said that Brown handed over a jar of gunpowder from his classroom.

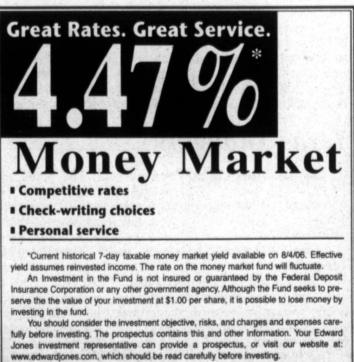




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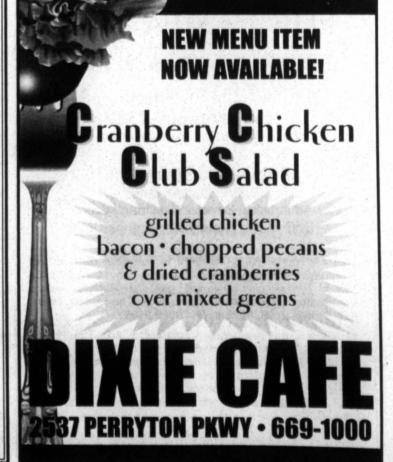
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Viewpoints

Keeping Texas air improvements on track

When you ask Texans why they enjoy living here, our wide-open spaces are mentioned pretty quickly. There's still plenty of elbow room in Texas, and even with the heat, it's great to be outdoors.

But Texas is growing rapidly, and more people means potential for more pollution. As the number of Texans grows, it's important to remember what's made Texas a great place to live and raise a family. These things include clean air, clean water and protected rivers and beaches.

Guarding our natural environment is a task that will never be completed. It requires vigilance from us all. There are numerous ways to help, and we have to

pursue all feasible options. I'm happy to report we're leading the way in some important areas.

We have recently learned that Texas has surpassed California to become the national leader in wind-generated electricity. Wind and solar power are alternative sources of energy generation that promise an eventual reduction in our dependence on fossil fuels.

But for the foreseeable future, as our economy expands, we also require increased use of traditional energy sources. Private industry, government and consumers must do everything possible to continue to reduce the adverse environmental effects of these

We recently learned that nology has advanced rapidly two Texas sites were among the final four nationwide being considered for the FutureGen project, a \$1 billion federal pilot program to reduce dra-

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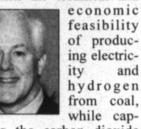
matically the emissions from coal-fired U.S. Senator electricity generating plants.

Jewett, in central-east Texas, and Odessa-Ector County, in West Texas, join two Illinois sites on the final list.

This project is significant. We're having trouble replacing the oil and gas reserves we're using now. But by some accounts, the U.S. has a 300-year supply of lowcost coal. Clean-coal tech-

in recent years, and FutureGen may well represent a huge leap forward.

The prototype plant will establish the technical and



turing the carbon dioxide generated in the process.

The FutureGen concept utilizes cutting-edge technology. The facility will not burn coal like a conventional plant. Instead, FutureGen will turn coal into a gas in a process that uses heat and pressure to generate electricity.

During the process, nearly all air pollutants - sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury - will be captured rather than emitted. Carbon dioxide will also be removed during the process, then be injected and permanently trapped in deep underground formations, such as depleted oil and gas reservoirs.

That could provide several benefits. Hydrogen is a future energy source. There is potential that the captured CO2 inserted into the ground could regenerate these depleted oil and gas sources. But the biggest benefit is virtually eliminating harmful pollutants and greenhouse gases, including CO2, from being released into our air.

I'll continue to work with state and local officials,

including Michael Commissioner Williams and Gov. Rick Perry, to push this technology forward and bring it to

In June, Texas set another record for peak use of electricity. We badly need new electrical generation plants. and a number of new coalfired plants, all using the best proven technology currently available, are now on the drawing board in Texas for construction within the next five years to help meet this need.

We're devoting a great deal of attention to finding the right path to meet our growing energy needs in a responsible Government agencies and

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 2006. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people. On this date:

In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1848, the Free-Soil Party convened in Buffalo, N.Y., where it nominated Martin Van Buren for president.

