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McCONNELL, Syble — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Woodland Cemetery, Sand Springs, Okla.

LYNNE DANIEL

Lynne Daniel, 68, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Daniel was born Dec. 10, 1935, in Hartsville, Mo. She married Jack G. Daniel on June 8, 1958, in Hartsville. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1996.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1981 where she worked for Daylight Donuts for 10 years.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Brenda Hawley of Amarillo; one son, Bradley D. Daniel of Amarillo; her mother, Ruth Hickman of Hartsville, Mo.; one brother, Jim Hickman of Independence, Mo.; and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

Syble McConnell, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004, at the Woodland Cemetery in Sand Springs, Okla., with the Rev. John McKain, pastor of the Suncrest Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McConnell was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Arpala, Okla. She had been a longtime resident of Tulsa, Okla., before moving to McAlester, Okla., in 1968. She resided in McAlester from 1968 until moving to Pampa in 2002.

She married Woodrow McConnell on June 29, 1946, in Grayson County, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1962.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of McAlester. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in both McAlester and Pampa.

Survivors include one daughter, Johnnie Marx and husband Bob of Pampa; one brother, Sid Warren of Bouvard, N.C.; three sisters, Lavina Hughes of Ozark, Mo., and Wynemia Thompson and Anna Joyce Ferguson, both of McAlester, Okla. She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or the Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, May 26

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of Somerville. Two bicycles and two toys were taken from a porch, for an estimated loss of \$240.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A bicycle was found.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of South Hughes. A bicycle was found.

Drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

James Leroy Logan Jr., 42, 1601 W. Somerville #207, was arrested for public intoxication.

Thursday, May 27

A female was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center. No injuries were reported.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, May 27

Megan Quarles, 19, 2721 Randy Matson, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for a charge of theft over \$50 and under \$500, and for minor in possession of tobacco and failure to appear.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, May 27

12:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Dwight and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

STOCKS

The following quotations are provided by Andrew Grant of Pampa.

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NOB	27.34	+0.24	West Texas Crude	40.70	+0.00

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FIRE

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

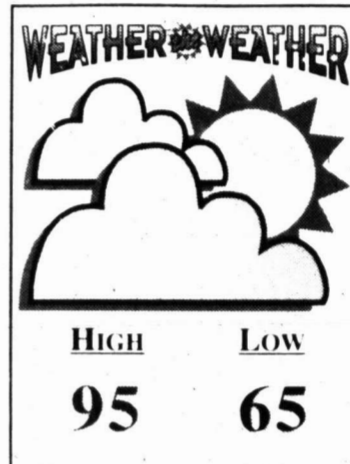
Wednesday, May 26

1:22 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of possible hazardous material at U.S. Highway 60 and South Dwight. Atmos Energy representative requested firefighters to check and dispose of material in a container. Exact nature of the material was not listed on the fire report.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 90s and west winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the mid 60s and west winds 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the northeast after midnight.

Friday should see partly cloudy skies. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in



the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the lower

90s. South winds 20 to 30 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Memorial Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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Military rest, recuperation trips to resume
DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of soldiers will return to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport each month to start their leaves under the military's rest and recuperation program. Daily charter flights of soldiers and other military personnel coming from Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan for 15 days of R&R will start landing at DFW Airport on June 15, the Army announced Wednesday. With resumption of the charters, 4,000 military personnel were expected to pass through the airport each month, said Maj. Ralph Marino of the Army Personnel Assistance Center

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Gonzalez's papers to go on display

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Letters, photos, documents and books chronicling more than four decades of political service by Henry B. Gonzalez have found a home in Austin, the late congressman's family says.

More than 800 boxes of documents belonging to Gonzalez, the first Mexican-American member of the U.S. House from Texas, will become part of the Congressional History Collection at the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin.

"This is a momentous event," UT President Larry Faulkner told the San Antonio Express-News in its online edition Thursday. "We are honored to serve as the repository, as the home, as the place of use for these materials."

Gonzalez, a San Antonio native who attended UT, died in November 2000.

The papers were originally bequeathed to San Antonio's St. Mary's University, where Gonzalez received his law degree. The inability to raise the \$2 million needed to build a wing to support the volume of the collection forced family and friends to find a new location for it.

"It should have stayed in San Antonio; we just didn't have the resources," a longtime civic leader and close friend of Gonzalez, Bill Sinkin, said. "But I feel

good that it's in the good hands of people who will care for the documents properly."

U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, who now has his father's old District 20 seat, said some will view the announcement as a loss for San Antonio, but said UT will allow for the biggest audience for the documents.

The collection includes letters from Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert Humphrey, black-and-white photos taken early in his career as a candidate on the campaign trail, as well as many personal musings from the fiery and outspoken man.

It also will include papers from Gonzalez's service on the San Antonio City Council and in the Texas Senate in the 1950s and 60s.

Director of the UT collection Don Carleton said about 20,000 researchers visit the center each year to study its documents.

The Gonzalez collection at UT will join collections from Lloyd Bentsen, Ralph Yarborough and Sam Rayburn.

Charlie Gonzalez Wednesday remembered his father's rule of responding to every letter from a constituent.

"He would edit every letter, put a 'P.S.' on them," he said. "It didn't matter if it was the president of the United States or someone on the West Side having problems with Social Security."

Branch leader of Aryan Circle jailed without bond

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A man described as leader of the local Aryan Circle branch remained jailed without bond Thursday on drug charges.

Michael Curtis Lewis waived his detention hearing Wednesday and agreed to remain in custody until his trial on June 28.

Lewis and Timothy "Mississippi" Bishop were arrested May 15 after authorities said Bishop violated conditions of his bond and Lewis was mistakenly released from custody.

Bishop waived his detention hearing last week, according to the Odessa American's editions Thursday.

Lewis waived his hearing Wednesday just before he was scheduled to stand before a U.S. Magistrate.

"The federal government had a hearing set up to detain him without bond, but he went ahead and waived the hearing," said Odessa police narcotics Sgt. Mike Tacker.



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Terrorist search intensifies

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Global intelligence and police agencies are on a worldwide hunt for terrorists with ties to places as disparate as Boston, Islamabad, and Panama City, part of a U.S. scramble to head off what officials fear could be a massive attack this summer.

The U.S. Justice Department released a list of seven people wanted for questioning Wednesday after authorities received a stream of credible intelligence reports pointing to a terror attack of Sept. 11 proportions in the United States this summer. U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft asked American citizens to give any information they can, and foreign governments have been recruited.

Those on the list include a man who grew up on a goat ranch in California before converting to Islam; a Tunisian who obtained Canadian citizenship; a Tanzanian who goes by the names "Foopie," "Fupi" and "Ahmed the Tanzanian;" a Pakistani woman who received a biology degree in Boston; and a native of the Comoros Republic in the Indian Ocean who is believed to be al-Qaida's point-man in eastern Africa.

Even Panama, a country known more for its canal than terrorism, has been included in the search. Officials said Wednesday they are trying to track down a man identified as Adnan Gulshair El Shukrijumah, of Saudi Arabia. Panamanian Security

Council Chief Ramiro Jarvis said El Shukrijumah arrived in Panama legally from the United States in April 2001 — five months before the Sept. 11 terror attacks — and stayed in Panama for 10 days. He also visited Trinidad and Tobago for six days the next month.

"We don't know exactly what he did during his stay and it is important to find out," Jarvis said.

Migration records show El Shukrijumah returned to the United States. Interior Department spokesman David Salayandia said. The last place he was seen, however, was in Panama.

The revelation was one of the few indicators that have tied Latin America to the global terrorism threat.

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REPAIRS

from the trust fund set up for the civic center would still fall about \$400,000 short of repairing the building and updating the equipment inside.

Grant suggested make a \$400,000 loan from the General Fund to the civic center that could be repaid at \$25,000 a year over the next 20 years.

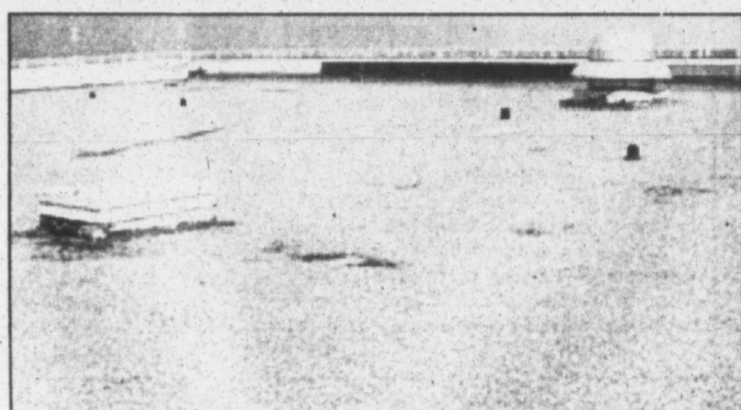
In addition to the roof repairs, Grant said the lighting and sound equipment needed to be updated. That, he said, would cost about \$100,000. Maintenance and repair to the sidewalks, parking lot, ceiling tiles and doors would amount to another \$150,000 to \$200,000.

"We know we have to do something," said Commissioner Faustina Curry, noting that the heating and air-conditioning units also needed attention. "We have that wonderful building. We need to keep it up."

Commissioner Bob Dixon said it needs to be used more.

Shane Stokes, who oversees the civic center, said the facility was rented 221 days in 2003.

"At one time, they had a lot of activities there," Dixon said.



(Courtesy photo by Shane Stokes)

The upper roof of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium shows damage which is allowing water to leak over the auditorium and stage area. Phase 2 of a 1999 roofing project at the auditorium was never completed. The incomplete phase involved the upper, or tallest, roof, which covers the auditorium and stage.

"This is a showplace, and we have neglected it. We didn't have the finances for it."

Commissioner Jeff McCormick said he wanted revenues from the building to be plowed back into the facility.

Grant indicated that rental rates needed to be reviewed.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said one of the problems over the years is that the city offered the auditorium to non-profit organizations at a lower rate. Since then, revenues generated by the building have dropped from about \$30,000 a year to \$9,000.

Jeffers said labor rates in connection with rental of the facility have not changed in 20 years.

"It's costing us nine dollars an hour for labor," she said, "but we're billing five dollars an hour."

Robbins said the city needs to evaluate the whole process, but noting that early summer is when rains usually fall in Pampa, he asked that a budget amendment be presented at the commission's next meeting to begin work on the roof before any more damage occurs.

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SCORES

each in math and science and 95 percent in social studies.

Pampa seventh graders topped state scores in reading, math and writing with 87 percent to 83 percent in reading, 78 percent to 70 percent in math and 93 percent to 91 percent in writing. The eighth grade scored 90 percent in social studies compared to the 88 percent state average.

At the district elementary level, the fifth grade exceeded or tied state averages in reading (82 percent to 79 percent), math (83 percent to 82 percent), and science (69 percent to 69 percent). Fourth grade tied with the average state score in math (86 percent to 86 percent), but was four percentage points below in reading and writing. Third graders scored 90 percent to the state's 91 percent in reading, and 84 percent to 90 percent in math.

Dana Cargill, elementary curriculum coordinator, pointed out that only one student scored a perfect four points on the writing test. The majority of students scored two in this

category. However, Pampa elementary students scored well in the mechanics portion (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) of the writing exam.

"As you can see, we're not teaching the craft of writing, we just teach the mechanics," she said, explaining that educators from districts throughout Region XVI seem to be having the same problem.

"Once we get a better idea of what they will be judging on, it will be easier to teach toward that," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said.

"I was looking at the reading scores at Wilson. It seems like they're not doing as well," commented Board President Joe Martinez.

Haenisch explained that Wilson experienced a major staff turnover with nine new teachers starting the school year.

"It's been a learning process for more than just the students," he said.

Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele said that Pampa school district staff are looking at what's succeeding at the third grade level and analyzing how to carry this on to other

grades.

"Math scores continue to be a problem," she said.

