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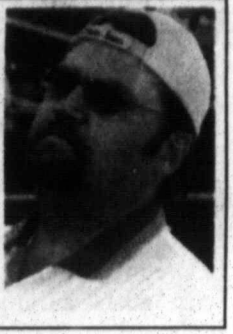
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MUNICIPAL NEWS

City budget will be filed on Friday

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The 2006-2007 budget will be filed with the Pampa City Secretary on Friday, according to Pampa City Manager John Horst.

Horst told the Pampa City Commission during their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon that he expected to file the city's budget for the next fiscal year with City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers by the end of the week.

Horst said the city received the effective city tax rate calculations Tuesday, and that the city would use the same tax rate as the last several years.

The city commission will meet in special session at 4 p.m. Monday to vote on the tax rate.

The city will hold its first public hearing on the tax rate at 4 p.m. on Aug. 22, in the commission chambers in City Hall. They will hold a required second public hearing on the tax rate and a public hearing on the proposed budget at 4 p.m. on Aug. 29, in the commission chambers.

The first reading of the budget is expected to be Sept. 12. The second reading will be Sept. 26.

The city's budget has to be adopted before the beginning of their fiscal year on Oct. 1.

As commissioners discussed the budget during

a work session following their meeting, Horst said he had received a request from the tennis boosters club for \$5,000 to help resurface the high school tennis courts.

"The public does use those courts," Horst said.

He said the city has no courts for public use. The Pampa Rotary Club, he said, had also asked how much the city was willing to put up to build a welcome sign on U.S. Highway 60 on the west side of town.

Horst said the city had \$6,000 from an insurance company representing the trucker who plowed through the previous sign. He suggested adding \$5,000 to that account, but the commission wanted to know what the Rotary Club had in mind.

Commissioner Bill Allison said he wanted the Rotary Club, who has adopted the welcome sign project, to come up with an amount they need.

"They need to decide what they're going to do," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. "They need to bring it here."

Robbins said the proposal needs to be presented to the community.

In reviewing the \$9.1 million operating budget for 2006-2007, Pampa Finance Director Robin Bailey said the city had

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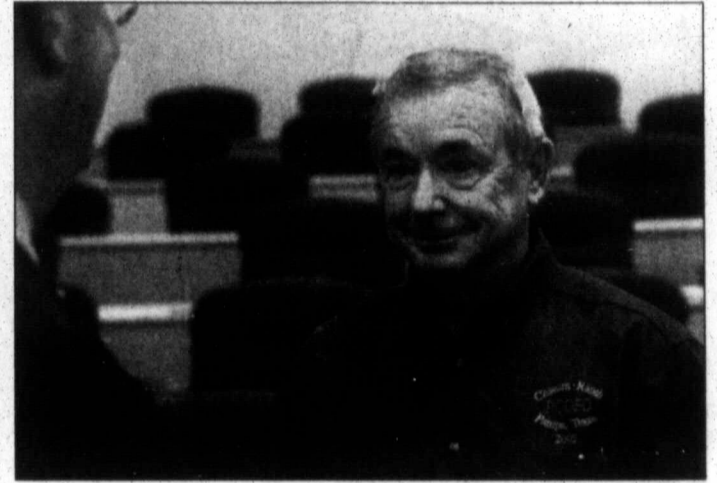
Rep. Chisum views school finance bill as a success

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Pampa's State Representative thinks the school finance bill passed in last spring's special session is a major success, but he also thinks it will be critical to revisit it when the Texas Legislature meets again during their regular session in January.

"I kind of liked House Bill 1," State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, told a group of about two dozen Wednesday night at an Amarillo meeting of the Texas Panhandle legislators. "It was the one that I introduced and we passed and it got us out of the dilemma that we called the special session for because it funded schools."

He said the bill will also bring down property taxes by 17 cents in 2007 and will bring them down by 50 cents in 2008. Those cuts,



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Pampa State Rep. Warren Chisum talks with Ben Bius, of the Home and Land Owners Association of Texas, who hosted a legislative forum Wednesday night in Amarillo.

however, apply only to school districts maintenance and operations budgets.

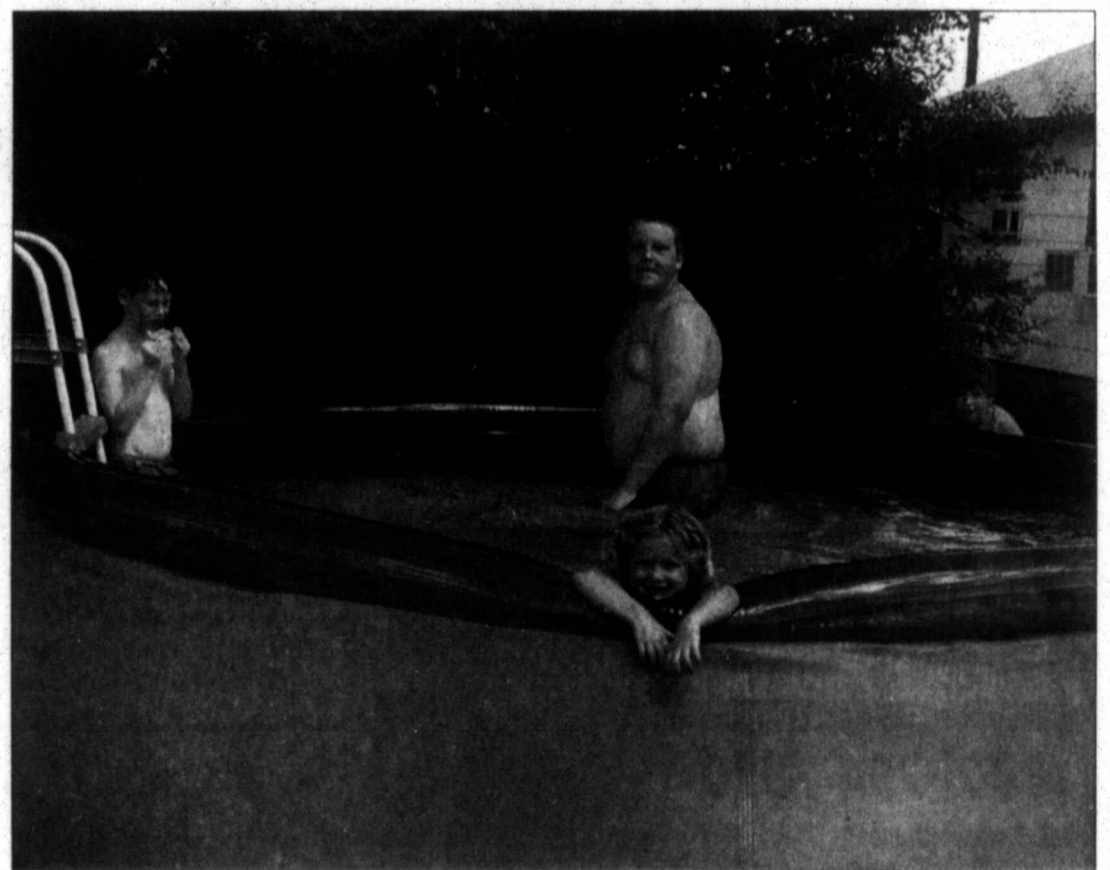
"There were still a lot of reforms as it came back from the Senate," Chisum said. "It had a lot of reform

in it for education." It contained a \$2,000 teacher pay raise and a \$275 allotment per high school student.

"That's new money for

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One last dip



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
A dip in the pool is one way to enjoy the last days of summer vacation before school starts. From left are Travis Williams, Kaitie King (front), Dakota Roberson and Trey Hiers. The first day of classes for Pampa Independent School District students is Aug. 15.

Authorities nab third suspect in home invasion investigation

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The third suspect in a home invasion and robbery case which occurred May 21 at a home in the 1100 block of East Francis was arrested Wednesday in Amarillo and

is currently in Gray County Jail in lieu of \$125,000 bond.

Davey Enriquez, 33, of Amarillo was arrested Thursday by Amarillo Police Department Detectives Cpl.

