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**Public testimony ends on proposed abortion literature**

AUSTIN (AP) — As mandated by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Department of Health is drafting a brochure that Texas doctors next year will be legally required to offer women at least 24 hours before performing all abortions.

Doctors, former abortion patients, religious groups and community activists offered their critiques of a proposed draft with the health department Tuesday, the last day of public testimony before the department prepares a final version in time to meet a Dec. 1 deadline.

Last spring, the Legislature passed a law requiring that women are offered specific literature at least 24 hours before a pregnancy is terminated.

**DEATHS**

Lois Sue Branch, 88, long-time educator.  
 Audrey A. Ford, 9, California fourth-grader.  
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## Woman's identity eludes officials

Preliminary autopsy back, sheriff's office releases composite sketch

By MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

Preliminary autopsy results on the unidentified woman found dead at about 7:45 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, near Mile Marker 32 on Interstate 40 in Gray County indicate the woman sustained blunt force trauma and "massive abusive injuries" to the torso and viscera, or internal organs.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez received the preliminary report today from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's Division of Forensic Pathology, which is performing the autopsy for Gray County via the Lubbock County medical examiner's office.

"Abusive" is defined as "tearing away or separation of bodily structure," Martinez said.

The report said the woman also

suffered facial abrasions and contusions, "abulsion of tooth," scalp contusions, and tire pattern injuries.

No exact cause of death has been pinpointed yet, and no toxicology results have been received, Martinez said.

"The full written autopsy and toxicology report will be made about a month from now," Martinez said.

The woman was found on the westbound entrance ramp at the Johnson Ranch road exit of Interstate 40. She was nude, and no type of identification, clothing or other property was found with the body.

The woman is believed to be a Native American female, 35 to 45 years old, 5'4" to 5'8" tall, with black shoulder-length hair and brown eyes, and no visible scars, marks or tattoos. (See

composite photo, page 2.)

She was last seen at the Flying J Truck Stop at Sayre, Okla., at approximately 2 a.m. on Oct. 16. She was known to be carrying a black and tan backpack, and also a small, soft-sided bright blue Igloo cooler. She is also believed to have been wearing pants, a shirt and some type of overshirt, resembling men's clothing, although information on her clothing has not been confirmed, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of Gray County Sheriff's Department.

Investigators believe the woman caught a ride traveling west from the truck stop. Three trucks were seen at about 6 a.m. last Thursday, pulled off of I-40 near the location where the woman's body was found less than two hours later.

Law enforcement officers are seeking anyone who may know the

woman's identity, any information on the three trucks, or any other information concerning the case. The case is being handled as a suspected homicide.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Gray County Sheriff's Department at 669-8022 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

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## Bush: Gen. Boykin's opinion not mine

By MATT KELLEY  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today repudiated

the comments of a top Pentagon general who made speeches at churches casting the war on terrorism in religious terms.

Bush, talking to reporters on Air Force One as he flew to Australia, said he discussed the comments of Army Lt. Gen. William Boykin with Muslim leaders in Indonesia.

"I said he didn't reflect my opinion," Bush said. "Look, it just doesn't reflect what the government thinks. And I think they were pleased to hear that."

Bush's comments notwithstanding, the Pentagon brushed aside congressional calls to temporarily reassign Boykin while an internal investigation into his statements ensues.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced the probe Tuesday into the comments by Boykin, the deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence. The Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner of Va., and other members of Congress had called for Boykin to take another

job during the investigation.

That isn't going to happen, said Rumsfeld's spokesman, Larry Di Rita.

"Nobody's thinking about asking him to step aside," Di Rita told reporters Wednesday.

Boykin came under criticism last week when reports surfaced of his comments during several speeches at evangelical Christian churches. Boykin said the enemy in the war on terrorism was Satan, that God had put Bush in the White House and called one Muslim Somali warlord an idol-worshipper.

The Pentagon released a statement from Boykin apologizing to those who were offended and saying the three-star general did not mean to insult Islam.

On Tuesday, Warner took to the Senate floor to call on Boykin to step aside so he can focus on responding to the

investigation. "When you start trying to explain what you did say, you need time out to do a little study," the senator said.

Rep. Jim Turner, D-Texas, agreed.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with Rumsfeld Wednesday morning, Turner said reassigning Boykin was important "to send the message ... that the war on terror is not a war on Islam."

Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference Tuesday that it hasn't been determined whether that probe will be conducted by the Army's inspector general or the Defense Department's internal watchdog, Rumsfeld, for a second time, declined to offer an opinion on Boykin's statements, saying he watched a network news video of some of the speeches in which Boykin's words were unintelligible.

## Trailer tax report on board agenda

By MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert, to consider taxes collected in 2002-03 on travel trailers not used as a residence.

The trailer tax was voted down in the Sept. 13 state constitutional amendment elections. School boards were required to collect the tax, which was optional for other governing bodies, according to Gaye Whitehead, Gray County tax assessor-collector.

The school board has contacted the state attorney general's office for an opinion regarding what to do with the collected tax monies. The trailer tax is listed in the reports section of the school board agenda.

Also on Thursday's agenda:

- Public hearing on overview of Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Pampa ISD has received a rating of superior achievement.
- Sale of delinquent tax property at 601 E. Foster.

- Consideration and approval of 2003-04 textbook selection committee.

- Self-insurance contingency plan.

- Consideration and approval of 2003 tax roll.

- Annual investment report and review of policy, CDA (local).

- Consideration and approval of budget amendment.

- Bids for 2004 spring sports equipment, and for electrical work at Pampa High School, Pampa Middle School and PHS football field.

- Second reading and approval of TASB policy concerning resignations.

- Second reading and approval of TASB policy on class ranking.

- An Option IV or "share the wealth" agreement with Plano ISD.

- Appointment of a facilities committee.

The board meeting will also include a Lamar Elementary School Spotlight and consideration of monthly financial reports for September. Reports will be made on the Pampa High School academic plan and on the TASA/TASB convention.

