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Farm conservation programs deadline looms Nov. 17

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

The application process and ranking window for fiscal year 2007 ends Nov. 17 for two Farm Bill conservation programs.

Sign-up by farmers and ranchers for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program is continuous; the Nov. 17 deadline is used to divide fiscal years' applications.

"Early application is encouraged to allow time for better planning, sound decision making regarding conservation practices on farm and

ranch land, and completion of required documentation for application," said Manuel DeLeon, district conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Pampa.

Eligible agricultural producers may apply for cost share assistance for conservation practices that will address an identified resource concern recognized by the NRCS' Local Work Group.

EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm and on-ranch conser-

vation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

EQIP applications for 2007 will be accepted by the Pampa, Gray County USDA Service Center at 12125 E. Frederic Ave., Suite B. EQIP applications received on or before Nov. 17 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Gray County.

Last year, Gray County was allocated \$156,544, but only \$126,105 in EQIP contracts was awarded to producers.

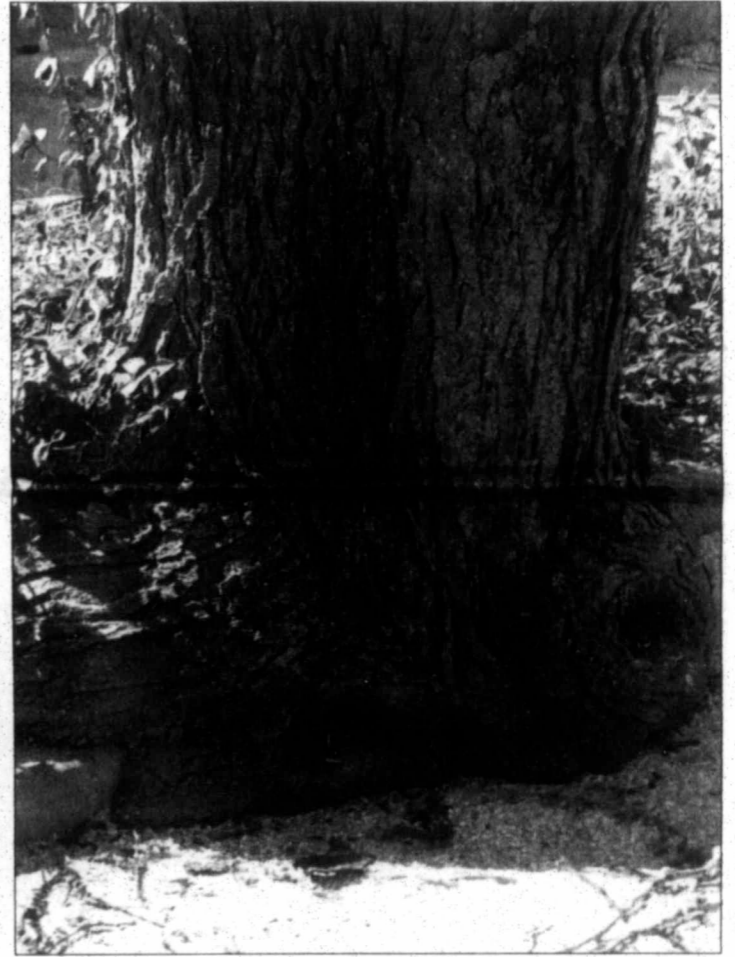
EQIP was established to assist landowners in applying conservation

plans to treat major resource issues. In Gray County, these include plant health, erosion, and efficiency and conservation of irrigation water.

Eligible conservation practices include livestock watering facilities, livestock wells, livestock pipelines, troughs, pumping plants (solar and submersible), windmill pumping units, brush management, fencing, cropland conversion to grass, pasture and hay planting, prescribed burning, terraces, waterways, basin and diversion terraces, irrigation

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Tree removal



A dying 90-year-old honey locust tree in front of White Deer Land Museum at 116 S. Cuyler was cut down Monday by employees of Asplundh Tree Expert Co. of Amarillo. The tree was growing over the curbing near its trunk where a ramp was located, and green foliage appeared on only some of the branches. In the bucket at the top of the tree, cutting off branches with a chain saw, is Truman Beck. Holding a rope attached to the branch being cut off in order to guide it down are Garrett Travis in a white hard hat and Nick Ball in an orange hard hat.

Bush says it's naive to think war in Iraq worsened terrorism threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today said it is naive and a mistake to think that the war with Iraq has worsened terrorism, disputing a national intelligence assessment by his own administration. He said he was declassifying part of the report.

"Some people have guessed what's in the report and concluded that going into Iraq was a mistake. I strongly disagree," Bush said.

He asserted that portions of the classified report that had been leaked were done so for political purposes, referring to the Nov. 7 midterm elections.

Bush announced that he was ordering parts of the report declassified during a White House news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Portions of the document that have been leaked suggest that the threat of terrorism has grown worse since the Sept. 11 terror attacks and the war in Afghanistan, due in part to the war in Iraq.

Democrats have used the report to bolster their criticism of Bush' Iraq policy. The

administration has claimed only part of the report was leaked and does not tell the full story.

Both the chairman and the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee have urged the White House to release the material.

Using a portion of the report to attack his Iraq policy and suggest it has fanned more terrorism is "naive," Bush said.

