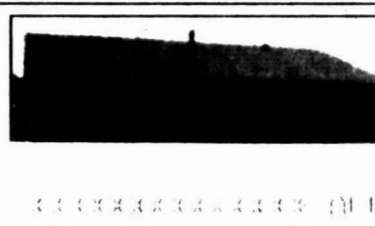


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### Retirement reception set for 3 p.m. Friday

A retirement reception honoring Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris is set for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, June 28, in second floor conference room at City Hall. The public is invited.

### Parks Board meets tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Darlene Birkes will speak Thursday to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board about the Gray County Centennial Committee's plans for a pioneer cottage. Other items, including water bill donation fund review, a von Brunow Park update and a staff report, are on the 5:30 p.m. agenda. The meeting will be on the third floor of City Hall.

### ACT I curtain times

ACT I's "Moon Over Buffalo" will be presented at the Pampa Mall (rear entrance) at 7:30 p.m., June 28 and 29, and 2:30 p.m., June 30. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

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# Man held on \$1.125 million bond

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Officials: Vargas is potential flight risk

The man charged in connection with the traffic death of Pampan Bob Douthit remains in the Gray County Jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$1,125,000, according to jail records.

Called a "flight risk" by investigating Department of Public Safety Trooper Damon Jones, Cecilio Sosa Vargas, 35, 405 Hughes, faces charges of intoxication manslaughter, felony failure to stop and render

aid, and driving while license suspended. The bonds on the charges are \$1 million, \$100,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

Bond was set Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Douthit was killed shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday when he was pinned between his wrecker and a disabled motor home that he was hooking up on Texas Highway 152 about a mile west of the Wheeler-Gray County line, Jones said. Both the wrecker and the motor

home, a converted Trailways bus, were "legally parked on the shoulder of the road."

Douthit's obituary is on Page 2 today. He was the owner and operator of Bob Douthit Autos.

Although awaiting toxicology reports from the DPS lab, Jones said a "quick screening" at Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room provided enough evidence to charge Vargas with intoxication manslaughter.

Vargas, who fled the scene on foot, was caught about 3 a.m. Wednesday after "six or eight"

tracking dogs from the Jordan Unit located him about 5.12 miles from the scene.

Jones said Vargas, a resident alien, was treated at PRMC for dog bites to his arm before being booked into the county jail.

The trooper said Vargas may have suffered a bloody nose or other minor injury when the air bag deployed. He said "DNA evidence" was taken from the man's green 1997 Dodge pickup for testing.

Asked about the length of (See BOND, Page 7)

# Officer files lawsuit

Pickering asks for former rank and back pay

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

A Pampa police officer is suing the city over his demotion.

Tommy Pickering filed suit in 223rd District Court this week, claiming he was demoted from lieutenant to sergeant in the Pampa Police Department earlier this year with no or insufficient justification.

Pickering is seeking to be reinstated to his former rank and to have his back pay restored.

The demotion, according to court documents, resulted in reduced pay. Pickering is suing for back pay, attorney's fees, court costs and any other relief to which he may be entitled.

In the lawsuit, Pickering says the City of Pampa, including the Pampa Police

Department, selectively enforced its policies with regard to hiring, firing, promotions and terminations in demoting him.

He claims that the Pampa Police Department subjectively decides when to follow the city's employment guidelines.

"Each and all of our police officers should be treated fairly by the city," said Pampa attorney John Mann, who is representing Pickering. "There is no place for selective discipline in a police department."

Pampa's chief of police said he could not comment on the case and was referring calls to the city manager and city attorney.

"It has been turned over to our city administrator and to our city attorney," Chief of Police Charlie Morris said today.

City Manager Bob Eskridge had not returned a call from *The Pampa News* by press time today.

# Lipscomb commissioner charged with abusing his official capacity

Lipscomb County Commissioner Garner Schoenhals is free on \$1,500 bond today after he was arrested on a charge of abuse of official capacity, said 31st District Attorney Rick Roach. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

Schoenhals was arrested Wednesday by Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson following a sealed indictment that was returned Tuesday by the Lipscomb County Grand Jury, the DA said.

Schoenhals took office in the Commissioner Precinct 1 post on Jan. 1, 1997, according to the Lipscomb County Clerk's Office. He lives in the Locust Grove area of the county.

The allegation against Schoenhals is that

he used county equipment, a bulldozer, "to do dirt work for his own personal benefit on land leased by or owned by him," Roach said.

The matter was investigated by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson after the DA's office received a complaint from a Higgins resident, Roach said. Henderson testified before the grand jury.

Schoenhals could not be reached for comment this morning. Also, County Judge Willis Smith was unavailable today because he is out of town, a spokesman in his office said.

Roach cautioned that, although a charge has been filed and an arrest made, a person is considered innocent until proven guilty.

# Police investigate armed robbery report

An investigation continues today into an armed robbery in which Tommy Joe Bowers Jr., 31, 1710 Marry Ellen, told police he was held up at gunpoint and robbed of a \$4,000 Rolex watch and his wallet containing \$7.

The police report gives the

time and location of the incident at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at 1112 Prairie Drive.

The report quotes Bowers as saying he'd gone to the address to inquire about lawn service, said Pampa Police Col. Terry Young.

Bowers told officers a man,

with a blue bandana covering his face, came into the house where he robbed him at gunpoint. Bowers said he did not know the robber's race.

Later, the report said, an unknown person found and returned Bowers' wallet to him.

# Rules change for donkey bareback event

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association announces rule changes for the Donkey Bareback Riding event set for the PRCA Rodeo here, July 11, 12 and 13.

Due to stock contractor requirements, the age limits for contests has been changed. Boys and girls, ages 9 to 11, will be allowed to enter the event instead of the ages previously reported (ages 10 to 13). Another rule change pertains to the equipment to be used by

the contestants. In the previous rules, contestants were to furnish their own equipment. However, the stock contractor will furnish the ropes to be used on the donkeys.

"We have had several inquiries from younger children who are now eligible to enter the Donkey Bareback riding. We would like to encourage them to come in to enter. Children do not have to be entered in the Kid Pony Show in order to participate in

the Donkey Bareback Riding event," said Jane Jacobs, office manager.

"We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause but we hope that we have lots of contestants entered in this event," she said. "We are limited to six contestants per night and entries are now being taken for all Kid Pony Show and Rodeo events. Come on out and join the fun at the Top O' Texas Rodeo."



(Courtesy photo)

Payton Alvey descends after a trip up the climbing wall, donated by Trinity Fellowship Church, during the Business Expo.

# Business Expo

'Beyond our expectations!'

Pampa Chamber of Commerce officials are still beaming today after the success of the third annual Business Expo that drew 91 vendors and an estimated 800 to 1,000 visitors to the event Saturday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"It was tremendous," said CoC executive director Clay Rice. "It was successful beyond our expectations. We were thrilled with the number of vendors and with the public who came out."

The 91 vendors exceeded the 71 who turned out last year as well as the 65 who had booths during the first Expo.

Vendors, who included a few from Amarillo, displayed their wares, provided information and gave away door prizes. (See EXPO, Page 7)



(Courtesy photo)

Avon's Judy Hart talks with customer Paula Goff during Saturday's Business Expo at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium that drew 800 to 1,000 visitors. Seated is Eulah Thomas. The event was sponsored by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## ON RECORD

### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents.

**Wednesday, June 26**

Telephone harassment was reported in the 200 block of Tuke.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville where a CD player and tool box were taken. Entry was gained through a sliding window.

### FIRE

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

**Wednesday, June 26**

7:08 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire south on Texas 70 in a canyon beside the North Fork Bridge.

7:52 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a "good intent" call in the 400 block of North Russell. The nature of the call was not listed on the report.

8:05 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire nine miles north of Pampa on Price Road. Rain had extinguished the fire caused by lightning by the time firefighters arrived.

8:16 p.m. — On unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire caused by lightning west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60, near Cabot. Rain had put out the fire by the time they arrived.

10:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Somerville.

**Thursday, June 27**

1:03 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a LifeStar helicopter standby.

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, June 26**

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wilcox and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

4:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital (NETH).

10:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Brown and transported one to PRMC.

11:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

**Thursday, June 27**

1:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to (NETH).

### STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Aetna Grain of Pampa:		Halliburton	15.26	-0.26
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Corn	3.87	KMI	37.92	-1.15
Soybeans	4.24	XCEL	16.03	+0.45
		Kerr McGee	53.71	-0.53
		Limited	20.01	+0.21
		Williams	5.44	-0.31
		McDonalds	28.50	-0.28
		Exxon Mobil	39.49	+0.04
		Atmos	22.62	-0.13
		Pioneer Nat.	25.02	-0.20
		Penney's	21.22	+0.22
		Phillips	57.00	-0.38
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		Wal-Mart	55.31	-0.31
		OKE	20.95	-0.12
		NS Group	8.76	+0.07
		BP	48.70	-0.59
		Celanese	23.10	-0.60
		Cabot Corp.	27.43	+0.07
		Cabot Oil Gas	21.86	-0.23
		Coca Cola	55.35	-0.19
		VLO	36.80	-0.89
		New York Gold	320.45	
		Silver	4.85	
		West Texas Crude	26.76	

### POLICE

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

**Tuesday, June 25**

A black and gold bicycle with yellow tires was stolen in the 1100 block of East Francis. The loss is valued at \$80.

A tool box and tools, valued

at \$925, was stolen in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A Yamaha motorcycle was stolen in the 800 block of East Scott.

**Wednesday, June 26**

A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

A window screen was damaged. Nothing was taken.

A \$29 gas drive off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic.

**Thursday, June 27**

Ronnie Jenkins, 51, 312 N. Wells, public intoxication.

Don Wright, 17, 705 N. Nelson, disorderly conduct/fighting and minor in possession of tobacco.

## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**DOUTHIT, Robert "Bob"** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

### ROBERT "BOB" DOUTHIT

1937-2002

Robert "Bob" Douthit, 64, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, in Gray County, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of the Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Douthit was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Grady County, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1955. He married Gwen Callan in 1956 in Pampa. He worked for Energas, retiring in 1984 after 27 years of service.

