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Six British soldiers die in attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

British soldiers died in southern Iraq Iraqis at a checkpoint in Ramadi, west on Tuesday, and an ambush on a patrol of Baghdad, on Tuesday, leaving three Blair's office said. and a helicopter wounded at least eight Iraqis dead and one American woundothers in one of the deadliest days for ed. coalition forces since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Americans have been under fire in central Iraq for weeks, the British in the south have felt secure enough to patrol Basra, without flak jackets or helmets. mostly Shiite city. Gunmen fired on a forces invaded March 20. Britain has

All tuckered out

Officials at the Pentagon said insurpatrol, wounding one soldier. A helisuffered no combat deaths since April BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Six day alone. American troops battled

bat was declared over on May 1. While town of Amaran, 90 miles north of us." Basra, but only said they occurred in an "incident."

gents were ratcheting up anti-U.S. copter dispatched to assist the ground 6. attacks, staging 25 of them in the past forces then came under fire as it landed

"It's normally very quiet down

At least 18 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraqi attacks since May 1. rocket-propelled grenade at the British troops came under attack in Thirty-one British troops have died - mayor's office in Fallujah, the latest in the country's second-biggest city, another location only miles away in the 16 in accidents — since coalition a series of attacks against people

Most of the attacks have been in the and seven people on board were belt of central and western Iraq known wounded, three of them seriously, as the "Sunni Triangle," where Saddam had his strongest support.

Iraqi insurgents fired rocket-prohere," said British Army Lt. Col. pelled grenades at U.S. troops in at The circumstances in which the Ronnie McCourt, in Basra. "We've least three towns in western Iraq. In British troops were killed were unclear. been here nearly two months now and Baghdad, guerrillas fired a grenade The ambush was the first significant Prime Minister Tony Blair's office this is the first time people have been near the headquarters of the U.S. attack on the British since major com- announced the deaths in the southern deliberately, consciously shooting at administration Tuesday. No injuries were reported in that attack.

Late Monday, insurgents fired a

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STATE 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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here," Craddick said when That means only 11 votes map gives Texas Democrats a On Monday, Craddick said of weeks," Craddick said.

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.

special legislative session on Chairman Jim Dunnam of Democratic Caucus, said she Congress. Every statewide Grella said DeLay will serve "I think we'll probably have Democrats had not met to dis-yet.

House Democrats fled the other than work at home this sion on redistricting, saying session would have moved the redistricting will start this state for Ardmore, Okla., in week and get back to Austin on lawmakers, not federal judges, balance of power in the Texas week and will be held at sever-

Dunnam said every situa- drawing district lines. rum and killing any chance tion has many alternatives and

of Hobart and Somerville Center, Dunham said. streets at 9:48 a.m. Monday.

Workers hit gas

line at old motel

Three trucks and seven fire-said. "The wind was our fighters responded. Once there, fire officials discovered that the gas was employees turned off the gas coming from the Coronado going to the leak and the area

Pampa Fire Department

Coronado Inn Monday inad-

fast-food restaurant.

McDonald's. struck a two-inch natural gas ees and customers were pipeline while in the process allowed back into the buildof demolishing the old struc- ing.

Crews tearing down the ture, officials said.

"We set up a perimeter, vertently broke a natural gas evacuated McDonald's and line forcing fire officials to stood by until Atmos people cordon off the area around the could come and shut down the motel and evacuate a local gas," said Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

Flrefighters also monitored first got the call of a gas odor gas levels at Albertson's groin the area by McDonald's cery store, north of the Restaurant at the intersection Coronado Inn in the Coronado

"It was okay there," he friend yesterday."

After Atmos Energy Inn, across the street from was found to be safe, firefighters reopened the perime-Workmen had apparently ter and McDonald's employ-

Police seek vandals who can't spell 'boat' Pampa police were the 1700 block of North

searching for vandals today in connection with spray weekend.

painted the words "Tug roof of the Pizza Hut Boat" on the side of a Rent- Delivery facility at 1500 A-Center delivery van in North Banks.

The vandals' spelling painting incidents over the apparently wasn't as good a block away where they Officers said someone painted "Tug Bots" on the

Craddick expects quorum on redistricting

(Courtesy photo)

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — House asked what he expected to hap-would be needed to block a 17-15 majority in Congress. Speaker Tom Craddick said pen once a bill passed out of bill. The Senate is ruled 19-12 Republicans have argued the congressmen on how they Monday he believes a majority committee and was brought to by Republicans. of House members will show the House floor. up next week for the start of a

redistricting. a quorum," Craddick said at a cuss their plans for the session. news conference Monday.

May during the regular legisla- Monday," Dunnam said. tive session, breaking a quo-

Gov. Rick Perry last week "I don't have any plans called for a 30-day special ses- committee during the regular House public hearings on should be responsible for delegation to the Republicans. al sites around the state.

that results in state elections want their districts," Craddick Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, show that Texas should have said. House Democratic Caucus chairwoman of the Senate more GOP representatives in Waco said that the House hasn't started counting votes elected office in Texas is ruled as the go-between for the by a Republican.

A plan approved by a House Republican state legislators.

