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LOCAL

Pampans hospitalized

after accident Tuesday

remained in serious but sta-

ble condition in Northwest Texas Hospital intensive care unit at Amarillo today

after they were injured in a one-vehicle rollover near Panhandle Tuesday evening.

Dr. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, and his wife Loralee

Cooley suffered numerous

injuries in the accident, but

continue to recover today,

according to the church sec-

ther details of the accident

from Texas Department of

Veterans Hall of Fame

deadline approaches

July 15 is cut-off date to

receive nominations to the

Panhandle Veterans Hall of

Fame, said John Tripplehorn.

nominating committee chair-

everyone to get their infor-

mation to me as soon as pos-

sible," Tripplehorn said. "It

would be very sad to let a

deserving veteran go unrec-

ognized for the lack of a lit-

Send nominations to

Panhandle Veterans Hall of

Fame, 600 N. Hobart.

DEATHS

Douglas N. Bannister, 21, grandson of Pampa resident.

Effie Agnes Willis Kerby,

Inga Ann Ross Pratt. 98.

tle effort on our part."

Pampa, Texas, 79065.

90, hospital volunteer.

former Pampa resident.

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"I want to encourage

The Pampa News has been unable to get any fur-

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City eyes closing north fire station

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

EDITOR

Chief Kim Powell continued to Grant said today. "Personally closing the North Fire Station cents." and laying off the nine firefighters who work there.

and cons of closing the station impact. and letting the personnel go to present at the fire department pletely against it," said Doug budget meeting on July 8.

speak," the fire chief said. "I "We're against for two reasons: said. hope to have it ready soon."

Pampa Fire Department and laying off nine personnel,"

station could save the city spend on it?" Powell confirmed this morn-approximately \$3000,000 annuing that she had been asked by ally. Powell said the closing of other city department had been City Manager Mitch Grant to the station and loss of firefight- asked to consider making such a Pampa City Commission con- not be the answer." Grant prepare a report listing the pros ers would have "significant" large cut. He expressed confi-sidered closing the North Fire acknowledged but added, "Big

"The firefighters are com- making the report. No. 1, for the safety of the citi-

put together a report on the prose the firefighters also. When nine sion. We're just putting it all out determine the cost of homeownand cons of closing the station of 24 firefighters are cut, our there," he explained. "We're ers insurance, and response time safety is compromised.

The city manager said no an informed decision." dence in Powell's ability in Station.

Pritchett, president of the Pampa running a fire department and 1 zens opposed the action in pub- we can with what we have." he "I'm working on it as we Fire Fighters Association, know she'll do a good job," he lie budget hearings. They said, "There's a balance there - a

"There's a lot of tough deci- would negatively affect the what we can do.

"The ultimate question is, things need to be discussed in could mean more fire damage to work today on a report for city it's the last thing I want to do, can you cut or can you raise?" open meeting. They're (city structures officials listing the effects of but we're looking at dollars and Grant said. "We want the best commissioners) the elected offiservices possible, yes, but the cials. My job is to get the most sion agreed to raise taxes 4.2 Grant said that closing the question is how much we can accurate information and pres- cents per \$100 valuation, keep-

This is not the first time

During the 2001 budget biggest effect "Kim is the most educated in talks, a number of Pampa citi-

"I have asked the fire chief to zens and No. 2 for the safety of sions in front of the commiscity's ISO rating which helps putting it all out there. These would be lengthened which

> In the end, the city commisent it to them so they can make - mg the North Station open and statted

"Closing the fire station may numbers obviously have the

"We're trying to do the best protested that closing the station balance of what we have with

City dept. heads: '04 budget needs equivalent to '03

BY MIRANDA G. BAILEY FOR THE NEWS

tinued the process of budget even with small changes, the planning for the coming year proposed budget figure is Tuesday night, they heard \$300 less than the \$168,000 reports and proposals from a being spent this year, he said. number of departments.

department's Shane Stokes four monitors," she said. said that his budget was "pretfor the swimming pools.

When asked about the cur- year. rent swim season, Stokes said it started out slow because of number of people coming into the cooler temperatures in the library was the same as the June, but M.K. Brown swim- year before — about 7,000 ming pool is quite busy now used the facility, with an averand Marcus Sanders swim- age of 35 to 85 citizens enterming pool is about average, he ing daily. Although, she

budget detailing minor

changes including professional development costs, and a \$1,000 increase in plumb-As city commissioners con- ing/maintenance. However,

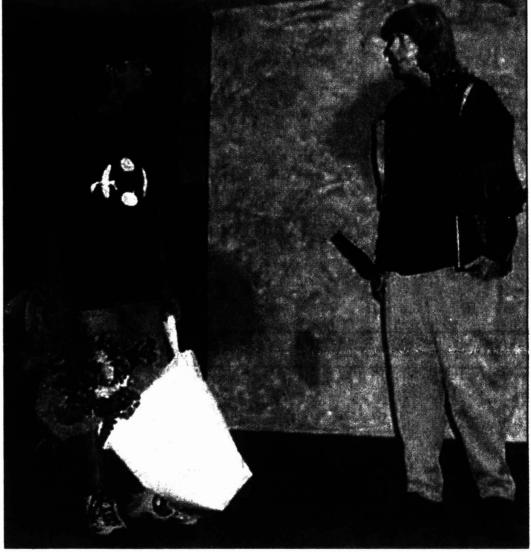
Anne Stobbe, head librari-The tentative 2003-2004 an of the Lovett Memorial citywide budget is set now at Library, reported that her \$15,033,222, a little over budget is basically the same \$300,000 less than last year's except for one major expected change

Like almost all other city - "Our equipment is getting divisions who reported to the older. Last year we replaced commission, the recreation five hard drives and three or

And in the next few years ty much exactly like was last the computers' warranties are year," with an added switch ending, said Stobbe, so the from liquid to tablet chlorine library is anticipating problems not encountered this

She also reported that the added, computer users' habits Stokes also reported on the have changed and patrons M.K. Brown Auditorium aren't "spending their lives (See BUDGET, Page 3)

'Rumplestiltskin' to open July 12



(Courtesy photo)

Urvish Trivedi as Reginald Rex, the King, and Kim Tatum as Count Edgar, rehearse a scene from ACT I's next production "Rumplestiltskin" opening July 12-14 and July 19-20 at the theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. Children of all ages will enjoy this children's theatre production directed by Gina Kane, Karen Smith and Diana Bruner. Also featured in the cast are Cindy Aler, Debra Sandefur, Monica Johnson, Logan Brown, Evelyn Jasso and Megan O'Neal.

ıly 4 security less intense this year than last

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation spent last Independence Day in the shadow of Sept. 11 and under the heavily armed guard of police. This year, many Americans can expect to see fewer officers, bomb-sniffing dogs and security. Moines is located, Chief Sheriff's New York state, Kelly cautioned that will be out in force around the falls fences in what law enforcement officials. Deputy. Bill. Vaughn, said, "It's pretty police won't be letting down their guard." because of an influx of tourists, not tercall a return to a more normal holiday.

Strained budgets are limiting police presence and security tactics in many jurisdictions. Other cities are not bringing in extra officers because the federal—to cower in fear or to become a recluse." terror alert is expected to stay at yellow. the middle level on a five-color scale.

from swimming up the Mississippi said. River

troopers said they planned no special atmosphere," Kelly said. precautions beside the extra patrols they always deploy on holidays.

much business as usual.

and enjoy the holiday," Vaughn said. "I

back a fence meant to stop terrorists crowds, police Commissioner Ray Kelly budget by prohibiting officers from tak-

In Oregon, Portland police and state Fourth of July. There's a more relaxed money on overtime

There will still be about 7,000 offi- ror threats. "I think people just need to get out cers on duty, slightly fewer than last year but about 4,200 more than on a normal about the upcoming Fourth, not overly wouldn't let world affairs cause anybody weekend. Overtime for the patrol offi- worried about terrorism. cers and special counter-terror units Even in New York, there will be could end up costing the city \$700,000 national security," said Jonathan Dewey, fewer officers on the streets this year each day of the holiday weekend. Kelly a college student in Boston. "I think if

St. Louis is keeping a handle on its party.

ing vacation time over July 4th so it can "We've already gone through one fully staff events without spending

In Niagara Falls, N.Y., budget con-While intelligence analysis has straints will keep staffing at normal levrevealed no particular threats over the els over the weekend. Deputy Chief For Polk County, Iowa, where Des holiday weekend to either the city or John DeMarco said. State parks police

Many Americans are more relaxed

"I'm not extremely worried about everyone's paranoid, it just ruins the

Police in St. Louis will cordon off the than last. Instead, more interlocking said. Gateway Arch but they won't bring metal barriers will be used to control Police report possible insurance scam here

concerning a possible insurance fraud involving persons with handicap license plates.

his home by a well-dressed, wellgroomed, white male between the ages checking account, the suspect left. of 50 and 60 years of age on Monday.

state of Texas had given his company

Pampa Police Department officials all the names of the registered owners phone, to salespersons unless you say they have received information of vehicles that displayed Texas handi- know the company to be reputable. capped license plates, according to a police press release.

the citizen told him he did not have a according to the police department.

mation, either in person or over the type of fraud encountered.

All citizens need to know that the state of Texas does not give out the The suspect then began a sales pitch names of registered owners of any A Pampa citizen was contacted at for some type of car insurance. After vehicles whether handicapped or not,

And as part of a continuing effort to Local law enforcement asks that all stop possible scams like this one, the The suspect told the citizen that the citizens never give out banking inforpolice are urging citizens to report any

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-13-32-44 Bonus Ball: 12 (six, seven, thirteen, thirty two, forty-four, Bonus Ball. twelve) Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$18 million.

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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department foday reported the tollowing accidents

Wednesday, July 2

An accident report was taken at the 1300 block of North Hobart for an accident that occurred Friday, May 16. The situation involved the hit and run of a 1992 gold Buick Regal. owned by Esther Mireles Rodriguez, 1113 Seneca, legally parked in the United parking lof. Thursday, July 3

Dayla Soto, 318 Hazel, was driving a 2001 red Ford Mustang, when he was charged with failure to control speed after the vehicle lost control and struck the west side of street curb at 400 North Ballard.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls during the last 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Wednesday, July 2

12:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Somerville and transported one to PRMC

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Celanese			OKE 20.20	+0.0
Cabot Corp	28.69	-0.31	NS Grp 9.75	-0.04

FIRE

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

Wednesday, July 2

8:55 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Pampa Nursing Center.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

CANADIAN CAR Show-Tomorrow! 11am-3pm at pairs. Call 665-2619 Jones Pavilion Center, for more info. 806-323-6552

CELEBRATIONS: JULY 1st, "Our Christmas in July Sale will begin, Sat. July 5th Sidewalk Sale 50-60% off, Coronado Center. We will be

closed July 4th.

