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Plutonium pit facility hearing set June 26

AMARILLO (AP) — A new facility proposed for the Texas Panhandle and several other sites around the country would make components to trigger the country's nuclear weapons, although some environmentalists have said there is no need for such an operation.

Energy Department officials will conduct hearings in Amarillo this week on the department's proposed sites for a proposed Modern Pit Facility to process plutonium for new weapons cores. Public hearings were scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Thursday at the Amarillo College Union Building.

The new plutonium pits would be inspected and prepared for eventual storage at Pantex, where they will be installed in warheads and bombs. Pantex is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear warheads and currently repackages old plutonium pits to meet new safety standards. Pantex stores more than 12,000 plutonium pits.

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Six British soldiers die in attack

By STEVEN GUTKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Six British soldiers died in southern Iraq on Tuesday, and an ambush on a patrol and a helicopter wounded at least eight others in one of the deadliest days for coalition forces since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

The ambush was the first significant attack on the British since major combat was declared over on May 1. While Americans have been under fire in central Iraq for weeks, the British in the south have felt secure enough to patrol the country's second-biggest city, Basra, without flak jackets or helmets.

Officials at the Pentagon said insurgents were ratcheting up anti-U.S. attacks, staging 25 of them in the past day alone. American troops battled Iraqis at a checkpoint in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, on Tuesday, leaving three Iraqis dead and one American wounded.

The circumstances in which the British troops were killed were unclear. Prime Minister Tony Blair's office announced the deaths in the southern town of Amara, 90 miles north of Basra, but only said they occurred in an "incident."

British troops came under attack in another location only miles away in the mostly Shiite city. Gunmen fired on a

patrol, wounding one soldier. A helicopter dispatched to assist the ground forces then came under fire as it landed and seven people on board were wounded, three of them seriously, Blair's office said.

"It's normally very quiet down here," said British Army Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt, in Basra. "We've been here nearly two months now and this is the first time people have been deliberately, consciously shooting at us."

At least 18 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraqi attacks since May 1. Thirty-one British troops have died — 16 in accidents — since coalition forces invaded March 20. Britain has

suffered no combat deaths since April 6.

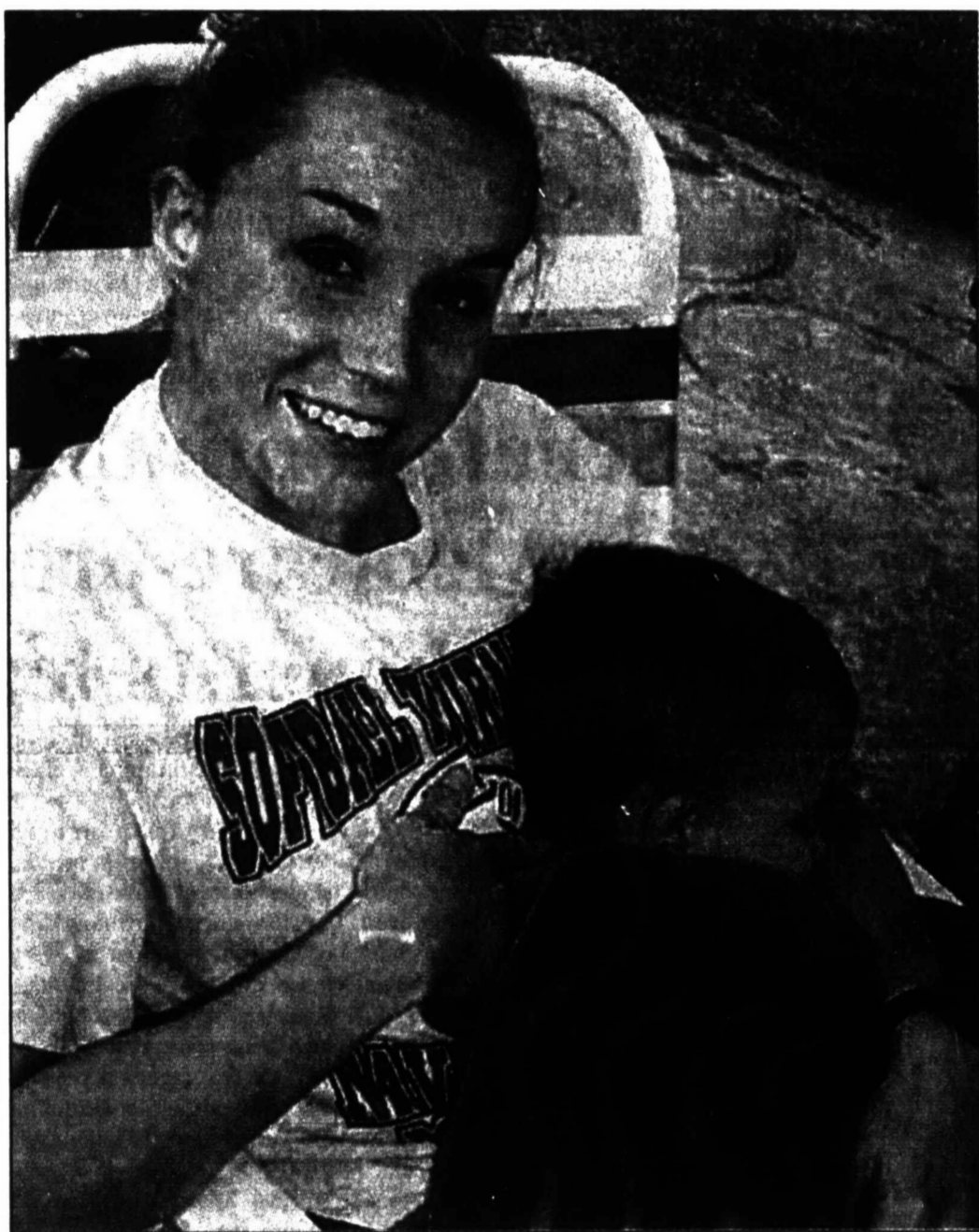
Most of the attacks have been in the belt of central and western Iraq known as the "Sunni Triangle," where Saddam had his strongest support.

Iraqi insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at U.S. troops in at least three towns in western Iraq. In Baghdad, guerrillas fired a grenade near the headquarters of the U.S. administration Tuesday. No injuries were reported in that attack.

Late Monday, insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the mayor's office in Fallujah, the latest in a series of attacks against people

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All tuckered out



(Courtesy photo)

Jessica Burns, Pampa student home for the summer from college, warms up a tired Brett Woelfle with a towel at a recent Hi-Land Christian Church swim party held at the home of Jack and Beth Sutherland of Pampa.

Workers hit gas line at old motel

Crews tearing down the Coronado Inn Monday inadvertently broke a natural gas line forcing fire officials to cordon off the area around the motel and evacuate a local fast-food restaurant.

Pampa Fire Department first got the call of a gas odor in the area by McDonald's Restaurant at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets at 9:48 a.m. Monday. Three trucks and seven firefighters responded.

Once there, fire officials discovered that the gas was coming from the Coronado Inn, across the street from McDonald's.

Workmen had apparently struck a two-inch natural gas pipeline while in the process of demolishing the old struc-

ture, officials said.

"We set up a perimeter, evacuated McDonald's and stood by until Atmos people could come and shut down the gas," said Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

Firefighters also monitored gas levels at Albertson's grocery store, north of the Coronado Inn in the Coronado Center, Dunham said.

"It was okay there," he said. "The wind was our friend yesterday."

After Atmos Energy employees turned off the gas going to the leak and the area was found to be safe, firefighters reopened the perimeter and McDonald's employees and customers were allowed back into the building.

Police seek vandals who can't spell 'boat'

Pampa police were searching for vandals today in connection with spray painting incidents over the weekend.

Officers said someone painted the words "Tug Boat" on the side of a Rent-A-Center delivery van in

the 1700 block of North Hobart.

The vandals' spelling apparently wasn't as good a block away where they painted "Tug Bots" on the roof of the Pizza Hut Delivery facility at 1500 North Banks.

Craddick expects quorum on redistricting

By NATALIE GOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

State legislature to meet in special session

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick said Monday he believes a majority of House members will show up next week for the start of a special legislative session on redistricting.

"I think we'll probably have a quorum," Craddick said at a news conference Monday.

House Democrats fled the state for Ardmore, Okla., in May during the regular legislative session, breaking a quorum and killing any chance that a redistricting plan had for passage.

"I've had a lot of members tell me they fully intend to be here," Craddick said when

asked what he expected to happen once a bill passed out of committee and was brought to the House floor.

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Jim Dunning of Waco said that the House Democrats had not met to discuss their plans for the session.

"I don't have any plans other than work at home this week and get back to Austin on Monday," Dunning said.

Dunning said every situation has many alternatives and noted a rule in the 31-member state Senate that requires two-thirds of members to bring an issue to the floor for debate. That means only 11 votes

would be needed to block a bill. The Senate is ruled 19-12 by Republicans.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said she hasn't started counting votes yet.

Gov. Rick Perry last week called for a 30-day special session on redistricting, saying lawmakers, not federal judges, should be responsible for drawing district lines.

Lawmakers during the 2001 legislative session could not agree on how to draw the districts so the current map was drawn by federal judges. The map gives Texas Democrats a

17-15 majority in Congress.

Republicans have argued that results in state elections show that Texas should have more GOP representatives in Congress. Every statewide elected office in Texas is ruled by a Republican.

A plan approved by a House committee during the regular session would have moved the balance of power in the Texas delegation to the Republicans.

The plan was backed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, who has been one of the strongest advocates for the redrawing of the district lines.

