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Latchkey enrollment

Gray County Latchkey pre-enrollment will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 13 in Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. Registration is being held for students at all four elementary schools. Parents should enroll to secure placement in the program. For additional information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

MS Bike Tour set

The annual MS Bike Tour to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis is this weekend, Aug. 3-4. On Saturday, Aug. 3, riders leave Amarillo traveling U.S. Hwy. 60, skirting Pampa along Price Road then west to Borger. Members of the local MS self-help group are going to park in State Rep. Warren Chisum's lot on Price Road to cheer on the bike riders and show appreciation for their efforts. Anyone needing a ride or more information call 663-0559.

DENTISTS

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Rural/Metro seeks more subsidy \$'s

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service wants to double the total ambulance subsidy from \$90,000 a year to \$180,000, it charges the city and Gray County.

That's the "big surprise" City Finance Director John Horst said he received Wednesday when a copy of the new proposed up to four year contract was brought to him by Rural/Metro's area manager Carla Adams. The company wants the new pact to be effective on Oct. 1.

Currently, the city pays \$18,000 a year to Rural/Metro as does the county, Horst said.

The company also provides services for Borger and though he didn't have the numbers,

Horst said Rural/Metro has proposed increases for that city and for the Golden Plains Hospital which also pays a subsidy.

Adams was unavailable for comment as she had not returned a call by press time today.

For their fiscal year ending June 30, a Rural/Metro financial sheet for its west group shows the business running in the red most months and also shows a drop in the number of calls and transports the service is performing.

The number of calls and transports in Pampa has mostly been on the decline since 1998, according to figures supplied to Horst.

As for Pampa transports in fiscal year 1998 there were

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Retirement ready



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Looking more relaxed already, City Manager Bob Eskridge, right, leafs through a book of cartoons and comments from city employees Wednesday as he spends his last day on the job before retiring. Eskridge, with help from Public Works Director Richard Morris, left, cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and served city employees on their lunch breaks. The cookout was at the city's service center behind Hobart Street Park.

Deputy's partner testifies today

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO The partner of a Hemphill County deputy shot down in Canada last summer took the witness stand this morning to describe finding his partner lying in the street.

Hemphill County Deputy Sheriff David Pearson, in a quivering voice, told jurors today that he was called out to back up Deputy Jim Bruce Graham Sunday morning, June 17, 2001, as Graham was sent to arrest Christopher Chad Britton on outstanding warrants.

In an emotional tone, Pearson told of arriving on the scene of the shooting and finding his partner of four years, Jim Bruce Graham, lying in a pool of

blood on the pavement. Britton is on trial for his life in a Potter County courtroom after being charged with capital murder in the shooting of Graham.

Pearson said he was scheduled to go on duty that Sunday at 1 p.m., but was called about 10:30 a.m. by the sheriff's dispatcher, saying that Chad Britton was in town and that Deputy Graham was going to Red Deer Street to arrest

him. Pearson testified that he had not been dressed and was walking out the door of his home when he heard Graham check out at the scene, saying he would be with the subject (Britton).

Pearson told the jury that as he drove to Red Deer Street, the dispatcher came on his radio and said, "Hurry! Officer's been shot."

"I was already fearing the worst," Pearson said.

As he and Department of Public Safety Trooper David Edwards, who was also answering the call, turned onto Red Deer Street, Pearson said, he saw Graham lying next to his pickup.

Arion Fullerton, a Texas Department of Public Safety crime examiner from Lubbock, who followed Pearson to the witness stand, told the court in cool professional tones that wadding from a shotgun shell found at the scene of the shooting came from a sawed-off shotgun recovered by Texas Rangers at a cabin near where Britton was arrested.

Fullerton said that ordinarily a shotgun would leave few marks on such wadding, but the 12-gauge shotgun in

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Dewhurst campaigns for Lt. governor's spot in Pampa Wednesday

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Insurance and school finance reforms are two issues which David Dewhurst wants the 2003 legislature to examine, he said during a meeting with local Republicans in Pampa on Wednesday.

"The biggest problem with insurance is greedy insurance companies and greedy plaintiff's attorneys," said Dewhurst. "We need to have tort reforms for all insurance in the next legislature," he said. "Sixty-one percent of the medical lawsuits filed are frivolous."

"We need common sense tort reforms," he added.

Dewhurst said he thinks all insurance companies need to be regulated. He told those gathered that the black mold is not a new issue, that it has gone on for over 50 years.

The Republican candidate said he would like to see edu-

cation reform in the state. He said the school finance system in Texas should be changed because it is unfair to property owners to have to pay all the taxes to finance students' education. Dewhurst said many schools across the state are reaching the cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

He also said he would like to see high school seniors have access to more education.

As lieutenant governor, he said he can provide leadership for the Texas Legislature and will work in a bipartisan manner with all 31 Texas senators.

Dewhurst, currently Land Commissioner of Texas, will face Democrat John White Nov. 5 in the general election.

Bill Ratliff, a state senator from Mount Pleasant, was elected lieutenant governor by the members of the Texas Senate on Dec. 28, 2000. He was selected to fill the vacan-

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

David Dewhurst, Republican candidate for Texas lieutenant governor, was in Pampa Wednesday afternoon campaigning for office. Dewhurst faces John Sharp, a Democrat, on Nov. 5 in the general election. About 20 local residents met with him at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Open house, registration set at PMS

All Pampa Middle School students will have the opportunity to pick up their schedules for the 2002-03 school year from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7.

"We would also like to invite the community to come by and visit the facilities and meet the administration, counselors, and office staff," said Principal Evan Smith.

"Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with their schedules and the layout of the building," Smith said. "This activity is great for incoming 6th graders and new students to Pampa by helping with the transition process."

"We are encouraging parental involvement this year and will have information on ways parents can become involved on the campus," he added.

Members of the Pampa Middle School Booster Club (See **OPEN HOUSE**, Pg. 3)

Did You Know...

When Was Oil First Discovered In Gray County?

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AUGUST 01 2002

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 31

Paul Harrison Mayo, 33, 2221 N. Wells, arrested on a warrant for three counts of issuance of a bad check.

Terry Lee Beard, 57, 1200 N. Wells, arrested by the DPS on warrants for four counts of issuance of a bad check.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, July 31

1:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 600 block of Deane Drive.

8:29 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a transformer arcing in the 100 block of Worrell. Excel Energy workers were already at the scene.

9:36 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.

11:30 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Cook and Hobart streets. The call was cancelled before firefighters arrived.

POLICE

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

Sunday, July 21

Unlawful restraint was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson where the victim said a door was held closed preventing her from leaving.

Tuesday, July 30

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Russell where three tires were cut. A runaway 14-year-old girl was reported in the 500 block of Roberta.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive where two television sets, valued at \$600, were stolen. A blonde pit bulldog was also missing. Entry was gained through an unlocked sliding glass door.

Wednesday, July 31

A 16-year-old boy was reported to have minor injuries after an assault in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Verbal harassment was reported in the 1500 block of North Dogwood.

A simple assault with minor injuries was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Jimmy R. Fitzer, 41, 2206 N. Nelson, arrested on warrant for three counts of issuance of a bad check.

Jimmy Ray Maxwell, 46, 202 Williston, arrested on a warrant for issuance of a bad check. Also charged with no insurance, failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign, expired inspection and expired motor vehicle registration.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Wednesday, July 31

Kenny Jack Addington, 44, 1344 Terrace, was cited for no valid driver's license on person, and Jimmy R. Maxwell, 46, 202 Williston, was cited for no insurance, expired tag, expired inspection and failure to yield the right of way following a collision in the 900 block of North Hobart. Addington was driving a 2001 Honda motorcycle and Maxwell was driving a 1989 Ford Taurus station wagon. Addington, who was not wearing a helmet, reported non-incapacitating injuries.

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AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, July 31

8:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a mutual aid call with Miami EMS on Highway 60 east of Pampa and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

2:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to SCCI in Amarillo.

7:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Harvester stadium for a standby.

11:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, August 1

3:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

PEGGY LARIE WILKINSON ECKROAT

1922-2002

Peggy Larie Wilkinson Eckroat, 79, a long-time Pampa resident, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Azle, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. D.E. "Buster" Wilkinson, the Rev. Don Webb, and James Moody officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Eckroat was born Sept. 25, 1922, at Amarillo. She married Wilbur Eckroat on Aug. 1, 1940, at Durant, Okla. He died July 9, 1993.

She had been a Pampa resident most of her life, moving to Azle eight years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Eckroat of Loveland, Colo., and Larry Eckroat of Azle, a brother, D.E. "Buster" Wilkinson of Burnett, a sister, Mary L. Webb of Lancaster, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Home Bound Hospice, 415 W. Main, Azle, TX 76020.

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MACI SHAE JUDD

2001-2002

CLARENDON — Maci Shae Judd, 9-month-old toddler, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Clarendon. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Clarendon Church of Christ with Eddie Stegall, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Maci was born Oct. 1, 2001, at Amarillo and had resided in Clarendon since birth. She

was a member of Clarendon Church of Christ.

Survivors include her parents, Kyle and April Judd of Clarendon; a sister, McKayla Judd of Clarendon; her grandparents, Eddy and Linda Judd of Clarendon, Rodney Neuhaufen of Minot, N.D., and Wanda Lillejord of Lakeside, Mont.; and her great-grandparents, Willene Judd and Ernestine Christopher, both of Clarendon, and Harold Hartke of Del City, Okla.

SERVICES TOMORROW

ECKROAT, Peggy Larie Wilkinson — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

JUDD, Maci Shae — 10 a.m., Clarendon Church of Christ, Clarendon.

WARINER, Johnny Alton — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

TEA wants charter school closed

HOUSTON (AP) — Violations by a Houston charter school have led an official with the Texas Education Agency to ask the state to close the school.

An administrative law judge has described the Prepared Table Charter School's violations as "deliberate" and "very serious."

"The school is not successfully educating its students and has not dealt honestly with the Texas Education Agency," Chris Maska, a TEA hearing officer, said Wednesday in a statement. "The best interest of the students would be served by the revocation of the charter."

The fate of Prepared Table is now up to Paul Ballard, the chief investment officer of the state's Permanent School Fund. He was designated by state Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis to decide.

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said Alanis recused himself from the case because he is too familiar with the case.

Prepared Table attorney Charles Gaston issued a statement Wednesday, but did not comment on the recommendation.

"I am mindful that this is not a final decision," Gaston wrote in his statement.

This is the first time the commissioner, or his designee, has had the authority to revoke charters. Before the last Legislature, the State Board of Education had that authority.