CIRCULATION EARLY Deadlines for stopping or restarting your subscription are for July 3rd deadline is before 4 p.m. July 2nd. For July 4th deadline is before noon July 3rd. For July 6th deadline is before 4 p.m. July 3rd.

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KAREN'S KITCHEN, 716 W. Foster, Thur. 5-8 pm. Ch. fried steak, Mexican casserole, chicken enchiladas, BBQ Polish. All You Can Eat \$8.

MEALS ON Wheels will be closed Friday, July 4th.

MED AIDE needed at The Meredith House. 665-5668.

NEW SHIPMENT of flags for Summer & July 4th, at Joy's Unlimited, 110 N. Cuyler. (Closed July 4th & 5th).

DIAMOND RHEAMS Shop, closed July 4th & 5th.

SIDEWALK SALE At Dunlaps in the Coronado Center on July 4th! We will close at 5:00 pm!

NorthFork Antiques has 2 new estates and we're out of building, just North of our store at 211 N Main in McLean. Don't Miss It!



SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, July 2

Larry Mac Martinez, 32, 204 S. Nelson, was arrested on charges of indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault.

Luis Gonzales Jr., 40, Briscoe, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Tariq S. Carter, 21, 1145 Neel Rd., was arrested on charges of violation of probation with prohibited substances in a corrective facility.

Jose R. Rodríquez, 33, 417 Faulkner, was arrested on charges of violation of probation with aggravated assault.

John Wolfgang Minnett, 26, was arrested with a grand jury indictment on charges of trolled substance under one gram.

burglary of a habitation.

Williana Louise Alexander, 46, was arrested on charges of a motion to revoke involving theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Christopher Allen Smith, 25, 210 Gillespie, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

Thursday, July 3

Steven Chambers, 33, Kansas, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Juan Antonio Parra, 33, 720 N. Naida, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Eric Sean Lemons, 21, 1829 N. Banks, was arrested on three capias pro fines and evading arrest fugitive.

Gustavo Pena Jr., 30, 720 N. Naida, was arrested on charges of possession of a con-

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported door resulting in estimated damages of \$350. the following incidents.

Wednesday, July 2

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart with an estimated loss of \$40.

in the 1500 block of North Hobart when a cinder block was thrown through the front

Criminal mischief was reported at the 800 block of North Nelson with an estimated loss of \$50. Windows were broken out on June 29,

A burglary of a motor vehicle was report-Criminal mischief was taken at Pizza Hut ed at the 800 block of Oklahoma where a CD player and two speakers were alleged to have been stolen.

OBITUARIES

INGA ANN ROSS PRATT

1904-2003

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Inga Ann Ross Pratt, 98, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, in Albuquerque. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 5, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Robin Gantz, associate pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pratt was born on Sept. 30, 1904, in Genoa, Nebraska. She received her B.S. SPECIAL ESTATE Sale. degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She married Bruce room. Special Sale July 4 & 5 Pratt on March 7, 1925, in Manhattan, Kan. 10am-6pm in Lions Club He preceded her in death in 1973.

Mrs. Pratt was a former longtime Pampa resident and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa for 45 years before moving to Albuquerque in 1985. She was a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque and was a longtime volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in Albuquerque.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Pratt Losher, in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter and son-inlaw, Joyce and Joe Mitchell of Albuquerque; two granddaughters, Betsy Miller and husband Michael of Lincoln, Neb., and Denise Whittington and husband Steve of Plano, Texas; four grandsons, Jay Losher and wife Kathleen of Dallas, Texas, Bruce Detter and

wife Diane of Santa Maria, Calif., Losher and wife Cathy of Oneida, Tenn., Jere Detter and wife Kathy of Omaha, Neb.; great

grandchildren,

Ross Losher, Ann Losher, Jean Losher, Bruce Detter, IV, Colleen Miller, Micah Miller, Zach Losher, Chance Losher, Autumn George and husband Gant, Hillary Detter, Aaron Detter, Brianna Whittington, and Travis Whittington; two nephews, John Spangler and Ross Cass and their families; and one niece, Nancy Vodraska and her family.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110; Ronald McDonald House, 1011 Yale, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106; or Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, 518 Sunset, Manhattan, KS 66502.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, July 4, 2003.

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

DOUGLAS 'DOUG' N. BANISTER

1981-2003

AMARILLO - Douglas "Doug" N. Banister, 21, died July 1, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., today, July 3, 2003, at Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Davis officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Doug graduated from Randall High School in 2000. He enjoyed snow skiing, softball and football. He was Baptized November 13, 1988, at the Lamount Drive Baptist Church in Amarillo. He attended Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors: Parents: Kelsey and Ann Banister of Amarillo; one sister, Traci Banister of Lubbock and Fiancé David Fredman; grand-

mothers, Mary Banister Clarendon and Audry Huff of Pampa; and several aunts. uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends at the

funeral home from 6-8 p.m., today.

Memorials: Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church Youth Group Scholarship, 3315 Hancock, Amarillo, TX.

EFFIE AGNES WILLIS KERBY

1913-2003

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Effie Agnes Willis Kerby, 90, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Rancho Village Baptist Church. Internment will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Baggerley-South Funeral Home of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Kerby was born Feb. 2, 1913, at Milburn, Okla., to Solomon Willis and Myrtle Ellen Kelley Willis. She graduated from high school at Gould, Okla., in 1934. She married Norris R. Kerby on March 29, 1941, at Pampa; he died Dec. 8, 2002. In 1978, she retired from Hillcrest Hospital where she served as dietary cook.

After retirement, she worked as a volunteer at Hillcrest Hospital, joining Hillcrest Health Center Guild and accumulating over 5,000 hours of service. She was named Hillcrest Health Center Guild Volunteer of the Year in 1991-92. She knitted caps for newborns at the hospital and made numerous other items and notions free for Hillcrest gift shop.

She was a member of Rancho Village Baptist Church of Oklahoma City since 1973.

Survivors include three children, Kenneth Norris Kerby, Mary Kay Green and Michael Keith Kerby; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s and south winds

Today's forecast is calling see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. 5 to 15 mph. July 4th should Highs in the mid 90s.

Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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U.S. offers \$25 million reward for information of

By JIM KRANE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. administrators announced a \$25 million reward Thursday for information leading to the capture of Saddam Hussein or confirmation of his death — an effort to resolve the fate of the ousted Iraqi leader and help end the violence blamed on his supporters.

Saddam,

Coalition

two sons, Odai and Qusai.

resistance against the U.S.-led

absolutely sure that he's not

Saddam was last reportedly

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American attacks would not

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reporters in Washington.

any were successful.

Wednesday

Attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq persisted Thursday, with nine Americans wounded in an explosion and two ambushes in Baghdad. U.S. soldiers killed two Iraqis and wounded several others, including a 6year-old boy, in the violence. Another Iraqi was killed in an explosion during an anti-U.S. demonstration outside the capital.

The reward for Saddam matches the \$25 million that

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with us," like they used to, she said

The circulation level is about the same, a little higher, she said, with 135 new library cards were issued this year.

David Teichmann with the city's Hidden Hills Golf Course reported that as far as revenue is concerned, the numbers are about the same as last year, although out-oftown play was a little higher. Because there are two courses competing for players in town, he said he has had to go outside of Gray County to get more players. He said players from Amarillo and the surrounding area were coming

"I think they come back because they're treated well and the pace of play is faster," he said. "That what we work

Sandy Burns with animal control said the only increase in her budget was due to over time being paid in lieu of staff cuts in the last year. She also requested money to make repairs on the shelter.

"I can't keep dogs in there," Burns said. "They're escaping."

Otherwise, the shelter is running about the same, she added. However, when school is out, the call load always increases, she said.

The shelter keeps 300 to 500 animals a month. Right now, there are about 70 dogs at a time at the shelter, Burns said, and because of the increased work load, animals that are supposed to be put down every 72 hours are in the facility one to two weeks.

"There's no time to put them down," she explained.

The water and wastewater departments submitted numbers that were about \$66,000 less than last year, anticipating continuing water cost increases in the next year from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) and potential losses from this fiscal year.

The solid waste department asked for an increase of \$30,000. Richard Morris, the director of public works, asked the city to consider getting a new trash compactor for the landfill.

A number of other reports were given by "general fund" departments, that do not produce revenue, with proposed budgets about the same as last year.

Before the meeting was over, City Manager Mitch Grant briefly discussed his ideas to apply for city grants to help bring in additional revenue.

No action was taken at this meeting. The next work session will be 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, at city hall.

Nine U.S. soldiers wounded in Baghdad explosion, ambushes

Laden, the al-Qaida leader missing since U.S. forces Humvee convoy hit an explo- "The Americans shot at us. the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry helped dislodge the Taliban sive in the town of Ramadi, My brother has two bullet division said the explosion regime in Afghanistan. On top of the money for injuring six U.S. soldiers, said hospital." U.S.-led Sgt. Patrick Compton, a mili-Provisional tary spokesman.

Authority also said it would pay \$15 million for informa-U.S. officials have said the killing an Iraqi bystander and Compton said. Soldiers fired continuing mystery over injuring others, witnesses back, killing the attacker and Saddam's fate is encouraging

As the American convoy occupation, as the daily moved along Baghdad's Haifa said. ambushes and other attacks Street, a man fired a rocketagainst Americans increase. propelled grenade while At least 26 U.S. troops have standing in a car's sunroof. been killed in hostile fire The grenade exploded said. since major combat was offi- beneath an Army Humvee, cially declared over on May 1. said Saddam Juwad, 22, a Baghdad, witnesses said a son and eight others at the "We believe it is important bystander. Most of the solto do everything we can to diers jumped from the sives blew up in the middle of the situation and letting the evacuated, Juwad and other Army's detention of Ali The soldier's name was withpeople of Baghdad be witnesses said.

coming back," Secretary of dier sobbed and shook as a State Colin Powell told comrade helped him into a

As the attackers sped away, seen alive in the war's waning U.S. soldiers began firing days in the Azamiyah neigh- wildly, Juwad and other witborhood of northeastern nesses said, killing the driver Baghdad. At least two U.S. of another car. As a Humvee airstrikes targeted him during sat burning in the street an the war but it is not known if hour after the attack, witnesses pointed to a pool of blood President Bush vowed on the street where the victim had fallen.