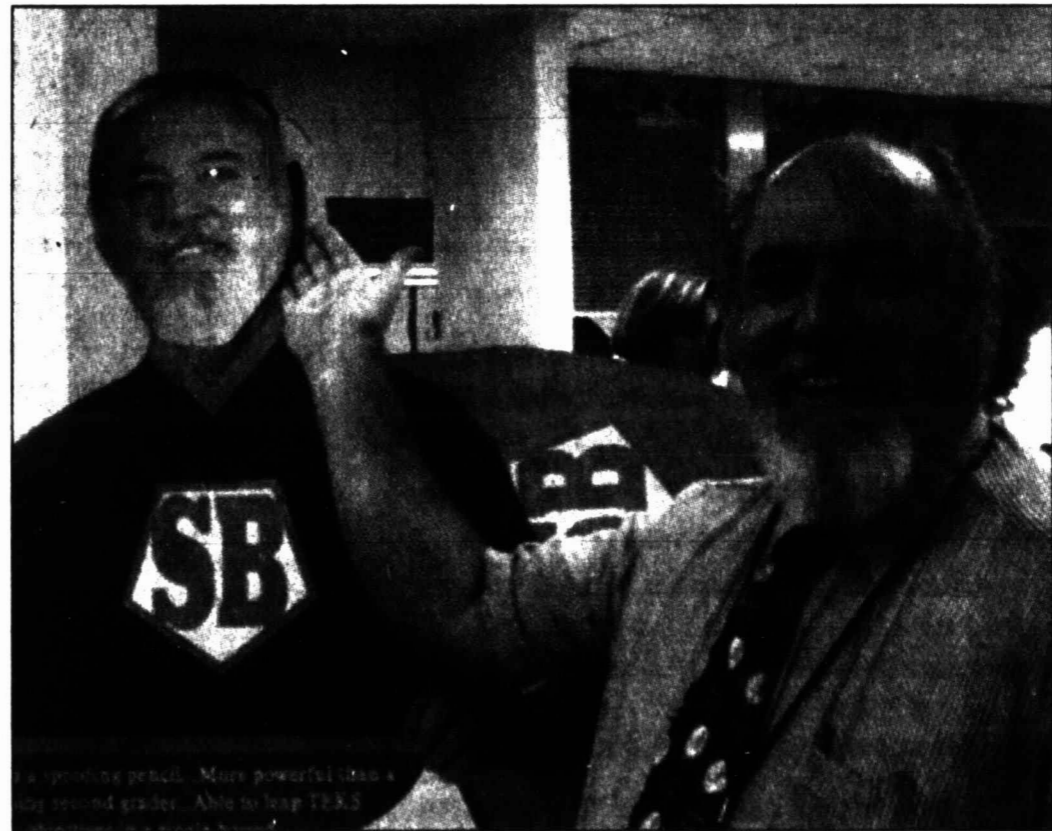
## Parks advisory board to convene

The City of Pampa Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in the second floor conference room at City Hall.

The following items were posted on the agenda for consid-

eration by the board members: "Water Bill Donation Fund Review"; election of officers; an update on the Pioneer Cottage Relocation Project; and the scheduling of the next meeting possibly in January 2004.

## Super Boss



(Courtesy photo)

Faster than a speeding pencil ... Doug Rapstine, principal of Travis Elementary School, poses next to a likeness of himself with SB for "Super Boss" emblazoned on the chest. Rapstine was presented the likeness by the staff of Travis Elementary in recognition of Boss's Day.

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# Dispute over powerline upgrades throws wrench in energy talks

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — When North Carolina-based Duke Energy built a power plant outside Jackson, Miss., the idea was to send much of the electricity out of state, using locally owned transmission lines.

But who should pay for the needed power system upgrades to carry the extra load — the customers of the Mississippi utility that owns the lines, or those hundreds of miles away who will get Duke's power?

The dispute over how to share transmission system costs between entrenched utilities that own the high-voltage lines and independent companies that use them to sell competing power has snarled closed-door discussions in Congress over a massive energy bill.

"It's a matter of fairness," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. "The people that provide the power or get the power should pay the cost."

He said it was wrong for Mississippi electricity users to pay for line improvements "that other people are using and other people are benefiting from."

The issue has held up progress on an energy bill because of Lott's demand that utilities owning the lines be given a greater say over who pays for improvements. He also wanted to curtail the ability of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-sharing agreements.

Two politically powerful utilities — New Orleans-based Entergy and Atlanta-based Southern Co. — which own thousands of miles of transmis-

sion lines across the South, have pushed Congress to impose a cost-sharing system that gives them more control over who pays for transmission upgrades.

Entergy and Southern, whose subsidiaries are the major utilities in Mississippi and Louisiana, quickly got the attention of Lott and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the House leader in the energy bill negotiations.

Lott said that while he didn't get all he wanted on the power line upgrade provisions in the bill, "the language is acceptable." He didn't disclose details, but it is believed that Southern and

Entergy got much of what they have sought.

Curt Hebert Jr., executive vice president of Entergy and a political protege of Lott's — they grew up in the same, Mississippi town — said his company is trying to protect its customers from having to pay for grid improvements Entergy doesn't need.

"It's critically important that we make certain the rate payers aren't hit with the cost they didn't ask for and don't benefit from," Hebert said.

But the independent generators maintain they're not opposed to equitable cost sharing if they put new demands on transmission lines, but that the dispute goes beyond that. They say it's an attempt by the entrenched utilities to keep out competition.

"The only way you can sell power is to interconnect with the transmission grid. That puts you in a difficult negotiating position (for cost sharing)," said Jeanne Connelly, vice president for federal affairs for Calpine, a California-based independent power producer with plants in 23 states, including two in Louisiana.

## Candidates making use of corporate, union jets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidates are flying around the country in planes provided by businesses, labor unions and other special interests, keeping entourage on schedule without the hassles of commercial air travel.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and his staff have taken \$138,000 worth of flights aboard the private jet of a Dallas law firm. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., has gotten a lift aboard union planes. Retired Gen. Wesley Clark took his first campaign trip aboard a jet owned by a government contractor.

Even though campaigns must pay for flights on private planes based on the cost of first-class airfare or a charter flight, the convenience of having a plane at the ready can be priceless to a candidate facing a frantic schedule to be in as many places as possible as quickly as possible.

President Bush doesn't have to worry about lining up planes. As commander in chief, he travels on the ultimate customized jet, Air Force One, and has reimbursed the government about \$84,000 to cover campaign travel this year. At the same time, he has collected about \$84 million for his campaign.

Edwards' campaign is among the most frequent users of corporate flights, logging at least \$138,000 worth with the Dallas-based Baron and Budd trial lawyer firm, according to campaign reports analyzed by the Political Money Line campaign finance tracking serv-

ice at the request of The Associated Press.

Baron and Budd partner Fred Baron and other firm employees have given at least \$70,000 to Edwards, a former trial lawyer, campaign records show.

Edwards had at least \$19,000 in flights with the Archer Daniels Midland agricultural company, which has a big stake in trade, the federal farm bill and promoting ethanol fuel products.

Gephardt reported at least \$6,000 in flights on ADM planes and at least \$19,000 worth on a bricklayers' union plane. Gephardt also paid the machinists' union at least \$2,085 for travel on its jet. Both unions have endorsed him.

"We fly commercial as often as we can. But occasionally you'll just due to scheduling problems be forced to find alternatives to commercial travel, and both those unions have been generous as far as letting us use their planes," Gephardt spokesman Erik Smith said.