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden,"

'Hope is a waking dream.'

--- Aristotle

which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond Massachusetts.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of England following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1930, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzy

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1965, Singapore proclaimed its independence from the Malaysian Federation.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally murdered in Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his disciples were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, President Nixon's resignation took effect. Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in San Francisco of a heart attack at age 53.

Ten years ago: Bob Dole telephoned Jack Kemp to ask him to be his running mate; Kemp accepted. A weary-looking Boris Yeltsin was sworn into his second term as president of Russia.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives in a central Jerusalem pizzeria, killing himself and 15 other people. President Bush approved federal funding only for existing lines of embryonic stem cells.

One year ago: The space shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven safely returned to Earth, ending a 14-day safety test that was shadowed by the Columbia tragedy. Charles McCoy Jr. pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and 10 other charges in a series of Ohio highway shootings and was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

EZBOLLAH REACTS TO U.N. PEACE RESOLUTION WE HAVE YOUR

No cease-fire ever brings lasting peace

For the second time in the Bush II administration, the U.S. secretary of state has been reduced to an errand boy/girl for the state of Israel. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell performed the service for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and now his successor is doing the same for Sharon's successor, Ehud Olmert.

The offer Condoleezza Rice made to the Lebanese government was exactly the position of the Israeli government: Give up the two Israeli soldiers, disarm and disband, and pull back from the Israeli borders. Though American television protected her, her pathetic offer got her scolded and laughed at in Lebanon.

The American plan, no doubt arrived at in cahoots

with the Israelis before this latest unpleasantness began,

Charley

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Columnist

is to prevent the rest of world the from imposing immediate cease-fire until the

Israelis have time to destroy Hezbollah. Unfortunately for the Bush scheme, that is proving to be far more difficult and timeconsuming than either the U.S. or Israel had figured.

In the meantime, the lopcasualties sided (400 Lebanese dead to Israel's 19 dead civilians as of this writing) and the horrific destruction of Lebanon's infrastructure are causing the Israeli public-relations machine as many problems as the guerrillas are causing the Israeli killing machine. Even some

American television reporters. who often act as if they are on the Israeli

the

government payroll, can't help but notice the disproportionate misery being created by the war.

Fox News laughably spent a lot of airtime showing video of a brush fire and two potholes created Katyusha rockets when they fell harmlessly in the middle of an empty Israeli street and in an empty field. Of course, we have bigger, more threatening wildfires and potholes in the U.S. Fox News, however, is committed to being fair and balanced. Therefore, if Fox shows whole blocks of apartments destroyed in Beirut, it must show damage in Israel, even if it's two potholes and a brush fire.

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The U.S. rationalization for not seeking an immediate cease-fire is itself bizarre. Here we are offering a pittance (yes, in Washington terms, \$30 million is a pittance) and sympathy to the Lebanese while at the same time encouraging Israel to heap even more destruction and death on them. An immediate cease-fire, Condi says, wouldn't bring enduring peace. Perhaps not, but it would bring relief from the bombs, bullets, rockets and artillery shells. And what

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 30 Austin American-Statesman on Texas ethics:

When a grand jury complains that it can't get to the bottom of suspected public corruption because state ethics law blocks the way well, Texas, we have a problem.

The 390th Travis County grand jury practically sputtered in outrage in its final report, finding it "incredible" that prosecutors are "thwarted in their efforts to prosecute public officials because they are allowed to hide

behind the lax and vague codes of the

Texas Ethics Commission."

The grand jury complained that a the public official? That, apparently, is "high profile" (but unnamed) public official suspected of wrongdoing eluded investigation by ducking behind the commission's legal advice.

The official previously had asked the ethics commission whether he had to list each of his business clients on his personal financial disclosure form, or if he could simply list himself as a consultant and report the total amount he was paid.

This is a matter of public interest because the public should know if this official, whether elected or appointed, had private business clients who had a direct stake in the official's public business. Put less clinically, were those business clients really paying bribes, or making some other illegal payoff, to

what the district attorney and grand jury wanted to know.