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Officials working to limit local mosquito population

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

City trucks are back on the street, spraying for mosquitoes after weekend rains.

Kim Lincycumb with the City of Pampa said that recent rainfall has resulted in a crop of weeds and tall

grass. Those, along with pools of stagnant water, make excellent breeding grounds for mosquitoes, she said.

"It doesn't take much," Lincycumb said. "Several hundred mosquitoes can breed in a teaspoon of water."

While city crews are trying to keep up with the grass in the parks and weeds sprouting up in vacant lots, city trucks are making their way through the city each evening, spraying the neighborhoods with Bio-Mist, a commercial insecticide designed to limit the mos-

quito population. Crews are also adding a larvicide to Red Deer Creek. Lincycumb said she is encouraging residents to remove old tires and fill in low lying places where water can collect and provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes. She also is ask-

ing residents to cut tall grass and weeds.

Mosquitoes, in addition to being nuisances, also pose a health hazard, Lincycumb said. They can carry a variety of diseases that could endanger the health of both humans and pets.

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Gray County Weather

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Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-northeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South-southeast wind between 5

and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Obituaries

H.J. Preston, 69

H.J. Preston, 69, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 7, 2006, at Tulsa, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Preston was born Jan. 19, 1937, in Hastings, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. He married Gwendolyn Jones on Aug. 11, 1960, in Borger. He

was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peace time.

He worked at Panhandle Industries as a welder for several years until 1979. He later worked as a welder at Lee-Tex Industries.

He was a member of The Amarillo Bird Club and The National Shoot to Retrieve Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Johnnie Preston.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn Preston, of the home; one son, Ronnie Preston of Pampa; two granddaughters, Alesha Williams of Pampa and Amber Preston of Altus, Okla.; one great-granddaughter, Savanna Williams

of Pampa; and one brother, Robert Preston of McLean.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Vernon R. Stuckey, 99

Vernon R. Stuckey, 99, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 9, 2006, at Kaufman, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Stuckey was born Feb. 12, 1907, to Fred and Nellie Stuckey in Arnett, Okla., which was Indian Territory at the time.

He was the fifth of 10 children. He moved to Pampa in the 1930's and worked at the Schneider Hotel where he met Bonnie Patton.

They married on Sept. 14, 1940. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 1994, after 54 years of marriage.

Even though he was well above military age, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force in June of 1942.

He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and the Men's Fellowship Class, and was a member of the VFW Post #1657.

Until the late 1970s, he worked as a barber in Pampa. After his retirement, he began mowing lawns until he turned 91.

He often said that quitting

the lawn mowing business was the biggest mistake he made.

Stuckey was preceded in death by a son, Gary Vernon Stuckey, on Sept. 17, 1941.

Survivors include one daughter, Pat Hall and husband Ron of Kaufman; one son, Schuyler

Stuckey and wife Phyllis of Frisco; one brother, Bill Stuckey of Oregon City, Ore.; one sister-in-law, Virginia McDonald, formerly of Pampa; four grandchildren, Richard Hall and wife

Tonya, Nicole Sutton and husband Andrew, Shawn Stuckey and wife Allison, and Brandon Stuckey and wife Michelle; seven great-grandchildren, Maci Hall, Allie Hall, Clara Sutton, Jackson Stuckey, Drew Stuckey, Jonathan Stuckey, and Joshua Stuckey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 300 block of East Brown.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Lafferty and Love streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

Animal complaints were received from the 400 block of North Christy, the 900 block of East Campbell, the 300 block of North Sumner, and the 400 block of South Starkweather.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of West Montagu and the 400 block of Lefors.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of Lefors and the 600 block of East Francis, where a bicycle was found.

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

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of South Cuyler, the intersection of 18th and Fir streets, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 1100 block of Sierra, and the 600 block of East 17th.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Lefors.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Failure to identify and providing false information were reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

Impersonating a police officer was reported on Duncan Street.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of East Barnard and the police department lobby.

Disturbances were reported at the intersection of Highway 60 and Barnes Street, the 900 block of South Banks, the 400 block of Lowry, and the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Sexual assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. A 1992 Saturn valued at \$2,000 was taken from the 100 block of Warren and later found on the Bowers City Highway.

Theft and criminal mischief were reported at Best Western Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Parkway. The incident involved a blanket, coffee mugs and bed sheets, with an estimated value of loss of \$64.

Theft was reported at Jim's Tradin' City Flea Market, 918 E. Frederic. A Zippo lighter valued at \$30 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Identity theft was reported in the

police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of South Houston and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Terry Honeycutt, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Faulkner by Pampa Police Department for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

Davey Enriquez, 33, of Amarillo was arrested by PPD and Amarillo Police Department and transported to Gray County Jail by GCSO on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

David Sanchez, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

7:16 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Somerville on a call for medical assistance.

8:11 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on an arching electrical box. The firefighters stood by until an electrician arrived at the scene.

10:57 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a call for medical assistance.

Warrants were issued for three suspects: Adam Refugio Aguilar, 24, of Amarillo; Carlos Jose Cordova, 25, of Pampa; and Enriquez in connection with the robbery. The warrants were for aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony, said PPD Lt. Fred Courtney.

Aguilar was arrested July 29 in Amarillo and was booked into Randall County Jail. He has since posted a \$7,500 bond and was released.

Cordova was arrested July 31 in Amarillo and transferred to Gray County Jail, where he remains in lieu of a \$100,000 bond.

A husband and wife and their 8-year-old grandchild were in the home at the time of the May 21 robbery. The adults were forced to lie on the floor. The child ran to a back room and locked the door.

"The suspects demanded money from the victims. When the adult male was trying to get the money, it apparently was not fast enough for the robbers. One of the suspects fired a shot at him to get him to hurry," Courtney said. "Fortunately, none of the victims were injured."

A .380 shell casing was recovered from the scene as evidence.

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Suspect

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Terry Tracy and Cpl. David Kucinski and by Det. Beverly Chace and Sgt. Fawnsa Burrows of Pampa Police Department. Chace and Burrows had gone to Amarillo in connection with the case.

"We were investigating the case, and found him at his apartment," Chace said.

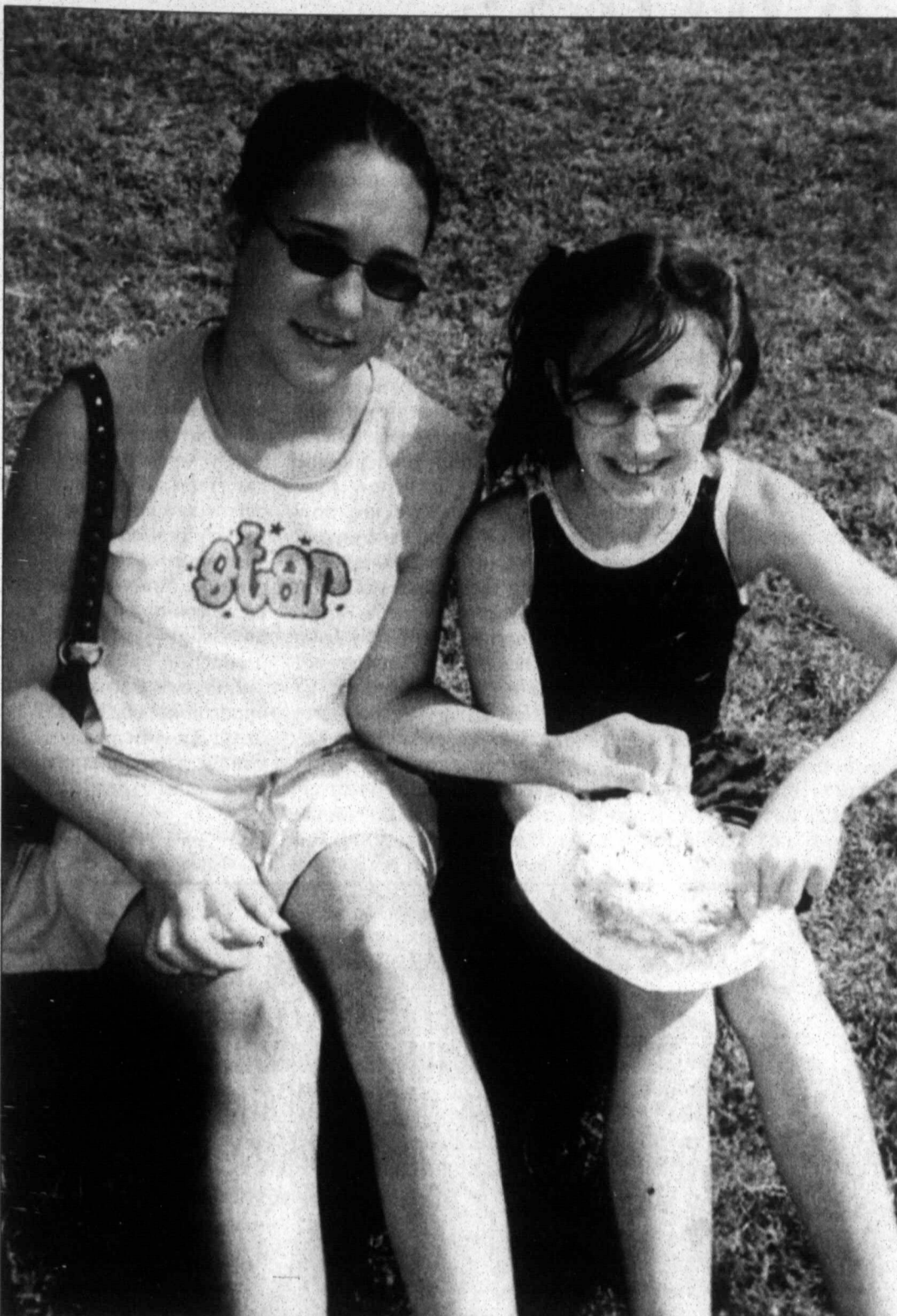
Enriquez was booked into Potter County Jail in Amarillo and later transferred to Gray County Jail, where he was booked in at 3:30 p.m. Thursday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