Often, Gephardt is campaigning and trying to get back to Washington to vote in Congress, Smith said.

On the flip side, providing a jet for a presidential candidate has its advantages for the special interests.

"Obviously there is a healthy opportunity for interaction with the candidate, the elected official," said Pete West, a lobbyist for the National Business Aviation Association, a corporate aviation group that wants the government to simplify candidate travel payment rules.

## Pumpkin Patch



(Community Camera photo)

Alex Stevens, Jessie Dixon and Bailey Dixon search for the elusive perfect pumpkin for Halloween at The Pumpkin Patch recently.

## Four wildfires in southern California destroy at least six homes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — High temperatures helped fuel four wildfires burning in Southern California, including one fast-moving arson blaze that destroyed six homes in the Reche Canyon area of Riverside County, officials said.

The hot weather also stoked fires in Fontana, Camp Pendleton and the hills above Burbank.

The blaze in Reche Canyon was reported Tuesday afternoon and by early Wednesday had burned at least 1,000 acres, said Becky Luther, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry.

The fire destroyed six

homes and investigators determined that it was intentionally set, Luther said. It threatened about 100 homes Wednesday morning, said CDF Capt. Rick Vogt.

Mark Josephson fought alongside firefighters as the fire threatened his Reche Canyon home.

"Flames came within a foot of the house," he said. "We didn't lose anything."

Josephson said friends and family members teamed with firefighters to save his property, including storage sheds, 12 horses, a goat and several sheep. The rural enclave was filled with the sound of frightened horses that could be heard neighing

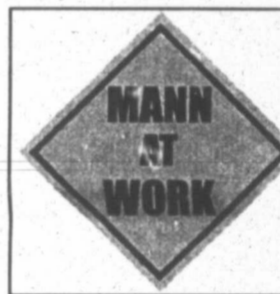
above the din of helicopters.

Evacuations were ordered and about a dozen residents sought shelter overnight at a nearby high school, Vogt said. More than 530 firefighters were battling the blaze and one firefighter suffered from smoke inhalation. There were no other injuries, Vogt said.

To the northeast, another wildfire scorched 2,000 acres

at the far north end of Fontana in San Bernardino County. The blaze was under investigation, said Bill Peters, a CDF spokesman.

In the hills above Burbank, a suspicious wildfire burned about 100 acres, said Dave Starr, spokesman for the Burbank Fire Department. Fire officials expected to have the blaze contained Wednesday.



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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Therapist Frustrated By Parents Who Makes Excuses For Kids

**DEAR ABBY:** From time to time you ask readers to share their pet peeves. I hope you will allow me to air mine. I am a family therapist.

What makes me want to hit my head against the wall when I go home some nights is parents who would rather bail their child out of trouble than put in the time in advance to assure that the child gets the help he or she needs. I see it happen repeatedly.

You seem to have an answer for everything. What do these parents think will happen when the "child" reaches middle age and there are no more excuses left? I challenge you to answer that one.

**BURNED OUT**  
IN BEVERLY HILLS

**DEAR BURNED OUT:** There's no one-size-fits-all answer to your question. Some parents tolerate their children's repeated misbehavior because they refuse to admit that their child could be flawed. Others are so involved in their own lives that they would rather throw money at a problem than make tougher, more demanding choices. The outcome is predictable, but they're not thinking ahead.

Which brings me back to you: If you are truly ready to "hit your head against a wall" at the end of your workday, please consider this: Sometimes it takes a therapist to help a therapist. Find one before you truly burn out. To paraphrase a pearl of wisdom attributed to Henry Kissinger: "A problem ignored is a crisis invited."

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Charlie" for a year. We are going to move in together at the end of the month. Charlie is thoughtful and sweet, and for the first time in my life, I feel I can be totally myself around a man.

Last night, I had my feet propped up on his book bag and the bag fell open. I looked down and saw a pair of black women's panties in the style that he has been badgering me to wear. Next to them were two DVDs with pornographic pictures on the front. I was horrified.

I have trusted Charlie because he really doesn't have time to cheat on me. But why would he carry around another girl's underwear?

Abby, I can't think straight right now. I don't want to make a mistake, and I have no idea what to do. Please help.

**SCARED TO MOVE**  
IN NEW YORK

**DEAR SCARED:** Ask Charlie to whom the underwear belongs. They could be for you, they could be his. The only way to find out is to ask.

**DEAR ABBY:** Since I was 10, I've had a crush on my neighbor, "Chad." He's three years older than me. Sometimes we say "Hi" to each other, and other times he doesn't notice me. When I walk real slow past his house, I can feel him looking at me.

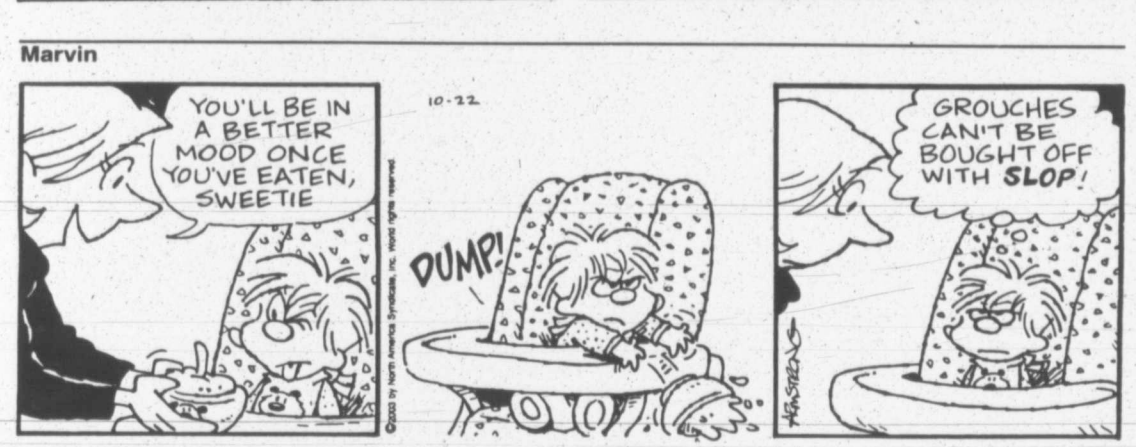
My dream is to ask Chad to my senior prom next spring. Can you give me some advice?

**LOVE-STRUCK**  
IN SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

**DEAR LOVE-STRUCK:** The next time you stroll past Chad's house and catch him outside, stop and chat with him. You have changed a great deal since you were 10. By Christmas you may have established a relationship, and if you have, make a New Year's resolution to ask him to the prom by March. If he's available, that's plenty of notice. If he's not, there's still time to ask someone else.