"I think it's a mistake for people to believe that going on the offense against people that want to do harm to the American people makes us less safe," he said.

Bush said he had directed National Intelligence Director John Negroponte to declassify those parts of the report that don't compromise national security. The National Intelligence Estimate was written in April. "You read it for yourself. Stop all this speculation," Bush said.

He complained that "somebody leaked classified information for political purposes."

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Getting the word out



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
From left, Chito Holguin, Maribel Soto and Amber Williams put up letters on Pampa High School's sign at the corner of Harvester and Duncan streets to announce upcoming PHS sports events.

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Obituaries

Mildred LaVerne Dykes Brooks, 78

McLEAN — Mildred LaVerne Dykes Brooks, 78, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas, with the Rev. Joe Walton officiating and Pastor Kelly Raymond assisting.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mildred LaVerne Dykes Brooks went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006. She was 78. She was born Aug. 28, 1928, in Kingsmill, Texas, to Jesse and Beulah Jenkins Dykes. LaVerne lived her entire life in Gray County.

She was a 1946 graduate of Pampa, Texas. She was also a longtime member of First Baptist Church, McLean, and a member of the V.F.W. Auxilliary.

LaVerne married Edgar Earl Brooks on June 29, 1946, in Pampa, Texas. They were married for 37 years until he died in January of 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Brooks; her parents, Jesse and Beulah Dykes; and three sisters, Lorraine Dykes, Needa Joyce Johnson, and Laura Mae Eddleman.

Survivors include two sons, Ed Brooks and wife Heather of McLean, and Dennis Brooks and wife Letha of Burleson, Texas; a daughter, Cindy Walton and husband Joe of Stamford, Texas; a brother, Jesse Dykes and wife Vivian of Pampa; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Annie Mae Herndon, 97

McLEAN — Annie Mae Herndon, 97, died September 25, 2006.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday September 28, 2006, at First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas, with Z.A. Myers officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mrs. Herndon was born on March 26, 1909, in Soper, Okla. She was one of 13 children. She was a charter member of the Assembly of God Church in McLean for more than 60 years.

Annie married Pat Herndon in December of 1929. He preceded her in death in 1967.

She also was preceded in death by two daughters, Ella Ann Hanes & Charlene Miller; one grandson; two granddaughters; four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Durward and wife Sue of Dumas, and Ray Daryl and wife Jane of McLean; four daughters, Louise Anery of Amarillo, Patsye Henley of Dumas, Natalie Meathenia & husband Kenneth, of Bloomfield, N.M.; and Kathleen Reynolds and husband Gerald of McLean; four sisters, Bonnie Shugart of Gladstone, N.M., and Easter McKeever, Billie Smith & Nadine Oldham all of Amarillo; one brother, Mace Jones of Fritch, Texas; 23 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.



Herndon

Ann Turner, 73

Ann Turner, 73, died Sunday, September 24, 2006, in Canadian.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at Hobart Baptist Church, with Rev. Jim Fox, Vista Care Hospice chaplain of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turner was born July 15, 1933, in Lenora, Oklahoma. She married David Turner on August 11, 1951, in Borger. He preceded her in death on February 23, 1991. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1975.

She was an insurance agent with American National Life Insurance Company for 14 years. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church, the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star and Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. She was a volunteer for the Pampa Meals on Wheels for 25 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Inda G. Sober of Miami and Glenda F. Mixon of Pampa; two brothers, Gene Mercer of Seguin and Frank Mercer of Mission; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death her parents, one brother and two sisters.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the Edward Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch St., Canadian, Texas 79014.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Turner

Thomas Grays, 81

Thomas Grays, 81, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's CME Church with Rev. I. L. Patrick, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Grays was born July 12, 1925, in Cameron, Texas, and has lived in Pampa for more than 50 years. He married Alice Harris on June 9, 1958, in Pampa. He owned and operated Conoco and Fina service stations for 50 years and worked for Getty Oil Co. for 10 years. He was a 33rd degree Mason of Prince Hall and was a member of St. Mark's CME Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Grays of the home; four daughters, Chiquita Grays of White Sands, N.M.; Cassandra Watkins of San Antonio, Patrice Grays of Amarillo, and Sheila Evans of Houston; two sons, Thomas Kerry Grays of Richardson and Kizzer Kip Grays of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mark's CME Church, 406 Elm, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Grays

James Moffett, 61

PANHANDLE — James Moffett, 61, of Panhandle died Sunday, September 24, 2006 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church with Brent Childers, pastor, officiating and Aaron Laverty assisting. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St. Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Moffett was born April 29, 1945, in Clarendon to J.C. & Lora Mae (Seaton) Moffett. He graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon College. He received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. Mr. Moffett taught Vocational Agriculture at McLean, Mobeetie and Fort Elliott. He retired in 1998 after 30 years of teaching. After his retirement he moved to Panhandle where he enjoyed working in the pro shop of the Panhandle Country Club.

He married Alesha Moore, May 28, 1965 at Clarendon. He was a member and Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Panhandle. He was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and a life member of the Ag Teachers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ona Mae Brogdon.