PPD Chief Trevlyn Pitner credits citizens' tips and cooperation among agencies with the arrest.

"It's a slow process of being thorough, being right, getting cooperation from other agencies, and getting citizens' tips," he said.

At about 9 a.m. May 21, two armed men broke into a home in the 1100 block of East Francis and took a blue Citibank bag with \$100 and \$50 bills totaling \$4,000. A third man was believed to be a driver for the group.

Chautauqua



Molly Andorfer, from left, and sister Rachel share a funnel cake from Calvary Baptist food booth at Chautauqua. Organizers are gearing up for Chautauqua, an annual event staged by Pampa Fine Arts Association at Central Park on Labor Day each year. Chautauqua has something for everyone — games, entertainment, food and a variety of other booths, a fun run and more.

Texas airports tighten security

DALLAS (AP) — Passengers at Dallas-Fort Worth International and Houston Bush Intercontinental airports threw away coffee, bottled water and repacked carry-on bags today after a thwarted terror plot prompted the U.S. government to ban liquids aboard flights.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines, Houston-based Continental Airlines and suburban Chicago-based United Airlines flights were specific targets of the plot, two counterterrorism officials said today, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

British officials said the plan was to simultaneously blow up several jets en route to the U.S. using explosives smuggled on board in liquids on carry-on bags.

The U.S. government responded by banning passengers from carrying beverages, hair gel, lotions, toothpaste, shampoo and other liquids aboard flights, including drinks bought at airport concession stands.

Hastings to host book signing

Perryton educator and author, Kathy Jackson will be at Hastings Books Music & Video in Pampa from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Jackson will be at Hastings specifically to sign copies of her book, "So Great a Heritage."

"I am a Perryton author," Jackson said.

"I have lived in Lefors in the past," she explained, "and my book is a compilation of 154 letters that we found from my father to his parents during World War II, so it's a picture of the war through his letters."

Passengers at the Houston and Dallas airports were met by signs warning that all liquids were now banned from carry-on luggage.

Security workers also reminded people of the new rules as they waited in line at security checkpoints, and gate agents would shout every few minutes for passengers to remove liquids from their carry-on luggage.

Christine Renya, 46, a suburban Dallas businesswoman traveling to Mexico, tossed yogurt and hand cream into a trash can before getting in line to check her luggage through DFW security.

"They always seem to

have these kinds of threats every few months," she said. "By this point, they don't really bother me anymore."

Johanna Carty, 30, learned of the ban as she made a connecting flight in Houston, traveling from Oakland, Calif., to Peru with her three young nephews.

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Chisum

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schools," Chisum said. "We got new money for schools. We gave the teachers a pay raise that they well deserved. We did all of that out of the budget surplus."

None of that money, he said, came from the new taxes raised in House Bills 1, 2 and 3. The Legislature used a budget surplus.

Going into the special session last spring, after several special sessions in 2005 failed to come to grips with school finance, the Texas Comptroller estimated that the state had a budget surplus of \$8 million. It turned out to be more.

The Texas Legislature was under a court ordered deadline to reform school finance.

Part of that school finance reform established by a series of bills is a margin tax, which is one of Chisum's concerns.

The margin tax establishes a tax on gross receipts less certain costs. Businesses can figure their tax on gross receipts minus either cost of goods sold or cost of labor, depending upon the type of business they're in.

Chisum said that tax will need to be reviewed during the next Legislative session.

"That's going to be a critical issue for us," Chisum said, "because if we don't do that, then we're not going to get to the additional compression rate to bring the M and O tax down to a dollar."

All the money raised by House Bills 1, 2 and 3, he said, will go to fund tax relief. "We're very interested in making that work," Chisum said.

That tax may need to be amended, he said.

"The Ways and Means Committee is

going to have to look at House Bill 3, the margin tax," Chisum said. "There are a lot of issues that need to be brought up and decided upon in order to be a fair tax. That will probably consume all of their time."

State Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

"People are always asking what the big issue's going to be," Smithee said, "and I always say the cost of goods sold. That's going to be a big issue."

He said there are dozens of bills being drafted by the private sector to try to redefine the cost of goods sold.

"One of my concerns about this tax bill has always been that we're going to get to something that's as long and as complicated as the IRS code."

Smithee said he used to maintain that he didn't want to pass a tax bill that couldn't be written on the back of an envelope.

"That's probably wishful thinking," Smithee said. "It's very complex."

Another concern Smithee has is that a lot of the definitions in the Texas tax bill are different than those of the Internal Revenue Service.

"My concern is that a lot of businesses, particularly small businesses, will have to do two sets of computations," Smithee said. "One for state and one for federal income tax."

State Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, said he thinks the major issue when the Texas Legislature meets for their biennial session next year will be the budget like it is every two years.

The Texas Comptroller by law estimates the amount of money available to the Legislature. Swinford said the problem will be, like it always is, to stay within the Comptroller's projected revenues.

homeowner's fire insurance rates in the city.

That could mean spending \$10,000 on a pump to put on a fire truck that is already more than 20 years old, Horst said.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said the problem wasn't so much with the pump as it was with the truck and the beating it took during last spring's wildfires.

Robbins suggested revisiting the issue after the beginning of the new fiscal year to see how the city's revenues were coming in.

Budget

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reduced the budget by going back to departmental directors and shaving a few hundred dollars off almost every budget.

"There were no large cuts," Horst said.

The commission discussed delaying the purchase of a dump truck and a fire truck for another year, although the lack of a working fire truck could impact

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Viewpoints

Senate accomplishments this year ...

I always look forward to August because it affords me an opportunity to travel across the state to meet with Texans and listen to their concerns. This allows me to share with Texans what has been accomplished this year in Washington, D.C., and what I will be working to achieve in the fall when Congress reconvenes.

There is no higher priority than protecting our national security, and this year the Senate took a significant stride toward that goal by renewing the PATRIOT Act. In addition to improving investigative tools that help thwart terrorist attacks, several new provisions were added to improve our nation's ability to secure our

ports. Texas needs this additional protection because among all states, we have the most ports of entry, as well as the largest number of ports designated "high-risk" by the Department of Homeland Security. The PATRIOT Act provides law enforcement officials with critical tools to stop terrorists while supporting collaboration between law enforcement agencies.