He also owned and operated Bob Douthit Autos. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Priest Park Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rene and Rick Garrison, and Carmen and Larry Knutson, all of Pampa; four sisters, Floy Madison of Pauls Valley, Okla., Velma Jones of San Antonio, Pauline Clark of Lawton, Okla., and Oleta Young of Taloga, Okla.; three brothers,

Doil Douthit of Howardwick, Charlie Douthit of Pampa, and Donnie Brown of Rush Springs, Okla.; five grandchildren and spouses, Kasey and Tiffany Garrison, Haley and Scott Monds, Candice Garrison, Ryan Philip McCarley, and Stephen Andrew McCarley; and two great-grandchildren, Kayla Monds and Bailey Knutson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Douthit and Haskel Douthit, and a grandson, Courtney Robert McCarley.

The family requests memorials be to Priest Park Church of God, 1123 W. Gwendolyn, Pampa, TX 79065.



# Driver held commercial license despite offenses

DALLAS (AP) — The driver involved in this week's fatal charter bus crash near Terrell had a valid commercial driver's license despite a record of traffic violations dating back nearly 17 years, including drunken driving convictions.

State records show that Ernest Carter was convicted of drunken driving in 1985 in California and in 1994 in Dallas County.

Carter's license was suspended in California in 1989 and in Texas in 1997. But he regained his Texas license by completing a driver safety course in 1998 and had maintained his privileges since then, according to state records.

Carter, a contract employee of Wisconsin-based Discovery Tours, and four passengers on the charter bus died Monday when the vehicle swerved off Interstate 20 and smashed into an overpass support pillar.

Killed along with the 51-year-old Carter were Michelle Chaney, 14; Michael Freeman, 12; Lindsay Kimmons, 16; and Amanda Maxwell, 13.

The bus was less than an hour into a six-hour trip that was to take church youth and

adult chaperones to a church camp at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La.

The Dallas medical examiner's office ruled on Tuesday that no drugs or alcohol were detected in the body of Carter. An autopsy found no pre-existing medical condition.

Records also show that Carter was convicted seven times for failing to have insurance, twice for driving the wrong way and three times for speeding. He was involved in several accidents from 1988 through last August.

The records released by the Texas Department of Public Safety on Wednesday do not include several other traffic offenses in Dallas in the last three years, including speeding in a school zone and driving the wrong way. Dallas municipal courts may not have reported those offenses to the DPS.

Carter was able to retain his commercial license because only one of the incidents — a December 1998 accident in Dallas — occurred when he was driving a commercial vehicle. Federal law requires conviction on at least two serious traffic violations in a three-

year period to revoke a commercial license.

Convictions are the only things considered when a Texas license is issued, said a DPS spokesman, so Carter was granted a combined personal and commercial driver's license after he moved from California in 1991.

"He was clear and eligible," DPS spokesman Tom Vinger told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Vinger noted that Carter had satisfied his California penalties.

The law doesn't require motor carriers to conduct background checks on their drivers, though Vinger said DPS encourages carriers to do just that.

Carter's girlfriend, Alice Fleming, said Carter told her his California's driver's license was stolen and someone else had used it.

"He wasn't able to get that off his record," Fleming said.

Fleming also wondered aloud why his criminal record was repeatedly mentioned in media reports.

"He was loved by a lot of people in Dallas," she said. "I don't see why they are trying to dig all that up. That hasn't got nothing to do with him leaving this world. He died doing what he loved to do."

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, highs around 92, and east winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy, with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows around 70, south winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Friday should be partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Friday night, cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Saturday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 90s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

### STATEWIDE

A slow moving front will bring continued rain to South Texas and the threat of rain elsewhere in Texas Thursday.

Temperature extremes in the past 24 hours ranged from 62 at Dalhart to 107 at Wink.

In South Texas, locally heavy rainfall is possible through the weekend as the system slowly moves west. The best chance of showers and storms during this period will be in southeast Texas.

Rainfall rates of 2 to 3 inches per hour are possible in the stronger storms, with dangerous lightning and wind gusts from

20-30 mph. Isolated severe thunderstorms are possible late today. Otherwise the region will be partly cloudy to cloudy, with highs ranging from the upper 80s in southeast Texas to over 100 in the far west and south.

West Texas may get isolated storms later today and tonight in all regions. Storms in the panhandle are likely to stay under severe levels, but the Permian Basin and upper Trans Pecos may get some severe storms, with strong winds.

Storms that do develop will be slow-moving and may create minor flooding problems. Otherwise in West Texas today through Sunday it will be partly to mostly cloudy with highs in the low to mid-90s, and in

the low 100s far west and along the Rio Grande, and chances of rain will continue through the weekend.

In North Texas, thunderstorms will increase again this afternoon, especially east of I-35, though not as numerous as Wednesday, and are not likely to be severe, except for dangerous lightning, gusty winds and brief heavy rainfall.

Otherwise today through Sunday it will be partly cloudy, with highs from the upper 80s east to the mid-90s west. A chance of evening showers will exist tonight, mostly east. Through the weekend the same temperature and precipitation conditions will hold steady, with temperatures warming slightly in the east.

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## Officials awaiting inspection results

All that's left now is to wait for the results of a fire service inspection that will determine the category in which the city will fall as far as fire insurance is concerned.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said an inspector, James Manry, from Insurance Services Organization (ISO) in Fort Worth, was in town last week where he spent almost three days.

Manry conducted water flow tests, looked at fire hydrant placements, checked out the city's three-story buildings, inspected the dispatch system and acquainted himself with water system capabilities, Powell said.

Currently, Pampa has a No. 5 rating with No. 1 being the best and No. 10 the worst. The numbers are used in setting insurance rates.

"We won't have any feedback for a couple of months," Powell said.

After that, it will be October or November before the report is published which could give the city time to make changes that could help boost the rating.

Other ratings around the area include Skellytown-6, Borger-4, Amarillo-2, Canyon-3, and Dumas-4, the chief said.

## City faces rising employee benefit costs

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Increasing health insurance and retirement costs are two big factors that will attract attention as the Pampa City Commission goes about setting the 2002-03 budget.

"In health insurance and retirement alone we're looking at about a \$200,000 increase next year," City Manager Bob Eskridge told *The Pampa News*. Both are areas in which city funding is required by law.

While the final figures on health insurance won't be in until after July 5, the city manager says the city's been told to expect major costs increases once again.

Eskridge has penciled in a 20 percent hike. City Secretary/Personnel Director Phyllis Jeffers says the number could go even higher.

Last year, there was a 25 percent increase in health insurance costs even though the city reduced benefits, he said.

The city is required to supply health insurance to its 146 employees who may

then opt to purchase dependent care coverage. Dependent care coverage, however, has been on the wane as many city employees say they can't afford it.

The city now pays \$281 a month for health coverage for employees, said Jeffers. An employee can buy spouse-only coverage for \$297.57 month, children-only coverage for \$108.64 a month or spouse and children coverage for \$314.15 a month.

The city stopped paying for any retiree health coverage several years ago other than for those to whom it had committed in the past, she said. For those retirees, the cost of their Medicare supplement coverage is paid by the city. That total is \$18,000.

Retired employees, who are not eligible for Medicare coverage, may purchase insurance through the city at 150 percent of the employee rate, Jeffers said. That's over \$400 a month and if a spouse is added the cost jumps to more than \$700 monthly.

Because of health insurance costs, Jeffers said there are city employees who

want to retire before age 65 but are staying on the job "because of insurance."

Other increased retirement costs include funding new retirees, the cost of a supplemental death benefit and the change in vesting from 10 years to five years, she said.

### Emergency groups to be rodeo parade marshals

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association plans to honor all emergency responder organizations in the Pampa area by making them parade marshals of the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 13.

In special recognition of their service to Gray County and the surrounding area, the rodeo association wishes to honor them for their dedication and commitment.

To make arrangements for special transportation in this year's rodeo parade or for more information, representatives of the respective emergency responders can call the Rodeo Office at 669-0434.

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# Youngs lose one, gain three



**NANCY YOUNG**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Wednesday evening I arrived home to find three new members to my family.

My beloved cat Cookie had become a mother of three. Meows were loudly being proclaimed by these tiny kittens who were only a few hours old.

This was one of those "unplanned pregnancies," but the mom is doing fine. The kittens appear to be healthy and have already taken command of my double garage.

Knowing this event was coming, I had busily been trying to get her to find a "comfort zone" in the garage to keep her "family." It didn't work out the way I planned. I thought we had another week or two, but babies come when they want to come.

As I arrived home and opened the garage door, Cookie and the tiny little creatures were laying on bare concrete in front of the door into the house, and very loudly proclaiming their existence.

Searching for something to make a bed for the newborns, I could only find a box which held treasured crocheted

scarves of my grandmother's. I quickly removed them. Turning the box on its side, I lined the box with a clean old towel turned on its side. The children quickly had a soft bed to lie in, and mom seemed to approve.

My grandson, Zac, became quite attached to Cookie during his stay in Texas, and was really wanting to see kittens we knew she was expecting.

He flew home to San Diego yesterday to rejoin his mother in their new home following her return from her overseas duty with the U.S. Navy. And he missed the big event by one day!

When he and his mom Kathy called last night to let me know he had landed

safely on California soil, I almost hated to tell him. But he didn't seem to mind.

He is back to the life that is comfortable to him. Looking out his bedroom window he can see sailboats and ships in the nearby bay of water. The Pacific Ocean is the view from his mom's bedroom window.

Although raised in the country, Kathy was never a "Little House on the Prairie" child. And Zac isn't either. They are both back to their "comfort zone."

Everyone's life will soon be returning to normal (whatever normal is). My 27-year-old daughter, M.E., (it's really a beautiful name - Mary Elizabeth, but it got shortened through the years), has done a fantastic job of being substitute mom to Zac since the first of October. She's decided that being the mother of a teenager can wait until Peyton, 8, reaches a teenager.

Life is getting back to normal - new kittens and all. It's great to be alive.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A wonderful life in Pampa

I was born and raised in Mobile, Ala. My husband was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y. We met when he was doing a job in Mobile. Since then, we have ended up in some great cities such as Denver, Cincinnati, Louisville, and for the past couple of years Knoxville has been our home.