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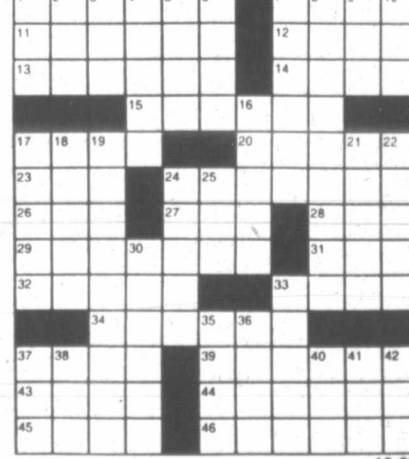
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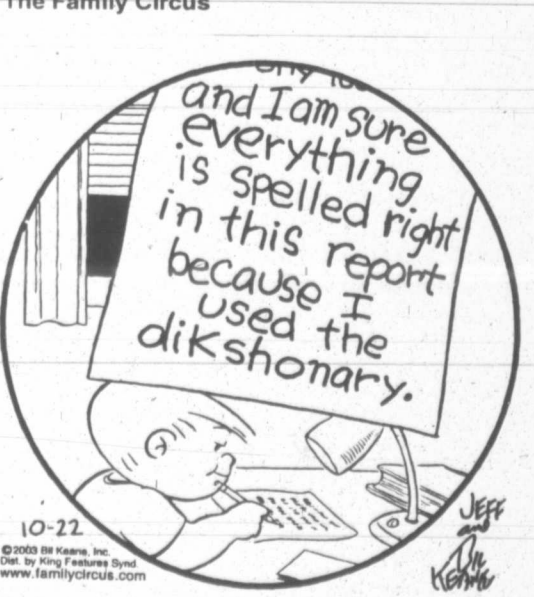
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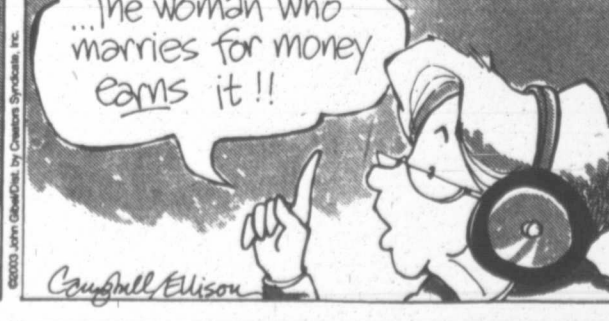
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# U.N. General Assembly demands Israel tear down barrier

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a decision seen as a gauge of world opinion, the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a resolution demanding that Israel tear down a barrier that it says is needed to protect it from suicide bombers, but that Palestinians call a land grab.

Israeli officials said Wednesday that construction of the fence would continue, while Palestinians applauded the decision.

The resolution approved late Tuesday isn't legally binding, but after more than six hours of extraordinary public negotiations, it not only won support from the European Union but was submitted for a vote by the 15-nation bloc, which is one of the sponsors of the "road map" peace plan.

In return for EU support, the Palestinians and their supporters agreed to drop a second resolution that would have asked the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, for an advisory opinion on the legality of the barrier.

But the resolution raises the possibility of going to the court sometime in the future if Israel doesn't comply with the demand to dismantle the barrier — a prospect that angered Israel's U.N. Ambassador Dan Gillerman.

Threats to turn the U.N.'s

principal legal body "into a political weapon for one party to a conflict is a dangerous precedent," Gillerman warned. "It should be rejected out of hand, not legitimized by pandering in a negotiating process."

On Wednesday, Israel vice-premier Ehud Olmert said Israel would not stop building the barrier.

"The fence will continue to be

built. We have to worry about Israel's security and it is clear that we will not act according to the instructions of a hostile, automatic majority ... which has always acted against Israel," Olmert told Israel Radio.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called the U.N. decision a victory for peace.

"The world has just sent a powerful message that the short-

est way to peace is not through settlements and walls, but rather through a meaningful peace process that will end the Israeli occupation that began in 1967," Erekat told The Associated Press.

The resolution requests Secretary-General Kofi Annan to submit periodic reports on Israel's compliance, with the first due within one month. Once the report is received, it says, "further

actions should be considered, if necessary, within the United Nations system."

Gillerman demanded to know whether any nation "seriously thinks it legitimate for the secretary-general to focus a report on Israeli security measures but not on Palestinian violations and terrorism that necessitate those measures."

The Palestinian U.N. observer, Al-Kidwa, accused Gillerman of "intimidation and blackmail," and stressing the political and legal importance of the resolution.

The resolution "demands that Israel stop and reverse the construction of the wall in the occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, which is in departure of the Armistice Line of 1949 and is in contradiction to relevant provisions of international law."

To get the 15 EU nations to support the resolution, the Palestinians and their supporters agreed to eliminate a statement calling the barrier "illegal" and substitute the phrase calling it "in contradiction."

## Class of 1953 reunion



Wallace Bruce, Wanda Hill Tigrett and Doreene Forde Bruce visit before a recent Harvester football game during the Pampa High School Class of 1953 reunion celebration.

(Community Camera photo)

## U.S., North Korea continue brangling over nukes issue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea rebuffed President Bush's proposal to give it multi-nation security assurances if it agrees to scrap its nuclear weapons program, saying the offer was "not worth considering."

North Korea, in a radio broadcast late Tuesday, reiterated that it would settle for nothing less than a formal nonaggression treaty that would legally bind the United States not to launch a pre-emptive strike against the isolated communist country.

Earlier this week, Bush rejected North Korea's demand for a formal treaty. Instead, he put forward a plan in which the United States and four other nations would give North Korea written assurances it won't be attacked if it promises to dismantle its nuclear program.

"It is a laughing matter and is not worth considering," the state North Korean Central Broadcasting Station said in a dispatch monitored by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

"We have demanded that

the United States drop its hostile policy toward the (North) and sign a bilateral nonaggression treaty with us. We have not demanded some kind of security guarantee."

Bush made his proposal at a summit of 21 Asia-Pacific leaders in Bangkok, Thailand, which was dominated by security issues including North Korea's nuclear threat. It would commit the United States, China, Japan, Russia and South Korea to a no-invasion pledge.

North Korea fired at least one short-range missile off its east coast on Monday, rattling the gathering of Pacific Rim leaders and giving urgency to the yearlong nuclear crisis.

## Pope wraps up grueling week, holds mass with new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II wrapped up a grueling week of ceremonies Wednesday to celebrate his 25th anniversary, presiding over a final Mass with his new cardinals but again struggling to deliver his prayers.

A day after giving the 30 new members of the College of Cardinals their trademark scarlet hats, the 83-year-old pope presented the men with their cardinals' rings, which symbolize their link to the Church and the pope.