The Senate also authorized funds to support and supply the men and women of the armed forces defending our country in the War on Terror. Despite efforts by some members of Congress to prematurely abandon our mission, I stood resolutely with 85 other senators and

sent a message to our troops and our allies that we will never abandon them.

America has never turned its back on its commitments, and we will leave Iraq only when the generals on the ground and Iraq's elected officials say our presence is no longer required. As recent events in the Middle East demonstrate, our foe is tenacious and determined to destroy democracy all over the world. I will remain a proud supporter of our troops and their mission of protecting America and freedom.

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator

Economic reforms approved by the Senate have sustained the strength of our economy. Tax cuts passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush have created over 5 million jobs in the past three years, while cutting taxes by \$70 billion. We cut entitlement spending by \$100 billion over 10 years and froze non-defense, non-homeland security spending.



The tax cuts once again demonstrated that lowering the tax burden on working families can spur the economy, as tax receipts have

increased nearly 35 percent since 2003. Lower taxes mean more growth. Taxpayers use the extra money in their pockets to invest, spend and save. Economic growth has produced increased federal revenues, thus reducing the deficit at a faster than expected rate. We are now ahead of schedule to meet the President's 2004 goal of cutting the budget deficit in half by 2009.

Americans suffering from the rising cost of energy will benefit from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, legislation I co-sponsored that recently passed the Senate. By opening 8.3 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and

gas production, we will further protect our national and economic security by reducing our dependence on foreign sources of oil.

This legislation further benefits Texas by providing our state with royalties from newly opened areas. Texas has financed and supported extensive Gulf Coast oil and gas exploration and refining, and these royalties will help preserve our environment while creating jobs related to increased exploration and production.

Enhancing educational opportunities has been a priority. By increasing Pell Grants, the Senate provided additional aid to

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2006. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 had made it possible.

On this date:

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In 1948, Allen Funt's "Candid Microphone," later titled "Candid Camera," made its television debut on ABC.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca

were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven wounding.

In 1988, President Reagan signed a measure providing 20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans who'd been interned during World War II.

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Bob Dole completed the Republican ticket by announcing he'd chosen former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp to be his running mate. Cascading power outages hit parts of nine western states.

Five years ago: Space shuttle Discovery roared into orbit on a mission to deliver a fresh crew to the international space station. Britain stepped in to save Northern Ireland's power-sharing government by taking away its powers for a day — a legal maneuver that removed a deadline to elect a new leader of the Catholic-Protestant government.

'A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve.'

— Oliver Wendell Holmes
American author
(1809-1894)



21ST CENTURY JOURNALISM IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Creating your own publishing masterpiece

Have you ever looked at a newspaper, magazine or newsletter and thought, "I could do that!" The appeal of publishing to the masses has led many an entrepreneur into this business. However, in the old days, you either had to be made of money or have a rich uncle to start a publishing firm.

Well, no longer. Today's technology allows anyone to create professional publications and distribute them in a variety of ways. All you need is your trusty computer, color printer and the "right software." Since you probably own the first two pieces of this puzzle, let's concentrate on the software aspect.

Software
Two programs come to mind when discussing home publishing:

Broderbund's PrintMaster and Microsoft Publisher.

PrintMaster (<http://www.broderbund.com/>) is the essential tool for casual and hobbyist publishers. It's easy-to-use interface and numerous wizards allows anyone to create their first publication with little or no instruction. Whether you want birthday invitations, banners, calendars or greeting cards, PrintMaster can make the task as simple as a mouse-click. The newest version (Platinum 17) also offers numerous photo retouching tools. Red-eye, scratches and contrast prob-

lems can be easily fixed with some minor adjustments, instead of buying a separate piece of software for the task. You also get around 295,000 pieces of project-ready clipart. Price: \$40.

For those of you needing a bit more than PrintMaster can offer, check out Microsoft Publisher

(<http://microsoft.com/publisher>). Quickly becoming the defacto standard in basic publishing, this product offers many high-end tools found in professional packages. I especially recommend Publisher for those you charged with creating a

newsletter for your organization. Their templates can't be beat. Combine those with an incredibly flexible text-flow tool, "table of contents" generator, and built-in mail-merge, and you've got everything you need for top-notch publications. Price: \$200.

Cliptart
Clever prose alone does not make an interesting publication. Humans are visual creatures. We like pictures. I'm more likely to read a newsletter if it's packed with colorful photos, designs and charts. A black-and-white sheet of paper filled with text just doesn't have the same appeal. If you want your readers to "enjoy" your publications, consider an

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **July 31**
San Antonio Express-News on Texas parks:

Texas parks are in deplorable condition despite a dedicated tax designed to keep them in shape.

A tax on sporting goods, which was supposed to be a dedicated source of revenue for Texas Parks and Wildlife, brings in about \$100 million annually.

But in 1993, the Legislature put a \$32 million cap on this revenue stream. The remainder flows into the state's general fund, where lawmakers can direct it toward other uses.

The sporting goods sales tax, like

the state tax on gasoline, is a case of legislative bait-and-switch. Lawmakers used a rational argument to justify the taxes sportsmen should pay to maintain Parks and Wildlife, drivers should pay for highways but then applied the revenue to uses other than those for which they were originally intended.

And as the real value of Parks and Wildlife's \$32 million has declined during the past 13 years, so has the condition of Texas parks.

"The current conditions of Texas state parks are in dire shape close to disaster," Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, told Express-News Austin Bureau reporter Gary Scharrer.

Hilderbran has long advocated lifting the revenue cap on Parks and

Wildlife. But legislators have a hard time taking their hand out of the sporting-goods sales tax cookie jar.

Now in an election year, as the sorry state of Texas parks has become a campaign issue, Gov. Rick Perry is sounding a supportive note.

And there's a good chance that when the Legislature meets next year, it will raise or possibly eliminate the cap and deliver adequate resources to Parks and Wildlife.

The more fundamental issue, however, involves truth in advertising. Dedicated taxes should be applied to dedicated purposes.

And Texas voters need to hold accountable lawmakers who are dedicated to spending taxes as they please.

Senate

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students. Congress authorized more than \$4.5 billion over five years in bonus grants available to Pell-qualified students studying math, science or foreign languages determined to be critical for our national security.

In addition, the Senate provided \$100 million for a new Teacher Incentive Fund to provide additional compensation to teachers who make a measurable impact on raising student achieve-

ment. We must invest in our children's future to maintain our position in the global market and ensure our continued competitive advantage.

Finally, I made sure that Texans affected by Hurricane Rita were treated fairly by the federal government by introducing and passing an amendment to the Senate Emergency Supplemental bill. My amendment raised the federal reimbursement rate for Hurricane Rita damage claims in Texas to a 90 percent federal, 10 percent state rate. The new reimbursement rate will save hard-hit

Texas counties nearly \$200 million. This bill also provided Texas with \$235 million for education costs asso-

ciated with Hurricane Katrina victims who relocated to our state. Much has been accom-

plished in the Senate this year, but there is much more to do this fall on behalf of Texas and the nation. I look

forward to discussing these issues with many of you this month.

Art

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ered that only two companies are worth your consideration: Hemera Technologies (<http://www.photoobjects.net>) and Nova Development (<http://www.novadevelopment.com>).

You may have never heard of Hemera, but I guarantee you've seen some of their images. Their flagship service boasts 110,000 images. While not as quantitative as other collections, Hemera's product offers something other companies don't: Pre-Masked images. Have you ever wanted to extract an object from a photo and place it into your publication? Photo Objects are commonplace items with neutral backgrounds, so they blend well with your publication. The Photo Objects can be purchased separately, but end up cheaper if you buy a year's subscription. Price: \$399.95.

Nova Development is the maker of the "Art Explosion" line of clipart. You'll find many collections by this company in a variety of formats. My favorite feature of these products is the "lack of duplication."