We have always considered ourselves lucky for him to get jobs in big cities. We were in Fort Worth when we found out we would be going to Pampa, Texas. "Where in the world is Pampa, Texas?" we asked ourselves. As we drove into the region, we were not amused. It looked as though we were going straight into the middle of nowhere. We saw the city limit sign with the population of 17,000 or so. Our only hope was that there would be a decent motel and hopefully a Wal-Mart.

We found the Best Western and the Wal-Mart, but to think that we were so isolated is an unnerving feeling when you are so used to the hustle and bustle of busy cities with any store or restaurant you can name on every corner. I was seriously not impressed ... until ...

I realized how many smiles you receive when you get gas or go to the car wash. Everyone at the small department store actually means it when they ask if they can help you find something. Each little store or business you walk in has employees who hold their heads up high and proudly serve each customer. I am amazed at the happiness of the people in this community. Driving around is a pleasure. Shopping for groceries is a pleasure.

We have had people give us advice such as where to get the best ice cream, where to park to see the fireworks, to make sure to get the Friday evening newspaper early to know where the yard sales will be. I have had an older gentleman give my daughter a quarter for the gumball machine. We have been invited to visit several different churches. All of this in a matter of five days.

My husband works for Demco, Inc. They are doing a job at the Celanese plant and all he can talk about is how kind and helpful the employees are. He has never had so much genuine cooperation. These people, I assume, live in Pampa.

So I quit feeling isolated the day after we checked into our room. Instead I stand back in awe at the entire city. What great attitudes and personalities you have! You are not deprived of anything the big cities have. You have more than I have ever seen - warmth, compassion, and a huge pride for yourselves, your businesses, and everyone around you. I love to drive around and see your efforts to make this your home. I think we will probably feel overwhelmed to go back to our home now.

Thank you for showing us a wonderfully different way of life. We hope to take a little of your spirit back home with us.

**Kevin and Heather Bohn**  
Knoxville, Tenn.

## Possibilities and probabilities

I have been keeping up with the hometown via the internet. I am extremely concerned with the image our community has brought upon itself by the supposed concerned citizens of Pampa. The article in (the June 23) paper really is upsetting. People who volunteered their time are being suspicioned of illegal activities while serving our community in a most prestigious way. I know every one of them personally and never questioned their integrity or genuine concern for the economic well being of Pampa, Texas.

I have had opportunities to network with major players in Austin who are involved with economic development in this great state, and the reputation of Pampa is getting severely bashed due to gossip, rumors, insinuations, and accusations of "concerned citizens." I feel this group has lost sight of their true intentions and gone overboard to win a battle of wrongful pride. I miss my hometown friends tremendously and to see a wonderful place such as Pampa lose its pride in itself is disheartening to say the least.

I can remember as a child, people would complain then about a chemical plant west of town. Look at the tremendous things Celanese has done for Pampa, the list is endless. I also saw and heard reports of how oil field trash would be a detriment to our society locally. The finest friends I have ever had came from that group, and they will stand beside you and make things happen for Pampa you never imagined possible. Then there were "sour-sayers" again who would "prophesy" that Pantex would ruin us with nuclear waste and be a threat in many other ways. No one is glowing in the dark and we survived another scare tactic.

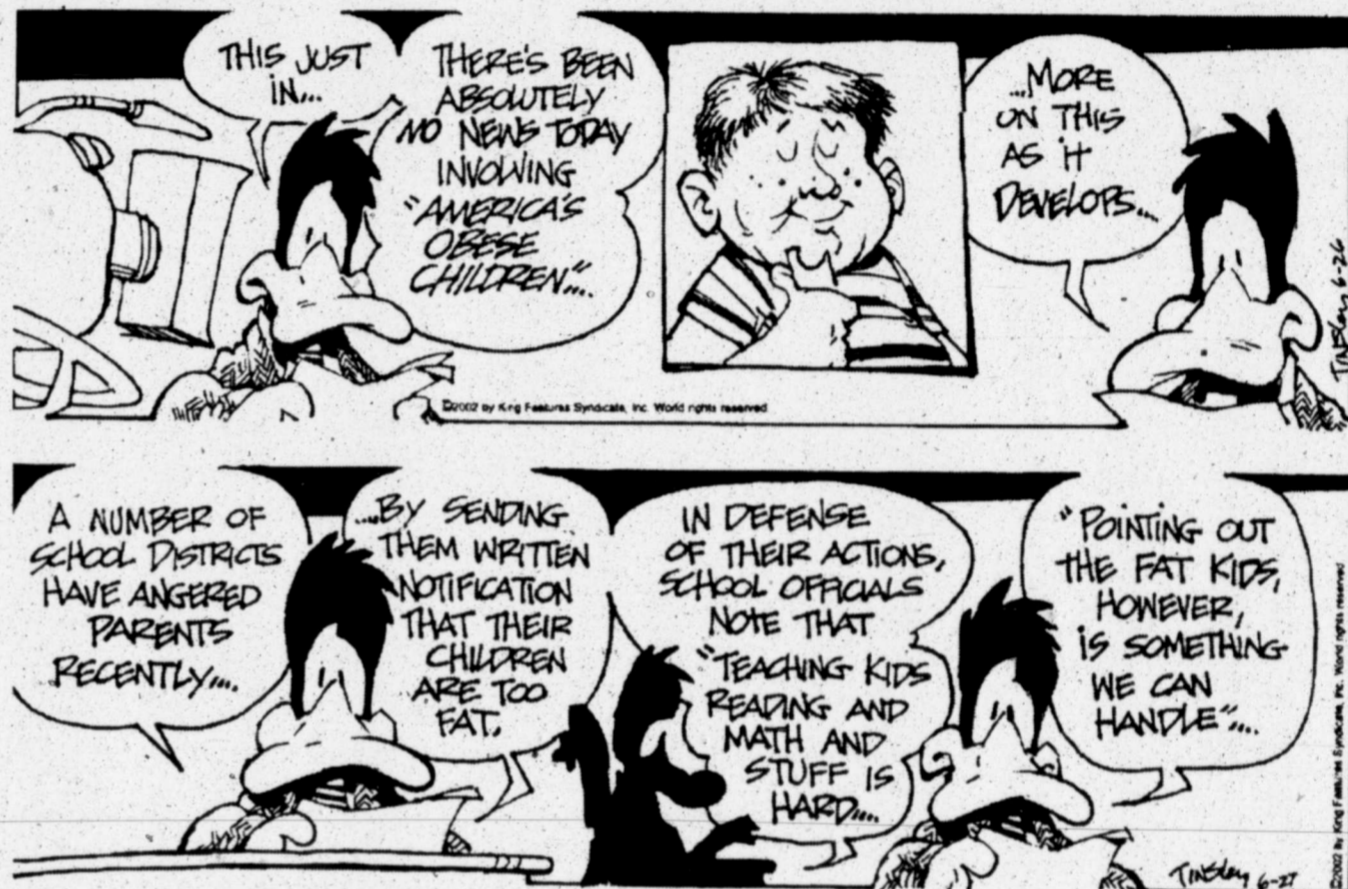
Pampa has changed alot over the last 50 years, I am proud to say I was there for all of that ... I am not proud to say that a handful of people are destroying the image of success, family, and pride in such an awesome place as Pampa.

Perhaps Jesus said it best ... Matthew 7:1-5: "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"

God be with us all, especially while we are absent one from the other. I will always show my pride for Pampa and talk positively about the people, possibilities, and probabilities of a tremendous community. Couldn't you all do the same?

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



# Praise profits; don't scorn them

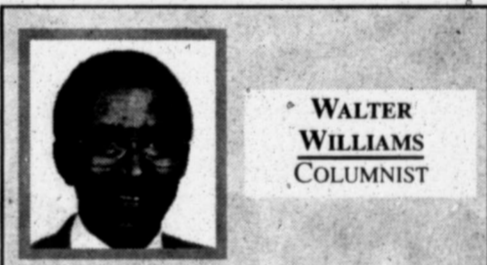
Profits are misunderstood, seen as unearned and sometimes condemned as evil. Maybe that's why people often reverently pronounce, with an air of moral superiority, "We're a nonprofit organization."

Before people mount their moral high horse, they should remember that nonprofit organizations have caused some of the world's greatest evil, heartache and dissatisfaction. After all, among nonprofit organizations are: oppressive governments, postal services and public education.

Profits are not a large item in national income accounts. In 1999, after-tax profits accounted for about 6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) compared to wages, which accounted for over 60 percent. Profits - like wages, interest and rent - are a vital component of a smoothly operating economy.

So what are profits? Put simply, profits are a price, just as wages, rents and interest are prices. Profits are the prices paid as residual claims to entrepreneurs in their role as risk-takers, innovators and decision-makers. Just as workers will not provide their services without wages, entrepreneurs will not provide theirs without profits. Profits, like other prices, steer resources from low-valued uses to higher-valued uses.

A successful businessman must take in enough revenue not only to cover wages, rents and interest, but profits as well. In order to accomplish that feat, he must not only please customers but he must do it in a manner that efficiently



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utilizes all of his resources. If he fails to cover all of his costs, it means that he's not using his resources efficiently and-or consumers don't value his output relative to some other alternative.

When a firm cannot turn a profit, it goes out of business. That means its resources, workers, building and capital become available to someone else who might put them to a better use. Of course, government can thwart this process with subsidies that enable entrepreneurs to continue to mismanage resources.

You say, "OK, Williams, I'm with you on normal profits, but what about windfall profits - what some people call obscene profits?" Windfall profits are indeed profits far beyond what's necessary for an entrepreneur to stay in business, but windfall profits also play a vital role. Windfall profits signal that a human want is not being met. Resources emerge to meet that want. For example, when Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of South Florida, plywood prices skyrocketed. Florida's attorney general threatened actions against companies for price-gouging.

Those windfall profits conveyed mes-

sages to the rest of the economy. Let's say that pre-hurricane plywood prices were \$10 a sheet and afterward they were \$20. That profit potential created a powerful signal. Instead of plywood manufacturers selling their plywood inventory to, say, Pennsylvania wholesalers for \$8 a sheet, they were more than happy to ship them to Floridian wholesalers for higher prices. Wholesalers in other states were happy to sell their plywood to Floridians for higher prices. Since plywood supplies were moving to Florida, plywood prices elsewhere rose.