Survivors include his wife, Alesha, of the home; two daughters, Shelia Touchstone and husband Billy, and Diane Brice and husband Jami, both of Amarillo; one son, John Moffett and wife Alicia of Grandbury, TX; and seven grandchildren, Ann and Bryant Touchstone; Hunter, Cooper, and Berklee Brice; and Lexi and Madison Moffett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Texas Ag Teachers Association or the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

To sign the online guest register, go to www.rectorfuneralhome.com

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 78.

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Services tomorrow

TURNER, Ann — 10 a.m., Hobart Baptist Church, Pampa.
GRAYS, Thomas — 2 p.m., St. Mark's CME Church, Pampa.

Emergency Services

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

Twenty traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of Finley, the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets, and the 800 block of Duncan.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 900 block of South Barnes, the 2800 block of Charles, and on two occasions in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A black wallet with driver's license, Social See RECORD, Page 3

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OXY	45.62	+0.15
BP PLC ADR	64.51	-0.55
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Cobalt Oil Gas	45.02	+0.06
Coca Cola	44.45	+0.05
VLO	48.51	+0.36
HAL	28.05	+0.08
TRI	43.57	-0.44
KML	104.39	-0.01
XCEL	20.73	+0.15

Anadarko	42.47	+0.15
XOM	65.10	+0.04
Nat'l Oilwell	56.69	-0.09
Limited	27.47	+0.02
Williams	22.81	+0.17
MCD	38.72	-0.13
Atmos	28.18	+0.05
Pioneer Nat	37.90	+0.18
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SLB	57.32	+0.28
Tenneco	22.57	+0.22
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Colombians plead to drug charges

MIAMI (AP) — Two Colombian brothers pleaded guilty today to U.S. drug trafficking and money laundering charges stemming from their roles as founders of the Cali cocaine cartel, and agreed to forfeit billions of dollars and assets linked to their drug trade.

Gilberto, 67, and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela, 63, made their pleas in an agreement reached after months of negotiations with several U.S. agencies.

The brothers face sentences that would effectively keep them behind bars in the United States for the rest of their lives.

A separate deal described in court will protect six of the brothers' relatives in Colombia from prosecution on obstruction of justice and money laundering charges.

That agreement also could permit 28 peo-

ple with ties to the brothers to keep property and other assets not tainted by drug money. The 28 could eventually be removed from a U.S. list freezing their assets and blocking them from doing business with U.S. entities.

The Cali cartel became the world's leading cocaine smuggling ring in the 1990s after eclipsing the rival Medellin cartel, which fell apart when several top members were arrested and Medellin top kingpin Pablo Escobar was killed in a 1993 shootout with Colombian police.

The Cali cartel was once responsible for as much as 80 percent of the cocaine smuggled into the United States. It was known for ingenious smuggling methods such as hiding cocaine in hollowed-out lumber and cylinders of chlorine, even shipments of frozen broccoli and okra.

Air travelers get break on carry-on items

ATLANTA (AP) — Travelers showed up at airports with toiletries stored in zip-top plastic bags today as they tried to comply with new security rules allowing them to carry on small amounts of liquids and gels.

"I was thrilled to hear yesterday that actually you can carry mascara on the plane," said Val Chamberlain of Atlanta, who showed security screeners a plastic bag filled with mascara and small toiletries.

Beginning Tuesday, liquid and gel toiletries in 3-ounce containers or smaller are allowed if they are in a clear plastic, quart-sized or smaller ziplocked bag. Some items were permitted in any amount: saline solution, eye drops and prescription and non-prescription medicine, according to Transportation Security Administration spokesman Christopher White.

Drinks, liquids and gels purchased in airport stores inside security checkpoints can be carried into passenger cabins, while baby formula is allowed but will be inspected.

Jim Smith of the TSA said most passengers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport came prepared and brought toiletries in plastic bags.

Top court jumps into labor dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether public employee unions must get special permission before spending some workers' dues on political causes.

Justices accepted an appeal from the state of Washington that involves fees paid to the Washington Education Association by teachers who decline to join the union.

Those workers still can be charged dues by the union to help pay for labor negotiations that affect them. But they can't be forced to pay for the union's political activism, under a string of

Supreme Court rulings that reach back nearly 30 years.

At issue is whether the union needs teachers to say "yes" before the fees can be used for political causes or whether teachers must specifically object to having a portion of their fees spent for that purpose.

The court will hear arguments in the case, as well as a related lawsuit by five teachers to recover their fees, early next year.

Washington voters in 1992 adopted a campaign finance law that requires unions to get the consent of each worker before spending fees on political activity.

Farm

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pipeline, irrigation sprinkler system (new and conversions), micro irrigation systems, chemigation valves and flowmeters.

The NRCS, through the invitation of the local soil and water conservation districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. The NRCS

offers its services free of charge.

Producers interested in signing EQIP applications may visit the USDA Service Center office in Pampa, call 665-1751 ext. 3, or access the information on the Texas NRCS web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Record

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Security card, check cashing card and four checks was lost. Estimated value of loss is \$10.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Alcock and Rider streets. A suspicious person call was received from the 2600 block of Seminole.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported at Central Park, in the 800 block of Duncan. Graffiti was painted on the restroom walls, resulting in an estimated \$500 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. A vehicle's right mirror was broken off, resulting in an estimated \$300 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of West 21st Avenue. A double-pane window was broken out. Estimated cost of damage was not reported.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 1300 block of North Banks and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A terroristic threat was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Minor injuries were reported.

