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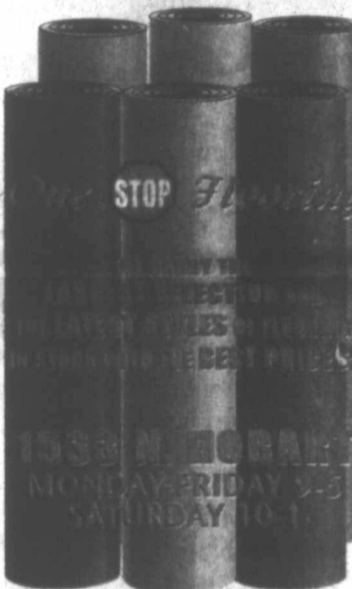
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City to pursue water system grant

by David Bowser
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The Pampa City Commission hopes to get a \$250,000 grant to help update part of the city's water system.

The commission approved a resolution Tuesday for a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for money to repair water mains

at Crawford and Prairie Village. The city has already set aside \$107,529 from the general fund for the project.

Kyle Ingham with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) told the commission during its Tuesday afternoon meeting that in the past Pampa wasn't eligible for such a grant, but the criteria had changed and the PRPC was urging Pampa to apply for the funds.

The commission also

approved a resolution that indicated the city would support tax abatements for various projects.

"This in no way sets tax abatement rates," said Mayor Lonny Robbins.

City Manager Trevlyn Pitner said that each request would need to be considered individually by the commission. He said the city had already received two requests for tax abatements on projects and that earlier Tuesday

had a gotten an inquiry about the city's tax abatement policy from another group.

The commission also approved the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's contribution of \$50,000 to establish the Gray-Pampa Community Base Fund, a fund managed by the Amarillo Area Foundation for community projects. The Amarillo Area

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Miami ISD sets tax rates

by Julie Ann Thompson
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Extra-curricular status was granted to the Roberts County 4-H organization at last night's special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Miami School District, according to superintendent Donna Gill.

"We granted Brandon Dukes as an adjunct faculty 4-H sponsor which means he's able to chaperone our kids at stock shows," Gill said.

The board approved the 2008-'09 budget and set the tax rate at \$1.04 for maintenance and operation with 3.5 cents for interest and sinking. The board approved budget amendments for the 2007-'08 school year and ordered the election set for the school trustees.

The board also signed a 65 percent resolution, which Gill said is required by Texas Education Agency, stating that Miami did not meet the 65 percent target expenditure for instruction. According to their website, TEA has been directed to establish and publish proposed expenditure targets for each school district annually.

"There's no penalty or anything like that, it's just something that's required to keep the board aware of it," Gill said.

The district improvement plan for the 2008-'09 school year was approved as well as the appraisal.

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This F4E Phantom jet fighter-bomber will soon have a home at Pampa's Freedom Museum USA.

Jet may arrive at museum in September

by David Bowser
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With luck a Vietnam era fighter will be landing at the Freedom Museum USA in September.

Andy Epps, president of the museum's board, said the museum's goal of raising \$58,638 had been realized.

That is the amount it will cost to move an F4E Phantom jet fighter-bomber from Ruidoso, N.M., to Pampa.

Epps said the plane is difficult to move because the wings have to be taken off. The museum had talked with several trucking companies about moving the twin-engine fighter, but Epps said it is a specialized operation and only a few companies are capable of doing the job.

He said that a company out of Florida that had brought the museum's

World War II B-26 bomber to Pampa will now truck the F4E fighter to the museum.

Epps said he had talked with Chuck Mosley, the president of the company Tuesday morning.

Mosley said he expected to have a crew in Ruidoso on Sept. 8, to begin taking the wings off the F4. He indicated, Epps said, that he hoped to have the plane in Pampa late on Sept. 12.

Epps said that the citizens of Pampa came through with donations to pay for the trip.

The last \$1,600 was raised by Epps' father, Lewis Epps, who donated \$100 and issued to a challenge to his fellow citizens to do the same.

"We got \$1,600 in \$100 donations," Epps said proudly, "and they're still coming in."

He said he got two \$100 donations

Tuesday.

Epps said his son-in-law, Chris Caffey, from Dallas donated \$5,000 after spending time in Pampa and touring the museum.

"My daughter sent me a letter," Epps grinned, "saying that her husband will no longer be allowed to visit Pampa unchaperoned."

Epps said he thinks Pampa has really identified with the plane after the recovery of the body of Pampa native James Henry Ayres, an Air Force pilot who flew an F4E in Vietnam.

Ayres was shot down in 1971, but his body wasn't recovered until last year. He was returned to Pampa for burial with full military honors.

Epps said he had several people write checks for the airplane fund and tell him it was for Jimmy Ayres.

Payments erroneously returned to PRMC patients

If you made a payment for a service you received from your local hospital and your check was returned to you, the folks at Pampa Regional Medical Center would really like for you to call its business office.

A mistake involving bank accounts may have resulted in some patients having their checks for payment returned to them last week. The problem has been since been corrected.

According to a hospital spokesperson, the problem came about when several accounts held by Triad Healthcare, including the local hospital's accounts receivable lock box account, were accidentally closed.

PRMC was formerly a Triad Hospital, but is now an affiliate of Signature Hospital Corporation. However, because it took three or four

days for the mistake to be corrected, it is likely several checks sent as payment for hospital bills may have been returned to the patients who sent them.

"We're pleased that the situation was corrected within a fairly reasonable period of time, but we sincerely apologize for an inconvenience caused to any of our patients or their families," said Todd Lorenz, PRMC's chief executive officer.




Patients who received returned checks can resend them to the lock box account (P.O. Box 848421, Dallas, Texas, 75284-8421) or they can send them directly to Pampa Regional Medical Center, Attn: Business Office, One Medical Plaza, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WEST, Johnney — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel, Floydada.

Bill Lee, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 26, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lee was born Aug. 8, 1928, near Erick, Okla. He married Alice Guthrie on Sept. 18, 1950, in Quail.

Bill had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. He was a

veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Germany.

He retired from Ogden & Son after 50 years of service. After his retirement, Bill raised cattle and hay.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Lee, of the home; two sons, Kenneth Lee and

wife Marilyn, and David Lee and wife Teresa, all of Pampa; two daughters, Brenda Swindell and husband Larry of Amarillo, and Dee Ann Strickland and husband Gil of Pampa; one brother, James Lee of Lefors; two sisters, Wilma Shults of Pampa and Bonnie Howard of Borger; 10

grandchildren; and four great-grandsons.

MEMORIALS: Primitive Baptist Church of Perryton, c/o Burl Hardy, 14490 County Road 24, Perryton, TX 79070.

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Bill Lee, 80

Johnney West, 71



West

FLOYDADA — Johnney West, age 71, passed away on Monday, Aug. 25, 2008, at his home in Floydada. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008 at 10 a.m., at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Rance Young officiating. Cremation is under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Johnney was born on June 20, 1937, in Floydada to John Key West and Madge (Dorsey) West. He attended schools in Floydada and

graduated from Floydada High School.

He served his country honorably as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as farmer and rancher in Floyd County.

Johnney was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother,

Winfred West; his grandson, John Crockett Cagle; and his son-in-law, S h a n e Cunningham.