Some unethical clipart providers take one graphic, color it 18 different ways, and count it as 18 pieces of clipart, boosting their overall count! With Art Explosion, you get more bang for your buck. Unlike other clipart collections, Art Explosion comes with a 1,300 page book indexing all of the images. That way, you can find just the right picture without sitting at your PC. Price: \$20 - \$80, depending on the collection.

Regardless of which software or clipart collection you choose, take the leap. You'll find that creating your own publishing masterpiece is easier than you think! I'll see you in Cyberspace!

investment in a clipart collection.

While computer store shelves are packed with thousands of clipart offerings, I've discovered

Events calendar

• **Perryton author Kathy Jackson** will sign books at Hastings in Pampa from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 12.

• **Special Delivery Infant Adoption Agency** will host a free inquiry meeting at 2 p.m. Aug. 12 at 6709 Woodard in Amarillo for Christian couples considering adoption. Information packets will be available at the meeting. To register call, (806) 367-6755.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association**, which represents all Airborne veterans, present active and past, will hold its 60th National Convention Aug. 9-12 in Orlando, Fla. Other events to be celebrated by the association include National Airborne Day in the USA Aug. 16 and Southern California Airborne Days Oct. 6-8 in Cypress, Calif. For complete details and material for membership, call (937) 898-5977, e-mail srgabn@aol.com or write Airborne USA, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, OH 45414.

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. Bill Crenshaw of Canyon will be the featured performer. Charolyn Gouldy will MC. Other members of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also perform. For more information, call association President Ivan Cates at (806) 353-5617.

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will meet at 8 p.m. Aug. 14 in Square House Museum's Hazlewood Education Building after a board of trustees meeting. Program and projects reports will be made, and future activities will be discussed. The meeting is open to the public.

• **Kwahadi Dancers** will present "Song of the Eagle" summer pageant through Aug. 13 at Kwahadi Kiva

Indian Museum in Amarillo. For show times or dinner reservations, contact the museum at (806) 335-3175.


• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. A bingo party will follow. Members are asked to bring prizes. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 17. This Third Thursday will include coffee tasting from 7:30-8 p.m., music, children's and adult's art activity and the film "Smithson and Serra: Beyond Modernism." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.


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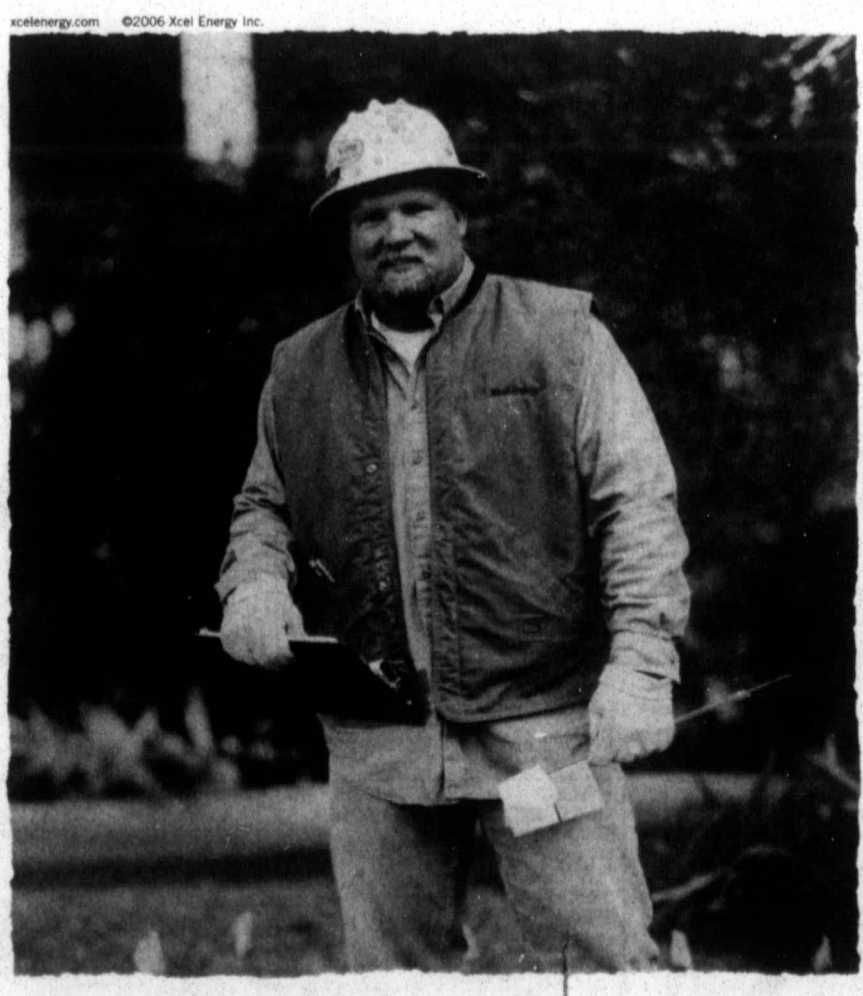
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Distraught in New Jersey" (7/12), who stated that he was in an abusive relationship for about a year," made himself sound more like the victim than the perpetrator of domestic violence. His comment that he "enrolled in an anger management class" after being arrested for domestic violence also reflects a lack of personal responsibility for his crime. Perpetrators rarely, if ever, voluntarily "enroll" in such programs. They are mandated by the courts. I also take exception to his use of the term "anger management." Spousal abuse has little to do with stress or anger, and everything to do with significant character flaws and psychopathology. I should note that such men rarely beat anyone but their wives and girlfriends. If their aggression was rooted only in "anger," the violence would be directed at everyone. The abuser's statement that he wants to personally contact and apologize to his victim, who had a restraining order issued against him, also reflects his denial and manipulative qualities. Battered women seek restraining orders against their assailants because they want protection, not apologies. Restraining orders are also a means by which a victim tells her batterer that the relationship is over. Domestic violence perpetrators are cunning and often use treatment as a means of manipulating their victims back into a relationship. "Distraught in New Jersey" needs to understand that the completion of a program, even when the restraining order has expired, does not give him the right to contact the woman he previously victimized. If he does, he could once again find himself in the hammer. — **MICHAEL GROETSCH, PROBATION OFFICER, NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL COURT**

DEAR MICHAEL: Your letter is important, and thank you for writing it as a wake-up call not only to perpetrators of domestic violence, but to victims as well. As you so aptly stated, domestic violence is not about the inability to control one's temper; it is about control over the victim. In the case of "Distraught in New Jersey," if he succeeds in contacting his victim "to apologize," he will be in violation of the terms of his restraining order, and if he does so after it expires, he could be arrested for trespassing or stalking. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Speaking as a criminal defense attorney who handles domestic violence cases on a regular basis, I must warn "Distraught in New Jersey" not to contact his victim! The police and the courts take these orders very seriously. If "Distraught" -- or any other reader, for that matter -- is the defendant in a restraining order, he should have not contact in any way, shape or form, with the plaintiff, or he stands a very real chance of being charged criminally. I have had clients charged for doing something so simple as sending a birthday card, or merely being present at the same high school graduation, as the person who holds the order. Is this unfair? Perhaps, but it is the law and must be obeyed. So, "Distraught" should complete his counseling, obey the order, and realize the best apology is letting his former girlfriend get on with her life. — **CHRISTOPHER S. TODD, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**

DEAR CHRISTOPHER: I couldn't agree more.