But they were blocked because an ethics commission staff attorney had told the public official that state law required only that he report his occupation as a "consultant," and that he would not have to list his clients. By getting that advice from the commission's staff, the public official became immune to prosecution, the grand jury

The ethics commission earlier this year ruled that an appointed public official who had received a check as a gift only had to report that he had received the check not how much money it was.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR & BBY: I have a good friend who owns a prosperous business. I'll call him "Oscar." Oscar has no clue that one of his employees, "Shirley," is stealing big chunks of money from him. I feel bad for the friend who is being taken, and also for the person doing the stealing. I know them both well, and if I were to tell him, Oscar would lose both a friend and an employee. Shirley has worked for him for more than a dozen years. Her son and her brother now work for him, too. If I blow the whistle, Shirley could lose her home and other investments. This could get very ugly, and I don't want to be in the middle. Please tell me what to do. -- IN THE MIDDLE IN **PHOENIX**

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: You were put in the middle the minute you learned about the thefts. You must tell the employer what is going on. To do otherwise makes you an accessory to the crime. It will then be up to Oscar to decide if he wants to press charges. And please remember that the friendship between Oscar and Shirley ended when she started stealing from him. Friends don't steal from their friends. Opportunists do.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were invited to a dinner party at which the hostess seated my husband at the main table next to her. She seated me at a far table in the corner, with my back to the dinner guests. Fortunately, I made easy conversation and had a nice time, but I don't feel like accepting any of her invitations in the future. My husband scarcely noticed and wonders why I might not care to be invited again. May I know your thoughts on how to handle this? -- DIANA IN SAN FRAN-**CISCO**

DEAR DIANA: When a couple is invited to a dinner party, and the husband is seated next to the hostess, it is customary for his wife to be seated next to the host of the party. By seating you in "Siberia," the hostess demonstrated not only a breach of etiquette, but also how little she cared about your feelings. Explain that to your husband, and perhaps he'll get the message.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever an individual has a face lift, brow lift or eye lift, it is usually said that the person looks 10 -- or whatever -- years younger. I know the person will continue to age, but will she (or he) always look 10 years younger than she would have without surgery, or does the person eventually look just as she would have if she never had a lift? I asked a cosmetic surgeon this question, but never got a clear answer. Could you help me (and others) have a more realistic idea of what to expect if we choose this route? -- CON-**TEMPLATING** SURGERY **ARKANSAS**

DEAR CONTEMPLATING: I'll try. It is a misconception that plastic surgery guarantees knocking 10 years -- or "whatever" -- off one's countenance. More often what happens is the person looks "rested" or "refreshed" -- the sags and stress lines gone or diminished. How long the results last can vary according to the patient's genetics and how well he or she takes care of his or her skin. If the person avoids the sun, tobacco, too much alcohol and excessive weight gain, the results of plastic surgery will last longer. But nothing lasts forever -- and that includes anything a person has "lifted."

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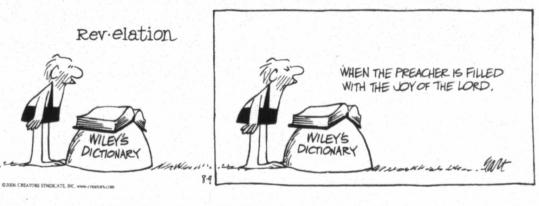
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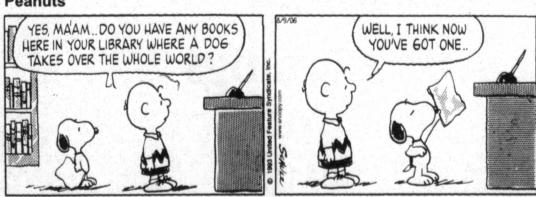
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Sports Day

NPS to host open house Aug. 17 in Fritch; TPWD to answer questions

National Park Service will hold an open house for hunters Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Sanford-Fritch Junior High School cafeteria, 536 Eagle Boulevard, Fritch.