Johnney is survived by his daughters, Lisa Cagle and husband John of Lubbock, and Jonna Cunningham of

Lubbock; a sister, Ann Bean and husband Kenneth of Lubbock; a brother, Dale West and wife Bobbie of Pampa; and his grandchild-

dren, Cortni Cunningham, Cooper Cunningham, Tatum Cagle and Jake Cagle.

Memorials in Johnney's name may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Floydada Building Fund at 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

Condolences may be sent to the funeral home email address at summersfh@sbc-global.net

Honorary pall-bearers are Kent Covington, Charles Christian, Greg Campbell and the late Scott Faulkenberry.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Twenty-nine traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Davis and Montagu streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Alcock and Banks streets, the 400 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and the 500 block of North Somerville.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Browning and Naida streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Kentucky and Banks streets, the 200 block of East Tuke, the 2200 block of Hamilton, the 700 block of Octavus, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest

was made in connection with the incident in the 200 block of East Tuke.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 2800 block of Charles and the 1200 block of Darby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of South Barnes. An arrest for disorderly conduct/language was made in connection with the incident.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of North Christine and the 700 block of Lefors.

A threat was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Darby. Minor injuries for which no medical attention was sought were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported on two occasions in the 800 block of East Francis. No injuries were reported in connection with the first report. No information was available concerning the second incident.

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Foundation will match Pampa's \$50,000, bringing the total of the fund to \$100,000. Private donations can also be added to the fund.

Initially, half the money will be invested in a money market account and half in the Amarillo Area Foundation Investment Pool.

Distributions from the fund will be controlled by a board of directors that consists of Dana Terry with the Pampa Independent School District, Gary Sutherland with the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Kathy Cota with the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Shane Stokes with the City of Pampa,

Raymond Jaramillo with Clarendon College, Todd Lorenz with the Pampa Regional Medical Center and Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

The city commission also declared 125 poly carts, plastic trash containers on rollers, as surplus property and authorizing the sanitation department to sell them.

Donny Hooper with the Pampa Public Works Department said the carts had replaced small dumpsters about 10 years ago.

The sanitation department has only one truck that can retrieve the carts and that truck is scheduled to be retired soon. Pitner said emptying the carts by manually is difficult.

The commission renewed the city's contract with David Teichmann to run Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course.

The proposed contract would pay Teichmann \$196,983 each year for three years to cover the costs of running the golf course with a cost of living raise each year for the three employees at the course.

Teichmann will pay \$10 a month rent for the course.

The city will retain 35 percent of net beer sales, 75 percent of gross revenue from the driving range and all green fees. Teichmann will get revenues from vending, concession, merchandize, private golf lessons, repairs to golf equipment and caddie

carts. The commission also shifted their Sept. 9, meeting to Sept. 16.

Pitner also reported on the city budget being built for next year, saying that rising costs, particularly for fuel and electricity, continue to be a problem. He indicated that the city utility rates for water and sewer services will likely have to be increased.

The city manager also said that a collective bargaining agreement negotiated last week with Pampa firefighters is being reviewed by the city's labor lawyers. He said

that he expects the contract meeting to be presented to the commission at their Sept. 16

Miami

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calendar. The board then reviewed the bills and fund balance information.

Also approved was the appraisal district budget for the 2008-'09 school year in both Roberts and Gray counties.

"Part of Miami School District goes into Gray county," Gill said. "This school year will be the first time that the state has changed the way that works."

Fear grips immigrant populace after Mississippi plant raid

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — A day after the largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history, Elizabeth Alegria was too scared to send her son to school and worried about when she'd see her husband again.

Nearly 600 immigrants suspected of being in the country illegally were detained, creating panic among dozens of families in this small southern Mississippi town.

Alegria, 26, a Mexican immigrant, was working at the Howard Industries transformer plant Monday when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents stormed in. When they found out she has two sons, ages 4 and 9, she was fitted with a bracelet and told to appear in federal court next month. But her husband, Andres, wasn't so lucky.

"I'm very traumatized because I don't know if they are going to let my husband go and when I will see him," Alegria said through a translator Tuesday as she returned to the Howard Industries parking lot to retrieve her sport utility vehicle.

The superintendent of the county school district said about half of approximately 160 Hispanic students were absent Tuesday.

Roberto Velez, pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, where an estimated 30 to 40 percent of the 200 parishioners were caught up in the raid, said parents were afraid immigration officials would take them.

"They didn't send their kids to school today," he said. "How scared is that?"

One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping.

"I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do," Pena said. "We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but then we figured out it was immigration."

About 100 of the 595 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said.

About 475 other workers were transferred to an ICE facility in Jena, La. Nine who were under 18 were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

John Foxworth, an attorney representing some of the immigrants, said eight

appeared in federal court in Hattiesburg on Tuesday because they face criminal charges for allegedly using false Social Security and residency identification.

He said the raid was traumatic for families.

"There was no communication, an immediate loss of any kind of news and a lack of understanding of what's happening to their loved ones," he said. "A complete and utter feeling of helplessness."

Those detained were from Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru, said Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokeswoman.

"We have kids without dads and pregnant mothers who got their husbands taken away," said Velez's son, Robert, youth pastor at the church. "It was like a horror story. They got handled like they were criminals."

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Viewpoints

Taking comfort from a do-nothing Congress

"That's it. I'm running for Congress. Where else can an adult accomplish so little and get paid so well?"

"Ah, yes, you speak of a recent report in the Wall Street Journal. According to Taxpayers for Common Sense, the 110th Congress has passed fewer public laws — 294 — than any session of Congress in 20 years."

"What the heck has the Congress been doing?"

"Passing lots of decrees and resolutions — public pronouncements that mostly don't mean much. So far, the 110th Congress has passed more than 1,900 of those."

"What kind of resolutions?"

"Take Senate Resolution 440. It recognizes soil as an essential natural resource. It

also praises soil professionals for playing a critical role in managing our nation's natural resources."

"That's fair enough. America's dirt has been underrated for years."

"Then there is Senate Resolution 262. It designated July 2007 as National Watermelon Month."

"If our Congress is going to praise dirt, it ought to praise the stuff that grows in it."

"That brings us to Senate Resolution 180. It recognized the 70th anniversary of the Idaho Potato Commission. It also designated May 2007 as Idaho Potato Month."

"If Congress is going to praise watermelon, why not the potato? You can't make

fries out of watermelons. Surely the Democrat Congress passed the key spending bills that keep our government running."

"You refer to the 13 separate appropriation bills that Congress must pass and the president must sign to fund all the departments and activities of the federal government. Our Congress didn't pass even ONE of the 2009 appropriation bills — even though that is one of its primary responsibilities."

"How will the Democrats running Congress fund the government then?"

"They'll likely wait until the last minute, then combine all 13 spending bills into one massive bill — what they call an omnibus bill. Politicians love omnibus bills because they can sneak in all kinds of goodies before anybody notices."

"Surely the Democrats running Congress passed important legislation of some kind."

"Well, they passed the largest expansion in college aid in 60 years, increased the minimum wage, extended unemployment benefits, passed a \$168 billion stimulus package and also passed

a \$300 billion mortgage bill to bail out individuals and finance companies that made boneheaded decisions."