If Ballard agrees with Maska's recommendation, Prepared Table's three campuses will

be the first state charter school in the Houston area to have its charter forcibly revoked. Five charters in other parts of the state have been unwillingly revoked.

Maska's recommendation comes two weeks after TEA attorneys argued in a hearing that the school, among other things, had intentionally inflated student attendance figures to get more state funding.

Prepared Table is one of 181 state charter schools in Texas that receive state and federal funding, but are less regulated than other public schools. Many of Prepared Table's 1,500 students are minorities and come from low-income families.

TEA attorney Jim Thompson said he hopes a ruling on Prepared Table's fate will be made before Sept. 3, when the school was scheduled to start.

"We always felt that it was clear that the charter should be revoked," Thompson said in Thursday's Houston Chronicle.

Gaston has six days to reply to Maska's recommendation. Then TEA attorneys have four days to respond before Ballard can decide.

In the hearing, Gaston argued that the 3-year-old school should be given another chance under new leadership. Prepared Table officials have acknowledged making mistakes, but said they were not intentional.

The Rev. Harold Wilcox was superintendent of the school until April 30.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 90s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows in the upper 60s, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Sunday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Monday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Monday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

STATEWIDE

Another hot day is forecast over Texas Thursday.

It will be especially hot in South Texas. West Texas may get a brief cooldown, with

afternoon and evening thunderstorms possible.

Temperature extremes Wednesday ranged from 102 degrees at Wink to a low of 61 at Marfa.

In South Texas, it will be very hot in west and central areas, with most inland areas expected to hit or top 100 degrees, and it will reach 90 degrees on the coast. Partly cloudy to partly sunny skies will predominate. Southeast Texas should see highs in the mid 90s.

Today's highs should be the norm through the weekend. A chance of afternoon and evening rain moves into the forecast Friday for southeast Texas, and into the forecast Saturday for the northeast Coastal Bend.

West Texas will be mostly sunny today, and temperatures mostly in the upper 90s except slightly cooler in the panhandle and far West Texas. A chance of afternoon and evening rain will exist through the weekend in the panhandle, Permian Basin and far west. Slightly cooler weekend temperatures are forecast in most areas beginning Friday.

In North Texas today, it will be mostly sunny and hot with highs in the mid and upper 90s. Friday, most areas should see highs in the upper 90s, and a slight chance of rain late in the evening. Highs will continue in the mid to upper 90s through the weekend. East Texas may see rain on Sunday, and a chance of rain is forecast over the entire region on Monday.

State to release school ratings

AUSTIN (AP) — When Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis released new public school ratings Thursday, he closed the door on an education era many say is the best thing that ever happened to Texas students.

Since the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills became the cornerstone of the system a decade ago, students have consistently scored better and schools have steadily improved. The achievement gap between minority and white students has shrunk, as has the space between poor children and wealthier ones.

Thursday's results were no different: 6,378 of the state's 7,000 public school campuses earned the top three marks, up from 6,367 schools that got the high marks last year.

"Texas schools continue to grow stronger academically as the program he helped build as Texas governor.

Now, the state is moving to a tougher system that education officials believe Texans are ready for and that some critics fear will lead to massive failures. The state won't rate schools next year — though students will still be

held accountable — because of the ramped-up system.

Beginning next spring, students will take a harder standardized test aligned with the state-approved curriculum. No longer will third-graders advance to fourth grade if they're not academically ready and dropout standards will get higher.

The state believes the more difficult system is necessary to continue 10 years of statistical progress.

In 2002, 143 districts and 1,908 campuses earned the highest ranking of exemplary. That compares to 1,571 of the state's 6,981 campuses that earned the highest mark last year.

The second-highest rating of recognized was given to 425 districts and 2,400 campuses in 2002, compared to 471 districts and 2,327 campuses that earned the mark last year.

Another 454 districts and 2,070 campuses earned an acceptable rating in 2002, compared to 2,480 schools and 390 districts in 2001.

The number of low performing campuses, the worst rating, increased from 100 last

year to 162 in 2002, a jump Alanis attributes to more difficult standards.

The ratings were anxiously awaited by students, educators and parents around the state.

Favorable ratings — exemplary, recognized and acceptable — can mean celebrations and bragging rights, just as a low performing label can bring shame and cost educators their jobs.

"Texas students and their teachers made the grade on the TAAS test and rose to the occasion time and again throughout its history, and we expect this year's ratings to reflect that progress," said Shelia Fields, a second-grade teacher and president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

"ATPE has always been concerned with the high stakes rating system based primarily on one test and we hope to see a more diagnostic and balanced system in this new era," Fields said.

Last year's downside was that a third of the schools that earned the state's lowest academic rating — 42 low-performing campuses — were charter schools.

City Briefs

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Five Americans among dead at Hebrew University bombing

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, once a student at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, denounced Palestinian terror attacks and laid a wreath at the school Thursday after a bomb detonated by a cell phone killed seven people — five of them Americans.

"We have grieved with all the people of Israel as they have faced Palestinian terrorism," said Kurtzer, speaking in front of the Frank Sinatra International Students Center, where the blast tore apart a cafeteria a day earlier. "Now that five American citizens have been killed, our grief is even deeper."

The militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the cafeteria blast at the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University, a popular gathering spot for Jewish, Arab and foreign students. Hamas said it revenge for an Israeli attack last week in Gaza that killed the leader of its military wing and 14 others, including

women and nine children. President Bush mourned the American dead as he met Thursday with King Abdullah of Jordan on how to move the Mideast peace process forward. "I am just as angry as Israel is. I am furious," he said.

"But even though I am mad, I still think peace is possible," the president said at a picture-taking session with the king at the start of a meeting in the Oval Office.

The U.S. citizens included an Israeli-American and a French-American, police said Thursday. Israelis, Arabs, as well as four Americans and three South Koreans were among the 80 wounded.

Unlike other recent Palestinian attacks, Wednesday's attack was not a suicide bombing. The bomb, laden with nails and other metal objects, was in a bag left on a table in the center of the cafeteria and was detonated remotely

by cellular phone, said an Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Police detained a number of Arab employees of the university on suspicion of having aided the bomber, said a police official, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

Kurtzer, who took Middle Eastern studies at the university in 1969-70, placed a wreath in front of the cafeteria Thursday and observed a moment of silence.

"The terrorist murderers — those who sent them and those whose action and inaction contributed to this despicable act — have descended to a new depth of depravity," he said. "They have violated the sanctuary of a university, in which Israelis, Arabs, Jews, Muslims and Christians study together."

The university student newspaper, "Student Legends," had printed two articles in April warning of lax security at the university, includ-

ing one that imagined a suicide bomber blowing himself up inside the Sinatra cafeteria, killing seven people, said editor-in-chief Yaniv Tohorylef.

He said the cafeteria was in a particularly vulnerable position near a fence, and the newspaper's scenario envisioned the bomber crossing the fence onto campus. At the time, the university assured students security was under control, he said Thursday.

Israeli police canceled training courses and put officers, including those with administrative jobs, on active duty in Jerusalem and elsewhere, police said. Checkpoints were also erected in the Sharon area of central Israel amid warnings that armed Palestinians had entered from the West Bank.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Israeli troops who had remained on the edge of town moved into the city center.

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TRIAL

question had been cut down and the shortened barrel had small spurs of metal that left unique marks on the shotgun wadding.

Earlier today, Britton's girlfriend, Stephanie Garza, finished her testimony in the trial, contradicting her own statements concerning Britton's mental state.

Wednesday she had testified that Britton acted strangely in the days leading up to the shooting. Today, she said both that he had acted strangely and that he was normal.

"Chad was the same as he always was," she said from the witness stand today, adding that she noticed nothing different in his behavior from any other day.

Then she agreed with defense attorney Mark Buzzard that Britton had "flipped out" on a drive from Portales to Clovis when Britton, according to earlier testimony had said he was going to kill her. Garza escaped but was admitted to the Clovis hospital after being beaten.

"He was normal that day when he beat me up," she told Buzzard on cross examination.

Garza, 20, a native of Portales, N.M., told the jury Wednesday that she first moved in with Chad Britton

in September 2000.

"It was okay," Garza said of their relationship. "It was great, actually."

But Britton had a drinking problem, Garza said. He would drink Southern Comfort and get mean, she said.

"He would call me names, accuse me of sleeping around, and I would just leave," Garza said. "He drinks too much. I didn't like to be around him because he was always hurting me."

At times, she testified, the abuse was physical, but mostly it was verbal.

Garza said she moved back to Portales in March 2001, and her relationship with Britton worsened.

Garza admitted that both she and Britton were in and out of jail and that they had drugs in their house, but Britton's problem, she said, was that he drank.

Garza also admitted that she has attempted suicide several times.

"I tried to kill myself so many times I don't remember," Garza said. "I was tired of everybody telling me what to do, telling me I shouldn't be with Chad and being with Chad."

Garza said that in July 2001, she got a letter from Britton saying that Graham had drawn his gun first, Britton pointed his gun at Graham, and Graham went

for his weapon.

In the letter, she said, Britton claimed to have killed Graham in self defense. Britton said he had known Graham since Britton was 3 years old and considered him a friend.

"You probably think I'm a cold-blooded killer, but now you know it was self defense, baby," Britton wrote in the letter.

Garza said they moved back to New Mexico in May 2001. On June 15, 2001, she said Britton asked her to help him do leg exercises. He told her he was preparing to lead an army. Britton talked about going back to Hemphill County and killing cops.

They drove to Garza's aunt's house in Clovis to get some money, but Garza said that on the way, Britton assaulted her.

"On our way to Clovis, he just went crazy and beat me up," she said.

Then he pulled into what appeared to be an abandoned dairy and threatened to kill her, she said.

"He grabbed a knife and put it up to my neck, and said if you don't shut up, I'm going to cut your neck," Garza said.

When he realized that there were people at the dairy, he turned the car around to leave. Garza said she jumped out, and a man and a woman helped her and took her to the

emergency room in Clovis.

Under cross examination by defense attorney Mark Buzzard, Garza said that Britton started reading the Bible. She said that he would spend about two hours a day studying scripture.

Britton, she said, told her that the Bible was talking to him and it was telling him he was to get ready to lead an army.

Garza told jurors

Wednesday afternoon that she had spiritual experiences with Britton, sometimes while on drugs and other times without drugs. She testified that at night the doorknob would turn red.

"If he's crazy, then I'm crazy, too, because I saw the same thing he saw three months later," Garza said. "I talked to God, too, only he wasn't telling me to kill nobody. He was telling me to

change my ways before I ended up in hell."