Park rangers from Lake National Meredith Recreation Area, game wardens and biologists from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be present to answer ques-

Hunting maps and other literature will be available. Those interested in hunting, wildlife habitat, and conservation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Hunting changes made in recent years are still in effect, including that the method of take for turkey (gobblers only) will be by shotgun or archery during the spring season, and by archery only during the fall season; the waterfowl hunting period will close at noon each day; and quail season will be the same dates posted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department. These decisions have been made to increase populations and enhance habitat, and are based upon research provided by Texas Parks & Wildlife biologists, U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, and park staff.

The gate at Mullinaw Crossing will remain closed the first week of general deer season, November 18-25, and will be opened November 26 through the end of deer season. The gate may be closed at any time during this period due to circumstances such as severe weather, high water, and threats to public safety.

Hunting and fishing at Lake Meredith is permitted in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

The The National Park Service regulates the proper use of the park, while Texas Parks and Wildlife manages the harvest of fish and wildlife within the park. No hunting or firearms are allowed within Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

> As an increased safety measure, all hunters within the boundaries of Lake Meredith are required to wear blaze orange during general gun season for deer (Nov. 18-Dec. 3) and the special youth season (Oct. 28-29). In addition, during the special youth hunt all accompanying individuals must also wear blaze orange. This will consist of both a hat and a vest with a combined total area equaling 500 square inches and worn conspicuously above the waist. Exempt from this requirement will be migratory bird hunters on the waters of Lake Meredith.

Listing of the 2006-2007 hunting season at Lake Meredith:

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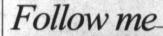
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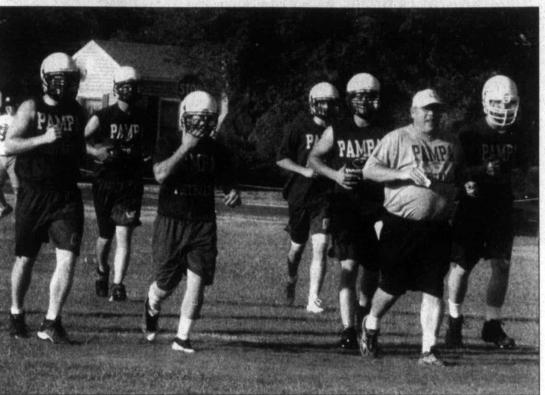
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Duck Season: Teal -Sept. 9-24, 2006; Early Season — Oct. 28-29, 2006; General Duck Season Nov. 3, 2006-Jan. 28,

For more information on the 2006-2007 Texas huntseason, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt wild/hunt/season/2007/.





Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Coach Tad Smith leads a few Pampa Harvester varsity players down the field to their next drill during Tuesday morning's football practice.

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Clarett arrested

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Maurice Clarett was arrested early this morning after a highway chase that ended with police using Mace on the former Ohio State running back and finding four loaded guns in his

sport utility vehicle. Officers used Mace to subdue Clarett after a stun gun was ineffective because the former Fiesta Bowl star was wearing a bullet-resistant vest, Sgt. Michael Woods said.

"It took several officers to get him handcuffed," Woods said. "Even after he was placed in the paddy wagon, he was still kicking at the doors and being a problem for the officers."

Police planned to charge counts, Woods said. He was taken to police headquarters to be interviewed, then was moved to the Franklin County Jail.

Wearing tan jail-issue clothes, he talked on the telephone in the booking area, separated from reporters by a window. He was to be held at the jail at least until an arraignment Thursday morning, unless his attorneys work out an agreement for his release, police said.

Clarett made an illegal U-turn on the city's east side and failed to stop when officers, in a cruiser with lights flashing, tried to pull him over, Woods said.

Police pursued Clarett onto eastbound Interstate 70 when he darted across the median and began heading west. Clarett drove over a spike strip that was placed on the highway, flattening the driver's side tires of the SUV.

Clarett exited the highway and pulled into a restaurant parking lot, where officers removed him from the SUV after he failed to obey numerous orders to exit the vehicle, Woods said.