Fraud was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Wal Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles.

Theft was reported in the

600 block of North Hobart. A Visa card was taken, resulting in an estimated \$700 loss.

Theft was reported at the Super Playground, 1020 N. Frost. A tire swing valued at \$437 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole.

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

Monday, Sept. 25
Noel Cherie Sieber, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for no driver's license and no insurance.

Joseph Christian Matthysee, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Wells by Pampa Police Department for burglary of a habitation.

Duane Edward Childress Jr., 38, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for theft by check.

Eric Christopher Barter, 25, of Canyon was transported from Texas Department of Corrections and jailed by GCSO on a bench warrant.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
Morris Morgan Johnson, 58, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for theft by check and a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass.

Brent Keith Crossman, 48, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West 20th by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and capias pro fines for six counts of issuing a bad check.

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

Saturday, Sept. 23
8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 24

1:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Harvester and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Clark and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Carter and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Rosewood and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Sept. 25

4 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Comanche and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Somerville and transported a patient to BSA Hospice.

2:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Murphy. No transport.

8:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

6:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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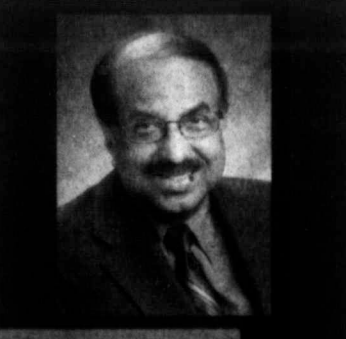


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Viewpoints

Hitler artwork and furniture expected to bring big bucks

Human foibles can range from mild to homicidal. It shouldn't surprise me much anymore, but I am still amazed at what some humans do and what some think is OK. Even the things that don't result in physical damage or death can still be distasteful.

Take the upcoming auction at a small auction house in England. Two sketches and 21 watercolors attributed to Adolf Hitler were to be sold today by Jeffrey's Auctioneers in Lostwithiel, England.

The auction house expected a lot of bidding on the items and was reportedly having extra phone lines

installed to handle the bids.

The experts who authenticated the artwork as being Hitler's are now dead. The paper was dated to the right period, and the subjects of the works are locations where Hitler was posted in Flanders during World War I. Hitler's signature was also reported to have been authenticated by the deceased examiners.

The owners of the pieces are remaining anonymous. Each item could fetch up to \$8,000, by auctioneers' estimates.

Hitler apparently painted quite a few pieces of artwork. Some have sold in the past for up to \$50,000. And

his creations are not the only pricey things associated with him.

An oak desk and chair which belonged to Hitler are expected to sell for up to \$1 million. The furniture is being sold by a London art dealer.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

or was created by such an evil person?

Another example of differences in what is deemed appropriate is an advertising campaign by a Chicago auto dealership which has been trash c a n n e d before airing.

The dealership's radio commercials declared a "jihad" on the U.S. auto market. Play swords would be given to children by sales representatives on "Fatwa Fridays," according to a report by CNN.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2006. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon took place in Chicago.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

In 1888, poet T.S. Eliot was born in St. Louis.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1952, philosopher George Santayana died in Rome at age 88.

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly closed Mariel Harbor, ending the "freedom flotilla" of Cuban refugees that had begun the previous April.

In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its maiden flight in Everett, Wash.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from the Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

Ten years ago: Astronaut Shannon Lucid returned to Earth in the shuttle Atlantis after six months aboard the Russian Mir space station. President Clinton signed a bill ensuring two-day hospital stays for new mothers and their babies. ValuJet received federal permission to fly again three months after it was grounded following a deadly crash. Richard Allen Davis, the killer of 12-year-old Polly Klaas, was formally sentenced to death in San Jose, Calif.

Five years ago: In truce talks held at the urging of the United States, Israel and the Palestinians agreed on a series of confidence-building measures aimed at ending a year of fighting. During a visit to Armenia, Pope John Paul II paid his respects to the vast number of Armenians who perished under Ottoman rule.

In Cincinnati, a white police officer was acquitted in the shooting death of an unarmed black man, a killing that sparked the city's worst racial unrest in three decades.

'That the end of life should be death may sound sad; yet what other end can anything have?'

— George Santayana
American philosopher
(1863-1952)

Prejudice versus practice of racial profiling

In a recent column, I made a stab at applying dispassionate analysis to come up with an operational definition for discrimination. Basically, discrimination is the act of choice, and choice is a necessary fact of life. Now let's turn to prejudice, keeping in mind that for sound thinking, one should avoid confusing one phenomenon with another.

Prejudice is a useful term that's often misused. Its Latin root is praejudicium, meaning "an opinion or judgment formed... without due examination." Thus, we might define prejudicial acts as decision-making on the basis of incomplete information.

In a world of costly information, people seek to economize on information costs. Imagine heading off to work, you open your front door, only to be greeted by a full-grown tiger. The uninteresting prediction is the average person would slam the door or otherwise seek safety.