"They're even better at spending dough than Republicans. But surely they tackled some of the really important stuff. How about allowing more drilling where we know the oil is so America can produce more of its own oil and gas? What about doing something about the nutty ethanol policies that are driving up food costs?"

"They didn't get around to such things, but they did designate June 30th as National Corvette Day."

"Hey, guys with toupees should have their own day, too."

"To be fair, the Democrat

Congress is up against a Republican president who is blocking its efforts to pass the Democrats' ideas into law. Back in 1995, when Clinton was president and the House and Senate were Republican, not many bills got passed into law, either. That session of Congress was almost as unproductive as our current one."

"What are you suggesting?"

"It's generally a good thing when Congress is unproductive — gridlock is good. The Democrats in Congress have lots of ambitious ideas to grow the government, increase regulation and increase taxes. God help us if the voters give them a

Tom Purcell
Columnist



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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 240th day of 2008. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Aug. 27, 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

On this date:

In 1858, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1859, Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

'The presidency has made every man who occupied it, no matter how small, bigger than he was; and no matter how big, not big enough for its demands.'

— Lyndon Baines Johnson
36th President of the United States (1908-1973)

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1948, former U.S. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes died in Osterville, Mass., at age 86.

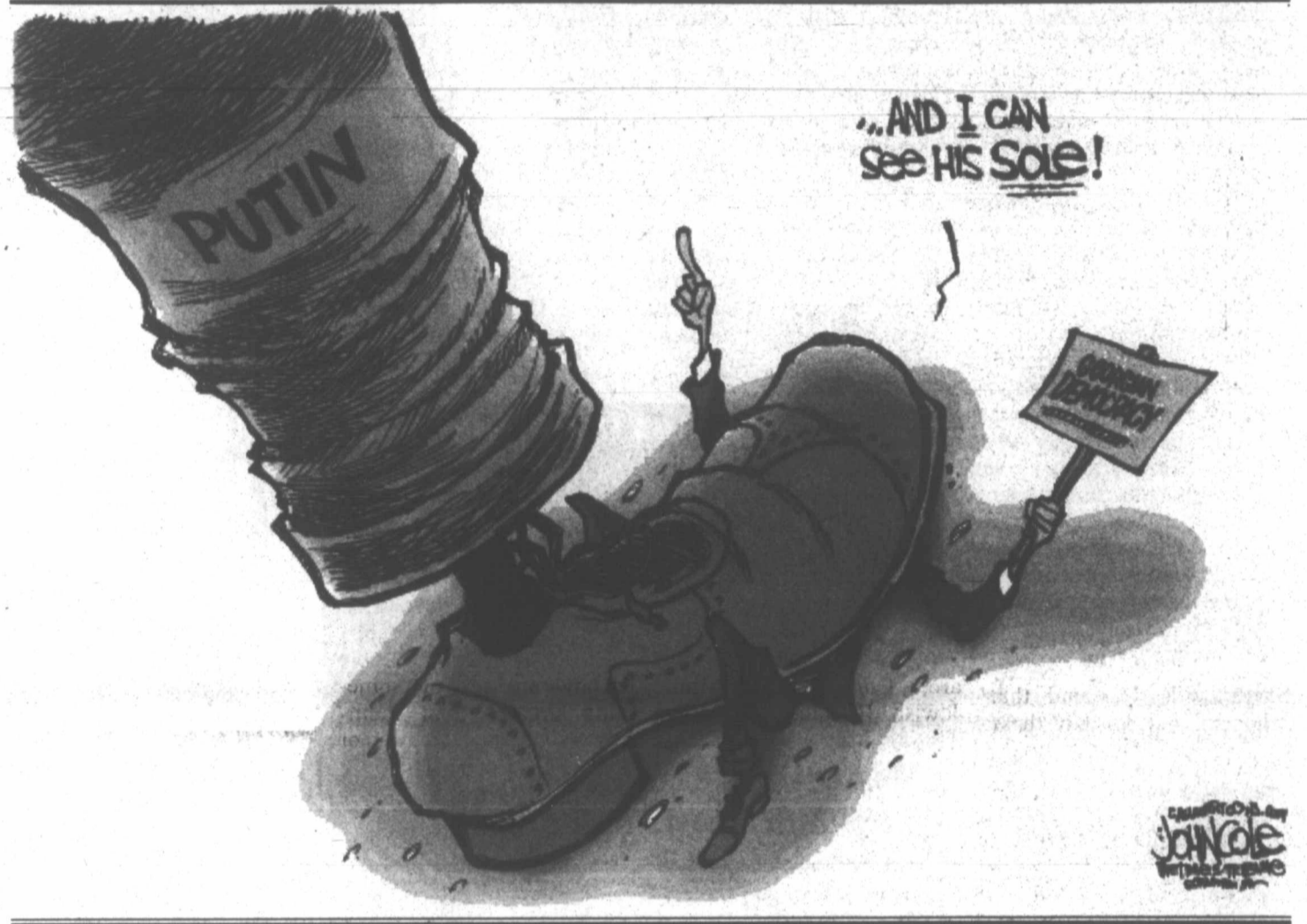
In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83, almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

Ten years ago: Two suspects in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya were brought to the United States to face charges. Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-Owhali and Mohammed Sadiq Odeh were convicted in 2001 of conspiring to carry out the bombing; both were sentenced to life in prison.)



Pope Benedict XVI should uphold truth

I was happy to see that the cardinals picked a conservative, Joseph Ratzinger, to be the new pope. As Pope Benedict XVI, he can be expected to hew to the line of keeping the church as a witness to truth, regardless of what modernists and relativists think.

The news media were quick to point out that many liberal American Catholics disagree with the church on such issues as celibate priests, no women being ordained and birth control. Well, there is a simple solution. Let them get out and become Unitarians or whatever pleases them.

Many Americans — Protestants as well as Catholics — suffer from what I call the Spoiled Brat Syndrome. Seeing themselves as the center of the universe, they think the world and everything in it,

including whatever church they attend, should conform to their wishes.

That is a childish attitude. There is no need for the church to "catch up with the 21st century," as one person put it. Christianity is not a 21st-century religion. If you are a Christian, your choice is to obey the teachings of Jesus and his apostles. You don't get to vote on them or pick some and reject others. And, if you are a Roman Catholic, you don't get to set church doctrine, which is presumably based on those teachings. The Roman Catholic Church defines itself, and it is not defined by dissident priests or nuns or disgruntled lay members.

If, after counseling, the dissidents won't shut up, then they should be excommunicated. That's the church's polite way of saying "Go to hell."

I believe that what attracted so many young people to the previous pope was his absolute beliefs. In an age of moral relativity, which is to say an age of immorality, someone with steadfast beliefs in ultimate truth and who lives those beliefs has great attraction for a lot of people. Not the self-indulgent types, but those people who are looking for meaning in their lives.

Certainly the world would be better off if people conformed to Christian beliefs

than it would be if Christianity tried to pander to modern whims and fads, which are not new. They are just the very ancient belief in hedonism and decadence in new verbal dress. If you are a believing Christian, then you surely know that Jesus did not come to this earth to teach people how to become wealthy or healthy or successful in secular pursuits.

I would suggest to Protestants that they worry more about preachers with six-figure salaries, mansions and expensive cars than whether priests are married or celibate. I believe Christ said something about it being easier to push a camel through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. That is certainly not a modern thought.