"We heard an explosion. I

other top fugitive: Osama bin fulfilling its mission in Iraq. and my brother was shot," killed and five wounded. On Thursday, a two-said Fuad Hassan Alwan.

were in stable condition in a

plastic bag filled with explo- home. Another limping U.S. sol- city's top Shiite cleric. fied.

Washington is offering its keep the United States from threw myself to the ground Witnesses said one man was

But Capt. Josh Felker of 60 miles west of Baghdad, wounds and he is now in the occurred when a grenade blew up in a man's hands, injuring In a separate ambush three bystanders. Felker said Thursday, a sniper fired on a the man may have been In Baghdad, an attacker patrol in the west Baghdad preparing to toss the grenade fired a grenade at a U.S. Army neighborhood of Kadamiyah, over a wall surrounding a tion on either of Saddam's convoywounding two sol- wounding a soldier from the local government compound diers. Troops returned fire, Army's 1st Armored Division, that also houses a U.S. military office.

> After the blast, protesters wounding a six-year-old boy screamed and ran in different who was with the man, he directions. U.S. soldiers patrolling from atop a nearby The soldier and the boy building fired into the air.

> Kahtan Adnan, an aide to military hospital, Compton al-Madani, said U.S. troops raided the cleric's home in In Baqubah, northwest of Baqubah, arresting him, his

Also Thursday, a soldier determine his whereabouts, Humvee before the explosion, a crowd of a few hundred from the 1st Armored whether he is alive or dead. in Juwad said. One soldier who Iraqi demonstrators, who Division died in a non-combat order to assist in stabilizing appeared to be injured was were protesting the U.S. incident, the military said. Abdul Kareem al-Madani, the held until his family is noti-

Anger at the U.S. troops has been high, especially in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, where an explosion 'at a mosque killed at least 10 people on Monday. Locals blamed the United States, but Central Command said Wednesday that the explosion was "apparently related to a bomb manufacturing class that was being taught inside the mosque.'

In another development. the Iraqi National Museum briefly opened its doors to the press Thursday. Looting at the museum provoked an international outcry after Baghdad fell on April 9, but U.S. occupation authorities say many of the museum's most important items - including the worldfamous treasures of Nimrud have been accounted for. Still, scores of items remain missing, said museum director Donny George.

The museum won't open to the public for about two years, George said.



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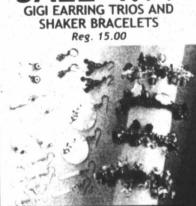


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Thoughts on sleep or lack of it

I'm getting old. We just got back from our second wedding in Colorado Springs in two months. It's not so easy anymore leaving town at 8 p.m. and getting to the preferred destination at 3:30 in the morning. There's just something about sleep ... I have a love affair with it.

At 29-years-old one would expect a little maturity as far as sleep goes – going to bed at a decent hour, getting up daily with relative ease somewhere between the hours of 6 and 7 a.m. I hear that the older you get, the earlier you get up. But no matter how old I get, it is a struggle everyday of my life to get myself out of bed. I must hit the alarm clock at least five times a morning, damaging its internal components to some degree. Apparently, not enough. It still annoys the heck out me each and every, single

This is how bad it is. If I was given free rein to sleep in as late as I wanted, I would awake daily at 3 or 4 in the p.m. and go back to bed by midnight without too much of a hitch. That day might or might not include a nap. But paps are an essential part of my existence. It's a family tradition. I monitor how I call my

MIRANDA BAILEY FOR THE NEWS family members based on naptimes,

theirs and mine, and please keep in mind there are no toddlers or babies involved

It's pathetic, I admit it. Although, I like to think there is a genetic link at play. However, it's obvious to all my friends and family that I am probably the most sleep-addicted member of the clan. And it's not my thyroid, or my water-intake. The physician knows all about it. It could be a lack of exercise, something I'm considering doing more often when my energy level kicks up, but until the mystery remains solved, my top hobby of choice is sleeping late or taking a nap.

My mother attributes it to the fact that I was born a whole month late. Being warm and snuggly in the womb 10 months could have something to do with it, I suppose. My husband thinks I'm just

a lazy cuss and, like most things he does not understand about me, he says it's something I do to get out of housework. Thank you very much, but I can get out of housework just fine without using sleep as an excuse. I have a brother who has a three-year-old, and he says my sleeping habits will break the minute I have children. But I just can't foresee how having kids is going to make me less tired, or less likely to squeeze naps into my life. Maybe it will solve the sleepingin late thing, but naps out the window? No. Naps never go out of style. And why must this "problem" be solved anyway? Maybe it's a gift.

My dad says he naturally wakes up every morning when the sun comes up, and he can rarely go back to sleep, even when he has the time to do so. That sounds like torture.

I read that everybody is supposed to get 7 to 9 hours of sleep a night. Seven, nine, 12 or 14 ... who cares really, as long as the sleep is happening ... don't you think? I hate the thought of keeping nighttime medicine distributors in high demand. Now that could keep me up at

WAS EDITORIAL Freedom comes at a high price LAVZAN www.caglecartoons.com/espanol From the El Paso Times: For those who like their wars neatly packaged, with a defthe start and a definite conclusion, the Iraq war is conunding and frustrating. Although the major fighting is over, as acknowledged by

President Bush May 1, violence goes on — and, unfortunate-Iv. must be expected to continue. It is a grim fact that the fighting now being experienced in Iraq is, in some ways, even more vicious and inhumane than the "regular" warfare if, indeed, any war can be deemed humane.

All-out war has devolved into incipient guerrilla warfare, and the question is, are coalition forces prepared for that? That they were ready for the war to topple Saddam Hussein's regime is without question. American-led forces scored a decisive, quick victory in the major fighting. There is no question about their effectiveness and ability.

But are those same forces what's needed for the postwar. occupation and policing of Iraq?

Is their training sufficient preparation for the kind of hitand run shooting and killing that seems to be on the

American soldier, shopping for videos in Baghdad, shot in the neck and killed. An Army truck was blown Two American soldiers have disappeared. Two soldiers were wounded when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at Army truck. An oil pipeline was destroyed. And all that happened within the past couple of days.

The problem now is how to effectively police an occupied country. A complete withdrawal would be unthinkable because it would leave sheer chaos in its wake. This phase of freeing lrag requires a particular combination of vigilance, urban-combat capabilities, benevolence, fence-mending and policing

It won't be easy. Casualties will result. But it's necessary, and this tough reality is something Americans will have to live with for some time.

It's one of the high prices of freedom.

We're destroying our black youth

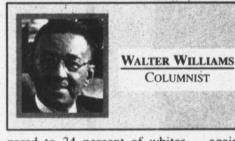
In last week's U.S. Supreme Court's affirmative action decision, Justice Clarence Thomas' dissent included a quotation from an 1865 speech by abolitionist Frederick Douglass. "What I ask for the Negro," Douglass said, "is not benevolence, not pity, not sympathy, but simply justice. ... All I ask is, give him a chance to stand on his own legs! Let him alone!

... Your interference is doing him positive

Forget how the majority used the phrase "compelling state interest" to trump the 14th Amendment's requirement of equal treatment under the law and give continued sanction to racial discrimination. Let's examine some practical matters ignored in the pro-affirmative action celebration of the court's decision.

National According to recent Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reports, the average black high school senior had math skills on par with those of the typical ninth-grade white student. The average 17-year-old black student could read only as well as the average 12-year-old white. Twelfth-grade black students were doing science problems at the level of sixth-grade white students and writing about as well as whites in the eighth grade.

As of 1998, only 18 percent of black students were rated proficient or advanced in reading, as compared to 47 percent for white students, which itself is nothing to write home about. In Michigan, the source of the controversy leading up to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, just 2 percent of black eighthgraders score proficient in reading, com-



pared to 34 percent of whites -- again, nothing to write home about. In addition to grossly fraudulent education, there's unthinkable school violence at many of the schools that black students attend.

According to a Department of Education report, "School Crime Patterns" (August 2002), "High schools with the highest levels of violence tended to be located in urban areas and have a high percentage of minority students (black and Hispanic), compared to high schools that reported no crime to the

The bottom line is given the day-to-day destruction of education for black students at the primary and secondary levels of schooling, most will never be able to compete academically. The fact that the affirmative action crowd demands discriminatory admission practices for postgraduate education such as in law and medical schools confirms something else. Black performance on admittance exams, such as the LSAT, MCAT and GRE, is stark testament that four years of undergraduate education cannot erase the damage of 12 years of fraudulent primary and secondary education.

In the name of diversity, college administrators and their campus sycophants support racially discriminatory

admissions practices. They argue that racial diversity enriches the education experiences of all college students, for which there's absolutely no evidence whatsoever. However, since most college students and administrators are white, it might simply mean that racial diversity gives them a greater sense of superiority having a few campus mascots around, who can't hold their own, beholden to

Then there's the false-face of diversity, as Justice Antonin Scalia pointed out in his dissent. Academics support campus "tribalism and racial segregation" with "minority-only student organizations, separate minority housing opportunities, separate minority student centers, even separate minority-only graduation cere-

Black politicians and civil rights organizations' loyalty to the education establishment means academic doom to black youngsters. Washington, D.C,. politics and its schools, among the worse in the nation, are a case in point. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, along with most members of the Congressional Black Caucus, use private schools to educate their children. But, when D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams broke ranks with most black elected-officials and endorsed recently proposed education vouchers, Norton blasted him as being "a sell-out."

Whom do you think Frederick Douglass would deem the sell-out: those who seek an alternative to rotten schools that cost taxpayers \$13,000 a year per student or those who support the status quo?

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Today is Thursday, July 3, the 184th day of 2003. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in

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day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

On this date: In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the

harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War. In 1930, Congress created U.S. Veterans the Administration.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of

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Israeli troops kill Palestinian militant, close junction

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) After tentative steps toward peace, Israeli troops killed a Palestinian militiaman during a West Bank raid Thursday, and the two sides bickered over who won the past 33 months of fighting.

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces temporarily closed an important junction after rockets were fired at a Jewish settlement, casting a shadow over a handover of territory to Palestinians.

Early Thursday, Israeli troops killed a local leader of the Al 'Agsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, when an arrest turned violent in the West Bank city of Qalqiliya, the army said. The man killed was identified as Mahmoud Shawer, an assistant to Ibrahim Mansour, Brigades' leader in

Oalgiliya, who was arrested.

