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Shooting victim remains critical

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Pampa police are still seeking a 1993 blue GMC Yukon two-door sport utility vehicle and its occupants in connection with the shooting of a Pampa man

Wednesday evening. The victim has been identified as Saul Galvan, 20 to 30 years of age, of 1112 Garland. He remains in critical condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after surgery Wednesday night for at least four gunshot wounds

Galvan was found lying in the front yard of his residence Wednesday evening after a 911 caller reported a gunshot victim at 1112 Garland.

Pampa police detectives have not been able to talk with Galvan "due to his condition," according to a news release

from the police department. "Mr. Galvan's family members had no explanation for the shooting," Lt. Fred Courtney said in the police department release, dated June 3. "Details are sketchy, partially because of a language barrier," Courtney said

in a previous release dated June 2.

The Yukon is believed to have Texas license tag YKP28R or X22KYL, and is believed to be from the Dumas Cactus area, according to SHOOTING, Page 3.

Barbecue and bulls 58th annual rodeo begins

By BEN BRISCOE
PAMPA NEWS INTERN

The aroma of livestock filled the air at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds Thursday, as the Top O' Texas Rodeo got under way.

Before the main show started, local Rodeo Association members competed in the pickup race, and children under 12 chased four calves for awards of \$20 and \$10 dollars.

All the while, free barbecue was served for those in attendance. Children and adults alike could be heard remarking on the impressive turn out of contestants, which doubled last year's numbers for all nights of the rodeo. Pre-show activities also include a parade of sponsor banners, VIP introduction

and a moment of silence for Rodeo Association members who have passed on during the last year. Once the show finally began fans wildly cheered from the stands.

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(Pampa News photos by Ben Briscoe)

▲ Haydon Holly of the White Deer Rodeo Association, in photo above, rounds the barrel during the pickup race preceding the show.

▲ Juddson Lopez, 7, chows down on barbecue while he waits for the sporting event to start.



CIA's director Tenet resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — With CIA Director George Tenet on the way out, the Bush administration faces crucial questions over how to improve America's intelligence gathering during a time of high terror threats and continued finger-pointing over past failures.

Tenet announced his resignation Thursday in an emotional address to CIA staff, ending seven years as the agency's head during two presidencies. President Bush named Tenet's deputy, John McLaughlin, to temporarily lead America's spy agency when Tenet steps down in mid-July.

Tenet's decision comes just before the expected release of several long-awaited and highly critical reports on intelligence failures by the CIA and other agencies.

The presidential commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks soon will make its findings and recommendations after already strongly condemning the CIA for pre-Sept. 11 failures.

And a Senate Intelligence Committee report on faulty prewar estimates of Iraq's weapons capabilities is "a very

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City spruce-up



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Israel Ulloa, a heavy equipment operator for the City of Pampa, paints the bridge on Harvester Avenue, one of the city summer projects.

Power failure continues in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — More than 150,000 North Texas homes and businesses remained without power Friday morning following two nights of heavy storms this week, utility officials said.

"We anticipate having power restored by midday Saturday," TXU Electric Delivery spokeswoman Carol Peters said. Most of the 155,000 customers still without power are in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, she said.

"Crews have been working on rotation for more than 50 hours," Peters said. Workers now total 3,300 people, including nine crews from nine states, she said.

Severe weather Tuesday and Wednesday left 500,000 customers without electricity at the height of the storms and caused an estimated \$100 mil-

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SHOOTING

ing to the latest press release. The word "Yukon" is air-brushed in large letters on the tailgate, and it has a grill guard and American racing rims and tires, according to the press release.

"The persons in the vehicle are being sought in connection with the shooting of Mr. Galvan. They may be armed and should be considered dangerous," Courtney said in the release.

Witnesses at the scene said at least three persons entered Galvan's house before several shots were heard coming from the house. The three, all believed to be Hispanic, were seen leaving in the Yukon immediately after the shots were fired, according to the release.

Police are still investigating possible connections between Galvan's shooting and another incident involving shots fired which was reported by a caller to Pampa Central Dispatch at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday. Several callers reported a green Chevrolet Suburban involved in shots which were fired on East Frederic Street.

As officers arrived on East Frederic, they saw the 1999 Chevrolet Suburban, bearing Kansas license tag RKS017, and attempted to stop it. The Suburban led city and county law enforcement officers on a five- to seven-minute chase,

"taking officers into the county and back into the city," at both slow and fast speeds, according to the June 2 press release. Gray County Sheriff's deputies stopped the Suburban in the 500 block of Lowry, and the four persons inside it were taken into custody.

The 911 call concerning Galvan was received as the four were being arrested, according to the release. The two incidents may be connected, according to the police spokesperson, due in part to the timing of each incident.

