



NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday  Sunny	Friday  Partly cloudy	Saturday  Partly cloudy
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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east southeast.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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

Wheat	6.04
Milo	4.81
Corn	5.60
Soybeans	7.08

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

OXY	55.46	+0.22
BP PLC ADR	63.95	-0.67
Cabot Corp	38.40	+0.49
Celanese	34.20	+0.09
Cabot Oil Gas	34.12	+0.83
Coca Cola	54.26	+0.12
VLO	65.47	+0.37
HAL	33.01	+0.12
XCEL	20.98	+0.11

Anadarko	48.13	-0.34
XOM	83.18	+0.05
Nat'l Oilwell	115.47	-0.15
Limited	23.00	-0.24
Williams	31.97	-0.13
MCD	48.29	+0.29
Atmos	27.31	+0.30
Pioneer Nat	42.17	+0.14
JCP	63.58	+1.46
COP	79.02	+0.16
SLB	88.48	-0.69
Tenneco	33.83	+0.09
CVX	82.37	+0.50
Wal-Mart	43.43	-0.17
OKE	46.83	+0.73

New York Gold	679.70
Silver	12.75
West Texas Crude	72.38

Infamous mansion to open as banquet hall

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former oil tycoon's mansion where a double murder took place three decades ago will open next week as a banquet facility.

But the new Stonegate Mansion won't use the crime story to lure clients.

"That's not where we're headed with this," said Terri Zelazko, a spokeswoman.

Cullen Davis was acquitted in the 1976 murder of his stepdaughter. His estranged wife's boyfriend also was killed, and she and a family friend were wounded in the shooting spree. At the time, Davis was worth an estimated \$400 million and was the richest man to stand trial for murder.

Davis built the house in 1971 for \$6 million and left it in 1983. Davis, who had a well-publicized religious conversion in the early 1980s and has maintained his innocence, still lives in North Texas.

The two-story, 19,000-square-foot property, which has been a restaurant and a church in recent years, has been extensively remodeled. It can accommodate groups of up to 350 people for events such as corporate meetings and wedding receptions, Zelazko said.

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CORRECTION: PAMPA

High School is having their Fish Camp. Thursday, Aug. 16th, 9am-3pm meet in the auditorium. Lunch will be provided, no parents, Freshman's come & be ready to have some fun!!!

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

LOTTER, Ronald Earl "Ronnie" — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Ronald Earl 'Ronnie' Loter, 68

Ronald Earl "Ronnie" Loter, 68, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 13, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 16, 2007, at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Loter was born July 4, 1939, in Childress. He graduated from Plainview High School in 1957. He married Wetaia Kent on Jan. 21, 1966,

in Lockney. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1969, moving from Plainview.

He retired from Cabot Corp. in May of 2003 as a production supervisor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

Ronnie loved playing golf



Loter

with his friends.

Survivors include his wife, Wetaia Loter, of the home; one son, Kelly Loter and wife Amy of Dallas; one daughter, Stacy Loter of Frisco; one brother, Lonnie Loter and wife Ann of Pampa; two sisters,

Eloise Dowlen and Merylyn Howell and husband Jim, all of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Riley Loter, Sophia Loter and Ava Loter, all of

Dallas; and 11 nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society Web site, in memory of Mr. Loter at www.acsevents.org/mosaicoformemories <<http://www.acsevents.org/mosaicoformemories>>

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Five traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of Bradley.

Accidents were reported in the 100 block of West 30th, the intersection of Hobart and Somerville and in the 300 block of Pennsylvania where one arrest was made.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1000 block of Prairie, the 1300 block of Mary Ellen, the 600 block of Lowry, the 2500 block of Christine, One Medical Plaza, the 300 block of Miami, twice from the 600 block of North Faulkner, once from the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 500 block of West and the 1100 block of Willow.

Welfare checks were made in the 1900 block of Mary Ellen and the 600 block of Naida.

Agency assistance was provided in Panhandle and the 1000 block of Sirocco.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations resulting in at least one arrest.

A silent/abusive emergency call was reported from the 1800 block of Charles.

A civil matter was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 200 block of Naida and the 300 block of Rider.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Faulkner and 19th, the 100 block of West Foster, the intersection of Frederic and Graham, the 400 block of Short, the 400 block of Somerville, the 300 block of Perry and in the vicinity of Lea and 18th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Francis where a front door window valued at \$20 was broken.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers and the 200 block of Naida.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Beryl.

A gas drive off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, when \$33 worth of gas was stolen.

Theft was reported at Best Western, 2831 N. Perryton Parkway, where two blankets valued at \$100 were taken; and at United, 1420 N. Hobart, where a carton of cigarettes and a newspaper valued at \$37 were stolen.

One alarm was reported.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 13

11:17 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of North Hobart on a gas leak.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Aug. 13

7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Carter and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2200 block of North Dwight.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette. No transport.

10:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville streets and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded -mile north of the city on Highway 70 and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

12:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transported a patient to PRMC.

Existing home sales plunge in 41 states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of existing homes fell in 41 states during the April-June quarter while home prices were down in one-third of the metropolitan areas surveyed, a real estate trade group reported today.

The new figures from the National Association of Realtors underscored the severity of the current housing slump, the worst downturn in 16 years.

However, Realtors officials

said they saw some glimmers of hope in the data. They noted that existing home prices were up in 97 of the 149 metropolitan areas surveyed compared with the sales prices of a year ago.

That represented price gains for 65 percent of the areas surveyed, an improvement from the first quarter of this year when only about 55 percent of the metropolitan areas reported price gains from the same period a year

ago. In the fourth quarter of last year, less than half of the metropolitan areas reported price gains.

"Although home prices are relatively flat, more metro areas are showing price gains with general improvement since bottoming-out in the fourth quarter of 2006," said Lawrence Yun, senior economist for the Realtors.


The states suffering the biggest drop in sales in the second quarter, compared to the same period a year ago, were Florida, down 41.3 per-

cent, and Nevada, down 37.5 percent. Other states with big declines were Arizona, down 23.4 percent; Tennessee, down 21.5 percent; Maryland, down 21.1 percent, and California, down 19.8 percent.

Bucking the downward trend, six states actually showed sales increases during the second quarter while one state had unchanged sales and there was incomplete data for two states, the Realtors reported.

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Back to School Outreach



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

From right, Jeanne Brown assists Suzanna Stewart in registering Jacob and Dion Stewart in the Back To School Outreach at Trinity Fellowship Church. School supplies will be distributed to those registered in the outreach on Saturday. Registration, which is open to any child in Pampa who needs school supplies, continues from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily through Friday at the church, 1200 S. Sumner. A birth certificate or Social Security card must be brought for each child to be registered.

Texas coast braces for storm Erin

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Tropical Storm Erin formed today in the Gulf of Mexico and headed toward Texas, threatening to bring downpours to a state that already has had one of its rainiest summers on record.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered emergency vehicles and personnel, including National Guard troops, to the region in advance of the weather system.

"Because storms have saturated much of our state this summer, many communities in this storm's projected path are at high risk of dangerous flash flooding," Perry said in a statement.

Homeowners headed to hardware stores in the Rio Grande Valley for supplies to board up their houses, said Ruben Dimas, assistant store manager at a Home Depot in Harlingen.

"They know the drill, they're familiar with it," Dimas said.

The fifth depression of the Atlantic hurricane season formed late Tuesday and was upgraded to a tropical storm today when its maximum sustained speed was measured at 40 mph.