The army said both men were armed and that one was killed when he tried to flee. Palestinian sources Shawer was only wounded in the leg during the escape attempt, but when troops withdrew, he was found dead with gunshot wounds to the head.

The incident raised fears for temporary cease-fire declared Sunday by the three main Palestinian groups in an important boost to the "road map" peace plan launched by President Bush at a June 4 Mideast summit.

The militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups suspended attacks for three months, while Fatah announced a sixmonth truce. However, renegade fighters from the Al Aqsa Martyr's Brigades and a number of smaller factions have rejected the cease-fire, and have carried out a number of shootings.

About 30 gunmen from Al

Agsa and another armed group were among thousands marching in Shawer's funeral. A speaker from the militia promised revenge within 24 hours. One of Shawer's sons, about eight or nine years old, was hoisted on the shoulders of one of the marchers and handed an Uzi submachine gun. The boy fired in the air, with adults helping him hold up the heavy

A senior Arafat aide, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, called Shawer's killing an "assassination" and accused Israel of trying "to bring us back to the cycle of action and reaction."

But the Palestinian foreign minister, Nabil Shaath, said the killing of the militant would not detail the peace process. "We always knew that the road map is not a highway. It is a mountainous, winding road with cliffhangers and sharp turns to the right and to the left and up and down," he told reporters.

Israeli officials said they have a right to defend their citizens if Palestinians refuse to dismantle violent groups as required by the road map. "Until they do, Israel has every right to take defensive measures on behalf of its citizens," said Dore Gold, a government spokesman.

Palestinian officials fear a crackdown could trigger a civil war. Preferring persuasion, they helped broker the cease-

After the truce announcement, Israeli forces began the pullbacks and the prime ministers of the two sides met at an upbeat summit, where they recommitted themselves to the peace plan.

Bush called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on .Wednesday and invited him to visit Washington in September, according to a statement from Sharon's office.

Israel Army Radio said 12 Palestinians were to be

released Thursday, including a senior Palestinian security official, Sulimein Abu Mutlak. The release of prisoners more than 5,000 are held by Israel — is a key Palestinian demand, included in the ceasefire declarations.

The two sides became embroiled Thursday in a war of words over who had won the current round of fighting. which began in September

Israel's army chief claimed victory in an interview published Thursday in an Israeli newspaper. "There is a good chance these days to bring the latest round of violence to an end," the army chief, Lt. Gen. Mosne Yaalon, told the Yediot Aharonot daily. "Given that the Israeli society withstood the test, and the army fought the terror with heroism, we now need to announce that we have won and carry on.

He said Hamas had been unable to see the fight through to the end. "Hamas asked for a cease-fire before the gong had sounded," he said. "There is a chance the power of Hamas is declining.'

Hamas responded with its

own declaration of victory.

"Hamas has won and the resistance is alive and will consaid Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a senior Hamas figure. "Hamas has achieved a great victory on the ground ... and a diplomatic victory when Hamas declared the ceasefire

Palestinian Authority officials accused Yaalon of incite-

Meanwhile, Israeli forces blocked off a main Gaza junction for six hours, just days after it was reopened as part of a security handover. The closure came in response to the firing of four anti-tank shells at the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom. Four people were hurt by shrapnel, the army said.

Thursday, Palestinians were injured when Israeli troops fired on a car trying to pass jeeps blocking the road. Palestinian witnesses

The army said troops had fired in the air on two occasions when Palestinian vehicles had approached the road block, endangering the soldiers. It was not aware of any victims.

Schroeder seeks apology from Italian PM for Nazi remark

BERLIN (AP) Germany's chancellor demanded an apology Thursday from Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi for saying a German member of the European Parliament would make a good Nazi concentration camp guard in a movie.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the comparison was "completely unacceptable."

"I expect the Italian premier to formally apologize," said Schroeder in comments at the start of a speech on economic reform to parliament in Berlin. Many lawmakers applauded, though some conservatives did

Berlusconi — back in Rome after the flap he caused a day earlier as his country took the presidency of the European Union — was to speak later Thursday with Schroeder by telephone and said he expected the issue would be resolved.

But the conservative leader said nothing about apologizing, instead blaming Italy's leftist opposition for the uproar. And Berlusconi's allies blocked an effort for the European Parliament to formally demand an apology for his comments.

Instead, party leaders at the body agreed that the Parliament president, Pat Cox, should speak to Berlusconi to seek a "fair and balanced solution."

The German government was infuriated by Berlusconi's ibe, which was directed at a Social Democratic member of the European Parliament during an appearance Wednesday to mark the start of Italy's sixmonth presidency of the European Union.

The European parliamentarian, Martin Schulz, referred

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session to the Italian leader's use of an immunity law to sidestep bribery charges in an Italian court.

"Mr. Schulz, I know there is a producer in Italy who is making a film on the Nazi concentration camps. I will suggest you for the role of kapo," Berlusconi snapped back. "You'd be perfect."

The German word "kapo" is usually taken to mean a concentration camp guard drawn from the ranks of the prisoners.

The uproar was frontpage news Thursday in Italy and Germany, where commentators across the political spectrum condemned Berlusconi and questioned

during a question-and-answer his fitness to speak for Europe. Others backed Berlusconi,

including the conservative daily Il Foglio.

"The premier did well to give the title of kapo to Mr. Schulz, a socialist deputy who treated him like a classroom delinquent," wrote commentator Giùliano Ferrara, a frequent Berlusconi defender.

Schulz, a social democrat like Schroeder, said in an interview Thursday in the Italian daily La Stampa that he rejected Berlusconi's explanation that the remark was meant to be lighthearted.

"Suffice it to say that Berlusconi would do best to resign," Schulz told the paper.

Berlusconi on Thursday

blamed Italy's leftist opposition for the furor, saying his political foes created a political climate that prompted the testy exchange with Schulz. "It was adequately prepared by the opposition," the premier said in Rome.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer echoed Schroeder's call for an apology, but indicated he did not expect the spat to linger.

"Wherever there humans, you have mistakes, sometimes even bad mistakes,' Fischer said in parliament. "You can rectify that with an honest word, by apologizing."

Berlusconi also drew scrutiny Thursday for his near total control of his country's television stations. A Danish member of the 45-member Council of Europe said the continent's top human rights watchdog should investigate freedom of the press in Italy.

I am worned about what happens in Italy, about the media concentration," Hanne Severinsen said in Denmark.

Berlusconi's media empire includes Italy's main private broadcaster, television Mediaset, and he controls 90 percent of the Italian television market, including state-run RAI's three channels.



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Wal-Mart policy change grabs attention

SEATTLE (AP) — Victory wasn't supposed to come this

Pride Foundation, a Seattlebased philanthropic group for gay and lesbian issues, spent more than two years talking with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. about making it company policy not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The foundation was preparing to draft a shareholders resolution to further pressure the Bentonville, Ark.-based com-

Then word came that Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer and private employer, was making the change voluntarily. The company announced Wednesday that it is including gays and lesbians among groups protected by its antidiscrimination policy.

"We assumed we would be working on Wal-Mart for quite a while," said Zan McColloch-Lussier, campaign director for Pride Foundation. The group owns a small amount of Wal-Mart stock and had expected to write a proposal for sharehold-

We are quite proud that we did not need to do that," he

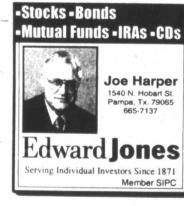
The change resulted in part from external pressure but also from Wal-Mart workers, who have long urged the company to make the change, company spokesman Tom Williams said.

"It's the right thing to do," he said. "The issue was that everyone feel valued and treated with respect. ... No exceptions at all.

The success bolsters Pride Foundation and those who assisted in the Wal-Mart campaign, including Trillium Asset Management and Walden Asset Management, both of Boston. All three groups are members of the Equality Project, a New York-based coalition of funds, investors and others that seek to change corporate policy with the voice that comes from being a shareholder — even a small one.

The groups now are considering where to focus their energies next.

With Wal-Mart's conversion, nine of the top 10 Fortune 500 companies expressly include sexual orientation in their anti-discrimination policies, said Shelley Alpern, an assistant vice president at Trillium.



U.S. considering peacekeepers in Liberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has drafted a range of options for American forces to intervene in Liberia, including possibly helping but not leading a peacekeeping force in the West African nation, officials said Thursday.

President Bush is trying to decide how to respond to international pressure that he send up to 2,000 troops to help enforce a cease-fire in the country, wracked by fighting between forces loyal to President Charles Taylor and rebel groups trying to oust him.

Among options laid out by the Defense Department are sending no troops, sending a small group of troops as a show of interest and to protect the U.S. Embassy and sending a larger contingent of U.S. peacekeepers.

Some in the administration have suggested that a contingent of several dozen

soldiers at the embassy in than the lead in a peacekeep-Monrovia along with stepped up diplomatic efforts might suffice. In line with that, one official said, U.S. officials said they are pressing the effort to get Taylor to leave the country.

Bush Wednesday repeated his call for Taylor to step

"One thing has to happen: Mr. Taylor needs to leave the country," Bush said. "In order for there to be peace and stability in Liberia, Charles Taylor needs to leave now."

Other military options are send 500 to 1,000 Americans who might coordinate logistics for any peacekeeper mission, provide it with communications equipment, further evaluate the situations in Liberia, non-governmental organizations there and so on, two officials said.

Taking that role, rather

ing force, would allow the United States to keep down the number of Americans required — a major consideration with so many already deployed around the world for the war against terror and stabilization in Iraq.

Taylor has refused to leave office. A U.N.-backed court in neighboring Sierra Leone has indicted him for crimes against humanity for his backing of rebels in that country, where atrocities included hacking off victims' limbs.

Taylor told CBS Radio on Wednesday that U.S. troops would be welcomed his country, that he would be willing to leave Liberia in about three months and called for the United Nations war crimes charges against him to be dropped.

He said he was not sure if "asking the democratically elected president to leave is

the solution, but I will leave," he said.

"Of course," Taylor added later, "that is subject to hearing what President Bush has to say."

Bush is under pressure to make a decision before he visits Africa next week. The trip doesn't include a stop in Liberia, founded in 1847 by freed American

Secretary of State Colin Powell has talked a number of times in recent days to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who would like to see the United States lead a multinational peacekeeping force. African nations have offered 3,000 troops for such

Besides Annan, France, Britain and both sides in Liberia's fighting also have pushed for an American role. Washington, the

Congressional Black Caucus also called on Powell to per-

suade the White House to intervene quickly.