A woman who did not identify herself, who arrived at the scene on Garland Street as emergency personnel responded to the call involving Galvan, told a reporter that she had witnessed the shootings on Frederic Street. She said she had seen a man she believed to be the victim riding in the back of a white pickup which was sitting in the driveway of Galvan's residence when officers responded to the calls involving the Garland Street house. She said she had seen people in an SUV shooting at and chasing the white pickup and Frederic and Barnes streets.

Darrell Moses Perry, 24; Armando Anaya, 29; and Rafael Estrada, 56, all of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Juan Anaya, 30, Wichita, Kan., were arrested in the 500 block of Lowry Street and booked into Gray County Jail after they were removed from the Suburban. Each was charged

with evading with a vehicle, deadly conduct, and money laundering over \$3,000 and under \$20,000.

"The evading charge is a state jail felony, while the other two charges are third-degree felonies," Courtney said in the press release. "The money laundering charge stems from the fact that over \$10,000 was found in the green SUV. The deadly conduct charge was filed because at least one bullet entered a residence in the 1100 block of East Frederic."

Officers found ammunition in the Suburban for three different calibers of handguns. Two handguns were recovered by law enforcement officers from along the side of the road traveled by the green Suburban during the chase, according to the news release. The Suburban is registered to Juan Anaya.

Bond for each charge for each of the four was set at \$50,000 by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman this morning, making total bond on each person \$150,000, Curfman said. All four remained in Gray County Jail as of press time today, according to a jail spokesperson.

Police investigation of each incident is continuing, and both cases are open, the police spokesperson said. Anyone with information concerning the Yukon or either of the incidents is asked by the police department to call 669-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

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RODEO

as they picked their favorite competitors to root for. As the competition stretched into the nighttime hours, the following results reported from the rodeo association poured in:

Bareback Riding: Tom MacFarland, Morristown, Ariz., first place, 80 points; Zach Dishman, Beaumont, second place, 78 pts.; Darren Clark, Lewisville, third place, 76 pts.; Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo., fourth place, 70 pts.; Caine Riddle, Vernon, first place, 67 pts.; Silas Richards, Denton, 66 pts., and Stetson Herrera, Portales, N.M., 66 pts., tied sixth place.

Saddle Bronc Riding: J.W. McCuiston, Sugar City, Colo., first place, 79 pts.; Billy Herbert, Marble Falls, second place, 72 pts.; Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, third place, 71 pts.; Bonner Cooper, Slaton, 70 pts., and Branden Mayberry, Queen Creek, Ariz., 70 pts., tied fourth place; Justin Howard, Woodward, Okla., fifth place, 69 pts.; Clay Wilson, Morrison, Okla., sixth place, 60 pts.

Steer Wrestling: Troy Bryant, Laverne, Okla., first place, 5.0 seconds; Barry Kreikemeier, Las Animas, Colo., second place, 6.3 seconds; Gabe Taylor, Ponca, Neb., third place, 6.7 seconds; Gabe Burrows, Hugoton, Kan., fourth place, 8.4 seconds; K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., fifth place, 9.0 seconds; Daniel Adams, Weatherford, Okla.,



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

John Chesher and Joyce Rasco serve barbecue, sponsored by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, to rodeo fan Lewis Bell.

sixth place, 15.8 seconds.

Mutton Busting: Chaney McCuiston, Pampa, first place; Yancie McCuiston, Pampa, second place; Colten Landrum, Pampa, third place.

Calf Roping: Jason Childers, Mead, Okla., first place, 9.4 seconds; Barry Burk, Ponca City, Okla., second place; 9.9 seconds; Brian Bendele, Chandler, Okla., third place, 10.8 seconds; G. Craig Marslof, Amorita, Okla., fourth place, 13.5 seconds; Christian Sanchez, Mesilla Park, N.M., fifth place, 16.06 seconds; Dustin Bell, Lubbock, sixth place, 19.4 seconds.

Double Mugging: Shawn Whatley, Craig Cobb, Zach Cobb, first place, 20.6 seconds.

Barrel Race: Delores Toole, Manter, Kan., first place, 17.57 seconds; Rena Grissom, Sulphur, Okla., second place, 17.89 seconds;

Mary Moore, Fargo, Okla., third place, 18.04 seconds; Collette Graves Baier, fourth place, 8.05 seconds; Stacey Murphy, Weatherford, Okla., fifth place, 18.43 seconds; Linda Durrett, Decatur, sixth place, 18.91 seconds; Tamara Reinhardt, Canadian, seventh place, 22.98 seconds; Kimberly Travis, Elk City, Okla., eighth place, 23.1 seconds.

Bull Riding: Shane Drury, Ewing, Neb., first place, 92 pts.; Clint Castle, Center, second place, 76 pts.; Dustin Elliott, Maxwell, Neb., 74 pts., Jesse Hiler, Larkspur, Colo., 74 pts., both third place; Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla. 72 pts., and Blu Bryant, Robinson, 72 pts., both fourth place; Cody Whitney, Asher, Okla., fifth place, 71 pts.; Geraldo Venegas, Fort Worth, sixth place, 70 pts.