Why they do so is more interesting. It's unlikely that

person's decision is based on any detailed information held about that particular tiger. More likely his decision is based on tiger folklore or how he's seen other tigers behave. He prejudices, or stereotypes, that tiger.

If a person didn't prejudice tigers, he would seek more information prior to his decision. He might attempt to pet the tiger, talk to him and seek safety only if the tiger responded in a menacing fashion.

The average person wouldn't choose that path, surmising that the expected cost of getting more information about the tiger is greater than the expected benefit and concluding, "All I need to know is he's a tiger, and he's probably like the rest of them." By observing this person's behavior, there's no way one can say unambiguously whether the person likes or dislikes tigers.

In the late 1990s, the Washington, D.C., taxi commissioner warned cabbies against going into low income black neighborhoods and picking up "dangerous looking" passengers whom she described as young black males dressed a certain way. A few years ago, some St. Louis, Mo., pizza deliverers were complaining about delivering pizzas to black neighborhoods. Can one say anything unambiguous about cabbies' or pizza deliverers' likes

or dislikes for blacks? What about Rev. Jesse Jackson who once admitted that he is often relieved when the youths he hears walking along the street behind him turn out to be white, not black? Is he a racist?

As in the tiger example, the cabbies, pizza deliverers and Jackson are pre-judging. They are using a cheaply

observed physical characteristic as an information proxy for a more costly to observe characteristic.

No one says that all young black males, not even a majority, pose a threat, but people are assigning probabilities. Such an assignment differs little from a physician, knowing that incidences of cardiovascular diseases are 30 percent higher among blacks than whites and prostate cancer is twice as high, giving his black patients more careful screening for these two diseases. Like the cabbies, pizza deliverers and Rev. Jackson, the physician is engaging in what some have called racial profiling — using race as an indicator of something else.

For analytical purposes, it's important to correctly identify behavior. Asserting that a particular behavior reflects racial likes and dislikes, which it could, when in fact it does not, is to mislead and confound whatever problem or issue one is addressing.

Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 18
Austin American-Statesman on Congress' budget bills:

Very faint praise is in order for Congress and its less-than-overwhelming endorsement of a rule that would require its members to identify themselves—when asking that money for a specific project be added to a budget bill.

The 245 to 171 vote last week will almost certainly mean the end of the House's effort this year to establish new rules governing the interaction between members of Congress and lobbyists. It would seem that after the con-

victions of U.S. Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, for taking \$170,000 in gifts in the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal, and of former Rep. Duke Cunningham, R-Calif., for peddling earmarks to a lobbyist, such an ethics scrubbing was necessary. That it didn't happen made clear, once again, that Republicans, every bit as much as Democrats, are like cockroaches determined to get their fill and do it in the dark.

The practice of tucking money into legislation, anonymously and at the very last minute, called earmarking, has grown like kudzu in Washington. Our elected officials this year have identified nearly 10,000 ways to spend almost \$30 billion. Just 15 years ago, Congress members asked for just \$3 billion in earmarked funding.

This earmarking system was responsible last year for a \$231 million award to Alaska to build a bridge to serve an island where 50 people live, the infamous bridge to nowhere. This year, there are earmarks for water-free urinal conservation in Michigan and a fund that will send lucky delegates to a World Toilet Summit in Ireland.

Earmarks are not inherently bad. They allow a representative to decide how to target tax dollars where they are most needed in a district.

Without full accountability of Congress for all of its tax dollar dealings, we foster a system that distributes funding based not on a project's value but on political clout. It's past time to turn on the lights before our overserved representatives can scuttle for cover.