Charley Reese
Columnist

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 18
San Antonio Express News on shield legislation:

A federal shield law for journalists has become essential in this era of trolling prosecutors and civil lawyers looking for shortcuts to make their cases.

Despite passing by a large margin in the House, the Free Flow of Information Act failed to get enough support to be debated on the Senate floor late last month.

The Society of Professional Journalists reported that the measure

was held hostage by senators who were trying to force amendments onto an energy bill.

When senators return from their August break, they should bring the bill to the floor and pass it on its merits.

The shield law would give journalists the qualified right to protect confidential sources without the threat of going to jail except in certain situations.

The exceptions include cases where national security is at stake. Journalists could be forced to testify when a court is convinced that all non-media sources are exhausted and the testimony is essential to the investigation or case, the SPJ noted.

The ability to protect confidential

sources is crucial to democracy and exposing government problems, such as the Washington Post series on the dismal conditions at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Without the protection, whistleblowers would be far more reluctant to step forward, and Americans would learn much less about how their government is actually functioning.

As the SPJ has noted, the legislation provides a reasonable balance between the public's right to know and law enforcement.

We urge Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to support bringing the Free Flow of Information Act to the Senate floor and vote for the measure. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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Prof's body found in burned Idaho home following wildfire

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The air was still thick with the smell of smoke when fire crews allowed Christopher Lee and his wife to return to

their charred neighborhood and collect their belongings — or what was left of them.

The couple told a police officer their address, only to

realize several homes no longer bore numbers.

A wildfire tore through the Lees' Boise subdivision Monday night, fueled by sage-

brush and winds that gusted as high as 50 mph. The body of an English professor was found Tuesday in one of the nearly 20 homes destroyed or

damaged during the blaze. Officials were trying to determine if the fire killed her.

Boise Assistant Fire Marshal Mark Senteno toured the charred neighborhood Tuesday morning, counting driveways where homes had been reduced to blackened rubble. He said 10 homes were destroyed.

"This has been the most devastating fire we've seen in recent memory," Fire Chief Dennis Doan said.

The worst of it was on East Sweetwater Drive, where Lee, 40, and his wife, Mindy, 35, lived with their five children.

After evacuating Monday night, along with residents from more than 50 other homes, they returned the next day to find that their house had burned to the ground. A firefighter recovered the melted remnants of a college diploma and a scorched camping stove.

"Everything's just gone," said the Lees' 14-year-old son, Spencer.

While other residents of the subdivision sifted through the ashes of their possessions and cried, the Lees cracked jokes.

"Looks like we've got to do school shopping all over again," Christopher Lee said, offering a wry smile while standing on the foundation of his house. He said his family's survival was the only thing that mattered.

Fire crews, insurance agents and police also assessed the damage on Tuesday and tried to determine whether the fire killed a Boise State University professor whose body was found in a damaged house.

Firefighters discovered the body of Mary Ellen Ryder, 56, a professor of English and linguistics who had been scheduled to teach her first class of the semester Tuesday.



Submitted photo

Open house

Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr., Dr. Samantha Ford and Extern Jacque Weaver presented Jerry and Kathy Harrah with a Wii Fit the two won during a recent open house at Ford Family Chiropractic.

Reese

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Former basketball player Charles Barkley once said something that I heartily agree with. He said that when he sees some of these TV evangelists, he knows that God must be (expletive for being extremely annoyed) to see these bozos speaking in his name. That is certainly true, I'm sure.

Christianity may well

wither and die in this current flood of secularism. If so, it should die true to its roots. Trying to pander to people who hate it won't save it.

I have great respect for people of faith, whether they are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist or Hindu. They, at least, are not fooled by secular fairy tales or lulled into the false belief that happiness can be found in the pursuit and acquisition of stuff.

What people require for a

good life — and many smart people have written books on this subject — are meaning and purpose. I personally have never met a self-centered person who was happy or content. The happy people I know are serving something greater than themselves — a cause, a religion or a family.

We humans are not the center of the universe, and the world owes us nothing. As for meaning and purpose, we have to find them. I

believe Pope Benedict XVI will help a lot of people do just that.

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

Purcell

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Democrat president to pass their ideas into law."

"That doesn't sound good. So what should we do?"

"We should celebrate the fact that the Democrats in Congress have got so little done. We should be grateful Congress is

limited to passing meaningless resolutions, such as decreeing May 5-9 as National Substitute Teacher Recognition Week."

"But we SHOULD praise our substitute teachers. How'd you like it if your career choice involved spitballs in your hair and laxatives slipped into your coffee?"

—Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Two boat ramps open at lake

FRITCH — According to a media release from park officials at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, the Lake Meredith now has two boat ramps in operation for public use. The boat ramp at Lake Meredith Fritch Fortress recently reopened due to increasing water levels.

The rising water is attributed to recent rains.

"The lake level has finally reached 49 feet, which is the minimum level needed for

boaters to be able to launch successfully at Fritch Fortress," Jimmy Muncy, chief of maintenance at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, said. "Folks need to remember that if the lake drops below 49 feet, we will once again have to close the Fritch Fortress ramp, as boaters just won't be able to safely launch there."

With the reopening of the Fritch Fortress boat ramp, the lake now offers two

launch ramps. The other ramp is located at Sanford-Yake marina.

Hazardous conditions still exist, the news release cautions, in many areas of the lake. Boaters are advised to obey all hazard buoys and to be aware of sandbars, limbs and other submerged obstacles.

For questions about lake access or lake conditions, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

Ex-Student reunion in offing at Mobeetie

MOBEETIE — Mobeetie Ex-Student Reunion organizers are gearing up for reunion activities this coming weekend. The event will kick off with a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, in New Mobeetie.

Participants will gather at the completely renovated Mobeetie Grade School in Old Mobeetie following the parade. The renovation project for view by one and all and will encompass Old Mobeetie Texas Association and Jail Museum, research room, auditorium and county-wide school room and Red River War displays.

A drawing will be conducted for a quilt crafted by Zana Corse Jones and other ladies

of the community in memory of Corse's mother, Aline Walker Corse. The drawing will be held following a reunion meeting at 4 p.m. A major issue to be brought before the group at the meeting will involve the relocation of class panels from the Fort Elliott Elementary building to the Mobeetie Grade School building.

Barbecue will be served in the evening after the meeting and a dance is set for 9 p.m. at the Jail House pavilion. An Old Settlers Reunion is planned, along with a Pit Barbecue dinner, beginning at 12 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31 to close the reunion and Labor Day festivities.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: For the past 25 years, my husband, "Don," has had his hair cut by a woman I'll call "Barber-Ella." She's slim, attractive and full of energy. Don has mentioned that she often pats him on the leg and kind of flirts with him. We have been married 35 years, and I've never had a reason to mistrust him. Our life hasn't been a bed of roses. We have a 30-year-old disabled daughter who lives with us. I have rheumatoid arthritis, which causes me pain and saps my energy. The medication has made me gain weight in my belly and face, and I feel unattractive. Barber-Ella seems to have a lot of influence on Don. She persuades him to buy certain products, and once talked him out of a medical procedure "because it went wrong for a friend." Recently he told me she has been telling him dirty jokes and using four-letter words in the telling. Don says, "She likes to see how red my ears get." Although she is married, I'm not convinced that's all she's up to. I feel this woman's behavior is inappropriate. Does this have more to do with my own insecurities than with her? Why does she do this? Should I ask him to change stylists? Should I call her and ask when she'll be adding lap dances to her services? I don't want to put Don on the defensive or make it seem like I don't trust him. Please give me your opinion because I'm losing perspective. -- **REALLY UPSET IN ST. PAUL, MINN.**

DEAR UPSET: Gladly, and here it is: Your husband has been Barber-Ella's client for 25 years. She probably flirts with him because she thinks he likes it. (Her other male clients may also find it flattering.) As to the jokes, she may tell them because she heard them from other clients, thinks they're funny and is trying to entertain him. If any of this posed a threat to you, your husband would not tell you about it. I'm a strong believer in patterns of behavior. Unless your spouse is getting more haircuts than he needs and his time is unaccounted for, I don't think you have anything to worry about.