"We're looking at how to strengthen the lower grade math program and secondary math, too," she said.

Steele said the district continues to strive to bring up the scores of the various sub-groups as well, including minorities, children with learning disabilities, children who don't speak English well, and children from low income families. Also, local educators will continue work to narrow areas where there are large discrepancies between state averages and local test scores.

"Those kind of things, if you want to see where our focus is going to be, that's going to be it," she said.

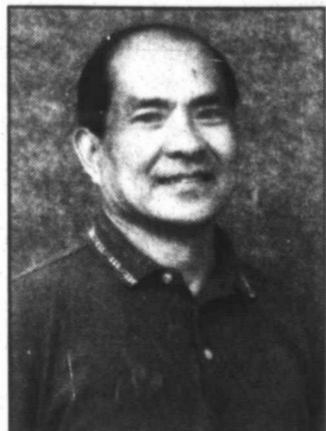
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TREES

Elimination Safety Funds to help cover costs of the project which he estimates will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

He said agencies "compete for the funds on a cost-benefit ratio."

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Splish-splash in the gene pool

I knew it. I just knew it. I am suffering from the absence of a hair gene. For a number of years, this suspicion has been on the cusp of my consciousness. I now have confirmation that this niggling mental itch is really something quite concrete from a recent Associated Press article.

My intuition also tells me I missed that all-important "logic gene" (instrumental in figuring out and mastering mathematical equations and story problems). That I lack the highly coveted "height gene" is no longer in any question.

Reading from the AP: "Researchers studying mice determined that the aptly named gene Frizzled 6 controls hair patterns. Subjects without the gene had strange patterns, including whorls of hair on their hind feet, back of the head and chest. Some also had tufts and ridges in the hair on their head."

The article went on to say that



SKYLA BRYANT
NEWS EDITOR

humans possess the same type of gene as the mice used in the experiments.

Finally! I have validation for that swirl in my hairline at the back of my neck — the one that drives the beauty operators crazy. It's all my parents' fault.

According to the AP, the gene is pivotal in establishing pathways for nerves and may even be instrumental in determining whether or not you are left- or right-handed.

The article didn't say, or if it did I somehow missed it, that the lack of a hair gene was inherited from the maternal or the paternal side of the genetic stream; thus, and this I regret, I cannot

at this point levy any specific accusations at my mother.

However, I am pretty certain the height gene (or lack thereof) came to me from my father since some individuals actually exist in my mother's family tree who happily are not height-challenged.

Because both of my parents expressed a fondness for math and an interest, even an enjoyment, for mathematical subjects in their school years, I am completely mystified as to why anything beyond simple addition, subtraction and multiplication is beyond my capabilities, especially given the fact that my siblings are not similarly challenged.

I suppose it has something to do with my being the last in the family. It doesn't bear thinking about what child number 10 would have had to contend with if my parents had had a child number 10.

Alas, here is yet another reason that it doesn't pay to be the baby of the family.

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Annual legislative sessions won't solve state's problems

From the Victoria Advocate:

Biennial sessions are "unsuitable for dealing with the complex and continuing problems which confront today's legislatures," said a report the National Conference of State Legislatures recently released. State lawmakers "cannot operate effectively in fits and starts. Annual sessions may help make the policy-making process more timely and orderly."

The Texas Legislature is one of only six nationwide that meet biennially, rather than annually. The Lone Star State's lawmakers convene in Austin for 140 days in odd-numbered years.

While there is something to be said for annual sessions and while most other state legislatures convene every year, we are not convinced that the time has yet come for that in Texas.

The governor has the constitutional authority to call lawmakers back to Austin for special sessions lasting up to 30 days. A governor who genuinely cares about what is good for Texas, rather than political games, will use that power responsibly — calling special sessions when they are genuinely needed and refraining from doing so otherwise.

Unfortunately, Gov. Rick Perry has not shown himself to be that kind of leader. Last year, he called the 78th Texas Legislature into three special sessions to redraw the state's congressional districts, despite the absence of a compelling need to do so. Perry acted to advance his party's narrow partisan interests, rather than the well-being of the state as a whole.

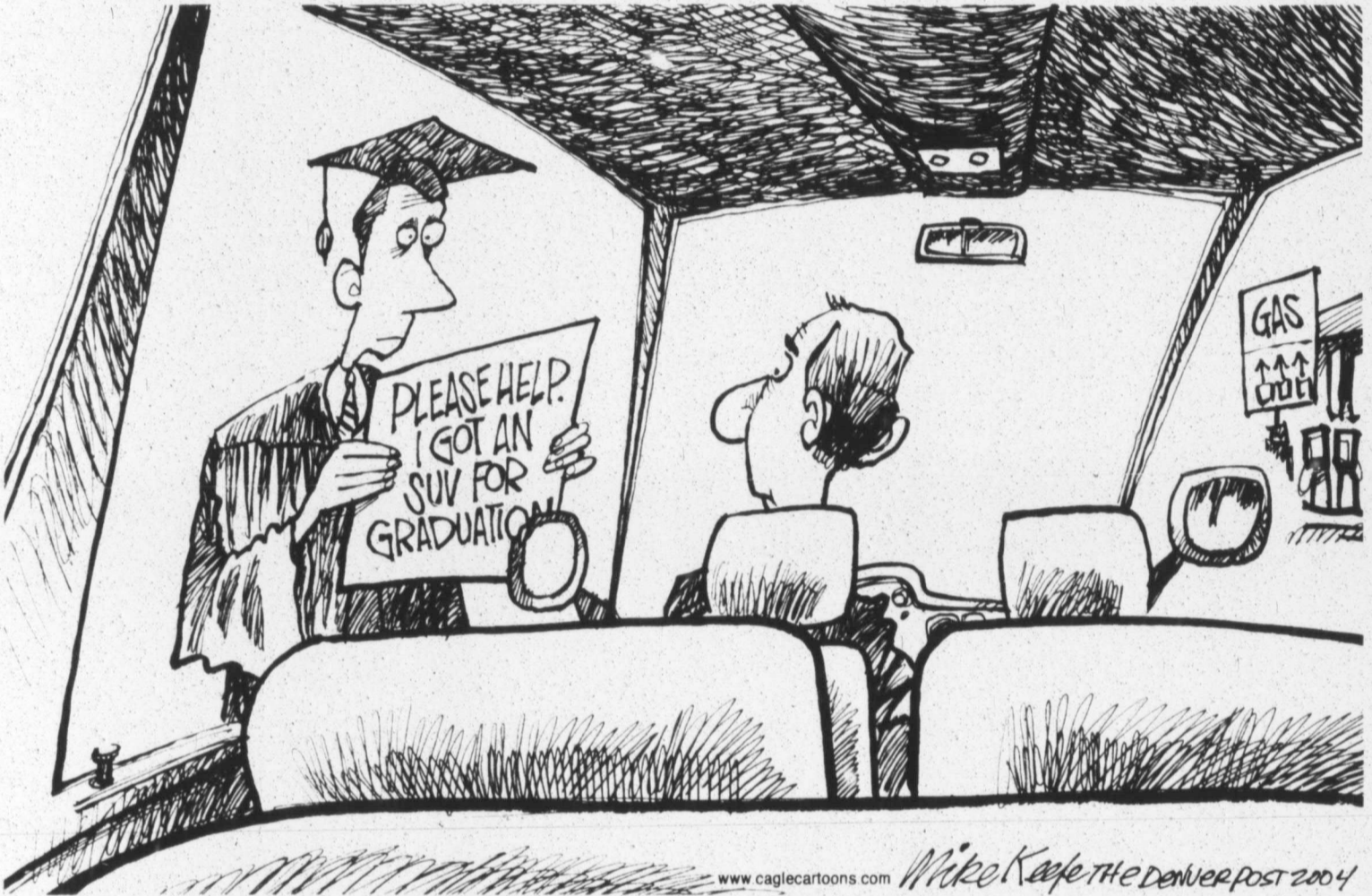
This year, after saying that he would not call lawmakers back to Austin to address public school finance reform until they had reached a consensus, he did so despite the lack of legislative agreement on how to change how the state raises money to pay for public education. That special session recently adjourned without passing any school finance reform measures. The governor has said he will call lawmakers into the 78th Legislature's fifth special session, but he has not indicated when or on what terms that will be.

As much as we disagree with Perry on some matters, however, we did agree with him when he asked, "Why call the Legislature in when there's no work to be done?" In fact, we note that last year's three special sessions on redistricting had no legitimate work to do when the U.S. Constitution did not require redistricting to be done again until 2011, after the next decennial census.

More broadly, having annual sessions would create situations where "there's no work to be done." But just as nature abhors a vacuum, lawmakers would be unlikely to sit on their thumbs then. Instead, they almost surely would create solutions in search of problems, writing and passing legislation just to fill the time, rather than to meet real needs.

The current system of biennial regular sessions and occasional special sessions gives legislators ample time to act on compelling needs — if they muster the requisite political will to do so. The lack thereof, not the lack of annual regular sessions, is the real problem now.

Texas legislators have not often shown that they can be trusted with the time they now have available. Giving them more time in annual regular sessions would not likely produce better results. And this change also could further delay needed action if lawmakers slipped into the tendency to put off till tomorrow — or next year's session — what they could and should be doing today.



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New York gets dose of tough love

Last week, New York City got a city-wide dose of tough love when the 9/11 Commission came to town. The commission's questions on the first of the two-day hearings seemed too harsh and accusatory to some — especially to those questioned. In response, former Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani eloquently defended his administration by citing the heroism of those firefighters and police who lost their lives trying to save the lives of others.

The former mayor told the commission: "We're all hurt. We're all damaged. We're all very, very angry. And we're all feeling the loss of heroes that we love." He admitted that "terrible mistakes" had been made that awful day. But he blamed the enormous pressure created by the unprecedented, "unimagined" nature and magnitude of the attacks. Then he urged the commission to show compassion and called upon it to concentrate on preventing another attack instead of finding blame. "Our enemy is not each other," he said, "but the terrorists who attacked us."

Of course that was true. It also was a truism — and a debating trick, defending against a charge no one had made. Furthermore, it was a false contrast, as Bob Kerrey, the former Democratic senator from Nebraska, pointed out. It's not a choice between questioning those who made mistakes before and during 9/11 and finding ways to prevent another such catastrophe.

The fact is that you cannot very well do the latter without, to some extent, doing the former. Learning how to prevent or to minimize the impact of a future attack,



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you have to find out what went wrong the first time. That inevitably leads to decisions made or not made by specific people who have names. Unfortunate though it might be, people are going to attach blame to those names.

The former mayor focused on the courage and dedication of city personnel immediately after the attack. But the commission was also concerned about the state of things before the attack, and there the city did not fare well.

Before the event, New York had at best a fragmented emergency-response system, largely the result of a historic rivalry between the New York Police and Fire departments that often verged on enmity. Pressures of that "unimagined" disaster do not explain the pre-existing shortcomings in communications and procedures revealed on 9/11. New York had virtually no centrally coordinated disaster-response system. That was the first cause of those "terrible mistakes." The city, it would seem, was unprepared for any disaster that required a coordinated, citywide response, and that fact clearly cost many people their lives.

At several points the former mayor appeared to be in deep denial, as when he said: "There was not a problem of coordi-

nation on September 11 because it was bigger than everyone. Everyone sublimates his ego." Maybe so, but the sublimating of egos did not make up for the systems failures that caused 911 operators to instruct people in the towers to stay at their desks. It didn't tell people in the North Tower that the South Tower had collapsed so they would know they had to evacuate. Among those killed as a result were the entire top echelon of the Fire Department — including the chief. They were clueless as they stayed in their makeshift "communications" center on the first floor, their fate sealed by the communications barrier they had tolerated.

There is a time after an awful, catastrophic event when we need, most of all, to have our pain eased, to be consoled. We have a deep emotional need to recognize and honor our heroes. Their selfless actions inspire us, give us courage and alleviate the sense of helplessness we naturally feel.