Fish

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games and prizes for the students in the afternoon after a picnic lunch is provided. This meeting is for the students only and parents are asked not to attend.

An informational meeting for the parents of new freshman will be at 6:30 p.m. that same day, Thursday, in the high school cafeteria. This is a chance for parents to learn the rules of the school and ask any questions they might have regarding their child's freshman year at PHS.

For more information about the Fish Camp for freshman Thursday morning or the meeting for parents Thursday evening, contact the counselor's office at the high school at 669-4800.

School

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specific commodity items.

Campus handbooks will be reviewed by the board and reports will be heard on drug and alcohol survey results, staffing efficiency and co-op and interlocal purchases.

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last spring, they recommended it be closed due to the structural damage from the wildfires," Wright said. "It will have to be replaced. It is not safe."

The bridge qualifies for the state off-system program, he said, and he hopes to get it repaired or replaced with state funds and state labor.

A family protection fee was voted to be continued. The fee is collected on certain court cases.

The state-allowed fee will be \$15 as of Sept. 1, with 100 percent of the money to remain in Gray County to be distributed to organizations that aid victims of some crimes.

The fee had previously been \$30, with a portion of it going to the state.

Commissioners voted to continue longevity pay for county employees, and heard County Treasurer Scott Hahn give a treasurer's report and explain the rules concerning which health care provider to use in worker's compensation cases.

Payment of bills and salaries was approved, as were three line item transfers.

County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty was recognized for having received achievement awards this year from the Texas and national county agricultural agents associations.

Celanese

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ventional electricity generation in the Texas Panhandle with the ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas) power grid. On July 20, 2007, the Texas Public Utility Commission voted to bring ERCOT access to the Panhandle region.

"We are excited about the opportunity to convert the world-class infrastructure at the Celanese facility into a new Pampa Energy Center, potentially including integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC)

electric generation as well as renewable energy," David Parquet of Babcock and Brown said. "With transmission access available to reach Texas' vast ERCOT market, we intend to develop the site to its full potential, including 800 megawatts of coal-based electric generation to complement our planned 1,000 megawatts of wind generation in the central Panhandle."

Celanese began operations at the Pampa site in 1952. Today, it produces primarily acetic acid and acetic anhydride with approximately 250 employees. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

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ously passed by the commission concerning Hampton Village, a low to moderate income housing project south of Alcock on Dwight. The Pampa Economic Development Corp. has approved a \$525,000 loan to the development company building the project, but when the city commission approved the loan, the loan documents were not included.

Pampa City Attorney Don Lane said the resolution passed by the city commission on Tuesday does not change the terms of the loan, but it does clarify them.

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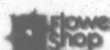
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2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF PAMPA

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for City Of Pampa. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments are required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,230,145
Last year's debt taxes	\$849,609
Last year's total taxes	\$3,079,754
Last year's tax base	\$443,130,072
Last year's total tax rate	0.695000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,985,236
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$477,743,160
= This year's effective tax rate	0.624862/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,365,157
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$477,743,160
= This year's effective operating rate	0.704386/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.760736/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.183455/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.944191/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.249280/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.694911/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Pampa adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.624862 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2006 taxes by \$63,046.

Schedule B: 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1999 Certificate of Obligation	\$105,000	\$ 19,146	\$0	\$124,146
2001 Certificate of Obligation REF	\$280,000	\$ 61,000	\$0	\$341,000
2001 Certificate of Obligation	\$127,550	\$ 8,120	\$0	\$135,670
2005 Certificate of Obligation	\$ 14,448	\$ 19,442	\$0	\$ 33,870
2005 Certificate of Obligation REF	\$207,000	\$ 44,000	\$0	\$251,000
Total Required for 2007 Debt Service				\$885,686
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007				\$885,686
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2007				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$885,686

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,203,470 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 North Russell, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Viewpoints

Making sense: Keeping the lid on ...

I got thinking about something my dad Ronald Reagan wrote about in his book "An American Life" about the importance of sometimes keeping secrets from Congress.

He recalled certain things he refused to reveal to members of Congress and explained why he would not take them into his confidence.

For example, he recalled that he would not share with Congress the fact that he was about to go into Grenada to prevent a Communist takeover of that island and to rescue endangered American students there.

He would not share with Congress the fact that he was about to fly-by over Khadafy's Libya, and take out one or two of his homes in the process.

He wouldn't share with Congress that he was ordering Ed Meese to shoot down Libyan planes if they locked on to our fighter planes with their missiles. He said if our pilots believed they were locked-on they should not hesitate to shoot them down. And they did.

In his book, he explained that he didn't reveal these things because he feared that members of Congress would leak information to the media to try to stop him from carrying out those plans to protect our national security which they opposed.

He knew that such leaks could cause people to lose their lives and be very detrimental to the United States. So he kept his mouth shut.

What got me thinking about this was a recent article in The Washington Times

that revealed that the Bush administration was devising a plan to stave off the very serious possibility of a Turkish invasion and military action in northern Iraq.

The story claimed that U.S. Special Forces would work with the Turkish military to locate and capture leaders of a Kurdish rebel group, the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

Covert action, classified planning, and the utmost secrecy were required if the plan was to succeed in preventing an explosive situation to develop in northern Iraq, which up to now has been the most peaceful area

of that troubled country. An invasion by Turkey would upset that apple cart.

It was vital that the plan be kept confidential, and members of Congress were told that fact during Congressional briefings, but unconnected Capitol Hill blabbermouths chucked security into the trash can when one or more members of Congress present at briefings — conducted in secrecy by Undersecretary of Defense Eric Edelman — leaked the information to columnist Robert Novak, who published it in his column.

The result: The interests of the United State were undermined and the chance of success of a program vital to the United States was scuttled.

Here we go again with members of Congress. They leaked information either because they disagree with a policy or are just excited over being able to show how important they are in having access to classified information they can leak to the media.

It doesn't bother them that the leaks prevented something vital to our national security from happening. In this case, the plan no longer has any chance of success because, thanks to the leakers, everyone knows about it.

These members of Congress who can't or won't keep a secret need to be held accountable, but

they won't because the one piece of information they won't leak is who they are.

These leakers could kill us all someday.

It's a good thing there were no politicians or reporters around when George Washington crossed the Delaware. If they had been, the Hessians would have been waiting for them on the other side.

My dad had the right idea: Don't ask, don't tell. Just go ahead and do the right thing and keep quiet about it until it's done.

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

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2007. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito announced to his subjects in a pre-recorded radio address that Japan had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: The government expanded its recall of ground beef sold under the Hudson brand name to 1.2 million pounds because of new evidence of possible contamination by E. coli bacteria. The Justice Department decided against prosecuting senior FBI officials in connection with an alleged cover-up that followed the deadly 1992 Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, using Mount Rushmore as a dramatic backdrop, pressed Congress to give him a flexible, fast-moving homeland security department. Some 600 family members of 9-11 victims filed a trillion-dollar federal lawsuit against Saudi officials, banks and charities, charging they had financed Osama bin Laden's network and the attacks on New York and Washington.

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Be glad you're not currently living in Iraq

A couple of policy wonks, Michael O'Hanlon and Ken Pollack, spent a week in Iraq and came back. One said he thought it was less violent. They both said in an op-ed piece that the war was winnable.

It's characters like these who make a man like Juan Cole so valuable. Cole is a scholar who, unlike the policy wonks, spent years in the Middle East and is fluent in Arabic. You can benefit from his experience and knowledge by visiting his blog, Informed Comment.