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of four girls. I share a room with my sister, "Noelle," who is the next-to-the-youngest. We fight a lot. Recently, during an argument, Noelle told me our oldest sister told her our parents only had me because Dad wanted to try "one more time" for a boy. She said Dad was disappointed that I was a girl and wished they hadn't had a fourth kid. I don't know if this is true. My sister could have said it to be mean. It makes sense, though. I mean, what man wouldn't be hoping for a boy after three girls? It hurts me to think that I wasn't really wanted. I love my dad, and I think he loves me, but I always did have the feeling that he was somehow disappointed in me and loved my older sisters more. I'm afraid to talk to him about it for fear of finding out that it's true. What should I do? -- **HURT IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR HURT: If you're afraid to talk to your father, then you should tell your mother what Noelle said. It was nasty, calculated to hurt, and I'd be very surprised if there was any truth to it. Let's look at it logically. If that were true, then it would apply to sister No. 2 and Noelle -- not just you. Not every man longs for a son. Some are very happy to be surrounded by women and the center of attention.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Safari crust
- 6 Singer boss
- 8 Singer boss
- 10 Cruise ship
- 11 Talk at length
- 12 Change sign
- 13 Singer abbr.
- 14 Downhill metal
- 15 Allergy badge
- 16 Clinic metal
- 17 Writer cost
- 18 Stout building
- 19 Levee items
- 22 Haleakala setting
- 23 Mystique
- 26 Pocket-books
- 29 Chemist's place
- 32 "My word!"
- 33 Collection
- 34 Brunch dish
- 36 Test-software version
- 37 Squad-car sound
- 38 Airport device
- 39 Snowy bird

DOWN

- 1 Wild parties
- 2 Prince Harry's brother
- 3 Reception aid
- 4 Must have
- 5 Sched. abbr.
- 6 Reign
- 7 Computer key
- 8 Hooch
- 9 Building wing
- 11 Outlaw
- 15 Mermaid's home
- 17 Mulder, for one
- 20 "Isn't that obvious?"
- 21 Deli order
- 24 Made a lot of (money)
- 25 Stir up
- 27 Tennis divider
- 28 Icy looks
- 29 Finishes last
- 30 Pedro's pal
- 31 Hall of Fame catcher
- 35 Lewd look
- 36 Island east of Java
- 38 Game caller

Yesterday's answer

- 15 Mermaid's home
- 17 Mulder, for one
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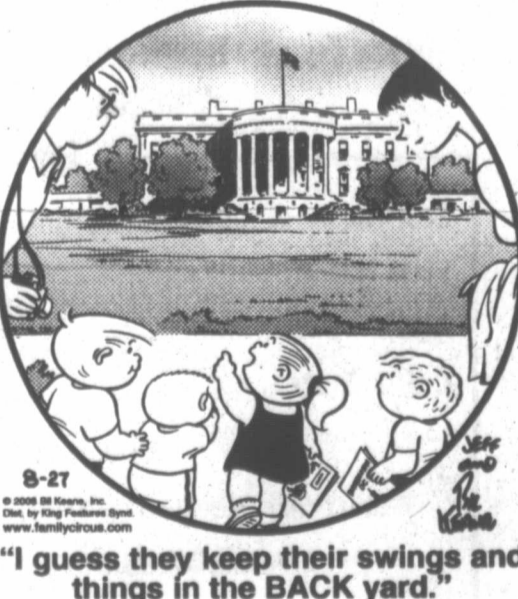


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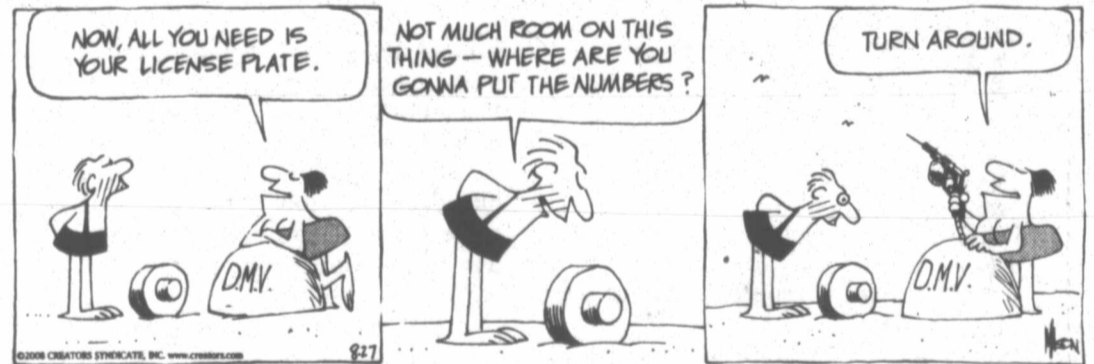


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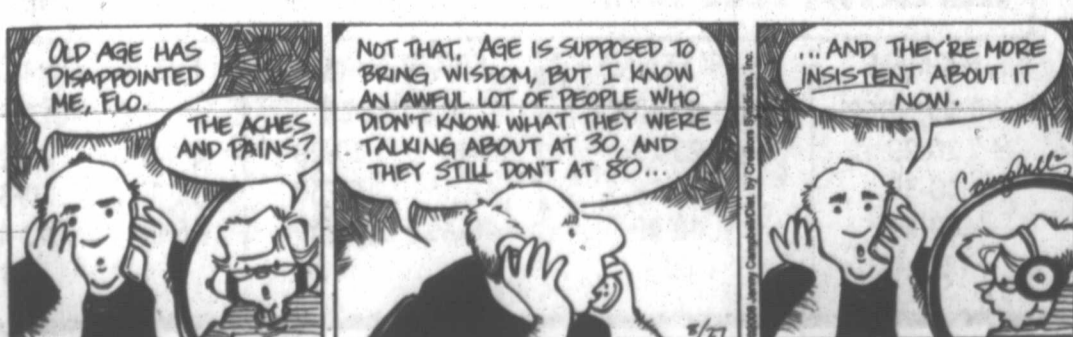
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Sports



Twelve-year-old Casey Martindale caught a 6.3 pound rainbow trout on Aug. 23 at Red River, N.M. Casey's nine-year-old brother tried to contain his shock at Casey's catch.

Courtesy photo

Michael Strahan will stay in retirement

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Michael Strahan isn't doing a Brett Favre.