But the time has to come when the pain must be borne, when we have to look reality in the face and examine what went wrong. The trauma suffered by the people of this great city on 9/11 merits compassion, to be sure. But two and a half years after the event, it is more important that we concentrate on clear-headed, unsentimental analysis so that we can effectively use the lessons 9/11 teaches to protect us in the future.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, May 27, the 148th day of 2004. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County,

Calif., was opened to the public.

On this date:
 In 1647, the first recorded American execution of a "witch" took place in Massachusetts.

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill.

In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1935, the Supreme Court struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Cunard liner Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage.

In 1941, amid rising world

tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

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Troops, agencies help as death toll from Haiti floods rise

FOND VERRETTES, Haiti (AP) — Health officials feared up to 1,000 people could be dead in a single Haitian town from floods that wiped out villages across Haiti and the Dominican Republic, a figure that would nearly double the death toll from the disaster.

As search crews worked to recover bodies from devastated towns and villages in the two countries that share the island of Hispaniola, U.S.-led troops delivered bread, fruit and bottled water, and international aid employees fanned out to assess the damage.

The death toll was about 950, but the number was expected to jump. In the Haitian town of Mapou, as many as 1,000 people could be dead, said Margarette Martin, the government's representative for the southeast region in nearby Jacmel. Only about 300 bodies had been counted so far, said Dr. Yvon Lavissiere, the health director for the region.

Martin said officials believed hundreds more may have died because houses were submerged and rescuers saw bodies underwater that they were unable to retrieve.

The town of several thousand people, located 30 miles southeast of the capital of Port-au-Prince, is still isolated by mud and landslides. The town is in a valley that often floods when it rains.

In the Haitian border village of Fond Verrettes, meanwhile, U.S. and Canadian troops handed out food to hundreds of survivors who lined up seeking help.

Troops in the U.S.-led force were sent to stabilize Haiti after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's ouster on Feb. 29. Since then the new interim government has struggled to provide even basic services. Left bankrupt, the government has scant resources to deal with natural disasters.

Rains over the weekend lashed the island of Hispaniola, sweeping away entire villages Monday.

At least 417 bodies had been recovered in the Dominican Republic, and officials said some 400 were missing.

Of more than 450 bodies recovered in Haiti, about 100 were found in the southern town of Grand Gosier, said Civil Protection Director Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste. Fifty more corpses were found elsewhere in Haiti, officials said.

In Fond Verrettes, more than 158 people were missing and presumed dead.

"The river took everything, there isn't anything left," said Jeremie Vulsont, a mother who said the rushing water swept away her five children in Fond Verrettes, about 35 miles southeast of Port-au-Prince.

Rushing waters and mudslides swept away most homes in Fond Verrettes, leaving it look-

ing like a barren riverbed with stunned residents wandering about and asking troops for help.

"For a while we didn't even realize what we were standing on," said Lance Cpl. Justin Collins, 21, of Avon, Ill., one of about 20 U.S. Marines who went to help feed villagers. "We were standing on some parts of a neighborhood."

Other troops surveyed the damage in helicopters, accompanied by U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, said U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman. U.N. officials also flew in by helicopter to survey the damage, Lapan said.

The floods struck before dawn Monday while people were sleeping. In the Dominican border town of Jimani, Leonardo Novas awoke to the screams of his infant son while water rose in his wooden house. He huddled with his

Sharon meets ministers to push new withdrawal Gaza plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will ask his Cabinet to vote only on the first stage of his newly revised Gaza withdrawal plan in hopes of securing the support of undecided ministers, officials said Thursday.

Sharon apparently backed away from submitting the entire plan for approval because he has had trouble securing a majority in his 23-member Cabinet.

Earlier this month, Sharon's Likud Party rejected a Gaza withdrawal in a referendum, leaving the

prime minister politically weakened. Sharon has since revised the plan to split it into four phases rather than withdrawing from the entire Gaza Strip all at once.

On Sunday, the Cabinet is due to debate the new plan. He will ask for a vote only on the first stage, which calls for the evacuation of three of the 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza, the officials close to the negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

They said three key ministers, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign

Minister Silvan Shalom, agreed to support the first phase, giving Sharon the majority he needs. Netanyahu and Shalom have said they oppose a withdrawal from all of Gaza.

The support of Netanyahu, a former prime minister and Sharon's biggest rival in Likud, is crucial for the plan's acceptance.

Sharon previously had secured the support of only 11 Cabinet. Eight said they opposed the plan, while Netanyahu, Shalom and two others were undecided, but leaning

toward a "no" vote.

Ministers were to receive a copy of the plan late Thursday.

There was growing speculation about Sharon's political future. The Maariv daily quoted sources close to Netanyahu as saying he would have the backing of a majority of parliament members if he were to challenge for the leadership.

Sharon's key coalition partner, the centrist Shinui Party, said it would reconsider its future in the government if the plan does not go ahead.

"We will convene our institutions,

hold a debate and decide," Shinui Minister Joseph Paritzky told Israel Radio.

On Wednesday, an Israeli official said the new plan would see Israel pull out of Gaza and part of the West Bank in four stages.

Under the plan, three or four isolated Gaza settlements would be evacuated first, followed by the removal of other Israeli communities, a military withdrawal from Gaza and the evacuation of four small settlements in the northern part of the West Bank.

Iraqi official: Coalition will 'respect' deal with cleric to end Najaf standoff

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — The U.S.-run coalition will "honor and respect" a deal to remove Shiite militiamen and American soldiers from Najaf, an Iraqi official said Thursday, even though fine points of the agreement fall short of previous U.S. demands to end weeks of fighting.

Members of Iraq's Governing Council traveled to Najaf to help nail down the agreement after radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr offered to withdraw his militia from Najaf and neighboring Kufa in return

for a pullback of U.S. troops and suspension of a warrant charging him in the April 2003 murder of a moderate cleric.

Nearly two months of clashes between al-Sadr's militia and U.S.-led forces have threatened some of Shia Islam's holiest sites and posed a major challenge to the American occupation.

Also Wednesday, three Marines were killed in Anbar province "while conducting security and stability operations," the military said, declining to release further details.

The province includes the western suburbs of Baghdad as well as Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim.

Al-Sadr's offer is part of an agreement between him and the Shiite clerical hierarchy, according to Mouwafak al-Rubaie, the Iraqi national security adviser. U.S. officials have refused direct negotiations with al-Sadr, who is wanted by the coalition.

Al-Rubaie told reporters in Baghdad that "I understand the coalition will honor and respect this deal."

"We sense a strong will of

wanting to get to a peaceful settlement," he said.

Al-Sadr has made similar offers before, but it appeared the coalition was taking this one more seriously. One coalition official, speaking on condition of anonymity, called it a "huge" step toward resolving the crisis in the Shiite heartland.

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FDA approves new diarrhea medication

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal regulators have approved a new diarrhea drug supported by a Texas infectious disease expert as a medication for those who travel south of the border or to other developing nations.

The antibiotic rifaximin treats the affliction that ruins up to 40 percent of vacations, health officials say.

"This is really exciting," Dr. Herbert DuPont, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston and chief of internal medicine at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "This is going to change the way we manage the problem."

Salix Pharmaceuticals received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval on Wednesday to market the little pink pill under the name Xifaxan.

DuPont has no financial connection to the company. However, he has spent much of his professional life seeking a cure to the illnesses — diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and stomach pain — of travelers who eat local food contaminated with bacteria.

He says the real breakthrough use for the antibiotic is to protect about 17 million Americans who travel each year to Mexico. Up to seven million will get sick.

DuPont, in tests of U.S. students studying for two weeks in Mexico, found that rifaximin protected 85 percent of those who took it for traveler's sickness. By contrast, only 49 percent of those who took place-

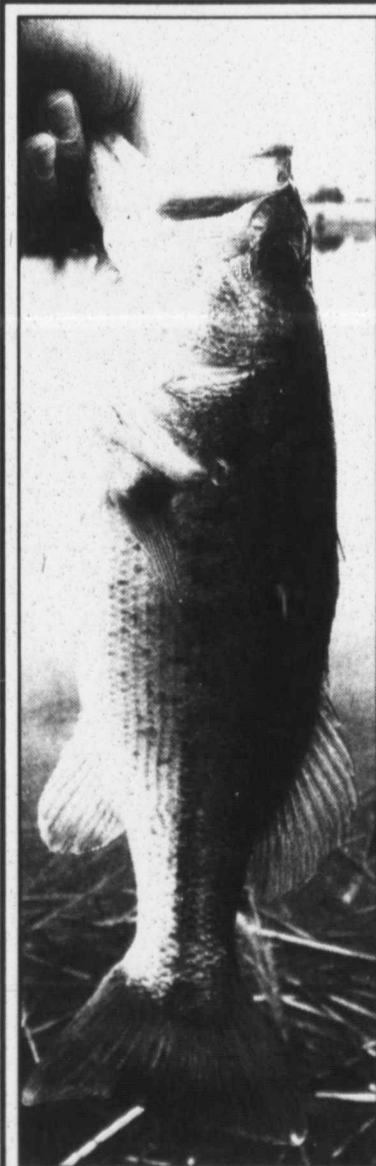
bos remained free of diarrhea.

Other antibiotics, such as ciprofloxacin, kill bacteria in the body's gut, doctors say. Ciprofloxacin, or cipro, is such a powerful antibiotic that most doctors believe it should be reserved for more life-threatening illnesses. Overuse could help harmful bacteria build up immunity to antibiotics.

DuPont said rifaximin's novelty is that the drug remains within the body's gastrointesti-

nal system whereas most other antibiotics, including cipro, spread throughout the body. It belongs to a different class of antibiotics with little medical significance outside the stomach, he said.

Studies by DuPont also suggest that rifaximin develops little resistance in the bacteria it helps the body fight, meaning it is an excellent candidate to be prescribed to all visitors to developing countries.



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Bush administration loses second legal fight over Oregon's assisted suicide law

By WILLIAM MCCALL
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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The state's landmark right-to-die law has survived a second challenge in federal court by the Bush administration and supporters hope that means the 10-year battle over the law has finally been settled.

In a 2-1 ruling Wednesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in San Francisco said Attorney General John Ashcroft cannot try to undermine Oregon's Death With Dignity Act by prohibiting doctors from prescribing lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.

Ashcroft's aim "interferes with the democratic debate about physician-assisted suicide," Circuit Judge Richard Tallman said. He said Ashcroft's threat to take action "far exceeds the scope of his authority under federal law."

The act, which allows terminally ill patients with less than six months to live to request a lethal dose of drugs, has been approved twice by Oregon voters and has now survived two federal appeals court challenges.

In the six years the law has been in effect, 171 terminally ill patients — most of them suffering from cancer — have chosen to ask their doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs.

Under the safeguards required by the law, at least two doctors must decide the patient is dying but still mentally able to make the decision to take the drugs by himself or herself.

The court's decision is unlikely to immediately open the floodgates for similar legislation in other states. The states have been cool to the idea. Hawaii lawmakers shelved a proposal in March, and in Vermont, the only other known state to recently grapple with it, lawmakers balked last week.

"This isn't something that is going to rush out in 20 states tomorrow," said Scott Swenson, executive director of the Death With Dignity National Center. "The onus is for us to secure a couple more states to prove it can work."

Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller said the government was reviewing the decision, and was not prepared to comment on whether it would appeal.

Eli Stutsman, co-author of the law, said Ashcroft will have difficulty appealing the latest ruling because it deals with the narrow issue of whether the attorney general can use the Controlled Substances Act to regulate medical practice, a duty the court emphasized is traditionally left to states.

"This is a very strong ruling and I predict it will be the ruling that stands," Stutsman said of the 9th Circuit decision. "I don't believe there's any reason the Supreme Court will want to review this."