Cole, for example, points out that July was, in fact, the deadliest month for Americans since the war began. Seventy-four Americans were killed during July, and Iraqi deaths rose 23 percent over June, to 2,024. So if the American death rate is up and the Iraqi death rate is up, on what

basis did the wonks see less violence during their July excursion to the land of Babylon?

As for the war being winnable, every one of our military big shots has said it can't be won militarily. They all say it has to be a political solution. Well, the Iraqi government has failed to meet every one of the political benchmarks set by President Bush. No reconciliation, no oil law, no law on distributing oil revenues, no reversal of the anti-Baath policies. In fact, the largest Sunni bloc in the prime minister's Cabinet recently walked out, which makes reconciliation even more remote.

Add to that the following:

Reconstruction is obscenely behind schedule, corruption is nearly universal, and 4 million Iraqis have been displaced from their homes. Two million of those are refugees. I would like to

know what evidence there is that the war has suddenly become winnable.

I'm sure Secretary of State Condi Rice and Defense Secretary Bob Gates got an earful at their recent meeting with Arab leaders. What they didn't get, despite offering a bribe of billions of dollars in weapons, was any pledge to do anything in Iraq. The Saudis said they might consider opening an embassy. What Gates and Rice probably heard was: We told you

not to invade Iraq, you disregarded our advice and made a mess, so it's yours to clean up. Don't try to drag us into it.

Iraq is no longer a nation-state. We have shown the world that we know how to destroy a state, but when it comes to establishing one, we are incompetent dunces. It is to our everlasting shame that despite billions of dollars spent, Iraqis must still walk in open sewage and swelter in heat because electricity is only available a few hours a day. It's a clear case of greed and corruption trumping — or, God forbid, replacing — American know-how. We should not forget that prior to our wars and sanctions, Iraq had one of the higher living standards in the Middle East.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Aug. 6**
Austin American-Statesman on the information bill in Congress:

One of the vital roles the news media perform is to be a conduit for information about corruption and government malfeasance. For more than two centuries, Americans have depended on the news media for news that public officials don't want them to have.

President Nixon's administration tried mightily to convince the country that a break-in at the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate building was a third-rate burglary. But diligent newspaper reporters using an undis-

closed source exposed the corruption behind that burglary.

More recently, confidential sources helped bring attention to the indecencies at the Abu Ghraib military prison in Iraq and the horrors at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

A functioning democracy depends on reliable information, and that often comes from people with a lot to lose if their identities are revealed.

Government officials, prosecutors and litigators have targeted reporters and media executives in recent years. In some cases, going through the reporter is the laziest way to get information. In others, news operations are threatened with prison to silence them and to send a message to other journal-

ists trying to expose corruption.

That's why a bill passed by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee last week is so important. The Free Flow of Information Act would protect journalists from being forced to reveal confidential sources in most instances that don't involve a crime, national defense or protected personal and financial information.

Last week's vote was a true victory for the American people and a defeat for government corruption. The bill still faces formidable opposition from the U.S. Department of Justice, President Bush and members of Congress, including U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, the San Antonio Republican

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who represents part of Austin. But the act has strong bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House, where 44 Democrats and 25 Republicans signed as co-sponsors.

Smith, the ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, opposes the bill because he believes it would allow reporters to keep secret the

names of sources in crimes that have already been committed. If the Capitol is attacked or a child prostitution ring is investigated, Smith said, the bill could allow journalists to keep confidential the names of sources who may have information about it.

That's an outlandish example, of course. Any journalists with information about crimes of that magnitude wouldn't hide the name of suspects, nor is it likely any judge would allow them to. Smith's reasons for

opposing the bill aren't based in reality, and his seeking a perfect bill spoils a good one.

The Justice Department's objections have been addressed through numerous rewrites of the language in the bill, but the department still opposes it. Even Smith complains that the Justice Department has been unwilling to specify its concerns to his committee. Smith has asked the department to respond by Sept. 4, when Congress reconvenes.

News operations don't use

anonymous sources willy-nilly. But there are instances where anonymity is absolutely necessary to protect whistle-blowers. Insiders have a lot to lose their jobs, careers and future livelihood if they step forward.

It was a strong statement for the House Judiciary Committee to move the bill to the full house (a similar measure is pending in the Senate). As sponsor Mike Pence, an Indiana Republican, said, it was a victory for a free and inde-

pendent press and an important step in repairing a tear in the First Amendment's free-

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do in the face of morally corrupt and incompetent officials — both theirs and ours. I suppose we shall have to sit back and watch the destruction proceed from one blunder to the next. Be glad you're not an Iraqi. Be glad if you are not in the American military.

In the meantime, try to remember that it is August, and August is a lovely time

in the United States. Cherish your children and your grandchildren, and when you hug them, thank God that they are not suffering like Iraqi and Palestinian children, not to mention millions of others.

I've always believed that the best incentive to re-energizing American political energy would be a true grasp of just how unbelievably fortunate we are. We need to appreciate that. We need also to understand that it is not permanent, that we could lose it all. We are not invin-

cible.

Since, in our republican form of government, all official actions are done by elected officials, we have to be far more careful about the people we give our vote to. It really is true, as Forrest Gump's mama told him, that stupid is as stupid does. So let us — myself included — stop stupidly voting for stupid or irresponsible public officials.

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

Events calendar

• **The Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art** is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. The event will include music with Mike Fuller, the film "Matisse and Picasso," an adult and children's art activity and more. For questions about this monthly event, call the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **A Christ-centered cancer support group** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the parlor room of First United Methodist Church on the corner of Ballard and Foster streets. The group will be hosted by Kevin Taylor and Gloria Willson. For more information, call 669-3544.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, upcoming schedule of activities include the following events: National Airborne Day, Thursday; and 45th All Ohio Days, Oct. 19-20, Clearwater, Ohio. For more information and membership details, call (937) 898-5977.

• **Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 1475** in Amarillo will stage a craft show from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 1401 W. 8th. An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 12-4 p.m. Cost of either meal is \$5. To find out more or to rent a 8x10 booth space, call (806) 679-7520.

• **The 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show** is sched-

uled at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds in Pampa Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 19-21, respectively. In case of inclement weather, Aug. 22 will serve as a make-up day for any performances of the Kid Pony Show that did not go as scheduled. A rodeo parade is planned at 10 a.m. Aug. 25.

• **The Golden Spread Bridal Show** will be staged between 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Admission will be \$6 per person. A grand prize drawing will be held for a \$500 gift certificate. The event will include a variety of vendors including photographers, videographers, caterers, houseware companies, wedding consultants and more. All proceeds will benefit The Bridge, a children's advocacy organization.

• **River Valley Pioneer Museum** in Canadian will host a workshop with artist Mike Mahon of Amarillo from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 23-25. All painting and drawing mediums will be welcome; however, demonstrations will be in pastel and oil. The workshop fee is \$250 plus model's fee. A \$50 deposit is due Aug. 9. A live demo, orientation and reception is planned from 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 22. Mahon's work will be on display at the museum now through Aug. 22. For more information, call (806) 323-6548.

• **The Don Harrington Discovery Center** in Amarillo will host "Moneyville" now through Aug. 26. Moneyville is a 4-foot cube of 1 million \$1 bills (only 210 real) that uses laser technology to discern the difference between real and funny money. To learn more, call the center at (806) 335-9548.

IN APPRECIATION

It Was A Great Party

Thanks to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and the Pampa Shrine Club for all your hard work and time in organizing the benefit and for the opportunity to visit with friends. To all the guests, we're so thankful you were a part of the evening. Your support, thoughts and prayers have meant so much more than words can express.