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Bush is reluctant to send troops purely as peacekeepers, officials have said, but might be more inclined if the troops were given a clear mission as part of a defined coalition. Besides that, the U.S. military has plenty on its plate without sending troops to Liberia.

More than 10,000 American troops are still working in and around Afghanistan, and nearly 150,000 troops are stationed in a violent and troubled postwar Iraq.

The current round of fighting in Liberia began three years ago as rebels began trying to oust Taylor, who won contested elections. Fighting killed hundreds of civilians in Monrovia just last month, and the war has displaced than 1 million more

Supreme Court urged to end drought on gun rights cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is being asked to overturn an appeals court ruling that said the Constitution does not guarantee people a personal right to own a

The court's past rulings on Second Amendment gun rights — many in the 1800s — are a mess that should be straightened out when the justices return from their summer break, an appeal being filed Thursday at the court said.

The appeal relates to one of two closely watched cases from the liberal-leaning 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The high court will also decide later this year whether to review a 9th Circuit ruling that banned teacher-led reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools because of the phrase "under

The gun case includes an unlikely group of challengers - not the National Rifle Association or other organized groups, but some rugby teammates and friends. They include a police SWAT officer, a Purple Heart recipient, a former Marine sniper, a parole officer, a stockbroker and others with varied political views. They had sued the state over laws banning high-powered weapons.

"Citizens need the Second Amendment for protection of their families, homes and businesses," their attorney and rugby teammate, Gary Gorski of Fair Oaks, Calif., wrote in the appeal of a ruling that upheld California's assault weapons ban.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated militia

being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The 9th Circuit panel said the amendment's intent was to protect gun rights of militias, not individuals. A more conservative appeals court in New Orleans has ruled that individuals have a constitutional right to

Eugene Volokh, a constitutional law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the Supreme

Amendment is thin and odds are against the justices taking

"The court hasn't jumped into it since 1939," he said. "At some point the Supreme Court will want to make sure it is interpreted consistently throughout the nation."

The case brings a politically charged issue to the court just before the presidential election. If justices agree to hear the case, it will be scheduled for argument next year.

Last year, gun-control advo-Court's record on the Second cates were dismayed by the

Bush administration's endorsement of individual gun-ownership rights, in a filing at the Supreme Court that effectively reversed long-standing federal government policy on interpreting the Second Amendment.

The administration could weigh in now in this case. Mathew Nosanchuk, litigation director for the pro-gun control Violence Policy Center, said it's better strategy for the White House to steer clear of the issue. The California case involves a state assault weapons ban, and there is controversy over can't read where they'll go."

whether Congress renew a federal assault weapons ban next year.

President Bush has said he supports extending the federal ban, but sentiment is strong in the GOP-controlled Congress to let the ban expire and Bush has not put much energy into efforts to extend it.

Some advocates on both sides probably want the justices to decline to review the 9th Circuit ruling, said gun rights attorney Stephen Halbrook. "It's a wild card. You really

Academy to court-martial cadet mired in sex scandal

court-martial a cadet on rape cadet was consensual. charges is being hailed as a promising sign that officials want to address the school's

sexual assault scandal. Douglas Meester, 20, is the first cadet to face a military trial on rape charges since the scandal broke earlier this year. He is charged with rape, sodomy, indecent assault and providing

alcohol to minors. Brig. Gen. John Weida on Wednesday announced his decision to court-martial Meester rather than accept an officer's recommendation for administrative punishment. Weida became cadet commandant earlier this year in a management shakeup that stemmed from the scandal.

No date has been set for the court-martial. If convicted, Meester could face life in prison and dismissal from the Air Force.

Meester's father, Douglas Meester, told The Denver Post for its Thursday editions that the he thought Weida would accept the recommendation because

"In our opinion, the Air Force's decision is politically motivated," the father said. "I think they are trying to make him a scapegoat."

Kate Summers of the nonprofit Miles Foundation, which helps victims of violence in the military, said she sees it as the Air Force's first step toward accountability.

"This will hopefully precipitate system accountability for leadership which may not have responded in a timely fashion to charges previously," Summers

She said she was concerned a plea bargain could reduce the charges to something relatively minor, such as conduct unbecoming. She also said her group still is concerned with the acaderny's treatment of alleged victims.

The Air Force, Defense Department and an independent task force have been investigating dozens of alleged sexual assaults at the academy since reports surfaced in February my's top commanders have since been replaced.

A spokesman for Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., who called for an investi-

gation after his office received complaints from dozens of female cadets, also said the decision was a promising sign.

"From the beginning, Sen. Allard's been concerned that was there process, at times, being followed on cases such as this," spokesman Dick Wadhams said. "That's what needs to happen, the judicial process needs to be executed regardless of the outcome."

During an Article 32 hearing in May, an 18-year-old freshman cadet from Pennsylvania testified that on Oct. 18,

DENVER (AP) — The Air evidence showed that the sex that women who reported being she drank at least six shots of Force Academy's decision to between his son and the female sexually assaulted were pur- tequila with Meester and two ished or ignored. The acade- other cadets in his dorm room. She said she passed out and awoke as Meester raped her, and that she drifted in and out of consciousness.

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Poll finds public wants SUVs to get better gas mileage

BY WILL LESTER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) -The majority of Americans say SUVs should have to meet the same fuel economy standards as cars, says an Associated Press poll.

But they're split on whether SUVs are safer people tend to think they're safer for those inside them and more dangerous for people in other cars.

People were more likely to think SUVs are safer for their own occupants, by 42 percent to 35 percent, according to the poll conducted for the AP

ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pa. And they were more likely - by a smaller margin — to think SUVs are more dangerous for other motorists on the highway, by 45 percent to 41 percent.

The poll findings reflect the public's mixed feelings about SUVs, which industry analysts say are still growing in popularity.

For Mark Milano, an oral surgeon in Muskegon, Mich., buying an SUV makes a lot of sense.

"Most everybody I know, especially in a town, with kids, has an SUV in the family," said Milano. "I think they're safer. SUVs are bigger, higher up off the road."

He acknowledges that the bigger SUVs on the road may not make other motorists in smaller cars feel safer.

Award winner

retiree Don l'Heureux of Blue Hill, Neb., gets aggravated at the mere mention of

"They're dangerous to other cars on the road," he said. "I don't like them at all. They scare me since I drive a small car, they are wasteful on energy."

He said he hears news reports regularly about SUVs rolling over on the highways.

The public's perception of whether SÚVs are dangerous for other motorists went up steadily with respondents' education level. Republicans were more likely to defend the general safety of SUVs than Democrats were.

One of those motorists, 54 percent, said the fuel economy standards for SUVs should be the same as for other cars, while 33 percent said they should be allowed to get lower gas mileage. The poll of 1,001 adults was taken June 20-24 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

> Automakers now must meet a fleet average fuel economy of 20.7 miles per gallon for SUVs, minivans and pickups, a standard that has been in place since 1996 and could be increased slightly to 22.2 mpg for vehicles produced in the next few

The mileage requirement for other passenger vehicles Just over half in the poll, is 27.5 mpg. Past efforts in

Congress to require SUVs to meet the same fuel standards have been unsuccessful.

The support for higher fuel standards for SUVs comes at a time that the public appears less worried about the chances of a critical energy shortage in the near future.

About four in 10 said they're worried about a critical energy shortage in the next five years; half said they were not. Women were about evenly split on whether there will be a critical energy shortage, while men said by a 2-1 margin they don't expect

Just before the war in Iraq. just over half said they were worried about a critical energy shortage in the next five lower step-in height. They vears.

Despite the mixed public opinion about SUVs, their popularity is growing steadily, said industry analysts.

About a fourth of the vehicles sold in this country in the last year were SUVs of some sort, said Mike Wall, an automotive industry analyst at CSM Worldwide. He expects SUVs' share of the market to grow to about a third in the next few years.

"There's no question they're hugely popular," Wall said. "You're even seeing an evolution within the SUV group. We're seeing a movement away from the truckmore car-like — they have a one who didn't like it."

ride more like a car."

Those smaller would probably improve gas mileage, he said, adding that automotive companies have taken steps to improve SUVs' record on rollovers. Recent testing has shown the industry has more work to do.

SUV owners say they like the advantages — like feeling safer inside, sitting higher up for better visibility and being able to haul things - even though some people don't like the vehicles.

"People who don't have them do resent them," said Hazel Bern, a retiree from Sioux City, Iowa. "I never like vehicles to ones that are talked to anybody who had

Court upholds ruling that barring Max Factor heir from appealing

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — An appellate court upheld a ruling that convicted rapist Andrew Luster has no right to appeal his guilty verdicts because he jumped bail and fled to Mexico during a break in his trial.

"By his flight to a foreign country, the inference is compelling that, but for his capture, he would be a fugitive to this day," Justice Kenneth Yegan wrote for the 2nd District Court of Appeals in its ruling Wednesday.

Luster, a great-grandson of cosmetics legend Max Factor, was convicted in absentia in January of drug-

ging and raping women in his Ventura County home.

His attorney appealed the conviction, but Luster was still a fugitive, and the tence in a California prison. appeal was dismissed June 10 on the grounds that Luster had forfeited his right to appeal by jumping bail. The attorney appealed that

tured June 18 in Puerto Vallarta.

Luster is serving his sen-

The bounty hunter who caught him is meanwhile facing Mexican charges of "deprivation of liberty," similar to kidnapping without

ruling after Luster was cap-requesting a ransom. The ted in a disco, was preying charge carries a maximum of on women in Puerto Vallarta. four years in prison.

> Wednesday in Los Angeles. He said he didn't think he broke any laws and he said he feared Luster, spot- thought."

"My brother came and The bounty hunter, Duane said, 'He's in the club right Chapman, spoke to reporters now and the flashing lights are on him and the girls are 17 years old walking around," Chapman said. "We expects to be exonerated. He had to protect everyone, we

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Son's Death By Drunk Driver **Changes Life Forever For Mom**

DEAR ABBY: This Mother's Day was my fourth without my youngest son. In June of 1999, he was killed by a drunk driver. My son was only 23 and had his whole life ahead of him.

The driver was a 50-year-old man who pulled out of a bar parking lot onto a main road as though he were the only driver in the world. My son didn't stand a chance. It was 8:30 on a Tuesday night. DUIs can occur any day, any time.

That tragic night not only changed my life forever, but the lives of my son's brother, his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, a girlfriend and friends. I will never be able to attend his wedding, cuddle his children, or have a relationship with his wife.