The plan was backed by Lawmakers during the 2001 U.S. House Majority Leader can last as long as 30 days, that a redistricting plan had for noted a rule in the 31-member legislative session could not Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, Craddick said he expected it state Senate that requires two- agree on how to draw the dis- who has been one of the would not take that much time "I've had a lot of members thirds of members to bring an tricts so the current map was strongest advocates for the to get a bill approved. tell me they fully intend to be issue to the floor for debate. drawn by federal judges. The redrawing of the district lines.

State legislature to meet in special session that he did not know if DeLay would be involved at all in the redistricting discussions.

"I assume we'll hear from

DeLay spokesman Jonathan Washington delegation and

While the special session

"I would anticipate a couple



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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

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

and \$76 taken.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, June 23

10:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of N. Somerville and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

12:36 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

9:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

8:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

8:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Zimmers and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

8:58 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

Tuesday, June 24

12:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

1:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Medical Center and transported one to University of Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City

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 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 I 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 arrested on theft charges. 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 while intoxicated.

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

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 thance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. 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 ly each day. 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 per-

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

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 slight-

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 tain

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

a mountaintop north of Tucson area more than 250 homes in a and charred hundreds of 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 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 foronly 15 percent contained early Tuesday, firefighters' spokesman Gerry Engel said. About 950 firefighters had been deployed.

Firefighters faced more dry, long.' windy weather Tuesday, with

community Summerhaven.

Firefighters' efforts along TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — the southern front got a boost Albuquerque, officials said. Firefighters fanned out above when the blaze was twice and below a raging wildfire on repelled as it approached an dle on this fire and keep it southeast in an attempt to beat back Summerhaven, where the fire flames that have destroyed had raced through Thursday

> homes "We made good progress today," fire commander Larry Humphrey said Monday. "We vate ranch land near Fort 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 across the fire's southern 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 est on the mountain and was worst 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

Elsewhere Monday, about gusts expected to hit 25 mph 300 firefighters attacked a and temperatures forecast in blaze in northern New the mid-70s. By contrast, the Mexico's Jemez Mountains, temperature was expect to hit which are dotted with commu-98 in Tucson, about 6,000 fect nities and laced with hiking below the fire-ravaged moun- and biking trails. The 300-acre

of fire was not yet threatening any homes or other structures in the area 60 miles north of

"We're trying to get a hanof 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 pri-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 lightningsparked 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

In a remote area northwest of Fairbanks, another fire grew to 30,000 acres Monday, but it was being monitored,

Senate continues to labor on Medicare-prescription drug benefits legislation

BY LAURA MECKLER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

would kick in.

sored Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., that would have aided retirees who now have some drug coverage from their former employer.

drug bill now moving through Congress would require seniors to spend a certain amount aid for very high drug costs.

seniors' drug tabs, the senior percent of the rest. would never qualify for the government Rockefeller's would have changed that.

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cent of employers will drop toward that \$3,700. some of their drug coverage for retirees.

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Employer-sponsored of literally millions and mil-The Senate turned aside an retiree health benefits are the lions of retirees who have effort Tuesday to count contri- single greatest source of cover- earned drug coverage through butions from employers age for retirees, providing drug their employer," Rockefeller toward the money seniors must coverage for one out of every said. spend before a government three Medicare recipients," prescription drug benefit Rockefeller said. "But, this Chairman Charles Grassley On a 52-43 vote, the Senate drop the coverage they provide killed an amendment spon- by making their contribution on their retirees behalf meaningless."

require seniors to spend \$275 before they get any coverage. The Medicare prescription The government then pays half Grassley, R-Iowa. their drug costs until they of their own money before is responsible for drug spendthey qualify for government ing between \$4,500 and Under the current bill, if costs are higher than that, then week by the Senate. employer retirement plans pay the government would pay 90

Put another way, the senior help. would have to spend \$3,700 amendment out of his or her own pocket before this catastrophic cover-Because of this dynamic, age kicks in. Under the Senate the Congressional Budget bill, any contributions from Office estimates that 37 per- employers would not count

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"This amendment is needed to protect the existing coverage

Senate Finance Committee legislation spurs employers to responded that Congress is most interested in helping those seniors who don't have drug coverage today.

"We want to fill in the gap The Senate bill would for those who do not have drug coverage or might have inadequate drug coverage," said

As the bill moved through reach \$4,500. Then there's a both chambers, the House was coverage gap, where the senior considering adding a provision that would speed the availability of lower-cost generic drugs. \$5,800. If the senior's drug That would mirror action last

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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

less man on a highway, she where he died, jurors were told about 3 a.m. Oct. 26, 2001. as the woman's murder trial began.

Gregory Biggs, 37.

Jurors briefly were shown photographs of the damaged car, what happened but says it was then left the courtroom while an accident, not murder. defense attorneys questioned a

Mallard's former best friend, stopped briefly and tried in vain Titilisee Fry, testified Monday

Even if Mallard was impaired, she could have Testimony resumed Tuesday stopped at a fire or police station in the case of Chante Jawan or all-night store — all less than Mallard, 27, who faces life in a mile from her house — after prison if convicted of killing she hit Biggs, prosecutor Christy Jack said.

The defense doesn't dispute

Defense

kept driving with "a body entirethe windshield before driving pot, took Ecstasy and drank in tions that no one thought humanhome and parking in her garage, the hours before Biggs was hit ly 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

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 open ing 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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ATTACK

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.

defense official said Monday.