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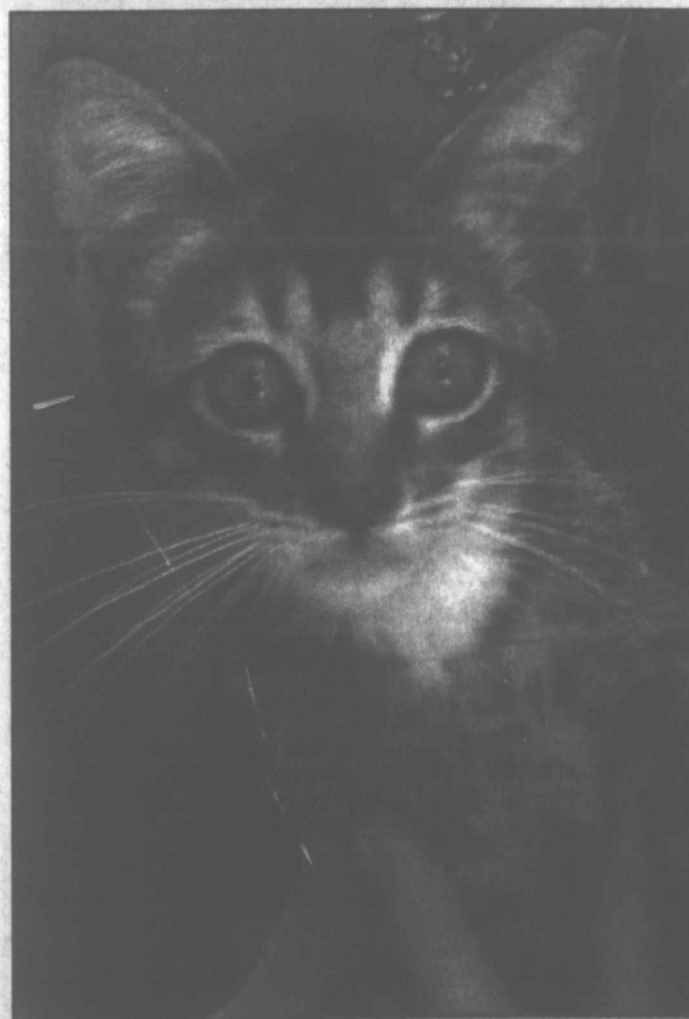
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Tim" for almost seven years. I have a male co-worker, "Chad," who is a good friend. Tim thinks that a man is friends with a woman only if he wants something from her. He says that Chad must be gay, sexually interested in me, or using me as a means to some end. Quite frankly, I am hurt that Tim doesn't think I am interesting enough to be friends with and feels that I can be seen only in "that way." Chad has never once hit on me or given me the slightest reason to doubt his platonic feelings. He is also not gay. How can I convince my husband that my friend is not trying to seduce me or use me? I have tried inviting Tim to hang out with us so he can get to know Chad better; he always declines. I'm at my wits' end because I dislike upsetting my husband, but I refuse to give up a good friend. — **PULLING MY HAIR OUT IN CAMBRIA, WIS.**

DEAR PULLING: There is no way to convince your husband that your co-worker isn't trying to seduce or use you because that is the way your husband's mind works. In other words, when Tim says that men are friends with women only for what they can get, he is describing HIMSELF. And the reason he refuses to take the time to get to know Chad better is that by refusing, he is putting limits on the relationship and controlling you. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow whose 43-year-old daughter is dating a 56-year-old man. They have both been married before and have children from prior marriages. They have been discussing marriage. Is it unreasonable of me to expect my future son-in-law to ask me for my daughter's hand in marriage as a sign of

respect and in the name of tradition? — **TRADITIONAL MOM-IN-LAW-TO-BE**

DEAR TRADITIONAL: Yes, it is. Your daughter has long since reached the age at which she is entitled to decide for herself whether to give or withhold her hand — or anything else. And the sooner you dismount from your high horse, the happier your relationship with your future son-in-law will be.

DEAR ABBY: I work at one of the nicer, upscale restaurants in our small community. We have been having an issue with groups or committees of anywhere from four to 15 people coming into the establishment to hold their meetings. These groups frequently arrive at normal evening dinner times and therefore take up a table, but the attendees don't order anything. How can you politely tell these people that if they want to use our dining establishment, they should purchase something? Their behavior is just plain rude! The owner and many of the staff would like to be able to say something, but don't know how to phrase it without making these people angry. — **BAFFLED IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR BAFFLED: Your problem should be handled by the manager of the restaurant. In many restaurants the minimum order per person is printed on the menu, and that is a policy you should institute. The next time the freeloaders come trooping in, the new policy should be pointed out to them.

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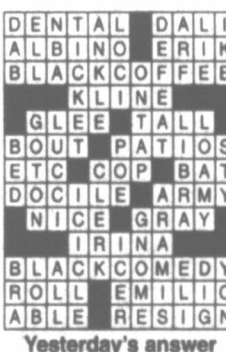
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Tuna sandwich
- 5 Nanny or billy
- 9 Detached
- 11 Fancy shell
- 12 Women's mag, for short
- 13 Quartz variety
- 14 Fitting
- 15 Informed about
- 17 Eccentric folks
- 19 Museum contents
- 20 Impassive
- 21 Day pts.
- 22 Flat form
- 24 Colleen
- 26 Clinic worker
- 29 Set the pace
- 30 Audiophile's storage
- 32 Wowed by
- 34 Old auto
- 35 Kick off
- 36 "The Waste Land" poet
- 38 Gala, e.g.
- 39 Disprove
- 40 Colleen
- 41 Presidential power
- 1 Showy parrot
- 2 Waives one's rites?
- 3 Went bonkers
- 4 Singer Waits
- 5 Disco
- 6 Equal (with)
- 7 Cast
- 8 Larceny rider
- 10 Restaurant fan
- 11 "Memory" musical
- 16 "Wish I could help"
- 18 Tumble
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- 25 Wise sayings
- 27 Manuscript copier
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Yesterday's answer

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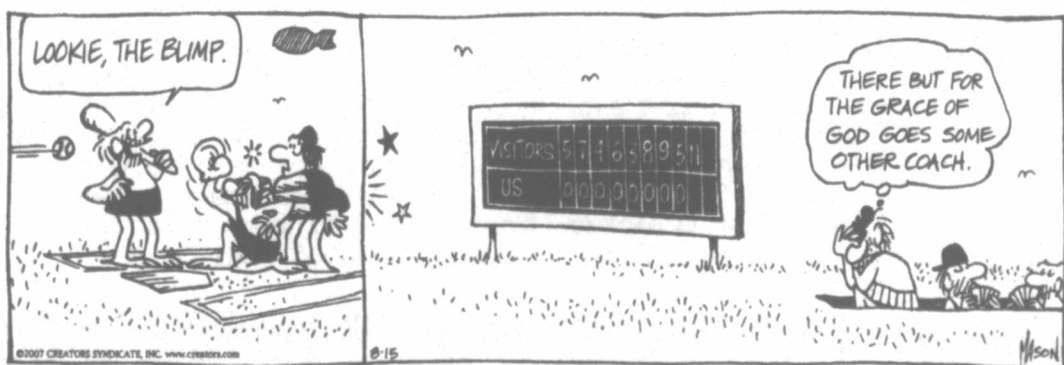