For Better Or For Worse



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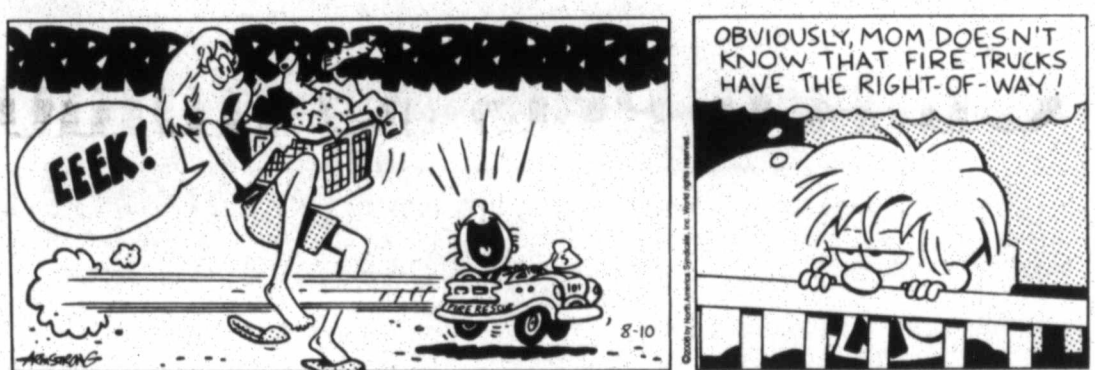
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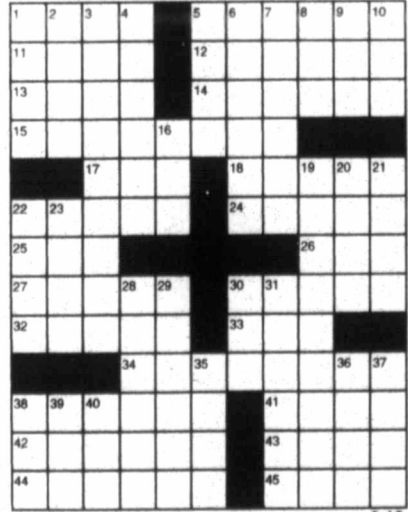
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 - 17 Ring great
 - 18 Faux pas
 - 22 Monopoly buy
 - 24 Show indifference
 - 25 Groom's answer
 - 26 Brain chart, for short
 - 27 Standards
 - 30 Some punches
 - 32 Sample offerer's words
 - 33 Period
 - 34 City of California
 - 38 African runner
 - 41 Go it alone
 - 42 Andy Hardy's portrayer
 - 43 Thus
 - 44 Peripherals
 - 45 Meg of movies
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Shortly
 - 3 Ruthlessly aggressive
 - 4 Place of worship
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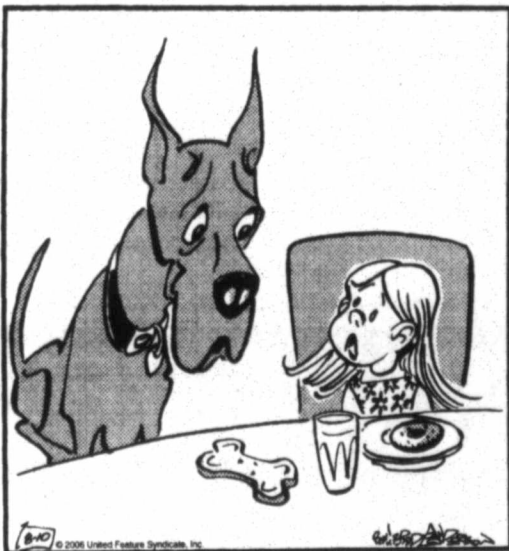


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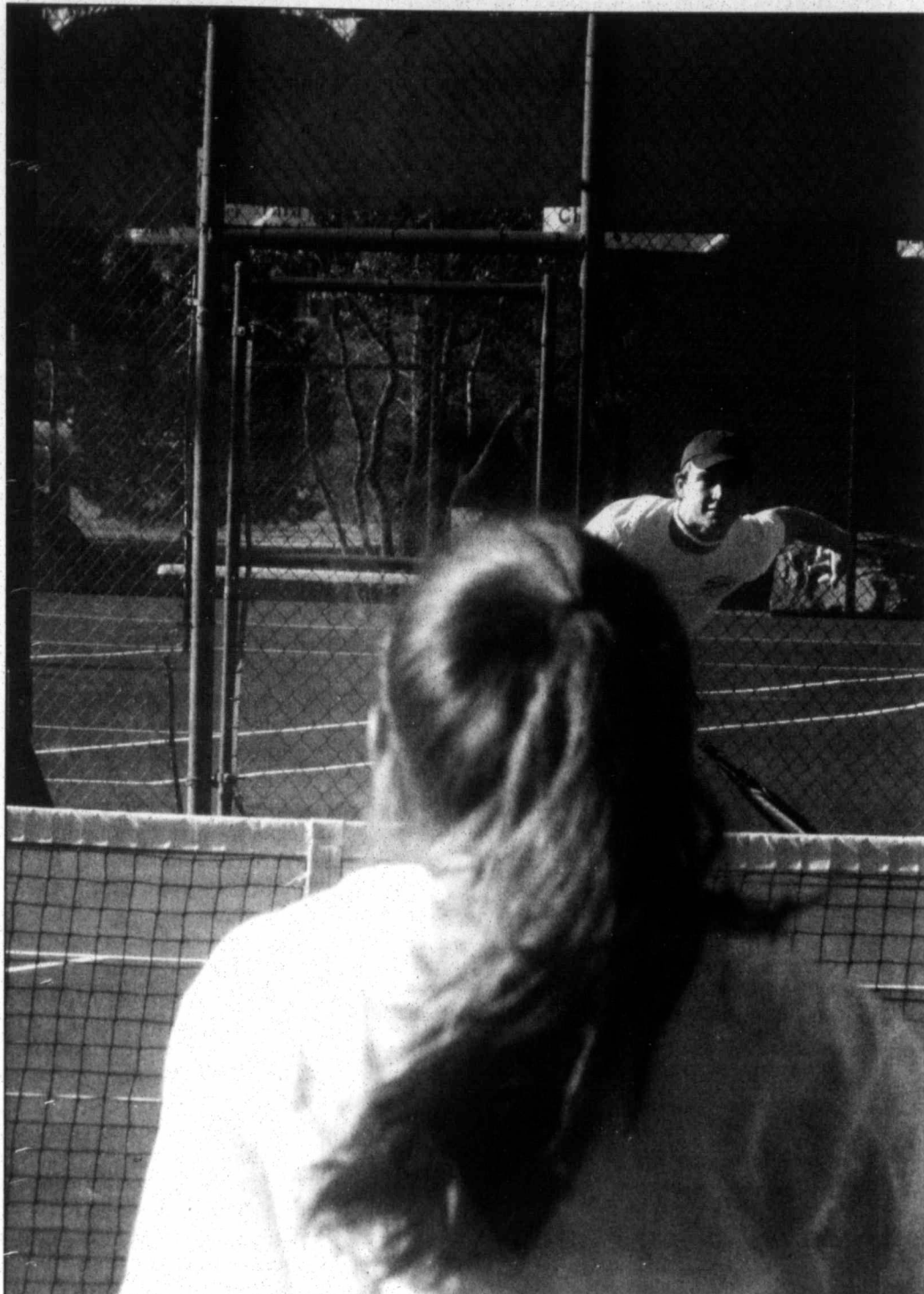


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Early morning racket



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Michael Foreman sends a serve to Haley Acker during tennis practice early this morning. Foreman, partnered with Jack Ware, and Acker with Maegan Patterson, were playing in a doubles match. The Pampa High School tennis team has been busy this week with coach Emily Laurence's three-a-day practice schedule which concludes Friday.

Dubose fires hole-in-one at Hidden Hills

Regular Senior Scramble
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Golf Course
Aug. 9, 2006

James Gray

1st Place (60)
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Charlie Byrum
Buddy Briley
Butch Shepherd

4th Place (64)
Jim Brashears
Bob Young
Nathan Lancaster

2nd Place (62)
Jimmy Cantrell
John Hervey
Larry Heard
B.F. Dorman

Closest to the Pin
Howard Wells (#8)
Doug Dubose (#15)

3rd Place (63)
Jim Ashford
O.K. Lee
Doug Dubose

Hole-In-One
Doug Dubose aced the No. 15 hole at Hidden Hills Tuesday. Dubose used a driver to cover the 173 yards from the tee to the cup. Witnesses were: Jim Cantrell, Harley Knutson, Carl Johnson and Terry Cox.

MICRO-THOUGHTS

Can Clarett get much lower?