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TENET

stinging report of failure inside the CIA," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., an Intelligence Committee member.

It seems unlikely that Bush will send a nomination for a new CIA director to the Senate before the fall rather than wait until after the election, should he win.

Among names mentioned as a possible successor are the House Intelligence Committee chairman, Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla.; Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, former Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., and former

New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, whose spokeswoman discounted the speculation.

In a hastily arranged announcement Thursday, Bush said he was sorry to see Tenet go. "I will miss him," the president told reporters

just before departing for Europe.

An emotional Tenet told CIA employees that his resignation was the most difficult decision he's made. "It was a personal decision and had only one basis in fact: the well-being of my wonderful

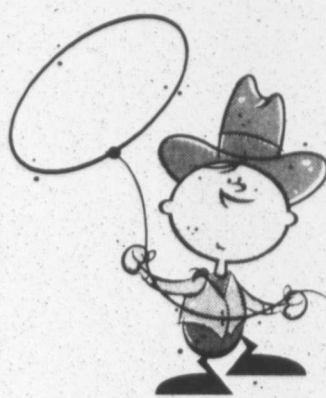
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POWER

lion in damage. Winds more than 80 mph, heavy rain, profuse lightning and large hail damaged buildings, felled trees and downed power lines.

Preliminary estimates of storm damage are expected to increase, said Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

"Typically, over the weekend people will begin to inspect to see if they have any damage," Johns said.



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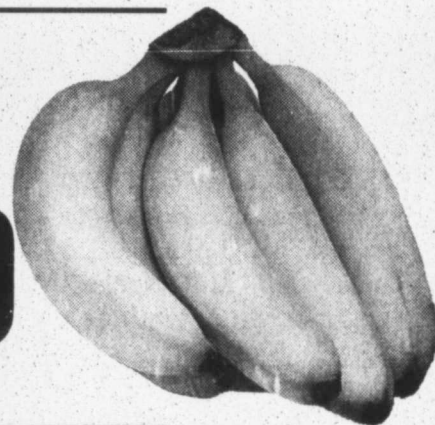
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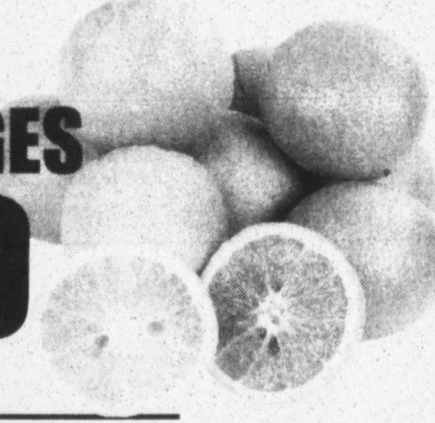
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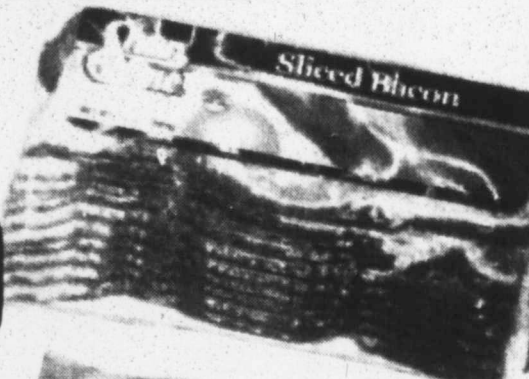


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Study finds 40 percent of Arkansas kids overweight, suggesting children heavier nationwide than thought

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Forty percent of public schoolchildren in Arkansas are overweight, and nearly one in four is obese, a sign that obesity among children nationwide is probably far worse than health officials had thought.

The findings are the broadest and most recent comprehensive look at children's weights, the result of a state law in Arkansas, where state officials have made obesity a top issue.

"I think we'll find as we go along that Arkansas is not that much more obese than other parts of the country," said Dr. Carden Johnston, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "(The) Arkansas data is the best that we have because it's cross-sectional."

The Arkansas numbers paint a more dire picture than previous national studies.

Those have indicated that about 30 percent of American children are overweight or obese. Those falling into the obese category account for about 15 percent.

In Arkansas, about 22 percent of the children are considered obese while 18 percent are merely overweight. Fifty-eight percent are normal weight, and 2 percent underweight.

Those results, released Thursday in Williamsburg, Va., at a Time-ABC News obesity summit, represent 276,000 of Arkansas' 450,000 public school students.

"This is a childhood issue now and it's sobering to see the number of children who have it," Johnston said. "The whole society will take obesity more seriously."