But Dr. Kenneth Stevens, a critic of the law and president of Physicians for Compassionate Care, said the ruling doesn't change the ethical problems it poses to doctors. "We're to be healers, we're to be comforters. We're not to be executioners."

On the Net:
Compassion in Dying: <http://www.compassionindying.org>
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Jurors convict Nichols of 161 counts of murder in Oklahoma City bombing

MCLESTER, Okla. (AP) — A state jury took just five hours to find Terry Nichols guilty of 161 counts of murder for the bombing that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building — charges for which he could be sentenced to death.

A juror wiped tears from her eyes as the verdicts were read by Judge Steven Taylor and several others appeared to have been crying. Prosecutors beamed as survivors and victims' relatives hugged and congratulated them.

"After nine years, the families who lost loved ones finally have justice," said a tearful Diane Leonard, whose husband, Secret Service agent Donald R. Leonard, died in the bombing.

Nichols, who sat stone-faced in court Wednesday, was also convicted of first-degree arson and conspiracy to commit arson in the bombing. The terrorist attack, which killed 168 people, was then the deadliest on American soil.

Jurors will now decide whether Nichols is sentenced to death by lethal injection or life in prison. The penalty phase is expected to begin Tuesday and last about three weeks.

"It will be another trial in and of itself," Taylor told jurors before he sent them home for the Memorial Day weekend.

Prosecutors will question dozens of bombing survivors and members of victims' families about the impact the bombing had on their lives.

Nichols' relatives are expected to plead for his life. Nichols, who did not testify in his own defense, could still testify during the penalty phase.

Nichols, 49, was acquitted of federal murder charges in 1997 but convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges in the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Oklahoma prosecutors charged Nichols in 1999 with the deaths of the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Bombing survivors and victims' family members said the guilty verdicts vindicated state prosecutors who claimed Nichols shared equal responsibility with McVeigh for the bombing.

"He's responsible for everything. We'll take care of him one way or another," said Doris Delman, who lost her daughter, Terry Rees, in the bombing.

Prosecutors argued Nichols worked hand in hand with executed bomber Timothy McVeigh to get the ingredients and build the fuel-and-fertilizer bomb in a plot to avenge the government siege in Waco, Texas, that left about 80 people dead exactly two years earlier.

McVeigh was executed in June 2001, and until now was the only person convicted of murder in the bombing.

Prosecutors brought a mountain of circumstantial evidence during a two-month trial that included testimony from 260 witnesses. They said Nichols bought the explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the bombing and stole detonation cord, blasting caps and other explosives.

The defense contended others helped McVeigh carry out the bombing and Nichols was the fall guy for a wider conspiracy.

Witnesses testified they saw McVeigh with others, including a stocky, dark-haired man depicted in an FBI sketch and known only as John Doe No. 2, in the weeks before the bombing. Authorities later concluded the mystery man was an Army private who had nothing to do with the bombing.

"This is a case about manipulation, betrayal and over-reaching," defense attorney Barbara Bergman said in closing arguments. "People who are still unknown assisted Timothy McVeigh."

The defense declined comment after the verdict, citing a gag order.

"As much as I am chomping at the bit, I am keeping my mouth shut," said prosecutor Wes Lane.

Prosecutors say McVeigh and Nichols began acquiring the key ingredients for the bomb seven months before the blast, then met at a park near Junction City, Kan., to pack it inside a Ryder truck on April 18, 1995. Nichols was at his home in Kansas 200 miles away when the bomb went off.

Defense lawyers had planned to bring up evidence that a shadowy group of conspirators, including members of a white supremacist gang, helped McVeigh with the bombing. But Taylor refused to allow that evidence, saying the defense never showed that such people made any overt acts to further the bomb plot.

A total of 151 witnesses took the stand for the prosecution over 29 days of testimony that included gruesome and tearful descriptions of the bombing.

Former vice president Al Gore blasts White House

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Gore called the situation in Iraq a "catastrophe," angrily blamed the White House for it and demanded the resignations of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and CIA director George Tenet.

The former vice president and Democratic presidential candidate attacked what he called the Bush administration's "twisted values and atrocious policies" in a speech

Wednesday at New York University.

"Donald Rumsfeld ought to resign immediately," Gore belted. "Our nation is at risk every single day Rumsfeld remains as Secretary of Defense. We need someone with good judgment and common sense."

He added that Rice "has badly mishandled the coordination of national security policy. This is a disaster for our country."

Gore was gentler on Tenet, a

Clinton administration appointee, describing him as a friend and "honorable man" who should nevertheless leave his position because of intelligence failures.

The Republican National Committee shot back at Gore, pointing out that he was vice president when terrorists attacked U.S. embassies in Africa, bombed the USS Cole and carried out the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

"Al Gore's attacks on the president today demonstrate that he either does not understand the threat of global terror or he has amnesia," RNC spokesman Jim Dyke said in a statement.

Gore also argued that the evolving scandal of abuses of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison was not the product of individual misdeeds.

"What happened at that prison, it is now clear, is not the result of random acts of a few bad apples. It was the natural consequence of the Bush administration policy," he said.

The reservists photographed abusing prisoners "were clearly forced to wade into a moral cesspool designed by the Bush White House," which, he said, had abandoned adherence to the Geneva Conventions.

Dellinger, one of Chicago Seven, dies at age 88

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — David Dellinger was a student at Yale when he began fighting for peace in the 1930s. He continued in the seven decades that followed, never tiring of protesting what he perceived as an injustice.

By the time he was arrested for conspiring to start a riot outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention, he was a generation older than his Yippie co-defendants. They became known as the Chicago Seven.

Just three years ago, Dellinger got up at 2:45 a.m., squeezed into a van with a half dozen activists young enough to be his grandchildren and rode more than four hours — from Montpelier to Quebec City — to protest the creation of a free trade zone in the Western Hemisphere.

His wife of 62 years, Elizabeth Peterson, called him a "peace warrior."

Dellinger died Tuesday at the age of 88, said Peggy Rocque, administrator of Heaton Woods, the Montpelier retirement home where the activist had been living.

"Mainly I think he'll be remembered as a pacifist who meant business," said Tom Hayden, a fellow '60s radical and member of the Chicago Seven who went on to become a California legislator.

"His pacifism was very forceful. He didn't mind interjecting himself between armed federal marshals and someone they were pushing around," Hayden said. "He didn't mind standing up and talking back to a judge even if it meant a contempt citation."

At the Chicago Seven trial in 1969 and 1970, Dellinger and four co-defendants — Hayden, Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman and Rennie Davis — were convicted of conspiracy to incite a riot at the 1968 convention, where they were demonstrating against the Vietnam War. Those convictions were overturned by a federal appeals court, which cited errors by U.S. District Judge Julius Hoffman.

When Hoffman invited Dellinger to address the court during sentencing, he continued to speak after the judge ordered him to stop.

"You want us to be like good Germans, supporting the evils of our decade, and then when we refused to be good Germans and came to Chicago and demonstrated, now you want us to be like good Jews, going quietly and politely to the concentration camps while you and this court suppress freedom and the truth," Dellinger told the judge. "And the fact is, I am not prepared to do that."

Greg Guma, editor of the political magazine "Toward Freedom," called Dellinger "one of the major figures in terms of peace and social justice of the last half century. I think he was to the peace movement what Martin Luther King was to the civil rights movement."

Born in Wakefield, Mass., in 1915, Dellinger studied economics at Yale, spent a year at Oxford University in England and studied for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary. He wrote several books, the most recent, "From Yale to Jail: The Life Story of a Moral Dissenter," published in 1993.

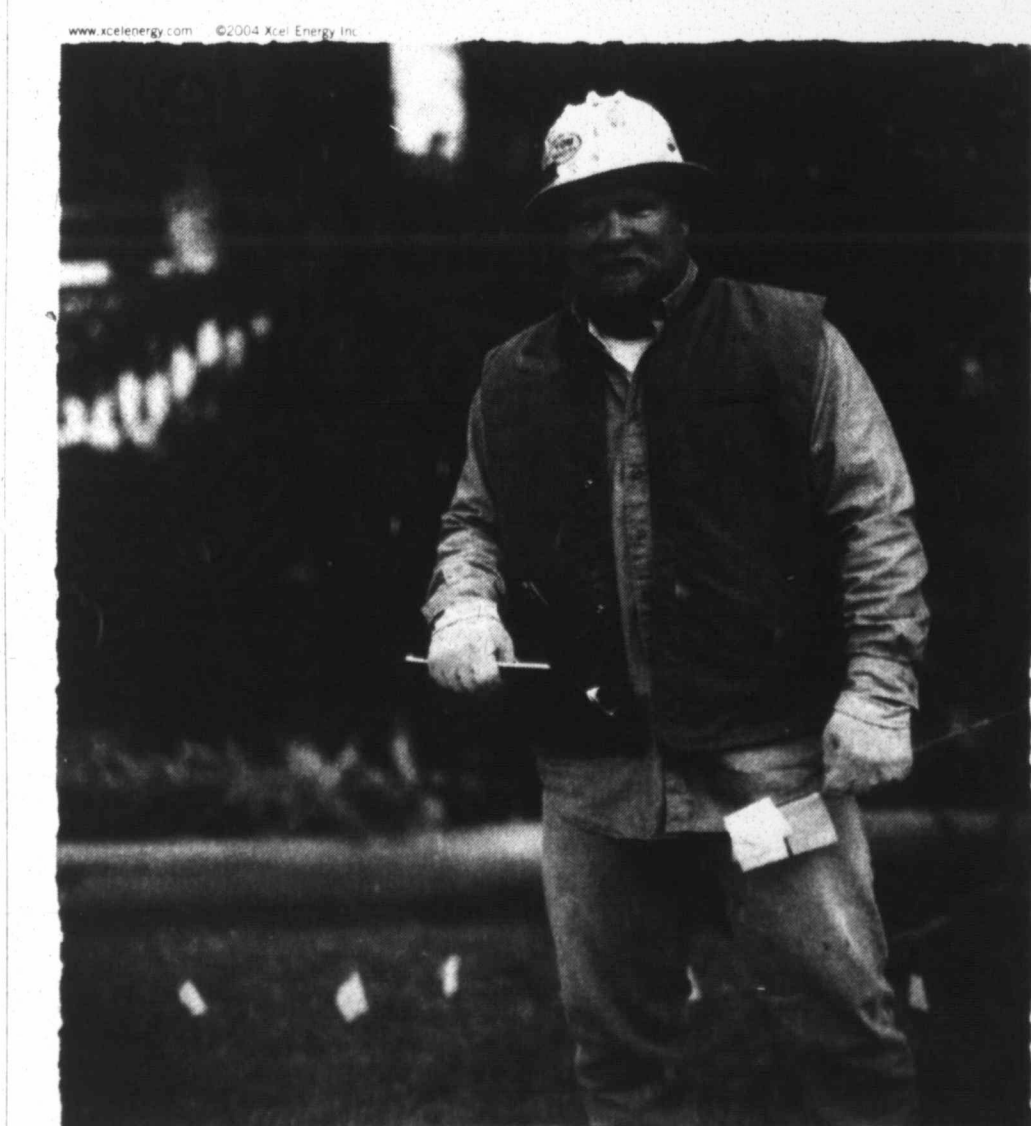
Dellinger fought for unions in the 1930s, despite being called a communist, and walked with civil right leaders in the South in the 1950s and '60s, despite the risk of violence.

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Kerry: Bush undermined generations of U.S. leadership

SEATTLE (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry says the United States must be "strong without being stubborn" to defeat the terrorist threat. And he charged that President Bush has undermined American leadership by turning to force before he exhausted diplomacy in Iraq.

"At stake is a vision of an America truly stronger and truly respected in the world," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday, launching an 11-day focus on national security. "This is not a

partisan cause. Patriotism doesn't belong to any one party or president."

National security was Bush's strength early in the presidential race, but violence in Iraq has increased skepticism about Bush's handling of the war. Kerry hopes to convince Americans that he would be a stronger world leader.