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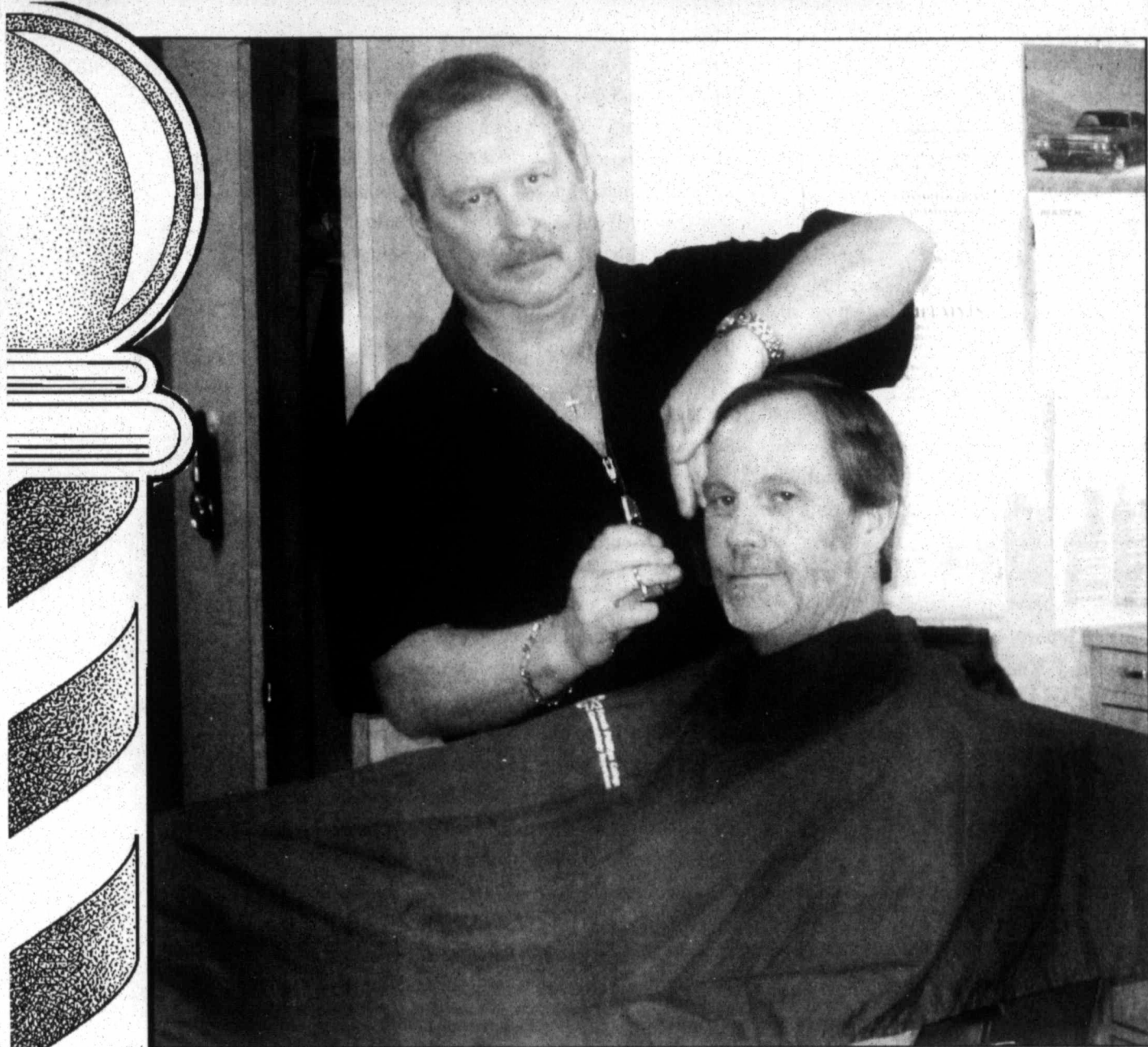
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: On Thursday, Aug. 24, I printed a letter from "Going Crazy in San Diego," the 26-year-old wife of a member of the military. In it she stated that she had never wanted children, had failed to bond with her baby girl, and that her husband refused to allow her to be placed for adoption -- although he "couldn't stand" the baby, either. She said that she was afraid she might hurt her infant. Her letter was handwritten on ruled binder paper, with no contact information such as name, address or phone number. If that young woman is reading today's Dear Abby column, please write me again at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069 or www.DearAbby.com. Please give me a number where I can reach you, and trust me enough to let me help you. Your confidence will not be violated. Through the entire history of Dear Abby, including the many years I worked beside my mother, we have never received offers of help from our readers like those generated by this young woman's letter. Readers, your outpouring of love and concern has been overwhelming. I have received letters and e-mails from men and women nationwide saying this young mother's predicament brought them to tears. Childless couples and women wanting to expand their families have described their "arms aching" to adopt this child and give her the loving home she deserves. Women in the San Diego area have volunteered to provide respite care, baby-sitting services and emotional support. William Fenton, chief of clinical services of the Fleet and Family Support Center in San Diego, wrote to say that help is available from the New Parent Support Team, which provides in-home assistance and counseling in many areas. These services are free and can be accessed by contacting the FFSC at the nearest naval

base. Navy families can also get assistance by contacting their sailor's command ombudsman or by contacting Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I also heard from Tracey L. Jones, the team leader for the Navy New Parent Support Home Visitation Program in San Diego. She asked me to let "Going Crazy" know that her staff and colleagues have a unique understanding of the stresses that come with military life and that they will make every effort to help her and her husband. Tracey can be reached at (619) 556-8825. and tracey.l.jones@navy.mil. What struck me the most about this young woman's letter is how completely isolated she feels. Motherhood can be a challenge, even when the baby is wanted. Overwhelmingly, my readers have asked me to convey to her that help is available if she only reaches out for it. Many communities have emergency nurseries for parents in crisis. A new mother who feels she has reached the breaking point should contact her clergyman or child protective services. Many states, including California, allow a newborn to be left at a fire station, hospital or police station if he or she is in danger -- or if the mother is a danger to herself. I want to thank the many thousands of my readers who wrote to me with offers to help for "Going Crazy." You are the most warm-hearted friends I could wish for. If the young woman in San Diego contacts me again, I promise to let you know. -- **LOVE, ABBY**