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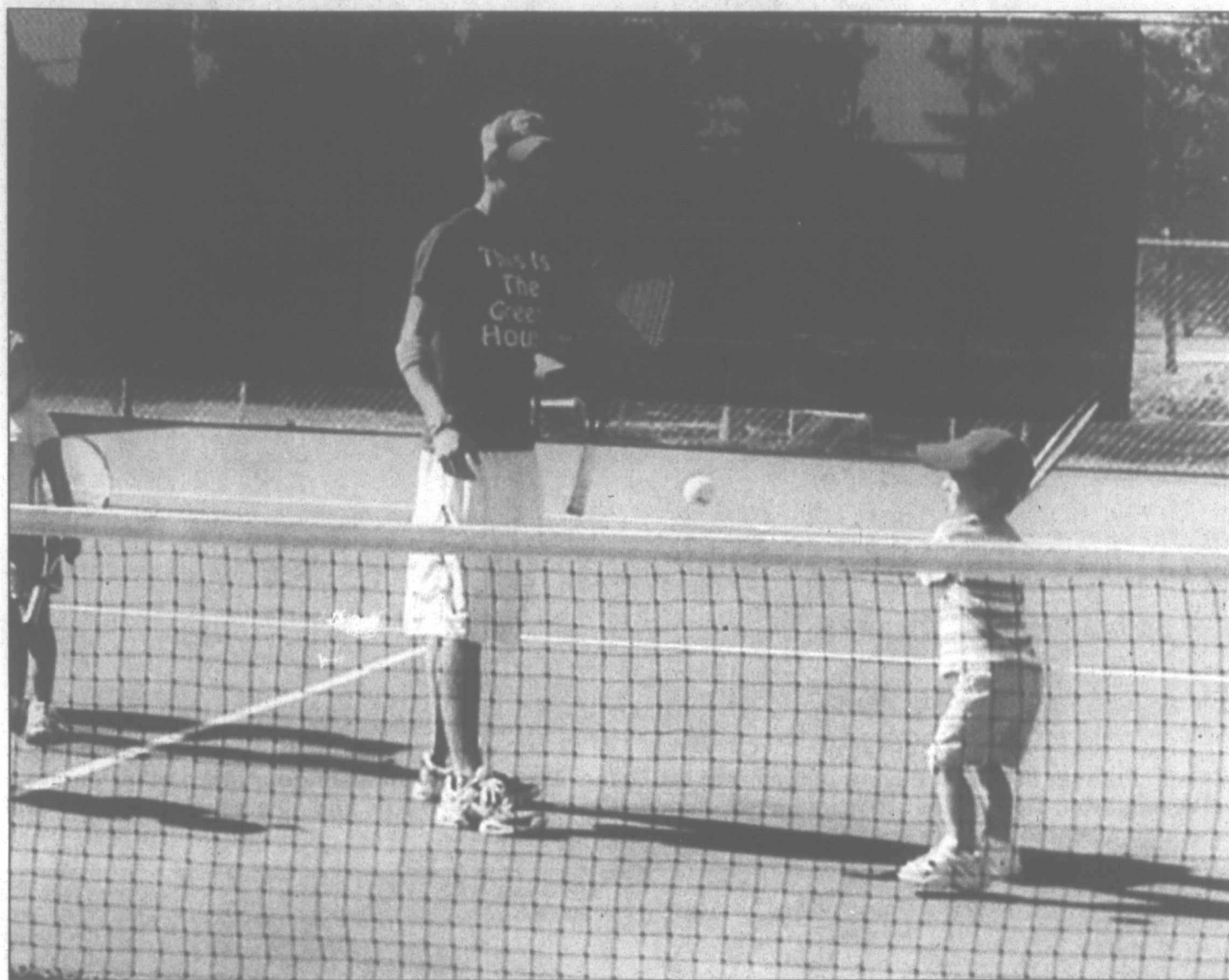


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Mini Campers



PHS tennis player Jack Ware feeds a ball to a mini camper at the 3rd Annual PHS Mini Tennis Camp Saturday.



Savannah Smith demonstrates a serve to a group of mini campers at Saturday's Mini Tennis Camp.

Hunters' open house scheduled to take place at Lake Merideth national recreation area

FRITCH — The National Park Service will hold an open house for hunters at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sanford-Fritch Junior High School cafeteria, 536 Eagle Blvd. in Fritch.

Park rangers from Lake Merideth National Recreation Area and game wardens and biologists from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be present to answer questions.

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

The only significant change this year to the hunting season at Lake Merideth is the recognition of the Special Youth-Only Season, Jan. 19-20, 2008.

Other hunting changes made in recent years are still in effect, including that the method of take for turkey (gobblers only) will be by shotgun or archery during

the spring season, and by archery only during the fall season; the waterfowl hunting period will close at noon each day; and quail season will be the same dates posted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

The gate at Mullinaw Crossing will remain closed the first week of general deer season, Nov. 17-24, and will be opened Nov. 25 through the end of deer season. The gate may be closed at any time during this period due to circumstances such as severe weather, high water, and threats to public safety.

Hunting and fishing at Lake Merideth are permitted in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

The National Park Service

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

As an increased safety measure, all hunters within the boundaries of Lake Merideth are required to wear blaze orange during general gun season for deer and the special youth season.

In addition, during the special youth hunt all accompanying individuals must also wear blaze orange. This will consist of both a hat and a vest with a combined total area equaling 500 square inches and worn conspicuously above the waist. Exempt from this requirement will be migratory bird hunters on the waters of Lake Merideth.

Listing of the 2007-2008 hunting season at Lake Merideth:

Mourning Dove: Sept. 1

— Oct. 30
 Quail: Oct. 27 — Feb. 24
 White-tailed Deer: Archery Season — Sept. 29 — Nov. 2; General Season — Nov. 17 — Dec. 2; Special Youth Season — Oct. 27-28, Jan. 19-20
 Mule Deer: Archery Season — Sept. 29 — Nov. 2; General Season — Nov. 17 — Dec. 2
 Duck Season: Teal — Sept. 15-30
 Turkey: Archery Season — Sept. 29 — Nov. 2; Spring Turkey — March 29 — May 11
 Pheasant: Dec. 1-30

For more information on the 2007-2008 Texas hunting season, visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/season/>

For more information on hunting at Lake Merideth National Recreation Area, please contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

Pampa ISD Athletic Department Reminders

Pampa ISD Retirees who want to attend Pampa ISD athletic events for free (general admission) need to contact Pampa ISD Administration at 669-4700 to schedule an appointment for your ID badge.

Senior citizens and students may purchase varsity football general admission tickets for \$2 in the Pampa ISD Athletic Building; if purchased before 2 p.m. on game day. All varsity football tickets purchased at the gate are \$6.

Reserved season tickets will be open to the public at 10 a.m. Monday.

Current season ticket holders may purchase their 2007 tickets through noon on Friday.

Hunting, fishing licenses to go on sale today

AUSTIN, Texas -- New hunting and fishing licenses for 2007-08 will be available beginning today and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the Sept. 1 dove season opener.

TPWD officials are reminding sportsmen that all current annual hunting and fishing licenses expire Aug. 31.

Texas issues 3.2 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPWD field offices, more than 100 state parks and at more than 1,400 retailers across Texas.

License vendors are bracing for an anticipated last-minute license buying surge that typically occurs during the Labor Day holiday weekend, particularly along the I-35 corridor where many dove hunters descend.