After Clarett was placed him with carrying con- in a police van, officers discealed weapons and other covered a loaded rifle and three loaded handguns in the front of his vehicle.

Woods said he did not know where Clarett got the guns or why he had them, and that federal authorities plan to trace their owner-

The 22-year-old Clarett is currently awaiting trial on two counts of aggravated robbery, four counts of robbery and one count of carrying a concealed weapon in a separate case.

NEW NFL COMMISSIONER

Owners opt for Goodell

NORTHBROOK, III. The knock on Roger Goodell's hotel room door came almost three hours to the minute after NFL owners began voting for a new commissioner.

When he opened it, there stood the Steelers' Dan Rooney. He didn't have to

say a word. "When I saw Dan smiling, I knew it wasn't bad news," Goodell said Tuesday. And right then, in a

seamless transition that followed a swift, unanimous selection, the symbol of the NFL's storied history embraced the league's future.

Favored for months to succeed Paul Tagliabue, the 47-year-old Goodell said he expects to begin serving a five-year term before the regular season starts Sept.

Goodell, who never stopped rising through the ranks during his lifelong service to the NFL, was chosen on the fifth ballot, beating four other contenders in a vote that took only three hours.

He becomes just the fourth commissioner since World War II, having started his NFL career as a public relations intern a quarter-century ago and having served as Tagliabue's second-in-command for most of the last decade.

"We've had the two greatest sports commissioners in the history of professports, sional Tagliabue and Pete Rozelle, and I was fortunate to work for both of them," said Goodell, who shook every owners' hand afterward. "I look forward to the challenge and thank them again for their confidence."

Goodell remained the favorite even through a four-month search conducted by a committee headed by Rooney and Carolina's Jerry Richardson.

There was no question that he was the choice of the league's most important owners all along, but none declared any allegiance until the finale.

"I said from the beginning that we were going to look for the man to lead us," Rooney said he told the owners during the voting Tuesday afternoon. "I said that when we finished, I had no doubt that that was Roger Goodell."

New England's Robert Kraft, one of the most influential of the newest owners, said: "Roger got his MBA from Pete Rozelle and Paul Tagliabue. That's not a bad education."

ULB Standings

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Astros hold off Pirates; A's nip Rangers

Astros 3, Pirates 1

HOUSTON (AP) - Brandon Backe has lost some velocity on his fastball since coming back from a sprained right elbow.

But the Houston Astros' starter still has plenty of other reliable pitches and he used them all in a 3-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Making his fourth start since coming off the disabled list, Backe (3-1) allowed three hits, walked four and struck out two to improve to 12-3 at Minute Maid Park.

"I know what I've got. I can't get any more than what I've been showing," Backe said. "There's not going to be any 93 mph fastball I'm going to be able to throw by people. I've just got to use my ability to locate it as well as possible. There's no overpowering anybody anymore."

Craig Biggio homered and Adam Everett added an RBI double for the defending NL champions, who have won five of six. They won for only the third time in their last 10 home games.

Dan Wheeler pitched a scoreless eighth, his 10th consecutive appearance without allowing a run, and Brad Lidge struck out all three batters in the ninth to earn his 25th save in 29

Lidge has struggled at times this season, but looked like his old self on Tuesday, needing just 10 pitches to finish off the Pirates.

"That's the biggest problem for me is that I haven't been able to do it consistently," Lidge said. "I know it will

the start of it."

Jose Castillo hit a sacrifice fly for the Pirates. Pittsburgh has lost five of its last seven and scored two runs or fewer in four of those losses.

Pirates starter Paul Maholm (4-10) allowed five hits, walked four and struck out six in six innings, losing for the third time in seven starts.

Maholm's strikeout total was his highest since he fanned seven in San Francisco on June 11. But he had control problems in the first inning, walking three Astros to load the bases.

Athletics 7, Rangers 6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics benefited from a game-ending interference call against batter Mark DeRosa on catcher Jason Kendall and beat the Texas Rangers 7-6 Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to six.