Kerry said if elected, his top security goal would be to prevent terrorists from obtaining weapons of mass destruction. And he said the United States needs help from other countries since terrorists are

working across the globe.

"No force on earth is more able than the United States and its allies," Kerry said. "We must build that force — and we can. We can be strong without being stubborn. Indeed, that is ultimately the only way we can succeed."

He laid out four principles that would guide his national security policy:

- new alliances with foreign countries;
- an updated military to meet terrorist threats;
- the use of diplomacy, intelligence, economic power

and "the appeal of our values and ideas" to keep the country safe;

— and freedom from dependence on oil from the Middle East.

"These four imperatives are a response to an inescapable reality: War has changed; the enemy is different — and we must think and act anew," Kerry said.

Kerry's national security tour extends through Memorial Day and will end on the 60th anniversary of D-Day on June 6. He will make two more major speeches in West

Palm Beach, Fla., on June 1, and Independence, Mo., on June 3, but also take his case to the battleground states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio.

Echoing his theme from months on the campaign trail, Kerry's speech Thursday included accusations that the Bush administration rushed to war and damaged relationships with other nations along the way.

"They looked to force before exhausting diplomacy," Kerry said in the speech text. "They bullied when they

should have persuaded. They have gone it alone when they should have assembled a team. They have hoped for the best when they should have prepared for the worst. In short, they have undermined the legacy of generations of American leadership. And that is what we must restore."

Steve Schmidt, a spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign, said Kerry's "approach to the war on terror has been filled with indecision and vacillation. He has consistently played politics with the war in Iraq."

Arrested cleric alleged to have tried to start terror training camp

NEW YORK (AP) — A radical Muslim cleric was arrested Thursday in London, accused in a U.S. indictment of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon while providing aid to both al-Qaida and the Taliban, officials said.

Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, also known as Abu Hamza al-Masri, also is charged in the 11-count indictment with hostage-taking and conspiracy in connection with a December 1998 incident that left four tourists dead in Yemen.

"Those who support our terrorist enemies anywhere in the world must know that we will not rest until the threat they pose is eradicated," U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said in announcing the arrest Thursday.

with the Islamic extremist captors.

Al-Masri — who has one eye and hooks for hands, which he says were lost fighting Soviet troops in Afghanistan in the 1980s — has been the focus of terror suspicions for years in Britain. He formerly preached at a London mosque linked to several terrorist suspects, including Sept. 11 suspect Zacarias Moussaoui and "shoe bomber" Richard Reid.

The British government has also accused him of providing "advice and support" to al-Qaida and the Islamic Army of Aden, the organization that claimed responsibility for the attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors off the coast of Yemen.

In February in Seattle, a Muslim convert with ties to Hamza, James Ujaama, was sentenced to two years in prison. He had pleaded guilty last year to aiding the Taliban.

Ujaama, 38, was arrested in July 2002 and was indicted on two charges: conspiring to set up a terrorist training camp in Bly, Ore., and using a firearm to further the conspiracy.

In April 2003, the government dropped those charges and filed a superseding complaint alleging that Ujaama brought money, computer equipment and a recruit to Taliban officials in Afghanistan.

Prosecutors let him plead guilty in exchange for his cooperation in terrorism investigations. In particular, they wanted to hear what he knew about Hamza, whose Web site Ujaama once ran.

Al-Masri, who heads the Finsbury Park Mosque in London, was arrested at the his London home, British authorities said. Ashcroft said U.S. authorities were seeking his extradition.

Mustafa tried to establish the terrorist camp in Bly, Ore., between October 1999 and early 2000. He was also charged with specifically providing material support to al-Qaida and the Taliban to foment jihad, or holy war, in Afghanistan.

The indictment said Mustafa acted as an intermediary with the terrorists who took 16 tourists hostage in Yemen six years ago, and spoke with the terrorists before and after the incident.

Three British tourists and one Australian visitor were killed when Yemen rescuers were involved in a shootout

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Witness describes death of mob figure

NEW YORK (AP) — The Mafia captain who unwittingly brought undercover FBI agent Donnie Brasco into the confidences of the Bonanno crime family was thrown down a flight of steps into a basement and shot to death as he begged for his former friends to finish him with a final bullet, a turncoat mobster testified.

Former Bonanno captain Frank Lino offered the first eyewitness testimony about the killing of Dominick "Sonny Black" Napolitano, who befriended agent Joseph Pistone, known to him as Brasco, and introduced him to ranking members of the family.

Pistone's infiltration threw the family into disarray and helped lead to the convictions of more than 120 mobsters.

It also led to a hit commissioned by Bonanno boss Joseph Massino, Lino said.

Massino, 61, is on trial on racketeering charges in federal court in Brooklyn.

He's accused of orchestrating seven murders that bolstered his ascent to control of the family, including the shotgun slayings of three rival captains, and the execution of Napolitano. He could face life in prison if convicted.

On Wednesday, Lino, 66, became the first made member of the Bonanno family to testify against a former comrade, describing how Napolitano was invited to a "meeting" at a mobster's Staten Island home after the family learned that the man they knew as Brasco was in fact an undercover agent.

Under questioning from

lead prosecutor Greg Andres, Lino said he was asked by Massino to pick up Napolitano at a steakhouse in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and take him to a single-family home on Staten Island, where a table and chairs had been set up in the basement.

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Still living, Lino testified, Napolitano told his one-time partners in crime to put him to death.

"Sonny Black says, 'Hit me one more time. Make it good,'" Lino said.

Lino has admitted involvement in six murders under a plea agreement with the government.

He is one of seven turncoat Mafia members, including Massino's brother-in-law, expected to testify at the trial.

Massino is the only accused head of one of New York's five Mafia families who is not in prison or awaiting sentencing, leading some to call him "the last don."

He was set up by informers who were coerced into lies by prosecutors and the FBI, defense attorneys said,

Family of strangled teen seeks to change name posthumously

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — The name on the birth certificate was Edward Araujo Jr., but the teenager preferred the first name Gwen.

At age 17, before getting a chance to make the name change official, Araujo was beaten and strangled after the people she thought were her friends found out she was biologically male.

This week, Araujo's family asked a court for a posthumous name change to Gwen Amber Rose Araujo.

"She's Gwen to me, and I'm her mother," Sylvia Guerrero said outside the courthouse. "This is who she was. She's transgender and she's Gwen."

Superior Court Commissioner Thomas Surh called the request "a novel situation" and said he would let Guerrero know his decision in about a month.

Araujo's family said she had used the name Gwen for years, convinced from an early age that her sexual and biological identities conflicted.

In October 2002, police found her body in a shallow grave 150 miles east of her home in the San Francisco suburb of Newark.

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Odds and Ends

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — The long arm of the law may be ringing your doorbell and holding a pizza.

Police in Portsmouth hope to enlist pizza delivery people and hotel clerks to help cut into underage drinking and parents who allow it.

Under a new law, it's illegal for the owner or occupants of a home or hotel room to host a gathering of five or more minors who are drinking or using drugs. Teens as young as 17 who throw a party could be tried as adults.

Portsmouth Police Sergeant Mike Schwartz said the program is called the "Booze Bounty." He said food delivery people and hotel clerks would receive \$50 if their anonymous tips of suspicious activity leads to the arrest of a party host.

"The message being sent to parents is that it's not safe for them to host a party," said Jackie Valley, of the

Community Diversion Program in Greenland, which works to keep at-risk youths out of trouble with the law.

"This doesn't change the fact that youths using alcohol is still illegal."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

MAN'S DEVOTION TO LITTLE COUSIN MAY BE LESS THAN WHOLESOME

DEAR ABBY: "Resentful" in Illinois described her husband as so obsessed with his cousin's little daughter that he acts as though she is his child -- saying he is "in withdrawal" if he doesn't see her often.

"Resentful" confided that she would love to have a child of her own and was hurt because her husband kept postponing it. She asked you if she was overreacting. You suggested that the child might really be her husband's.

Abby, you missed one other important possibility. "Resentful's" husband may be involved with that child in an inappropriate relationship. Statistics show that 80 percent of sexual abuse of children occurs in a relationship with someone the child, the mother and other family members trust.

"Resentful" should watch for any signs that the relationship has gone too far. If the husband is resistant to marriage counseling, it could be a red flag.

I am a pediatrician. I deal with some of these same situations in my medical practice. -- DISTURBED PHYSICIAN IN CINCINNATI

DEAR DISTURBED PHYSICIAN: Yours was one of several hundred letters and e-mails I received echoing the same suspicion. Although "Resentful in Illinois" wrote anonymously, I'm printing your letter because I thought she should see your take on the situation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In your response to "Resentful in Illinois," you mentioned the man's excessive attachment to his niece. The child of his cousin is his "first cousin once removed," not his niece. -- MOLLY IN DENVER

DEAR MOLLY: Thank you for straightening out my genealogy terminology.

DEAR ABBY: "Sonia" and I have been married 10 years and have two young sons. Our marriage has been rocky for the last few years. Six

months ago, I told her we had to get counseling -- which we did. After the second session she refused to go back. I suspect she realized that our counselor knew she was lying.

Sonia doesn't think I deserve a sex life. She picks arguments with me, and when I walk away she berates me. She seems to enjoy fighting in front of the children. She threatens me in front of them that she's going to "take everything," and I'll be left with nothing. I promise my boys repeatedly that I will never leave them.

Sonia has a part-time job. She refuses to work full time because if we split up, she "wouldn't get as much child support." Last week she told me the only reason she married me was because I made good money. Now I'm unable to work because of a back injury, and Sonia complains my disability check isn't enough to maintain the lifestyle she deserves.

Abby, I pay all the bills. I do most of the cooking and cleaning. My kids mean everything to me. I am not leaving my home, but living with Sonia is becoming more difficult by the day. Please give me some advice. -- TROUBLED HUSBAND IN MAINE

DEAR TROUBLED HUSBAND: You are married to a verbal abuser, a person with no regard for the emotional security and well-being of your children or for your feelings. It is now time to consider how destructive this kind of atmosphere is for the children. Since counseling hasn't worked, consult an attorney and thoroughly explore your options. However, before you do, carefully document exactly what your wife is doing and saying. Be sure to include dates and times. It will strengthen your case.