At least five Syrian border guards were wounded, and three of them were treated by American forces. None of the Syrians in U.S. hands had been returned by Tuesday.

U.S. **Embassy** spokesperson referred The Associated Press to the Syrian authorities and U.S. Central Command for comment.

"We have made it very clear to senior levels of the Syrian government the importance we attach to its cooperation with our efforts to achieve a stable, democratic government in Iraq and the apprehension of senior officials of the former Iraqi regime," the spokesperson said in Damascus.

FORT WORTH (AP) — forensic expert who examined Kearney said Mallard was just After a nurse's aide hit a home- blood stains found inside the car. one exit from her home, so she ly in her car, the head in the to remove his twisted body from that she and Mallard smoked floorboard, legs going in direc-



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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.

ended, there was a scene of They, too, were struck. devastation: bombed houses, burned-out vehicles and casualties from both sides of the border, including several Syrian border guards.

U.S. officials are disclosing 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 or by an air attack. Tuesday were still occupying released some 20 people who were detained, and officials 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

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-

pound at the village of Dhib, where they were bombed and destroyed, officials said. A few of the vehicles moved out believed to be attempting to And when the shooting head for the Syrian border. name.

> 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

a town where at least part of sued part of the convoy across contact with Syria on the the attack occurred; they have the border into Syria, one offi- issue.

have yet to say whether the been returned to their govern- events in Iraq. Earlier this said. But about 20 other peo-Pentagon said they didn't ment.

tion, the convoy of a half know whether they were from dozen vehicles was in a com- the convoy or the compound.

The total number killed in the operation was not availan undisclosed number of able, although it did not houses or other buildings were appear to include Syrians, officials said Tuesday.

All of the officials disof the compound and were cussed the incident on condition of not being identified by

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 whether they were hit in referred questions to the shooting with ground troops Defense Department. The senior defense official said he Americans may have pur- knew of no U.S. government

U.S.-Syrian relations None of the Syrians had already had been strained over ment as of Tuesday, officials year, U.S. officials threatened sanctions against Syria ple apprehended during the because of allegations it haroperation were released after bored fleeing members of it was determined they did not Saddam's deposed governpose a threat, a senior defense ment and charges that it proofficial said. Officials at the vided Iraq with military equip-

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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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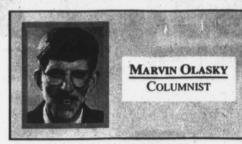
Hear cries in summer of ease

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



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.

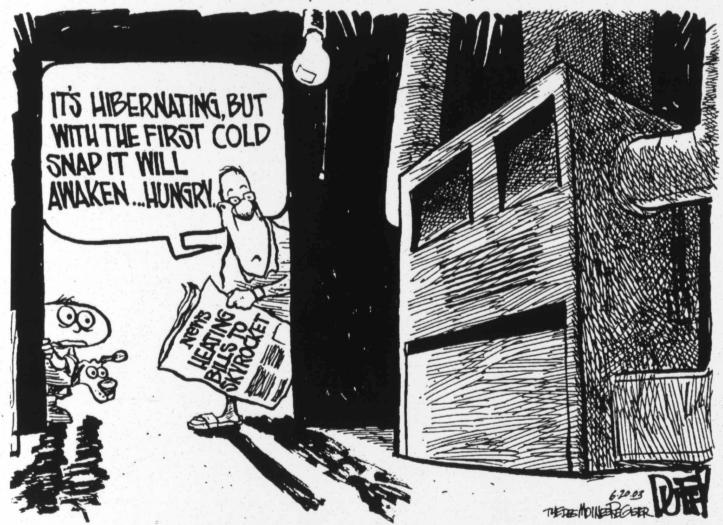
Cliched headlines, cliched secularism and harder questions generally go unasked and unanswered. The American Medical Association last week endorsed cloning for research but did not back Norma McCorvey (the Roe of the Supreme Court's abortion-legalizing Roe vs. Wade decision) in her plea to reopen the 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 wakeup 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

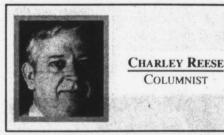
About 10 or 12 mega-conglomerates control about 75 percent of the communications in the United States, and the Federal Communications Commission has passed a rule that allows them to gobble up the remainder.

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 pictures of the world, one that bears only a limited a 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-



ship of properties in the same market.

You should also not be fooled by the blarney 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

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-

fered 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 sta-

(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 45minute 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 n private land. This is an opportunity to see a battlesite 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

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

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.

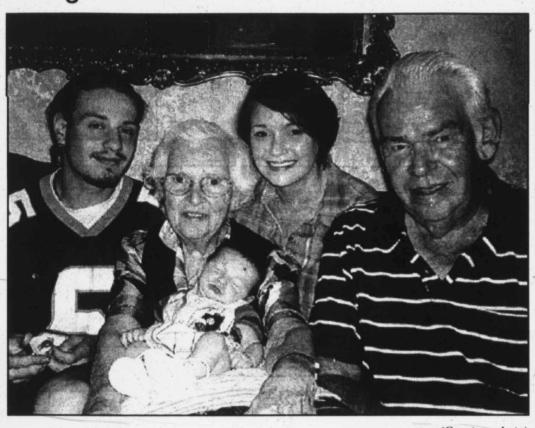
The Texas Historical Commission is developing a Red River War Trail of related historical markers and exhibits located at area muse-

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

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



(Courtesy photo)

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.