Oakland rallied from a 4-0 deficit on consecutive homers by Nick Swisher and Jay Payton, then took its first lead when Kendall hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

The A's extended their lead to 7-4 in the eighth when second baseman Ian Kinsler let Payton's grounder go through his legs for a run-scoring error and Mark Ellis followed with an RBI groundout.

Hank Blalock hit a two-run single with one out in the ninth against Huston Street, pulling the Rangers within a run.

On a 3-2 pitch to DeRosa, pinchrunner Jerry Hairston Jr. took off for come at some point and I hope this is second. DeRosa struck out swinging

and his momentum carried him across the plate, interfering with Kendall's throw to second. Plate umpire Jim Joyce immediately made the call, drawing an argument from Texas manager Buck Showalter.

Kirk Saarloos (4-6) pitched four shutout innings for his first win since June 10. Making his first appearance since July 25, he allowed three hits, walked one and struck out two. Street got his 26th save in 33 chances.

Michael Young and DeRosa homered for the Rangers, who lost their fourth straight.

Shane Komine, making his second start for the A's, gave up four runs, six hits and four walks in three inningsplus. Komine allowed one run on four hits against Toronto in his major league debut on July 30. He had a 0.42 ERA over his last 42 2-3 innings - and won his last six decisions - at Triple-A

Sacramento before being called up. Kevin Millwood (10-8) gave up five runs and six hits in six-plus innings, falling to 7-2 in 12 road starts this year. He lost to the A's for the first time in six career starts.

Oakland is 6-6 against the Rangers, the only AL West team it doesn't have a winning record against.

Young and DeRosa hit two-run homers in the third, but Oakland rallied in the fourth. Swisher hit his 24th home run of the season, a three-run drive that just made the first row of the right-field bleachers, and Payton's homer tied the game. Payton's last eight home runs have either tied the game or put the A's ahead.

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You have a way or style that draws many to you. Relate on a deeper level with the special people in your life. You will enjoy an unusual amount of closeness with your friends and loved ones. Sometimes you reverse gears or distance yourself. Your independence is important as well. If feeling cornered, the Lion acts out. Curb wild spending. You might ask yourself what triggers these spending sprees. Learn to face your feelings directly. If you are single, you will long for a romantic, intimate bond. Often you find bringing a relationship to the point you want difficult. Nevertheless, a close bond becomes possible in 2007. If you are attached, recharge your relationship with plenty of one-on-one time. The love temperature soars. PISCES adores your depth and understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** Step back. You will appreciate the break after recent events. You might not feel comfortable if you aren't hands-on; still, you feel good vanishing. Don't let someone bring up an obligation and have you suddenly scurrying left and right. Allow others to do more. Tonight: Get

some extra zzz's. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Don't hem and haw, but rather zoom in on what you need and want. Meetings, crowds and friends prove to be lucky. You might feel that you need to make a choice between two people. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Take charge and understand your liabilities. You might want to handle a situation differently. Your high energy and ingenuity point you in another direction. Trust what is happening. Don't get pulled between work and personal concerns. Though you might not like tension, you do well in a tight situation. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Take an overview, and you'll get results. You might say or do something a bit harsh for you. Be careful, as you could be a touch reckless. Dig into your creativity to find answers. Your imagination plays into a project. Tonight: Relax to good music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Let others make the first gesture.

Though you might not totally love what is suggested, you have a basis to work from. Take care not to spend out of frustration. You might be doing a financial dance with a key associate. Be willing to say no. Your resourcefulness helps find another answer. Tonight: Dinner for two. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others could be challenging, getting your ire up. You might say and do some things that you normally wouldn't. Conversations are active and fulfilling. You finally understand where someone is coming from. Tonight: Say yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Pace yourself. You could be venting anger in a strange manner. Ultimately, what you are doing could be self-destructive. Take time to center yourself, especially if you are irritated

with someone. Take a walk or get some

exercise to work through uncomfortable feelings. Tonight: Choose R and R. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your optimistic attitude helps turn around any problem. You'll find answers. You are able to get past anoth-