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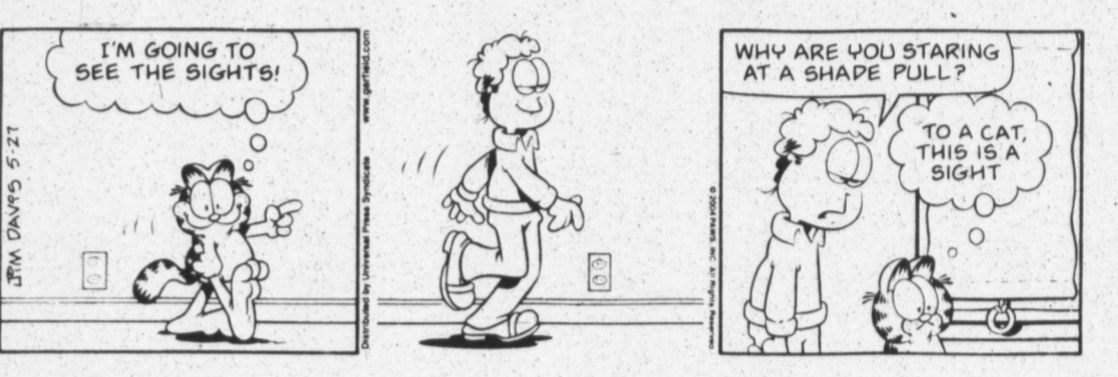
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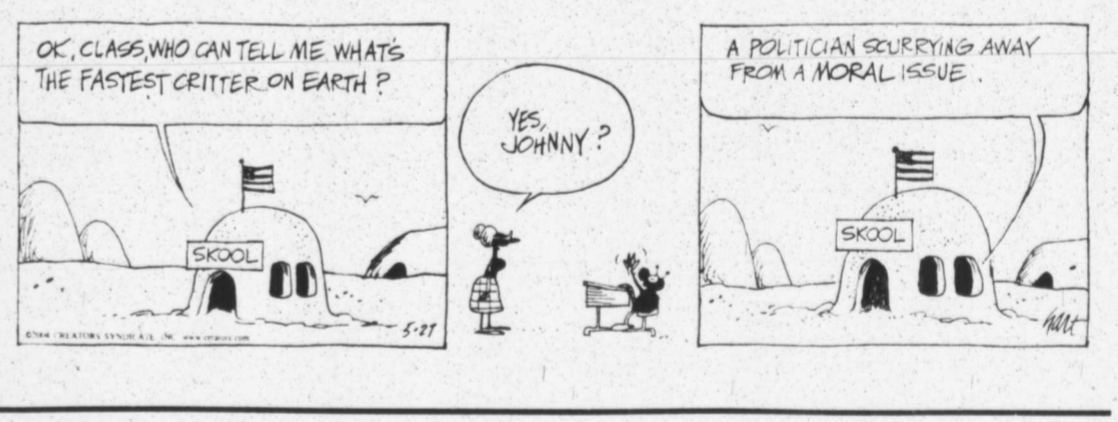
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SPORTS

DFB takes command in 11-12 league

PAMPA — Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, behind the pitching and hitting of Braden Hunt, defeated Glo-Valve Service 7-3 Wednesday to take sole possession of first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Hunt was two for three with a run scored and two RBI. He received credit for the win, but had relief help from Corbin Clifton, who earned a save by pitching the last two innings and allowing no runs or hits. Hunt gave up three runs on four hits. He walked six and struck out 10. Clifton fanned two and walked three.

Glo-Valve struck first with

a run in the first inning by Alex Clendenning, a walk, an error and a wild pitch. DFB tied the score in the bottom of the first on a walk to Zach Murray, who advanced to second on an infield out hit by Clifton and scored on a single by Hunt.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, DFB scored four times on only one hit. Murray walked and was forced at second by Zach Organ. Clifton drew a walk. The runners moved up on a wild pitch. Organ scored on a fielder's choice hit by Hunt. A single by Zach Doan down the third base line brought in Clifton and sent Hunt to third. Hunt came in on a ground out by

Garrett Ericson. Doan scored on a wild pitch.

Glo-Valve came back with two runs in the top of the fourth. Cody Davis walked and went to second on a single by Clendenning, the leading hitter for Glo-Valve. A single by Anthony Allen plated Davis and sent Clendenning to third. Clendenning scored on a single by Kade Wilson.

The winners added two insurance runs in the fifth. Hunt singled and was forced at second by Doan. Ericson was safe on an error. Doan scored on two passed balls as Ericson took third. Ericson scored on a wild pitch to end the scoring.

Glo-Valve left the bases

loaded twice and stranded 13 runners in the six-inning game. Glo-Valve pitchers allowed only three hits, but all led to DFB runs as they left only four runners on base. Tyler Malone pitched three innings for Glo-Valve.

He permitted only three two hits, but surrendered five runs. He struck out five and walked four. Allen allowed no runs or hits in an inning pitched. He walked two. Clendenning gave up two unearned runs on one hit in the inning he pitched. He struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

Austin Beck was the defensive start for DFB, robbing two Glo-Valve hitters of

extra base hits by snagging two fly balls in left field. Allen made the outstanding defensive play of the game for Glo-Valve by making a diving catch of a soft popup to end the fourth inning.

DFB improved its record to 8-2-1. Glo-Valve fell to second place with a record of 7-2-1.

Tonight's schedule calls for one game between Rotary Club and D.E. Chase at 7:45. Friday, DFB is back in action against Celanese at 5:45 p.m., followed by Glo-Valve against Cabot Corporation at 7:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.

NOTEBOOK

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Andy Roddick lost at the French Open — to a Frenchman ranked 125th who hadn't won a match on tour in 2004 until Monday. Roddick joined Andre Agassi and eight other compatriots on the way home, making this the first Grand Slam tournament in more than 30 years without a U.S. man in the third round.

In a match preceding the second-seeded Roddick's 3-6, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2 setback against Olivier Mutis, top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne lost 7-5, 6-4 to Italy's Tathiana Garbin, ranked 86th.

That ended Henin-Hardenne's 15-match winning streak at majors, spanning titles at the U.S. and Australian Opens.

BASKETBALL

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Orlando's Pat Williams won his fourth draft lottery, giving the Magic the right to make the first pick in next month's draft with the Los Angeles Clippers picking second and Chicago third.

Williams also won the lottery in 1992 and '93 with Orlando, and in 1986 with Philadelphia. The '92 pick was Shaquille O'Neal.

The draft will be held on June 24 in New York City.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — The Texas Rangers placed right-hander Chan Ho Park on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday, retroactive to May 20.

Right-hander reliever Rosman Garcia was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma to take Park's place on the roster.

Park, 2-4 with a 5.80 ERA in eight starts, has been bothered by a sore lower back. His last start came on May 19, when he was the losing pitcher against Kansas City. He was the scheduled starter Wednesday against the White Sox, but was scratched after experiencing soreness in his lower back after a workout Tuesday.

Park started just seven times last season because of lower back problems, his last start came June 7. He finished the season 1-3 with a 7.58 ERA.

Park left Chicago before Wednesday's game and is headed back to Texas to be examined by team physician Dr. Keith Meister.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter didn't want to take any chances on Park because of his past back problems.

"What he is telling us and the history of the way it's been I think it's the best to be safe," Showalter said.

Flashback

1963: The Pampa Queens edged the Stinnett Market Basket Babes 5-4 in a Golden Spread League women's softball game.

Jan Little led the Queens with four hits.

Mary Lou Addington improved her mound record to 7-1.

Detroit wins defensive duel against Indiana

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Rasheed Wallace made another loud statement, only this time he did it during the game instead of before or after it.

Playing his best offensive game in a month, Wallace scored 20 points Wednesday night and left to a standing ovation as the Detroit Pistons controlled the game with their defense and defeated the Indiana Pacers 85-78.

The victory gave the Pistons a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals. Game 4 is Friday night.

Wallace has been the most bombastic character in a series in need of some spunk given the offensive ineptitude both teams have shown for long — excruciatingly long, some might say — stretches.

After guaranteeing a Game 2 victory, he rubbed it in with an expletive-filled rant directed at Pacers fans as he walked off the court following that game.

Wallace had scored a total of 14 points in the first two games while missing 21 of 26 shots, but his offensive woes disappeared at the arena he has called home since mid-February.

He shot 8-for-15 to share team-high scoring honors with Richard Hamilton, who reached 20 points for the 25th time in 32 career play-off games.

"We have a bigger goal ... that's to win the NBA championship," Wallace said.

Ben Wallace added 17 points on 7-for-8 shooting and 16 rebounds and Chauncey Billups scored 14 points with eight assists for the Pistons, who allowed the Pacers to score more points in the fourth quarter (33) than they had in the entire first half (30).

An almost unwatchable game suddenly turned interesting as Austin Croshere drove past Rasheed Wallace for a dunk that capped a 10-0 run and cut Detroit's lead to 76-75.

"On the next possession, Wallace

got the ball in the low post isolated against Croshere and made a turnaround 6-footer. He was fouled on the play and made the free throw to reach 20 points and give Detroit some breathing room.

Reggie Miller got open but missed a 3, then fouled Tayshaun Prince while trying to defend him one-on-one on a post-up. Prince made one of two free throws before Al Harrington knocked down a 3-pointer to make it 80-78 with 49 seconds left.

Rasheed Wallace then attempted an inside shot that bounced twice on the rim before falling off, and Ben Wallace was right there to grab it and put it in. Harrington attempted a 3-pointer from the corner, but Rasheed Wallace got a hand on it and Detroit rebounded with 18 seconds remaining to sew up the win. — Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points to lead Indiana.

The teams flirted with the play-off-record low of 130 combined points until making 34 trips to the free throw line in the final quarter.

One indication of the early ugliness: The Pistons had 10 turnovers and nine points in second quarter.

The Pacers had spent Monday working on their offense at practice, though it was hard to find anything that had been improved. They had a woeful lack of movement on offense, and they began the game hoisting and missing long jumpers.

A jumper by Rasheed Wallace gave Detroit its first double-digit lead, 21-10, and Wallace took advantage of a missed defensive assignment with an emphatic dunk off an entry pass from Mike James for a 25-12 lead.

But coach Larry Brown soon rested his starters, and Detroit missed its first seven shots and committed five turnovers in the first seven minutes of the second quarter. A foul shot by Billups ended a nearly eight-minute scoring drought in which the Pacers climbed back within a point thanks to a 12-0 run.

McClellan bass



Terri Walker, Borger, caught a 4.4-pound bass at Lake McClellan where she is an employee. Lake McClellan is located 25 miles south of Pampa in southern Gray County.

Trainer made all the right moves with Smarty Jones

BENSALEM, Pa. (AP) — The first month did not go well for trainer John Servis and his new colt, Smarty Jones.

Less than two weeks after arriving at Servis' Philadelphia Park barn last summer, Smarty Jones almost died after smashing his head against the top of a starting gate.

Servis was stunned: "This horse can really run, please take care of him," he pleaded with Dr. Patricia Hogan of The New Jersey Equine Center, where Smarty was sent the day after his accident.

The horse recovered and finally made it back to the racetrack Nov. 9. It's been a perfect ride ever since.

The trainer drew up an unusual but flawless Kentucky Derby campaign that went through Arkansas, and the little red chestnut responded with win after win after win.

On June 5, the undefeated Derby and Preakness winner will try to capture the Belmont Stakes and become the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978.

Whatever happens, though, Servis has already accomplished what owners Pat and Roy Chapman asked him to: Get Smarty to

the Derby.

"The Triple Crown's icing on the cake, but the Kentucky Derby, that was the one," Servis said. "That was the main goal since early January."

While this Pennsylvania-bred colt has captured the public's fancy with his soap-opera tale and dominating victories, it's Servis' knack for knowing his horse that allowed a promising juvenile to blossom into a 3-year-old wonder horse.

The following is not your typical Derby prep fare:

Two races at hometown Philly Park; one at Aqueduct in the dead of winter; and three more — the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby — at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark.

Servis had his reasons.

"We went to Arkansas because we thought that would be the easiest route," the 45-year-old trainer said. "We knew he was fast. But he was immature at the time, and if we hooked up with top company (in California, Florida, Kentucky and New York), it might ruin him."

Oklahoma State basketball program stays in the family

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Eddie Sutton smiled, knowing his alma mater would be in good hands.

Looking back, Sutton remembered the day 14 years ago when his mentor, Henry Iba, beamed with satisfaction that his student would return to Oklahoma State to take over a program that had struggled with only one NCAA tournament appearance in 25 years.

After making his second trip to the Final Four with Oklahoma State last year, Sutton didn't want to see the Cowboys fade again after he retired. He got his wish Wednesday when his son, associate head coach Sean Sutton, was chosen to succeed him whenever he decides to retire.

This time, he played Iba's role.

"I think I have that same smile on my face today," Eddie Sutton said. "I had great concern whoever it was could carry on what we have established here. I'm sure there's some other coaches around the country that could do that, but no one would I trust more this program than Sean."

Sean Sutton has been with his father for most of his basketball development. He has been on his father's coaching staff at Oklahoma State for 11 seasons and was named associate head coach in 2000. Sutton, 35, also played two years under his father at Kentucky and two more years after both came to Oklahoma State in 1990.

His only year away was in 1993 when he served as an assistant coach at Mississippi.

"I've prepared my whole life

to be in this moment," Sean Sutton said, "and I will do my best to try to make it work."