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

HOUSTON (AP) — Louisiana-Texas operatives discussing potential of Houston. terrorism in the state

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Homeland security officials are review-¬ ing the information eavesdropped earlier operatives discussing

potential terrorism in Texas timed for the July Fourth Department in recent weeks weekend, unnamed officials in Chronicle on Monday.

did not specify a target, an Beaumont. exact time or a type of terrorist attack, officials were concerned about oil or gas facilities and pipelines because al-Qaida terrorists in the past have discussed attacking the energy sector as a way of damaging America's economy.

bility of the report concerning before striking in early July. Texas," an official with the Department of Homeland said Sakr had sent a message more visible. Security told the newspaper in Tuesday's online edition. "We have informed the authorities in Texas of the information we received and told them we were trying to determine its credibility."

The state's refineries, many located in Southeast Texas, account for 25 percent of U.S. capacity. The nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve is kept in a series of salt caverns along the Gulf Coast at the

Federal homeland security Officials have said Houston, ing from Morocco shortly officials have informed Texas the nation's fourth largest city, before a successful terrorist law enforcement agencies of remains a possible target strike in that country. intelligence reportedly gath- because of its population, oil ered from suspected al-Qaida refining capacity and the Port threat, but beyond that we

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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 an al-Qaida attack on an oil inside the United States were tanker in Yemen last fall. "We are currently in the only waiting for approval from

border. predicting "good news" com-

"We are aware of this comment," can't Texas

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

FBI's The National Protection Washington told the Houston in grants to upgrade security at Center in October issued two detailed warnings to private Although the information shipped in Houston and 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.

Those warnings followed

The FBI, as part of the alert process of assessing the credi- a man dubbed "the Sheik" in October, suggested that private companies increase their Intelligence analysts had security and make security

UT-Austin to begin work on new admissions policies

By JIM VERTUNO ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The Court,

Any new policy for undergraduate admissions would fines of the state law that entitles Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 pera state university.

Monday's ruling ends the of the "Hopwood" decisions by fedwell as scholarship and finan- all.' cial aid, Faulkner said.

United States feel keenly their programs. responsibility to educate the leadership of the nation. That tant for us to have strong repre- cational advancement." sentation here of students from all sectors of society."

30 percent to fall under any based policies. new race-included admissions

Monday, the court approved a in others. program used at the University gives race a role in the admissions policies that include race system used by the university be able to choose some of their as a factor as allowed by to give minority preference in students with varying criteria. Monday's ruling by the U.S. undergraduate admissions, but President Larry Faulkner said opponents of affirmative action one criteria," Faulkner said.

get the Supreme Court to over- cent rule to place a cap on the have to work within the con- turn the "Hopwood" rulings and was interested in how it it would enroll. That idea was ruled on the Michigan cases.

cent of their class enrollment in and advocacy groups hailed the ing.

so-called news for students of color," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D- al redistricting. Gov. Rick eral courts and former state Houston. "It affirms that the Perry could add the 10 percent Attorney General Dan Morales doors of higher education rule to the session. that prohibited race being used should be open to diversity and as a factor in admissions as opportunity should exist for the UT-Austin student govern-

Nina Perales, an attorney for urging him to add the 10 per-"It gets to the heart of what the Mexican American Legal cent rule to the call of the seswe try to accomplish as an Defense and Education Fund, sion institution," Faulkner said. called on all Texas universities "All university leaders in the to renew affirmative action Acuna said the governor's

more excellent student body," General Greg Abbott. Any leadership will come from all Perales said. "Affirmative decision on expanding the sespopulation sectors. It's impor- action is the key to Latino edu- sion's issues will come after it

The Hopwood decisions stemmed from a lawsuit filed The earliest any changes against the University of Texas could effect enrollment would law school admissions policies be the 2004 fall freshman class. that considered race. The top The top 10 percent rule will 10 percent rule was created in dominate about 70 percent of 1997 to boost minority enrollthat class, leaving only about ment without specific race-

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

Students who might never of Michigan law school that have considered going to college now think about it because University of Texas will draft sions decision-making process. they know they can get it in, he new affirmative action admis- It struck down a separate point said. But schools also want to

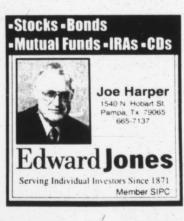
> "It's simply unhealthy for a school that ruling did not go as far as whole class to be admitted on

> > Some state lawmakers con-UT had previously tried to sidered tweaking the 10 perpercentage of a freshman class defeated but could resurface Minority state lawmakers under the Supreme Court's rul-

The Legislature is sched-"Today's decision is great uled to convene June 30 for a special session on congression-

> Brian Haley, president of ment, wrote Perry on Monday

Perry spoke man Gene office was studying the ruling's "They create a stronger, impact on Texas with Attorney starts, he said.