Arkansas already has removed vending machines from elementary school cam-

pus and set up a Child Health Advisory Committee to help parents get their children to normal weights.

"I hope we start seeing results immediately," said Gov. Mike Huckabee, who has lost more than 100 pounds since being diagnosed last year with diabetes. "A year from now we'll know parents are taking this seriously and encouraging healthier habits ... some as simple as saying, 'You're not going to sit in front of the computer screen with a bag of potato chips.'"

Last year Arkansas legislators passed a law requiring schools to find out the body-mass index of all schoolchildren and report to their parents. Health officials say the benefit of spotting at-risk children outweighs the stigma of branding them as too heavy.

"...It is more harmful not to identify the child as over-

weight," Johnston said. Studies show that childhood obesity can lead to diabetes and heart disease.

Nationwide, two-thirds of American adults are classified as either overweight or obese by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

And while some studies indicate a higher rate of people in the South are overweight than the national average, some researchers believe the Arkansas numbers are reflective of children across the country.

"This is a trend we're seeing nationwide. The lack of physical activity, the nutritional behaviors that we have developed over the years didn't start in Arkansas and it's not going to end in Arkansas," said Joy Rockenbach, program director at the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, which conduct-

ed the study. "If other states were collecting this info, we wouldn't see a difference."

Individual findings are sent to the students' parents with guidelines on a healthy lifestyle. Because the BMI calculation doesn't consider muscle mass, parents are asked to take overweight chil-

dren to a doctor to see if their child is truly unhealthy.

"A parent may be aware that the child is overweight," Huckabee said, but may not realize the "very serious medical consequences" of obesity.

Johnston said the Arkansas study will enable researchers to fight against obesity.

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Kerry claims military stretched too thin by Bush administration

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry says the Bush administration has stretched the U.S. military too thin, complicating the mission to create a stable Iraq.

Kerry said the country is in danger of returning to the low point of the Vietnam War in the late 1970s by creating "another hollow Army," with too few ready to fight.

"Despite all its talk of transforming our military, the Bush administration has done far too little to adapt our forces to the new missions they have to undertake," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Mo.

To Kerry the problem started when the US first entered the war.

"We went into Iraq with too few troops to prevent looting and crime, and we failed to secure nearly a million tons of conventional weapons now being used against our troops," Kerry said. "We failed to build alliances and squandered the opportunity to generate wider support inside Iraq, in the Arab world, and among the major powers. These mistakes have complicated our mission and complicated our objective — a stable Iraq with a representative government secure in its borders."

Kerry said the Bush administration has extended tours of duty, delayed retirements and prevented enlisted personnel

from leaving the service. He said it may increase the troop force, but it's "on the backs of the men and women who've already fulfilled their obligation to the armed forces and to our country, and it runs counter to the traditions of an all-volunteer military."

"They have effectively used a stop loss policy as a backdoor draft," he said.

Missouri Republican Sens. Kit Bond and Jim Talent, in a statement issued by the Bush campaign, said Kerry has a record of indecisiveness and defense budget cuts. They said Bush has led by confronting terrorist threats before they gathered.

"Harry Truman is known for the sign on his desk that read 'The Buck Stops Here,'" Bond said. "When Truman made a decision, he stood by it. John Kerry sees major decisions as opportunities to advance his political career."

Kerry's speech on modernizing the military for new threats is the third policy address during an 11-day focus on national security. He said the job of leading the military is central to the presidency, just as it was in Truman's day.

"Strong leadership demands more than the willingness to use force," he said. "It means directing the use of the right tools at the right time for the right purpose and the right cause. Only then will we be strong and more respected around the world."

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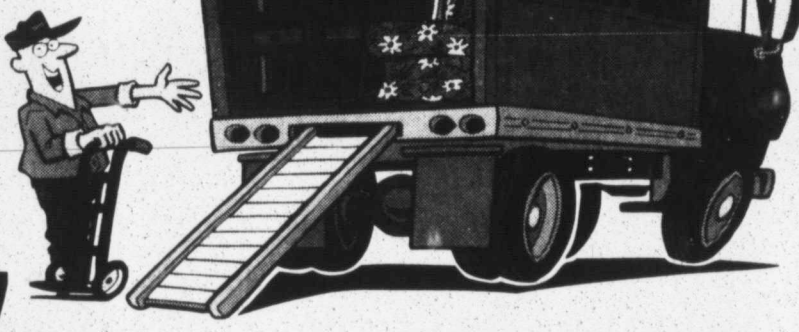
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The New Life Assembly of God Youth group will be holding a fundraiser consisting of a huge garage sale, silent auction (new items which have been donated by community businesses), a raffle, and a car wash on Saturday, June 5, at New Life Assembly of God Church, 1435 N. Sumner. The events will begin at 8 a.m. and the silent auction will close at 3 p.m. Hot dogs, cokes, and cookie dough will also be sold. Pictured with a selection of the garage sale and auction items are New Life Youth Group members, front row Sammie Magill, Kiersten Newton, Zachary Newton, Michelle Cox, Jennifer Cox, Monica Johnson; back row: Angela Magill, Michelle Linder, and Courtney Echols.