Maurice Clarett
Maurice Clarett is a shining example of how disposable and expendable talent can be in the sports world. Know this...Clarett had talent. He might even make a good poster child for what the after-math of *carte blanche* treatment can be. It is not my job to openly speculate on anything other than what I am certain of when it comes to issues such as this. However, I can almost guarantee there is something deep, troubling and sad concerning Clarett. I can't help but think he was a giant dollar sign to some. Then, at the first hint of trouble, those riding his coattail let go. And the more he has yelled for help through his misguided actions, the more they scattered until he was left with only his self. Obviously, that's a dangerous place to be for the once promising running back. My hope is that someone will step up and stop the bleeding early and not allow this kid to take the same path others such as

Dwight Gooden did. Clarett the football player may be finished. Clarett the man may still be worth salvaging.

Pampa High School Sports

You want to see grit, determination and dedication? Swing by the Pampa High School tennis courts Friday morning. You'll see some kids who probably started before sunrise getting ready for the season ahead. Coach Emily Laurence has her team in the middle of three-a-day practices. The temperature was already in the upper 80's when I stopped by this morning. While you're at it, step into McNeely Field House or the MPAC building. You'll probably see the Lady Harvester volleyball team braving the heat without the benefit of air conditioning. The cross country and football teams should be given props as well.

Way Off Base
Is there anything zip-ties cannot do? Truly one of man's greatest inventions.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Clarett gets \$5 million bond

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Clarett's bond on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon was set at \$5 million today, a day after the former Ohio State running back was arrested following a chase with police and four loaded guns were found in his sport utility vehicle.

Prosecutors had asked Franklin County Municipal Judge Andrea Peoples for a bond for Clarett of at least \$1 million.

"We feel he's a threat to the community," assistant prosecutor Chris Brown said.

Clarett, wearing a jail-issue tan jumpsuit, stood motionless and expressionless against the wall next to his lawyer during the arraignment. He did not say anything and was not asked anything by the judge.

Clarett's attorney, Nick Mango, said the \$5 million bond was excessive. He would not speculate on why the guns were in the SUV Clarett was driving.

"We're very confident that there was no intent to harm anyone," he said.

Clarett's latest run-in with the law began when police noticed an SUV driving erratically in the early morning hours Wednesday.

'We're very confident that there was no intent to harm anyone.'

— Nick Mango
Attorney

A highway chase ensued, ending when police spiked Clarett's tires, sending his vehicle limping into a restaurant parking lot.

Officers said they could not easily subdue Clarett because the bulletproof vest he was wearing thwarted their

stun guns. It took several police using pepper spray to get the 6-foot, 245-pounder into handcuffs.

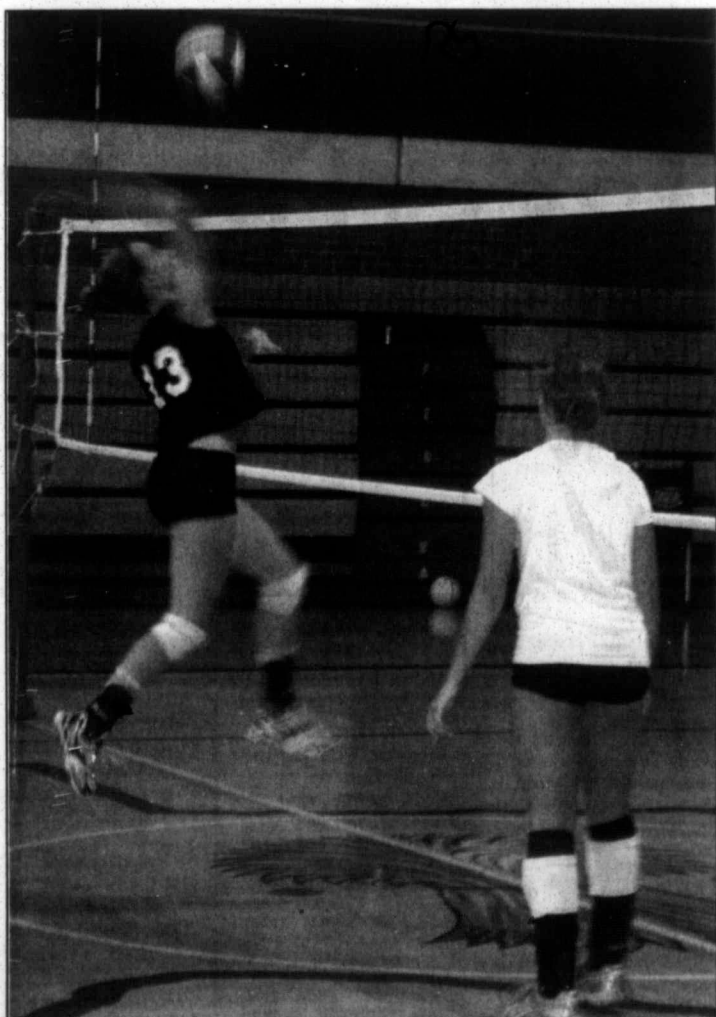
He continued to struggle even as he was taken away, kicking at the doors of the transport vehicle, police said. Officers also secured a cloth mask over Clarett's mouth after they say he spat at them.

On Wednesday, prosecutors asked a judge to keep him in jail and revoke his bond on an earlier robbery charge.

They said they were concerned that Clarett was driving with the guns only a few blocks from the home of a woman who was set to testify against him next week in an alleged robbery outside a Columbus bar.

Another judge raised that bond to \$1.1 million, and Mango said that amount would likely be too high for Clarett to pay, meaning he would stay in jail for the duration of the robbery trial, which starts Monday.

Spike girl



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sophomore Chelsie Douglas (#13) takes a set from a teammate and fires it over the net during Lady Harvester volleyball practice in McNeely Field House early this morning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 11, 2006:

You definitely want to work with others on an individual level. Sometimes people can be quite hard on you and make demands. Prioritize friends and loved ones (but don't let them know!). You will be able to make clearer decisions as a result. Sometimes confusion surrounds you. Through clearly identifying what is important, you will feel more in control. Some of you might go through an identity crisis, while others could have problems with work and daily life. Is a change in order? If you are single, a very special person will be entering your life in 2007. If you are attached, you need to give your sweetie the benefit of the doubt. You don't always understand or hear this person well. Spend plenty of time together. PISCES adores 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)

Take time to understand where others are coming from. Being active doesn't allow you much time for contemplation. Try being a scholar or a philosopher for a day. You might be pleased with your insights. Tonight: Vanish quickly. Take some private time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Aim for much more of what you want. A positive attitude will take you far. Someone you work with closely could be difficult or touchy. Know when to pull back and say enough. A meeting puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Where the party starts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are pushed into a position of responsibility, whether you want to be there or not. Your intellectual patterns help define situations. Others want you to help them interpret recent events. Help them think through a situation logically. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Take an overview and refuse to get pulled into a moot issue. Get done what is necessary so you can escape work and enjoy the next few days. Try a new adventure. Sign up for a workshop, perhaps involving a hobby you might like to develop. Tonight: Break patterns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Work with someone directly. As a team, you will accomplish a lot more. Creativity builds off of each other. You come up with answers and ideas. Know that anything is possible. Relax with the moment. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Others want to know more of what is going on with you. However, they have a strange way of asking, which could put you on the defensive. Realize you really don't need to answer to this person. It's your call. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might not realize how important your presence is in other people's lives. If you veer in a different direction, you are likely to hear about it. Choose your words carefully. Actions speak. Tonight: Ever playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your creativity peaks in an unprecedented manner. Don't try to harness your imagination. Rather, go with it. Your lively side comes out. Think positively about a loved one. You don't have

to buy this person's affection. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pressure builds. The problem might involve property, family and/or a domestic issue. You also could be giving mixed messages unintentionally. Realize your role in a problem. You will be happier. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

What you say carries a punch. Though you get results, your inner voice might do some questioning. You act as if you are 100 percent sure. Taking a personal inventory could make a big difference. Think positively. Tonight: TGIF.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You easily could decide to act as if there is no tomorrow. Living your life to the fullest is good, but not at the cost of having to deal with the ramifications later. Distinguish what is worth the trouble. A friend roots you on. Tonight: Treating again?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are personality plus. Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. You might want to displace someone in authority who appears to be a hassle. Pressure builds to a new level. You can handle it. Tonight: As you like.