"If you wait until the Friday before the dove season opener, you're probably going to be standing in line to buy a license," said Tom Newton with TPWD's licensing section. "Last year, we sold nearly 350,000 licenses during the four-day period around the opening weekend of dove season. It takes an average of five minutes to process a license sale transaction, so it's likely there will be delays if you wait until the last minute."

Newton said a little planning could save hunters a lot of time in the checkout line.

"It's like planning your morning commute; you can sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic or you can leave early and breeze through. We average less than 20,000 license transactions a day during the two weeks prior to the dove season opener and five or six times that number on the days around opening weekend."

"Hunters who need to purchase a license at the last minute or those who don't

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want to stand in line have a couple of options." Licenses can be purchased online through the TPWD web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) or by calling (800) 895-4248. There is a \$5 convenience fee for either option and a major credit

card is required.

License sales call center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday -- Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

"We sold about 13,000 licenses online and by phone during the peak sales weekend last year," Newton said. "We'd like to steer more of the traffic to the call center and Internet during the peak volume periods."

Jewett hits hole in one

Pampa's Chris Jewett made his first hole in one Thursday on Hole # 8 at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course. Jewett used an 8 iron from 170 yards away. The shot was witnessed by Joel Morgan, also of Pampa.

Astros' 6-run sixth carries Albers to win over Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Astros pulled off an unorthodox double play at the end of the game at the expense of Mark Sweeney, one of the Los Angeles Dodgers' most recent acquisitions. Baseball's second-best pinch-hitter of all time may not be pinch-running any time soon.

Sweeney, who singled home a run while pinch-hitting for reliever Eric Hull, was leading off the bag with one out in the ninth when Juan Pierre hit a towering popup to catcher Brad Ausmus in foul territory. Suddenly, the Astros were doing everything short of cartwheels to get their Ausmus' attention — because Sweeney was almost at second base.

Ausmus completed the rare game-ending 2-3 double play with his throw to Lance Berkman, and the Astros escaped Dodger Stadium with a 7-4 victory on Tuesday night.

"I have no clue what happened," Ausmus said. "After I caught it, there was noise coming from out dugout area, and I saw Lance jumping up and down waving his arms. I then realized that Sweeney wasn't near the bag, so I just threw it over there. It was just a freak play that ended the game. It probably has never happened before and may not ever happen again."

Brad Lidge, who got three outs for his ninth save in 14 chances, was glad he didn't have to face on-deck hitter Matt Kemp — who homered in the first inning against Matt Albers.

"Obviously, I'll take it," Lidge said. "I don't get a whole lot of double-play balls."

Perhaps the most frustrated person in a Dodger uniform, other than first base coach Mariano Duncan, was Kemp.

"Things happen, man. People make mistakes. We're all human," said Kemp, who misplayed Mark Loretta's first-inning single to right field into three bases with his third error of the season.

Sweeney didn't speak to reporters after the game.

Chris Burke capped a six-run sixth inning with a two-run single and Mike Lamb also drove in a pair of runs for the Astros, who have taken the first two games of this four-game set.

The Dodgers, who led the NL West by 1 1/2 games on July 26, have lost 13 of 16 since then and trail first-place Arizona by 6 1/2 games. Now in fourth place, their postseason chances took another hit before the game when third baseman Nomar Garciaparra was placed on the 15-day disabled list because of a strained left calf.

St. Louis creeps back into NL Central race with 12-4 rout of Milwaukee

By The Associated Press

Put the St. Louis Cardinals in throwback uniforms, and suddenly they play a lot like the 1982 World Series champs.

Or, for that matter, the champions from last year. The Cardinals pounded out a season-high 19 hits in a 12-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night, drawing the Cardinals closer to contention in the NL Central and spoiling the host Brewers' 1982 World Series team reunion.

Both teams wore throwback uniforms to commemorate the 1982 series, in which the Cardinals defeated the Brewers in seven games — making Tuesday's result look vaguely familiar.

Now the reigning World Series champions have clawed their way back into the division race. With Tuesday night's victory, St. Louis trails Milwaukee by 4 1/2 games, and second-place Chicago by three.

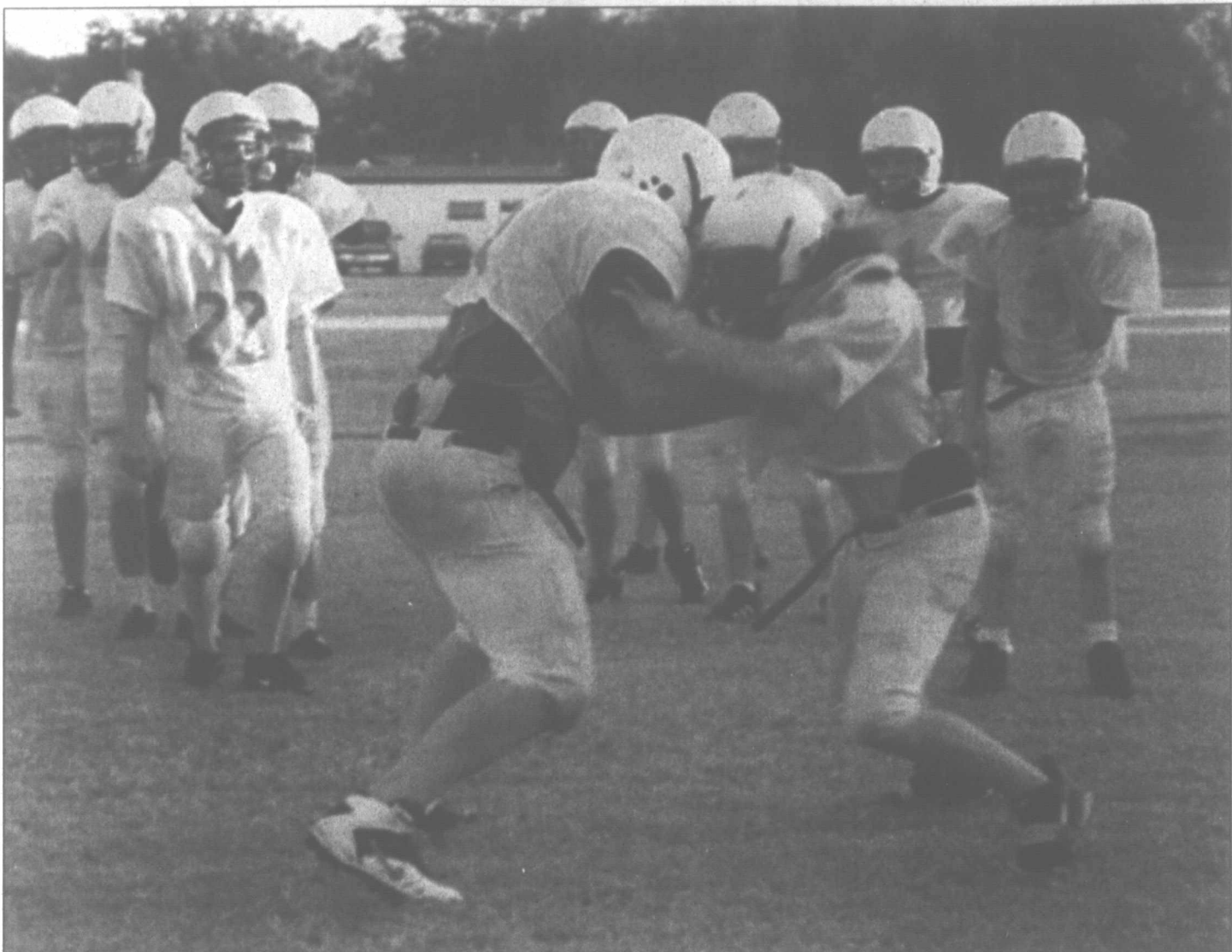
La Russa said he is proud of the way his players have handled adversity, but isn't going to get too excited about their recent progress until they have a winning record. With the victory, St. Louis is 56-60.