On Monday, Craddick said

that he did not know if DeLay would be involved at all in the redistricting discussions.

"I assume we'll hear from the congressmen on how they want their districts," Craddick said.

DeLay spokesman Jonathan Grella said DeLay will serve as the go-between for the Washington delegation and Republican state legislators.

House public hearings on redistricting will start this week and will be held at several sites around the state.

While the special session can last as long as 30 days, Craddick said he expected it would not take that much time to get a bill approved.

"I would anticipate a couple of weeks," Craddick said.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Wednesday, June 18

A home in the 1800 block of Dogwood was splattered with eggs and the trees were covered with toilet paper.

Sunday, June 22

The Pizza Hut Delivery roof was spray painted with graffiti.

A delivery van at the Rent-a-Center was sprayed with paint.

Monday, June 23

A wallet with over \$100 was lost in the 400 block of Doyle.

A lawn mower was stolen from a car port in the 100 block of Neel Road.

A cell phone was taken from an unlocked car in the 1200 block of Williston.

Threats were made in the 400 block of South Finley.

Iglesia Casa Del Alfarero was broken into and \$76 taken.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

FIRE

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

Monday, June 23

9:48 a.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a natural gas leak. Workers tearing down the Coronado Inn broke a two-inch gas line allowing the gas to escape into the air. Firefighters set up a perimeter around the break. After evacuating McDonald's restaurant, they monitored gas levels in the area and stood by until Atmos Energy representatives arrived.

2:52 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a tree fire at National Oilwell, five miles west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60. A powerline going through the tree's branches had shorted out and caused the fire. Damage was limited to the tree.

8:12 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of North Zimmers.

CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF

Eight persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 16 through June 22. Currently 15 persons are incarcerated in this jail and additional 20 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrests made this week:
John McLaughlin, 23, Pendleton, Ind. - theft by check, Wheeler County
Shiloh Martin, 20, Beggs, Okla. - possession of marijuana more than 5 lbs., but less than 50 lbs.

Gerald Thomas, 32, Beggs, Okla. - possession of marijuana more than 5 lbs., but less than 50 lbs.

Donald Brittain, 40, Amarillo - probation revocation on original charge of fail to identify fugitive from justice

Eric Brockman, 31, Springfield, Colo. - probation revocation on original charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Richard Tow, 39, Maracopa, Ariz. - possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram, but less than 4 grams

Adam Obrecht, 23, Panhandle - purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor
Felipe Carreon, 23, Overland Park, Kan., - public intoxication

SHERIFF

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

Monday, June 23

Donald D. Johnson, 39, 1031 Sumner Apt. 221, was arrested on assault charges.

Aaron E. Young, 33, 1121 E. Francis, was arrested on assault charges.

Ray Neal Smith, 19, Stinnett, was arrested on traffic charges.

Gary Don Wheat, 35, 1340 Terrace, was arrested on theft charges.

Tuesday, June 24

Billy Don Williams, 46, 429 N. Christy, was arrested on charges of evading arrest.

William Anthony Sharp, 23, 1268 Garland, was arrested on traffic charges.

Bobby Dale Preston, 23, 2116 N. Dwight, was arrested on traffic charges.

Timothy Dail Pritchard, 32, 1021 S. Christy, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today...Mostly sunny. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE

Unusually hot and humid conditions in east and south Texas are forecast today and Wednesday. Then a front will bring somewhat cooler temperatures over the state for a few days.

West and North Texas will feel the most relief, with highs only in the 70s and 80s on Thursday and Friday. Temperatures will warm

up through the weekend.

Chances of late-day rain will continue, but will decrease by the weekend. North Texas will see a good chance of rain Wednesday night through Friday morning.

Monday's high temperature was recorded at Wink, with 106 degrees. The overnight low was 65 at Dalhart.

West Texas will be partly cloudy with highs in the 90s today, and chances of afternoon showers and storms. The cooldown will begin Wednesday in the Panhandle with highs in the 80s. It will be even cooler Thursday in the Panhandle, and the rest of the region should feel the front's effects then, with at least somewhat cooler temperatures. Behind the front, skies will be mostly clear. Friday and Saturday should be free of rain, and it will warm slightly each day.

In South Texas, oppressive heat and humidity are forecast today and Wednesday. Temperatures will be in the 90s with dewpoints in the 70s over most of the region. A slight chance of rain will continue. Thursday will also be hot. Beginning Friday, Southeast Texas and central South Texas should cool about five degrees. The Coastal Bend and Deep South will remain hot, but with better chances of showers and storms late this week.

North Texas will be continue hot through Wednesday, with highs in the 90s and a slight chance of rain. Eastern parts of North Texas will see unusually high humidities to go along with the heat; a heat advisory is issued there through Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday night in the west, a front will begin to cool down the region, and good chances of rain are forecast. Highs should be in the 80s Thursday and Friday. Rain should end, in the southeast, by Friday morning. Temperatures will be slightly warmer on Saturday.

Firefighters beat back raging Arizona wildfire 250 homes destroyed in vacation community

By **ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Firefighters fanned out above and below a raging wildfire on a mountaintop north of Tucson in an attempt to beat back flames that have destroyed more than 250 homes in a vacation community.

Crews used bulldozers to fight the blaze's northward spread on Mount Lemmon by digging a firebreak connecting roads, thinner vegetation and an area that already was burned over last year.

Firefighters also cut a line across the fire's southern flank, where crews battled all weekend to protect homes after burning embers started fires across earlier lines.

The blaze has charred more than 19,500 acres of pine forest on the mountain and was only 15 percent contained early Tuesday, firefighters' spokesman Gerry Engel said. About 950 firefighters had been deployed.

Firefighters faced more dry, windy weather Tuesday, with gusts expected to hit 25 mph and temperatures forecast in the mid-70s. By contrast, the temperature was expected to hit 98 in Tucson, about 6,000 feet below the fire-ravaged moun-

tain community of Summerhaven.

Firefighters' efforts along the southern front got a boost when the blaze was twice repelled as it approached an area southeast of Summerhaven, where the fire had raced through Thursday and charred hundreds of homes.

"We made good progress today," fire commander Larry Humphrey said Monday. "We had no slop-over. It's just taking us time and it's slow because the wind is against us. So it's going slow but steady."

The fire swept through pine trees ravaged by years of drought and a beetle infestation, wreaking havoc atop 9,157-foot Mount Lemmon and heading down the north side in a wilderness area.

"The thing that hurts the most is the loss of the forest," said Patty Kirchner, whose family has had a one-room cabin on Mount Lemmon since 1949. "Structures can be rebuilt, but the forest takes so long."

Elsewhere Monday, about 300 firefighters attacked a blaze in northern New Mexico's Jemez Mountains, which are dotted with communities and laced with hiking and biking trails. The 300-acre

fire was not yet threatening any homes or other structures in the area 60 miles north of Albuquerque, officials said.

"We're trying to get a handle on this fire and keep it small at this point," said Charlie Jankiewicz, a fire information officer with the Santa Fe National Forest.

New Mexico firefighters battled another fire that burned about 255 acres of private ranch land near Fort Union National Monument, said John Harrison, a spokesman for the state Forestry Division. He said the fire, which was sparked by lightning, was 10 percent contained late Monday.

Firefighters also were battling a number of lightning-sparked fires in the Gila National Forest.

In Alaska, a 36,500-acre fire southeast of Fairbanks continued burning south Monday toward cabins on the lower Goodpaster River. About 120 firefighters were trying to stop the blaze, which was sparked by lightning June 14.

In a remote area northwest of Fairbanks, another fire grew to 30,000 acres Monday, but it was being monitored, not fought.

Senate continues to labor on Medicare-prescription drug benefits legislation

By **LAURA MECKLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate turned aside an effort Tuesday to count contributions from employers toward the money seniors must spend before a government prescription drug benefit would kick in.

On a 52-43 vote, the Senate killed an amendment sponsored Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., that would have aided retirees who now have some drug coverage from their former employer.

The Medicare prescription drug bill now moving through Congress would require seniors to spend a certain amount of their own money before they qualify for government aid for very high drug costs.

Under the current bill, if employer retirement plans pay seniors' drug tabs, the senior would never qualify for the government help. Rockefeller's amendment would have changed that.

Because of this dynamic, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that 37 per-

cent of employers will drop some of their drug coverage for retirees.

"Employer-sponsored retiree health benefits are the single greatest source of coverage for retirees, providing drug coverage for one out of every three Medicare recipients," Rockefeller said. "But, this legislation spurs employers to drop the coverage they provide by making their contribution on their retirees behalf meaningless."

The Senate bill would require seniors to spend \$275 before they get any coverage. The government then pays half their drug costs until they reach \$4,500. Then there's a coverage gap, where the senior is responsible for drug spending between \$4,500 and \$5,800. If the senior's drug costs are higher than that, then the government would pay 90 percent of the rest.

Put another way, the senior would have to spend \$3,700 out of his or her own pocket before this catastrophic coverage kicks in. Under the Senate bill, any contributions from employers would not count

toward that \$3,700. "This amendment is needed to protect the existing coverage of literally millions and millions of retirees who have earned drug coverage through their employer," Rockefeller said.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley responded that Congress is most interested in helping those seniors who don't have drug coverage today.

"We want to fill in the gap for those who do not have drug coverage or might have inadequate drug coverage," said Grassley, R-Iowa.