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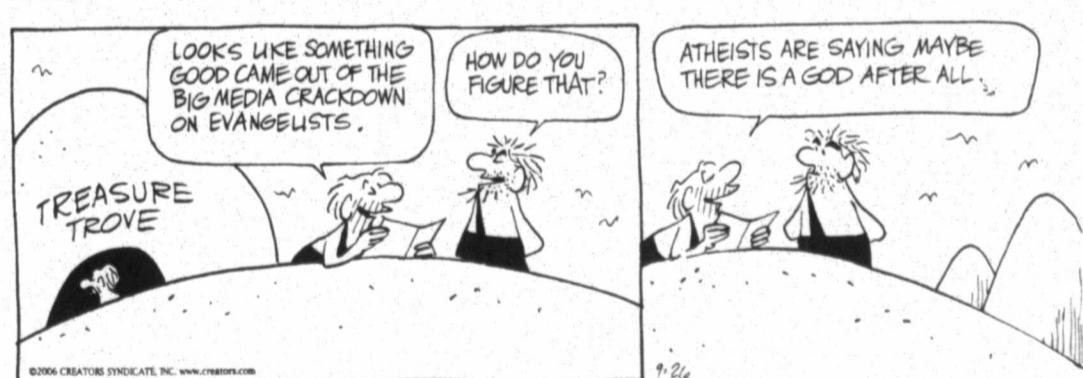
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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36 Galloped

37 Solicitous support

40 Calculator button

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8 Under discussion

9 "My Way" singer

10 London locale

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15 "Take your time" feature

16 Walked over

17 Skirmishes

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19 Fork

21 "Return of the Jedi" character

22 Rage

23 — Moines

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32 "Return of the Jedi" character

33 Rage

34 — Moines

39 Dr. of rap

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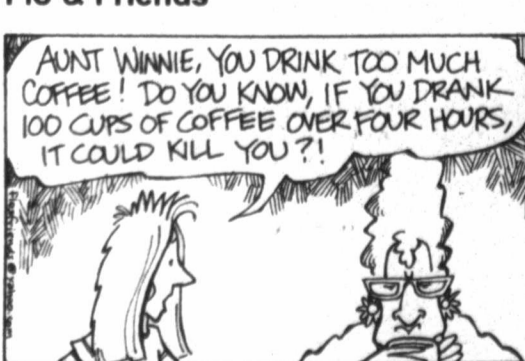


The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



Sports Day



Courtesy photo

The Pampa High School cheerleaders stretch a banner saved from the 2004 game between the Harvesters and Borger at Bulldog Stadium across the inflatable Pampa football helmet prior to the 'run-through' Friday night in Borger. Pampa defeated Borger, 14-7.

Sticks and stones: A banner moment

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Prior to the start of every Pampa High School varsity football game, home or away, the team gathers inside the large inflatable PHS helmet, works itself up into a frenzy then bursts through the banner stretched across the front of the helmet by the Harvester cheerleaders.

Each banner generally contains a message. The power of suggestion meant to encourage the team, painted onto a white piece of banner paper.

This ceremony — this pre-game ritual — has become so much a part of the experience, most now miss the message. Most that is, except for those who burst through it every Friday night of the football season.

Each message means something. Did you see the banner Friday night in Borger? Did you notice anything out of the ordinary?

It was not painted in standard Pampa green and gold. At the top of the banner, in Borger High school red and black, were the words, "Beat Pampa." Just below that was, "Harvest This" next to a crudely painted backside of what appeared to be a bulldog. Not the Borger High student variety. The canine kind.

But why? Why would our kids do this? Why would they create such a sign, put it on the field for all to see, then run through the darn thing?

Because they are cunning. Because they are clever. Because three years ago, a few Pampa High School students took a calculated risk, made a daring move and then planned for the future.

The future was Friday night. In 2004, during a meeting between the two schools in Borger, the Bulldog student body and booster club dressed its home field with banners and signs awash in school col-

ors and interesting phrases as all high schools do before each sporting event. This also happened to be Borger High's homecoming game. However, one banner in particular stood out among the rest. Yep, the one described above.

After the game, which Pampa won 30-7, a few boys in the Pampa stands decided to shed their Pampa Riot shirts (they had other shirts on underneath) and made their way to the Borger side of the field. They then blended in among those taking down the Bulldog signs, including the 'plow this' banner. The boys stealthily tucked the banner away and walked off, setting the wheels in motion for a senior showdown between the two rivals.

That showdown took place Friday night. The banner has been stored for safekeeping since that night in 2004. Those boys knew then the two schools would meet again when those who created it, and those who would end up busting through it, were all seniors — the class of 2007.

The banner didn't seem to raise much of a ruckus on the Bulldog side of the field Friday, though it couldn't have been very easy on Harvester coaches' eyes. Nothing like pouring fuel on an already burning fire.

Perhaps the banner's creators forgot about the masterpiece they created three years ago. Others may have thought it odd that Pampa's players would opt to use such a thing to raise their adrenaline and power them on to victory.

But a handful of enterprising and daring young men knew better back then. Their bold move is the stuff school legends are made of.

However, as with any action, there can either be a positive or a negative reaction. If you are going to tempt fate, be prepared for the inevitable battle.

Though the Harvesters fell to Borger 17-14 last year, Pampa once again defeated the Bulldogs on their home field Friday night, 14-7.

It will be interesting to see what 2008 brings.

Tapia adds another first to season total

The PJHS Cross Country teams competed in the Sunray Invitational over the weekend. For the second consecutive week, the girl's team came away with a second place finish.

Leading the way for Pampa was Sarai Soria with a time of 15:29. Also finishing in the top 20 were Crystal Garcia (13th), and Karen Jimenez (16th) "Sarai came out and ran very well, just like she always does," said head coach Trent Davis.