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TUESDAY • JUNE 24, 2003

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 rewash 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 we 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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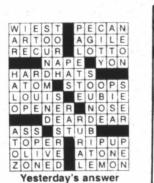


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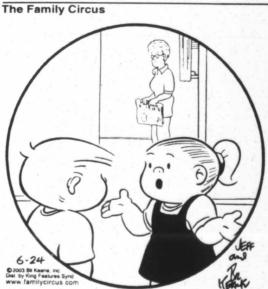
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SOFTBALL

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, announced Houston 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 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

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

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

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

and walked three in Glo-Valve's Celanese's Madison Wilson 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,



(Pampa News photo)

Lane Douglass threw a no-hitter against Celanese.

pitched a magnificent game against the undefeated regularseason 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.

Celanese left Jeremy Busse at first after a walk in the third. Celanese had its best chance to score again in the bottom of the tion for another outstanding play

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 posi-

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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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 (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

"We were fortunate to have better-rested pitching."

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 .400 since 1991, was 3-for-11

"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

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 game of it the last two times," Stanford coach Mark Marquess said.

Freshman left-hander the first Cardinal to hit over 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 postseason. He lasted just 3 2-3 innings in Rice's 5-4 win over Texas last Wednesday.

"I went into my last start thinking about what bad could happen," Humber said. "This time, I just focused on the game and getting the ball over the plate.'

While Humber hummed along, Romanczuk (12-2) struggled from the start. He threw 46 pitches and walked five as Rice sent nine men to the plate in the first.

"If you can't throw strikes, you can't win games," said Romanczuk, who threw only 19 of his 50 pitches for

The Owls, who had six hits and two walks against four pitchers in the sixth, tied a championship game record with their seven-run inning. It was the biggest outburst since Southern California had a seven-run inning while beating Missouri 8-7 in 1958.

Kolkhorst, who doubled twice in the inning, drove in two runs with his second one. Janish also had a two-run double, and Cruz hit a tworun single. Bubela drove in another run with his base hit.

"We were intense the whole game and never let up," Janish said.

Stanford's Sam Fuld set the CWS record for career hits with 24.

Red-hot Diamondbacks slip by Astros, 7-6

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

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 when he came in for his first 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

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

"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

save."

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

Oscar Villarreal 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 Villereal'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

Villone, who went to spring with

training Diamondbacks and was released, worked six innings and allowed two runs and six

Webb permitted only two 18, 2001, for Philadelphia.

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.

Pampa to meet Childress in district softball action

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.

Teams competing in the

PAMPA — The Pampa 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, Smith, Carlyn Lauren Teichmann, Shelbie Watson

and Holly Winegeart. David Teichmann is the manager. Coaches are Donny Winegeart and Jimmy

SCOREBOARD

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All Times EDT									
East Division									
		W		L	Pct	GB			
Atlanta		48		25	.658	-			
Montreal		42		34	.553	7 1/2			
Philadelphia		39		33	.542	8 1/2			
Florida		38		39	.494	12			
New York		33		40	.452	15			
Central Division						1 / -			
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Chicago		40		34	.541	- Annabar			
Houston	. *	41		35	.539				
St. Louis		39		35	.527	. 1			
Cincinnati		36		38	.486	4			
Pittsburgh		31		42	.425	8 1/2			
Milwaukee		30		44	.405	10			
West Division									
		W		L	Pct	GB			
San Francisco		45		30	.600				
Los Angeles	1	44		31	.587	1			
Arizona		39		36	.520	6			
Colorado		40	,	38	.513	6 1/2			
San Diego		25		53	.321	21 1/2			

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Arizona 7, Houston 6 Colorado 5, San Diego I San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2, 11 innings Tuesday's Games Pittsburgh (D'Amico 5-7) at Montreal (Ohka 5-7), 1:05 p.m. Florida (Penny 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-3), 7:10 p.m

Philadelphia (Millwoc:18-5) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 8:4), 7:35 p.m Cincinnati (Haynes 1-6) at St. Louis (Tomko 3-5), 8:10 p.m Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-5), 8:20 p.m. Houston (Redding 4-6) at Arizona (Batista 5-3), 9:35 p.m Colorado (Oliver 4-5) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-8), 10:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Od.Perez 4-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 6-3), 10:15 p.m Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Wells 2-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-5), 1:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Sheets 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-3), 2:20 p.m Houston (W.Miller 5-7) at Arizona (Dessens 4-4), 6:05 p.m. Philadelphia (Padilla 5-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-6), 7:05 p.m. Florida (Redman 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-5), 7:10 p.m. Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-4) at St. Louis (Morris 7-5), 8:10 p.m. Colorado (Elarton 3-3) at San Diego (Ol. Perez 2-3), 10:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Nomo 8-6) at San Francisco (Moss 7-5), 10:15 p.m

American League At A Glance

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East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	30	.595	-
Toronto	44	32	.579	1
Boston	42	32	.568	2
Baltimore	3.3	40	.452	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	25	49	.338	. 19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	34	.541	
Kansas City	38	34	.528	1
Chicago	3.5	40	:467	5 1/2
Cleveland	30	43	.411	9.1/2
Detroit	18	5.5	.247	21 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	49	25	.662	
Oakland	44	30	595	5
Anaheim	36	37	493	12 1/2
Texas	27	47	365	22