As the bill moved through both chambers, the House was considering adding a provision that would speed the availability of lower-cost generic drugs. That would mirror action last week by the Senate.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.79
Milo	3.94
Corn	4.42
Soybeans	5.50

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	33.60	-0.08
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	43.10	-0.42
Celanese	19.95	+0.21
Cabot Corp.	28.57	-0.01
Cabot Oil Gas	27.87	-0.08
Coca Cola	46.79	+0.04
VELO	37.50	-0.54
Halliburton	22.55	-0.02
Triad Hospitals	24.16	+0.56
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KMI	54.79	-0.32
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Williams	7.54	0
McDonalds	22.63	+0.26
Exxon Mobil	36.87	-0.07
Atmos	25.06	-0.05
Pioneer Nat	24.01	-0.55
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COP	54.95	+0.09
Schumberger	47.30	+0.05
Tennessee	3.82	+0.15
CVX	73.58	-0.04
Wal-Mart	54.34	+0.60
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Winning girlfriends



(Pampa News photo)
Robin McKay and Pam Story won Brighton's "Girlfriends Brighton Your Day Contest," at Images, 123 N. Cuyler. They each won their choice of Brighton sunglasses. Their entries plus those who did not win will be entered for a trip to California.

Trial continues for woman charged in windshield death

FORT WORTH (AP) — After a nurse's aide hit a homeless man on a highway, she stopped briefly and tried in vain to remove his twisted body from the windshield before driving home and parking in her garage, where he died, jurors were told as the woman's murder trial began.

Testimony resumed Tuesday in the case of Chante Jawan Mallard, 27, who faces life in prison if convicted of killing Gregory Biggs, 37.

Jurors briefly were shown photographs of the damaged car, then left the courtroom while defense attorneys questioned a

forensic expert who examined blood stains found inside the car. Mallard's former best friend, Tilitisee Fry, testified Monday that she and Mallard smoked pot, took Ecstasy and drank in the hours before Biggs was hit about 3 a.m. Oct. 26, 2001.

Even if Mallard was impaired, she could have stopped at a fire or police station or all-night store — all less than a mile from her house — after she hit Biggs, prosecutor Christy Jack said.

The defense doesn't dispute what happened but says it was an accident, not murder. Defense attorney Jeff

Kearney said Mallard was just one exit from her home, so she kept driving with "a body entirely in her car, the head in the floorboard, legs going in directions that no one thought humanly possible. You can't imagine."

Kearney said Mallard's friend Clete Jackson came up with the idea of dumping Biggs' body, which was found the next day in a park.

Jackson and his cousin, Herbert Tyrone Cleveland, pleaded guilty last year to tampering with evidence. Jackson received a 10-year sentence; Cleveland, nine years. As part of plea bargains, they agreed to testify at Mallard's trial.

Before attorneys began opening statements on the murder charge Monday, Mallard pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence, which carries a sentence of two to 10 years.

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believed to be cooperating with U.S. occupation forces in Iraq.

U.S. troops shot and killed one of the ambushers in Fallujah, a town 35 miles west of Baghdad, U.S. military officers said. But local residents at the scene said the man killed was not involved in the attack and was caught in the crossfire.

During the past 24 hours, the U.S. military said it had conducted 1,068 day patrols and 837 night patrols across Iraq in an effort to stem the violence.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials said the military was still holding Syrian border guards wounded during an American attack on a convoy believed to include leaders from Saddam Hussein's ousted regime heading toward the Syrian border.

Syria kept a strict silence about the attack, which took place a week ago but only became known in recent days. Syrian officials refused comment, and state-run television, newspapers and radio made no mention of the clash.

U.S. special operations forces, backed by warplanes, attacked the convoy last Wednesday, acting on information from a captured top aide of Saddam. The heavy fire left wrecked buildings and cars and casualties on both sides of the Syrian-Iraqi border.

An undisclosed number of people were killed and wounded in the incident, and American troops captured about 20 people, most of whom since have been released, a senior U.S.

U.S. forces sort through dead, captured after chase to border

By PAULINE JELINEK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Information from a former top aide of Saddam Hussein led American commando forces to chase a convoy of suspected Iraqi fugitives near the Iraqi-Syrian border.

And when the shooting ended, there was a scene of devastation: bombed houses, burned-out vehicles and casualties from both sides of the border, including several Syrian border guards.

U.S. officials are disclosing a little about the incident, and in Damascus, Syrian officials declined to answer questions about it. But nearly a week after the incident, U.S. forces Tuesday were still occupying a town where at least part of the attack occurred; they have released some 20 people who were detained, and officials have yet to say whether the operation netted any significant fugitives.

Working partly on information from the highest Iraqi captured so far — Abid Hamid Mahmud al-Tikriti — special operations soldiers attacked a convoy of several vehicles in an attempt to stop what they believed were high-level fugitives linked to the fallen Iraqi government — though "not necessarily Saddam," one Defense Department official said.

The special "Task Force 20" commando team was joined in the convoy operation by an AC-130 gunship and other air support, attacking by ground and air along a known escape and smuggling route near the western city of Qaim, one official said.

At some point in the opera-

tion, the convoy of a half dozen vehicles was in a compound at the village of Dhib, where they were bombed and an undisclosed number of houses or other buildings were destroyed, officials said. A few of the vehicles moved out of the compound and were believed to be attempting to head for the Syrian border. They, too, were struck.

Five Syrian border guards were wounded — three later treated by U.S. forces. It was unclear where they had been positioned. Officials first said the guards had engaged in a firefight with Americans, but later said it was unclear whether they were hit in shooting with ground troops or by an air attack.

Americans may have pursued part of the convoy across the border into Syria, one official said.

None of the Syrians had been returned to their government as of Tuesday, officials said. But about 20 other people apprehended during the operation were released after it was determined they did not pose a threat, a senior defense official said. Officials at the Pentagon said they didn't

know whether they were from the convoy or the compound.

The total number killed in the operation was not available, although it did not appear to include Syrians, officials said Tuesday.

All of the officials discussed the incident on condition of not being identified by name.

State Department spokesmen did not return telephone queries Monday asking when casualties among the border guards would be returned to Syria and what its effect on U.S.-Syrian relations was likely to be. Department spokesman Philip T. Reeker referred questions to the Defense Department. The senior defense official said he knew of no U.S. government contact with Syria on the issue.

U.S.-Syrian relations already had been strained over events in Iraq. Earlier this year, U.S. officials threatened sanctions against Syria because of allegations it harbored fleeing members of Saddam's deposed government and charges that it provided Iraq with military equipment.

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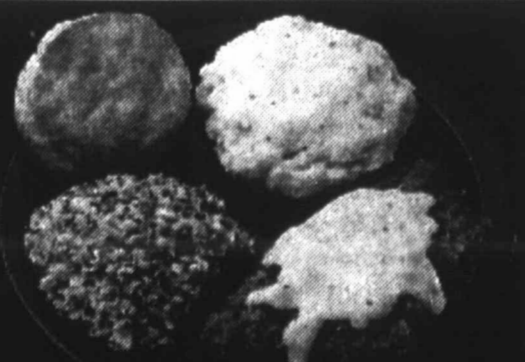
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from a grateful soldier

To the men, women and children of Pampa, Texas,
My name is Sgt. David B. Jones of 527th Military Police Company currently stationed in Iraq. I would like to take the time to say, "Thank you," to everyone in the Pampa community, all 18,000 strong. Thank you for all that you all have done in support of the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen during this conflict and other conflicts in the past. It means a great deal to hear from proud Americans as you.

I really appreciate the packet and want to personally thank everyone involved in making this a special moment in my life and in the lives of other military men and women currently serving. This type of effort is truly what America is all about. I'm sorry for the long delay in writing but the mail has been horrible. I see the postmark for the packet is 28 APR 03 and I just received it today (June 2).

Things over here in Iraq have gotten better but there is definitely a lot to be done. My unit is currently in Baghdad helping the Iraqi police with everyday business and getting things under control. Things have definitely gotten better since this conflict first started. The Iraqi people are smiling more often, walking around without fear and most importantly able to attend and worship on their time.

As things continue to vastly improve and troops slowly depart this area, let's not forget the men, women and their families who gave their all - the precious treasure of life.

In closing, I would like to say thank you for the prayers that have been said and are still being said for the military men, women and their families. Again thank you for all you have done.

Proudly serving,
Sgt. David B. Jones
U.S. Army Military Police

Editor's Note: Carolyn Stroud received this letter in response to one of the many packets sent out by Pampa volunteers to members of the military serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She said she has received many such letters from packet recipients, but felt this one was "one of the best."

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2003. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.

On this date:

In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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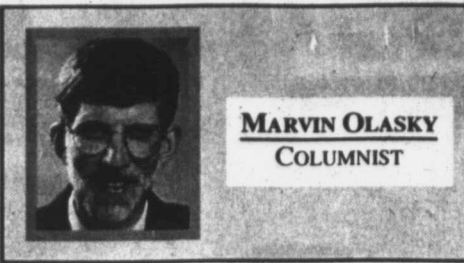
Hear cries in summer of ease

Summertime, and the journalism is easy. In the absence of another 9-11 disaster over the past 21 months, some in the press are sinking back into the pattern of asking questions that assume terrorists aren't terrible: Is the Bush administration spending too much on the military? Is it going too far in promoting national security? Pundits are complaining that Iraq, after thousands of years of rule by kings, caliphs and dictators, is not already a peaceful democracy.

Another change in this summer of ease: After 9-11, questions about God were on reporter's lips, but (apart from some queries about President Bush's religious tendencies) Christian belief is once again largely banished to the Saturday church directories beloved by advertising departments. One small indication: the ignoring of God-centered quotations from David Robinson, the San Antonio Spurs star who retired after his team's championship win on Sunday, June 15.