Sean Sutton is the mind behind Oklahoma State's offense. He sets up and calls many of the plays the Cowboys use to complement their signature defense, which his father learned as a player and an assistant coach for Iba.

"If the truth were known, he probably has coached more the last five to six years than I have," Eddie Sutton said.

"If I hadn't had Sean here, believe me, I would have retired long before now."

Athletic director Harry Birdwell said it was important for the Cowboys to lock up Sutton so he didn't get away. Sutton was among the top candidates earlier this year when

SMU was looking for a new head coach.

Birdwell also said it would prevent other schools from negative recruiting against Oklahoma State for what might be perceived as an uncertain coaching situation.

"I think negatively recruiting against us will come to a

screaming halt when people know that there will be a logical transition whenever it occurs, and that it'll be another Sutton equally able on our bench," Birdwell said.

It's uncertain exactly when Eddie Sutton might retire and Sean Sutton replace him.

Baseball

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By The Associated Press					San Angelo 10, Fort Worth 3				
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Florida	26	20	.565	—	New York	27	18	.600	1 1/2
New York	22	23	.500	3	Baltimore	20	22	.476	7
Atlanta	22	23	.489	3 1/2	Toronto	19	27	.413	10
Montreal	15	31	.326	11	Tampa Bay	15	29	.341	13
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	19	.587	—	Chicago	26	19	.578	—
Houston	26	20	.565	1	Minnesota	26	19	.578	—
Chicago	25	20	.556	1 1/2	Detroit	21	24	.467	5
Milwaukee	23	21	.523	3	Cleveland	18	26	.409	7 1/2
St. Louis	23	22	.511	3 1/2	Kansas City	15	28	.349	10
Pittsburgh	20	21	.488	4 1/2	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles	24	20	.545	—	Texas	26	19	.578	2 1/2
San Diego	25	21	.543	—	Oakland	25	20	.556	3 1/2
San Francisco	21	24	.467	3 1/2	Seattle	17	28	.378	11 1/2
Colorado	18	27	.400	6 1/2					
Arizona	17	29	.370	8					

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Atlanta 6, Montreal 1	Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 4	Florida 3, Cincinnati 0	Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3	Milwaukee 2, Los Angeles 1, 12 innings
Pittsburgh 11, St. Louis 8	Colorado 13, San Diego 6	San Francisco 4, Arizona 3	Thursday's Games	
Florida (Penny 5-2) at Cincinnati (Harang 4-1), 12:35 p.m.	Los Angeles (Weaver 3-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 1:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3) at St. Louis (Suppan 3-4), 1:10 p.m.	San Diego (Germano 1-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 3:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Wright 2-5) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Sparks 2-4) at San Francisco (Hermanson 1-2), 10:15 p.m.	Friday's Games			
Chicago Cubs (Clement 6-3 and Rusch 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Ol Perez 3-2 and K. Wells 3-4), 2:50 p.m.	Cincinnati (Lidle 3-4) at Montreal (Vargas 3-2), 7:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Hampton 1-5) at Philadelphia (Wolf 2-3), 7:05 p.m.	N.Y. Mets (Glavin 6-2) at Florida (Willis 4-3), 7:35 p.m.	San Diego (Lawrence 6-3) at Milwaukee (D. Davis 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 5-1) at Houston (Clemens 7-0), 8:05 p.m.	Arizona (Johnson 5-4) at Los Angeles (W. Alvarez 2-1), 10:10 p.m.	Colorado (Estes 6-3) at San Francisco (Tomko 1-3), 10:15 p.m.		

Loaiza rounding into '03 form for the White Sox

By The Associated Press

Esteban Loaiza is starting to show that his career year in 2003 was no fluke.

The Cy Young Award runner-up allowed two hits and struck out nine in eight innings to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 4-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Loaiza (6-3), 21-9 with a 2.90 ERA last season, has pitched at least seven innings in four straight starts and has a 3.19 ERA over that span.

"The way I felt today was the way I felt last year when I was pitching," he said. "My velocity is back. I was looking at the video after the game and my last inning I was throwing 94, 95."

The right-hander struck out Alfonso Soriano in the fourth inning for his 1,000th career strikeout and struck out the side in the fifth. He retired eight straight batters between the fifth and seventh innings.

Hank Blalock went 0-for-3 against Loaiza and had a tough time figuring him out.

"He made quality pitches. He changed speeds and worked different parts of the zone. I didn't see too many pitches against him. I swung early," said Blalock.

In other games it was Toronto 6, Anaheim 5; Boston 9, Oakland 6; Seattle 7, Cleveland 3; New York 12, Baltimore 9; Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 2; Kansas City 7, Detroit 3.

Loaiza kept Texas hitters off-balanced by mixing up his changeup and cutter.

"I want to be the same guy from last year," Loaiza said.

Miguel Olivo and Frank Thomas hit solo homers for Chicago and Carlos Lee drove in two runs to back Loaiza.

Thomas hit his 427th career home run leading off the third. It was his 10th of the season.

Loaiza got help from right fielder Aaron Rowand and Olivo in the third inning after giving up his first hit of the game. Loaiza walked leadoff hitter Gary Matthews Jr. and retired the next two batters.

Matthews tried to score from second on Michael Young's single, but was thrown out at the plate by Rowand. Matthews collided with catcher Olivo before reaching the plate.

Yankees 12, Orioles 9

At Baltimore, Gary Sheffield went 4-for-5 with a homer and six RBIs, and New York handed Baltimore its sixth straight loss.

The Yankees blew a 7-3 lead by allowing six runs in the sixth, then rallied against the Baltimore bullpen in the seventh.

B.J. Ryan (1-2) took the loss for Baltimore as the Yankees scored five in the seventh to take the lead for good.

Tanyon Sturtze (1-0) earned his first win with New York, and Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Red Sox 9, Athletics 6

At Boston, Jason Varitek hit a three-run homer and Boston took advantage of shortstop Bobby Crosby's rare error to beat Oakland.

Derek Lowe (4-4) allowed five runs and nine hits in six innings, leading the Red Sox to their fifth straight win and ninth in 11 games.

Keith Foulke pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save in as many chances. It was his first appearance against the A's since leaving them and signing with Boston as a free agent after last season.

Mark Redman (3-3) allowed Varitek's home run.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 5

At Toronto, Vernon Wells and Gregg Zaun hit run-scoring singles in the ninth inning off Troy Percival, rallying Toronto past Anaheim.

Percival (2-1) blew a save for the fourth time in 16 chances.

Terry Adams (4-3) pitched two shutout innings for the Blue Jays, who had lost four of their previous five games.

Carlos Delgado and Wells homered for Toronto.

Royals 7, Tigers 3

At Kansas City, Mo., Matt Stairs and Mike Sweeney hit two-run homers, powering Kansas City past Detroit.

Kansas City starter Darrell May (2-6) gave up three runs and a season-high 10 hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Gary Knotts (1-1) gave up five runs in five innings.

Astros rough up Maddux in 7-3 victory over Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — Greg Maddux was the perfect symbol of the suddenly struggling Chicago Cubs: He lost badly to the Houston Astros and nearly got hurt while doing it.

Jeff Bagwell, Jeff Kent and Lance Berkman each homered off Maddux, and the Astros overcame the early loss of Andy Pettitte to complete a two-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs with a 7-3 victory Wednesday night.

Chicago was swept for the first time this season, and it was the first time the Astros did it against their NL Central rivals since May 2001.

"It wasn't a good night," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "We didn't play too well and they played great."

Maddux was roughed up throughout his five-inning out-

ing against the NL's top offense and hurt his right shin on Morgan Ensbarg's shot to the mound in the second inning.

The ball ricocheted off Maddux's shin to third baseman Aramis Ramirez, who narrowly threw out Ensbarg at first.

Maddux stayed in the game but he was in pain afterward. Team officials don't expect him to miss any games.

"We think he's OK," Baker said.

Meanwhile, Pettitte left in the fourth inning with discomfort in his left forearm, and the team said he was day-to-day.

Pettitte also hurt himself in his debut with the Astros on April 6 and missed the next three weeks with a strained left elbow.

After Wednesday night's game, Pettitte said the pain in

his forearm had subsided but he wasn't sure exactly what was wrong.

"It didn't feel good at all," Pettitte said. But "there's no doubt it has calmed down since I walked off the mound. I'll just have to wait and see how it feels."

The Astros' offensive onslaught overshadowed a potential pitching duel against Pettitte and Maddux — a couple of playoff-tested off-season acquisitions — that never really materialized.

Pettitte was clearly distressed, wincing in pain after Maddux flied out to end the fourth. Pettitte allowed one run and two hits with four strikeouts.

Maddux (3-4) failed to last at least six innings for only the second time this season, giving

up five runs on nine hits. The four-time Cy Young Award winner also gave up his first walk — an intentional one to Richard Hidalgo in the third — in 35 innings.

"I think I pitched (terrible)," Maddux said. "I made some mistakes and they took advantage of it."

Bagwell got Maddux off to a rough start by singling in Craig Biggio in the first, then hitting a two-run shot deep into the left-field seats in the third to give the Astros a 3-0 lead.

Kent followed with a towering homer to nearly the same spot, sending the sellout crowd of 40,977 into a frenzy.

In the fifth, Berkman sent a fastball from Maddux off the right-field pole for a 5-0 lead. Maddux got the last out of the inning and was replaced by

Michael Wuertz.

"When you're able to get runs off Maddux early, it's always nice," said Houston shortstop Adam Everett, who went 2-for-3 and scored a run. "That was a big lift because he's one of the toughest pitchers around."

Meanwhile, Pettitte was faring much better until he was forced to leave.

Pettitte didn't give up a hit until Aramis Ramirez singled in the fourth, and Michael Barrett had an RBI single.

The injury-depleted Cubs, who learned before the game that outfielder Tom Goodwin and right-hander Todd Wellemeyer might also join their expanding disabled list, briefly mounted a comeback in the sixth.

Todd Hollandsworth's two-

run homer off Mike Gallo pulled the Cubs within 5-3. The Astros thwarted another scoring opportunity when Hidalgo caught Jason Dubois' fly ball in right field and made a tremendous throw to catcher Brad Ausmus to nail Barrett at the plate.

"(Hidalgo) threw the ball perfectly and the only thing (Barrett) could do was try to run into me and knock the ball loose," Ausmus said.

Pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro scored Hidalgo with a suicide squeeze in the sixth. Pinch-hitter Mike Lamb added an RBI single in the eighth to put the Astros up 7-3.

Brad Lidge (1-3) struck out all three batters in the eighth. He was credited with the victory because Pettitte did not last four innings.

Texas falls to Nebraska in Big 12 Tournament

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Justin Pekarek allowed two runs over 6 1-3 innings after stretching his shutout streak to a school record 33 innings and Nebraska beat Texas 5-2 in the Big 12 tournament on Wednesday night.

Pekarek (8-1) carried a shutout into the seventh before Drew Stubbs' two-run double pulled Texas within 5-2. The senior left-hander allowed seven hits, struck out seven and walked two.

Mike Sillman got the final eight outs for his fifth save.

The top-seeded Longhorns, winners of the last two conference tournaments and ranked No. 1 in the major polls, have dropped four of their last six games.

Eighth-seeded Nebraska (36-21) meets Oklahoma State today at 8 p.m. in the winners bracket. Texas (48-12) plays Texas A&M Thursday at 1 p.m. in the losers bracket.

The Cornhuskers took advantage of two errors by Longhorns third baseman J.D. Reininger to go in front 4-0 in the fourth against Longhorns starter Sam LeCure (7-3).

Jake Mullinax reached first on Reininger's error leading off the fourth, and LeCure loaded the bases with a walk and a hit batter. LeCure retired the next two Cornhuskers and seemed to be out of the inning when

Daniel Bruce hit a grounder to Reininger.

Reininger bobbled the ball for another error as one run scored. Chad Steele followed with a two-run single, and Jesse Boyer had an RBI double for the fourth unearned run of the inning.