Central Baptist Church planning 'Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally'

An exciting week has been planned at Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning, for June 7-11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Central Baptist's children's directors invite local children to join them for the Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally. The church's youth program is embarking on a

good old-fashioned rally with the islands of Japan as its unique setting. Racers will be challenged by the goal — racing to God's Son, Jesus.

Each new day will be packed with high-energy fun as kids of all ages experience exciting Bible stories, amazing crafts, music with a

Japanese flare, unusual snacks and fun recreation.

Paula Gilreath, preschool division director, invites those children ages 4 (by Sept. 1, 2003) through kindergarten age to come and Connie Molitor, children's division director, invites children who have completed grades 1-6 to participate.

Each day features a special emphasis with "Penny Day" on Wednesday All pennies, dimes, quarters, etc., will go towards buying a paddle boat for Panfork Baptist Encampment. On Friday, a hot dog lunch will be provided for each child.

For more information, call 665-1631.

Only God decides when to give up

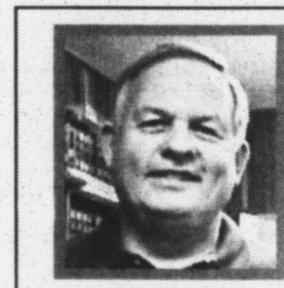
Do you have someone in your life who is a real "Ahab?" Someone who is mean, stabs others in the back, lies or does a thousand other wicked things? If so, this article is for you.

Ahab was the most wicked of all the kings that Israel ever had. If you were building a case for someone who deserved only hatred and bitterness, he would be the man. So lets take a minute to see how God treated Ahab.

In I Kings 20, after having done hundreds of evil, wicked things deserving of hell fire, God sent an unnamed prophet to tell Ahab that He was going to give him victory in an upcoming battle. In 20:13 it says, "This is what the Lord says: 'Do you see this vast army? (Syria) I will give it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am the Lord.'" God was still trying to reach this wicked, evil man who was completely undeserving of His love.

And then in 20:28 God sends another unnamed prophet to say, "This is what the Lord says: 'Because the Syrians think the Lord is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the Lord.'" God was still trying to reach Ahab.

But then came the time when God's patience finally ran out and he sent another unnamed prophet to deliver this message: "This is what the Lord says: 'You have set free a man I had determined should die. Therefore it is your life for his life, your



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people for his people."

The lesson? Only God has the right to "give up on a person". Why? Because He is the only one who can read everyone's heart. Even with the meanest of people, believers have to continue to pray for them and witness to them.

Because they will repent? No, in fact they might not ever repent. Why then must

we not give up on them? Because they probably aren't nearly as bad as Ahab and God was trying to reach him until the end.

Jesus followed in those same steps. Jesus was still trying to reach Judas even at the Last Supper. And a Christian is supposed to follow in His steps.

So since we can't read

hearts, we just can't give up on anyone. No matter how badly they have hurt you or injured you, you just can't give up on trying to reach them. And neither can I.

So let's get out there and look for every opportunity to reach out to those who hurt us the most. Let's look for another opportunity to witness to the one who stabbed us in our back. Why?

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Passions still strong on Southern Baptists' conservative takeover

HOUSTON (AP) — Back in 1979, the Rev. Jimmy Allen thought the highlight of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting would be a giant rally at the Astrodome featuring the Rev. Billy Graham.

Instead, Allen and other moderate leaders in the nation's largest Protestant denomination were caught by surprise as conservatives who had attacked the denomination's seminaries as "hotbeds of liberalism" flocked to the meeting.

There, they succeeded in electing a denominational president, the Rev. Adrian Rogers of Tennessee, who shared their view of biblical inerrancy — meaning that the Bible is without error in any way, including historical details.

Some thought the vote was just a momentary change in direction, but Rogers' election turned out to be a watershed moment for the denomination. The 16 million-member SBC shifted dramatically to the right — politically and theologically — and in the years that have followed, its conservative leaders have pushed hard against abortion rights, homosexuality and women pastors.

Twenty-five years later, passions remain strong on both sides when Baptists discuss the conservative takeover.

If not for the 1979 meeting, Southern Baptists "would be battling the same issues of the Episcopalians and the Methodists and the United Presbyterians. We would have basically marginalized at the homogenized the Southern Baptist Convention into a liberal, moderate denomination with

very little impact," said the Rev. Jack Graham, the convention's president and pastor of the 22,000-member Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

Allen, then the convention's president and pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, sees it differently.