"When that happens, then you look around and say, 'Hey, where are we?'" manager Tony La Russa said.

In other NL games, it was Florida 14, Arizona 5; New York 5, Pittsburgh 4; Philadelphia 3, Washington 2; Atlanta 5, San Francisco 4; Cincinnati 6, Chicago 5; San Diego 8, Colorado 0; and Houston 7, Los Angeles 4.

Brewers starter Chris Capuano (5-10) hasn't won since May 7, a streak of 15 starts without a victory that includes 10 losses and five no-decisions. Brewers manager Ned Yost said he and general manager Doug Melvin might consider taking Capuano out of the starting rotation.

Lefors pre-season



Dustin Forsyth (left) and Payton Johnson of the Lefors Pirates football team go at each other during a blocking drill. The Pirates are working out each day from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to noon. They will travel to Miami for their first scrimmage of the season on Saturday.

Courtesy photos by LENDI JACKSON



Lefors cross country runners Emily Jackson and Gabriel Miller lead the team during an early morning workout this week. The team is gearing up for this year's season, which will begin on Sept. 8 in Perryton.

Former NBA referee Tim Donaghy pleads guilty to two felony charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Former referee Tim Donaghy pleaded guilty to two felony charges Wednesday in connection with the NBA betting scandal.

Donaghy faces a maximum of 25 years in prison when he is sentenced for conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting wagering information through interstate commerce.

Donaghy provided recommendations, called "picks," to co-conspirators about what team they should bet on, said U.S. District Court Judge Carol Bagley Amon.

If he was correct, they paid him.

The information was not public, the judge said. Donaghy had "unique access," including what crews would officiate at games, the interaction of different officials and players, and the physical condition of certain players.

He concealed the scheme from the NBA and other referees to avoid detection, the judge said.

Donaghy also must pay a \$500,000 fine and at least \$30,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors said in open court that Donaghy bet on

games himself; but that was not part of his plea.

The FBI first contacted the NBA on June 20 to talk about a referee alleged to be gambling on games, and the two sides met on June 21, NBA commissioner David Stern said last month. Donaghy resigned July 9 after 13 years as a referee; Stern said he would have fired him sooner but was told it might affect investigations.

Stern blamed a "rogue, isolated criminal" for the betting scandal that threatened the credibility of every referee.

Donaghy was rated in the

top tier of officials, Stern said, and there was nothing suspicious about the frequency of his foul calls. He was assigned to work in the second round of the playoffs, with his last NBA game coming during the Phoenix-San Antonio Western Conference semifinal series.

No other NBA officials or players were expected to be involved in the scandal, which Stern called the "most serious situation and worst situation that I have ever experienced either as a fan of the NBA, a lawyer for the NBA or a commissioner of the NBA."

Pachuca beats Dynamo 4-3 in shootout

HOUSTON (AP) — Rafael Marquez Lugo made the winning penalty kick as Pachuca defeated the Houston Dynamo 4-3 in a shootout after a 2-2 tie in a semifinal of the SuperLiga tournament Tuesday night.

Pachuca will meet the winner of Wednesday's Los Angeles Galaxy-D.C. United semifinal for the SuperLiga title and a \$1 million purse on Aug. 29.

After a rugged 90 minutes of regulation and 30 minutes of overtime play, the teams went to the shootout. Wade

Barrett, Chris Wondolowski and Richard Mulrooney connected for Houston, while Fernando Salazar, Gabriel Caballero and Luis Gabriel Ray hit the first three for Pachuca.

Then Dynamo forward Brian Ching's shot bounced off the left goal post and Pachuca midfielder Damian Alvarez's shot was blocked by goalie Pat Onstad.

But Pachuca goalie Miguel Calero stopped Joseph Ngwenya's shot to set up Lugo's winning kick.

The teams met in a two-game set in the semifinals of the CONCACAF Champions' Cup in March and Pachuca won 5-4 on aggregate score. Tuesday's game was played before 21,712, the Dynamo's largest home crowd of the season.

Three players were ejected. Dynamo defender Patrick Ianni got a red card in the 14th minute after he pulled down Christian Gimenez from behind, keeping him from an easy score.

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DON E. CAIN, Deceased, were issued on August 13, 2007, in Docket No. 9427, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas to: **BETTY ANNE CAIN**. Betty Anne Cain is a resident of Gray County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for Estate, addressed as follows:
 Betty Anne Cain, Independent Executrix, Estate of Don E. Cain, Deceased
 c/o Don R. Lane, Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 1781
 Pampa, TX 79066-1781
 All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 13th day of August, 2007.
 Betty Anne Cain
 H-18 Aug. 15, 2007

3 Personal

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21 Help Wanted

EXCEL Production is accepting resumes and/or application for an Exp. **Field Pumper**. Individual must have knowledge and exp. in the operations of oil & gas wells, compressors & tank batteries. **No Phone Calls will be accepted.** Please bring resume or pick up application at 1050 N. Price Rd. or mail resume to:
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 Pampa, TX 79066-1800

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NEWSPAPER Carriers

needed. The Amarillo Globe-News is in need of carriers for the Pampa city area. Area route avail. It ranges 1 1/2 hrs. to 2 1/2 hrs. in length. Early morning hours is time of commitment. You must have a valid Texas driver's license, reliable transportation and proof of current liability insurance. Serious inquiries only! For more info, including what each route makes, please call Frank Hazlewood, 806-680-9735.

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Must Be Honest & Dependable Apply in Person HEARD-JONES

COOK position avail.

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Apply in Person

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Computer Database Administrator

(Req'd. MS SQL Server) for Smithfield Premium Genetics

Computer DB Development Skills Req'd: MS SQL Server, ASP.net, VB. Other computing, networking skills considered. Criminal background check & drug testing. E-mail resume / cover to: william.berring@spgenetics.com

WANTED: Childcare

for Nursery, Birth-2 yr. Pd. position. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, 665-3300, Mon.-Fri. 9-1.

PAMPA Country Club

is now hiring for wait staff and kitchen help. Apply in person at Pampa Country Club. No phone calls please!!!

HELP WANTED

B&C Portable Must have good driving record. 806-595-0012.

DOMINO'S PIZZA

now hiring!! Delivery drivers positions avail. Apply at 1332 N. Hobart.

UNION Tank Car

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W&W Fiberglass Tank

Co. Inventory Assistant-Data Entry, Delivery & Warehouse Maintenance. Clean Background & Driving Record. Drug Testing Required. 100 N. Price Road.

TAYLOR

Taylor Food Mart is now hiring a manager/assistant for the Lefors location. Please contact 806-379-9000, ext. 104 or apply at 201 E. 2nd or online at: taylorfoodmart.com

21 Help Wanted

PART TIME Secretary needed for small Construction Company. Computer skills & Quick Books a must. Send resume to: Box 52 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

TAYLOR

Taylor Food Mart is now hiring CSR'S, Asst. Managers, Manger Trainees at all Pampa locations. Please contact 806-379-9000, or apply at 1324 N. Hobart or online at: taylorfoodmart.com

Attend our on site job

fair on Aug. 17th from 10-2pm.

FULL Time RN or Week-

end RN and Full-Time LVN needed at Parkview Hospital Home Health, in Wheeler. Please call 826-1370 or come by 306 E. 9th St. for an application.