She also said that Britton feared he was being poisoned in the Hemphill County jail because the food they brought him had his initials on it and tasted like Pine Sol.

Testimony in the capital murder trial continued today in the visiting courtroom at Potter County Courthouse.

(Jenny Klein contributed to this report.)

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SUBSIDY

1,832; in 1999 there were 1,671; in 2000 there were 1,643; in 2001 there were 1,524 and in 2002 there were 1,531. That totals a 17.25 percent drop in transports since 1998.

In addition to the subsidy jump, Horst said the new proposed contract also contains something it hasn't in the past - a cancellation clause. The proposal calls for a 120-day notice of cancellation.

Horst said he planned to meet with City

Commissioner Jeff Andrews today to discuss the proposal which, he said, "is a lot of money" adding that there's only a "short time" in which to deal with the plan.

There will be no city manager on duty until Monday when the interim manager hired arrives to fill in for retired manager Bob Eskridge. Also, Mayor Lonny Robbins was unavailable today as he is on vacation.

County Judge Richard Peet was also not available for an interview this morning as the Gray County Commissioner's Court was in session.

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CAMPAIGN

cy created when then-Lieutenant Governor Ricky Perry became governor after the election of President George W. Bush. He did not seek election by the voters for the position.

Lieutenant governor has been described as one of the most powerful positions in the state.

The lieutenant governor serves as the Constitutional President of the Senate and has a great deal of influence in shaping state policy and laws

that may eventually be passed by the Senate.

As land commissioner, Dewhurst was a member of the Legislative Review Board which set the redistricting boundaries following the release of the Census 2000 data.

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No police, but Stinnett's got bones

This last week has been one of the most tiring and rewarding I've had in a long time.

Working on the archaeological dig of the bones discovered in the Stinnett City Park was one of the most educational experiences I've ever had.

I was told last night the project was completed yesterday as the bones were officially removed from the site around 4 p.m.

The excitement of the day-to-day events the past eight days is over. The City Park was eerily quiet yesterday evening.

Not only was it the gathering place for the community's residents the past week, but many people from out of town went to see it. The convenience stores boomed with extra business.

The arrowhead (I've learned the correct name is a spear point as it is two-and-one-half inches long) and a portion of the bones were transported to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon yesterday evening.

The remainder of the bones are being transported today still packed in the hard dirt. People working on the excavation dug a circular trench around the jaw bone and hump bone along with additional skeletal remains. Digging down several inches, they cut the ground and lifted it up.

My daughter, M.E., and her three children watched part of the excavation. She said it looked like a huge rock with the bones in the hardened soil.



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

One of my friends, Leslie Monden, who worked on the excavation each day since it was found said she could certainly attest to the soil being hardened. She had the swollen hands from trying to dig around it and aching muscles she didn't know she had before. This was hard work for us grandmothers!

This experience has been quite educational, too. I've learned so much about bison bones and I don't know hardly anything. In talking with one of the professionals over the weekend, he told me that only two percent of the early day discoveries found are ever reported.

From living in the Panhandle for years, I knew there were many people who find these sites and dig up the remains themselves. So much of our historical culture has disappeared because of that way of handling our important history.

This is why this discovery in Stinnett on July 24 was so neat. It was on public property and was reported to the Texas Historical Commission. Now we will have a record of the early day life in the Panhandle.

Learning that this discovery of the

bison bones last week appears to date the human life back several thousand years in the Panhandle, I was amazed that it appears to be the oldest in the area.

The origin of the arrowhead (spear point) has not been determined. In looking at the chart on arrowheads, it does not match any on that huge chart. It is similar to a couple who are to have come from the southeast Texas area. The substance is different, also. It does not appear to be flint.

Now the find is in the hands of the professionals. They will clean it properly and determine the age by carbon testing.

Hopefully, by the time they finish we will have a building to house it. Tentative plans are to secure grant funding to establish a special building for the artifacts.

The bison bone discovery was a good thing for that small community. It came on the heels of an extremely controversial few weeks which resulted in the town not having any police.

Many citizens were quite upset about various parts of the police crisis, but the bison bone discovery united a community as the residents developed much pride.

We still don't have any police and probably won't for awhile, but we do have bison bones.

Today the construction workers on the swimming pool site began restoring the area to a construction site as they are behind schedule in getting the new pool completed.

It will cost the town money, but it was money very well spent.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outraged by interim city manager contract

I was outraged to hear the particulars of the contract to pay our interim City Manager. Our Commissioners agreed that we should pay this interim manager \$39.00 per hour, furnish him with "Nice" housing, pay all incidental living expenses, pay for two round trip plane tickets per month so he can go home, and furnish him with a car. Any way you figure it, that comes to somewhere between \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month minimum.

This is in addition to the \$3,000 per month we are paying Mr. Eskridge to stay to guide the City through the transition.

Does our Commission feel that our City personnel are so incompetent they cannot operate without a City Manager for a few months?

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

Quick buck vs. real concern

It's not easy for any community to cope with the major economic changes that have occurred in recent years. A few think that the only solution to our problems is the crowding-in of the corporate pig industry. But have we considered the profound changes this holds for the people of the Panhandle? Will the proposed National Pig Development, with its 50,000 pigs, benefit our economy or push it further downhill? We must also ask if this is just the forerunner of many more pig factories for Gray County.

The elected representatives in whom we placed our trust have dismembered the environmental laws and ignored the consequences, and this lack of regulation has made Texas first choice of the corporate pork industry. Are they listening?

The passage of only a few years has revealed many instances of groundwater contamination in northwest Oklahoma, from Seaboard Farms, which was cited recently for 11 alleged environmental regulations. In the words of Oklahoma Attorney General Edmondson, "This groundwater contamination must stop..."

The real costs: Pig factories are known for destroying communities all over the United States; they pollute the air; they destroy the water and the environment, and they use our tax dollars to do it. This is not progress, but just the opposite.

Some will benefit from the pig industry. There may be a flurry of optimism and some temporary stimulation, but in the final analysis, minimum wage workers can't afford much in the way of housing or other products that keep the economy rolling along.

Some say that those who oppose the pig industry are destroying Pampa. It is apparent that these "pro-hoggers" would readily sacrifice the quality of life for all the rest of us, and in the process they would toss out any other prospects for the future except the pigs.

It's really a matter of whether one's goal is the fast buck or genuine concern for our long-term survival.

Edna L. Haydon
Pampa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Who or what is the stock market?

Every day, we hear something about markets. Your 6 o'clock news anchor might say, "The market had a bad day." Last year, Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Alan Greenspan talked about the market's irrational exuberance. I guess now he'd say the market has irrational pessimism.

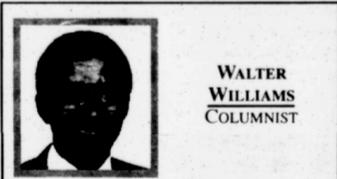
In college, your professor might have told you that the market can't be trusted and that's why we need government. Your politician might preach, "Who gets prescription drugs shouldn't be left up to the market." A civil-rights leader or a feminist might say that the market is racist and sexist and possibly homophobic.

Here's my question: Who is this guy we call the market? If he raises so much havoc in people's lives, shouldn't we find a way to make him behave? If we're going to straighten out this market guy, we should start first by identifying him.

Suppose every single American just went about his business every day, kept his money in his pocket and had absolutely nothing to do with the stock market. Would the stock market be exuberant or pessimistic? What would a news anchor say the market did today? My guess is the market wouldn't do anything. In fact, the stock market wouldn't even exist.

You say, "What's your reasoning, Williams?"

What we call the stock market is literally millions upon millions of independent people around the world making



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

independent decisions.

A simply put example is this: I think or guess AT&T shares will rise in price, so I want to buy a hundred. Somebody else might think or guess that AT&T shares are going to fall in price, so he wants to sell his 100 - but there's a big problem. I don't know where he is, and he doesn't know where I am. No sweat. There are specialists who, for a price, get us together so we can make the transaction. We call him a stockbroker.

Schoolteachers are more important to society than professional basketball players. The fact that professional basketball players earn more money leads some people to condemn the market for not having the right priorities. The reason why professional basketball players earn more money is both a result of reality and decisions made by millions of decision-makers.

The first reality is the number of people with skills to do what Michael Jordan does is far smaller than the number of people who possess teacher skills. The second reality is that Michael Jordan's

personal contribution to the benefit of society far exceeds the personal contribution of an individual teacher. The third reality is that millions upon millions of Americans want to see him play and cough up big bucks to see him do so.

What we call the market is really a democratic process involving millions, and in some markets billions, of people making personal decisions that express their preferences. When you hear someone say that he doesn't trust the market, and wants to replace it with government edicts, he's really calling for a switch from a democratic process to a totalitarian one.

An excellent example is when people demand that government confiscate the earnings of wealthier Americans to give to poorer Americans. Michael Jordan is much wealthier than I, but whose doing is that? It's decisions made by millions upon millions of people who prefer to fork over their money to watch him play basketball. I'd be just as rich if they were willing to do the same to watch me play. When someone condemns Jordan's earnings, they are really condemning the voluntary decisions made by millions of people.

Tyrants always condemn and seek to replace the market process with government coercion because tyrants do not trust that people behaving voluntarily will do what the tyrants think they should do.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, August 1, the 213th day of 2002. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

On this date:
 In 1790, the first United States census was completed,

showing a population of nearly four million people.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Sen. William J. Fulbright.

In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established.

In 1957, the United States and Canada reached agree-

ment to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman shot and killed 15 people at the University of Texas before he was gunned down by police.

In 1975, a 35-nation summit in Helsinki, Finland, concluded with the signing of an accord dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.

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Sixteen 4-Hers visiting capitol

BY JUDY ELLIOTT
FOR THE NEWS

A total of 16 Gray County 4-Hers are spending this week in Washington, D.C. The trip is the culmination of 20 months of planning and fund-raising that included candy and cookie dough sales, car washes, a chuck wagon dinner and auction, a quilt raffle, and three pee-wee basketball tournaments.

The "Wonders of Washington" students and 10 adult chaperones flew out of Amarillo Monday morning bound for the nation's capitol. While visiting Washington, the group will stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md.

The group has a full schedule in D.C. They intend to make the most of their six days there. The first night in town, they visited five different memorials including the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials and the Washington Monument.

Among the many other

places they plan to take in are Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian, the White House, Old Town Alexandria, the National Zoo, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

On Wednesday, they are to attend an evening performance of the play "Shear Madness" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. A day trip to Baltimore on Thursday will take them to the National Aquarium, Harbor Place, and Fort McHenry. Saturday they are scheduled to participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery before heading to Mount Vernon for the afternoon.