"I'm sad for the fact that the Baptist witness had a golden moment in which we were at our fullest strength, and both our image and the reality was that we were a caring group of people enthusiastic about sharing the message," said Allen, now 76 and retired in Georgia. "Now, we are at a time when the word Baptist means squabbling and judgmentalism."

The conservative takeover — or "take back," as the revolt's co-leader, Paul Pressler, refers to it — came after Pressler and the Rev. Paige Patterson, then president of Criswell College, a Baptist school in Dallas, held an unprecedented series of pre-convention strategy sessions around the country.

Pressler and Patterson used a three-point message to recruit conservative "messenger" to the meeting:

— They argued that the denomination was in trouble because of liberal seminary professors who were questioning biblical inerrancy.

— They said the problem could be turned around by electing conservative presidents, who could use their powerful appointive authority to remove moderates from the boards of Baptist seminaries and other denominational agencies.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

GIRL DISCOVERS BOYFRIEND HAS OTHER PRIORITIES THAN GRADES

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and had always attended the same school until last year, when my parents moved to another state. After we got here, I met this cool guy, "Ted." We had a relationship until last December, when he and his family moved to another neighborhood and he had to change schools.

I never had a chance to tell Ted that I love him until three months ago. We met at a ballgame and I confessed. He said he loved me, too. I asked if we could be a couple again. He told me he couldn't deal with that right now because he has to concentrate on school before he deals with having a girlfriend. After he said it, I realized my grades should be my highest priority, too.

Two weeks ago, he called and asked me when we could have sex. I told him in six years, when I'm 21 and out of school. I think I'll be ready by then for that kind of a relationship.

Should he have asked me that question? And should I have agreed so quickly? -- CONFUSED IN GEORGIA

DEAR CONFUSED: Considering that Ted isn't ready for a serious relationship, I'd say his question was extremely presumptuous. And you didn't "agree quickly." You handled the question intelligently, letting him know that as much as you care for him, you're not a pushover and your own priorities must come first. Although you said you'd consider it at 21, I have a hunch he was more interested in what he could expect on Saturday night.

DEAR ABBY: "John" and I started dating two years ago, when he was a college freshman and I was a junior in high school. He was my knight in shining armor.

A year into our relationship, we lost our virginity to each other. I have no excuse other than I was in love and believed that someday we would be married.

Six months ago, John suddenly broke up with me. He said he needed his "space." After three months, he changed his mind and wanted to get back together.

er. He swore he wanted only me and nobody else. I believed him and forgave him.

Last week, I learned that while John and I were apart, he'd had sex with another girl -- an especially wild one who's had numerous lovers. I broke up with him immediately, but now I have a problem. I am experiencing some symptoms that could be an STD.

In my small town, everyone knows everyone. If I go to a local doctor, it'll be all over town before dark. It would shame my parents. I'm leaving soon to attend college several hundred miles from here. Would it be harmful to wait until I get there to see a doctor about what I'm afraid I have? -- BURNED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR BURNED: If there is a Planned Parenthood office within driving distance of your community, contact it now. It is listed in the telephone book, and the people there will be glad to help you.

If there isn't one, call the Centers for Disease Control's national STD/AIDS hotline: (800) 227-8922. They may be able to refer you to a public clinic for a confidential evaluation. It's important that you not put this off because some STDs can lead to infertility and other problems if treatment is postponed.

DEAR ABBY: I am 51 and still single. Recently I learned that I have a heart condition, and the doctors predict I have only five to 10 more years to live. I am in a turmoil trying to decide if it's fair to continue dating. My friends give me conflicting advice. What do you think is fair? -- TO DATE OR NOT TO DATE IN OREGON

DEAR TO DATE: If you haven't already done so, get a second medical opinion about the prognosis. If it is valid, then I think you should live to the fullest the time the good Lord allows you. If you get serious with someone, be honest about your condition and make that decision together.