er's anger or frustration. You don't need

to feel like you are juggling various interests. You are simply working with the issues. Tonight: Very playful. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Your instincts serve you well with the people you deal with. You will have a lot going on in your professional life or with your dealings with others. Yet you long to spend some quality time with family. Trust yourself. You can do it all! Tonight: Be a couch potato.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You have the right words to deal with a difficult situation that comes in out of the blue. You might not be able to say no to a trip or special seminar. Inlaws also might play a role here. The good news is, you somehow get what you want, Tonight: Music and eats. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Be aware of your spending. Someone might demand a lot from you. You might not be able to meet this person's wishes. Make that OK. A must appearance proves to be very successful. You are in the limelight. Tonight: Your

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Your smile is a winner.

Though someone might be jealous and act out, you know how to handle the problem. You probably understand this person better than he or she does. Be gracious. Tonight: Whatever knocks your

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cease-fire has ever brought enduring peace to anyone anywhere?

She continues to talk about a nonexistent international force of peacekeepers. but what countries wish to put their soldiers between two warring factions? The U.S. and Great Britain have already said: "Sorry, but we are busy wasting our soldiers' lives elsewhere. We have our fiascoes in Iraq and Afghanistan and simply can't afford to join the Lebanon fiasco."

The truth is that the U.S. is simply stalling to give the Israelis enough time to destroy Hezbollah, and if they destroy Lebanon in the process, well, that's just collateral damage. I personally don't see how Syria is going to stay out of it. Syria wants to stay out because the Israelis can defeat their forces. Israel doesn't want to fight Syria because of Israel's strategic weakness too few people in too small a country. Israel can win battles, but then it can't afford to occupy the country whose army it defeats. Though neither country wants a war, events have a way of sucking countries into them.

For a long time I believed that World War I was the most stupid war ever fought in human history, but by golly, the brain-dead governments in Washington and Tel Aviv might yet blunder into one that surpasses it.

That would be fitting, as the present-day Middle East, with all its problems, was created by the winners of World War I.

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the power companies are all engaged, working together in good faith. And while air quality in several urban areas is still not what it should be, Texans can be confident that it's gradually being improved, in compliance with state and federal law. We'll keep this progress on track.

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Ethics

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That official, Bill Ceverha the Employees Retirement System of Texas, finally disclosed voluntarily the amount of the check: \$100,000, to help pay his legal expenses in a lawsuit alleging he had failed to report corporate contributions to a political campaign committee of which he was treasurer.

The grand jury also complained that the Texas Ethics Commission doesn't officially document what its staff tells public officials who ask it for legal opinions, "yet that very information, when used by public officials can be the basis for a legal defense for criminal activity." The grand jury threw up its hands and suggested the Legislature abolish the commission and "redirect those dollars to more needy priorities.'

Of course, it was the Legislature that wrote the law under which the ethics commission operates, and both were intended to be weak. The commissioners appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker appear to have carried out legislative intent faithfully. When the Legislature reconvenes in 2007, it should rewrite the law to ensure full disclosure and that the ethics commission is an instrument for enforcing the law, not thwarting it.

BP already under scrutiny for allowing line to crumble

WASHINGTON (AP) Shutting its North Slope operations is only the latest problem for oil giant BP, which already is the target of a fedgrand jury, the eral Environmental Protection Agency and congressional investigators for letting its Alaska pipeline crumble.

The Justice Department is pursuing possible criminal charges in connection with the oil spill in March on one leg of BP's feeder system in its Prudhoe Bay field.

A federal grand jury is taking evidence in that case in Anchorage. The Justice Department is demanding BP Alaska cut a 12-foot section of pipe where the leak occurred and send it to investigators.

At the same time, members of Congress are pressing for possibly hearings, September, into BP's maintenance of its pipeline system as the company prepares to complete the shutdown of its North Slope operation to make repairs - at a loss of 400,000 barrels of oil a day.

"The U.S. Congress has an obligation to hold hearings to determine what broke down here," said Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Meanwhile, the pipeline repairs — and loss of more than half of Alaska's crude oil - are likely to take months, curtailing Alaskan production into next year, according to the Energy Department.