The group will attend church at the National Cathedral before flying back to Amarillo on Sunday.

Students in the group are Emily Elliott, Cory Jackson, Drake Jackson, Emily Jackson, Ryan Lewis, Gabriel Miller, Nick Miller, Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom,



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Sixteen Gray County 4-Hers and several adult chaperones are participating in this year's "Wonders of Washington" trip to Washington, D.C. Pictured above is the entire group consisting of Emily Elliott, Cory Jackson, Drake Jackson, Emily Jackson, Ryan Lewis, Gabriel Miller, Nick Miller, Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom, Royce O'Neal, Lindsey Price, Sarah Schwab, Kevin Smith, Savannah Smith, Rachael Stubbs, Valerie Willis, Joan Gray, Jay and Debbie Henson, Barry and Lendi Jackson, Ken and Beth Miller, Robert Schwab, and Cindy Scully.

Royce O'Neal, Lindsey Price, Sarah Schwab, Kevin Smith, Savannah Smith, Rachael Stubbs, and Valerie Willis.

Adult chaperones are Joan Gray, Jay and Debbie

Henson, Barry and Lendi Jackson, Ken and Beth Miller, Robert Schwab, and Cindy Scully.

The primary objectives of the "Wonders of Washington" trip are to foster

an appreciation in the participants for America's historical, political, and cultural heritage; to teach the fundamentals of our federal government; and to explore the principles and responsibilities

of American citizenship. Upon their return, these 4-Hers plan to share their experiences and impressions with other 4-H members and with interested community groups and classrooms.

White House promoting on-line tax filing initiative

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is looking to make online tax filing free to as many as 78 million taxpayers next year.

"We're taking advantage of technology to reduce the cost and hassle of filing for millions of taxpayers," Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said.

Under the plan announced Wednesday, each tax preparation provider in a consortium of tax preparers and software publishers must provide free services to at least 10 percent of taxpayers it serves.

Exactly which taxpayers qualify would be up to the individual provider, but the services would all be available beginning Dec. 31 through the Internal Revenue Service Web site.

The goal is for 60 percent of tax returns to be filed for free next year, which translates to about 78 million, according to Treasury Department officials. Now, taxpayers usually pay a fee, averaging \$12.50, for online filing — and that is on top of fees for preparation services or computer software.

This year, 46.5 million taxpayers filed their returns electronically, out of a total of 125.6 million received.

The plan was immediately praised by tax preparers and tax software publishers,

which had feared that the government drive toward free online filing would bring the IRS directly into their line of work.

Instead, the plan envisions formation of a consortium of dozens of private companies to handle both preparation and online filing.

Ed Black, president and chief executive officer of the Computer and Communications Industry Association, said the agreement "represents the best in what the government and private sector can achieve when working in concert."

O'Neill and White House Budget Director Mitch Daniels jointly announced the plan, which will be subject to change after a 30-day comment period.

Congress has set for the IRS a goal of having 80 percent of returns electronically filed by 2007. IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said taxpayers who e-file get their refunds twice as fast, make fewer errors and help cut down government paperwork and costs.

President Bush has also asked Congress to give taxpayers who e-file an extra 15 days to get their returns to the IRS, but lawmakers have yet to act on it. M0016mtba-u o B C - W E A - M S O - D a i l y - C l i m a t e 08-01 0861

Video-taped teen testifies for grand jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donovan Jackson, who was videotaped being punched and slammed into a police car by an officer, told grand jurors that he was beaten and choked by officers that day until he lost consciousness, according to court papers.

The black teenager testified earlier this month that he did not provoke the confrontation with the white officer who punched him, according to a 450-page transcript of grand jury proceedings unsealed Tuesday by Superior Court Judge David Wesley.

During Jackson's arrest, Inglewood Officer Jeremy Morse is seen slamming the handcuffed 16-year-old onto a car and punching him in the head. The arrest was taped July 6 by a bystander across the street and the transcript showed at least one of the officers knew they were being taped.

Jackson and his father, Coby Chavis, were stopped by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies because their car had expired tags. The Inglewood officers arrived to help as Chavis was being questioned.

Morse, 24, has pleaded innocent to assault, saying he punched Jackson after the teenager grabbed his testicles. Morse's partner, Officer Bijan Darvish, 25, pleaded innocent to filing a false police report. Both were placed on leave and face up to three years in prison if convicted.

The transcripts show that two sheriff's deputies who made the initial traffic stop were granted immunity in exchange for their testimony.

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U.S., Southeast Asian nations sign anti-terrorism treaty

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) — The United States and a bloc of Southeast Asian nations signed a sweeping treaty Thursday aimed at making the region, which has become a second front in the war against terrorism, more responsive to future threats.

The signing capped a week of diplomacy that overcame fears from Vietnam and Indonesia that the accord could lead to the basing of U.S. troops in Southeast Asia, where American forces have already helped the Philippines battle the Abu Sayyaf Muslim guerrillas.

"This is not a case of Big Brother United States imposing on ASEAN," Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said. "This is something that both ASEAN and the United States want."

Under the agreement, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, and Washington will share information, boost police cooperation and plug holes that extremists can exploit. It would bring increased U.S. technical and logistical aid to "prevent, disrupt and combat" international terrorism.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who signed

the accord, said it would build a "more intimate relationship" with the Southeast Asian countries but will not be used as a thin wedge to deploy U.S. troops, which would depend on country-to-country arrangements.

"We are not looking for bases or places to send U.S. troops," Powell said.

Powell wants the treaty to lead to a substantial upgrading of security in the region, a senior U.S. official said Thursday.

In Southeast Asia, al-Qaida operatives have established links with local extremists that were exploited in the logistics of the Sept. 11 attacks and plots to bomb the U.S. Embassy and other targets in Singapore.

Powell said that he brings the message to each country he visits that the campaign against terrorism should not be a cover to repress legitimate dissent, a charge leveled by opponents of the Malaysian government during his visit there two days ago.

"If we're going to defeat the terrorists, then we have to attack them from the highest moral plane," Powell said. "Human rights have to be protected."

Next on his Asia tour, Powell visits Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, which neighboring Malaysia and Singapore say has not done enough to crack down on extremists thought linked to al-Qaida.

Powell will bring a plan to increase anti-terror training for Indonesia's police, keeping within U.S. laws that sharply limited military aid after Indonesian troops rampaged East Timor in 1999.

"I expect to discuss military-to-military cooperation with them" as well as human rights, Powell said.

On Wednesday, ASEAN, the United States, China and 11 other countries reached a separate agreement aimed at blocking extremists from accessing the money they need to carry out terror attacks.

Their agreement targets terrorists' finances with a range of cooperative efforts from freezing assets to creating "financial intelligence units."

The forum is made up of the ASEAN countries — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Their annual meeting has been the scene of

intense diplomatic contacts dealing with issues ranging from tensions on the Korean peninsula to the conflict between India and Pakistan.

Following up on a breakthrough meeting with Powell, North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun said Thursday that the United States will send a senior envoy to his nation but that a date still had to be set.

James Kelly, assistant U.S. secretary of state for Asia, had been scheduled to visit North Korea last month, but the visit was suspended after a clash between the North and South Korean navies on June 29 pushed deteriorating relations with Washington to a low point.

Paek, who met Powell on Wednesday in the first high-level contact between the countries since the Clinton administration, told reporters that Kelly's visit was back on track.

"James Kelly will be visiting North Korea," Paek said. "The United States will notify a day for his visit."

The dialogue timeframe is "up to the United States," Paek said. "They said they would respond soon. ... There are no conditions."

Venezuelans await court decision, clashes erupt in interim

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — With clashes already erupting outside the Supreme Court, many Venezuelans fear more violence and military unrest over a court decision on whether to try four high-ranking officers for rebellion in an April coup.

Venezuelans widely consider the pending decision to be a test of the court's alleged loyalty to President Hugo Chavez's leftist government. The court has been accused of siding with Chavez, who revamped Venezuela's judiciary after his 1998 election.

Hearings in the case have sparked clashes between so-called "Chavistas" and government opponents who support the officers. Police used tear gas and fired shots into the air to stop fighting outside the courthouse on Wednesday. At least five people were hurt.

Venezuelans remain sharply divided over the April 12-14 coup attempt that briefly ousted Chavez, and any decision

by the Supreme Court could spark anger.

A final decision has been put off at least until next week. On Wednesday, the court rejected a draft order by one magistrate that would have ordered the four officers to stand trial. The court appointed another magistrate to draft another ruling by Monday.

The officers welcomed the decision as a sign that the Supreme Court was planning to rule in their favor.

If the court does rule against trying the officers, it could encourage an opposition movement that argues that the Constitution allows citizens and soldiers to disobey an authoritarian government that violates human rights, analysts said.

"It could be an incentive to attempt another rebellion," said Angel Alvarez, a political scientist at the Central University of Venezuela. "It could encourage people to invoke the Constitution to rebel against the regime."

"Chavistas" would say the Supreme Court has turned against the government — a significant step when several corruption cases against Chavez are pending, said Luis Vicente Leon, an analyst with the Datanalysis polling firm. Some pro-Chavez lawmakers have threatened to "storm" the Supreme Court if it doesn't order a trial.

A ruling against the officers could dash opposition hopes of ousting Chavez, whose term ends in 2007, through a corruption trial. Chavez is accused of receiving illegal campaign donations and illegally spending \$2 million from a federal fund.

"What is clear is that no decision by the Supreme Court will be interpreted as clean and fair. It will be interpreted by one band or the other as a manipulation," Leon said.

Navy Vice Adm. Hector Ramirez Perez, Rear Adm. Daniel Comisso Urdaneta, army Gen. Efraim Vasquez and air force Gen. Pedro Pereira are

charged with rebellion for the coup. The charge carries a 30-year prison term.

What happened during the violent days that saw Chavez's removal and stunning return is a matter of fierce debate in politically polarized Venezuela, with Chavez's most radical opponents refusing to acknowledge that a coup even took place.

Chavez was ousted by rebel officers a day after 18 civilians were killed during an opposition protest. He swept back to power after popular and military protests against an interim government that abolished the Constitution.

The government alleges that the defendants threatened Chavez with violence to get him to resign his presidency. The officers say they acted after another general announced — falsely, as it turned out — that Chavez had resigned on April 12. They also justified their actions by saying they refused a Chavez order to deploy troops against unarmed civilians.

Skating scandal widens

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Italian police said their investigation of a suspected Russian mobster charged with fixing figure skating at the Salt Lake Olympic Games shows he may have contacted as many as six judges, and that his alleged attempt to corrupt the games was widespread.