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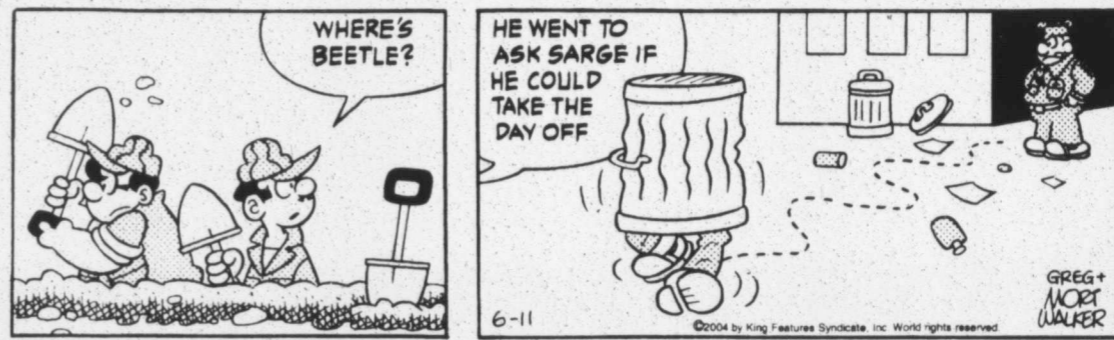
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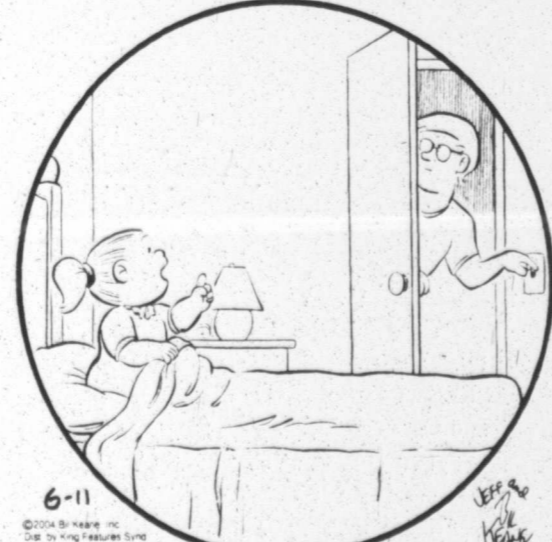


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Colorado's GOP senate candidates target delegates before convention

DENVER (AP) — On the issues, it's been hard to tell the difference between the two Republican candidates vying for a shot at Colorado's open Senate seat.

Peter Coors and Bob Schaffer both support President Bush's stance on Iraq, oppose abortion under any circumstances and think school vouchers are a good idea.

They're also in agreement over a constitutional ban on gay marriage, although Coors had said earlier that he wasn't sure it was necessary.

But the similarities are likely to fade after the state GOP convention this weekend, political experts said. At that point, Coors, the brewery heir, will probably begin offering himself as a moderate alternative to Schaffer, a conservative former congressman.

And if Coors wins the primary, experts say another reinvention is likely against the Democratic nominee, either educator Mike Miles or Attorney General Ken Salazar.

"It's the classic problem in American politics. He has to appeal to his base, then flip to the center to get the moderate vote in the primary, then shift again for the general election," said John Straayer, a political science professor at Colorado State University.

The race has drawn national attention because a seat once considered a Republican lock was put into play with the retirement of GOP Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell. In the Senate, Republicans hold a slim 51-48 majority with one Democratic-leaning independent.

Observers say Coors has been forced to endear himself to the party's right wing to win a spot on the Aug. 10 primary ballot during Saturday's convention.

That became clear after the Coors Brewing Co. distanced itself from Coors the candidate, its former chairman, by saying his support for a constitutional ban on gay marriage does not reflect the company's position.

"We do not support discrimination against the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender community, via legislation or otherwise," said CEO Leo Kiely.

Coors Brewing was once boycotted by gays because it required job applicants to take a polygraph test that included questions about sexual beliefs. The company is now considered a model for recruiting gay workers and offers same-sex partner benefits — something for which candidate Coors has taken credit.

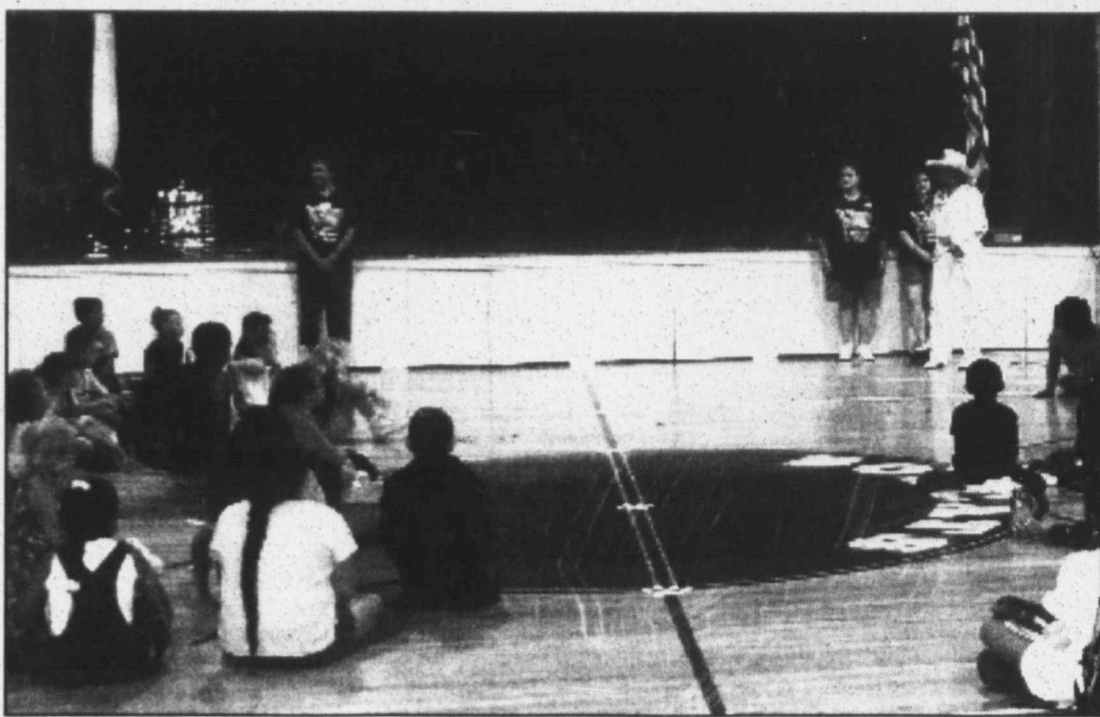
Cinamon Watson, his campaign spokeswoman, said the issue changed when states began issuing marriage licenses to gays earlier this year.