"It will take months to fix so we must deal with the issue at hand," Energy Secretary

south Lebanon that was ing.

expected to take 30 days as

part of a new push to badly damage Hezbollah,

The decision came as

fierce fighting was reported

overnight with Hezbollah

militants in southern

Lebanon, and Arab broad-

caster Al-Jazeera reported

that 11 Israeli soldiers had

authorized troops to push to

the Litani River some 18 miles from the Israel-Lebanon border. Currently,

10,000 soldiers are fighting Hezbollah in a four-mile

The proposed operation

was expected to take 30

days, Cabinet minister Eli

Yishai said. However, an

cease-fire was expected to

be imposed well before then.

last 30 days. I think it is

wrong to make this assess-

ment. I think it will take a lot

The decision, approved by

nine ministers with three

abstaining, gave authoriza-

tion to Defense Minister

Amir Peretz and Prime

Minister Ehud Olmert to

order the wider offensive

and to decide its timing.

However, it did not obligate

Such a move is risky.

Israel would set itself up for

new criticism that it is sabo-

taging diplomatic efforts,

particularly after Lebanon

offered to deploy its own

Also, a wider ground

offensive might do little to

stop Hezbollah rocket fire

on Israel, while sharply

increasing the number of

casualties among Israeli

troops. A decision to broad-

en the offensive could also

hasten a cease-fire resolu-

tion by the U.N. Security

told Cabinet members the

offensive could mean 100 to

200 more military casualties,

An Israeli security official

Council.

troops in the border area.

"The assessment is it will

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stretch from the frontier.

internationally

longer," he said.

them to act.

The Security Cabinet

been killed.

Cabinet minister said.

Israeli cabinet okays

wider ground offensive

JERUSALEM (AP) — a participant said on condi-

Israel's Security Cabinet on tion of anonymity because Wednesday approved a he was not authorized to talk

wider ground offensive in about the closed-door meet-

Even before the spill in March dumped 270,000 gallons of oil onto the tundra, BP's maintenance of its pipelines had come into question.

Samuel Bodman Tuesday.

"There seems to be a belief that a complete shutdown of the Prudhoe Bay system may not be necessary," Bodman said after talking with BP executives. Bodman said BP was looking at possible ways to allow continued production from half the oil field while repairs are made.

Trying to calm the markets, Bodman said there are adequate supplies of crude oil in inventory and available from other producers to make up for the losses from Alaska. Alaska's oil primarily goes to West Coast refineries.

"Substitutions for Alaska crude oil, we believe, are available," Bodman told reporters. Oil prices retreated slightly Tuesday Bodman's upbeat assessment.

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Company whistleblowers reportedly raised concerns about how the company dealt with pipe corrosion as early as 2004, eventually leading to an inquiry into possible violations of the federal Clean Water by Act Environmental Protection Agency's office in Seattle -

an investigation that intensified after the March spill.

The EPA, following standard policy, declined on Tuesday to confirm or deny such an investigation.

Charles Hamel, 76, a retired management consultant, said Tuesday that technicians within BP Alaska's pipeline maintenance division contacted him in 2004, complaining of inadequate attention to pipe corrosion.

He produced a letter he

directors, Walter Massey, asking that the whistleblower's complaints be investigated, but Hamel said he was rebuffed.

Instead, the company dispatched two lawyers from Washington to the North Slope who asked questions about employee discontent,

Massey, president of Morehouse College, did not return a message left at his office, and a receptionist referred calls to BP.

he maintained.

"Whenever we receive concerns about safety and integrity of our operations on the North Slope, we investigate and if necessary take corrective action," said BP spokesman Ronnie Chappell. "We also ask our people who said he sent that year to a raise concerns to provide us

member of BP's board of with specific information ... so that we can get to that location and verify it."

> In a letter in June to the Transportation Department agency that regulates pipeline safety, BP Alaska cited the grand jury probe as one reason it had not been able to comply with agency demands to conduct required corrosion tests on the western half of its feeder pipeline system.



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