I raised two boys and enjoyed their company. How quickly all that changed. I no longer enjoy "happy" or "merry" holidays.

Abby, please warn your readers not to drink and drive. Tragedy caused by a drunk driver can strike any family.
A MOM CHANGED FOREVER

DEAR MOM: I'm sad to say that's absolutely true. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your son. With the Fourth of July holiday beginning tomorrow, your letter is especially timely.

Readers, relax, give thanks to our founding fathers, but please do not drink and drive.

DEAR ABBY: I am working this summer and saving to buy a new car. The car I have now is fine; I

just want something newer.

My problem is, what do I do with
my old car when I get a new one? My parents are divorced, but both of them have asked me to sell it to a different brother. I know that when I choose one, the other will be upset and will think I am playing favorites. What should I do?

ONE CAR/TWO BROS IN KANSAS

DEAR CAR, TWO BROS: It's unfair for you to be placed in the middle. Establish a fair price for the vehicle. Tell both of your brothers what's going on and have them draw a "lucky ticket" out of a hat to see who gets to buy the car. If that is not acceptable, the car should be sold to a third party.

DEAR ABBY: I married a widower who is 40 years older than me. I adore him, but he insists on keeping a portrait of his deceased wife prominently displayed in our living room. (She died 10 years ago.) He also has a sculpture of her head on a pedestal.

This behavior irks me Please

SECONDHAND IRIS IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR IRIS: Your husband may have had the portrait for so long that he's no longer aware of its presence. Have you told him how you feel about it? If you have, and he's resistant to removing it — as a compro-mise, ask him to display it in a less prominent place.

As for the sculpture, when he's not around, throw a towel or a lovely scarf over it and keep your sense of humor. After all, she's just plaster and paint. You are flesh and blood.

DEAR ABBY: This summer I'm getting married to Mr. Wonderful. Jerry and I have been engaged for two years and together for five. The problem? His new hobby - computer

Maybe I've got the wedding jitters, but this bothers me no end. Lately he's been messaging "Gina" in the U.K. They communicate frequently, and even have pet names for each other. (Jerry calls her "Little British Babe" and she calls him "Jer-Bear.")

Now I have discovered they're exchanging letters, photos and chocolates. Jerry says it's because she misses her favorite U.S. candy Hershey kisses.

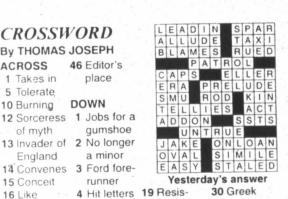
Abby, am I being paranoid, or is more going on than meets the eye?
SUSPICIOUS FIANCEE IN NEBRASKA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS FIANCEE: I don't think you are being para-noid. Your fiance should be exchanging kisses (chocolate and otherwise) with you. Tell him to cut out the candy and sweet talk, or you'll go on a "diet" that doesn't include him.

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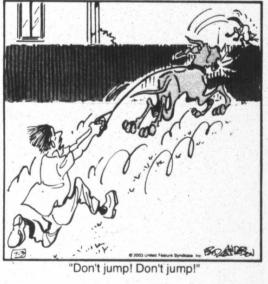
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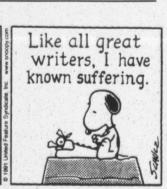


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MILWAUKEE (AP) -T.J. Ford became the first of this year's NBA firstround draft picks to sign, agreeing to a four-year contract with the Milwaukee Bucks.

The 6-foot point guard from Texas was the eighth overall selection in last week's draft.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed but according to the 2002-03 NBA rookie scale, a four-year deal for the No. 8 pick would be worth about \$7 million.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The heavyweight fight between four-time champion Evander Holyfield and James Toney will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Promoter Dan Goossen announced.

Showtime pay-per-view will telecast the fight.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — It was a long day for Wimbledon fans, and a frustrating one for their favorite player, Tim Henman. But for Mark Philippoussis, it could have been worse.

Philippoussis endured three rain delays and erased a two-set deficit Wednesday before dampness and darkness forced the suspension of his quarterfinal match against Alexander Popp. The unseeded Philippoussis was serving and holding a two-point lead, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 2-2, 30-0.

The 10th-seeded Henman, trying first become the Englishman to win Wimbledon since 1936, trailed No. 13 Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (8), 3-6, 6-3, 1-2. Henman rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the opening set and held four set points in the tiebreaker but couldn't convert

Light rain delayed the start of play Thursday, beginning on Centre Court with the first women's semifinal between defending champion Serena Williams and Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Outside Centre Court, on the terrace nicknamed Henman Hill, thousands fans followed of Henman's match - and the delays - on a huge television screen Wednesday.

"We had thunder and lightning at one point, and the British don't move," said Bill Henry of Bath. "We just sat there and suffered. Watching Henman, we're suffering anyway."

Still, fans wanted to see the finish. The Centre Court crowd groaned when tournament referee Alan Mills halted play for the final time.

"It's too slippery, and there's fading light," Mills told the chair umpire and players. "That's it for tonight."

Pampa 14-15 All-Stars advance to state

CANYON — Pampa 14-15 Babe Ruth All-Stars came back through the loser's bracket and defeated North Randall County 7-1, 8-3 Tuesday to win the District Tournament, and advance to the State Tournament, beginning July 12 in Seminole

The new District Champions did it the hard way. They lost 11-9 Saturday in their first game against North Plains. They came back to win five games in three days. They defeated Canyon 19-0 and Deaf Smith County 8-0 on Sunday. On Monday they bested North Plains

Ryan Torres scattered four hits in the opener. He struck out nine, walked two and hit three batters, while throwing 103 pitches in the complete game win.

Tyson Hickman and Jake Craig accounted for six of Pampa's eight hits. Hickman had three hits and two RBI. Craig scored twice on a double and two singles.

Pampa spotted Randall County walked, took second on a passed

singles and a wild pitch. The winners answered in the bottom of the second by scoring twice. Craig singled and moved to second on a passed ball. Torres moved him to third on a single and then stole second afer being trapped off first. Bradley Johnson's sacrifice fly to right brought Craig in with Torres taking third. A ground out by Matthew Trusty plated Torres, giv-

ing Pampa the lead at 2-1.

The winners batted around in the bottom of the fourth inning. Craig doubled and Johnson walked. Trusty attempted a sacrifice, but beat it out for a hit to load the bases. Davis hit to the shortstop who tried to get Craig at home, but the ball got by the catcher allowing Craig and Johnson to score. Jonathan Carr sacrificed Trusty home and Hickman slammed a line drive to right to score Davis, giving Pampa a 6-1 lead.

In the sixth inning, Carr

a run in the second inning on two ball and scored on a single by Hickman.

Sound defensive play aided Pampa. Davis caught a runner stealing in the second. Craig stretched and scooped a low bouncing throw at first to nip a runner in the fifth. Hickman went deep into the hole to backhand a ball and rob the hitter of a hit with a cannon ball throw to first in the

In the second game, Pampa again spotted North Randall County a one-run lead. A hit, an error and a fielder's choice produced a run in the first. Pampa evened the score in the bottom of the first on a single by Hickman, a sacrifice fly by Eric Kingcade, a stolen base and a double by Craig.

Pampa's bats went strangely silent for most of the rest of the game, getting only two more hits. However, Pampa used three walks, two hit batters and an error on an attempted sacrifice to score three times in the bottom of the second making the runs.

In the bottom of the third, Pampa got its last hits of the game. Johnson was hit by a pitch and Robbie Dixon's popup was missed by the second baseman. Dixon went to second on a bad throw trying to get Johnson at third. A ground out by Davis brought in Johnson and sent Dixon to third. Hickman stroked a hit to left field to bring Dixon home. Kingcade doubled to right sending Hickman in.

Randall County came to life briefly in the fifth inning. The ball seemed to have eyes as they combined three infield hits with a walk and a hit batter to pick up two runs and make the score 7-3.

Two errors and two walks allowed Hickman to add an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth for Pampa.

Craig, who relieved starter Sameer Kelley in the second inning and had help from es for the Pampa All-Stars.

with Johnson, Trusty and Davis Hickman, was the winning pitcher. He allowed two runs on four hits. He struck out two, walked one and hit a batter in four innings. Kelley pitched the first inning, giving up a run and two hits. He struck o ut one and walked one. Hickman walked one and struck out two, giving up no runs or hits in the last two innings.

> Hickman was the leading hitter for Pampa in the second game. He had two hits, scored three times and made two RBI. Craig had a double and two RBI. Kingcade had a double and RBI for the only other Pampa

> After the first game, Pampa was so dominating that it outscored its five opponents 53 to 5. Pampa scored more runs in one inning than their five foes did collectively in 33 innings.

Robert Wayne Dixon and Marie Hickman are the coach-

ocal boxers win Dodge City Tournament

"Jose Venegas, Jose Nunez and

Malibu Night Club in Dodge City.

DODGE CITY, Kan. Enrique Marquez and Cristoval Larrazolo of the Pampa Boxing Club came away as champions at last weekend's New Hope

Marquez posted a 4-0 decision over Gary Thompson of the New Hope Club.

"Enrique put on an outstanding performance. He is getting more experience with every match," says Pampa coach Lupe Larrazolo. "He is a very tough boxer who can give his opponent a real workout."

Enrique is the son of Enrique and Belma Marquez.

"Enrique's parents are very

supportive and accompany him on all his tournaments. Belma says she is proud of her son and will follow wherever the boxing club takes her," Coach Larrazolo said.

.Chris Larrazolo was matched in the 100-pound division against Herbert Acevedo, an experienced boxer from Garden City with 31 fights to his credit.

Both boxers put up a courageous fight, taking every round to the limit.

"Chris wore out his opponent with body blows and came out a winner," coach Larrazolo said.

Four of the seven Pampa boxers were suited up for the tournament, which was held at the Celia Mora weren't ready for this tournament, but hopefully they'll be ready for the next one, which is July 12 in Lubbock," Larrazolo said. "Unfortunately, two of the four members did not have matches. Jose Larrazolo did not get a match for the fourth tournament in a row because the other boxers did not have enough experience to box him. Mercedes Larrazolo was disappointed because she

Mercedes says she's ready." Rick's Body Shop sponsors the Pampa Boxing Club.

was ready to fight, but her oppo-

nent didn't show. Overall,





Enrique Marquez (left) and Cristoval Larrazolo posted wins at the New Hope Tournament.