WAREHOUSE/DELIV-

ERY Person Needed. Drivers License Required. Apply in Person. Johnson Home Furnishing, 801 W Francis.

SONIC DRIVE-IN

is now accepting applications for dependable, mature, enthusiastic, friendly crewmembers for morning shifts-all positions!! Apply in person at 1404 Hobart EOE

OUTREACH Health

Services is hiring providers to care for the elderly and disabled in their homes in the Pampa area. Must be 18+. No exp. necessary. Please contact Mary at 800-800-0697 or 806-373-0986. EOE.

CASHIER needed 30-35

hrs. per week, off on Sundays. Apply in person. Hoagies Deli, Coronado Shopping Center, Pampa.

Unarmed Security Officers

needed for local post. Must pass: FBI background check, Texas DPS fingerprint check & drug test. Apply in person at National Oilwell Guard Shack Hwy. 60, Pampa

CITY of White Deer

is accepting applications for Utility Operator. Salary based on exp. Send resume to P.O. Box 98, White Deer, 79097, or come by 317 S. Main.

SEMCRUDE, L.P. has an

opening for full-time mechanic in the Pampa shop. Must have your own tools and meet DOT qualifications. Excellent benefit package. Please call 806-934-7505 for application.

Needed- a well organized

person; very comfortable using various computer programs; able to multi-task as they respond to and process data within time constraints. Pre-employment general physical exam and drug screen required. EOE.

Contact Titan

P.O. Box 2316 11785 Hwy. 152 Pampa, Texas 79065 hr@titanspecialties.com

21 Help Wanted

FULL Time Crime Victim Coordinator position avail. Working knowledge of computer programs and grant-writing required; travel involved; multi-tasking, heavy report writing, coordinating and scheduling abilities a must; legal knowledge and bi-lingual a plus. Fax resumes to 669-8050.

MEDICAL MANAGER

Mid-size medical office is seeking a front desk / schedule manager. A minimum of 1 year relevant exp. req. Insurance exp. a plus. Fax confidential resume with salary and benefits history to 806-669-6688. Introductory cover letters are appreciated.

NEEDED Immediately!!

Part time nanny for 10 month old. Background check & references req'd. 669-3187 or 683-9554

Home HealthCare

is now taking applications for HOME PROVIDER (PAMPA AREA)

CALL

1-800-892-3301 (ASK FOR MINERVA) OR Apply in person at, 1201 N.Hobart, Space D (Coronado Center)

Front Desk / Receptionist

Very busy medical office has immediate opening for an outgoing, high energy person. This is a fast-paced-people job requiring basic computer skills. If you have a good work record and want family friendly hours, please fax your resume to: Fax: 665-3511

Unarmed Security Officers

needed for local post. Must pass: FBI background check, Texas DPS fingerprint check & drug test. Apply in person at National Oilwell Guard Shack Hwy. 60, Pampa

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Needed immediately! About 20 hrs. per week. Must work every Sat. & be 18 yrs. old.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

8-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE IS A SURE SIGN THAT YOU DON'T CARE FOR TELEVISION. — ANONYMOUS

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WANTED Old Oil Engine, possibly still sitting in pump house (hit-miss), 10 hp & up. Must be complete. Portable engine on cart a +. Rusty or piston stuck ok! 848-992-1764.

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SOFA sleeper & love seat

for sale. End tables, etc. 1919 N. Faulkner. Call 676-9977 or 676-7844.

69 Misc.

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Dollar coins honoring presidents provide history lesson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most folks can correctly name George Washington as the nation's first president. After that, things get tricky.

The U.S. Mint is hoping its new dollar coin series will help refresh some hazy memories of Adams, Jefferson and all the rest.

That could be a tall order, however, given the results of a poll the Mint commissioned to find out just how much knowledge Americans have about their presidents.

According to the telephone poll, conducted by the Gallup Organization last month, nearly all those ques-

tioned knew that Washington was the first president. However, only 30 percent could name Thomas Jefferson as the nation's third president, and memories of the other presidents and where they fit in was even more limited.

Mint Director Edmund

Moy believes the new dollar coin series will be an antidote for that. And he can cite a good precedent.

The Mint's 50-state quarter program, the most popular coin series in history, has gotten 150 million Americans involved in collecting the quarters that are

honoring the states in the order they were admitted to the Union.

"My nieces and nephews know a lot more about geography than I did at their age and the state quarters are playing an instrumental role in that," Moy said in an interview with The

Associated Press.

Moy was scheduled to be at the Jefferson Memorial on Wednesday to help quiz tourists on their knowledge of the presidents as well as to conduct a coin exchange where people can buy the new \$1 Jefferson coin.

Open house



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Prestige Autobody, 101 S. Hobart, held an open house recently. Employee Stephen McCarley, left, shows customer Mason Watkins a few options for his vehicle.

SCIENCE

Teacher speaks to students from space

HOUSTON (AP) — After days of anxiety about a gouge in the belly of the shuttle Endeavour, NASA finally got some good news: tests suggested repairs may not be needed, and the agency fulfilled a longstanding dream of a teacher talking to students from space.

Space agency managers said they were cautiously optimistic that they wouldn't have to send two spacewalking astronauts to repair the gash, which is about the length and width of a business card. A sliver of the wound penetrates through a pair of inch-deep thermal tiles, exposing a thin felt fabric that is the final barrier before the shuttle's aluminum frame.

But thermal analyses have so far shown Endeavour could safely return to Earth as it is, said

John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team. All the testing and analyses should be completed by today.

In another positive development, two decades after Christa McAuliffe's doomed Challenger mission, her backup in the teacher-in-space program carried out the dream of an educator turning the space shuttle into a classroom.

Teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan

took questions and spoke to hundreds of youngsters packed into the Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise, less than 100 miles from the elementary school where Morgan taught before joining the astronaut corps.

One child wanted to know about exercising in space. In response, Morgan lifted the two large men floating alongside her, one in each hand, and pretended to be straining. Another youngster wanted to see a demonstration of drinking in space. Morgan and her colleagues obliged by squeezing bubbles from a straw in a drink pouch and swallowing the red blobs, which floated everywhere.

Morgan was also asked how being a teacher compared to being an astro-

naut. "Astronauts and teachers actually do the same thing," she answered. "We explore, we discover and we share. And the great thing about being a teacher is you get to do that with students, and the great thing about being an astronaut is you get to do it in space, and those are absolutely wonderful jobs."

'Astronauts and teachers actually do the same thing. We explore, we discover and we share.'

— Barbara Morgan
Teacher-astronaut

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If you think... being pregnant means suffering with back pain

Carrying a child is no easy task when you consider the weight and strain it puts on a woman's body.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 10.42 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2007 at 5:30 PM and August 27, 2007 at 6:00 PM at Pampa City Hall, 200 West Foster, City Commission Chambers, Pampa, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Brad Pingle, Robert Dixon, Neil Fulton, Lonny Robbins

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Bill Allison

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance & Operations	5.78% increase
Debt Service	7.40% increase
Total Expenditures	5.90% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$536,331,527	\$5,691,271,376
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$8,458,255	\$5,036,780
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$444,671,468	\$477,450,980
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$8,458,255	\$5,036,780

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$10,033,931.

TAX RATES

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.69500	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.69000	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$(0.005000)	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	(0.72)%	(Decrease)

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$36,182	\$38,090
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$36,182	\$38,090

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on the residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$251.46. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$262.82. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$11.36 in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.