The seven-time Pro Bowler decided to stay retired after seriously considering a request by the Super Bowl champion New York Giants to return to the team in the wake of a season-ending injury to fellow star defensive end Osi Umenyiora.

"He was very close to returning, but the great part about Michael is that he takes his time to think about things and he is very thorough," Tony Agnone said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "You can get excited about coming back and running through the tunnel one more time."

Agnone said that Strahan struggled deciding whether he could give 100 percent mentally. "In the end, he felt he could not get back to where he was," Agnone said. The first report of Strahan's decision was provided by FoxSports.com, which contacted Strahan in Greece where he was vacationing.

"This has been one of the toughest nights of my life," Strahan told FoxSports.com. "But after long deliberation and throwing around a million scenarios in my head for the past day, I think it's just best if I stay retired."

Giants general manager Jerry Reese had asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement on Monday, just 48 hours after the team lost two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora to a knee injury in the preseason game against the New York Jets.

Strahan needed just about a day to turn down an offer to return for a 16th season with what could have been an \$8 million contract. "I really love my life now," Strahan said. "It's great having nobody put a finger on me. You really put yourself through an awful lot in this league, more than people realize."

Agnone said money was never an issue. "We know the parameters of the contract and the Giants would have been generous," Agnone said.

Reese did not seem surprised by the decision. "We knew it was a long shot, but we owed it to ourselves to exhaust the possibility," Reese said late Tuesday evening. "We appreciate Michael even considering ending his retirement. He has a new career in front of him and we wish him nothing but the best. As we all said when he announced his retirement, Michael was and is a great Giant."

The Giants moved Mathias Kiwanuka from linebacker to defensive end on Monday to take over for Umenyiora, who had successful knee surgery on Tuesday morning and was placed on season-ending injured reserve.

National Football League: Preseason Glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Buffalo	2	1	0	0	.667	58	46
Miami	1	0	0	.667	49	31	
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	0	.667	44	40
New England	0	3	0	0	.000	42	70

South

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Houston	2	1	0	0	.667	72	66
Jacksonville	2	1	0	0	.667	57	53
Tennessee	2	1	0	0	.667	54	46
Indianapolis	1	3	0	0	.250	59	82

North

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	0	.667	49	44
Baltimore	1	2	0	0	.333	41	62
Cincinnati	1	2	0	0	.333	30	57
Cleveland	0	3	0	0	.000	60	87

West

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
San Diego	2	1	0	0	.667	55	41
Kansas City	1	2	0	0	.333	41	71
Denver	1	2	0	0	.333	68	59
Oakland	1	2	0	0	.333	34	47

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Washington	3	1	0	0	.750	68	87
Philadelphia	2	1	0	0	.667	61	46
Dallas	2	0	0	.333	53	76	
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	0	.333	54	57

South

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Carolina	2	1	0	0	.667	88	47
New Orleans	2	1	0	0	.667	64	41
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	0	.667	61	39
Atlanta	1	2	0	0	.333	48	39

North

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Detroit	0	0	0	1.000	66	26	
Green Bay	1	2	0	0	.333	50	78
Minnesota	1	2	0	0	.333	50	61
Chicago	0	3	0	0	.000	76	90

West

W	L	T	Rt	FF	FA		
Arizona	2	1	0	0	.667	61	41
St. Louis	2	1	0	0	.667	44	50
San Francisco	2	1	0	0	.667	77	54
Seattle	2	1	0	0	.667	80	61

Rangers defeat Royals 2-1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kevin Millwood didn't get much help from the Texas Rangers' offense. Kansas City's defense gave Millwood the run support he needed.

Millwood pitched his second straight complete game and the Rangers scored two unearned runs in a 2-1 win Tuesday night.

Throwing errors by Miguel Olivo and Mike Aviles led to the Rangers' runs. The Rangers went 1-for-15 with runners in scoring position, stranded 10 runners and grounded into a double play.

"We had a lot of chances that we didn't do anything with," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "We had a chance to really give Milly a cushion and didn't take advantage of it. Fortunately, he's one of the most mentally tough guys I've ever played with, so he doesn't let that kind of stuff faze him."

With the score tied at 1, Milton Bradley led off the Rangers' eighth with a walk and Brandon Boggs ran for him. Hank Blalock reached on an infield single, and when Olivo's errant throw to first went down the right-field line, Boggs scored from first.

"You've got to win anyway you can," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I'm just glad it wasn't us making them (errors)."

Said Olivo, "I think I went too quick. I go full speed and I threw the ball and try to make a play. I did not see (Ross) Gload on first base and I just let it go."

Millwood (8-7), who pitched a complete game in defeating Detroit in his previous start, held the Royals to nine hits, eight of them singles, while striking out two and walking none. Millwood, 2-0 in three starts against the Royals this season, tossed his third complete game of the season and the 17th of his career.

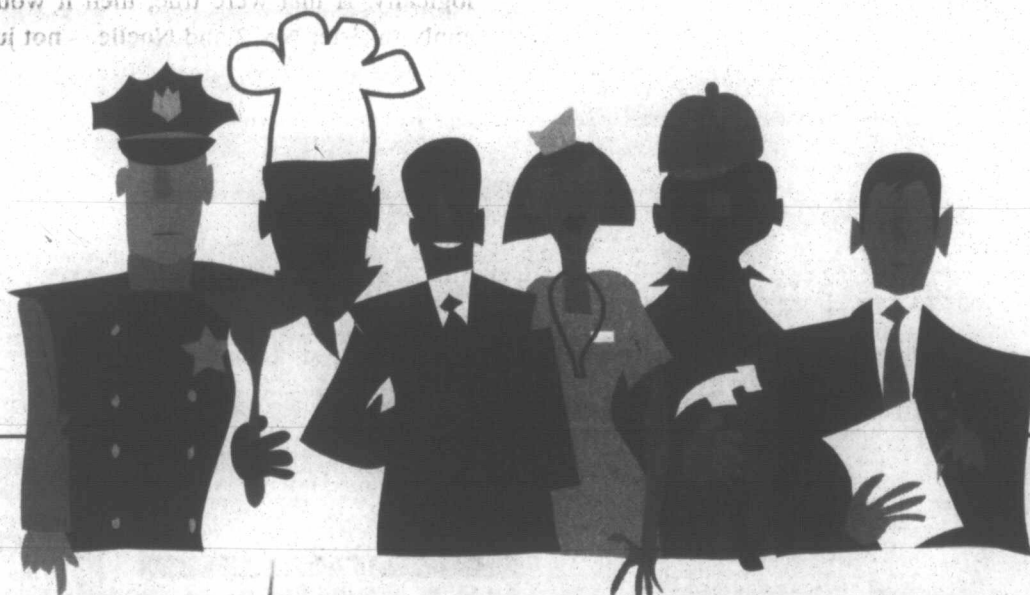
"Those guys were aggressive and I was throwing strikes early and they just started swinging the bat," Millwood said. "My fastball command was not that great, but I thought it was moving great. We made a few plays that were outstanding and helped me out."

"I feel my mechanics are as good or better than it has been all year. I've got a little bit of confidence working and that's huge."

The Rangers traded closer Eddie Guardado to the Twins on Monday, giving the job to Frank Francisco, who has

never saved a major league game. In a tight one, Washington elected to stay with Millwood.