Pampa girls claim victories

11-12 All-Stars won their first two games in the District Ashley Facio 1 for 4 (double), Softball Tournament.

Pampa defeated Memphis 25-11 in the opener, using four pitchers to h old their opponent to 11 runs. Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Libby Dyson and Jessica Miner all saw action on the mound.

Pampa's bats broke the game open in the third inning by scoring 11 runs. Holly Winegeart had two singles and Yesenia Flores had a double and single. Ashley Facio had a double, while Kelby Doughty and Carlyn Teichmann each had a single in the third inning.

For the game, Kelby Doughty was 3 for 4 (3 singles) to lead Pampa in hitting. Others with hits were Carlyn Teichmann 2 for 2 (single and triple); Holly Winegeart 2 for 3 (2 singles); Yesenia Flores 2 for 2 (single and double); Sammie

MEMPHIS — The Pampa Pearson 1 for 1 (single); Shelbie Watson I for 1 (single); and Jessica Miner 1 for 2 (single).

In the next game, Lauren Smith threw a no-hitter as Pampa defeated Childress 11-0. Smith struck out seven and walked six.

Pampa batters had a tough time getting hits. They hit the ball hard, but most of the time it was right at a fielder. Key baserunning led to most of the 11 runs.

Carlyn Teichmann, who was 1 for 3 (single) was the leading

Pampa played for the championship Wednesday night in Memphis. The winner advances to Stinnett on Monday for the District Championship.

The Pampa team is coached by David Teichmann. Coaches are Jimmy Barker and Donny Winegeart.

Baylor player still missing

WACO, Texas (AP) - Some relatives and friends of Baylor basketball player Patrick ly June 19, about a week after he was last seen. Dennehy say he was being threatened before he His car was found last week in Virginia Beach, vanished about three weeks ago, but Baylor basketball coach Dave Bliss says he knew noth-

"Members of my staff met and had frequent contact with Patrick in the days leading up to his disappearance," Bliss said in a statement Wednesday. "At no time, did Patrick say anything about safety concerns or personal threats."

Dennehy, 21, had told Baylor coaches he was scared, said Brian Brabazon, his stepfather. Brabazon also said someone had recently broken into Dennehy's SUV and stolen money from him. Waco police and Baylor police said Dennehy never filed a report about a break-in.

Authorities said Wednesday they have received hundreds of leads over the past few

"Somebody out there knows what happened to (Dennehy) or they know w+here he is," Waco police spokesman Steve Anderson said. "We're hoping that person or persons will call in and give us that good tip and we can resolve this."

Dennehy was reported missing by his fami-Va., where he had no apparent connections. Police classify former Baylor basketball

player Carlton Dotson, believed to be 21, as "a person of interest" in the disappearance. An unnamed police informant in Delaware

alleged Dotson shot Dennehy in the head after the two argued while shooting guns on property outside Waco, court documents show. No one has been arrested.

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, said she didn't think the two had a falling out. She last talked to Dennehy on June 11, and a few days later she called Dotson to find out where her boyfriend was.

"They were friendly teammates and recently had become closer as friends," De La Rosa of Albuquerque, N.M., said Wednesday.

Dotson's estranged wife, Melissa Jill Kethley, told the Waco Tribune-Herald on Wednesday that she last spoke with Dotson on Tuesday, and he told her he had nothing to do with Dennehy's disappearance.



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Pampa junior girls beat Dumas in District One softball finals

BORGER — The Pampa Junior Girls All- by Maggie Hopkins. Star team claimed the championship of the an elimination game Tuesday night.

Moore reached on an error and Stephanie McVay singled. Cassy Tice knocked in a run with a fielder's choice and Nicole Clark singled to score McVay for a 2-0 lead.

Pampa widened the gap in the third inning when McVay walked and Tice dou- and striking out six while giving up one hit bled. Clark came up to bat and hit a home and no earned runs. run over the centerfield fence for a 5-0 lead.

In the fifth inning Pampa scored four more runs, highlighted by a two-run single in a row for this group of girls.

Leading Pampa's offensive attack was Little League District 1 Tournament Nicole Clark, who went 4 for 4 with three Wednesday night with a 12-3 win over singles, a home run and four RBI; Cassy Dumas. Dumas had beaten Stinnett 16-4 in Tice, a home run, double, single and three RBI; Stephanie McVay, double, two singles In the first inning, leadoff hitter Jasmaine and five runs scored; Jasmaine, a double.

> On the mound, Clark picked up the win, going four innings and striking out 10, while allowing two hits and one earned run.

> Tice got the save, pitching three innings,

Pampa now advances to the Sectional Pampa plated two more runs in the fourth tournament, which will be held in Borger. inning when McVay walked and Tice hit a They face El Paso in a best of three series home run over the left centerfield fence to starting Monday, July 14. The winner advances to the state tournament in Waco.

This is the fifth District 1 championship

Alomar scores winning run in Chicago debut

By The Associated Press

Roberto Alomar put his miserable stay with the New York Mets behind him in a hurry with the Chicago White Sox.

second baseman, acquired Tuesday for three minor leaguers, scored the winning run Wednesday night on Frank Thomas' 12thinning homer as the White Sox beat visiting Minnesota 8-6.

"It is great when you are playing the game for something, that's why you play the game of baseball, you try to win and you try to get to the pennant," Alomar said. "Now that we are playing for something I think it is a lot of fun."

The 12-time All-Star went 1-for-5 with a walk in the leadoff spot to help his new team win for the sixth time in seven games and reach the .500 mark at 42-42. The White Sox are three games

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behind first-place Kansas City in the AL Central.

In other AL games, it was: Toronto 8, Detroit 2; Boston 5, Tampa Bay 4; Kansas City 8. Cleveland 2; Anaheim 5, Texas 0; and Seattle 13, Oakland O. New York and Baltimore were rained out.

Carl Everett, obtained Tuesday night from Texas for minor leaguers, was 0-for-4 in his debut for Chicago.

Thomas, who also had a two-run homer in the third, praised general manager Ken Williams for acquiring Alomar and Everett.

"That was awesome. Kenny went out and made two very big moves and showed he's serious about winning," Thomas said. "I'm 35. You never know when you're going to get another

Pinch-hitter Paul Konerko tied it in the 11th with a twoout home run, his first since May 21.

"I'm just searching for anything to help the team, that's where I'm at right

now," Konerko said. Eddie Guardado (1-3) walked Alomar in the 12th and one batter later, Thomas ended an 11-pitch at-bat with a homer to left.

Billy Koch (5-4) pitched the 12th to get the victory. Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2

At Detroit, Roy Halladay won his 12th straight decision and Carlos Delgado hit two solo home runs as Toronto broke a four-game losing

Delgado raised his RBIs total to 91 and Vernon Wells drove in four runs for the Blue Javs.

Halladay (12-2) has not lost in 15 starts since April 15 - his streak is the secondlongest in team history to Roger Clemens' 15-game string in 1998. He allowed two runs on seven hits and no walks in seven innings.

Texas Tech, SMU open '03 grid season

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech will open the 2004 football season in Dallas when the Red Raiders continue their series with SMU on Sept. 4.

Tech's other non-conference games will also have a regional flavor as the Raiders host New Mexico and TCU. The school released its 2004 schedule this week.

The TCU-Tech game in Lubbock on Sept. 18 will be the first meeting of the schools since 1995 when they were last members of the Southwest Conference.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL Softball 2003 Summer City League Standings

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Men's Open		
Team	Won	Lost
Division One		
A.S.S.I.	15	1
The End Zone	5	- 1
Dobson Cellular	4	2
ATF	3	3
NBC Bank	1	5
The City of Pampa	0	6
Division Two		$\tilde{I}^{T} = \tilde{I}^{T}$
Team	Won	Lost
Black Gold Bandits	4	- 0
Jerry's	3	, 1
Pop's Boys	2	2
Southwest Collision	1	. 3
Cabot	0	4
Mixed Open		
Division One		
Team	Won	Lost
Pampa Cyber Net	6	0
Well-Built Industries	5	1
DK Glass	3	3
Potter Trucking	3 2	3
Doan's Truck Repair	2	4
Subway	2	4
Easy's	0	6
Division Two		
Team	Won	Lost
Celanese	2	0
Cabot	2	0
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Jailbirds	1	1
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Central Division				
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Chicago	43	40	.518	_
Houston	43	40	518	_
St. Louis	43	40	.518	_
Cincinnati	40	42	.488	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	34	46	.425	7 1/2
Milwaukee	34	48	.415	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	51	32	.614	-
Los Angeles	45	37	.549	5-1/2
Arizona	45	38	.542	6

.512 8 1/2 Colorado 42 30 55 San Diego **Tuesday's Games** Florida 20, Atlanta 1 Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 3 N.Y. Mets 7, Montreal 6 Houston 6, Milwaukee 5, 10 innings San Francisco 5, St. Louis 1 Colorado 7, Arizona 4

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(Myers 7-6), 6:05 p.m.

San Diego 4, Los Angeles 3, 10 innings

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Milwaukee (Kinney 6-6) at Houston (Robertson 6-3),

San Diego (Eaton 2-7) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 10-3), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games N.Y. Mets (Glavine 5-8) at Cincinnati (Haynes 1-7), St. Louis (Tomko 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5),

Houston (Villone 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Benson 5-8), 4:05 p.m. Colorado (Cook 2-6) at Milwaukee (Burba 0-1), 5:05

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leveland	34	49	.410	10 1/2	

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Seattle (Garcia 9-6) at Texas (Santos 0-2), 8:05 p.m. Anaheim (Sele 4-6) at Oakland (Mulder 11-5), 8:05

Astros fall in 11 innings to Brewers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 4,

Venus bestows the unusual gift of drawing others to you. Understand what makes you happy through experimenting, exchanging ideas and being more open to different styles. Your ability to communicate will be enhanced this fall onward, creating greater possibilities. Others find you easy to talk to. A sibling could play a bigger role in what goes on around you. If you are single, you're likely to meet a special person with ease during this year. You will socialize more than ever. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish this year. You both seem to experience a special ease when talking to each other. VIRGO draws you

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Be sensitive to a family member who most definitely puts you on a pedestal. Use this special day to connect on a deeper level. Others naturally come to you asking for help, perhaps help pitching in for the holiday events. Tonight: Keep the partying close to home, and you will enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** * Your imagination takes you to a new level as you deal with a child or loved one. In the next few weeks, you will develop a particularly gentle and caring style of reaching out to people. Others cannot help but respond. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * * * Deal with the basics. You will have the ability to make money and prosper through an innate talent or asset. You have what it takes. Others express enthusiasm about an idea that involves property and/or an investment. Tonight: Put CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** * * * Venus moves into your sign, making you numero uno. Make a special effort to get others out to join you. Your sensitivity to others' moods adds to your popularity. Keep communication flowing, allowing a new twist in your life. You don't have a choice, anyway! Tonight: Light your firecrackers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Expenses will go overboard if you're not careful. You enter a period where you could be overly sensitive, interpreting another's reaction far differently than how he or she intended. Check out new acquaintances carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * * * Consider possibilities that surround a child, loved one or new friend. You might be seeing a relationship change before your very eyes. Schedule time with a special person as well as friends. Celebrate the Fourth at home.