"At some point you have to separate Peter Coors from the company and listen to how Peter Coors defines himself as a candidate," she said.

Schaffer and Coors are both expected to win support from at least 30 percent of the GOP delegates.

The support will get them on the primary ballot.

Rodeo queen



(Community Camera photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Courtney Stephens speaks at Lamar Elementary School recently.

Employers add 248,000 new jobs in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added almost a quarter million workers in May, extending a nine-month hiring spree and accommodating enough new jobseekers to hold the unemployment rate steady at 5.6 percent.

Payrolls swelled by almost 1 million in the last three months alone, the Labor Department said Friday. Employment figures for March and April were revised up to reflect the addition of 353,000 and 346,000 jobs

respectively. Because tens of thousands of jobless are renewing their search for work in the wake of an improving labor market seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate did not improve from April's 5.6 percent figure.

The snapshot of America's employment situation in May met the expectations of most private analysts and fueled anticipation of an increase in interest rates when the Federal Reserve meets at the end of this month. The Fed's main interest rate has been at a 46-year low of 1 percent, but analysts expect that to end with the jobs market steadily gaining steam.

Hiring last month was widespread, with businesses adding an overall 248,000 new jobs across the economy. Industries that posted the biggest gains included construction, health care, professional and business services and hotels and restaurants.

The struggling manufacturing sector also is reawakening, adding 32,000 new jobs last month. It was the fourth straight month of payroll increases after almost three years of continuous losses.

The payroll survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reflecting the addition of those 248,000 new jobs to business payrolls, is separate from a survey of U.S. households. It is that survey which determines the unemployment rate.

Friday's report was good news for President Bush, who has been counting on continued employment growth to boost his re-election prospects. The economy was expected to be a major drag on his campaign, but that may prove otherwise.

Bush still is on track to be the first president since the Great Depression to have lost jobs during his watch. His administration was widely criticized for an overly optimistic forecast that 2.6 million new jobs would be created this year. Economists now say the chugging economy could approach that mark.

The economy is far from the booming 1990s. Last month, 8.2 million people remained unemployed. While the overall jobless rate stayed at 5.6 percent, it was much higher among blacks, at 9.9 percent and Hispanics, at 7 percent.

The average duration of unemployment rose to 20 weeks last month, up from 19.7 weeks in April. Almost 22 percent of all jobless workers have been without work for 27 weeks or more.

Construction employment rose by 32,000 in May, with 91,000 new jobs added since January.

In services, professional and business services added 64,000 new jobs, fueled by hiring increases in temporary employment firms.

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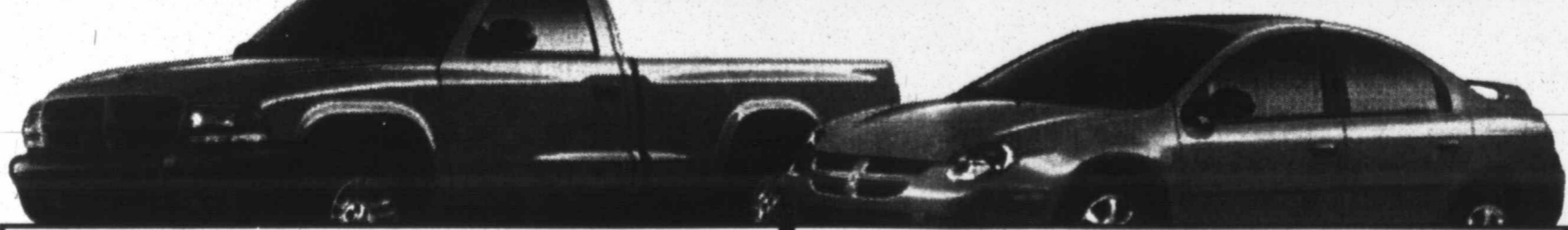
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