"Kevin was outstanding," Washington said. "He stayed off the fat part as many bats as he possibly could. He used his fastball in and out, getting ahead of hitter and he made pitches when he had to. He didn't waste any pitches. He hasn't made a mistake in two games, 18 innings."



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Chicago Sun-Times sports columnist resigns

CHICAGO (AP) — Longtime Chicago Sun-Times sports columnist Jay Mariotti has resigned "to pursue other opportunities," the paper says.

Mariotti joined the Sun-Times in 1991 and has been a regular panelist on ESPN, the Sun-Times said in a post Tuesday evening on its Web site in which it called for Chicago Sports fans' take on his departure. Hundreds have responded.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Mariotti, whom it called "controversial," says he quit because the future of sports journalism "sadly is not in newspapers" but online.

Mariotti made headlines in 2006 when Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen launched a profanity-laced tirade against him before a game against St. Louis. Guillen later apologized.

See Sports?

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Politics

Democrats poised to give Obama historic nomination

DENVER (AP) — Democrats were poised to formally deliver the party's presidential nomination to Barack Obama on Wednesday, making him the first black nominee of a major party. While the historic outcome was certain, suspense remained over how a vote of delegates would proceed, and for how long.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, presiding officer of the Democratic National Convention, predicted roll-call voting after the names of both Obama and one-time rival Hillary Rodham Clinton are put in nomination, would go "very smoothly."

"Are you ready for victory? Then you must be ready for unity. That is the only way we are going to win and have this victory," she told Iowa's convention delegates.

Many details remained unknown, however, including how many states would vote before somebody — probably Clinton herself — asks the delegates to give the nomination to Obama by acclamation.

Clinton, who made a ringing, unqualified endorsement of her former rival in a prime-time convention speech Tuesday, planned to meet with all her delegates in

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early afternoon and was expected to make a statement at that time. She won 18 million votes in primary-election contests but failed to earn her party's nomination.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, who had been a Clinton supporter, said he expected the New York senator to say that she would cast her vote for Obama.

"I'm going to cast my vote for Senator Obama if Hillary Clinton says she's going to cast her vote for Senator Obama," Rendell said.

Obama, who was due to arrive in the convention city mid-afternoon Wednesday, will give his acceptance speech on Thursday to as many as 75,000 people at nearby Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium.

Then, on Friday, Obama, his wife Michelle and running mate Joe Biden and his wife Jill will embark on a bus tour of battleground

states Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

Biden was to address the convention Wednesday night, as was former President Clinton, whose support for Obama has seemed tepid at best. Earlier this month, for instance, the former president sidestepped a question on whether Obama was prepared for the White House. "You could argue that no one's every ready to be president," Clinton told ABC News.

Representatives of the Clinton and Obama teams struck a deal setting ground rules for Wednesday's roll call vote that will hand the nomination to Obama, but will also allow Clinton supporters to express their support for her.

Advisers to Clinton and Obama sent a joint letter to state delegation chairs instructing them to distribute vote tally sheets to delegates

Wednesday and return them before the vote gets under way.

The letter, first obtained Tuesday night by The Associated Press, said Clinton would have one nominating speech and two seconding speeches, followed by Obama's nominating speech and three seconding speeches — totaling no more than 15 minutes for each candidate. Then the roll call will begin, said the letter signed by Obama senior adviser Jeff Berman, Clinton senior adviser Craig Smith and convention secretary Alice Germond.

The roll call will continue until all votes are counted or someone asks the delegates to give the nomination to Obama by acclamation.

Democratic officials close to Clinton say they plan to have someone — perhaps the senator herself — cut off the vote after a few states.

Yet to be announced: who would make the nominating speeches and how long the roll call vote would be allowed to proceed.

Kathleen Krebbel, an Iowa delegate who had supported Clinton, credited the New York senator's convention speech for finally persuading her to cross the line and vote for Obama.

World News Briefs

US ship carrying humanitarian aid docks at Georgian port of Batumi

BATUMI, Georgia (AP) — A U.S. military ship carrying humanitarian aid docked at the Georgian Black Sea port of Batumi on Wednesday, avoiding the port of Poti, which is still controlled by Russian forces.

The move came amid escalating tensions between Russia and Georgia's Western allies. Batumi, where the Coast Guard cutter Dallas docked, is well south of the zone of fighting in this month's war between Russia and Georgia.

The United States and European nations have assailed Russia's recognition of two Georgian territories as separate nations Tuesday, and Moscow has also criticized the U.S. for bringing humanitarian aid into Georgia on military ships.

The U.S. embassy changed its version of events several times in the last 24 hours. At first, it announced Tuesday that its aid ship would dock Wednesday at Poti. Then early Wednesday, the embassy said that plans had changed, and the ship would dock at Batumi.

Later in the day, the U.S. Embassy retracted its earlier statement that an aid ship would dock in Poti. The spokesperson would not allow their name to be used.

Libyan official says hijackers of Darfur plane releasing passengers, but not crew

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The hijackers of a plane that took off from Sudan's Darfur region were releasing passengers Wednesday after landing hours earlier at a remote desert airfield in southern Libya, a civil aviation official said.

The official said, however, that crew members were not being allowed off the plane. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Hijackers commandeered the Boeing 737 jetliner, which

was carrying 95 passengers and crew, soon after it took off Tuesday from Nyala in the south of Darfur, a vast region where Sudan's government has been battling rebels since 2003.

The plane, which had been en route to the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, was diverted to a World War II-era airstrip in Libya's Sahara desert oasis of Kufra.

Libya's official JANA news agency said negotiations between Libyan civil aviation authorities and the hijackers resulted in the release of all passengers. The agency reported there were 87 passengers and eight crew members.

Gustav drenches Haiti as it weakens to tropical storm, threatens Gulf of Mexico oil rigs

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Tropical Storm Gustav stalled in the Caribbean early Wednesday a day after hitting Haiti as a hurricane.

But the National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm could regain hurricane strength later in the day or on Thursday once it moves away from Haiti.

As of 5 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Gustav's maximum sustained winds were near 60 mph (95 kph) with higher gusts. The storm was centered about 80 miles (125 kilometers) west of Port-au-Prince. The storm had not moved much during the last few hours, the hurricane center said. But it was expected to continue moving toward the west-northwest.