In what has apparently become the new routine for the ailing pontiff, John Paul said only a few introductory and closing prayers, leaving his homily and celebration of the Mass to others.

He struggled to pronounce his words, but he looked attentive as he followed the

Mass, held inside St. Peter's Basilica rather than the square because of heavy rain.

The pope suffers from Parkinson's disease, which in the last few months has made it difficult for him to speak clearly. He is also unable to walk or stand, hobbled by hip and knee ailments and arthritis.

While the weeklong festivities to mark his quarter-century as pope were joyous — including a twilight anniversary Mass and the beatification of Mother Teresa — there was also sadness among cardinals and pilgrims alike that they were witnessing the end of John Paul's reign.

Nevertheless, in his homily, John Paul indicated he still wasn't finished with his work.

"Lord, we confide in you

and with you proceed in our path in the service of the church and humanity," said the homily, read by Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, the Vatican's undersecretary of state who has read many of the pope's remarks this week.

Wednesday's Mass capped his weeklong anniversary celebrations, and John Paul has no other trips or major events scheduled before Christmas. His spokesman has said the pope may accept invitations for visits next year to Austria, Switzerland and France as well as a return to his Polish homeland.

The archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joachim Meisner, told the German magazine Bunte in remarks released Wednesday that he still expects the pope to be in Cologne for the World Youth Day in 2005.

"The church is not ruled with the legs, but with the head and heart, and the pope's are still absolutely fine," Meisner told the weekly magazine. "So long as the church needs this pope, God will give him to us."

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# TDI to conduct hearing on proposed rules

By NATALIE GOTT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance says it is taking steps to force insurers to justify

**I**nsurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said last week that since September, the insurance department has been reviewing insurers' credit scoring models to determine whether they are in compliance with the new state law.

fy their need to consider a person's credit history when setting customers' rates for auto and homeowners coverage.

But consumer advocates are critical of the department's direction and say its proposed rules on credit scoring do not meet the intent lawmakers had when they finalized an insurance reform bill last spring.

The insurance department will hold a hearing on the proposed rules at the Department

of Insurance in Austin on Wednesday.

Insurance reform was one of lawmakers' top priorities during the regular legislative session after an outcry from consumers that their rates had increased dramatically.

Lawmakers ultimately passed a bill that they said would lower the rates. The bill also included restrictions on when an insurance company could consider a person's credit history when setting their rates and banned what lawmakers called discriminatory credit scoring.

While some lawmakers wanted credit scoring banned altogether, the insurance industry argued that credit scores help insurers price more accurately.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said last week that since September, the insurance department has been reviewing insurers' credit scoring models to determine whether they are in compliance with the new state law.

"Insurance companies that cannot prove that their models or data accurately reflect their risks will not be allowed to use credit scoring," Montemayor said. "Beginning on Jan. 14, 2004, I will not concede a single percentage point to insurers unless they can prove it."

Dan Lambe, head of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch, said the rules should include a cap on how much insurers can vary their prices for customers based on the customers' credit scores.

Typically, a person with a poor credit score has a higher rate.

"The current proposed rule

by the Department of Insurance comes no where near meeting the reforms that the Legislature" approved, Lambe said. "As of now, the proposed rules do not have a limit in place. It's open ended and, companies can charge whatever they want as long as it is actuarially sound."

Texas Watch, which fought for but lost an effort to get credit scoring banned, has proposed that customers with

poor credit scores not have to pay any more than 15 percent above what customers with good credit scores pay in premiums.

The insurance department questions that logic.

"Why set a cap at 15 percent when that might be too high?" asked TDI spokesman Jim Hurley. "Why should we just arbitrarily set a number that has nothing backing it up?"

Jerry Johns, spokesman for

the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said the rules are a great starting point because they incorporate consumer protections, such as those for consumers who have had medical catastrophes.

He said studies have shown there is a direct correlation to individual credit characteristics and risk.

"It would be shameful for insurers to ask those customers who have maintained

responsible credit habits to pay higher insurance premiums to subsidize those who have been less diligent in the way they handle credit behavior," Johns said.

After taking testimony on the proposed rules, Montemayor will have just under five months to decide whether to adopt them.

On the Net:  
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>  
<http://www.texaswatch.org>

## DRILLING INTENTIONS

### Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) ConocoPhillips Co., #3R Burnett 'A', 2640' from North & 2200' from East line, Sec. 44,5,1&GN, PD 3300'.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petco Petroleum Corp., #205 Combs, 780' from South & 495' from West line, Sec. 35,3,1&GN, PD 3600'. This permit expired 6-19-01, so it had to be refiled.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., J.P. Meek, Sec. 69,M-1,H&GN, PD 13300', for the following wells:

#10069, 1035' from North & 467' from East line of Sec.

#12069, 2380' from North & West line of Sec.

#13069, 1035' from North & 1700' from East line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Lower Douglas) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1665 Young, 567' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 65,A-2,H&GN, PD 11800'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #2 Hunter '39', 330' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 39,42,H&TC, PD 7800'. Rule 37

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #9072 Howell, 2200' from South & 750' from West line, Sec. 72,A-2,H&GN, PD 13050'. Recompletion

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #A-40 Herring 'A&B', 4787' from North & 500' from West line, E. Almaguei, PD 3600'. Recompletion

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippian) Range Production Co., #13 South Courson Ranch, 4845' from North & 187' from West line, Sec. 3,A,H&GN, PD 9500'. Rule 37

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippian) Range Production Co., #1 A.C. McGarraugh, 545' from South & 489' from West line, Ashley Cooper Survey, PD 9550'. Rule 37

WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS Douglas) EOG Resources, Inc., #1 Troy '23', 1250' from North & 1264' from West line, Sec. 23,RE,R&E, PD 12600'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #2069 Atherton, 1980' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 69,A-7,H&GN, PD 14000'.

### Application to Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (WEST LIPS Cleveland) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1 Kirk Gas Unit 'A', 712.5' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 76,R,GB&CNG, PD 6460'.

### Amended Intention to Drill

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) Ovation Energy, L.P. #2016 McNutt, 1870' from South & 570' from West line, Sec. 16,M-27,R.C. McNutt, PD 4000' (BHL: 500' from South & 570' from West Sec. line) Amended to show Horizontal drilling

### Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., #11-64 Arrington, Sec. 64,A-2,H&GN, spud 4-24-03, drlg. compl 5-10-03, tested 7-23-03, potential 1880 MCF, TD 11100', PBTD 10929' — Form 1 filed in Samson Lone Star, L.P.

HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #6037 Humphreys, Sec. 37,1,G&M, spud 8-3-03, drlg. compl 9-6-03, tested 9-18-03, potential 2532 MCF, TD 7400'. PBTD 7323' —

WHEELER (LOTT RANCH 14500') Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #101 Carr, Sec. 1,C,G. Rucombe Survey, spud 3-4-03, drlg. compl 4-6-03, tested 9-16-03, potential 597 MCF, TD 14750', PBTD 14167' — SWR #10 approved 7-16-03 to commingle

### Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Caldwell Production Co., #97W Schafer Ranch East, Sec. 196,3,I&GN, spud 1939, plugged 9-24-03, TD 3186' (inj) — Form 1 in Skelly Oil Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #274 C.L. Dial, et al, Sec. 22,47,H&TC, spud 5-27-70, plugged 9-9-03, TD 3135' (oil) — Form 1 in Gulf Oil Co.

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# SPORTS

## Pampa looks to get back into the win column

### Wear Green & Gold

All Harvester fans are asked to wear green and gold colors when Pampa meets Dumas, which is the last home game of the season. There will be a spirit line of fans as the Harvesters pass through the helmet tunnel.

Prior to the kickoff, the Harvester seniors will be recognized at 7 p.m.

This game will be an exciting home finale for a team that set a new season record for consecutive victories in the last 50 years.

PAMPA — Pampa is seeking to get back on the right side of that won-loss column Friday night.

Pampa suffered its first setback of the season last weekend, losing to Palo Duro 16-9. Pampa had not had a close game in reeling off seven consecutive victories, winning by a margin of 23.6 points a game.

Pampa hosts Dumas this weekend and the Harris Ratings figure the Harvesters as a 27-point favorite in the District 3-4A contest. The Demons are battling with Caprock to see who can stay out of the district cellar. Dumas is 0-3 in district and 2-5 for the season.

Dumas is coming off an open date so the Demons should be well-rested for the

Harvester Stadium clash. Dumas also has the reputation of being a spoiler, especially where the Harvesters are concerned. Dumas helped prevent Pampa from grabbing the district's No. 1 playoff seed a year ago by upsetting the Harvesters 31-21.

Dumas does have one of the district's top passing quarterbacks in 5-11, 160-pound senior Britten Nies, who has thrown for 714 yards and three touchdowns.

His passing yards puts him at No. 2 in district behind Plainview's Danny Garcia.

Sophomore running back Ross Colls looks like a future star for the Demons. The 165-pound Colls is the team rushing leader with 488 yards and six touchdowns.

Top receiver is Junior

Jimenez, who at 5-5 and 175 pounds, has caught 16 passes for 304 yards and a touchdown.

Pampa, after the loss to PD, slipped from No. 12 to No. 38 in the Class 4A Harris poll. The Dons climbed to No. 32.

Palo Duro's defense made the difference in the outcome as the Dons held Pampa to 159 yards in total offense.

Junior receiver Seth Foster accounted for all Pampa points. Foster caught a 6-yard TD pass from

Johnny Moore in the fourth quarter and kicked a 27-yard field goal in the first quarter.

For Pampa's defense, junior outside linebacker Q.B. Cobb was the leading tackler against the Dons. Cobb led both teams with 15 tackles.



**Players of the Week (Week 8):** From left, Chris Smith, junior varsity; Chase Harris, freshmen; Derek Lewis, varsity defense; Seth Foster, varsity special teams, and Andrew Curtis, varsity offense. Not shown is Breck Penrod, varsity scout team player. Players of the week are selected by the coaching staff.

## NOTEBOOK

### VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa seniors Abbi Covalt and Stacey Johnson will be recognized along with their parents at the Lady Harvesters last regular-season volleyball match Saturday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa hosts Caprock with the junior varsity match starting at 2 p.m., followed by the varsity.

The other varsity, junior varsity players and parents will also be recognized.

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring a mixed adult volleyball league. Mixed Competitive and Recreational Divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate. Entry deadline is Oct. 29 at 5 p.m., and the season begins the week of Nov. 4.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$150 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of eight (8) players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### BASEBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Even when he's at his best, every pitch appears to be pure torture for Mike Mussina. His pained expression seems to be permanent.

It was especially true Tuesday night. Trailing early, getting hardly any run support and working on a messy night, Mussina looked to be well on his way to another tough-luck loss.

In the World Series, no less. And yet somehow, the ace who could never quite win these games won Game 3. He outdueled brash Josh Beckett and the New York Yankees pulled away for a 6-1 victory over the Florida Marlins a 2-1 lead.

"I'm leaving here with a better feeling than I've had in some past games," Mussina said.

This shaped up as an excellent chance for the Marlins to reclaim their edge. Back at home and with Beckett on the mound, they liked their chances.

Yet after giving up a first-inning run, Mussina overcame the rain and the Florida hitters.

Mussina's first World Series win came thanks to that old October tandem of Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams.

Jeter doubled for his third hit and scored the go-ahead run on Hideki Matsui's single in the eighth inning. Aaron Boone homered in the ninth and then Williams hit his record 19th postseason homer to clinch it.

## Few expected a fast start from 5-1 Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Not even the most optimistic fan, or owner or coach, could have predicted before the season that the Dallas Cowboys would be this good this fast under Bill Parcells.

Not if they were being realistic. Or being honest.

Sure, Parcells was expected to turn around the Cowboys.

Just not this fast, and this way.

With Quincy Carter at quarterback. With unproven Troy Hambrick replacing NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith. With many of the same players former coach Dave Campo had last season.

In impressive fashion over teams like the New York Giants and Philadelphia, which troubled them in the past. And winning 38-7 Sunday at Detroit in a game that seemed a perfect trap to derail their progress.

The Cowboys took just six games under Parcells to do what they did in 16 each of the last three seasons: win five. And they're back at the top of the NFC East for the first time since 1999.

Even owner Jerry Jones didn't see this coming.

"We are at five wins quicker than I thought we would be when we went to training

camp," he said Tuesday.

Parcells has a proven track record, taking all three of his previous teams from losing records to the playoffs in his second season.

But the first year has always been spent determining what he

had. That was usually followed by widespread changes between seasons one and two.

The Cowboys seem intent on breaking that pattern.

Dallas is 5-1 for the first time since 1995, the last of the team's three Super Bowls in a

four-year span.

Only three other teams have started this good for Parcells.

The last was the 1990 New York Giants, who were 6-0 and went on to give the coach his second Super Bowl championship.

So did Parcells imagine getting off to such a quick start in Dallas?

"I don't know," he said Monday. "That would have been conceding that we were losing one game, so I would never do that."

## 8th graders take fourth at Dumas tourney

Pampa 8th graders took fourth at the Dumas Volleyball Tournament last weekend.

Pampa's last game of the season is Monday in Plainview.