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RODEO

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Men's Professional Rodeo Association **Through June 22** (Rodeos competed in parentheses)

ALL-AROUND COWBOY 1 Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas \$69,705 2. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas \$56,731 3. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. \$48,054 4. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas \$42,959 5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta \$40,249 6. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas \$37,985 7. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas \$37,542 8. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas \$36,351 9. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas \$34,498 10. Chad Klein, Clinton, La. \$34,107 11. Blair Burk, Durant, Okła. \$32,730 12. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. \$31,156 13. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo. \$26,640 14. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont. \$24,627 15. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo. \$23,835 16. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas \$22,866

17. Casev Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. \$20,720 18. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. \$20,583 19. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. \$19,039 20. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta \$16,862 BAREBACK RIDING 1. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (21) \$46,632 2. Tom McFarland, Morristown, Ariz. (23) \$35,017 3. Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D. (21) \$34,778

4. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (19) \$34,772

5. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan. (18) \$34,206 6. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah (18) \$29,680 7. Trey Fisher, Madisonville, Texas (21) \$26,546 Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo. (22) \$24,475 9. Chad Klein, Clinton, La. (28) \$24,308 10. Darren Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (25) \$23,978 11. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (24) \$23,200 12. Scott Drennan, Buffalo, Texas (30) \$19,520 13. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont. (20) \$19,507 14. Chuck Logue, New Braunfels, Texas (23) \$18,515 15. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas (18) \$18,176 16. Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (24) \$16,383 17. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas (25) \$16,049 18. Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (27) \$14,881 19. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore. (15) \$14,799 20. Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore. (18) \$14,609 STEER WRESTLING 1. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (14) \$37,893

2. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo. (13) \$34,134 3. Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J. (16) \$31,778 4. Rope Myers, Van, Texas (17) \$29,969 5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta (24) \$28,688 Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. (13) \$27,985. 7. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas (14) \$26,315 8. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla. (18) \$22,642 9. Jeff Corbello, Iowa, La. (16) \$21,435 10. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. (15) \$21,181 11. Mike Garthwaite, Merritt, British Columbia (18) \$19,310 12. John Diedrichs, Blackhawk, S.D. (12) \$19,107 13. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo. (15) \$18,585 14. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (16) \$17,761

15. Joe Butterfield, Red Deer, Alberta (16) \$17,691 16. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (15) \$17,659 17. Chuck Jankowski, Simonton, Texas (17) \$16,032 18. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (17) \$15,700 19. Kenny Coppini, Tillamook, Ore. (14) \$15,393 20. J.B. Fudickar, Ferriday, La. (16) \$15,214 TEAM ROPING (HEADING) 1. Speed Williams, Amarillo, Texas (18) \$34,821

2. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (14) \$33,155 3. Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (17) \$30,236 4. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (18) \$29,521 5. Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (19) \$25,029 6. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (17) \$22,565 7. Lance Brooks, Shandon, Calif. (14) \$21,437 8. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (18) \$21,004 9. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif. (17) \$20,572 10. Shain Sproul, Arlee, Mont. (15) \$16,287 11. Brady Wren, Kerrville, Texas (18) \$15,859 12. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (19) \$15,817 13. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. (13) \$15,382 14. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (17) \$15,262 15. Billy Holland Jr., Oroville, Calif. (16) \$13,662 16. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga. (21) \$13,645 17. Tanner Bryson, Comville, Ariz. (15) \$12,709 18. Camish Jennings, Houston, Texas (16) \$11,716 19. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla. (15) \$10,980

20. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas (19) \$10,862

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1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (18) \$34,821 Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D. (14) \$33,155 3. Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas (17) \$30,236 4. Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas (18) \$29,521 5. Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas (18) \$28,623 6. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (19) \$26,131 7. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas (17) \$22,007 8. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas (17) \$21,991 9. Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla. (18) \$21,004 10. Zane Bruce, Eldorado, Texas (19) \$18,278 11. Kirt Jones, Piedmont, Okla. (18) \$17,742 12. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (19) \$16,513 13. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. (13) \$15,382 14. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. (15) \$15,120 15. Mike George, Oakdale, Calif. (15) \$13,662 16. Dennis Watkins, Bakersfield, Calif. (15) \$12,709 17. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas (20) \$11,892 18. Ashlee Swedenburg, Reform, Ala. (18) \$11,672 19. Jacky Stephenson, Tilden, Texas (17) \$11,000 20. Shannon Frascht, Alva, Okla. (15) \$10,980 SADDLE **BRONC RIDING**

1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (21) \$52,675 2. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (23) \$49,312 3. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (26) \$43,998 4. Jeffery Willert, Belvidere, S.D. (24) \$36,539 5. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (25) \$30,517 6. Scott Miller, Waco, Texas (27) \$30,473 7. Charles Soileau, Stephenville, Texas (33) \$29,007 8. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz. (22) \$28,769 9. Cody Martin, Hatfield, Ark. (30) \$25,260 10. Matt Marvel, Battle Mtn., Nev. (22) \$24,559 11. Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev. (22) \$23,505 12. Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas (23) \$23,110 13. Mo Forbes, Kaycee, Wyo. (27) \$21,876 14. Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta (20) \$20,860 15. Cody Demoss, Crowville, La. (20) \$20,064 16. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas (23) \$20,017 17. Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla. (20) \$16,874 18. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas (28) \$14,465 19. Bradley Harter, Aledo, Texas (21) \$13,952 20. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D. (21) \$13,787