BORN TODAY

Wrestler Hulk Hogan (1953), inventor of Apple II Steve Wozniak (1950), author Alex Haley (1921)

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Oswalt gets first career home run, Astros rip Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — When Houston ace Roy Oswalt returned to the dugout after hitting his first career home run Wednesday night, his teammates gave him the silent treatment.

No high-fives, no congratulations, no smiles.

Luke Scott was the first Astro to crack, and the rest of the team finally let Oswalt in on the joke.

"They straight-faced me. It was pretty good," Oswalt said after the Astros' 14-1 rout of the Pittsburgh Pirates. "I knew what was going on. It was pretty nice."

Oswalt's two-run shot off Pittsburgh starter Shawn Chacon was the most notable of Houston's season-high six homers.

Aubrey Huff connected twice and drove in a career-high six runs, and Jason Lane hit a two-run homer while pinch-hitting for Oswalt in the seventh. Craig Biggio and Scott added solo shots for the Astros, who have won six of eight. Huff also had a three-run double, and Scott hit an RBI single.

The Pirates allowed six homers in a game for the first time since Aug. 4, 2002, against San Francisco.

Oswalt said he's already asked the Astros to help him track down the fan in the left-field seats who caught his second-inning drive.

"It was pretty exciting," Oswalt said. "It felt like winning the first game in the big leagues. Pretty much the

same thing. I always wanted to get at least one."

Oswalt (9-7) won for the third time in four starts, allowing four hits and striking out six in six innings. Freddy Sanchez ruined the shutout bid with an RBI double in the sixth.

Russ Springer, Dave Borkowski and Fernando Nieve each pitched a scoreless inning of relief for Houston.

"Today was just one of those days where we couldn't do anything wrong," said Biggio, who homered for the second straight game.

Chacon (1-1), acquired from the New York Yankees for Craig Wilson on July 31, lasted only 1 2-3 innings, leaving with the Astros up 6-0.

Rangers 14, A's 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mark DeRosa couldn't imagine a more emphatic way to demonstrate that the Texas Rangers' season is far from over.

DeRosa hit three-run homers in consecutive innings, and the Rangers hit five homers Wednesday in a much-needed 14-0 victory over Barry Zito and the Oakland Athletics.

It's only August, but the Rangers felt they were teetering on the edge of yet another lost season after dropping the series opener Monday and then blowing a four-run lead in a 7-6 loss

Tuesday night.

In the final series of a 10-game trip, they needed a momentum-turning win — and with 17 hits and seven dominant innings from Vicente Padilla, the Rangers earned the biggest shutout victory in Coliseum history. They also avoided a three-game sweep that would have left them 7 1/2 games behind the first-place A's in the AL West.

"At 7 1/2 back, I don't want to say you're done, but we'd have a lot of work to do, and we've got to have other teams do some dirty work for us," DeRosa said. "At 5 1/2 back with 40-something games left, we've still got a good chance."

Carlos Lee scored four runs and went 4-for-5 with his first homer for Texas, while Rod Barajas and Gary Matthews Jr. also hit solo homers to stop the A's six-game winning streak and the Rangers' four-game losing skid.

"I think our guys were pretty focused on this game," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "We wanted to finish this road trip strong and get home. ... We were real close to having a great road trip, but we are where we are, and we still have a lot of contact with where we want to get."

DeRosa, the light-hitting infielder with just 25 homers before this season, went 4-for-5 with a career-high six RBIs in his first career multihomer game. He has been a veritable slugger recently, with three homers in his last two games — and his first career grand slam last Friday in Los Angeles.

"It's nice to be able to explode like that," DeRosa said of the Rangers' revival.

One night earlier, DeRosa struck out in the ninth inning — and his swing hit A's catcher Jason Kendall in the elbow, forcing umpire Jim Joyce to make a game-ending interference call.

But DeRosa connected in the fifth against Zito (12-8), who gave up four homers and 11 hits. DeRosa then added another three-run drive off Brad Halsey in Texas' seven-run sixth inning — and this one glanced off a banner advertising the Oakland Raiders' upcoming season high above the left-field fence.

"It's a sign from the heavens that I must select LaMont Jordan first in my fantasy draft," DeRosa said with a grin, referring to the Raiders' running back.

Bobby Kielty had three hits for the A's, who made three errors and failed to get a runner to third base while losing for just the second time in 11 games overall. It was their biggest margin of defeat this season, surpassing a 15-2 loss to the Yankees on opening day.

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Economy: U.S. trade deficit narrows slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit improved slightly in June as record sales of U.S. farm products and other exports blunted the impact of soaring crude oil prices.

The deficit for June dipped 0.3 percent to \$64.8 billion, which was still the fifth largest deficit on record. The imbalance in May was revised to \$64.97 billion, \$1.1 billion higher than the initial estimate a month ago as late data showed bigger shipments of oil and consumer goods than originally reported.

Through the first half of this year, the deficit is running at an annual rate of \$768 billion, putting it on track to surpass last year's record of \$716.7 billion. Democrats hope to use the worsening trade deficit to attack Bush administration trade policies and argue that a tougher approach is needed, particularly with countries such as China.

In other news, the number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits rose by 7,000 last week to 319,000, a bigger gain than economists had been expecting.

The deterioration in the deficit this year is largely a result of soaring global oil prices, reflecting increased tensions in the Middle East and higher demand from developing countries such as China.

For June, the average price for a barrel of imported crude oil hit an all-time high of \$62.04, pushing total crude oil imports to a record high of \$20.5 billion. All petroleum imports, reflecting crude and refined products, totaled \$27.3 billion, the second high-

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est level on record after May's \$28.3 billion.

America's foreign oil bill is expected to rise even more in coming months, reflecting the fact that crude oil has

been trading above \$75 per barrel in recent days as markets respond to the deteriorating security situation in Iraq and the outbreak of fighting in Lebanon.

For June, the smaller deficit reflected the fact that U.S. exports rose a solid 2 percent to total a record \$120.7 billion, a manifestation of record sales of American farm products and strong gains in other areas.

Imports also rose to a record of \$185.5 billion, an increase of 1.2 percent, as ship-

ments of consumer goods set a record and auto imports climbed to the second highest level on record.

The politically sensitive deficit with China increased by 11.9 percent in June to \$19.7 billion as U.S. exports to China fell by 4.3 percent while imports of Chinese products into the United States rose by 8.1 percent. The import gains were led by big increases in clothing and computers.

So far this year, the deficit with China is running 13 percent above the pace set last year, when the imbalance hit \$202 billion, the highest ever recorded with a single country.

That soaring deficit has raised complaints in Congress where key lawmakers are pushing a bill that would impose 27.5 percent tariffs on all Chinese products coming into the United States unless the country moves more quickly to allow its currency to rise in value against the dollar.

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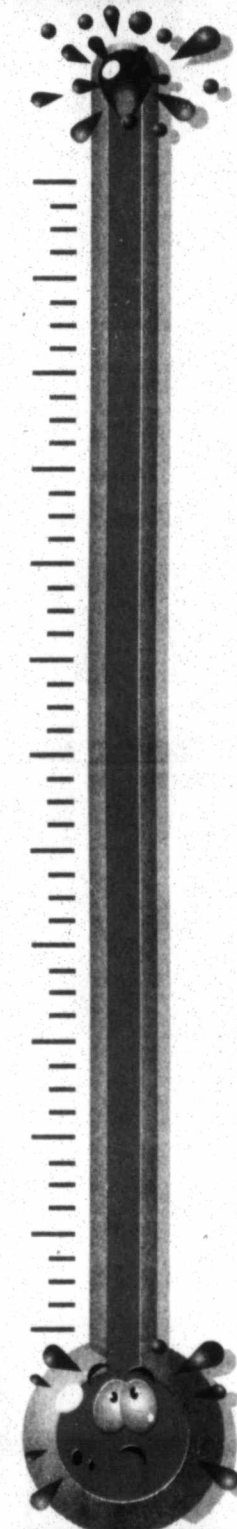
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