Results from the Dumas Tournament are as follows:

Pool Play in the morning  
Pampa "A" vs. Westover "A" -- 4-15, 8-15

Pampa "A" vs. Hereford "A" -- 15-10, 15-11

Bracket Play in the afternoon

Pampa "A" vs. Dumas "A" -- 11-25, 9-25

Pampa "A" vs. Canyon "A" -- 13-25, 10-25

Tournament Stats:

Valerie Rushing -- 2 serves, 1 serve receive, 1 hit, 1 dig

Stephanie Jasso -- 3 serves, 1-serve receives, 1 dig

Kambra Jimenez -- 10 serves, 9 serve receives, 1 hit,

5 digs

Trisha Moore -- 8 serves, 2 serve receives, 8 hits, 1 dig

Jasmaine Moore -- 11 serves, 2 serve receives, 5 hits, 1 dig

Krishna Henderson -- 11 serves, 16 serve receives, 6 hits, 1 dig

Sara Foster -- 6 serves, 18 serve receives, 10 hits, 12 digs

Stephanie Polasek -- 10 serves, 25 serve receives, 12 hits, 9 digs

"We had a slow first game but our 2nd game we played great and even though we lost in the afternoon games, we played real well. We were moving and digging up spikes and tips. We really worked on trying to set the ball up every time. It is getting better & better. This is a great group of talented girls. I look forward to watching them in high school." coach

Deanna Polasek said.

8th "B" played bracket play all day.

Pampa "B" vs. Hereford "B" -- 25-14, 27-25

Pampa "B" vs. Dumas "B" -- 8-25, 13-25

"They won the first game then lost the second game. That is as far as the bracket went unless you were playing for 1st or 2nd, so we really don't know what place we would have gotten," coach Polasek said.

There were no statistics kept in the Hereford game, but stats from the Dumas game are as follows:

K'Lyn Holmes -- 3 serve receives, 2 digs

Kalynn Jones -- 2 serves, 1 serve receive, 1 hit

Lindsey Riley -- 1 serve, 3 serve receives

Kayla Mendoza -- 4 serves, 5 serve receives, 2 digs

Kathryn Cree -- 1 serve, 2

serve receives

Amber Brown -- 1 serve, 1 serve receive, 2 digs

Rachal Nunn -- 1 serve

Layce Beesley -- 2 serves, 7 serve receives, 1 dig

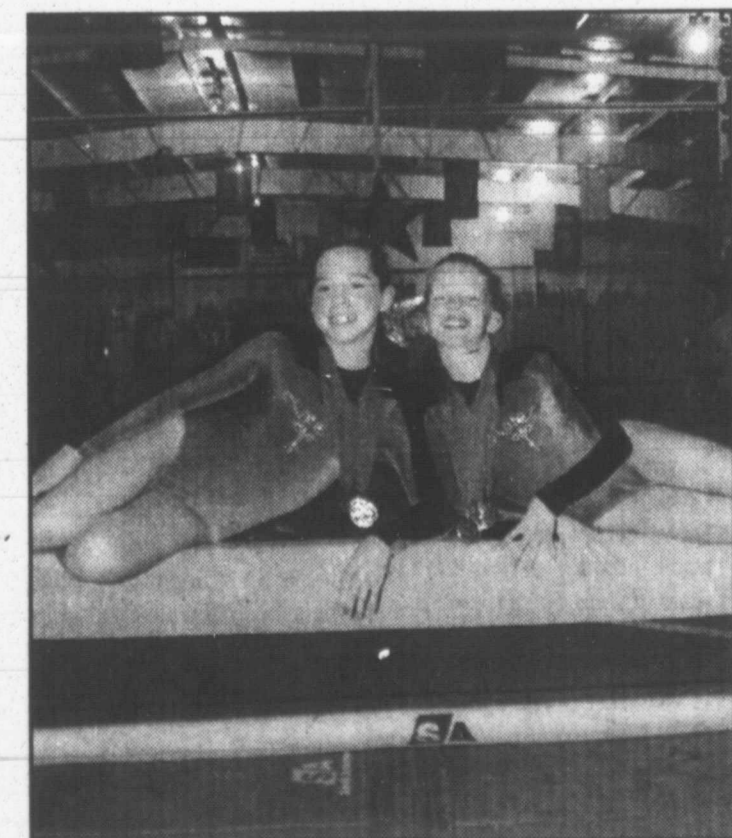
Briawna Richards -- 1 serve

Meagan Crawford -- 1 serve, 1 hit

Emily Woodruff -- 4 serves

"The A & B teams had to play at the same time, so the 7th grade volleyball coach,

Carrie Hicks, came and coached the B team for me. She did a great job and I really appreciate her. The B team played great against Hereford. I know the stats were really good. They have played well together all season. This is also a great group of talented girls and I look forward to watching them in high school." Coach Polasek said.



**Level 6 gymnasts Rebecca Taylor (left) and Madison Fatheree were All-Around winners at the District 1 Qualifying Meet.**

## City gymnasts take top honors at District 1 Qualifying Meet

LUBBOCK — Pampa was well-represented at the "Star Search" District 1 Qualifying Meet by Gymnastics of Pampa students Madison Fatheree and Rebecca Taylor. Both gymnasts had several personal bests and were the All-Around winners in their respective age groups at Level 6.

Madison competed in the 7-9 year-old division where she took top honors for the second meet in a row. Her winning All-Around score of 36.9 was her best in Level 6 so far. She also had gold medal performances on balance

beam 9.45, uneven bars 9.4

and floor exercise 9.25.

Her scores on the uneven bars and floor exercise were personal bests, while her score on balance team tied a personal best. Madison finished fifth in vault with an 8.8.

Rebecca won the gold in the 12 year-old Level 6 Division by sweeping all four events and scored a personal best All-Around score. Her winning total was a 35.55, and her gold medal winning event scores were uneven bars 9.2, a personal best, floor exercise 9.05, vault 8.75, and balance beam 8.55.

This was also the second meet in a row that Rebecca took top honors in her age group.

Madison and Rebecca have spent the past few weeks preparing for the District Championships in Lubbock this weekend.

Both Madison and Rebecca are favored to win their respective age groups at the Championship, as well as Level 5 athletes MaKayla Hampton and Payton Alvey.

The gymnasts train at Gymnastics of Pampa and are coached by Kristi Petty, Kathy Rice and Carrie Reagan.

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# Judge denies U.S. request to search for, delete classified records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department sought extraordinary permission to let the FBI conduct a search-and-destroy mission on any computers harboring classified information about a 1980s case that temporarily became public in a lawsuit. A federal judge, however, rejected the idea.

The request from federal prosecutors in Sacramento, Calif., was considered highly unusual by legal experts because it did not specify which computers the government believed might contain the classified information or how agents would retrieve and destroy information that already had been made public.