TIE-DOWN ROPING 1. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas (19) \$47,073 2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (15) \$46,436 3. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas (18) \$36,787 4. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas (17) \$34,278 5. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (17) \$29,361 6. Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas (21) \$28,009 7. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (18) \$27,087 8. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. (16) \$25,353 9. Jade Conner, Iowa, La. (17) \$24,539 10. Clint Robinson, Farmington, Utah (14) \$24,168 11. Brady Brock, Springtown, Texas (18) \$21,544 12. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas (17) \$20,916 13. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. (14) \$20,385 14. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla. (14) \$19,572 15. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (17) \$16.319 16. Trent Creager, Pawnee, Okla. (14) \$15,113

17. Coy Kummer, Carr, Colo. (11) \$14,892 18. Jesse Egan, Dixon, Calif. (20) \$14,494 19. Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas (14) \$13,900 20. Josh Crow, Levelland, Texas (8) \$13,792 **BULL RIDING** 1. Terry Don West, Henryetta, Okla. (22) \$96,705

2. B.J. Schumacher, Hillsboro, Wis. (24) \$43,423

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A's beat Rangers in ninth inning

ARLINGTON, (AP) — The Texas Rangers were three outs from ending their losing streak. Scott against the Rangers this sea-Hatteberg made sure the slump lasted another day.

Hatteberg hit a three-run double in the ninth inning to give the Oakland Athletics' a 3-1 win Monday night, extending the Rangers' losing streak to eight games and keeping Barry Zito undefeated against Texas.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead into the ninth but closer Ugueth Urbina (0-3) couldn't hold it, suffering his fourth blown save in 22 chances.

"Urbina is usually automatic," Zito said. "But we put pressure on him and it went our way tonight."

The ninth-inning rally prevented Texas from beating Zito for the first time in 15 tries.

The left-hander had been 9-0 with a 2.50 ERA in 93 2-3 innings against the Rangers entering the game. He allowed four hits over six innings, while striking out three and walking four.

"It seems like the same story line with Zito," Alex Rodriguez said. "He makes the pitches when he needs to and gets out of jams."

Hatteberg is batting .474 with 15 RBIs against Texas this season, and he was determined to have a productive at bat against Urbina, lashing a fastball into the gap in right-center. "He's a great pitcher,"

said Hatteberg, Urbina's teammate when they played for Boston. "He was throwing hard. I looked up and he was throwing 97. I knew that's what he was going to try and get me out with." Ramon Hernandez dou-

Oakland and McMillon followed with a down a sacrifice bunt, Urbina fielded and threw to first, but first baseman Mark Teixeira dropped the ball for an error, loading the bases with no outs.

One out later, Hatteberg cleared the bases with his seventh inning or later.

Texas double, giving the Athletics their ninth victory in 10 games and eighth win

"Comebacks in the ninth inning like that don't happen very often, but our guys were scratching and clawing," A's manager Ken Macha said. "Everybody did their job in that inning and that gives you confidence that you can come back."

It was the 20th loss in the last 22 games for the Rangers, their worst stretch since going 2-21 in September 1972. Earlier this season, Texas lost nine straight from May 30-June

Ricardo Rincon (4-3) pitched a hitless eighth to earn the win. Keith Foulke threw a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 23 opportuni-

Texas opened the scoring in the sixth when Zito began having control problems.

Zito issued a leadoff walk to Michael Young, gave up a bunt single to Carl Everett, and walked Rodriguez to load the bases. After Zito got Juan Gonzalez on a popup, he walked Rafael Palmeiro to force in a run.

"I'd rather give up a walk with the bases loaded than give up a big hit," Zito said.

Texas starter Tony Mounce allowed four hits over five shutout innings, walking five and striking out

Rookie Rosman Garcia pitched two perfect innings of relief, and was set to pick up first major league victory before the Rangers came

Notes: The game started an hour earlier than normal because it was being broadbled to lead off the ninth for cast on national television. Billy ... Teixeira got his 11th start at third before moving over walk. When Mark Ellis laid to first base to start the ninth. He has 29 starts at first, six in left field, four in right field and five at DH. ... This is Foulke's third season with at least 20 saves. ... The A's won their seventh straight game decided in the

A big upset at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Forget Big Ben. Now there's Big Ivo, much to Lleyton Hewitt's dismay.

Ivo Karlovic, at 6-foot-10 the tallest player in Wimbledon history, pulled off an upset just as big by beating 2002 champion Hewitt 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

In 117 years of competition at Wimbledon, only two defending men's champions have lost in the first round. The other was Manuel Santana, beaten by Charlie Pasarell in 1967.

"If someone was to tell me you had to win the tournament once and lose the next year in the first round, I think I'd take it," Hewitt said.

He was beaten Monday on the sport's grandest court by a Croatian qualifier making his Grand Slam debut at age 24. Karlovic grew up - and up and up - idolizing countryman Goran Ivanisevic, who won Wimbledon two years ago.