Jamaica issued a tropical storm warning Wednesday and also remained under a hurricane watch along with the Cayman Islands. A watch means hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

A hurricane warning was in effect for parts of Cuba including the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay. A warning means hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

Events calendar

In observation of August as World Breastfeeding Month, the Outreach Health Services WIC office in Pampa is making available to the public breastfeeding information at its office at 1201 N. Hobart, Suite 1-1.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

Services-To-At-Risk Youth and Their Families will conduct a free "Back in Control Parenting Workshop" from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 6 at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Retardation Services Children's Services Building in Amarillo. Participants must preregister to join. Instructors will be Janice James, MA, UCAP coordinator, QMHP, and Ruth Sullivan, QMHP, STAR case manager II. Continuing education units will be available. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

The Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit www.komenamarillo.org on the Internet.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your initiative makes a difference, but do not be surprised if you evoke an unusually strong response. How you view a changeable situation could impress an associate, friend or loved one. Details are missing at a meeting. Tonight: Anything is possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Anchor in and deal with a frequently flaring situation. Don't make anyone right or wrong; simply handle the problem in the most effective manner possible. Verbalize if you cannot get a problem cleared. Someone cannot help being vague. Tonight: Head on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Speak your mind and be open to different variables. A child or a new friend could give you powerful feedback

if you are open and receptive. Communication flourishes, especially if you detach from a problem. Your creativity surges with your happiness. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Is it possible that you are unusually possessive or demanding? Stop and listen to what a family member or roommate shares. Check on an investment that involves property, home and/or your domestic life. You could make a mistake investing right now. Tonight: Go over your budget before spending.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are all smiles and feeling positive. Others could be touchy or feeling pushed. Your personality helps mend broken or breaking connections. Do not allow a situation to interfere with a friendship. Confusion surrounds a key relationship. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Slow down. Consider your options, especially involving an expenditure or your finances. Your instincts prove to be right on. Do not take action too quickly; evaluate. Cut knee-jerk reactions quickly if you want to prevent a problem. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Zoom in on what you want. If you do not direct your unusually high energy, you could find yourself feisty or prone to accidents. Communication with you is very important to your friends. Network and touch base with them. Feelings build toward a special friend. Tonight: Go after what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take a stand. Responsibilities call. Instincts are very important and need to be honored. Use your ability to

understand, but also root out problems. Deal with frustration and anger directly rather than getting angry at the wrong person. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You could be surprised by what emerges if you relax more. Much is happening quickly. Friends might push you hard to achieve certain key results. Tonight: Look at the big picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Work as a team, and you'll succeed. You have a way of directing others to back down. Realize that by taking action, you also are accepting responsibility. A partner or associate might be willing to play the same role. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others dominate and take action. Look toward greater understanding through observation. A demanding communication could be a problem if you let it. Tonight: Jump right in; don't hold back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Accomplishing what you need to do is your highest priority. You cannot avoid the pressure. Ask a partner or associate to pitch in. You also discover the power of cooperation among associates. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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Religious leader Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774), actor Charles Boyer (1899), psychologist Bruno Bettelheim (1903)

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Services

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A sexual offense was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.

Two alarms were reported.

Two building checks were made.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Cardboard boxes and metal banding were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$170.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

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

Sunday, Aug. 24

Thirteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 100 block of West Brown and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of West Browning and the 400 block of North Wells.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 400 block of North Nelson and the 2800 block of Charles.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of Yeager, the intersection of 21st and Zimmers streets and the 500 block of North Dwight. At least one arrest was made in connection with the check at the intersection of 21st and Zimmers streets.

One suicide attempt was made.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the 500 block of Lefors.

A suspicious vehicle call

was received from the 100 block of North Ballard.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Doucette, the 1600 block of North Christy, the 500 block of North Sumner and the 400 block of North Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of South Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of West Buckler.

Harassment was reported in the 2100 block of Williston.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

Four alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Monday, Aug. 25

Thirteen traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Harvester and Dogwood streets resulted in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Highway 60 and Sumner Street.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1200 block of North Wells, the 900 block of South Nelson, the 200 block of West Craven, the 700 block of Powell, the 2200 block of Gwendolen, the 1300 block of North Price Road, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 1200 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of Terry Road, the 700 block of Deane Drive, the 700 block of North Naida, the intersection of Somerville and Texas streets, the 600 block of East Browning,

the 300 block of Anne and the 1100 block of East Francis.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Price Road and Gwendolen Street.

A missing person was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of Williston, the 2400 block of Duncan, the intersection of Cuyler and Atchison streets, and the intersection of Atchison and Ballard streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Francis and West streets, the 800 block of East Francis and the 600 block of Barnes.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received on two occasions from the 800 block of East Francis.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight. The incident also involved found property. Tools were found.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Ballard.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A threat was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Fraud was reported at Rent A Center, 1700 N. Hobart. Someone attempted to cash a fraudulent check.

Theft was reported in

the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 2600 block of Rosewood and the 400 block of Magnolia.

Burglary was reported in the 2400 block of Fir. Double glass doors were damaged. Nothing was reported missing. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Burglary was reported in the 2400 block of Fir. A window screen valued at \$30 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. A purse with contents was taken.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Three traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 900 block of Huff Road, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, and the intersection of Crawford Street and Neel Road. An arrest for possession of a controlled substance, failure to identify as a fugitive, resisting arrest and evading arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of Crawford and Neel.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of Navajo.

Two open doors were checked.

in the 1300 block of North Price Road. No injuries were reported.

9:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

1 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Plum Creek Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient to a Pampa residence.

5:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Duncan and

transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston. No transport.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

12:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Campbell.

No transport.

2:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Campbell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Partial settlement reached in Exxon Valdez case

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Part of the punitive damages awarded to plaintiffs in the nation's worst oil spill will be paid to Alaska fishermen and other plaintiffs, Exxon Mobil said Tuesday.

Lawyers in the Exxon Valdez case have negotiated a settlement, under which about \$383 million will be released by Exxon.

Under the deal, the money will be distributed to nearly 33,000 commercial fishermen and others who sued Exxon after the 1989 spill of

11 million gallons of crude in Prince William Sound.

"As we have stated consistently, like everyone involved in the tragic Valdez accident, Exxon Mobil is anxious to have the matter resolved," company spokesman Tony Cudmore said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday evening. "We approached the plaintiffs' legal representatives with an offer to pay the punitive damages awarded by the Supreme Court on June 25, less certain costs and amounts relating to ear-

lier settlements with former plaintiffs. The amount agreed with the plaintiffs is approximately \$383.4 million."

David Oesting of Anchorage, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs, told the Anchorage Daily News he and Los Angeles-based lawyers for Exxon negotiated the settlement over the past few weeks.

Oesting did not immediately return messages Tuesday night to the AP seeking comment.

Rodeo Heritage

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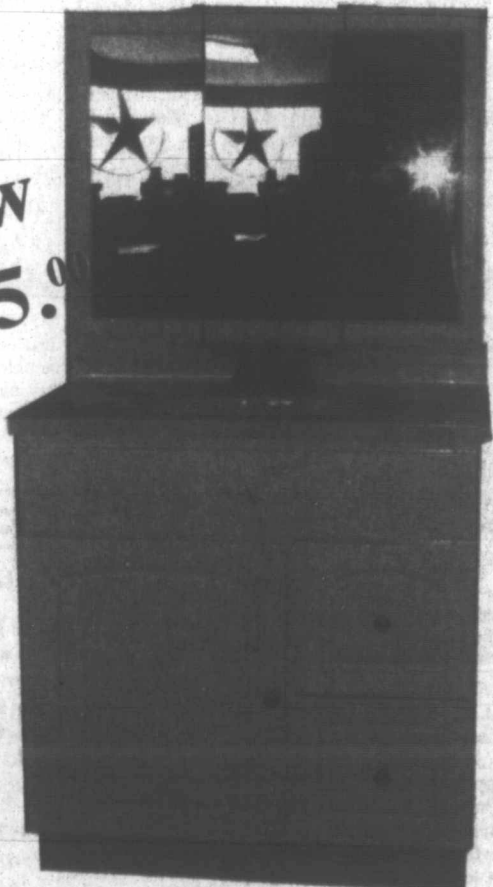


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