Tonight: As you like it LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) * * * Think of time as an ally and use the moment well. Others seek you out, but do pick who and where with care. Although this is a national holiday, you need to take a greater stand in your plans. Make it OK to be alone, or make only a must appearance. Tonight: You might decide to call it an early night

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** * Friends call you, whether to pitch in or to party. Others rally around you, no matter who, what or where Zoom in, making a happening even better. Don't forget someone at a distance. Reach out and touch a reclusive pal. Tonight: Help others get into the party

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * You seem to bring others together, no matter where or who. Opt to be the focal point, drawing friends and family together for this Fourth of July. You're the firecracker that gets the party started. Tonight: Count on going till the CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * * Reach out for someone quite special at a distance. In fact, many will hop into your car for this long weekend of celebration. Others cannot appreciate you enough for what you do and offer. Now is the time to ask. Tonight: Let another ask, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** * Your ability to nurture others and help them relax is a special gift, which you opt to use right now. A partnership or an association loosens up considerably as a result. Someone in your immediate circle might have a crush on you Tonight Create your own fire-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * * * * Others run with the ball, all you need to do is appear at the right time or place. Single Fish discover a new attraction and/or someone discovers them - if not now, then in the immediate future. Attached Fish live the moment to the max. Tonight: Make the party a real celebration as you add your own snap, crackle and pop.

BORN TODAY Playwright Neil Simon (1927), twins and syndicated columnists Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren (1918)

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starter Wayne Franklin was long gone and we'd find a way to score some when the Brewers finished off the runs," Yost said. Houston Astros.

Hitters," Franklin said. "People who get up and leave are making a mistake. This team will put on a show in the late innings."

Eric Young and Scott Podsednik had run-scoring hits in the 11th inning as the Brewers beat the Astros 5-3 on Wednesday night.

"That's the way our team has been," Young said. "We don't get down. Ned (manager Yost) does a good job with keeping us up. That's why we usually don't lose two in a row."

The loss was the Astros' sixth in eight games and dropped them into a tie for the NL Central lead with St. Louis and

Franklin, traded to the Brewers last September after five years in the Houston organization, is 2-0 in four starts against the Astros. He went seven innings, leaving with the score tied at 3. Ricky Stone (5-3), the eighth Astros

pitcher, walked Keith Osik to start the 11th. Osik was sacrificed to second and took third when pitcher Brooks Kieschnick grounded out as a pinch hit-

Young followed with his second RBI single of the game, then scored on Podsednik's double.

"I knew if Wayne kept us in the

HOUSTON (AP) - Milwaukee game, we'd be battling right to the end

Valerio De Los Santos (1-2) pitched "I call our hitters the Prime Time two innings for the victory. Leo Estrella worked the 11th for his first career save in his first opportunity, getting pinchhitter Gregg Zaun to ground out to end the game.

> "I think Jimy has a lot of confidence in me," Zaun said. "He knows that I am going to fight off some pitches and battle. I was fouling off some balls waiting for him to make a mistakes and he didn't make one."

> Morgan Ensberg hit a two-run homer, his 15th, in the fourth inning to give the Astros a 2-0 lead, but it didn't last long.

> After holding Milwaukee to two hits and striking out five over the first four innings, Tim Redding allowed three runs in the fifth.

Richie Sexson hit a grounder to deep short for a two-run single after Young drove in the Brewers' first run.

Adam Everett managed to stop the ball but could not make a play, giving the Brewers a 3-2 lead. That stood until the seventh when

Brad Ausmus reached on an infield hit, went to third on Eric Bruntleti's first major league hit, a single, and scored on pinch-hitter Brian Hunter's grounder. That ended Franklin's bid to beat his

former teammates for the third straight time. Franklin pitched seven innings and allowed three runs on six hits.



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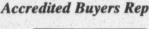
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Solid proof of Iraqi weapons program hard to come by, analysts say

WASHINGTON (AP) -Current, reliable information on Iraq's weapons efforts was sometimes lacking but U.S. intelligence analysts did not exaggerate their findings under pressure from Bush administration officials trying to build a case for war, says the intelligence community's internal review of its prewar performance on Iraq.

The analysts cataloged some uncertainties about the

data in intelligence reports but still generally concluded Iraq had active weapons of mass destruction programs, Kerr, a retired senior analyst and former deputy director of central intelligence, said in an Associated Press interview.

Richard Kerr, who is heading | Congress, say those doubts never were made public. In the two months since the ouster of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, U.S. and British forces have not validated

many of their prewar claims, including those that said Iraq had chemical and biological weapons stockpiles.

Critics have accused the administration of exaggerating or mishandling intelligence to convince Americans Some Democrats in and the world that it was necessary to invade Iraq.

Kerr is leading a team of three other retired intelligence officers in a review of the performance of the CIA and other agencies. They have submitted an initial report to CIA Director George Tenet, who has vigorously defended the agency's efforts on Iraq.

A CIA spokesman declined to comment on the contents of Kerr's report. The official said it was part of a self-evaluation of the intelligence community's prewar performance that was proposed by Defense Donald Secretary Rumsfeld in October 2002.

In discussing the report, Kerr primarily described his finding that the integrity of the intelligence process was maintained. Efforts to gauge the accuracy many of agencies' prewar predictions will have to wait until a more thorough search of Iraq is completed, he said.

The foundation of the U.S. Iraq's information on weapons programs was discoveries after the 1991 Gulf War, Kerr said. But after U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq in 1998, much of the information dried up, leaving the U.S. government to discover what it could from satellite images, intercepted communications

and spies and refugees.

Solid information was sometimes lacking from those sources. However, what the intelligence agencies did learn seemed to confirm their conclusions that Iraq indeed had active programs to make chemical and biological weapons and to develop nuclear weapons, said Kerr.

"There was, in some areas, a dearth of hard, detailed intelligence," he said. "That presents a real problem for intelligence analysts."

Still, he said, "it would have been very hard for an intelligence analyst to determine that there were no weapons of mass destruction programs. There was a lot of information over time."

In the run-up to the war, intelligence analysts faced intense pressure from Bush administration officials seeking information to prove Iraq was a threat, Kerr said.

"While there was an awful lot of pressure to try to support various positions, that's always the case," he said. "People are going to prod the

intelligence community to try to make them more precise but also to convince them

they're right." But a review of the prewar findings shows the analysts

didn't change their position,

Kerr said. "They were pretty consistent over a considerable period of time," he said.

Kerr predicted that more evidence of weapons programs would yet be found in Iraq but acknowledged the search might be fruitless. "It's a set of judgments," he said. "It may be wrong. It may not be completely accurate."

Congressional intelligence oversight committees are conducting preliminary inquiries.

Critics have raised a variety of questions: Was bad information collected and wrongly believed? Were the analysts wrong or inappropriately influenced? Did the Bush administration not accurately reflect the real intelligence in its statements to the public and United Nations?

Prewar intelligence reports also note uncertainties and

At least five dead after explosions

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) - A fifth person died Thursday from a series of fireworks explosions that began as workers moved an Independence Day display from a truck.

The bodies of the four other victims remained at the gulfside scene overnight because investigators were worried that some of the \$20,000 worth of fireworks could still detonate. The fifth victim, Ken Kinard of Cocoa Beach, died early Thursday in a hospital burn unit.

"Right now, it's still a dangerous situation," said Lee County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Michael Maschmeier.

The workers were transferring the fireworks Wednesday when a series of powerful blasts erupted, shooting flames into the sky and shaking the ground.

"It just all happened at said Kevin once," McKenzie, who was mowing grass near the truck. "Immediately, it was all the fireworks going off with all the colors and the flames."

The fireworks were to be part of the annual Independence Day display Friday in nearby East Naples. Officials said the event had been canceled.

"It's just hard to believe," said Bonita Springs City Manager Gary Price. "The event you're setting up for everybody's enjoyment to celebrate our anniversary of our country results in such tragedies."

The explosion occurred on a tip of vacant land at a state park in Bonita Springs, a city of about 30,000 near the Gulf of Mexico between Fort Myers and Naples:

Mary Mike Dearden, an employee of the Lover's Key Beach Club and Resort, said she felt the ground shake. Guests at the resort saw smoke and heard explosions from the park, less than a mile from the resort

"At the front desk we heard the explosion starting like a clap of thunder and then it kept rolling," she said. "As it rolled on it felt

like a jet breaking the sound barrier, but it kept going and we knew it was something else."

Hours after the blast, smoke rose from a blackened pine tree and the charred remains of the two trucks, which had been parked back-to-back. A pickup truck that was parked a short distance away was also burned.

One woman was hospitalized in good condition, officials said. Officials said the survivor among those moving the fireworks Anita Combs, believed to be from the St. Louis area, where the fireworks shipment originated.

The fireworks were from Fireworks Dittmer, Mo. A person who answered the phone at the company's main office said officials were on their way to the scene.

Price said the company had orchestrated the city's fireworks display last year. The city spent \$20,000 for a planned 30-minute show this year, he said.

Lopez accuses former manager of lacking proper license

commission that accuses her former representative, Benny Medina, of failing to have a valid talent agent's license while managing

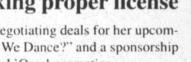
The singer-actress fired Medina in June after five years of service.

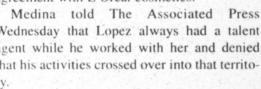
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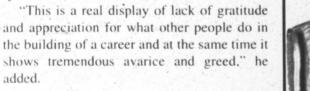
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jennifer Lopez tions, such as negotiating deals for her upcomhas filed a petition with California's labor ing film "Shall We Dance?" and a sponsorship agreement with L'Oreal cosmetics.

Medina told The Associated Press Wednesday that Lopez always had a talent agent while he worked with her and denied that his activities crossed over into that territo-

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