An Italian organized-crime unit revealed details of a months-long operation Thursday, a day after arresting suspect Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov in Venice on U.S. conspiracy charges.

Tokhtakhounov is accused of scheming to persuade a French judge to vote for the Russian pairs team and a Russian judge to vote in turn for the French ice dancing team, according to a criminal complaint filed in Manhattan federal court. Both teams won gold.

In exchange for fixing the event, the reputed mobster wanted a visa to return to France, where he once lived, U.S. prosecutors say.

Russian sports officials derided the accusations Thursday. One called the allegations a "funny fantasy" that belonged in a Hollywood film script, not a U.S. federal court affidavit.

Tokhtakhounov is expected to plead innocent to all charges and fight extradition, said his lawyer, Luca Salvarelli, who had not yet met with his client.

"According to what his relatives told me, he will deny any wrongdoing," the lawyer said.

"He claims he is innocent."

Italian police said Tokhtakhounov held a phone conversation with a French man, whom police said was identified on the tape as "Chevalier." The suspect also made references to judges, although none were heard speaking on the tapes.

Police said they did not know the names of the judges.

"We have recorded a conversation in which the suspect indicates that six judges may have been involved," police Col. Giovanni Mainolfi said. "However, we have no specific evidence against these judges at this time."

Wiretaps used in an organized crime investigation captured a series of telephone calls between Tokhtakhounov in Italy and unnamed conspirators during the games. Those calls "lay out a pattern of conduct that connects those two events," U.S. Attorney James Comey said.

Energy secretary views Russian ties with Iran with serious concern

MOSCOW (AP) — Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham on Thursday said Russia's nuclear cooperation with Iran is a matter of "utmost" concern for the Bush administration, which believes the project helps advance Iran's weapons program.

Abraham's comments came just days after Russia announced an ambitious 10-year plan for cooperation with Iran that envisages building five nuclear reactors

there in addition to the one already under construction.

"The expansion of Russian nuclear cooperation with Iran remains an issue of utmost concern to us," Abraham said at a news conference, wrapping up talks this week in Moscow. "It has been raised to the highest levels, we are in the middle of

sensitive discussions on this matter."

Abraham and Undersecretary of State John Bolton, who handles arms control issues, met Wednesday with Russian Nuclear Energy Minister Alexander Romyantsev.

Abraham on Thursday would not comment on the details of discussions on Iran, but he reaffirmed the administration's strong belief that Russia's cooperation with Iran was helping advance its nuclear weapons program.

"We have long been concerned that Iran's only interest in nuclear civil power, given its vast domestic energy resources, is to support its nuclear weapons program," Abraham said. "For that rea-

son, we have consistently urged Russia to cease all nuclear cooperation with Iran, including its assistance to the reactor in Bushehr."

The \$800 million deal to build the 1,000 megawatt reactor in Bushehr has been a thorny issue in the U.S.-Russian relations since it was signed in 1995. Russia has scoffed at the U.S. concerns, insisting that the nuclear plant would serve purely civilian purposes and remain under international supervision.

Russian nuclear officials have pledged to sign an agreement later this year to bring the spent nuclear fuel from Bushehr back to Russia for reprocessing to avoid any proliferation risks.

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Judge rules foreign nationals not entitled to U.S. courts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suspected Taliban and al-Qaida fighters held in Cuba do not have a right to U.S. court hearings, allowing the military to hold them indefinitely without filing charges, a judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly said Wednesday that because the 600 men held at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are not in the United States, they do not fall under the jurisdiction of federal courts.

The ruling involved two Britons and an Australian as well as 12 Kuwaitis who brought a separate complaint. A lawyer for the Kuwaitis said they'd appeal the ruling.

"In our appeal, which we hope will be expedited, we will ask the higher courts to restore the principle that the judiciary has the final word on constitutional rights," attorney Tom Wilner said in a prepared statement.

Barbara Olshansky, a legal director for the civil rights group representing the men, said the judge based her decision on "irrelevant and ill-reasoned" precedents.

"We find the decision extremely troubling," said Olshansky, who works for The Center for Constitutional Rights. The men "are being held at the unfettered discretion of the United States and have nowhere to turn."

Some legal experts said the ruling was the first significant legal support for the government's detention policy and had broad impli-

cations for the war on terrorism.

"This is a federal court weighing in, saying that those people detained at U.S. bases outside the country are, in essence, not being held in the United States," said Justin Willard, a constitutional lawyer in Washington. "There is no reason why this tactic couldn't be used indefinitely. Why bring a suspected terrorist to Washington when you can put them in Cuba and never have to answer questions about who they are or what they've done?"

The plaintiffs — Britons Shafiq Rasul and Asif Iqbal and Australian David Hicks — are being held at Guantanamo Bay. They were captured while fighting with Taliban and al-Qaida forces, U.S. officials say.

The men's families hired lawyers in the United States who sued the Bush administration, demanding that the men be allowed to argue their cases before a federal judge.

But Kollar-Kotelly ruled that courts have no jurisdiction because the nation's "leased military bases abroad, which continue under the sovereignty of foreign nations, hostile or friendly" are not U.S. territory.

The judge also rejected the relatives' argument that the detained men should have the same right to U.S. courts as Cuban citizens who have requested political asylum and gained entry into the United States.

"The crucial distinction in their rights as aliens is that (they) had been given some form of process

by the government of the United States," the judge wrote. "It is undisputed that the individuals held at Guantanamo Bay do not seek to become citizens."

The judge said that because the men have not been charged with any legal offenses they are not being deprived of due process.

In November, President Bush and his administration ordered the detainees held and not accorded protections as prisoners of war on grounds they are among the most dangerous Taliban and al-Qaida fighters captured during the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

Hicks, 26, allegedly threatened to kill an American upon his arrival at Guantanamo

Bay, U.S. officials said.

Stephen Kenny, an Australian lawyer representing Hicks' family in Australia, hinted at an appeal of the decision. "We will continue and we hope that the full court will provide a greater sense of justice in this case," he said in the southern Australian city of Adelaide.

The three prisoners named in the complaint are being held indefinitely.

No treaty or U.S. law grants prisoners such as those at Guantanamo the right to a lawyer. That would change if they were charged with a crime. Prisoners of war also merit legal protections not being given the Guantanamo detainees.

Gene may influence bad behavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some men who were abused as children become violent criminals as adults, while others do not. A new study suggests the difference between the two groups may be a gene that makes a chemical in the brain.

The study, which followed the lives of 442 males in New Zealand for 26 years, found those men who had a combination of abuse and a flawed brain chemical gene were far more likely to commit criminal or anti-social actions as adults than others in the group.

Experts say the finding, appearing this week in the journal *Science*, could lead to new ways of helping abused children become responsible, non-abusing adults.

The men in the study group were tested for the activity of a gene, called monoamine oxidase A, or MAOA, that produces an enzyme that controls chemicals in the brain which transmit signals between neurons. Among those studied, 279 were found to have normally active MAOA genes, while 163 showed a low level of action from the gene.

The study found that 64 percent of the men were not abused in childhood, while the balance experienced either "severe" or "probable" maltreatment — defined as rejection by the mother, frequent changes in primary caregivers and physical or sexual abuse.

At the conclusion of the research, the researchers found that the abused children with low MAOA gene activity, which were 12 percent of the study group, accounted for 44 percent of the violent crime convictions among all of those in the group, said Terrie E. Moffitt, a University of Wisconsin, Madison, psychologist and a co-author of the study.

"As adults, 85 percent of the severely maltreated children who also had the gene for low MAOA activity developed anti-social outcomes,

such as violent criminal behavior," Moffitt said in a statement. The abused children with normal MAOA genes were no more likely to be anti-social than those who were not abused, the study found.

"The findings provide evidence that genotypes (genetic characteristics) can moderate children's sensitivity to environmental insults" such as abuse, Moffitt said in an e-mail. "These findings may partly explain why not all victims of maltreatment grow up to victimize others."

Several vying for Ms. Wheelchair

WASHINGTON (AP) — The women competing to be crowned Ms. Wheelchair America want to be clear: This is not a beauty pageant. There will be no swimsuits or evening wear competition.

Already facing a world that misjudges them because of their disabilities, most aren't interested in being typecast based on their cheekbones and figures, as well.

Yet 25 contestants have gamely donned their state sashes and are competing for the chance to tour the country on a slim travel budget, in their spare time, with no professional staff to help. The winner, to be crowned Saturday night in the Washington suburb of Rockville, Md., will have to arrange the itinerary for her year-long reign mostly on her own.

Many see the 30-year-old contest as an opportunity to advocate for better treatment of the disabled and to transform their wheelchairs into a kind of gift — an inspiration for others.

"Friends said ever since this happened to me they knew I was going to do something with it," Theresa Temborius, 43, said of the sledding accident that fractured her spine a year and a half ago.

Temborius, of Chillicothe, Ill., said she decided at the hospital that she wouldn't lapse into despair and would rebuild her life as a registered nurse.

"To see my two younger brothers crying at the foot of my hospital bed, I didn't like that," she said. "I said the only one who can change that is me."

Her platform: urging the more than 50 million disabled Americans to vote, so politicians will improve state and federal aid.

The contestants, who must be between the ages 21 and 60, are married and single, mothers and grandmothers. Several have graduate degrees; all do volunteer work. Some have been partially paralyzed since birth or childhood, others suffered accidents. The current Ms. Wheelchair America, Candy Marsh, is a nurse and single mother of three from Greenwood Village, Colo.

The six-day national gathering gives contestants a chance to share successes and frustrations, such as the many so-called "handicapped accessible" restrooms with doors too narrow to accommodate a wheelchair.

Only half the states have pageants, and all the events are small, ranging from two contestants to a dozen.

The women will be judged on their academic, career and personal accomplishments, their communications skills, their poise and their presentation. The judging criteria stress that it's not a beauty contest, but say the winner should have "a pleasing appearance capable of obtaining favorable responses from any audience."

Each year's winner meets with her state's governor and the president, said Pat O'Bryant, the contest's executive director. The rest of the schedule is largely up to the reigning queen, who typically has to work around the demands of a full-time job.

A competing pageant that put more emphasis on beauty, Ms. Wheelchair USA, was short-lived.

O'Bryant gives no apology for running a women-only event. Maybe, she said, there will be time to establish a Mr. Wheelchair, once all 50 states have women's pageants.

Two former WorldCom execs surrender to authorities

NEW YORK (AP) — Two former WorldCom executives surrendered Thursday to face federal charges related to an alleged multibillion dollar accounting fraud at the embattled telecommunications giant.