For the boys, Miguel Tapia stole the show again finishing in first place for the second time in three meets with a time of 13:08. "Miguel was in the lead from the start and never looked back," Davis said. "He has so much heart, and that's something that you just can't coach."

Also finishing in the top 20 was Rudy Rodriguez (15th). "I was pleased with everyone's performances this weekend. Now we need to heal a few injuries and start preparing for the WTAMU meet that will be in two weeks," Davis said.

Sunray Invitational Pampa Junior High Individual Results

Girls Runner	Place	Time
Sarai Soria	7th	15:29
Crystal Garcia	13th	15:59
Karen Jimenez	16th	16:10
Bree Howard	21st	16:52
Kaci Ramirez	26th	17:11

Boys	Place	Time
Miguel Tapia	1st	13:08
Rudy Rodriguez	15th	14:54
Douglas Smith	27th	15:53
Sam Cain	44th	17:40
Colton Adams	45th	17:42

PAMPA IN ACTION

Plenty for home fans to cheer about today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Football The Pampa Junior High 7th grade Green and Gold football teams will host Plainview this afternoon starting at 4. The 8th grade will travel to Plainview to meet the Bulldogs.

Tennis The Pampa High School tennis team will try to string back-to-back District 3-4A wins together this afternoon when the Harvesters host an always tough Palo Duro team. Matches are scheduled to start at 3:30.

Volleyball The Lady Harvester varsity volleyball team will go for district win No. 2 tonight when Pampa plays host to the Palo Duro Lady

Dons That match is set to start at 7:30. The junior varsity teams will play at 6.

Rice player dies after workout

HOUSTON (AP) — A Rice University freshman football player died, a day after collapsing during a light workout.

Dale Lloyd, a 19-year-old defensive back, collapsed on the field about 5 p.m. Sunday but was conscious when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m., school officials said.

Rice athletic director Chris Del Conte said Lloyd collapsed while the team was doing some light running. Although he didn't complain of anything specific, he told team trainers he didn't feel right.

An autopsy was pending.

Angels power past Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Even with time running out, the Angels refuse to lose.

Vladimir Guerrero hit two home runs, Chone Figgins added a solo shot and Los Angeles defeated the Texas Rangers 8-3 on Monday night for its third straight victory.

"No question our guys aren't going to melt," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "If we can make these games on the weekend meaningful, I like our club."

The Angels moved within five games of AL West-leading Oakland, which lost 10-9 in 10 innings to Seattle. Los Angeles staved off elimination by beating the Athletics twice over the weekend in the Bay Area.

The Angels have six games remaining, including four at home against the Athletics starting Thursday.

"We know Oakland is playing good ball and hopefully that game Thursday will mean a lot," Guerrero said through a translator. "We're having fun. All we can do is go out and try and win."

Joe Saunders (7-3) gave

up two runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked none. Scot Shields pitched 1 1-3 innings for his second save.

Saunders, a left-hander, lost to the Rangers 9-3 on Aug. 16.

"I had better command than last time I faced these guys. That was key," he said. "Every day is the biggest game of the year. I take it more as a playoff game. We need to finish up strong."

Saunders has allowed three earned runs or less in nine of his 12 starts.

"He changed speeds and worked the changeup, which was probably his best pitch," said Texas lead-off hitter Gary Matthews Jr., who went 1-for-4 with a strikeout. "He threw a curveball in there to try and give you something else to think about."

Juan Rivera paced the Angels' 18-hit attack with a 4-for-5 performance.

His four hits tied a career high.

The Angels improved to a season-best 14 games over .500 (85-71), and they own the best record in the majors (50-27) since July 1.

Astros remain hot

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The surging Houston Astros have put their vacation plans on hold.

Pinch-hitter Mike Lamb's infield single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, lifting the Astros to their sixth straight victory, 5-4 over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

The Phillies (82-74) dropped into a tie with Los Angeles for the NL wild-card lead. Both teams have six games remaining in the regular season — all on the road.

Meanwhile, the Astros (78-78) moved within 2 1/2 games of NL Central-leading St. Louis. Houston swept a four-game series against the Cardinals last weekend to cut the gap.

A week ago, the Astros were 8 1/2 games behind the Cardinals and getting ready to break out their golf clubs and hit the beaches. Now, they're putting pressure on St. Louis, which has lost six straight.

Players were glued to the television in the clubhouse watching the final inning of San Diego's 6-5 win in St.

Louis. It made the one-day trip to Philadelphia to make up a Sept. 5 rainout worth the trouble.

"It turned out to be best for us," said manager Phil Garner, whose team didn't arrive in Philadelphia until shortly before 4 a.m. EDT. "It worked out."

Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run homer off Dave Borkowski to give the Phillies a 4-2 lead in the sixth, but the Astros answered against a trio of relievers in the seventh.

Rick White got one out before walking Morgan Ensberg. Matt Smith (0-1) entered and struck out Lance Berkman, but walked Luke Scott and Chris Burke. Pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro followed with a tying, two-run single to left off Geoff Geary. Burke went to third on the play when left fielder Pat Burrell's throw home skipped past catcher Mike Lieberthal for an error.

Burke scored the go-ahead run on Lamb's sharp single off second baseman Utley's glove. Utley dove to his left to stop the ball, but couldn't control it.

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