LeCure allowed four runs (none earned) and five hits. He struck out a career-high 10 and walked three.

Nebraska batters struck out a tournament-record 16 times.

Big 12 Tournament

At A Glance

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Wednesday through Sunday

Wednesday

Game 1: Baylor 8, Texas Tech 3

Game 2: Missouri 9, Oklahoma 5

Game 3: Oklahoma St. 6, Texas A&M 5

Game 4: Nebraska 5, Texas 2

Thursday

Game 5: Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Texas A&M vs. Texas, 1 p.m.

Game 7: Baylor vs. Missouri, 5 p.m.

Game 8: Oklahoma St. vs. Nebraska, 8 p.m.

Friday

Games at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday

Games at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Other games if necessary

Sunday

Tournament championship, 1 p.m. (Fox Sports Net)

(45-minute minimum between games. Texas Tech, Baylor, Oklahoma and Missouri in one bracket; Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas and Nebraska in other bracket. Bracket winners play in the championship game on Sunday.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 28, 2004:

Your sensitivity to others comes into play this year. On the other hand, you might take things personally and need to step back. At times you could feel as if outside elements are pulling on you, or that others attempt to control you. Learn to juggle your family life with your professional needs. You want a more secure home life. Your career will demand a lot of time. Carefully check out an investment involving property. You might not get the return as quickly as you desire, or you might encounter more problems and costs than you originally anticipated. Consider remodeling or painting your home before the fall. Romance becomes very important to single Twins this fall. You will meet someone quite special. If you are attached, you find that the bond between you will grow stronger. VIRGO anchors you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Others push and pull for what they want. Maintain your schedule and clear out what you must. You'll greet the weekend with a bigger smile. Extremes encourage you to deal with others carefully. Tonight: Let a friend choose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Your spontaneity might force an adjustment on another's part. You seem destined to use your imagination and creativity. What feels perfect for you might be difficult for an associate. Find a way to make everyone happy. Tonight: Out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Play an issue low-key in order to avoid a confrontation. You might want to work from home, if possible. You'll get a lot more done and avoid a conflict. Extend a special invitation to friends for dinner. Tonight: At your place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You might need to regroup and head in a new direction. You hear news that could startle you and cause a reorganization of your day. Done in the spirit of helping others and being efficient, it just happens. A meeting proves to be important at the end of the day. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You might not like what you have to do, but you will get it done. Taking charge and handling a project might be the only way to get the job done. Schedule a meeting or a more social event for late this afternoon. Smile your way into the weekend. Tonight: To the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your smile might not make the difference you would like with a family member or close associate. Still, your mood cannot be diminished. Reach out for someone at a distance or an expert, or make plans to take off in the near future. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Slow down and don't worry about what others say or do. You might not feel up to snuff and might take someone personally. Review a personal matter or something you might be worrying about with a trusted friend. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Aim for what you want through a consensus of others, networking and making your point under-

stood. Though at first some disagree, trust that they will come around. Invite others to join you for a long, late lunch. Tonight: You are the action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your mood could impact your work. You might need to control yourself so this doesn't happen. Work with others calmly, and you'll get the kind of results you want. You gain an associate's respect. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Get facts and don't allow your imagination to run wild. However, once you get the facts, you are likely to smile by the afternoon. Use your imagination to spice up your personal life. Think "fun." Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Deal with one person at a time, and you'll get past a problem. Your personal touch makes a difference. Use it, and work with others. Presenting your ideas might be less important than being a good listener. Tonight: Head on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Let others take control. Don't try to talk others -- especially those in positions of power -- out of their ideas. Go with the flow. Make it a point to be thoughtful and go that extra step with those you come into contact with. Tonight: Accept an invitation to let your hair down.

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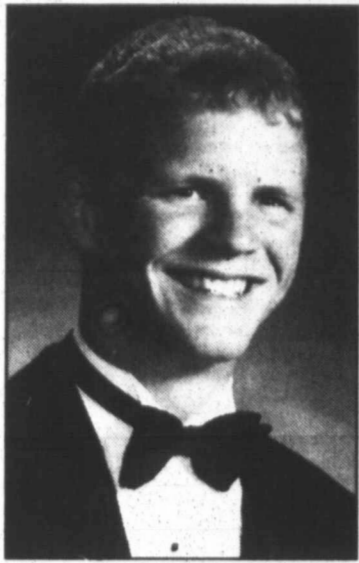
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Scout to join ranks of Eagle Scouts in Sunday ceremony

Stephen Keith Bell, 18, son of Chris and Lorrie Bell, is scheduled to receive the Eagle Scout award, scouting's highest distinction, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in First United Methodist Church in Pampa.



Stephen Keith Bell

A reception will be held following the ceremony in the parlor of the church.

Bell currently belongs to Boy Scout Troop 404. He first became involved in scouting in Abilene where he was first a Cub Scout then a Webelos in 1994. In the fall of 1996, he became a member of Pack 272 in Gatesville. He has served as instructor, troop guide, patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

Bell has been the recipient of 20 activity pins, three compass points and, in 1996, the Arrow of Light. He has achieved 26 individual merit badges as a First Class scout and the mile swimmer badge.

He earned four superior ratings and two best in state in Waco this May.

Bell successfully finished an 11-day, 60-mile hike at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, taking the 50 Miler award, and went on a six-day, 30-mile mountain hike at the ranch in the summer of 2003.

He organized an effort to paint the youth house at First United Methodist Church for

his Eagle project and passed his Eagle board of review in the fall of 2003.

A senior at Pampa High School, Bell's other honors, activities and accomplishments include Technology Student Association, ASTRA Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, USAA National Honor Roll Award winner, PHS Band, FUMC Youth Choir, assistant sound tech, Praise Band, Youth Council, and vacation bible school volunteer.

In addition, Bell has participated in football, track, cross country, and video tech for football and wrestling.

He is the grandson of John and Lois Fry of Rockdale and Eva Jean and the late Herman Bell of Henderson.

Economy grows in first quarter, faster than before

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a 4.4 percent annual rate in the first quarter of this year, slightly faster than previously thought and fresh evidence that the recovery possessed good momentum as it headed into the current quarter.

The increase in gross domestic product from January through March reported by the Commerce Department on Thursday marked an improvement from both the 4.2 percent pace first estimated for the quarter a month ago and the 4.1 percent growth rate registered in the final quarter of 2003.

The GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States. While the latest reading was just shy of the 4.5 percent pace that some analysts were forecasting, it nevertheless represented a solid performance.

The Labor Department reported that new applications for unemployment benefits dropped last week by a seasonally adjusted 3,000 to 344,000, another hopeful sign for a labor market recovery.

Although consumers and the federal government did their part to support the economy in the first quarter, the better reading on GDP for the period in large part reflected stronger investment by businesses to build up inventories, a good sign that companies are

more confident about the economy's prospects.

From April to June, the economy is expected to grow at a rate in the range of 4.5 percent to 5 percent, according to some analysts.

The economy has been among the issues that President Bush and presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry have jostled over in the presidential campaign.

The country has lost a net 1.5 million jobs since Bush took office in January 2001, something Kerry points to as evidence that the president's economic policies aren't working. Bush says they are, and that the best way to create jobs is to make the economy stronger.

The nation's payrolls, which had been posting lackluster gains, expanded by a sizable 288,000 in April on top of a hefty increase in March, leading some economists to believe that the long awaited for recovery in the labor market was finally coming about.

With the economy growing solidly and inflation beginning to stir, a growing number of economists believe the Federal Reserve may order its first rate increase in more than four years next month. Some, however, believe a rate rise won't come until August or later. The main short-term rate used by the Fed to influence economic activity has been at a 46-year low of 1 percent.

Bush to discuss health care technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will try to solidify his support in a Southern state where his Democratic rival is showing strength with a visit and a discussion of his ideas for high-tech innovation in the health care field.

Bush on Thursday visits a children's hospital in Nashville, Tenn., that pioneered the computerization of patient records and will promote his goal of having all patient information available electronically in 10 years.

The president says the federal government will play an important role by setting standards for the conversion, which will help doctors and hospitals share patient records

electronically nationwide. Bush also is creating a national health information technology coordinator, a sub-Cabinet-level position, to help achieve the goal.

But the initiative has drawn some criticism from the presidential campaign of Democrat John Kerry, which argues that Bush is focusing on small issues at the expense of larger problems, such as skyrocketing health care costs and the millions of people without health insurance.

After a tour and remarks at Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital, Bush was to attend a Republican Party fund-raiser.

The visit to Tennessee will be the ninth of Bush's presidency, and the second this year.

Army orders environmental cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army garrison commanders worldwide are being told to drop some environmental protections and cut all temporary employees so the savings can be shifted elsewhere because of the war on terrorism.

An environmental group says some of the programs affected by the changes reduce aircraft collisions with birds, control non-native species and affect how hazardous waste is handled.

According to a May 11 memo obtained by The Associated Press, Army Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland wrote that the Army will now "take additional risk in environmental programs; terminate environmental contracts and delay all non-statutory enforcement actions" until after the new fiscal year begins in October.

Aadland, head of the Army's new Installation Management Activity command, also told commanders to make additional cost-saving changes that affect

areas besides environmental programs and temporary employees. Aadland ordered a hiring freeze.

Officials can divert the savings from the changes to other efforts, he wrote, but was not specific about which programs the money should be diverted to.

However, he told commanders, "All of you must implement these actions now and ensure resources are best used to support the war effort."

Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood referred all questions to an Army spokeswoman, Cynthia Smith, who did not respond to calls for comment Tuesday.

The Pentagon spends \$4 billion on military environmental programs each year, says Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense installations and environment.

An environmental group, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, said the Pentagon is irre-

sponsibly ordering severe cuts in spending on programs that reduce pollution and protect wildlife.

"This is an order to base commanders authorizing pollution of American soil when it saves money," PEER's executive director, Jeff Ruch, said of Aadland's use of the phrase "take additional risk."

"Protecting America's land, air and water is not a secondary mission that should be shirked when budgets get tight," Ruch said.

Ruch said his group has been told by Army environmental specialists that the programs to be cut also include those for protecting endangered species, disposing of munitions in open-air burning and monitoring groundwater.

According to the memo, Aadland also ordered these cost-saving measures: halting summer hire programs, reducing supply orders and service contracts and a 10-percent cut in spending on information technology.

Government praised for dropping organic food regs on pesticides

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is winning praise from the organic food industry for dropping guidelines that would have allowed limited use of pesticides and antibiotics in such products.

The guidelines had come under criticism by trade groups and lawmakers because they were perceived as weakening organic standards and undermining consumer confidence in the Agriculture Department's organic certification.

In rescinding the guidelines Wednesday, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman

ordered the department's Agricultural Marketing Service to work with organic officials "to determine the best solutions to the issues that have been raised."

The service is in charge of the National Organic Program, which oversees the department's certification of organic foods.

Veneman's action is "refreshing," said Jim Riddle of Wirona, Minn., chairman of the National Organic Standards Board, a 15-member panel that advises the department. Veneman directed department officials to lis-

ten to the board; Riddle said the department often has not heeded its recommendations.

Riddle said he looks forward to helping establish effective processes to protect the program's integrity. He said the board could issue its recommendations on the guidance when it meets Oct. 12-14 in Washington.

Under the guidance, organic farmers could have used pesticides that contain inert chemical ingredients if a "reasonable effort" failed to determine what the ingredients were. The department also would have let milk be sold

with the department's organic seal if it came from a cow that had been treated with antibiotics, provided the cow had been antibiotic-free for 12 months.

The guidance would have allowed ground fish as a protein supplement in livestock feed. A scientist at Consumers Union in Yonkers, N.Y., Urvashi Rangan, said the provisions weakened the value of the label, and she cited fishmeal as an example.

Fish are not certified as organic, and some fish contain mercury and other chemicals, she said.

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