Ivanisevic is intimidating enough at 6-4, but Karlovic is the tallest player to grace the All England Club by 2 inch-

Karlovic acknowledged that his movement isn't the best, but he nonetheless made repeated charges to the net, where his enormous wingspan made him difficult to pass. He also smacked 18 aces and 41 service winners.

"The guy looked like he was serving out of a tree," said Andy Roddick, who will now be spared a potential quarterfinal matchup against Hewitt.

Roddick must still get past Britain's Greg Rusedski they meet Wednesday in a second-round shootout and rematch. Rusedski beat Roddick in the third round last year.

Another intriguing second-round pairing pits threetime French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten against 1999 Wimbledon runner-up Todd Martin.

Roddick, seeded fifth, hit 14 aces and 21 service winners to beat Davide Sanguinetti 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. Rusedski smacked 31 aces and needed only one service break to defeat Alexander Waske 7-6 (6), 7-5, 7-6 (7).

Kuerten trailed John Van Lottum 6-2, 2-3 when the Dutchman quit with a back injury. Martin improved to 21-13 in five-set matches by rallying past Fernando Vicente 6-7 (4), 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4. No. 4 Roger Federer and No. 9 Rainer Schuettler also advanced.

Hewitt was one of five seeded men to lose. No. 19 Fernando Gonzalez was beaten by Jurgen Melzer 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (6), and No. 29 Gaston Gaudio lost to American Mardy Fish 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

lem, 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

those around you. Gracefully accept the

role of leader. Tonight: What would

your way, know that you can handle whatever comes down your path. Your strong personality directs events and

make the Bull happiest? GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * * Slow down, knowing your limits Get feedback, because someone is likely within a certain realm. Understand what to offer it anyway! Tonight: Accept an

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what is happening in your immediate cir-

cle. An opportunity that seems too good

"Observation" needs to be your byword ** Pace yourself evenly and allow opportunities, especially in the financial right now. Your popularity soars. Return greater flex, at least with your ideas. arena. For your sake, don't spend money calls. Tonight: Continue to maintain a Everyone, including you, can get into locked thinking. Use an opportunity to get past this limitation. Matters dealing a partner, as he or she might be wearing *** * Your immediate advisers and with attorneys, publishing and those at a rose-colored glasses. Work on realism, friends push you toward a risk that might distance are highlighted. Tonight: Work and you will head toward the winner's feel a bit uncomfortable. Honor your as late as need be, with an eye to the

with someone's creativity allows greater flex and possibilities. Together, at least at

enjoy each other much more come friends. Go with the moment, but contin- *** Deal with the basics within ue to manage your responsibilities. your immediate circle and family. Understand more of what you want and where you're coming from in your deal-4-Positive; *** Your ability to see through ings with a certain romantic attachment the obvious and read between the lines or partner. Success will be more likely. could play a substantial role right now. This person just needs some feedback.

> to confirm facts. Tonight: Rent a movie *** * You're likely to speak your mind to an associate or two, but somehow, others take your message different-* * * * Focus on friendship and your ly than you intend. Much might be occur-

Musician George Michael (1963), celebrity Phyllis George (1949), singer ** * * You might want to consider Carly Simon (1945)

to be true probably isn't. Do needed foot- Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at work, and you will like what you hear. http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2003 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

BUSINESS REVIEW



A wide selection of men's suits is found at Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart. Suits ranging between sizes 40-60 are found in-stock, while other sizes are available upon request.

SUIT BAR

Bob Clements, Inc. is a familiar and popular business in Pampa. Owned by Mary and Neil Fulton, it is located at 1437 N. Hobart. Customers will find a complete line of professional cleaning services at Bob Clements, Inc., as friendly and courteous employees greet them.

Bob Clements, Inc.

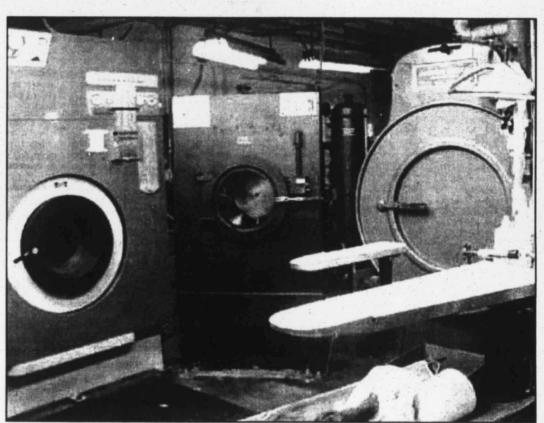
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A wide array of colognes can be found at the local business. Mary and Neil Fulton invite customers to come in and find their favorite fragrance.



Men and boys will find that perfect tie to go with their suit at Bob Clements, Inc. From novelty to patriotic to solid and pattern, the latest styles are available at the store at 1437 N. Hobart.



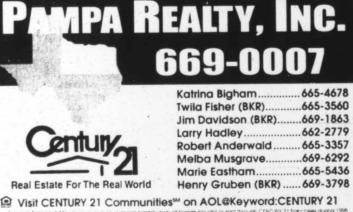
The latest machines used in dry cleaning clothing are found at Bob Clements, Inc., as the business has recently added a petroleum machine to its line of equipment, and also has a perc machine. These machines eliminate the odor caused by chemical cleaning agents.

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