"This stuns me," said Kate Martin, director for the Washington-based Center for National Security Studies. "I have never heard of them ask-

ing for such authority before. It's very disturbing that the FBI is contemplating going out and secretly examining hard drives to see whether they contain this information."

Justice officials said they were reviewing whether to refile their request.

At issue are two court filings in a lawsuit brought by a former FBI counterintelligence agent. The filings made brief references to a one-month undercover trip overseas in late 1987 by the agent, Lok T. Lau, who was fired for shoplifting more than a decade later and is suing over his dismissal.

The documents — still containing the classified material — were available from the courthouse for up to 19 days and copies already have been published on the Internet, including the Web site for the

Sacramento-based California First Amendment Coalition, an open-government group.

The organization's lawyer, Terry Franke, said Tuesday he had not yet been contacted by prosecutors or the FBI.

The government didn't tell the judge how it might determine who copied the classified material onto the computers, nor did it suggest whether it already has searched anyone's hard drives for the documents.

The unorthodox legal skirmish in Sacramento occurs amid heightened sensitivity within the Bush administration over intelligence leaks, as the Justice Department tries to find out who revealed the name of the undercover CIA officer married to former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson.

"It's completely unheard of that the FBI would try to exer-

cise that kind of control," said James X. Dempsey, an expert on national security with the Center for Democracy and Technology in Washington.

U.S. District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. agreed with the government's request to remove the classified documents from the court file and substitute sanitized versions. But in his decision last week, Burrell rejected as "unsupported by authority" the govern-

ment's broader request to seek out and delete any electronic copies that might have been downloaded onto others' computers before they were effectively sealed.

The classified sections of the court papers describe a covert mission by Lau in November 1987 to a country he doesn't identify. Lau said he was warned the night before his trip that one of the FBI's "highly placed assets"

betrayed his identity as an undercover FBI agent, but, to avoid confirming the disclosure, he did not cancel the trip.

"Personnel armed with machine guns were a constant reminder to me of my fate if something went wrong, and there were frequent roadblocks on my route of travel," Lau wrote. "I anticipated death on several occasions, but I somehow survived it all."

## Staten Island ferry captain subpoenaed

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal subpoena has been issued for the Staten Island ferry captain who is under increasing scrutiny in the investigation of the crash that killed 10 people and injured dozens.

The subpoena capped Tuesday's wrangling between National Transportation Safety Board officials and the attorney for Capt. Michael Gansas, who canceled a scheduled NTSB interview without public explanation.

Gansas' attorney, Catherine Foti, confirmed that she had received the subpoena but did not comment further. It calls for Gansas to appear before NTSB investigators Wednesday.

Richard Smith, the assistant captain piloting the ferry when it plowed into a maintenance pier last week, remained in critical condition and unable to talk after attempting suicide, his attorney said.

The captain's whereabouts are considered a vital element of the investigation. City regulations require the captain to be in the ferry's pilot house during docking, which could have provided backup if the pilot was stricken.

"I think the crux of this investigation is going to hinge upon the information provided by the two captains," said state Rep. Vito Fossella, who represents Staten Island, "and that has yet to take place."

Gansas told police immediately after the

accident that he was in the pilot house and that he tried to pull Smith off the controls after he lost consciousness, an official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press.

At least one deckhand has told investigators that Gansas was not in the pilot house, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The deckhand's account was questioned by Gansas, who said the crew member was not in a position to see anyone in the pilot house, the official said.

The NTSB has interviewed 37 people, including three deckhands, spokesman Keith Holloway said Tuesday. He did not provide details of the interviews.

The president of the union representing Staten Island ferry deckhands said that he had spoken Tuesday afternoon with four crew members who were on the ferry. All had been interviewed by the NTSB, and none had been in a position to see Gansas immediately before or during the accident, said Charlie Chillemi, president of United Marine Division Local 333.

"They were down on deck doing other things," Chillemi said.

Alcohol and drug tests of the crew came back negative, and some investigators have speculated that Smith's blood pressure medication may have caused him to lose consciousness.

## Clark announces he would like to roll back tax cuts

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Democrat Wesley Clark says that if he is elected to the White House, he would roll back President Bush's tax cuts for wealthier Americans.

In a speech prepared for delivery Wednesday at the University of New Hampshire's Manchester campus, Clark laid out the principles of an economic plan he said will save \$2.35 trillion over 10 years and decrease the deficit.

Clark said people making more than \$200,000 a year will be required to pay more taxes

than they would under Bush, but he won't reveal details until later. Aides said taxes on income, capital gains, dividends and inheritances are among those on the table. Clark would not rescind any tax cuts going to middle class taxpayers, and the child tax credit would be preserved for parents of any income, aides said.

"Taming the deficit is going to take time, and it's not going to be pain-free," Clark said in text of the speech.

Clark's support for rolling back the Bush tax cuts for wealthier taxpayers enrolls him

in the same school as rivals John Kerry, John Edwards and Joe Lieberman. They say some of the tax cuts have benefited the middle class and should not be repealed. The opposing view from Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt is that all of Bush's tax cuts must be repealed to pay for health care and other priorities.

Clark said he would use the money saved under his plan to decrease the deficit and spend money on homeland security, health care, financial aid to states and incentives for business to create jobs.

## Reserve champion barrow



(Courtesy photo by Frankie's Photos)

Blake Nusser's swine took Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow at the Junior Market Swine Exhibition held recently in conjunction with the 2003 State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

## Suit filed against Sony, Wal-Mart over violent video game

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A \$246 million lawsuit was filed against the designer, marketer and a retailer of the video game series "Grand Theft Auto" by the families of two people shot by teenagers apparently inspired by the game.

The suit claims marketer Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., designers Take-Two Interactive Software and Rockstar Games, and Wal-

Mart, are liable for \$46 million in compensatory damages and \$200 million in punitive damages.

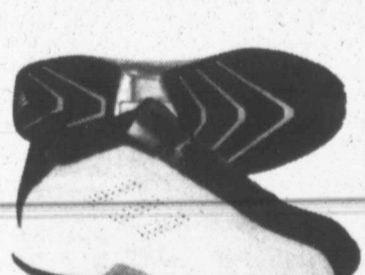
Aaron Hamel, 45, a registered nurse, was killed and Kimberly Bede, 19, of Moneta, Va., was seriously wounded when their cars were hit June 25 by .22-caliber bullets as they passed through the Great Smoky Mountains. Stepbrothers William

Buckner, 16, and Joshua Buckner, 14, of Newport, were sentenced in August to an indefinite term in state custody after pleading guilty in juvenile court to reckless homicide, endangerment and assault.

The boys told investigators they got the rifles from a locked room in their home and decided to randomly shoot at tractor-trailer rigs, just like in the video game "Grand Theft Auto III."

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