Former chief financial officer Scott Sullivan and former controller David Myers were being held by the FBI in Manhattan pending a court appearance.

"They are here and they are in custody," FBI spokesman Jim Margolin said.

A seven-count complaint, to be unsealed Thursday in federal court, charges them with securities fraud and conspiracy, a law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sullivan and Myers were dismissed from WorldCom in June after the company admitted it falsely accounted for \$3.8 billion in expenses, allowing executives to continue reporting profits when the company was actually losing money.

The Securities and Exchange Commission later that month filed civil fraud charges against WorldCom, citing "accounting improprieties of unprecedented magnitude."

The criminal charges put

pressure on Myers and Sullivan to tell investigators what they know about their former boss, former chief executive Bernard Ebbers, who also is being investigated by prosecutors.

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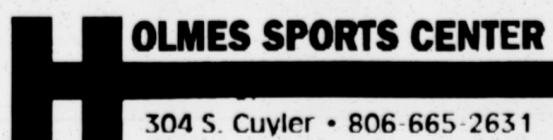
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Memorial Day Remembrance Stirs Feelings of Gratitude

DEAR ABBY: The Friday morning before Memorial Day, I read the letter in your column from Carmella La Spada from the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. On Memorial Day, I was invited to a barbecue at the home of friends, so I decided to create our own moment of silence.

The gathering included myself, my teen-age son and the host family, which consisted of two more teens and several older relatives. The host had served in the Navy during the Gulf War, so the moment of remembrance held extra meaning for him.

At 3 p.m., the group gathered around the American flag in the front yard. I read Ms. La Spada's letter aloud, as it explained beautifully the reason for the moment of silence. Then my son, who plays the trumpet, played a beautiful rendition of "Taps."

The experience gave me a deep sense of gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, made possible by all of the men and women who have served in our armed forces down through the history of this country. In that moment, I felt the connectedness of us all.

Thank you, Abby and Ms. La Spada, for helping to make the day truly meaningful. Please sign my name. I am proud to live in the land of the free.

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DEAR TERESA: I'm sure Carmella La Spada will be as pleased as I am to know her letter spurred you to action. And I hope your letter reminds everyone who sees it how fortunate we are to live in this great country. The freedoms we enjoy today are the result of great personal sacrifice, and we must never forget it.

DEAR ABBY: The letters you have printed about acts of kindness — as well as those about the insensitive treatment people with disabilities have received at some restaurants — reminded me of an experience I had.

My father had many strokes and could no longer speak. However, in spite of his disabilities, my father was excited about giving me away at my wedding.

I took him to a tuxedo shop in North Seattle for a fitting. The young man who helped us could not have been more than 19 or 20 years old. He looked my father in the eye and addressed every question to him, although my father could answer with only a nod or a shake of the head. He was courteous and respectful, and accommodated my father's need to have a tux with a loose collar because of his trach tube.

I'll always be grateful to this kind and sensitive young man. He treated my father like the gentleman he was. The memory of that incident brought me a bit of comfort when my father died a month after the wedding.

I regret that I never properly thanked the young man, nor did I get his name. I hope he sees this — and that other service providers will realize how much respectful treatment means to people with disabilities and their family members.

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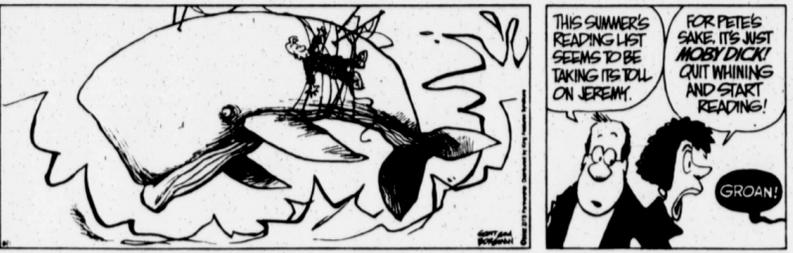
DEAR MARY: I, too, hope he sees the letter, and that others in the service professions will learn from that fine young man's example.

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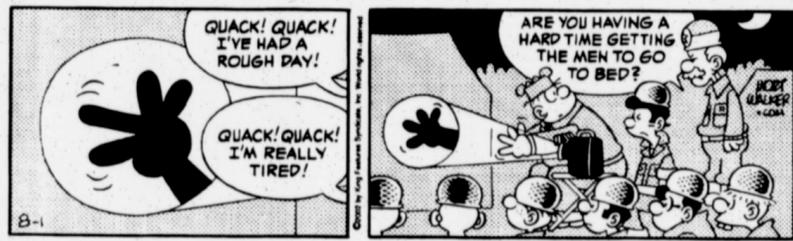
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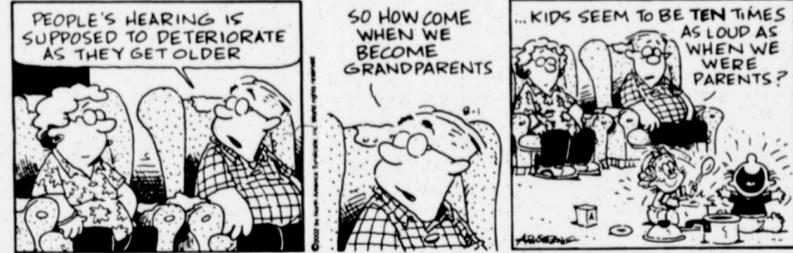
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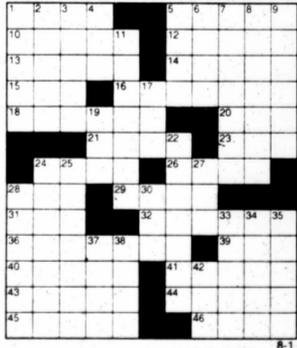
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Pampa High football workouts start Monday

PAMPA — High school football practice gets under way Monday with two-a-day workouts scheduled for the first week at Harvester Stadium. Players start checking out equipment at 9 a.m. at the athletic building. Players put on pads and helmets for the first time on Aug. 9.

game is Sept. 6 against Lubbock Estacado. District 3-4A action kicks off Sept. 27 with Pampa going to Randall. The annual homecoming game is Oct. 4 against new district opponent Plainview.

Pampa High School 2002 Football Workout Schedule

Aug. 5
Equipment checkout: 9 a.m. 12th grade; 9:45 a.m. 11th grade; 10:30 a.m. 10th grade; 11:15 a.m. 9th grade.
Meeting: 12 p.m., 9-12 grades.
Practice: 6-8:30, all teams.

Aug. 6
Practice: 9-11:30
Practice: 6-8:30

Aug. 7
Practice: 9-11:30
Practice: 6-8:30

Aug. 8
Practice: 9-11:30
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Aug. 9
First Day of Pads
Practice: 9-11:30
Practice: 6-8:30

Aug. 10
Picture Day, 9 a.m.
Varsity practice only: 8:30-11

Aug. 12
Practice: 9-11:30
Practice: 6-8:30

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Practice: 9-11:30
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Aug. 15
Practice: 6-8:30

Aug. 16
Practice: 5-7:30

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Aug. 17
Varsity scrimmage: 10 a.m. at Quanah. Leave Pampa at 7 a.m.

NOTEBOOK

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Two-a-day workouts start Monday, Aug. 5 for Pampa High volleyball prospects. Workout times are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa has a three-way scrimmage set for Aug. 17 at Plainview. River Road will also participate.

GOLF

PAMPA — Pamcel Golf Club is hosting a two-man scramble Aug. 10-11 with the entry deadline set for 12 noon Aug. 9.

Cost is \$110 per team. The scramble is limited to the first 36 teams. The tournament will be flighted by the total team handicap (maximum 10-stroke difference) and past performance. All handicaps must be verifiable.

On Aug. 9, there will be a free practice round. There will be 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times available for Saturday's (Aug. 10) round.

Sunday's (Aug. 11) tee time will be according to flight. Carts are available for \$15 per day. Personal carts can be used.

A free evening meal is planned for Saturday, (Aug. 10) followed by a drawing for door prizes and calcutta.

For more information or to enter, call Derek Bigham at 663-4937, Don Alexander 663-4942 or Marcus Schock 663-4137.

PAMPA — The Pamcel Golf Club is hosting a scramble on Tuesday, Aug. 6 which is open to the public.

The scramble starts at 6:15 p.m. and golfers must be signed up by 5:45 p.m. There be a blind draw with a required handicap.

Fee is seven dollars for non-members and five dollars for members. Carts will be available to rent at four dollars per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. It is winner-takes-all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 entries.

For more information, contact Derek Bigham at 663-4937, Don Alexander 663-4942 or Marcus Schock 663-4137.

Aug. 20 will be the next scramble.

FOOTBALL

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Youth Football League will have sign-ups for the 2002 season from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Bible Heritage Christian School, 4001 Republic Ave. in Amarillo.

The league is open to all fifth and sixth graders. To be eligible, a player must not turn 13 years old before Sept. 1.

Teams are formed after tryouts. The fee is \$100, but no child will be denied a chance to play based on lack of funds. For more information, call 356-6620 or 679-3409.

Flashback

1977: Kurt Krause of Pampa defeated Scott Nelson of Canyon 6-0, 6-0 in a high school singles tennis match. Pampa won the dual boys' meet by the score of 7-6.

Kiwanis Club holds scramble

PAMPA — The second annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble was held July 20 at Hidden Hills public golf course.

The scramble was a huge success for all who participated, according to Kiwanis Club officials. A total of 20 teams played in the tournament and approximately 160 local businesses helped to sponsor the fund-raising event.

The Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of the golfers, sponsors and Hidden Hills staff members that supported the event.

Funds raised will be distributed to many local needs that involve children throughout the community.

Scramble results are as follows:

- A Flight**
1. C. White, B. White, G. White and E. Wilson
2. H. Comer, B. Tarpley, D. Fatheree and C. Comer
3. W. White, J. Stroud, B. Washington and J. Mabry
- B Flight**
1. R. Tapp, J. Ashford, H. Knutson and D. Antleron
2. S. Haddox, G. Earnshaw, J. Haddox and J.L. Charwell
3. P. Montoya, B. Silva, S. Williams and G. Vanderlinden
- C Flight**
1. L. Allison, B. Haley, S. Allison and B. Heuston
2. D. McGill, W. McSpadden, C. Iman and E. Cotter
3. B. Cook, J. Fuller, S. Cook and M. Joiner
- Longest drive: David McGill
Straightest drive: Benny Silva
Closest to the pin: Jim Fuller, No. 1.
Closest to the pin: Gary Earnshaw, No. 2.