From a social point of view, this is wonderful. Say I planned to spend a Saturday afternoon building a house for my dog. I go to my neighborhood lumberyard in Pennsylvania expecting to pay \$10 for a plywood sheet, and get there and find out it's \$18. I say, "The heck with the dog; let him sleep in the rain!" I have voluntarily made a plywood sheet available for a more valuable use - rebuilding the house of a human.

None of these and other voluntary actions making plywood available to Floridians would happen if price controls were slapped on plywood making the pre- and post-hurricane prices the same. Freely fluctuating prices, including the potential for windfall profits, encourage people to do voluntarily what's in the social interest.

In free and open markets, profits are to be praised - not scorned, as economic and political charlatans would have us do.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, June 27, the 178th day of 2002. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date: In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1847, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

In 1942, the FBI announced the capture of eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore from a submarine on New York's Long Island.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1969, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1977, the Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that had prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services.

In 1980, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration.

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

Ten years ago: Authorities found the body of kidnapped Exxon executive Sidney J. Reso buried in a makeshift grave in Bass River State Park in New Jersey. (The couple who kidnapped and killed Reso, Arthur and Irene Seale, were later convicted and sentenced to prison.)

Five years ago: The Supreme Court threw out a key part of the Brady gun-control law, saying the federal government could not make local police decide whether people are fit to buy handguns. However, the court left intact the five-day waiting period for gun purchases.

# Analysts: Economy losing steam after 6.1 percent rate spurt

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy sprang back from last year's recession, growing at an annual rate of sizzling 6.1 percent in the January-March quarter, the strongest showing in more than two years.

The latest reading on gross domestic product — which measures the total output of goods and services produced within the United States — showed the economy grew more briskly during the first quarter than previously thought, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The government first estimated that GDP for the period grew at a 5.8 percent pace and then revised that down to 5.6 percent growth rate a month ago.

While good news, Thursday's report shows where the economic recovery has been. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues are focused on where it is going.

Citing uncertainties about the recovery's vitality, Fed policy-makers left short-term interest rates at 40-year lows

Wednesday, the fourth time this year they opted to hold rates steady.

Recent economic reports confirm that recovery has lost steam. Some economists believe GDP will grow at a rate of just 2.5 percent or lower in the current quarter.

With interest rates remaining low, consumers might be motivated to spend more and businesses motivated to boost investment in new plants and

equipment. Both are crucial ingredients in the recovery.

A startling stream of accounting scandals and worries about jobs helped push Americans' confidence in the economy down in June to a four-month low.

Economists worry that fallout from the latest accounting scandal, involving telecommunications giant WorldCom, could not only jolt confidence but also chill consumers' will-

ingness to spend and make companies even more wary of making big commitments, including capital investments and hiring.

Separately, the Labor Department said new claims for unemployment insurance fell last week by 10,000 to 388,000, suggesting that the pace of layoffs may be stabilizing. Still, economists say that the jobs market remains sluggish.

In the first quarter, economic growth received its biggest boost from slower inventory liquidation by businesses, which added 3.39 percentage points to GDP. That's a turnaround from the 2.16 percentage-point reduction from GDP in the fourth quarter, a key source of the economy's weakness. At that time, companies throttled back production and focused on getting rid of excess stocks of unsold goods,

which piled up during the slump.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, also gave a lift to the economy in the first quarter. Consumers increased spending at a 3.3 percent rate. But that was down from a brisk 6.1 percent pace in the fourth quarter.

Greenspan worries that consumers who spent throughout the recession won't have a lot of pent-up demand coming out of it, making for a less than sizzling recovery. U.S. shoppers showed less vigor in May.

Business investment in new equipment and plants continued to fall in the first quarter, but at a slower pace. That investment declined at an annual rate of 6.2 percent in the first quarter, compared with a 13.8 percent rate of decrease in the fourth quarter.

The first-quarter drop wasn't as deep as the 8.2 percent rate of decline reported a month ago, a factor in the stronger overall GDP showing. Economists say that a turnaround in capital spending is a necessary ingredient to a full recovery for the national economy.

## U.S. road could open to border truck traffic this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Safety checks for Mexican trucks are in place or will be soon, meaning the rigs could start traveling beyond the Southwestern border by midsummer, a government report says.

The report, required by Congress, says Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta "concluded that while the department still has some work to do, he fully expects to be in a position this summer to certify to the president that the border can be opened."

Mineta and Kenneth Mead, the department inspector general, were to present their report, to Congress on Thursday.

The Associated Press obtained a copy from outside the department.

Congress ordered the safety checks be in place before Mexican trucks could travel much beyond the Southwestern border.

A \$59.6 billion transportation spending bill that let the trucks travel deep into the country mandated that the Transportation Department's inspector general certify that safety measures were in place and Mineta sign off on the assessment.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who led the push for the tougher safety regimen for the trucks, was withholding comment until the hearing, said spokesman Todd Webster.

"Contrary to the protestations last fall, Sen. Murray was right that free trade and safety can proceed side by side," Webster said.

Mexican trucks gained full access to U.S. roads beginning in 2000 under a provision in the North American Free Trade Agreement, signed by the United States, Mexico and Canada.

But Congress delayed their entry twice

amid concerns about safety and from labor groups. An arbitration panel ruled the United States was violating NAFTA by refusing to comply with that provision, but it also allowed the country to impose safety measures.

President Bush pledged to comply with NAFTA and Congress agreed after much debate last year. But it required that more inspectors be hired and full inspection sites be built at busy ports. It also required Mexico to limit truckers' driving hours and create a commercial drivers license database.

The report says more inspectors still need to be hired, more inspection sites need to be built, federal and state inspectors still need reliable electronic access to Mexican and U.S. databases and the safety monitoring system for Mexican carriers is not yet completed.

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## Campaign finance law sponsors seek repeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sponsors of the new campaign finance law say they will seek repeal — in court and in Congress — of election officials' enforcement plan, which they contend writes loopholes into the law.

The four lawmakers also said Wednesday that they plan legislation to overhaul the Federal Election Commission, which they contend is too political to serve as an aggressive campaign finance watchdog.

The commission, made up of three Democrats and three Republicans appointed by the president, spelled out last week how it will enforce a key part of the law. The decisions most criticized by the law's sponsors were approved by one Democrat and the three Republicans.

"In many ways, some small, some large, the commission sided with interests who never wanted this law to pass and who continue to oppose it at every turn," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis.

Feingold, who described the FEC's

decisions as "intentionally and arrogantly" seeking to rewrite the law, sponsored the law in the Senate with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who sponsored the measure in the House with Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., called on the four commissioners to resign.

"They're not doing their job," he said.

The FEC last week adopted a plan to enforce the law's cornerstone, a ban on national party committees' raising of unlimited soft money contributions from labor unions, businesses and others, starting after this November's election. State and local parties can raise soft money if state law allows it, but will face new federal restrictions on spending the money.

The sponsors say the FEC opened loopholes rather than following Congress' desire for a broad interpretation of the ban.

For example, they say the law clearly bars federal officeholders and candidates from soliciting soft money. The FEC decided to let them continue raising it for

state and local party committees at party fund-raisers.

The sponsors also are criticizing a narrow test the commission set to determine whether a lawmaker is violating the solicitation ban.

The four sponsors said they will join a lawsuit seeking to overturn the FEC's soft money rule. Details were being worked out.

They said they also will ask Congress to repeal the rule using its review power, action that requires a majority vote from each house and the president's signature.

Congress has only used the 1996 review law once. Last year, the then-Republican-controlled House and Senate repealed Clinton administration rules aimed at curbing job-related repetitive motion injuries.

The four commissioners criticized by the sponsors say the law leaves the FEC considerable room for interpretation, and they are simply trying to establish clear standards for candidates, political parties and donors.

## Safety advocates sue over tire pressure monitoring rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new federal regulation requiring tire pressure monitors in vehicles allows automakers to use inadequate technology that will not prevent many accidents, auto safety advocates charged in a lawsuit.

The rule, inspired by accidents involving Firestone tires and issued last month, requires that vehicles built after November 2003 have a dashboard warning to alert drivers when their tires are underinflated.

Automakers can choose between two types of tire pressure monitors — a less expensive "indirect" system that would work off the antilock braking system or a more accurate "direct" system of monitors in each wheel.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration originally proposed a rule that would require the direct system. But automakers want to have the option to use the indirect system

and persuaded the White House to pressure NHTSA to change the rule.

The final rule allows vehicle manufacturers to use either type for three years. NHTSA will study each system and write a final rule for the monitors installed in vehicles built after November 2006.

"Two tire pressure monitoring systems are in use today, and both are effective in alerting drivers to low tire pressure, so NHTSA finalized a rule allowing both systems," said Gloria Bergquist, a spokeswoman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. "Both systems are effective, so both systems will be used."

The groups that filed the lawsuit Wednesday say NHTSA put the interests of the auto industry ahead of public safety when creating the rule.

## Drug plan runs afoul of some Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders prepared to take up a prescription drug bill even as complaints simmered among the party's rank-and-file over the measure's provisions.

Party leaders spent Wednesday trying to win over votes from GOP members, some still vehemently opposed to creating a new benefit and others wanting special benefits for hospitals in their states.

"We never have the votes until we're ready to move the bill," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said as he emerged from the meeting.

Asked if he still planned to bring the bill to the floor this week, Hastert said, "That's the plan."

The bill could come up as early as Thursday.

Negotiations made some progress Wednesday, aides said. The Ways and Means Committee agreed to drop a \$40 copayment for home health patients. The Energy and Commerce Committee, which also has jurisdiction over the issue, had balked over that provision.

Republican leaders also agreed to a \$3,700 cap on out-of-pocket spending. The Ways and Means Committee

had offered a cap that was \$100 higher.

Still, the bill that GOP leaders had touted early on as a comprehensive Republican plan, has drawn its share of criticism from within the party.

Among those seeking changes:

—Rep. Gil Gutknecht, R-Minn., wants a provision that would allow the importation of U.S.-made pharmaceuticals sold more cheaply abroad.

—Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo., wants to revise rules for patent protections to encourage access to low-cost generic drugs.

—Rep. John Peterson, R-Pa., wants a proposal that gives extra money to hospitals in 14 states expanded to include other states, such as Pennsylvania.

—Rep. Donald Manzullo, R-Ill., chairman of the Small Business Committee, is concerned that the bill, as written, would harm small pharmacies.

—The New Jersey delegation wants more money for hospitals in that state, saying that New Jersey hospitals get less Medicare dollars than nearby New York and Pennsylvania.

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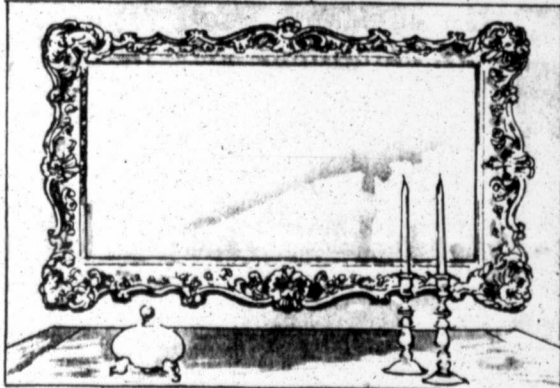


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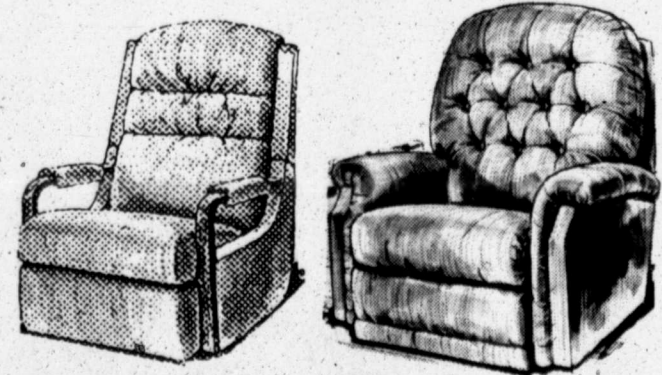
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# Man re-indicted in traffic death

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A Florida man, charged in connection with the March 15 traffic death of Deborah Acuna, 47, McLean, has been re-indicted on a manslaughter charge by the Wheeler County Grand Jury.

Originally, Cody Ryan Howard, 22, was indicted for manslaughter but that indictment did not carry an enhancement paragraph as does the new indictment, said 31st District Attorney Rick Roach.

The grand jury was asked to indict on the enhanced charge because Howard, has two previous felony convictions, one in Florida and one in Colorado, the DA said. One of those convictions involved evading authorities.

Roach said his office could have asked for a murder charge but said that the burden of proof is a higher one to meet than on manslaughter. And because the enhanced manslaughter charge raises

the crime from a second degree felony to a first, the sentence is increased upon conviction.

Under the new indictment, Howard faces a minimum sentence of 25 years whereas a first degree felony carries a minimum sentence of nine years. Also, probation is not allowed under habitual criminal sentencing rules.

Howard was arrested after a chase — at speeds of up to 100 mph — down Interstate 40 that ended with a fatal crash in Shamrock, officers said.

Acuna died at Shamrock General Hospital of injuries suffered when the van she was driving was broadsided at the intersection of the north I-40 frontage road and U.S. 83 in Shamrock.

Authorities said Acuna, who was alone in the 1998 Chevrolet mini van, had just left a nearby restaurant where she'd had lunch. She was the sister-in-law of Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams.

Law enforcement officers were in pursuit of Howard at

the time of the crash. He was spotted by them after a clerk reported that about \$26 worth of gas had been stolen from the Taylor Mart in McLean.

Howard, who was first identified as a Colorado resident, was driving a 2000 green Ford pickup that had been reported stolen in Colorado, officers said. He was also indicted on a charge of unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

In other indictments, a man who goes by the alias "Lucky" didn't live up to the moniker as he was one of several others who were true billed by the grand jury.

Ned "Lucky" Sheffield, Jr., 55, New York, N.Y., was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Jennifer Rene Gatchel, also known as Jennifer Zipper, 34, Indianapolis, Ind., was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Randy Wayne McKenzie, 38, Amarillo, was indicted for theft less than \$1,500 with two previous convictions.

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## BOND

time between the man's capture and the alcohol tests, Jones said there are ways that chemists can extrapolate one's blood alcohol level back to an earlier time.

Jones said conversations with some relatives of Vargas show "... that he has a propensity to go to Mexico when he has time off ... he's a flight risk."

The trooper said Vargas worked on a drilling rig in Oklahoma and was on his way back to Pampa when the incident happened.

Regarding the charge of driving with his license suspended, Jones said Vargas has two convictions for driving without insurance. The trooper said there is a specific procedure one must go through to get a license back after a no insurance procedure.

Jones said, however, that Vargas had insurance at the time of Tuesday's crash.

## Cash for Trash brings in 134.78 tons

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Cash for Trash was a big hit again this year with Pampans bringing 134.73 tons of trash — mostly recyclable metals — to the landfill in exchange for a total of \$6,354, said City Sanitation Supt. Doug Brown.

The Saturday event drew a long line of vehicles even before the gates opened at 8 a.m., Brown said. Everyone who was in line at the 4 p.m. closing time was taken care of.

Fifty dollars in Pampa Bucks awaited the first people in line — The Israel Ulloa family. They arrived the evening before at 5:30 p.m., Brown said, and slept in their

vehicle. The money went to son John Albert.

Although the operation was one hour shorter this year, the trash outweighed last year's take of 118 tons of material.

The highest prices paid were \$5 for items such as refrigerators, stoves, mattresses, box springs and carpeting with dollar amounts dropping down to \$1 for television sets and microwaves.

About 70 percent of the goods brought in were recyclable metals, Brown said.

Some of those participating were church and other groups.

"I know we had groups but we were so busy I can't tell you who they were," Brown said. "... And we had some people come back at least three times."

Making cash payouts serve as an incentive for people to bring the discards to the landfill — something Brown said he wishes people would do all year long.

He lamented that a lot of the items brought in most likely had been cluttering up the alleys.

In addition to Cash For Trash, Brown said the department's Loan A Truck program helps in the fight against illegal dumping.

For no charge, a dump truck will be delivered by a city employee to a person's home. The truck can be filled up and the city will pick it up again the next day and properly dispose of the contents.

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## EXPO

throughout the day, Rice said. A line of people had formed before the doors opened at 9 a.m.

This year, to draw "the whole family," Rice said there were additions including a bluegrass band and Trinity Fellowship Church's climbing wall which he called "a blast."

The band, wall and food vendors helped to create "a festive atmosphere," he said. "We had

really wanted to increase our offerings for all ages."

Feedback from vendors and the public has "been the most positive we've had," Rice said. "I know that some vendors got orders and leads for future business."

"We really do appreciate the vendors as well as the public who made the Expo such a success," he said. "We're already looking forward to next year."

## South Dakota beef check-off ruling could be boon for local cattleraisers

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

If a ruling by a federal judge in South Dakota stands, Pampa cattlemen, after July 15, may not have to pay a self-imposed fee on their cattle to promote beef.

Federal District Judge Charles B. Kornmann ruled recently that the national beef checkoff program is unconstitutional.

The Livestock Marketing Association and the Western Organization of Resources Councils, the original plaintiffs in the case, hailed the ruling as a victory for independent cattle producers.

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board called it a strike against the American beef industry.

Linda Rauser, a WORC spokesperson and a North Dakota rancher, said WORC and the LMA don't want to kill the program, but they think it should be more

responsive to individual cattlemen's desires.

She said she would like to see the program voted on periodically. She also said the checkoff fee should be refundable and directable.

"The board controlling the money should be elected by the producers," Rauser said.

Wythe Willey, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and a beef producer from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said his organization

will appeal Kornmann's decision and will ask for a stay of his ruling so the one dollar a head beef checkoff can continue during the appeal process.

Burt Rutherford with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, headquartered in Amarillo, said no matter who wins the appeal, he expects the case to go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

TCFA was instrumental in getting the beef checkoff program passed in 1985.

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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**Video Solution May Break Ex-Wife's Stalking Habit**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an almost surefire cure for "Vulture's Prey," the woman and her husband who are being stalked by his ex-wife who jogs, bikes and skates around their house. The couple should make a big show of videotaping her. (They should include a newspaper shot in order to show the date the incident is occurring.)

The woman may be furious, but she will most likely stop. At the very least, the couple will have well-documented evidence to substantiate the necessity for a restraining order.

BEEN THERE IN TEXAS

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Clever suggestion. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to comment on the letter from "Vulture's Prey," who complained that she and her husband were robbed of their privacy by his ex-wife. I, too, am a second wife. My husband's ex showed up wherever we were. When we were first married, it drove me crazy.

Abby, your advice was right on. However, I would add that "Prey" should start meeting the ex-wife — and jog with her! I'll bet that within days the ex will change the location of her afternoon run. When I started sitting and talking with my husband's first wife at ball games and school functions, she began arriving late and sitting as far away from me as possible. Sign me ...

NICE TO WIFE NO. 1

**DEAR NICE:** You turned the tables on her — that's interesting. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I agree with you that the ex-wife needs to get on with her life. However, my situation is different.

My ex-husband comes to our house every day and has become friends with my husband. They spend a great deal of time together.

My ex has custody of our son, but he brings him along when he comes over. Our marriage didn't work, but the friendship has lasted for more than 10 years.

HAPPY WITH HUBBIES

**DEAR HAPPY:** Congratulations on the level of tolerance and maturity exhibited by all of you.

"DEAR ABBY: In response to "Vulture's Prey," I had a similar experience with my ex-mother-in-law. Rather than call and complain, I realized she would always be our son's grandmother whether I liked it or not, so I decided to make an effort to talk with her whenever I saw her. I made a point of thanking her for gifts to our son, telling her what a great time he had visiting with her, inviting her in to visit with him, etc.

Once she realized that her "spying" no longer fazed me, she

stopped. We are now on good terms. I believe the warm relationship I have with my son's grandparents and with his dad's first wife are the reason our son is so well adjusted.

SATISFIED WIFE AND STEP-MOM IN BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

**DEAR SATISFIED:** That may be true. But a large part of it also has to do with you.

**DEAR ABBY:** At our ages (70 and 78) we average about three funerals a year. Our problem is what to say to the bereaved. I can usually come up with something to say to the spouse, but when it comes to other relatives, who may not know who we are, we're at a loss for words. Any suggestions, Abby?

TWO SENIORS IN LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZ.

**DEAR SENIORS:** Take the initiative and introduce yourselves warmly, explain your relationship to the deceased — "An old friend from ..." "Worked with him at ..." "We were golfing buddies ..." — and say, "We are so sorry for your loss. He/she will be missed."

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

**For Better or For Worse**



**Crossword Puzzle**

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 40 Wears away

1 Soft mineral

5 Some carpets

10 Met offering

11 Door-pounder's cry

12 Old German capital

13 Spoiled, perhaps

14 More over-heated (anagram of 16-Across)

16 Mountain come-on (anagram of 29-Across)

20 Free

23 Director Lupino

24 Baseball's Ryan

25 Add up

27 USN VIP

28 Poem parts

29 Most tired (anagram of 32-Across)

32 So to speak (anagram of 14-Across)

36 Second drink

39 Track shape



**DOWN** 1 Bar bills

2 In — (queued up)

3 Queue

4 Two-deck game

5 Bander

6 Core

7 Picnic pest

8 Kind of insect

9 Secret agent

11 Theater awards

15 Castor

17 Pollux

18 Doing nothing

19 Mantas

20 Imitate a rodent

21 Took the bus

22 — mater

25 Final, e.g.

26 Museum fill

28 Wedding cover-ups

30 Forays

31 Vacation spots

33 Pernicious

34 Fury

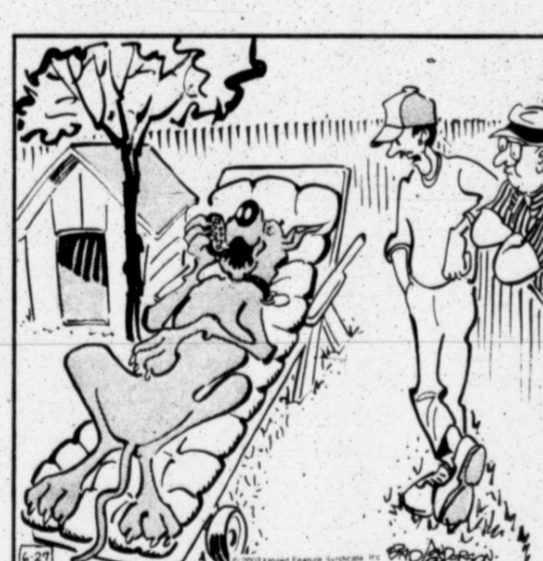
35 Other-wise

36 Danger signal

37 Goo!

38 The other guys

**Marmaduke**



"What I wonder is who it is he talks to?"

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**NOTE**

**SOCCER**

**PAMPA** — club soccer for girls is being of this summer. Tryouts will and again on Ju at the middle s field. Tryout times for U-13 to U-1 to U-16 to U-19. Any question John True at 66

**BASEBALL**

**ST. LOUIS** the second tim Busch Stadium mourning as mates paid the Darryl Kile. Dozens of have been griev ballparks across got the chance together in memorial servin 5,000 fans. Am ers were retire Drabek, Rockin Harnisch and G mates Dave Williams and M

**BASKETBA**

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# SPORTS

## NOTEBOOK

### SOCCER

**PAMPA** — Competitive club soccer for both boys and girls is being offered in Pampa this summer.

Tryouts will be held today, and again on July 2, 9 and 11 at the middle school practice field.

Tryout times are 6:30-7:30 for U-13 to U-15; 7:35 to 8:35 to U-16 to U-19.

Any questions, please call John True at 669-1236.

### BASEBALL

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — For the second time in six days, Busch Stadium was a place of mourning as former teammates paid their respects to Darryl Kile.

Dozens of players who have been grieving for Kile in ballparks across the country got the chance to say goodbye together in an hour-long memorial service attended by 5,000 fans. Among the speakers were retired pitcher Doug Drabek, Rockies pitcher Pete Harnisch and Cardinals teammates Dave Veres, Woody Williams and Mike Matheny.

### BASKETBALL

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — The San Antonio Spurs waited for the first two hours of the NBA draft and failed to get the big guy they coveted.

After spending so much time waiting Wednesday night, the Spurs decided on a speedier option.

San Antonio traded the rights to the 26th and 57th picks in the draft to Philadelphia for 5-foot-11 guard Speedy Claxton.

With those picks, the Spurs drafted Miami guard John Salmons at the 26th spot, then took San Diego State forward Randy Holcomb at No. 57. They later traded those players along with veteran reserve forward Mark Bryant to the 76ers.

Claxton will replace Terry Porter, a free agent who is considering retirement, as Tony Parker's backup.

"We went into the draft with several needs and one of them was finding point guard help," Spurs assistant general manager R.C. Buford was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

### Flashback

**1992:** Pampa boys' soccer team won its first-ever District Tournament, defeating Amarillo High 3-2 at Southwest Park in Amarillo. Scoring goals for Pampa were Todd McCavit, Will Winborne and Salvado Delferrio.

The Harvesters finished the season with a 10-2 record.

## Rockets take Yao Ming

**BEIJING (AP)** — He is the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. But in his homeland, where soccer is king, Yao Ming is far from a household name.

The selection of the 7-foot-5 center by the Houston Rockets in New York was hardly picked up on the news Thursday in a country obsessed at the moment with the World Cup.

"I've never heard of him," said Li Yulong, a Beijing hardware store clerk, turning quickly to Sunday's World Cup final. "So who do you think will win the final, Germany or Brazil?"

The 22-year-old Yao was in Beijing on Thursday training with the Chinese national team for an Asian tournament.

"This is a new start in my basketball and life career," he said. "I am confident I will learn from the NBA and improve myself."

In Yao's native Shanghai, where he plays for the local team, the Sharks, residents were a bit more aware.

Fei Fusheng, browsing in a sporting goods store in a mall and wearing a red Sharks cap, said Yao's departure for the United States would be a loss for Chinese fans.

"But it is definitely good for Yao's personal future," the 50-year-old Fei said. "In the long term, his going will also promote the development of basketball in China."

Though Yao's selection came too late for China's morning newspapers Thursday, earlier editions touted his rising star.

"Americans can't stop talking about Yao," the Yangcheng Evening News said Wednesday in a sports section headline sandwiched between World Cup stories.

Chinese-language Web sites also lauded his ascent.

"Houston, here I come!" said Shawei.com, a sports site. It also featured a cartoon showing Yao towering above an American player and asking, "Are you a point guard?"

Liu Jianchao, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said Yao's shift to Houston — following moves to the NBA by China's Wang Zhizhi and Menk Bateer — could help smooth relations between China and the United States.

"We hope that he will succeed," Liu said Thursday, praising all three Chinese NBA players. "In my view, their performances can only help enhance mutual understanding between the two countries."

Approval from the China Basketball Association did not come easily. The CBA demanded a guarantee that Yao would be available to play for China's national team when called.

A final agreement came hours before the NBA draft in New York on Wednesday night — early Thursday in Beijing. Days earlier, Yao had separately closed the other part of the deal by reaching a compensation agreement with the Shanghai Sharks.

"It was a somewhat tedious process at times, but the result was what we wanted," said Yao's Chinese agent, Erik Zhang. "We're all very happy and very excited."

## Lady Raider campers



(Courtesy photo)

While attending the Texas Tech Lady Raiders' Basketball Camp in Lubbock, five Pampa players were chosen for the All-Star team. They were selected to a 20-member team out of 120 in their age group to play in the All-Star Game held near the end of camp. Pictured (l-r) are Callie Cobb, Audrey Dunn, head coach Marsha Sharp, Autumn Darden and Jackie Gerber. In front is Felicia Urban. All the Pampa girls will be PHS freshmen in the fall.

## Angels end Rangers' winning streak

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Garret Anderson won the game with a double with two outs in the ninth inning. He was more excited for Bengie Molina.

Anderson's two-base hit and Molina's three-run homer led the Anaheim Angels to a 7-6 win over Texas on Wednesday night, ending the Rangers' eight-game winning streak.

The shot by Molina, the catcher's first homer of the season, capped a four-run rally off John Rocker in the eighth to tie the game.

"It was pretty cool to see Bengie hit that one in that fashion when we were coming from behind," Anderson said. "It's huge any time you can come back and take one like that."

Molina hit the first pitch he got from Rocker, a slider, making it 6-6.

"Who sits on a first-pitch breaking ball from a guy that throws 95? Maybe one of these days I'll get a break," Rocker said.

"To hit a breaking ball that far the other way, he put a good swing on it. The ball jumped off his bat," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He picked a good time."

In the ninth, Adam Kennedy singled with one out against Hideki Irabu (3-7). Kennedy went to second on Tim Salmon's two-out hit before scoring on Anderson's double.

Ben Weber (4-2) threw 10 pitches in a perfect eighth inning for the win. Troy Percival worked the ninth for

his 18th save in 20 chances. "We have a lot of faith in the character of the club, and a win like that shows it," said Scioscia, whose team ends its season-long 14-

game road trip Thursday. Anaheim loaded the bases with two singles and a walk in the eighth against Rocker. Rocker struck out pinch-hitter Troy Glaus and Scott Spiezio hit a sacrifice fly before Molina's homer.

"Bengie is one of our better clutch performers," Percival said. "He calls a great game and he has stopped the running game — nobody tries to run on us."

Molina, who is hitting .269, has thrown out 24 of 47 base stealers (51 percent), best among AL catchers. He threw out Alex Rodriguez, the first Texas player to try to run on him in four games this week, in the first inning.

Ivan Rodriguez and Alex Rodriguez hit back-to-back homers in the seventh to give Texas a 6-2 lead.

Ivan Rodriguez's two-run homer was just his second in 80 at-bats this season, and chased Ramon Ortiz. Alex Rodriguez greeted reliever Al Levine with his AL-leading 23rd homer.

"It's disappointing to give up a four-run lead, but Rocker has done a very good job over the last week," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "It's disappointing to lose late any time."

Darin Erstad had three hits for the Angels, including

a leadoff double in the fourth before Salmon's single, and a leadoff triple in the sixth before scoring on an Anderson single.

Ortiz, who hasn't lost in six starts, allowed five runs — four earned — and six hits in his 6 2-3 innings.

Texas starter Aaron Myette pitched into the sixth

inning, allowing two runs and five hits. He started in place of Kenny Rogers, who was scratched because of stiffness in his back.

**Notes:** Ortiz had three consecutive walks in the second before an error by 2B Benji Gil allowed Texas to take a 1-0 lead

### ANGELS 7, RANGERS 6

ANAHEIM					TEXAS				
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A.Kndy dh	5	1	1	0	Lamb lf	5	0	0	0
Erstad cf	5	3	3	0	IRdrz c	5	1	1	2
Salmon rf	4	1	3	1	ARdrz ss	4	1	3	1
GAndsn lf	3	1	2	2	JGnzlf rf	5	0	1	0
Filmer lf	3	0	0	0	RPIno dh	2	2	1	0
Glaus 3b	2	0	0	0	Perry 3b	2	1	0	0
Spiezio 3b	2	0	0	1	Mench lf	3	0	0	0
BMolina c	4	1	1	3	Ldwick cf	4	1	2	1
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E—BGil (3), DP—Texas 1, LOB—Anaheim 7, Texas 7, 2B—Erstad (12), GAnderson (28), JGonzalez (13), Ludwick (6), 3B—Erstad (2), HR—BMolina (1), IRodriguez (2), ARodriguez (23), SB—Salmon (5), GAnderson (6), CS—ARodriguez (3), SF—Spiezio

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Anaheim						
R Ortiz	6.2-3	6	5	4	4	3
Levine	1-3	2	1	1	1	1
Weber W.4-2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Percival S.18	1	0	0	0	1	0
Texas						
Myette	5	5	2	2	3	4
JAlvarez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
JPowell	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Rocker	1	3	4	4	1	2
Irabu L.3-7	1	3	1	1	0	0

Myette pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.  
 WP—R Ortiz  
 Umpires—Home, Jim Wolf; First, Jerry Meals; Second, Mike Reilly; Third, Jeff Kellogg.  
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# Tejera proves manager right with homer against Phillies

By The Associated Press

Pitcher Michael Tejera proved manager Jeff Torborg right — just a day too late.

One night after striking out as a pinch-hitter to end a game, Tejera hit his first career home run, leading the Florida Marlins to a 6-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

"Shows the manager wasn't as dumb as he looked last night," Torborg said. "The kid can play. He can hit."

On Tuesday night, after the Marlins ran out of position players, Tejera was sent up as a pinch-hitter and struck out to end Florida's 7-6 loss in 11 innings to the Phillies.

He connected in his next at-bat, hitting a solo shot in the second inning off Brandon Duckworth (4-5).

"I would have traded this homer for one (Tuesday) night," Tejera said. "I was just hoping to make contact and couldn't."

In other NL games, it was: St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 2; San Francisco 6, San Diego 5; Arizona 9, Houston 1; Atlanta 6, New York 3; Cincinnati 8, Chicago 6; Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 4; and Los Angeles 5, Colorado 3.

Tejera (3-1) gave up one run in five innings, allowing five hits and striking out four. He lowered his ERA to 3.17.

Tejera's homer marked the first time in franchise history that Marlins pitchers had homered in consecutive games. A.J. Burnett hit a home run Tuesday, ending a streak of 226 games in which Marlins pitchers had not homered.

"Maybe that shamed the other guys into hitting a couple," Torborg said.

Cliff Floyd hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning and Derrek Lee followed with a solo shot off Duckworth.

## Cardinals 5, Brewers 2

Woody Williams and Mike Matheny, who spoke at a memorial service for Darryl Kile earlier in the day, played pivotal roles as St. Louis ended a four-game losing streak.

The Cardinals got an emotional lift before the game when 5-year-old Kannon Kile, wearing a tiny uniform with his dad's No. 57 on the back, threw out the first pitch.

Williams (5-3) allowed two runs in 7 2-3 innings and had an RBI single. Matheny had his first two-RBI game since April 25 as the Cardinals beat Jamey Wright (1-6).

## Diamondbacks 9, Astros 1

Randy Johnson held Houston hitless into the sixth inning and didn't allow a run in eight as visiting Arizona snapped a three-game skid.

Johnson (12-2) didn't give up a hit until Gregg Zaun lined a single to center with one out in the sixth inning. He allowed three hits and struck out eight while beating Wade Miller (3-3).

Steve Finley and Mark Grace drove in two runs apiece for the Diamondbacks.

## Giants 6, Padres 5, 12 innings

Shawon Dunston's run-scoring infield single capped a three-run ninth inning against San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman, and host San Francisco won on J.T. Snow's RBI single in the 12th off Rodney Myers (1-1).

Hoffman had converted 27 straight save chances since last season, but couldn't protect a three-run lead in the ninth.

Jay Witasick (1-0) pitched a perfect 12th for the victory.

## Pirates 7, Expos 4

Brian Giles homered and drove in three runs to help Kip Wells (9-4) win for the first time in five starts.

Montreal tied the score at 3 in the fifth on Jose Vidro's two-run homer. But the Pirates beat Javier Vazquez (5-4), and Mike Williams pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

## Braves 6, Mets 3

Gary Sheffield's tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth inning overcame two homers by New York's Mo Vaughn at Shea Stadium.

David Weathers (2-3) took the loss after he walked pinch-hitter Keith Lockhart leading off the eighth. Darren Bragg reached when first baseman Vaughn bobbled his bunt, and both runners moved up on a sacrifice by Rafael Furcal.

Julio Franco drew a walk from Scott Strickland before Sheffield homered to make a winner of Chris Hammond (6-2). John Smoltz got his 25th save.

## Reds 8, Cubs 6

Sean Casey knocked Cubs starter Jason Bere out with a line drive off the pitcher's right knee and also hit one of four Cincinnati home runs at Wrigley Field.

Todd Walker, Adam Dunn and Juan Encarnacion also homered for the Reds. Jimmy Haynes (8-6) worked six innings and Danny Graves earned his 23rd save.

# Pampa Summer Girls Basketball League to have year-end tourney

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' summer high school basketball league has scheduled an end of season tournament tonight and Saturday.

Tonight's games will start at 5 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse and the middle school gym. Saturday's games start at 9 a.m. at McNeely and M-PAC gyms and will continue throughout much of the day.

There were 10 varsity teams and 8 sub-varsity teams entered in league play this summer.

The summer league is under the direction of Pampa High girls' basketball coach Steve Schmidt.

Coach Schmidt also announced that open gym times will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for players who would like to work out.

# Finally, it's Brazil vs. Germany in World Cup final

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — What a time and place for the first World Cup meeting between Brazil and Germany — in the final, for the trophy, with all the world watching.

"We have been looking for this game for so many years in Brazil," said Carlos Alberto Parreira, who coached his nation to the 1994 title. "I would say that the hierarchy has been restored by this Germany-Brazil final."

Brazil has won four World Cup titles and Germany three. Of the 12 World Cup finals since World War II, 11 have included one of those two nations, with Argentina's 1978 victory over the Netherlands the only exception.

But, strangely, they've avoided each other in soccer's showcase. No Pele vs. Sepp Maier. No Franz Beckenbauer vs. Gylmar. "Both teams have a great tradition," Brazilian forward Rivaldo said. "If Brazil wants to be champions, we have to respect Germany. Not fear them, respect them."

Germany won its semifinal, 1-0 over co-host South Korea on Tuesday in Seoul. Brazil did its part a night later, defeating Turkey 1-0 in Saitama to match the Germans of 1982, 1986 and 1990 as the only nation to make the final three straight times.

"Brazil is the best you can get," said Oliver Kahn, Germany's brilliant goalkeeper. "Individually, they have world-class players at every position. But the sum of best individuals doesn't necessarily make the best team and I think we can beat them. My gut feeling tells me that we are going to be the world champions, but I can't explain why."

Beckenbauer, who coached Germany to its last title in 1990, predicted Kahn could decide the final.

"He is the greatest and best goalkeeper in the world, so it will be very, very difficult for Ronaldo or Rivaldo to beat him," Beckenbauer said.

It's an unlikely time for the teams' first World Cup meeting. Both nations struggled in qualifying and were considered by some long shots even to reach the quarterfinals.

Brazil was just 9-6-3 in qualifying — unheard of mediocrity in the land of samba soccer — getting in only with a victory over lowly Venezuela in its final game. Germany needed to beat Ukraine in a playoff to make it.

"Nobody really expected us to even go to the round of 16," Germany coach Rudi Voeller said.

Brazil won the title in 1958, 1962, 1970 and 1994, earning praise much of the time for its stylish attacks. West Germany captured the championship in 1954, 1974 and 1990, sometimes criticized for its lack of imagination — and ability to flop in front of officials to gain unwarranted penalty kicks.

There's little doubt which style most fans prefer. At its best, Brazilian soccer is a painter's palette. At its worst, German soccer is a wrecking ball, shattering opponents with brute strength and bland-but-effective relentlessness.

"Despite the criticisms that were leveled at us because of the lack of style, lack of flair, in actual fact we implemented the coach's instructions," Germany's Michael Ballack said after the semifinal win.

Ballack, who scored the only goals in the quarterfinal against the United States and in the semifinal, will miss Sunday's game while serving a suspension for getting two yellow cards. Brazil seems supremely confident going in.

## Scoreboard

### BASEBALL

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	46	28	.622	—
New York	47	30	.610	1/2
Baltimore	37	38	.493	9 1/2
Toronto	31	43	.419	15
Tampa Bay	25	50	.333	21 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	44	34	.564	—
Chicago	37	41	.474	7
Cleveland	36	41	.468	7 1/2
Kansas City	28	46	.378	14
Detroit	26	49	.347	16 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	48	29	.623	—
Anaheim	44	32	.579	3 1/2
Oakland	44	33	.571	4
Texas	35	42	.455	13

Arizona	46	30	.605	1 1/2
San Francisco	43	33	.566	4 1/2
Colorado	38	40	.487	10 1/2
San Diego	33	45	.423	15 1/2

**Tuesday's Games**

Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 2  
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 1  
Philadelphia 7, Florida 6, 11 innings  
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 4  
Houston 7, Arizona 3  
San Diego 10, San Francisco 7  
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 0  
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 0

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**Thursday's Games**

Montreal (Day 2-1) at Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 6-8), 12:35 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-6), 2:20 p.m.  
San Diego (Jarvis 2-3) at San Francisco (Jensen 6-6), 3:35 p.m.  
Arizona (Helling 7-5) at Houston (Undecided), 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Adams 3-5) at Florida (Olson 0-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Moss 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 7-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-6) at St. Louis (B. Smith 0-5), 8:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Neagle 4-4) at Los Angeles (Daal 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-5) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-8), 2:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Maddux 7-2) at Boston (Lowe 11-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Armas Jr. 7-7) at Toronto (Halladay 9-3), 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Fogg 7-6) at Detroit (Redman 3-7), 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Batista 4-4) at Cleveland (Colon 10-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Wolf 3-6) at Baltimore (Driskill 5-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Florida (Dempster 5-6) at Tampa Bay (W. Alvarez 1-2), 7:15 p.m.  
Houston (Oswalt 7-5) at Texas (Park 3-3), 8:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Cabrera 3-5) at Minnesota (Santana 2-1), 8:05 p.m.  
San Diego (Lawrence 7-4) at Kansas City (Asencio 1-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Jennings 8-3) at Seattle (Pineiro 7-3), 10:05 p.m.  
Los Angeles (Ashby 7-6) at Anaheim (Appier 6-6), 10:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (L. Hernandez 6-8) at Oakland (Mulder 8-4), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	48	30	.615	—
Montreal	40	36	.526	7
Florida	40	37	.519	7 1/2
New York	39	38	.506	8 1/2
Philadelphia	33	42	.440	13 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	41	33	.554	—
Cincinnati	40	36	.526	2
Pittsburgh	34	42	.447	8
Houston	33	43	.434	9
Chicago	32	43	.427	9 1/2
Milwaukee	27	50	.351	15 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	48	29	.623	—

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Dec. 2 - New York Jets at Oakland; 9 - Chicago at Miami; 16 - New England at Tennessee; 23 - Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay; 30 - San Francisco at St. Louis.

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# Pakistan search intensifies for suspected al-Qaida men

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan sent 100 more soldiers into the mountains along the Afghan border Thursday to join the dangerous search for 40 suspected al-Qaida fighters believed hiding among the fiercely independent, armed tribesmen in the region.

The troops, backed by helicopters and armored vehicles, joined more than 500 soldiers who have been in the area since Wednesday, when the suspected al-Qaida fighters opened fire on Pakistani soldiers, killing ten, including a captain and a major. More soldiers were wounded.

An army officer in the North West Frontier Province, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said soldiers were checking the identities of people coming and going from the area.

He said troops also destroyed a house where the fighters had hidden as a warning to supporters of al-Qaida and Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime.

Pakistan military spokesman Gen. Rashid Quereshi said soldiers had arrested "some al-Qaida men" since Wednesday morning, but he refused to elaborate. It was not clear if those arrested were linked to Wednesday's attack.

The fighting broke out before dawn when soldiers approached a suspected al-Qaida hide-out near the town of Wana, about 190 miles west of Islamabad, a mountainous area dominated by tribal elders, largely outside the control of the Pakistani government.

More than 40 men attacked them with rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles and hand grenades, the army said.

Officers said three al-Qaida fighters then engaged the army in a prolonged firefight while the others fled when it was dark. Two fighters were killed and one, a 15-year-old boy, was captured.

The fighters are believed to be Chechen members of al-Qaida who fled to the region after the U.S. military's Operation Anaconda in south-eastern Afghanistan in March.

## OPEC extends oil output quota

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC extended its quota for oil production by an additional three months and said it would meet again in September to determine if an increase in output is warranted then.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided Wednesday that oil supplies are sufficient for the modest growth in demand it has forecast for the year. OPEC said it was satisfied with oil prices at current levels and believed it could best ensure they stay firm by not increasing output during the summer months.

OPEC pumps about a third of the world's crude, and its production policy can affect the prices consumers pay to drive their cars and heat their homes.

Still, some analysts said OPEC's agreement to roll over its daily quota of 21.7 million barrels was unlikely to have a major impact on prices, particularly if the group boosts output in the fourth quarter as many expect it to do.

OPEC has realized its goal in recent months of selling oil at prices in the mid-\$20 a barrel. Stirrings of an economic recovery in the United States, together with political tensions in the Middle East have helped lift crude prices by more than a third since December.

Contracts of North Sea Brent crude for August delivery closed at \$25.24 a barrel in London, up 4 cents from Tuesday. August contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude were 2 cents higher, at \$26.78 a barrel in New York.

The nationality of the captured teen-ager was released.

The Pakistani casualties were the first since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror, deployed troops to the area that borders the Afghan provinces of Paktia and Paktika last year to intercept al-Qaida and Taliban members fleeing U.S. attacks.

The United States put its forces in neighboring Afghanistan on alert to help if Pakistan asked, U.S. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday. So far there has

been no request from Pakistan.

"While U.S. forces were not involved in the fight, we appreciate the Pakistan army's efforts to locate the al-Qaida," Myers said.

In the tribal belt, Americans are often referred to as "the enemy" by even noncombatant local people and are clearly not welcome in the area.

"We will give full support to the Pakistan army in efforts to arrest al-Qaida men," said Naseemulaah, a local tribal elder who uses only one name. "But no Americans should enter our area. We will not tolerate it."

## Pageant winner



(Courtesy photo)

Danielle Zuniga, above, received "Overall Supreme Diamond Miss Crown" during the Our Diamond Miss Pageant held recently in Oklahoma. This title made her eligible for the State Our Diamond Miss Pageant. She attended the state pageant in Abilene and was crowned Texas State Talent Queen Junior Division, qualifying her for the national pageant to be held in July in Oklahoma. She has also been invited to participate in the Miss Texas Sweetheart Pageant in Dallas. She is the daughter of Daniel and Joanna Zuniga and is the granddaughter of Mike and Dorothy Porter, all of Pampa. She currently studies dance under the direction of Madeline Graves at Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center in Pampa.

# Lawmakers vote in favor of Cuba's socialist system

By ANITA SNOW  
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HAVANA (AP) — Cuban lawmakers voted unanimously to make socialism an "irrevocable" part of the constitution in an effort to ensure the nation will remain socialist long after Fidel Castro is gone.

More than 500 members of Cuba's unicameral National Assembly voted late Wednesday to declare that "capitalism will never return again" to the Caribbean island.

Deputies' names were called out in alphabetical order and each one stood up and shouted "Si!" into a microphone. Of Cuba's 578 deputies, 559 were present and all voted affirmatively.

Deputies grew emotional and almost giddy during the tally, eventually applauding loudly after each vote. When the final vote had been declared unanimous, the deputies first stood stoically at attention for the Cuban national anthem, then held hands and swayed back in forth as they sang the socialist anthem, "Internationale."

Castro presided over the session and afterward personally greeted many of the lawmakers in the assembly.

Castro, who came to power in the 1959 revolution, declared Cuba's government to be socialist two years later, on the eve of the aborted Bay of Pigs invasion by a U.S.-trained exile army.

"We need socialism more today than ever!" Castro said before the vote. "To guarantee the future, a strong ideological base is needed."

The amendment was proposed because Cuba felt increased pressure at home and abroad to carry out democratic reforms.

The proposal originally described Cuba's system as "untouchable," but the National Assembly's commission on constitutional and legal affairs later decided "irrevocable" was more precise.

Vice President Carlos Lage, a top leader in both the government and the Communist Party, declared, "The best political system is of just one party. True democracy is socialist. And the only way to defend human rights is in a society of equality and social justice."

"For our people to return to the past is undesirable, unthinkable, impossible" Lage said of Washington's recent demands that Cuba embrace capitalism and U.S.-style democracy. "The homeland is sacred, the revolution is unconquerable and socialism is irrevocable."

At 50, Lage is among the younger high-ranking government officials expected to help guide Cuba after the deaths of Castro and his brother and designated successor, Defense Minister Raul Castro.

The lawmakers' sessions, broadcast live on state television and radio, were supposed to run just Monday and Tuesday. A nationwide work stoppage was declared, closing banks, schools, offices and many stores and factories so that Cubans could watch the proceedings on television.

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said Tuesday the measure was necessary to protect the current system after the Castro brothers die. It was a rare public reference to their mortality.

The constitutional amendment is "key," said Perez Roque, to "what we do when the generation that carried out the revolution, and the command of it today, the generation of Fidel, of Raul ... is no longer with us."

"The key is not to be disarmed of our ideas," said the foreign minister, who at 37 is among the youngest of the ranking officials in the communist government.

Perez Roque also said Cuba's Communist Party and Revolutionary Armed Forces must never be dismantled to ensure that socialism endures.

Fidel Castro, who will be 76 in August, and Raul Castro, 71, are both members of parliament.

The government says the amendment is its answer to President Bush's refusal last month to lift American trade and travel restrictions until Cuba undertakes reforms, including multiparty elections.

Government opponents said the measure also appear aimed at undermining the Varela Project, which seeks a referendum on whether voters favor guarantees for liberties such as freedom of expression and the right to own a business.

## Cow falls on car, driver suffers minor injuries

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Drivers in farming regions know to be on the lookout for animals that stray onto the road, but even the most cautious seldom scan the heavens for livestock.

A 36-year-old woman Thursday when a cow strayed from a hillside pasture to the top of a tunnel entrance and then fell onto her car.

The woman was hospital-

ized with minor chest and foot injuries. Her husband, in the passenger seat, was unharmed. The cow died after being hit when it fell 15 feet just as the car was leaving the tunnel.

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