During the victory celebration shown on television, Robinson repeatedly thanked God. One story, from *The Associated Press*, quoted him in that regard: "In the post-game ceremony David Robinson, who scored 13 points and had 17 rebounds in his final game as a player, received a special burst of shouts and applause after 14 seasons as a Spur. 'I just praise the Lord because he carried us through this year,' he said."

None of the other 248 stories about Robinson and his teammates that were filed on June 16 and included in the Lexis-Nexis database used that quotation



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

or similar ones. Even features that specifically focused on the Naval Academy graduate (Austin American-Statesman, "Admiral sails away after one final masterpiece"; Dallas Morning News, "Admiral wins in arms race"; Detroit Free Press, "Admiral wins his final battle"; USA Today, "Job done, admiral sails into sunset") and quoted him on other matters did not quote him praising the Lord. Only a couple referred generally to his Christian beliefs.

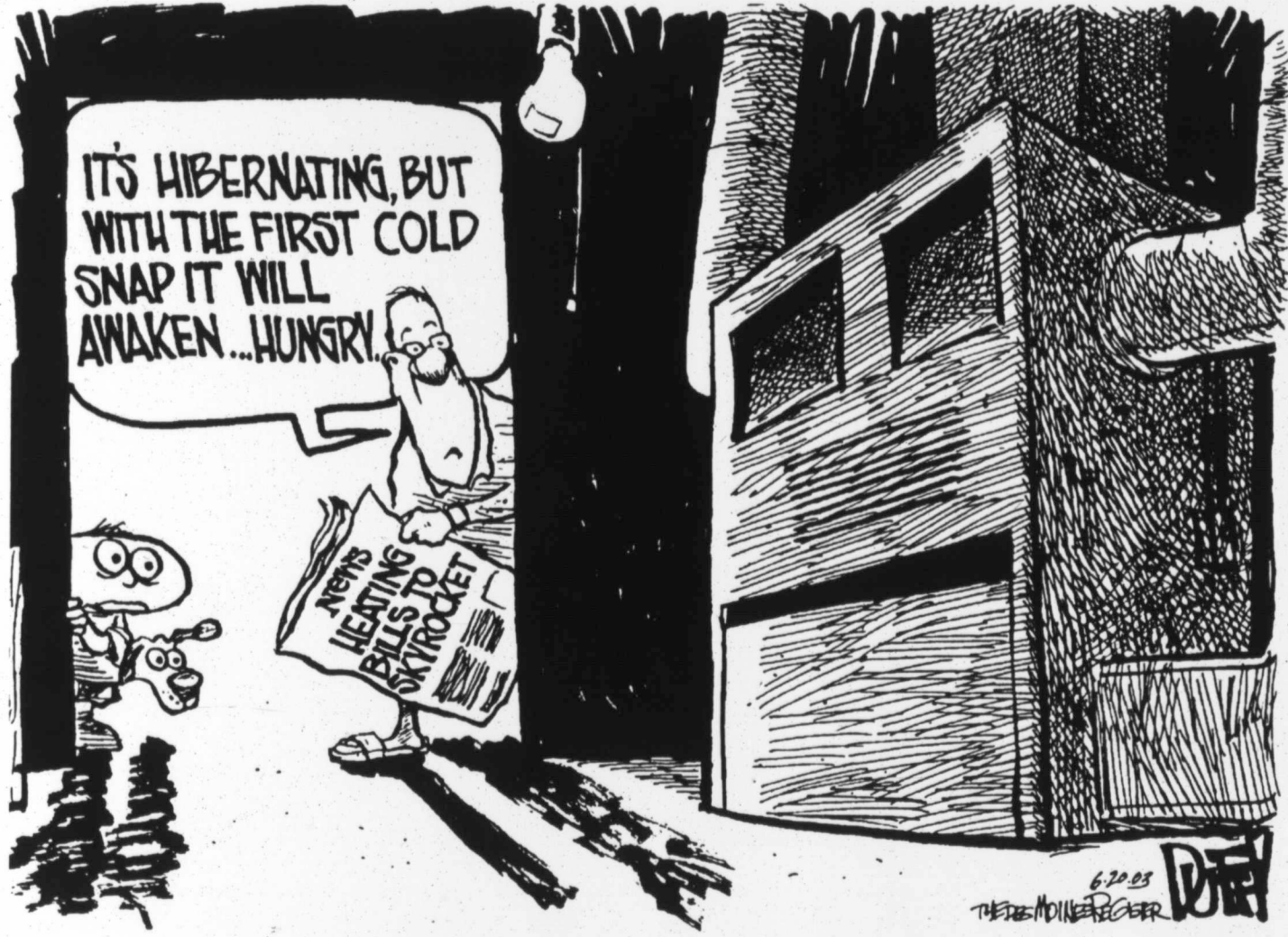
Cliched headlines, cliched secularism - and harder questions generally go unasked and unanswered. The American Medical Association last week endorsed cloning for research but did not back Norma McCorvey (the Roe of the Supreme Court's abortion-legalizing Roe vs. Wade decision) in her plea to reopen the famous case. Unasked question: Why do so many doctors now endorse the destruction of human life? Marriage is under assault in Ontario and in several American states, as well. Unasked question: Is marriage God-ordained and proven good, or is it something that can be twisted and used to pick up the image of any comic strip it's pressed against, like silly putty?

We sleep now, but not in heavenly

peace. Happily, some are making wake-up calls. On Tuesday, June 17, the Rev. Jack Graham, president of the Southern Baptist Convention - and pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas - told the SBC annual meeting that we live in "dangerous times, deadly times" with terrorism and technological advances such as cloning threatening humanity. Graham argued that evangelicals should respond to opponents not by "retreating into some Christian subculture," but should instead "penetrate the darkness of our culture" with the teachings of Christ. He vowed, "We will not retreat or run from the battle."

Some pastors have retreated or run from confronting homosexuality and heterosexual adultery: They have either overlooked the sin or treated the sinners as subhuman. But in recent years the Southern Baptist Convention -- the largest Protestant denomination in the country, reporting 16 million members -- has emphasized programs to rescue marriage. This week, it introduced an initiative to rescue homosexuals who realize their lifestyle is destructive and desire to change.

Unless some preacher says something nasty about Muslims, the SBC meeting won't get much coverage, but such programs are important. They show a willingness not to pretend that all is well, but to help those willing to come to grips with problems or differences. David Robinson's cries of joy should not be censored, and international or personal cries for help should not be obscured by summer haze.



Competition among media healthy

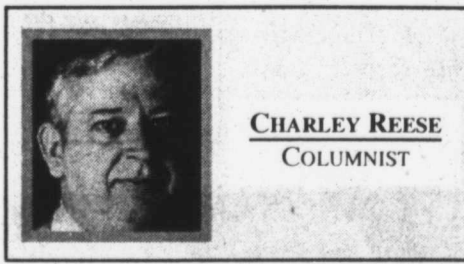
About 10 or 12 mega-conglomerates control about 75 percent of the communications in the United States, and the Federal Communications Commission has passed a rule that allows them to gobble up the remainder.

This is not good.

For a land that is supposedly the bastion of free speech, we have fewer competing newspapers than most other industrial countries in the world. Catch the news on ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, Fox and CNN, and you get essentially an identical picture of the world, one that bears only a limited superficial resemblance to the real one. We are a nation of 268 million people and there are only, as of 2001, 1,480 daily newspapers - most of them owned by these few mega-corporations.

Don't be fooled by all the talk about choices. Sure you have a choice between America Online and CompuServe. Guess who owns CompuServe? AOL. The big conglomerates own most of the cable channels. The producers of most of the programming are likewise relatively few.

Every city and town in America needs an independent, locally owned newspaper, radio station and TV station. Darned few have them anymore. Some of these big conglomerates own newspapers, radio stations, TV stations, book publishers, magazines, cable channels, movie studios and TV networks. You name it, they got it. And they want what they don't already have, and the FCC is about to give it to them by loosening present restrictions on owner-



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

ship of properties in the same market.

You should also not be fooled by the blamey that owners don't tell employees what to write or say. They don't have to. They don't hire people who disagree with them on what they consider to be the really important issues. You've got to be a pretty dumb employee not to figure out what the boss likes and dislikes. And if you don't, you won't be around that long.

Ego and pretentiousness notwithstanding, journalists are blue-collar workers in information factories. There aren't many willing to tell off the publisher or the news director, and those who do are out the door.

I used to get a laugh when I was working for a daily newspaper and the paper was crusading for some pet project. Inevitably, somebody would call and say, "Why don't you write a column and tear their arguments apart?"

"Well," I would reply, "for starters, my name is Reese, not Rockefeller. This newspaper you want me to attack is the one that pays my salary. Aside from my interest in not being unemployed, as long as I take their money, I owe them loyalty." Sure, I used to take positions that dif-

ferred from those of the newspaper on some issues, but if it was an issue the publisher and editor really cared about, I either supported it or, if I couldn't honestly do that, just wrote about something else. That's the way the world works. And as an old Buddhist sage once observed, "If you understand, the world is as it is; if you do not understand, the world is as it is."

In all seriousness, the foundation of our great idea of self-government is that if the people know the truth, they can make the right political decisions. In our time, we depend on commercial communications for most of our information. To allow so few hands to control so much of our communications is dangerous.

I'm not suggesting that the owners of these conglomerates are conspiring to control our thoughts. Most of them are just in business for the money. But in a free country, a thousand voices are better than four or five and are much more likely to arrive at the truth. Most executives who work for conglomerates will have their eyes on the headquarters. From there will come their promotions. Whatever town or city they happen to be in is incidental.

On the other hand, an independent owner will care about the place because it's not only his place of business but also his permanent home. I'll take a little less glitz any day to have a home-owned, independent newspaper, radio or TV station.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, Fla., 32802)

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Adobe Walls tour set for Saturday in Borger

The Hutchinson County Museum will host a special tour of the two battle sites of the first and second battles of Adobe Walls. The tour will be held on Sat., June 28.

Visitors are asked to meet at the Hutchinson County Museum, 618 N. Main in Borger, at 10 a.m. for a 45-minute tour of the five Adobe Walls exhibits and a special fire arms and Indian exhibits, plus a video that will help visitors become oriented to the site. Visitors will then travel in their own vehicles to the sites.

There is no charge for the tour, although donations are being accepted. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes and bring their own water. No food or snacks will

be permitted at the site.

Edward Benz, museum director, and Wesley Phillips, museum registrar, will be at the sites to give in-depth explanations of the areas. The actual anniversary date of the second battle of Adobe Walls is June 27, 1874 — 129 years ago. The anniversary of the first battle was Nov. 25, 1864.

"We have already had a National Geographic Tour and a travel Tour from the Lubbock area this month," said Benz.

The museum has secured special permission from the Whittenburg Trust to visit the site of the first battle, which is located on private land. This is an opportunity to see a battle-site that is not normally accessible and to have guided tour

of the 1874 site as well.

The first battle of Adobe Walls was in November 1864 and involved Col. Kit Carson, who led U.S. troops to the protection of Fort Adobe when a band of Kiowa and Comanche Indians met them ready to fight. In the three-day battle that followed, Carson's men destroyed more than 100 Kiowa lodges. Carson estimated the Indian losses at more than 60 dead, but later reports swelled past 100.

On the army's side, two soldiers were killed, 21 wounded. Among the Utes, one was killed, four wounded. Carson was virtually surrounded by a massive force of more than 3,000 Comanche and Kiowa warriors. But by using the ruins of the old

adobe buildings as shelter, Carson was able to hold his ground until dark when he was a calculated retreat.

It was the largest Plains Indian battle ever fought in Texas. First Adobe Walls was also a rare Civil War battle between federal forces and Plains Indians. More than 60 warriors were killed in what was called "Kit Carson's last fight."

During the fall and inter of 1874-75, southern Plains tribes and the U.S. Army engaged in numerous battles and skirmishes in the panhandle region of Texas. These conflicts, collectively known as the Red River War, mark the end of almost 200 years of Comanche domination of the Southern Plains. Their Plains

Indian allies included Kiowas, Southern Cheyennes and Southern Araphahos. With their dispersal to reservations, the region was opened to settlement by Anglo-Americans and a nomadic life that had endured for centuries was ended.

Billy Dixon remembered there being about 700 Indians fought off by 28 buffalo hunters and one brave woman. Three buffalo hunters were killed, and 14 Indians were killed.

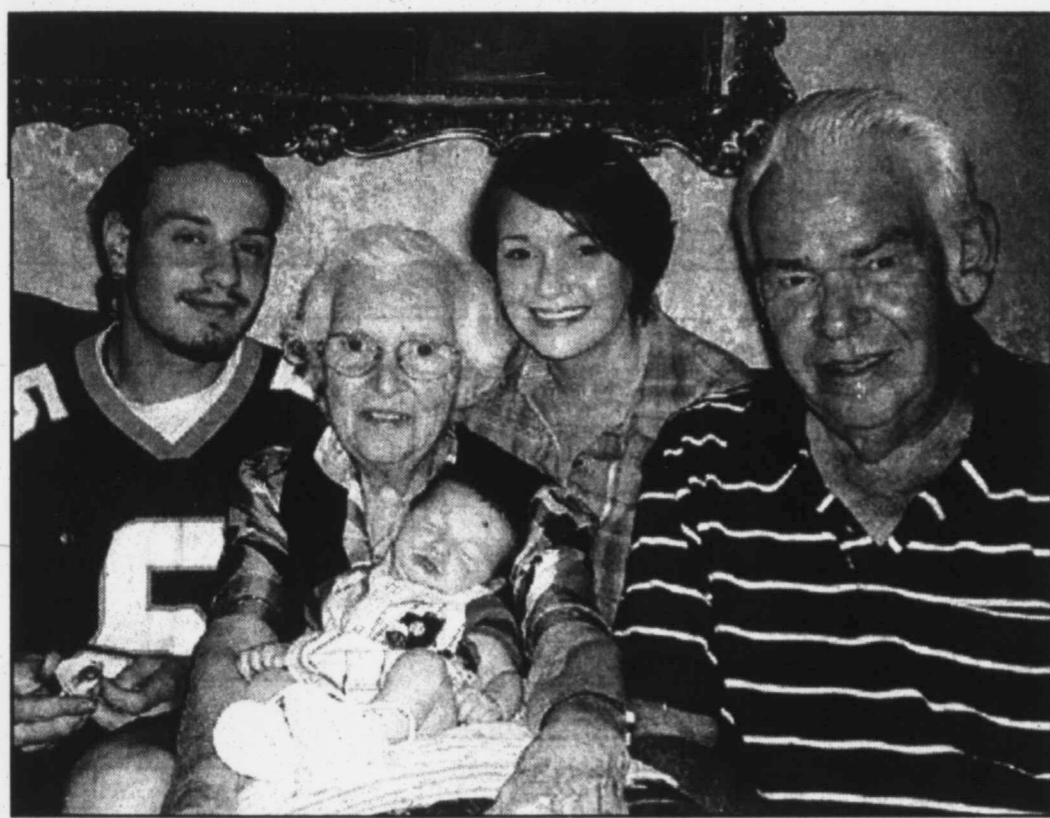
The Texas Historical Commission is developing a Red River War Trail of related historical markers and exhibits located at area museums.

Directions to Adobe Walls: Starting at the court house

in Stinnett, travel north on Highway 207 for exactly 12 miles. At this point there is a green "Adobe Walls" sign on the east side of the road. There is a blacktop road going east. Go as far east as you can on this road. It will turn south and the blacktop ends where a gravel road begins.

It will zig zag east and south and then enter into the Turkey Track Ranch. Stay right on this road and do not turn off any side roads. You will drop off into a wide, flat valley and will soon come to the Adobe Walls monuments. From the time you leave Highway 207, you will travel 15.6 miles, a total mileage of 27.6 miles from Stinnett.

Five generations



Five generations of the Hall family recently gathered at the home of Chuck and Charlotte Hall. Pictured left to right: Chris Welch, Francis Hall, Jason Welch, Becky Pamplin, and Chuck Hall.

UT-Austin to begin work on new admissions policies

By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas will draft new affirmative action admissions policies that include race as a factor as allowed by Monday's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, school President Larry Faulkner said Monday.

Any new policy for undergraduate admissions would have to work within the confines of the state law that entitles Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class enrollment in a state university.

Monday's ruling ends the rule of the so-called "Hopwood" decisions by federal courts and former state Attorney General Dan Morales that prohibited race being used as a factor in admissions as well as scholarship and financial aid, Faulkner said.

"It gets to the heart of what we try to accomplish as an institution," Faulkner said. "All university leaders in the United States feel keenly their responsibility to educate the leadership of the nation. That leadership will come from all population sectors. It's important for us to have strong representation here of students from all sectors of society."

The earliest any changes could effect enrollment would be the 2004 fall freshman class. The top 10 percent rule will dominate about 70 percent of that class, leaving only about 30 percent to fall under any new race-included admissions policy.

In two separate rulings

Monday, the court approved a program used at the University of Michigan law school that gives race a role in the admissions decision-making process. It struck down a separate point system used by the university to give minority preference in undergraduate admissions, but that ruling did not go as far as opponents of affirmative action had wanted.

UT had previously tried to get the Supreme Court to overturn the "Hopwood" rulings and was interested in how it ruled on the Michigan cases.

Minority state lawmakers and advocacy groups hailed the rulings.

"Today's decision is great news for students of color," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston. "It affirms that the doors of higher education should be open to diversity and opportunity should exist for all."

Nina Perales, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, called on all Texas universities to renew affirmative action programs.

"They create a stronger, more excellent student body," Perales said. "Affirmative action is the key to Latino educational advancement."

The Hopwood decisions stemmed from a lawsuit filed against the University of Texas law school admissions policies that considered race. The top 10 percent rule was created in 1997 to boost minority enrollment without specific race-based policies.

Faulkner said the 10 percent law has been successful in some areas, bad for universities

in others. Students who might never have considered going to college now think about it because they know they can get it in, he said. But schools also want to be able to choose some of their students with varying criteria.

"It's simply unhealthy for a whole class to be admitted on one criteria," Faulkner said.

Some state lawmakers considered tweaking the 10 percent rule to place a cap on the percentage of a freshman class it would enroll. That idea was defeated but could resurface under the Supreme Court's ruling.

The Legislature is scheduled to convene June 30 for a special session on congressional redistricting. Gov. Rick Perry could add the 10 percent rule to the session.

Brian Haley, president of the UT-Austin student government, wrote Perry on Monday urging him to add the 10 percent rule to the call of the session.

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said the governor's office was studying the ruling's impact on Texas with Attorney General Greg Abbott. Any decision on expanding the session's issues will come after it starts, he said.

Homeland security officials suspect terrorists could possibly be trying to target Texas within next month

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal homeland security officials have informed Texas law enforcement agencies of intelligence reportedly gathered from suspected al-Qaida operatives discussing potential terrorism in the state next month.

Homeland security officials are reviewing the information eavesdropped earlier this month from two suspected al-Qaida operatives discussing potential terrorism in Texas timed for the July Fourth weekend.

The Homeland Security Department in recent weeks announced about \$30 million in grants to upgrade security at port facilities where oil is shipped in Houston and Beaumont.

Published reports have outlined references to Internet chat room conversations, with a possible al-Qaida operative known as "Sakr" saying an attack had been planned for a long time and that terrorists inside the United States were only waiting for approval from a man dubbed "the Sheik" before striking in early July.

Intelligence analysts had said Sakr had sent a message predicting "good news" coming from Morocco shortly before a successful terrorist strike in that country.

Louisiana-Texas border. Officials have said Houston, the nation's fourth largest city, remains a possible target because of its population, oil refining capacity and the Port of Houston.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said. "We are going to be checking out different things to see what we can find, but that is all that I can say."

The FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center in October issued two detailed warnings to private oil companies in the Houston area that "recent statements, apparently by al-Qaida leaders" indicated that terrorists were targeting the U.S. economic backbone, including oil and gas industry facilities.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Graduation Gift Cannot Mend Rift Between Daughter and Dad

DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated from college and received "congrats" and small gifts from well-wishers, all of which I responded to with written thank-you notes — with one exception: my father. He still attempts to carry on a father/daughter relationship, regardless of my feelings. Even though I made a decision years ago to cut off all contact with him, he sent me a graduation card with a large check enclosed. Abby, throughout my childhood and teens, my father emotionally and physically abused my mother. After their divorce, he attempted to do the same to me. That's when I stopped communicating with him. Mom thinks I should keep the money. I could really use it, but I honestly don't think it's right to keep it without sending a note of thanks. It's the last thing I want to do. Please give me your opinion. No name or location — sign me.

GRAD TORN OVER DAD

DEAR GRAD: Return the money. Your father is trying to buy his way back into your life. If you allow it, the price you will pay for maintaining a relationship with your abusive father won't be worth any amount of money.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 52-year-old man ending my third marriage, and I'm beginning to wonder if my three ex-wives could be right — the consensus is I'm "nuts."

Am I "nuts" for cleaning the house after my wife said she just cleaned it? Am I "nuts" for ironing a shirt she already ironed? After we'd go to bed, I'd get up in the middle of the night to wash the dinner dishes and sweep the kitchen floor. I could go on and on.

I finally took the advice of wife No. 3 and went to my doctor. He listened for a couple of minutes, prescribed two meds, and sent me away with, "Have a nice day." Then I went to a licensed therapist, and in five minutes was told this could take years of counseling. Well, we all know what that means — ka-ching, ka-ching! Tell me, Abby, am I nuts?

MR. CLEAN IN OHIO

DEAR MR. CLEAN: No, you are not "nuts." (And no one should call you that.) You are obsessive-compulsive. It's a condition that can be treated with a combination of medications and counseling. Please avail yourself of both. It will be money well spent. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I am not writing for advice or airing a complaint. I'd like to share an act of kindness.

On Mother's Day, my husband and I went to an upscale restaurant for dinner. We were also celebrating my husband's 86th birthday. We had almost finished our meal when our food server informed us that a gentleman, who had come in with a group and passed our table, had asked that our check be given to him.

We were surprised because we did not know this man. After we finished, my husband and I went to his table and thanked him. He told us that he reminded him of his grandparents and seeing us had "made his day."

So, you see, Abby — there are good and thoughtful people who perform good deeds, but we seldom hear about them. I hope if this appears in your column, that dear man will see it and know how very much my husband and I appreciated his kindness.

VIRGINIA IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR VIRGINIA: You're right. Good deeds are seldom publicized. That gentleman must have loved his grandparents very much.

P.S. Your letter made my day.

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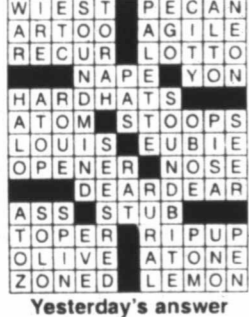


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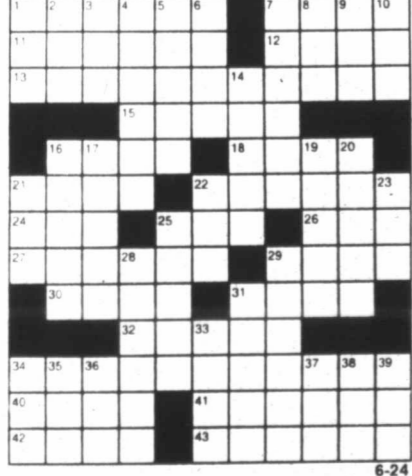
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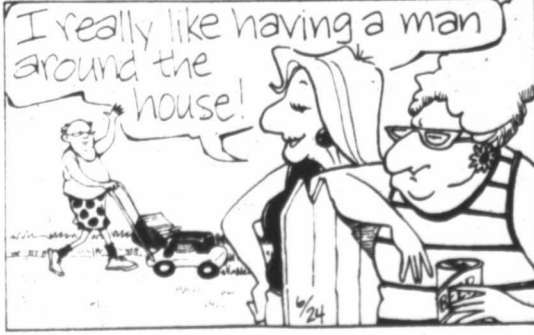
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SOFTBALL

NEW YORK — UCLA softball player Watley was named Collegiate Women's Cup Broderick Cup. Watley, a senior who led UCLA's championship team to the Pan Am this summer, won the Olympic medal in Athens. Watley batted .300 in the Women's Cup Series. For the year, she hit .481 with 64 runs, 100 hits in a third time around of .450, and an NCAA history.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON

The second game of the Briles era at the stage. ESPN's coverage of the Cougars' first season visits Michigan Monday. The Houston off-season campaign against Rice.

HOCKEY

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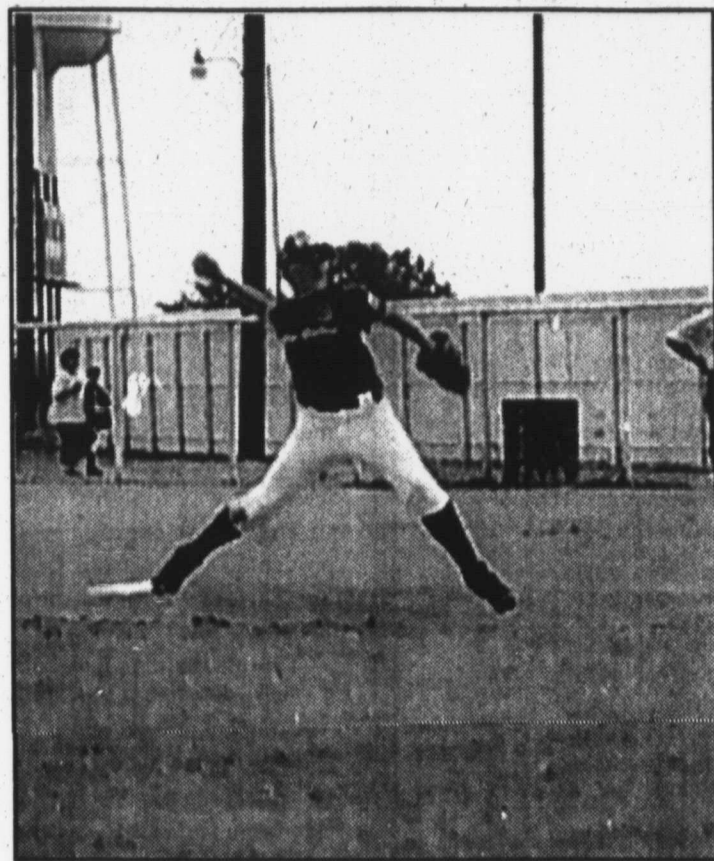
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SPORTS

Glo-Valve captures City Championship

PAMPA — Lane Douglass outdueled Madison Wilson, pitching a no-hitter to lead Glo-Valve to the City Championship of the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Douglass struck out 16



(Pampa News photo)

Lane Douglass threw a no-hitter against Celanese.

and walked three in Glo-Valve's 3-1 victory Monday night. Douglass, who threw 107 pitches, allowed one unearned run. Pitching on two days rest after throwing six full innings Friday,

Celanese's Madison Wilson pitched a magnificent game against the undefeated regular-season champions. He allowed three hits and one earned run. He struck out 14 and walked 11 while throwing 47 pitches.

Glo-Valve loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the first inning on walks to Heath Skinner and Hayden Skinner, sandwiched around a slow infield roller which Kade Wilson beat out for a hit. After two strikeouts, a passed ball allowed Heath Skinner to score.

Celanese scored its lone run in the bottom of the first. John Luke Covalt walked on four straight pitches. He took second on a wild pitch and scored when Casey Trimble went all the way to second on a Glo-Valve throwing error, which went into the Glo-Valve dugout.

The score stayed knotted at one until the fifth inning. Glo-Valve wasted a walk to Evan McElwain in the second inning, a walk to Kade Wilson and a Texas League single by Hayden Skinner in the third, and walks to McElwain and Heath Skinner in the fourth.

fourth when Jemal Wheeler and Rylan Clark reached base on errors and Michael Alexander drew a base on balls to load the bases. Pitching with great heart, Douglass struck out the next hitter on three pitches and the following batter on five to end the threat. Covalt reached first for Celanese on an error in the fifth, but died there.

In the top of the fourth, Hayden Skinner led off for Glo-Valve with a solid double to left field. He took third on a passed ball and came home after a wild pitch to give the winners a 2-1 margin. Walks to Anthony Allen, Heath Skinner, Hayden Skinner and Douglass in the top of the sixth produced an insurance run for Glo-Valve.

Douglass used 15 pitches to strike out the side in the bottom of the sixth to sew up the championship for Glo-Valve.

Hayden Skinner, with no passed balls and a difficult catch of a short pop foul, was Glo-Valve's defensive player of the game. A caught stealing from Trimble to Madison Wilson to end Glo-Valve's sixth inning was an outstanding defensive play for Celanese. Busse also made a twisting catch of a flyball in short left field from his shortstop position for another outstanding play

for Celanese. Glo-Valve's leading hitter was Hayden Skinner with two hits, including an double, a run scored and two walks. Kade Wilson made the only other Glo-Valve hit and also walked twice.

The win was Glo-Valve's 10th City Championship in its 30-year history. Their season record was 19-2-2. They avenged a loss in the finals of the 2002 City Tournament when Celanese defeated Glo-Valve twice on the final day of the season to win the championship. Celanese was second in the league and runner-up in the City Tournament this year with a season record of 13-9-1.

The manager of Celanese is Mike Trimble. Coaches are Monte Covalt and Judd Wilson. Glo-Valve's manager is John Warner. Coaches are Jeff Skinner, Olen Douglass and Tom McElwain.

Jeff Skinner, Olen Douglass and Monte Covalt will coach the all-star team, which plays its first game here July 7 in the Cal Ripken Major District Tournament, according to Ronnie Haynes, Commissioner of the League.

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NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — UCLA softball star Natasha Watley was honored as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year, winning the Honda-Broderick Cup.

Watley, a senior shortstop who led UCLA to the NCAA championship, will play in the Pan American Games this summer, then try out for the Olympic team that will seek a third straight gold medal in Athens next summer.

Watley batted .440 in the Women's College World Series. For the season, she hit .481 with 10 homers, scored 64 runs and stole 35 bases. She had more than 100 hits in a season for the third time and a career average of .450, seventh best in NCAA history.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The second game of the Art Briles era at Houston will be played on a national stage.

ESPN will air the Cougars' first road game this season when the team visits Michigan on Sept. 6, Houston announced Monday. The first road trip for Briles, who took over this offseason, comes after Houston opens the 2003 campaign Aug. 30 at home against crosstown rival Rice.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Defenseman Derian Hatcher will become an unrestricted free agent next week because the Dallas Stars aren't willing to offer their longtime captain a five-year contract extension.

General manager Doug Armstrong said Monday that the Stars won't offer Hatcher a new contract before July 1, when the team's exclusive period of negotiation ends. After that, Hatcher — the Stars captain for nine seasons — can go to the highest bidder.

"The main sticking point is the term of the contract ... we never got past the five years," Armstrong said. "If the contract length changes from Derian's perspective, we've kept the door open and been upfront that we want him to be a Dallas Star."

But Armstrong said there won't be any more contract discussions with Hatcher and his agent, Patrick Morris, before July 1.

Hatcher is likely to demand an annual salary of at least \$7 million. Armstrong wouldn't discuss potential dollar amounts, but said the talks with Hatcher never got to money because of the defenseman's demand for a five-year contract.

Flashback

1991: The Pampa Harvesters were runner-up at the Region 1-4A Golf Tournament with a two-round total of 637 at Andrews.

Jay Earp, the only senior, was Pampa's individual leader with a two-round 156.

Rice rolls past Stanford for first NCAA title

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Wayne Graham told his players before the College World Series championship game that this Rice team was the best ever.

The Owls then went out and proved it — in emphatic fashion.

Rice scored three runs in the first inning, then added a record-tying seven in the sixth as the Owls won the school's first NCAA title in any sport with a 14-2 victory over Stanford on Monday night in the CWS' most-lopsided championship game.

"He'll always remember this team, just like all of us will," catcher Justin Ruchti said of Graham. "But this one will stand out for him. This was his first national championship team. It's been an amazing run."

Philip Humber pitched a five-hitter, Enrique Cruz drove in four runs and Paul Janish knocked in three as Rice (58-12) battered Stanford (51-18) pitching for 14 hits.

"Everyone played his best game, and Phil did a good job," said Graham, who won five junior college national championships and completed his 12th season at Rice.

"Everyone played his best game, and Phil (Huber) did a good job. We were fortunate to have better-rested pitching."

— Wayne Graham, Rice coach

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The performance capped a season during which the Owls put together a school-record 30-game winning streak and had one of the nation's top pitching staffs and defenses.

Rice finished the CWS with a 2.83 ERA in six games, and it was the Owls' pitching that carried them to the national title.

"We got some good breaks and some bad breaks here, but you have to overcome the bad breaks," Graham said. "We have a lot of pitching depth and a lot of those guys will be back next year."

And that includes all three of Rice's top starters: Jeff Niemann, Wade Townsend and Humber. That prospect has the 67-year-old Graham thinking about a repeat, not retirement.

"I feel like I could go 20 more," Graham said. "I'm not going out. We're starting to

think tomorrow morning about winning another one. We want to come back and do it again."

Stanford's Ryan Garko, who batted .402 and became the first Cardinal to hit over .400 since 1991, was 3-for-11 against Rice.

"I think the thing that really impressed me was they are three real big guys, but they're finesse pitchers," Garko said. "They mixed up their pitches well. They weren't afraid to throw a 1-0 curve or a 2-0 change. They have three good arms."

Stanford, which overcame a second-round CWS loss to reach the final series and then forced a third game against Rice, lost in the championship game for the third time in four years.

In their last title game appearance, the Cardinal lost 12-1 to Miami in 2001. That loss tied the previous record for largest margin of deficit in

the CWS championship.

"We haven't made much of a game of it the last two times," Stanford coach Mark Marquess said.

Freshman left-hander Mark Romanczuk gave up the three runs in the first inning. Five innings and five pitchers later, the Owls led 11-0.

Humber (11-3) retired the first seven batters he faced before Brian Hall doubled in the third. He then set down 10 of the next 12 before Garko doubled in the seventh and later scored to end the shutout bid.

Humber walked two and struck out four in the first championship game complete game since Louisiana State's Brett Laxton beat Wichita State in 1993.

Humber worked largely in the shadows of Niemann and Townsend most of the post-season. He lasted just 3 2-3 innings in Rice's 5-4 win over Texas last Wednesday.

Red-hot Diamondbacks slip by Astros, 7-6

PHOENIX (AP) — The usually solid Houston bullpen couldn't hold Arizona's hitters. Again.

Luis Gonzalez and Quinton McCracken each hit a triple in the eighth inning as the Diamondbacks battered Astros relievers for five runs in a 7-6 victory Monday night.

Brad Lidge had gone 4-0 with a 1.40 ERA before Monday night but couldn't contain the red-hot Diamondbacks, who won their sixth straight.

"I didn't make the pitches when I needed to make them," Lidge said. "I didn't make an adjustment when my pitches were up, so I paid for it."

Last Wednesday, Arizona overcame a 1-0 deficit with two runs in the ninth against Astros closer Billy Wagner. The loss snapped Wagner's streak of 16 consecutive saves.

Lidge came in with the score tied at 2 in the eighth and left

charged with five runs. In his previous 37 appearances, he had allowed only nine runs.

With one out, he gave up a single to Steve Finley and walked Alex Cintron. Gonzalez then tripled, scoring two runs. After striking out Robby Hammock, Lidge intentionally walked Lyle Overbay and issued another walk to Chad Moeller, bringing in Pete Munro.

McCracken then tripled to left, clearing the bases and giving Arizona a 7-2 lead.

Gonzalez and McCracken's triples were the first of the year for each.

The Astros rallied for four runs in the ninth to cut it to 7-6, but Brady Raggio retired Richard Hidalgo on a grounder with two on for his first career save.

"I heard his name from (when he pitched in) Japan," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said of Raggio. "I know he throws strikes. He was excited

when he came in for his first save."

"It means a lot to me," Raggio said. "I knew I had to stop the momentum."

Oscar Villarreal was charged with four runs in the ninth on an RBI single by Craig Biggio, a two-run single by Jeff Bagwell and a run-scoring wild pitch by Mike Myers. After Myers plunked pinch-hitter Morgan Ensberg, Raggio came in and got Hidalgo.

Brenly was concerned about Villarreal's physical condition after Biggio's single hit the pitcher.

"He probably will have a good bruise on his chest tomorrow," Brenly said. "It hit him in the fleshy area, the upper-right chest. I thought it was going to go through him."

In a rematch of the Diamondbacks' victory last Wednesday, Houston starter Ron Villone and Arizona's Brandon Webb both pitched

well.

Villone, who went to spring training with the Diamondbacks and was released, worked six innings and allowed two runs and six hits.

Webb permitted only two

hits and two runs in seven innings.

Ricky Bottalico (1-0), recalled from the minors earlier in the day, pitched a scoreless eighth for his first big league victory since Sept. 18, 2001, for Philadelphia.

Pampa to meet Childress in district softball action

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' softball 11-12 All-Stars will compete in the first round of the Area 1 District Championship on Saturday, June 28, in Memphis. Pampa's first-round opponent will be Childress.

Other teams in the bracket include High Plains, Fritch and Memphis.

The winner of the Area 1 bracket meets the winner of the Area 2 bracket July 7-9 in Stinnett.

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Area 2 bracket are Dalhart, Borger, Dumas, Spearman and Stinnett.

Pampa team members are Brooklyn Barker, Kamie Doughty, Kelby Doughty, Libby Dyson, Ashley Facio, Yesenia Flores, Jessica Miner, Sammie Pearson, Lauren Smith, Carlyn Teichmann, Shelby Watson and Holly Winegeart.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 25, 2003: Your year will be marked by sudden opportunities, especially in the financial arena. For your sake, don't spend money before you have it, as extravagance does appear as a vulnerability. Be careful with a partner, as he or she might be wearing rose-colored glasses. Work on realism, and you will head toward the winner's circle. Network and expand your immediate circle of friends. Possibilities will greet you from left and right. A new car or computer could be in the offing after summer. If you're single, the world offers you a multitude of choices, though you might be unusually discriminating and/or flirtatious. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from a stronger financial situation. You will enjoy each other much more come September. TAURUS cheers you on.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Blind optimism can be a problem, especially when dealing with the almighty dollar. On the other hand, positive thinking can take you far right now, even financially. Just be sure the check is in your account before you spend it. Your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Treat a friend or loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Though you often feel buffered by the many winds that head your way, know that you can handle whatever comes down your path. Your strong personality directs events and those around you. Gracefully accept the role of leader. Tonight: What would make the Bull happiest?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Slow down, knowing your limits within a certain realm. Understand what

might be motivating others by stepping back; you could pretend you are Freud. "Observation" needs to be your byword right now. Your popularity soars. Return calls. Tonight: Continue to maintain a low profile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your immediate advisers and friends push you toward a risk that might feel a bit uncomfortable. Honor your feelings, then approach the situation logically, if you can. Brainstorm with a trusted associate. Tonight: Follow your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** When you beam into a room, others turn to look. Your magnetism takes you over any hurdle that might appear, but still, you've got to do your work. You and spontaneity are natural friends. Go with the moment, but continue to manage your responsibilities. Tonight: A late get-together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your ability to see through the obvious and read between the lines could play a substantial role right now. Work with what you see rather than acting on it. Do needed research if you need to confirm facts. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Focus on friendship and your long-term goals within a partnership. Start laying out long-term objectives with an associate or partner — be it individually or together. Trust your inner sense, especially around a key person in your life. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might want to consider what is happening in your immediate circle. An opportunity that seems too good to be true probably isn't. Do needed footwork, and you will like what you hear. Get feedback, because someone is likely to offer it anyway! Tonight: Accept an

invitation. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Pace yourself evenly and allow greater flex, at least with your ideas. Everyone, including you, can get into locked thinking. Use an opportunity to get past this limitation. Matters dealing with attorneys, publishing and those at a distance are highlighted. Tonight: Work as late as need be, with an eye to the upcoming weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your imagination combined with someone's creativity allows greater flex and possibilities. Together, at least at present, you could be a veritable powerhouse. Work as a team and surprise even yourself. Tonight: What would make the Goat happy?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Deal with the basics within your immediate circle and family. Understand more of what you want and where you're coming from in your dealings with a certain romantic attachment or partner. Success will be more likely. This person just needs some feedback. Tonight: Make your home your castle.

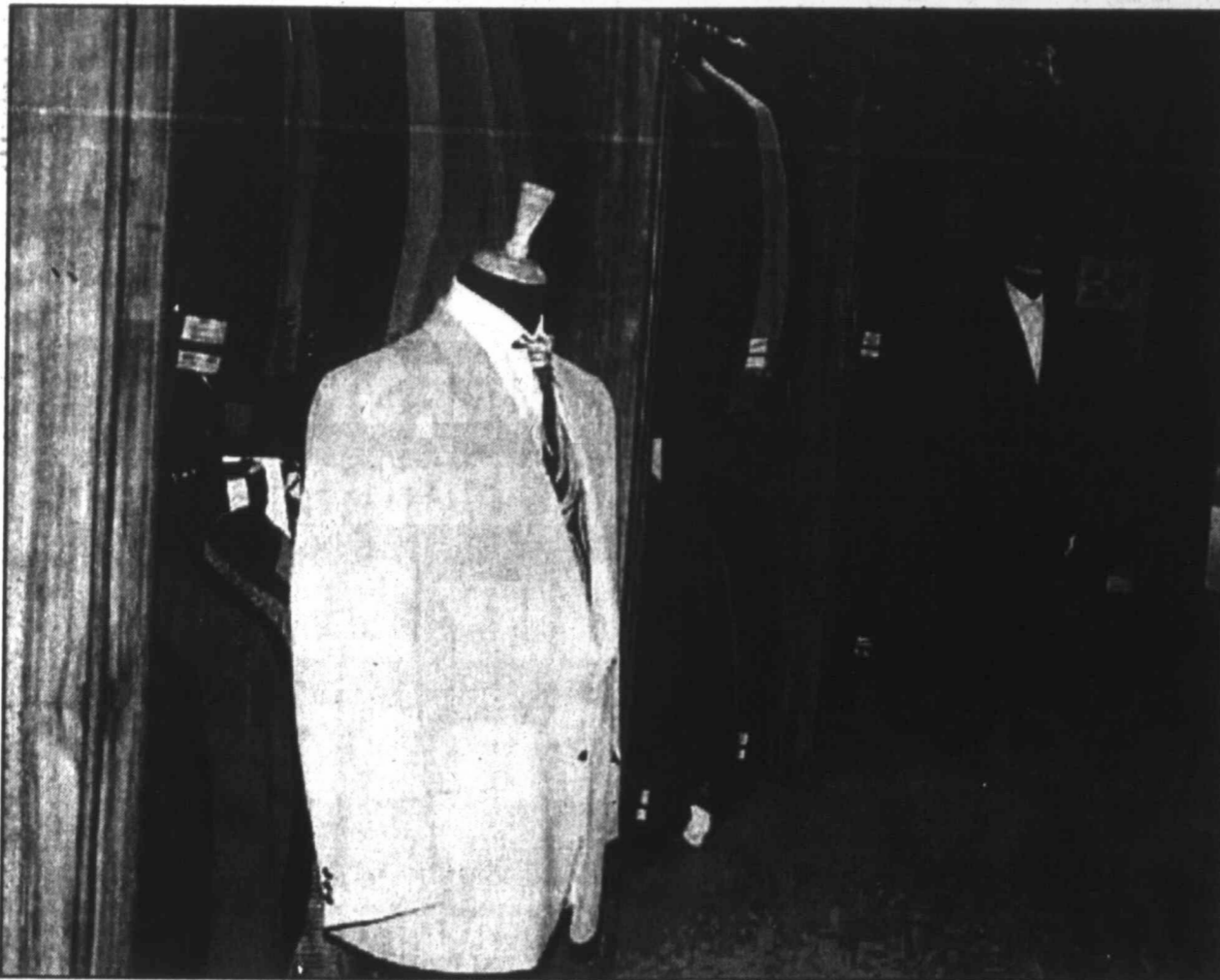
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You're likely to speak your mind to an associate or two, but somehow, others take your message differently than you intend. Much might be occurring so quickly that communication could be overwhelming. Deal with one person, one item at a time. Tonight: Out and about.

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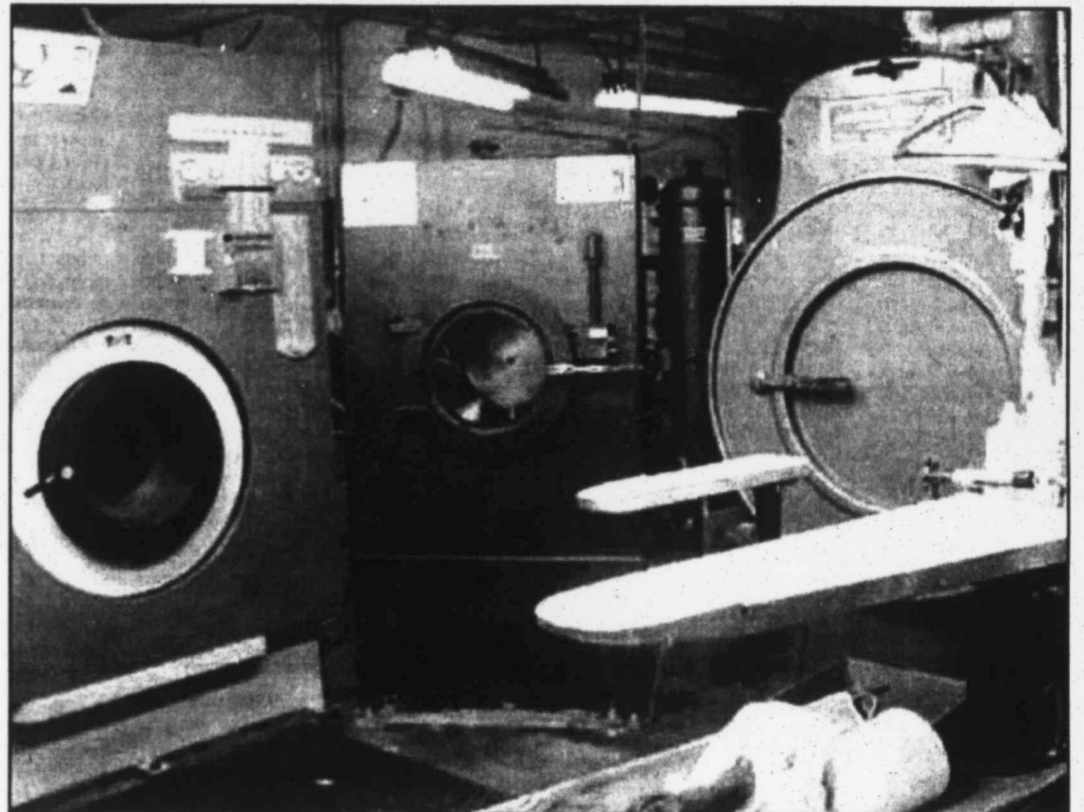
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