3-on-3 winners



The Loc's-R-Us team of Pampa had a 6-0 record to win the Amarillo 3-on-3 Streetball Challenge in the 16 & Under Division. Team members are (standing, l-r) Jemarr Landers, Brandon Johnston and Cameron Seger. Kneeling is Julian Salazar.

Bonds returns to hit homer

By the Associated Press

Barry Bonds returned to the lineup and picked up right where he left off — hitting a home run.

Bonds hit his 596th career homer and went 3-for-4 Wednesday night. The Giants' slugger had missed 10 games because of a strained right hamstring.

He came to bat representing the go-ahead run with two outs in the ninth and received his major league-leading 41st intentional walk. Closer Jose Mesa retired Rich Aurilia to finish the Phillies' 8-6 win over San Francisco.

Phillies manager Larry Bowa went to the mound to make sure Bonds was walked. As he returned to the dugout, he exchanged words with Bonds.

"I told him he wasn't going to beat us," Bowa said. "You don't want to know what he said to me and you don't want to know what I said back to him."

Bonds didn't speak with reporters after the game.

In other games it was: Arizona 5, Montreal 1; New York 10, Houston 0; Atlanta 9, Milwaukee 1; Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 6; Florida 8, St. Louis 5; Los Angeles 11, Cincinnati 5; and San Diego 8, Chicago Cubs 6, in 11 innings.

Bowa had seen plenty by the time Bonds came to the plate in the ninth. Bonds hit his 29th homer in the fifth inning and also had two doubles.

"You just can't let him beat you," Bowa said. "He's always locked in and he loves those situations. Bonds is a good guy when he's sitting on the bench, he's not a good guy standing in the box."

Rangers put on batting show against Yankees

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mike Mussina can take some solace from his worst outing of the season. The last pitcher to get roughed up as he did wound up in the Hall of Fame.

Mussina allowed six doubles in the second inning of the New York Yankees' 17-6 loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Lefty Grove is the only other pitcher to do that, and it happened in 1934.

"I don't really know why," said Mussina, who gave up seven runs on 11 hits in just three innings, sending his ERA from 4.47 to 4.83. "They were hitting pitches that were down, away, off-speed. You'd think they'd hit one at somebody instead of in the gap."

Alex Rodriguez interrupted the doubles parade with his major league-leading 36th home run. The seven extra base hits in the inning tied a modern record last done by the Yankees in 1951.

The Rangers went on to accumulate their most runs and hits (21) of the season. Eight starters had at least two hits and an RBI; the only one

who didn't, Carl Everett, made two nice plays in the field.

"We were like Mike Tyson hitting an opponent," said Rafael Palmeiro, emphasizing his words with an uppercut. "Some nights you're going to get clobbered and some nights you do the clobbering. Tonight was one of those where everything went well."

Harvester Lanes plans fall bowling leagues

PAMPA — Harvester Lanes plans a full slate of bowling leagues for the fall season.

There will be leagues for all ages and interested persons can go to the bowling alley, located at 1401 S. Hobart, to pick up a registration form. Bowlers can also sign up or get more information by calling 665-3422.

The Caprock Men's League is scheduled to get things started Aug. 22. This league will have four-man teams.

On Saturdays, youngsters can pick from two leagues to bowl on. The Stars & Strikes League is for ages six and up. The Pee Wees are for ages 3 to 6.

Fall Schedule

- Monday**
Senior Mixed League: Meeting date, Aug. 26; Starting date, Aug. 26.
Celanese Mixed League: Meeting date: Jan. 6; Starting date, Jan. 13.
- Tuesday**
Harvester Women's League: Meeting date: Aug. 20; Starting date, Aug. 27.
Casino League: Meeting date: Aug. 20; Starting date: Aug. 27.
- Wednesday**
Generation Gap: Meeting date: Aug. 28; Starting date: Aug. 28
Wednesday Night Mixed League: Meeting date: Aug. 28; Starting date: Aug. 28.
- Thursday**
Chamber Merchants League: Meeting date: Aug. 22; Starting date: Aug. 29.
Lone Star Women's League: Meeting date: Aug. 22; Starting date: Aug. 29.
Caprock Men's League: Starting date: Aug. 22; Meeting date: Aug. 22.
- Friday**
Harvester Combo League: Meeting date: Aug. 23; Starting date: Aug. 30.
- Saturday**
Stars & Strikes League: Meeting date: Sept. 7; Starting date: Sept. 7.
Pee Wee League: Meeting date: Sept. 7; Starting date: Sept. 7.
Church League: Meeting date: Aug. 24; Starting date: Aug. 24.

Base hit



Candy Oxley of Easy's gets a base hit in a Mixed Open League softball league game against Celanese at Recreation Park.

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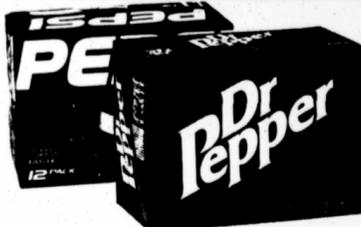
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New York	55	51	.519	13 1/2	Boston	63	43	.594	4
Montreal	53	54	.495	16	Baltimore	49	55	.471	17
Florida	52	55	.486	17	Toronto	46	59	.438	20 1/2
Philadelphia	50	56	.472	18 1/2	Tampa Bay	35	71	.330	32
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	45	.567	—	Arizona	65	42	.607	—
Cincinnati	55	51	.519	5	Los Angeles	60	47	.561	5
Houston	54	52	.509	6	San Francisco	59	48	.551	6
Pittsburgh	49	58	.458	11 1/2	Colorado	48	59	.449	17
Chicago	44	61	.419	15 1/2	San Diego	45	62	.421	20
Milwaukee	38	69	.355	22 1/2	Tuesday's Games				
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 1				
Arizona	65	42	.607	—	Montreal 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings				
Los Angeles	60	47	.561	5	St. Louis 5, Florida 0				
San Francisco	59	48	.551	6	San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 3				
Colorado	48	59	.449	17	Houston 16, N.Y. Mets 3				
San Diego	45	62	.421	20	Cincinnati 12, Los Angeles 4				
					Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 2				
					San Diego 6, Chicago Cubs 5				
Wednesday's Games					Thursday's Games				
San Diego 8, Chicago Cubs 6, 11 innings					Los Angeles (Od. Perez 10-7) at Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5), 12:35 p.m.				
Atlanta 9, Milwaukee 1					San Diego (Peavy 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-8), 2:20 p.m.				
Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 6					Arizona (Schilling 18-3) at Montreal (Ohka 8-6), 7:05 p.m.				
Arizona 5, Montreal 1					Colorado (Jennings 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Florida 8, St. Louis 5					St. Louis (Finley 2-0) at Florida (Burnett 10-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia 8, San Francisco 6					San Francisco (Ortiz 7-7) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-7), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets 10, Houston 0					Houston (Oswalt 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Los Angeles 11, Cincinnati 5					Milwaukee (Rusch 5-10) at Atlanta (Maddux 10-3), 7:35 p.m.				
Friday's Games					Saturday's Games				
Colorado (Hampton 5-13) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-5), 3:20 p.m.					Seattle 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings				
Houston (Miller 8-3) at Montreal (Reames 0-2), 7:05 p.m.					Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 3				
Milwaukee (J. Wright 3-10) at Florida (Tavarez 7-8), 7:05 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees 9, Texas 6				
Los Angeles (Daal 8-5) at Philadelphia (Padilla 11-6), 7:05 p.m.					Toronto 13, Kansas City 4				
San Francisco (L. Hernandez 7-11) at Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 8-11), 7:05 p.m.					Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 0				
					Boston 6, Anaheim 0				
					Cleveland 5, Oakland 4				
					Wednesday's Games				
					Oakland 6, Cleveland 4				
					Baltimore 12, Tampa Bay 2				
					Texas 17, N.Y. Yankees 6				
					Toronto 9, Kansas City 2				
					Minnesota 2, Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings				
					Boston 2, Anaheim 1				
					Seattle 5, Detroit 2				
					Thursday's Games				
					Toronto (Halladay 12-4) at Kansas City (Ru. Hernandez 1-0), 2:05 p.m.				
					Baltimore (Ponson 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-3), 7:15 p.m.				
					Boston (Burkett 10-3) at Texas (Park 3-5), 8:05 p.m.				
					Chicago White Sox (D. Wright 7-8) at Minnesota (Milton 12-7), 8:05 p.m.				
					N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-9) at Anaheim (Washburn 12-3), 10:05 p.m.				
					Detroit (Sparks 5-10) at Oakland (Harang 3-2), 10:05 p.m.				
					Cleveland (Sabathia 6-9) at Seattle (Pineiro 11-4), 10:05 p.m.				
					Friday's Games				
					Baltimore (Erickson 4-10) at Toronto (Loaiza 4-6), 7:05 p.m.				
					Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Sturtz 1-11), 7:15 p.m.				
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Knowing what you want this year will be critical to maximizing a spectacular energy and luck cycle. Revitalize your options. Stay on top of what you want. Often, you might be sharp in your word choice. Be direct with those around you, but use your diplomatic skills. Your ability to charm others peaks. You could draw more money, increased prestige or greater happiness, if you know which path you want. If single, a romance certainly will bud. Don't become so nonchalant that you don't recognize someone very special. You might not have this opportunity in a year. If attached, your love life will heat up because of your willingness to give, share and be open. TAURUS pushes you professionally.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Don't lose your temper. Talk! You find a creative solution if you just chill out, think and detach. Pressure builds between your different life concerns. A friend means a lot, but so does a loved one. Consider cloning yourself! Tonight: Make that inevitable choice. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Not everyone falls in line, despite your extraordinary charm and positive nature. A situation might reverse itself if you relax and put more faith in those around you. Consider making a real estate investment in the near future. Tonight: Opt for a quiet night at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Slow down, especially as you could be accident-prone right now. Not everyone does what you would like, but you

find that a slow and steady pace makes a difference. Allow your sense of humor to emerge when others seek you out. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite person. CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You easily could go overboard. Avoid going to excesses, especially financially or emotionally. You might note a sudden change in how you feel or have some unanticipated problems showing up. You can handle whatever happens. Tonight: Talk to your pals. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Pressure builds around work, no matter what goes on. Your high energy takes you in a new direction. You also start a new 11-year luck cycle today that will allow you many more options. Start visualizing what would make your life perfect. Tonight: Out with friends. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Reach out for those at a distance. Seek out experts. You might want to consider taking more downtime. If you stay open to possibilities, your professional life could head in a new direction. Consider taking that seminar or trip. Tonight: Let your mind escape the here and now. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You might feel a change in the wind as Jupiter, the planet of good luck, enters the sector that emphasizes your hopes and wishes. Be ready to make what you want happen. Network, with an eye to expanding your immediate circle of friends. Tonight: Let someone have what he or she wants. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You really might want to kick back and allow others to find you. You cannot seem to make another see things your way. Bosses make demands. Why not put your nose to the grindstone, making the most out of a situation? Tonight:

Work late if you must. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You need to focus on work, striving to find unusual solutions to old problems. In the near future, you will have a chance to break out of a pattern or break through imposed restrictions. You might even get a hint today of what's in the wind! Tonight: Visit with a friend on the way home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your creative efforts could finally be destined for some results. You might get criticism from an associate or someone you respect, but this same person can help pave the way to success. Don't resist change. Trust that what might be happening is positive. Tonight: Start thinking weekend. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You might feel like everyone is pushing you beyond your limits. Instead, learn to say no more often. Someone could give you a piece of his or her mind. On the other hand, this person could reverse his or her statement once the air clears. Tonight: Stay anchored. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Reach out for others, not forgetting about your work. You do have a lot of ground to cover. Once you start focusing, you might find it hard to stop. You enter a very high energy cycle today that will last for a while. Tonight: At a favorite spot.



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Lobbyists for the elderly to 'put screws' to lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest groups for the elderly, angry over the Senate's failure to approve a Medicare drug benefit, plan to give lawmakers an earful when they're home in August. The senators leave this week for summer recess after spending nearly three weeks of debate on prescription drugs. Four plans were rejected by the Senate, the latest of which failed Wednesday in a 50-49 vote. That Democrat-backed plan, which would have helped poor seniors and those with huge pharmacy bills, needed 60 votes to bypass budget rules because of its \$390 billion cost over 10 years. Senators did pass, by a 78-21

vote, a smaller bill that would speed lower-cost generic drugs to market, among other things. But it was far from the benefit the elderly wanted. "We're going to be working state fairs, community meetings, a number of events," said William Novelli, chief executive officer of AARP, the nation's largest lobbying group for older Americans. "I think they're going to get an earful when they get home. I think the message is going to be, 'How could you do this? Go back and get it done. There's no recess from high drug prices.'" "Seniors have been following this thing and they're disappointed," Novelli said.

Ed Coyle, executive director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, said the nation's elderly are "angry and disgusted that their elected representatives have abandoned them." "Members of Congress have prescription drug coverage and they should have done more for older Americans who don't," Coyle said. "The Senate let them down." The House passed a \$320 billion Medicare plan in June, but Democrats vigorously opposed it because, like the plans offered by Senate Republicans, it relies on private insurers to administer the benefit rather than the government.

Senate Republicans and Democrats blamed each other for the inaction. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, accused Democrats and their leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, of bringing only partisan proposals to the floor. "The plans got worse each time. By putting partisan party politics ahead of the kind of leadership needed in the U.S. Senate," Sen. Daschle left older Americans with nothing. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "Republicans can try to run from this issue, but Democrats are not going to let them hide." "If Republicans won't vote for a prescription drug program worthy of the name in September, the American people will vote for a Congress that will do the job in the elections in November," said Kennedy.

chairman of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Bush administration officials called Wednesday's Medicare vote disappointing. "Meaningful prescription drug coverage for seniors is a critically important issue that the Senate cannot fail to address," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. The fate of the generic drug bill that did pass Wednesday was also unclear, as the House has yet to act on its provisions. That measure would: —Send \$9 billion to states that have complained about rising Medicaid costs amid shrinking state budgets. —Allow states to use Medicaid's buying power to force discounts from drug companies, not only for beneficiaries of the program but for anyone without insurance coverage. States like

Michigan would be shielded from drug company lawsuits over "preferred drug lists" for Medicaid, where states require companies to provide discounts to appear on the list. —Prevent manufacturers of brand-name drugs from using multiple 30-month stays when patents expire to prevent generic versions from reaching the market. A brand-name drug's maker would be allowed only one 30-month stay. —Allow importers to buy U.S.-made drugs in Canada, where they are cheaper, and resell them here. The secretary of health and human services would have to certify the program was safe. Congress passed this provision in 2000, but HHS secretaries in the Clinton and Bush administrations have refused to certify them, citing fears that counterfeit pharmaceuticals could enter the market.

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Pet health insurance growing in popularity with Americans

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Zachary has endured chemotherapy, five hip and knee operations and gall bladder surgery. He takes a daily diet of prescription drugs to combat nausea and other maladies and gets intravenous fluids at night because of kidney failure. "He's going strong. Last July, you would have never thought he'd make it a couple more weeks," said Donna Raichle, 54, who spends about \$400 a month on Zachary's care. Zachary, by the way, is a 12-pound Yorkshire terrier. His lengthy medical file may be one clue that the era of pet health insurance has arrived. With advancements in veterinary care, more pets like Zachary can get high-tech — and costly — treatments ranging from chemotherapy to behavioral therapy. And more owners like Raichle are seeking it out the insurance that pays for it. "Americans are in love with their pets, and they're spending more on them," said Jack Stephens, 55, a veterinarian who founded the Veterinary Pet Insurance Co. in Brea, Calif., in 1980. After losing \$18 million over 20 years, VPI turned its first profit last year, earning \$1.3 million on \$47 million in revenues. The company has 85 percent of the U.S. market. "The economy helps, but what we find is it's really the bond of the pet with the owner that's driving our business," Stephens said. He launched the company, with financial backing from 900 veterinarians, after watching people put their pets down for mostly financial reasons. Stephens knew how to cure the animals, but the average person's limit for pet care was about \$250. Today, the threshold is \$900 and climbing, according to industry studies. Americans spend about \$11.1 billion on veterinary medicine each year, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Some people will pay more than others. One physician couple, whose German pointer was mauled by other dogs, ran up a \$40,000

bill at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary hospital. After several surgeries, skin grafts and a weeks-long stay, the purebred hunting dog is back in action. Cable TV shows about animals and veterinary care are making people more aware of the treatments available, according to Dr. Ken Drobotz, who directs Penn's emergency veterinary service. But only a small fraction of his customers — and fewer than 1 percent of the nearly 60 million households with pets nationwide — have pet insurance. "We definitely get clients asking about it all the time. A lot of time they're asking after the fact," Drobotz said. Most insurance companies that have entered the business over the years have failed, but that may be changing. VPI expects to take in \$72 million this year. Its policies range in price from \$193 per year for standard coverage for a kitten to a \$521 premium policy for a 10-year-old dog. Raichle had pet insurance years ago for one of her first Yorkies, but felt it didn't pay most claims and dropped it. Linda Marcus, who has also had several Yorkies, won't be without it. VPI paid about half of the \$3,500 to \$5,000 in veterinary bills for her beloved Bandit in the six months before he died at age 15. "This dog brought us so much pleasure that I would have done anything that money could have done to try to keep this dog alive," said Marcus, 59, who sells real estate on Chicago's Gold Coast. That philosophy troubles some, including Arthur Caplan, chairman of Penn's Department of Medical Ethics. He hears from people every day who don't have health insurance for themselves. "It's sort of odd to think that a pet could get certain treatments in the United States that certain people could not afford," Caplan said. When his own collie was ill, he explained to his young son that it would be more humane to let the dog die.

Wildfires besiege parts of Oregon

CAVE JUNCTION, Ore. (AP) — Using a fire hose to douse the grass beside his house, Bob Bell swore to stay until the bitter end as a massive wildfire loomed nearby. "Twenty-five years ago, I had a home burn in the Los Angeles National Forest, and I'm not going to have that happen again," Bell said Wednesday. "I've got a pond in back that's seven feet deep, and I'm going to jump in it," if the fire comes. Bell and thousands of other residents in southwestern Oregon's Illinois Valley have been on edge in recent days as they await word on a pair of wildfires covering 187,000 acres that have become a top priority in the nation's fire-fighting effort. The Josephine County Sheriff's Department said only about 400 of the valley's 17,000 residents had registered with the Red Cross as having left the area. Pickup trucks and trailers loaded with household goods have been trickling out of the valley since the fires exploded on Sunday, sending up a 30,000-foot plume of smoke. "We're going to stay here until they tell us it's time to get out," high school principal Ron Brood said at his home outside Selma. "Then I'll turn on the sprinklers on the perimeter and get out." Strong winds were expected out of the north, pushing the 150,000-acre Florence Fire closer to the 37,000-acre Sour Biscuit Fire. The fires were last reported about two miles apart. Fire commanders called in more helicopters, bulldozers and firefighting crews Wednesday to battle the two fires burning out of control in the Siskiyou National Forest. Crews were working to clear brush and volatile land-

scaping to improve their chances of protecting homes, said Tim Birr, spokesman for the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office. "If it can help keep the fire from getting to my house, more power to them," Brood said as firefighters chain-sawed trees in his backyard. Elsewhere in the West: — A wildfire that may have been sparked by a National Guard helicopter was burning across 18,000 acres of dry brush and trees in San Diego County, Calif. The fire, which has destroyed five homes and killed four wolves at a wildlife center near Julian, was about 10 percent contained Wednesday. — Firefighters battling a 2,415-acre blaze in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado dug containment lines and were helped by at least two air tankers, five helicopters and 30 engines. Archaeologists accompanied crews to prevent damage to 25,000 sites left by the Ancestral Pueblo Indians. The park remained closed.

Two teen girls kidnapped at gunpoint in California

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A man kidnapped two teenage girls at gunpoint early Thursday from a lovers' lane in a remote area, authorities said. Tamera Brooks, 16, and Jaqueline Marris, 17, were sitting in separate cars with male friends when the gunman approached them shortly after 1 a.m., authorities said. "It's a life-and-death situation," Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Tom Pigott said. "We're just trying to locate these young girls." The gunman tied up one of the males to a post with duct tape and blindfolded him before leaving with the girls in a brown and white Ford Bronco that belonged to one of the males, authorities said. The girls apparently did not know each other or their abductor, authorities said. Neither man was injured. "He told me he was going to kill me but he didn't want to," the 18-year-old man who had been tied up told KNBC-TV of Los Angeles. "He just kept telling her to stay down, keep her head down, don't look at him." Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Efflandt said the man poured gasoline over one of the vehicles, apparently trying to torch it, but was unsuccessful. Sheriff's investigators said the man, in his mid-30s to early 40s, left behind a vehicle that was reported stolen in a Nevada carjacking. No other details were immediately available. A command post was set up and sheriff's deputies notified the FBI and the U.S. Border Patrol about the missing girls. Lancaster is about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles.