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Horst: Sales tax receipts up again

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

If the city's sales tax receipts continue to grow like they did this month, the City of Pampa could have \$300,000 more revenue than they had budgeted with only three months left in this fiscal year.

"The month of June, which is for sales in April, was right at 28.5 per-

cent over budget," said John Horst, director of finance for the City of Pampa. "This is the highest percentage over budget we've had this fiscal year."

It was better than June 2003 by \$30,000.

"I or year-to-date," Horst said, "we're over budget right now by \$268,090.34 for the year. We're over last year by \$160,000."

The city collected a total of \$243,899.44 in sales tax, according to the latest sales tax figures. Of that, \$60,974.86 goes to the Pampa Economic Development Corp., which is in the process of being dissolved.

The amount is 28.57 percent over what was budgeted and 19.59 percent ahead of the same month last year.

The city had budgeted

\$1,434,189.36 through June. It has received \$1,702,279.70 putting it \$268,090.34, or 18.69 percent over budget this fiscal year to date.

"We're sitting at about 10.5 percent over last fiscal year to date," Horst said, "which is a very healthy growth."

Looking forward, Horst said that

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City, county set special meetings

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission and the Gray County Commissioners Court will each meet in special sessions today in connection with ambulance service discussions.

Pampa city commissioners will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the city commission chambers in city hall, Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant said this morning.

County commissioners will meet at 4 p.m. today in the commissioners courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Court House, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

The city commission will consider a contract with Gray County regarding a third party ambulance and emergency medical services administrator, Grant said.

Rural Metro Ambulance service announced earlier this year that it would suspend service in Pampa and Gray County effective July 14. City and county officials formed a task force to look for another ambulance service, but after interviewing several companies decided to establish a joint ambulance service to be managed by

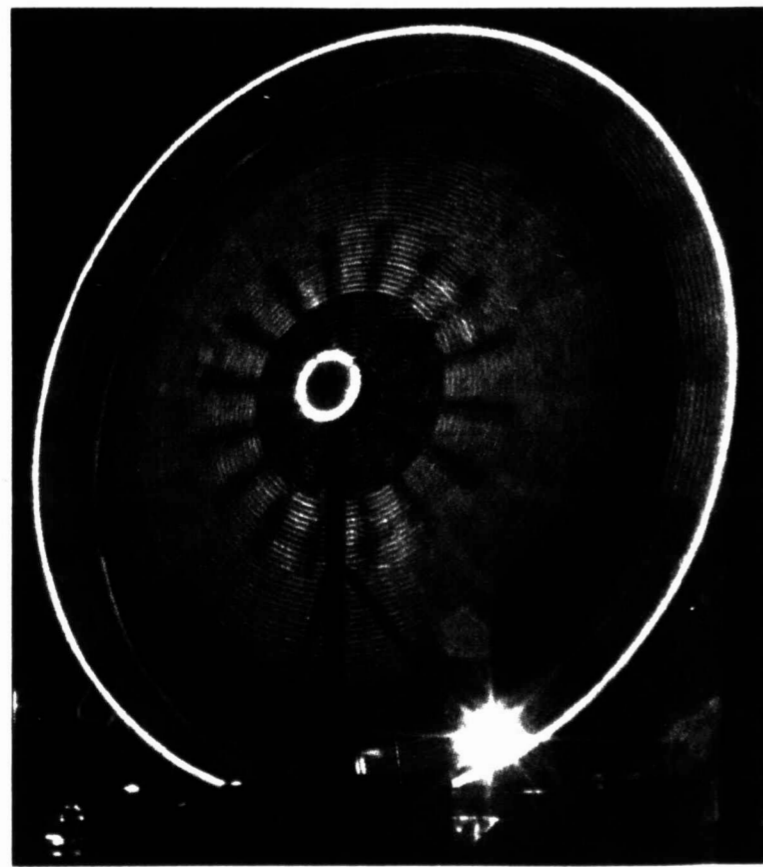
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Girls in a whirl

In a whirl of motion, Marissa Hudson, left and Samantha Clendennen speed around the Blizzard on the Pride of Pampa Band Carnival midway.



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Wonderland by night

A slow camera setting turns the lights of the ferris wheel at the Pride of Pampa Band Carnival into a multi-color kaleidoscope.

Officials, thousands of citizens join capital farewell to Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — They came in limousines and dark suits, attesting to their high station, then they came in shorts and T-shirts, after waiting through the night. The mighty and the average paid tribute to Ronald Reagan, the 40th president, lying in state under a soaring dome where Americans once said goodbye to Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

Boy scouts in khaki shorts and neckerchiefs, office workers with ID tags around their necks, tourists with children in tow, an American Indian in feathered headdress, all came to pay their respects and slowly file past Reagan's casket, draped in the stars and stripes of the American flag.

"I did OK until I got inside and then it was very moving," said Art Kreatschman,

52, of New Windsor, Md., who had stood in line for three hours. "I teared up little."

Jeff Peters of Crofton, Md., brought his 9-year-old son Brandon.

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Dick Cheney
The President

"He'll remember this the rest of his life," Peters said. "It was worth a day off school."
Nancy Reagan, resting at Blair House, the official guest residence across the street from the White House, planned to meet privately with dignitaries, including former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher,

former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker and his wife, former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker.

"She plans to have a quiet day," said spokeswoman Grier Hinn.

In Reagan's hometown of Dixon, Ill., the former president was remembered at a memorial service Thursday as one who never lost his small-town roots.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican whose district includes Dixon, said at the service there, "Millions of people walk in freedom. Why? Because Ronald Reagan stepped forward."

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Wednesday, June 9
Lost property was reported in the 300 block of Miami. A purse and contents were taken, for an unknown amount of loss.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner. A red Western Auto lawn mower was taken from a camper

shell. The door on the camper shell was damaged. Estimated amount of damage was \$50; estimated loss was not reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. The incident reportedly occurred on June 7. A bicycle was vandalized. Cost of damage is unknown.

GCSO

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the

following arrests.

Wednesday, June 9
Rick Lynn Marsh, 43, 619 N. Sumner, was arrested on a grand jury indictment out of 46th District Court in Foard County for interfering with child custody.

Fire

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

Wednesday, June 9

1:10 p.m. One unit and two firefighters responded to the 500 block of North Wells on a gas leak and found a broken gas meter. They stood by on the scene until Atmos Energy officials arrived.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance reported the following calls

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 9
10:58 a.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:10 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:40 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to

Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Christine and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, June 10
5:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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NOI	27.65	+0.15
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SS Grip	13.30	+0.18
New York Gold	384.55	
Silver	5.63	
West Texas Crude	37.84	

New filings for jobless benefits up last week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of new people signing up for unemployment benefits rose last week. But even with the increase, claims are still hovering at a level that points to a recovery in the jobs market.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new applications for unemployment insurance increased by a seasonally adjusted 12,000 to 352,000 for the week ending June 5.

Although the increase in filings comes after two straight weeks of declines, the 352,000 level of claims is still well below the 424,000 filed for the same week a year ago, showing that the layoffs picture has improved considerably from last year.

Last year, claims reached a high of 444,000 in the middle of April and have slowly drifted downward.

Economists were expecting claims to fall last week. Filings for last week, however, covered the period including the Memorial Day holiday, a time that can present difficulties adjusting the data for seasonal factors, a Labor Department analyst said.

The number of people that have been drawing unemployment insurance fell by 106,000 to 2.88 million for the week ending May 29, the most recent period for which that information is available. That marked the lowest level in so-called "continued" claims since the week ending May 19, 2001.

"This provides some confirmation that hiring has picked up, so that those receiving jobless benefits are finding work more

quickly and dropping out of the tally," said Steven Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials average was up 18 points in morning trading.

With the economy growing smartly and the labor market in recovery, economists widely expect the Federal Reserve will boost short-term interest rates for the first time in four years at its next meeting on June 29-30. Most economists are expecting a one-quarter percentage point increase.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a speech Tuesday, said although he still expects the Fed will be able to push interest rates up gradually to combat inflation, policy-makers are prepared to take more aggressive action should the inflation outlook turn worse than they now expect.

The Fed for nearly a year has been holding its main lever for influencing economic activity at 1 percent, a 46-year low, to help the economy get back to full throttle. The economy, which fell into recession in 2001, was jolted by the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and a wave of accounting scandals, didn't stage a material rebound until the second half of last year.

The labor market, which had been stuck in the doldrums over the last three years, has been showing strong signs recently that it is getting back in the groove.

Greenspan, in his remarks Tuesday, welcomed the recent, sizable increases in the nation's payrolls.



While attending the Create-a-Beat summer program at Hi-Land Christian Church, Shelbie Carr spends part of a hot afternoon this week playing on the Slip-and-Slide along with several of her friends.

Gray County Weather



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Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 91. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 62. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

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Lawmaker supports business tax to pay for public schools

TYLER (AP) — A broad-based business tax is the solution to Texas' public school finance problems, state Sen. Kevin Eltife has told superintendents meeting in East Texas.

The lawmaker said Wednesday that he was opposed to school funding plans by Gov. Rick Perry.

The Texas Legislature unsuccessfully finished a special session on school financing in May. Perry has said he will call them back as many times as necessary to find a solution.

"We have to come up with a permanent revenue source for education, not a Band-Aid," Eltife told participants in the Superintendent Institute at The University of Texas at Tyler.

He said one school finance plan kicked around in the Senate that he liked was a business tax.

The problem of how to raise more funds for public education and provide property tax relief for taxpayers and for school districts is "very solvable with a broad-based business tax," he said

in Thursday's editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

In any upcoming special session, Eltife said, the focus should be on fixing school finance and taking care of teachers and students, not who wins politically or who gets credit for a particular plan.

Eltife said that in the first session, Perry's plan went nowhere. House Speaker Tom Craddick never had a plan and the lieutenant governor had part of a plan. The split tax roll in the governor's plan was wrong, Eltife said.

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Carousel rider

In a blur, two-year-old Kamy Silva spins around the Pride of Pampa Band Carnival carousel with the help of her old sister, Yvette.

Revenue

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August is usually a good month for sales tax revenue. "June is traditionally one of our lower months in collections," Horst said.

This fiscal year got off to a good but slow start in October with \$215,449.35 collected. That amount was only about 4.56 percent over

the budgeted amount. December dropped to \$203,685.61 collected, but that was still 2.18 percent over budget.

Since then, however, the city has seen double digit increases in rates over what they had budgeted.

"If this trend will continue for three more months, until the end of September (the end of the city's fiscal year)," Horst said, "we'll be about \$360,000 over budget."

Horst said the economy seems to be picking up in Pampa.

"This is very good news," he said. "I hope it continues."

That's the good news. The bad news is that during the past few years when sales tax revenues were dropping, the city postponed a number of maintenance and repair projects. Those postponed projects will now likely eat up the excess in revenues. "We've had to delay a lot

World leaders wrap summit

SEA ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — President Bush appealed to his big-power allies Thursday to do more to guide Iraq's transformation into a stable democracy, saying the "Iraqi people need help" to defend themselves, rebuild their country and hold elections.

Bush's comments, made after a private meeting with a skeptical French President Jacques Chirac, came as the annual Group of Eight summit was winding down.

Two of his toughest war opponents hinted they are willing to talk about an expanded NATO role if the Iraqis request it.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reiterated that his country will not send troops to Iraq, but told reporters that Germany would not block other countries if they decided NATO has a larger role.

Chirac has strong reservations about the idea, but is open to discussions before a NATO summit at month's end, French officials said.

The lingering differences

over Iraq clearly extended into Chirac's meeting with Bush, who acknowledged past differences with the French president but told reporters, "Friends are able to discuss the future."

Bush said he and Chirac discussed "whether or not there is a continued role for NATO" in Iraq.

"We understand the Iraqi people need help to defend themselves, to rebuild their country and, most importantly, to hold elections," Bush said.

When his turn came to speak, Chirac did not mention the dispute over Iraq but spoke

instead of how much he had enjoyed the G-8 summit, particularly the food. "Over the last few days, this cuisine here in America was certainly on a par with French cuisine," he said.

"He particularly liked the cheeseburger he had yesterday," Bush quipped.

Chirac responded: "Excellent."

A French official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said different points of view remain on whether NATO's participation should grow.

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Reagan

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Official Washington hailed Reagan as "a graceful and gallant man," in Vice President Dick Cheney's words Wednesday night.

Hastert, speaking at the state funeral ceremony opening the 34-hour period of Reagan's lying in state, said, "It is altogether fitting and proper that he has returned to this Capitol Rotunda, like another great son of Illinois, Abraham Lincoln, so the nation can say goodbye."

Once the dignitaries had left, tens of thousands of average Americans began to stream through the Rotunda, undeterred by hours of waiting outside in sweltering heat. The public viewing goes on continuously until Friday morning.

The Capitol sergeant at arms office, which oversees security in the building, estimated 30,000 people had viewed the casket as of 7:30 Thursday morning, said Robert Stevenson, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

At midmorning Thursday, several thousand people stood in a line that snaked along the western end of Capitol Hill and around the

Capitol reflecting pool. The mood was serious but not somber. Large fans helped cool those waiting in the steamy heat, and bottled water was available as well. Inside the cool of the building were long, separate lines for congressional staff.

Among those moving through the Rotunda on Thursday were Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, a onetime presidential contender, and Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy U.S. defense secretary.

Another visitor was Glynn Crooks, 52, of Prior Lake, Minn., who said he is a vice chairman of a Sioux tribe there and wore traditional Indian garb.

He said of Reagan, "He makes me think of the old West, and this is part of the old West."

Reagan's casket lay in state in the center of the Rotunda, a room ringed with statues of some of his predecessors and paintings depicting the founding of the nation.

It rested beneath "that big white dome, bulging with new tax revenues," as Reagan would say in his frequent criticism of the Congress. The scolding was forgotten Wednesday.

His body was flown in from California on one of President Bush's jets and brought to the Capitol a century-old, horse-drawn caisson for an honor last accorded a president in 1973 when Lyndon Johnson died.

Crowds 15 deep watched the procession advance slowly up Constitution Avenue. A riderless horse with boots reversed in the stirrups followed the caisson, and drums sounded, marking the cadence of the marchers.

Cheers broke out briefly for Reagan's widow, Nancy, riding in a limousine at the head of the procession. She waved, repeatedly, looking wan.

"God bless you, Nancy," a man cried out.

Most members of Congress, much of Bush's Cabinet, four Supreme Court

justices and a large contingent of diplomats attended the service. Former Vice President Dan Quayle was one of only a few former officials who crowded into the Rotunda.

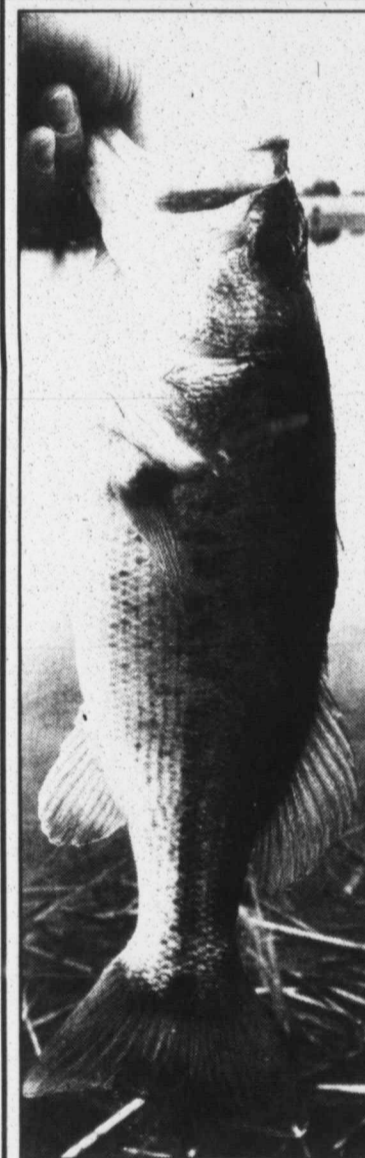
Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., gazed at Reagan's casket.

Kennedy had been present in 1963 when his brother, President Kennedy, was eulogized in the Capitol following his assassination.

Reagan, who died Saturday at 93 at his home in Los Angeles, will be buried Friday in a sunset ceremony on the grounds of his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Bush planned to come back from the Group of Eight meeting of industrial nations in Georgia on Thursday and, with his wife, Laura, call on Mrs. Reagan and visit the casket.

Bush and his father, who was Reagan's vice president and succeeded him in the White House, will be among the eulogists Friday.



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Meetings

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the city. That, however, may have changed.

After a two-and-a-half hour meeting with Guardian EMS Wednesday afternoon, the ambulance task force will take the Bryan/College Station company's proposal back to their respective governmental bodies today.

Guardian EMS officials told task force members Wednesday that they were unaware of the request for proposals Pampa and Gray County sent out earlier this year. They said they found out that Rural/Metro was pulling out of Pampa after seeing a notice on the internet a few days ago.



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Viewpoints

Technology becomes both blessing and curse

Technology is both a blessing and a curse.

It frees up our time while dispensing with many jobs, jobs that pay money.

It allows us to exchange messages in a fun and easy format, but those messages cannot be torn up, burned or shredded.

Even if we delete them from our computer system, they often can be recovered, and copies exist on web servers of which we have absolutely no control.

The cellular phone has made a tremendous difference here in the Texas Panhandle. In a region where travel over miles of wide-open spaces is the norm, help can be summoned with just the touch of a few buttons. It brings a whole new dimension to travel, especially for a lone woman or a group of teenage girls.

The latest advance in cell phone technology, of course, is the camera phone. In many ways, the camera is a wonderful addition to what is,

overall, a handy little piece of technology. There is, however, a downside to this spectacularly "cool" bit of innovation, whether we want to acknowledge it or not.

With the camera phone, opportunities to spy proliferate. This medium is small, innocuous and discreet. It can fit comfortably into your shirt pocket.

Think about that.

To what possible nefarious uses can this gadget be used to accomplish? This is a problem that is already rearing its sinister, ugly head.

And what is the solution?

Well, we can't go back, and it isn't fair or practical to ban camera phones because a minority of the people can't be

trusted. This is a fact of life. You can't rid the world of cheaters, liars, voyeurs or criminals. These types of individuals, I believe, will not cease to exist until the Second Coming.

To punish the rest of us for their sins is the ultimate betrayal of justice and freedom.

Meanwhile, it would behoove us to be more aware of the many ways in which we communicate these days. According to a story on News

with CNN on-line, a judge has ordered AT&T Wireless Communications Inc., to turn over the text messages of the female accusing Kobe Bryant of rape.

The question is, will these messages be admissible in court? To the best of my knowledge, that is still anyone's guess.

It certainly brings home the power and girth of Big Brother and all his accomplices ... unwitting or otherwise.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor



Texas thoughts Enron's name forever connected to corruption

From the *Houston Chronicle*:

The latest draft of Enron's reorganization plan is before the bankruptcy judge in New York. After grinding through three-quarters of a billion dollars in legal fees, company officials hope to scrape together \$11 billion in cash and foreign stocks to settle what they hope will be only \$70 billion in residual claims.

Enron's Chapter 11 bankruptcy is theoretically a reorganization, but most of the company's physical assets have been liquidated. What's left will, after more months and years, be distributed to creditors. In a perverse twist for a company that did so much harm to others, one of Enron's prize assets now is its litigation against companies and individuals that Enron accuses of contributing to its demise.

Certain financiers obviously enabled Enron executives to inflate the company's book value, deceiving investors. However, as recent stories remind Houstonians, Enron's predations and collapse started with dishonesty at the core of its executive suite and a culture of contempt for the public and the rules that spread throughout several corporate divisions.

Two former Enron executives and four ex-Merrill Lynch bankers were to have gone on trial Monday charged with conspiracy to commit fraud. The approach of the judge's vacation delayed jury selection until August.

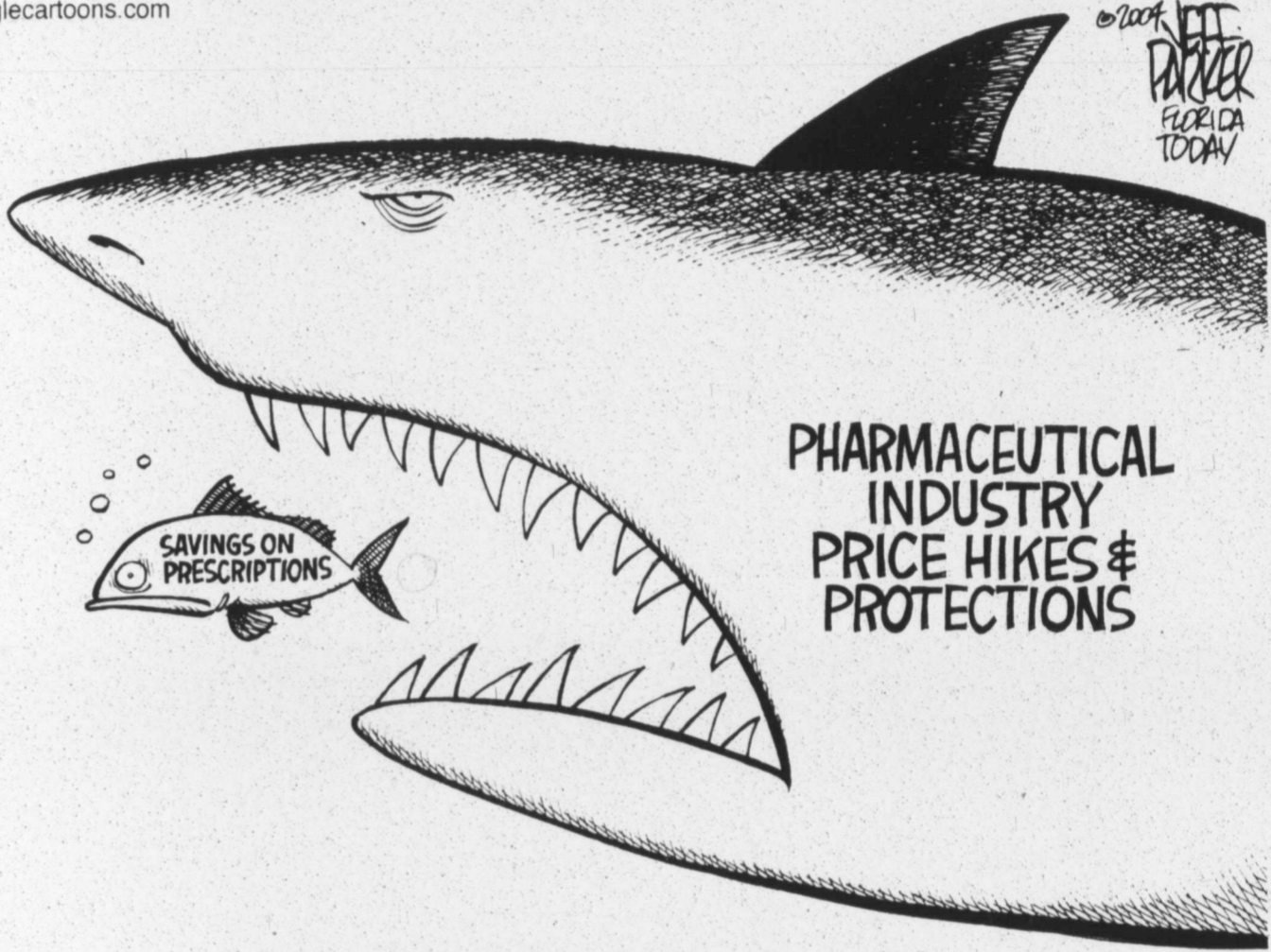
A jury eventually will reach a verdict. However, the relatively minor case is emblematic of how Enron systematically worked to overstate its assets and understate its debts. In this instance, Enron transferred power-generating barges to Merrill Lynch, making it look as if Enron had made a profit. Prosecutors allege that Enron had agreed to buy the barges back at a loss which was a bad deal for Enron investors and exceeded the limits normally prescribed for honest commerce.

Before the trial was postponed, defense attorneys and jury selection specialists expressed concern that an impartial jury could not be picked, so great is Houstonians' prejudice. Thousands of unsuspecting Enron employees lost their jobs and nest eggs. Countless stockholders and pension funds lost their investment.

If the harm Enron inflicted on the public were insufficient to nourish an abiding grudge, recently released tape recordings capture Enron traders and their industry collaborators joking about overcharging Californians and creating artificial bottlenecks that caused rolling blackouts and endangered public safety.

Since Enron's collapse there have been even larger bankruptcies. There have been more brazen corporate thefts whose perpetrators regarded Enron's Byzantine schemes as unnecessary formalities. But Enron's special brand of corruption tempered by callousness will ensure that the name remains synonymous with corporate misconduct.

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MEDICARE CARD SHARK

Bill Cosby told it like it really is

May 17 saw several gatherings commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court school desegregation decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*. But the event held in Washington, D.C.'s Constitution Hall will be the one to be remembered because of Bill Cosby's remarks, which won him scathing criticism from some in the black community.

For years, I've argued that most of the problems many black Americans face today have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination. For the most part, the most devastating problems encountered by a large segment of the black community are self-inflicted. Bill Cosby mentioned several of them, such as black parents who'll buy

their children expensive clothing rather than something educational, poor language spoken by many children and adults, and criminals who prey on the overwhelmingly law-abiding residents of black neighborhoods.

After Cosby's remarks, some in the audience laughed and applauded, but, according to *The Washington Post*, the black "leadership" in attendance, the head of the NAACP, the head of the NAACP legal defense fund and the president of Howard University were "stone-faced."

In a recent column, my col-

league Thomas Sowell explained, "Bill Cosby and the black 'leadership' represent two long-standing differences about how to deal with the problems of the black community. The 'leaders' are concerned with protecting the image of blacks, while Cosby is trying to protect the future of blacks, especially those of the younger generation."

Bill Cosby and I differ in age by one year — I'm older. We both spent part of our youth, in the 1940s and 1950s, growing up in North Philadelphia's Richard Allen housing project. Being poor

then was different from being poor now. My sister and I were rare among Richard Allen's residents. Our parents were separated, but nearly every other kid lived in a two-parent household. Black teen pregnancy was relatively rare and just a tiny fraction of today's. During those days, many residents rarely locked their doors until the last person came home. Hot summer nights saw many people fearlessly sleeping in their yards or on their balconies.

Today, less than 40 percent of black children live in two-parent families, compared to 70 percent and 80 percent in earlier periods. Illegitimacy, at 70 percent, is unprecedented in black history. Between

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Dick Morris
Columnist



Clinton became Reagan's ratifier

What was most unique about Ronald Reagan was his inner compass, his internalized sense of himself. Most politicians are narcissists. They lack a sure grasp of who they are and seek not only ratification but also self-definition in the eyes of others.

Hollywood, like Washington, is filled with narcissists. But Reagan spanned both cultures without needing to find his persona in the adoring eyes of either the film-going or the voting public.

A narcissist needs a mirror so that he can see himself, and measure his self-worth, in the reflected opinions of others. But narcissists don't want just any mirror. The more beauti-

ful, bright, charismatic, charming and attractive people are, the more psychologically nurturing they are as a mirror for the narcissist.

The affinity of Hollywood and Washington is rooted in the need of each for a mirror. The narcissists in politics and those in entertainment love to gaze adoringly at one another, telling each other how fabulous they are. Indeed, they likely both entered their respective professions precisely to seek mirrors for self-validation.

The amazing thing about Reagan is that, coming from one of these perverted cultures and entering into the midst of the other, he was no narcissist. The power of his presidency lay in precisely the opposite direction. It was his ability to defy the

conventional wisdom and march off in a direction dictated by his own insights, not popular consensus, that led him to reverse a century of growing government and a decade of national enfeeblement.

Every time he stepped onto

a film set, Reagan assumed an alternate persona. That was his job. But, as president, Reagan played himself. As a result, freed from the need to seek public approval for self-approval, he was able to impart his vision to his nation. Where other presidents let the times imprint them, Reagan shaped, molded and fundamentally altered his era.

So massive was the influence of this one man who spoke and thought for himself that he shaped the agenda not just of his followers but of his political adversaries as well.

Reagan not only dominated his own presidency and that of

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Rains continue for fifth day, forcing many from residences

DALLAS (AP) — "Days and days of rain" forced creeks and rivers out of their banks across North and Central Texas, driving hundreds from their homes.

Rainfall continued for a fifth day Thursday and totals topped 10 inches in some places. Residents along Eagle Mountain Lake and Lake Worth were moving furniture out of their homes and filling sandbags. Dozens of roads were flooded west of Fort Worth.

Communities west of Fort Worth had some of the worst flooding, with high water sweeping into houses and flooding roads, officials said. At least nine motorists were rescued from floodwaters in Aledo, said fire department officials.

High water covered every road into the city of Springtown, about 25 miles northwest of Fort Worth, and about 200 residents of nearby Reno were told to evacuate their homes.

Shawn Murasky voluntarily left his mobile home along Murl's Lake on Wednesday afternoon, evacuated by a school bus.

"I'd rather be safe than sorry," said Murasky, 26. "The water out there was

flowing fast across my drive, so I wasn't unhappy to leave."

Weatherford Fire Chief George Teague said that high water was threatening to start flowing over the emergency spillway at Lake Weatherford, which could flood hundreds of homes.

Law officers warned residents around Lake Worth to prepare to evacuate and provided sandbags as the water levels continued to rise.

"It's been a long time since we've had days and days of rain like this," Fort Worth fire department Lt. Kent Worley told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Citing widespread damage and loss of property, Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff sought help from the state by declaring a local state of disaster. An estimated 200 homes in the county have been damaged.

Parker County officials also requested emergency assistance from the state, and emergency management crews were en route early Thursday.

The Trinity River began overflowing its banks in Weatherford and parts of Dallas on Wednesday evening, creating swamps

out of farmland. In Grand Prairie, the Trinity was expected to overtake its brush- and tree-covered banks on Thursday.

One child was rescued after being washed away in deceptively powerful floodwaters in South Arlington.

Sixteen Army National Guard members and two Black Hawk helicopters were activated at the Dallas Naval Air Station for swift-water rescue operations, said Robert Black, a spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry.

Flooding from the storms tracking out of the Gulf of Mexico and through Central Texas followed last week's severe weather that left 500,000 North Texas homes and businesses without power.

Heavy rain also hit Central Texas. San Antonio police said a woman and several were injured Wednesday when water buildup caused a roof collapse at a strip mall. Interstate 10 was closed due to high water.

North of Austin, Interstate 35 was closed at Salado Creek. The interstate highway was also closed south of Artesia Wells, with several cars reported off the roadway.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Mouth full of hot dog

One-year-old Kaleb Garrison enjoys his first carnival hot dog at this week's Pride of Pampa Band Carnival.

Children find 200-year-old bones near bayou

TEXAS CITY (AP) — Children playing near a Southeast Texas bayou have found old remains that authorities believe are those of a teenage girl.

The bones discovered along the shores of Dickinson Bayou near Texas 146 could date to more than 200 years

ago, law officers say.

Police were called to the area on Sunday afternoon by the children.

The remains were so old that the Galveston County medical examiner's office called in an anthropologist to study them.

"These bones are much older than we are used to dealing with," Police Sgt. Brian Goetschius told the Texas City Sun in Thursday's editions.

Dr. Stephen Postilnik, the county's chief medical examiner, said carbon dating will be required.

Cosby

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1976 and 2000, over 50 percent of all homicides in the United States were committed by blacks, and 94 percent of the time, the victim was black. These are devastating problems, but are they caused by racism, and will spending resources fighting racial discrimination solve them?

Don't give me any of that legacy-of-slavery nonsense unless you can explain why all

of these problems were not worse during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, at a time when blacks were much closer to slavery, were much poorer, faced more discrimination and had fewer opportunities.

With all the opportunities available today, unavailable when Cosby and I were youngsters, black youngsters who dedicate themselves to academic excellence are attacked both verbally and sometimes physically for "acting white" and for being "Oreos" and "brainiacs." California Berkeley professor

John McWhorter says, "Insidious anti-intellectualism is the prime culprit in the school-performance gap between whites and blacks, which cuts across class and income lines." He adds that the rap music culture "retards black success by the reinforcement of hindering stereotypes and by teaching young blacks that a thuggish adversarial stance is the properly authentic response to a presumptively racist society."

In at least two important ways, black America is a study of contrasts. By any

measure, as a group, black Americans have made greater gains over some of the highest hurdles in the shortest span of time than any other racial group in human history. At the same time, for a large segment of the black community, these gains are elusive and will remain so under the current civil rights vision.

Bill Cosby's bold comments might be what's necessary to get an honest and fruitful discussion going within the black community, and for that, we all owe him thanks.

Ratifier

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his immediate successor, but he also cast a giant shadow over the Clinton administration. The major achievement of the Clinton presidency — welfare reform — was a key part of the Reagan vision.

Had it not been for Reagan, the goal of independence for a generation of welfare children would not have been the political objective of a political generation. It fell to Bill Clinton to secure the adoption of the Reagan vision.

Historian David Eisenhower speaks of the role of "ratifiers" in our political

culture. Eisenhower notes that a "dynastic" cycle in politics is only completed when an innovator's policies survive the tenure of his political opponents. In that light, he sees his grandfather Dwight Eisenhower as the ratifier of the FDR New Deal initiatives — the president from the opposing party who did not repeal but further refined the original policies.

And so Clinton was Reagan's ratifier.

Even when Reagan fell short, as with the deficits he left in his wake, his vision of the importance of a balanced budget shaped his ratifier's administration. If it was Reagan's economics that left the budget unbalanced, it was

his rhetoric, and the political juggernaut that it mobilized, that forced Newt Gingrich and Clinton to balance it.

Finally, Reagan deserves as much credit for ending the Cold War as FDR does for winning World War II and Woodrow Wilson for winning World War I. Reagan saw that the Soviet Union had not the economic resources to fight the United States and the West in the financial attrition of an arms race.

By cutting off their access to funds by opposing the construction of an oil pipeline to Europe, pushing the Saudis to drop the price of oil and getting the South Africans to deflate the price of gold, Reagan reduced Soviet eco-

nomical resources. And by bleeding them in Afghanistan and through an accelerated arms race, he strained their economy until it broke.

In sum, Ronald Reagan, in my view, deserves inclusion in the second tier of American presidents. In the first, I would put Washington, Lincoln and FDR. But I equate Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson, and Reagan — Jefferson and Madison for their work in shaping us. But what Jackson, TR, Wilson and Reagan had in common was their ability to reverse course and impart a new dynamic to our nation. Reagan, no less than they, did just that.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the 23-year-old mother of three whose husband is verbally abusive to her and the children, I had to write. She said she's ambivalent about divorcing him; she "just wants him to change." She signed her letter "Crazy in Tennessee."

You urged her to leave. I absolutely agree. That letter could have been written about my own family.

I have been married 14 years. My husband was verbally abusive for many of those years. He said horrible things to me (including wishing I was dead, etc.) in front of our three children. He also instigated arguments with the children — ages 6, 9 and 11 — seemingly just to make them cry. I finally filed for divorce, which will be final in a few months.

Our 9-year-old has become nervous and sick to her stomach recently. She gets particularly upset when her father and I are in the same room. I asked what the problem is. She said: "It scares me when you and Daddy are together. He has been mad at you for so long, and yelled so much. I'm afraid that now that you're getting the divorce, when you start fighting he might have a gun or something." Imagine how heartbreaking it was to hear that!

Please tell "Crazy in Tennessee" her best bet is to get out while the children are still too young to have sustained much damage from the verbal abuse they've been exposed to. I only wish I had done it sooner. —ALMOST TOO LATE IN OHIO

DEAR ALMOST TOO LATE: I'm pleased you had the courage to take that important step. Now, I hope you will waste no time in taking another one. Your children will stand a better chance of healing if you'll get them into therapy right away, although I am sad to say there are no guarantees. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My dad was just

like her husband. For more than 20 years, literally hours on end, day in and day out, I'd hear, "You're ugly! No girl in her right mind would ever want you!" As a result, I am painfully shy around females. Counseling has helped some, but there's always that little voice in the back of your mind that you hear over and over for as long as you live.

When I looked for work, Dad told me I was stupid and would never be hired or amount to anything. Because of it, I gave up looking for a job. I'm working now, but only because my mother encouraged me.

I hope for her children's sake that "Crazy in Tennessee" will find someone who will treat them all better. If she doesn't, I have no doubt that her children will wind up like me.

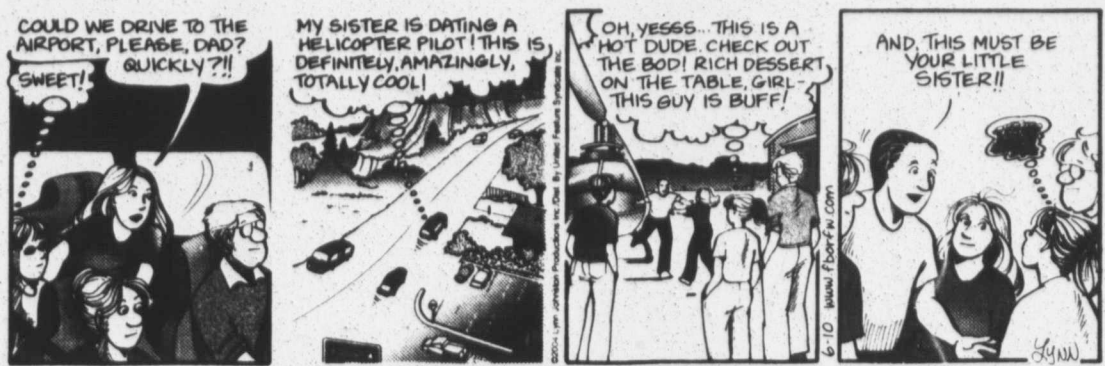
— BEEN THERE IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for writing. Don't sell yourself short. That you are functioning at all is a tribute to your inner strength. I'll repeat part of what I said in my original answer: Cruel words erode self-esteem like the ocean eats away the shore. I hope "Crazy in Tennessee" takes to heart your hard-earned wisdom, because even children who aren't picked on by the abuser can emerge from that lifestyle with "survivor guilt" for not being able to intervene.

I'll quote from a letter that arrived from another survivor, a woman in Wisconsin: "Abby, the one who will receive the most damage from that relationship is the daughter. She will grow up craving the one and only thing her father will never give her—his approval. And she'll continue to try to get it from other men who are as cruel and withholding as he is, because she thinks their behavior is normal."

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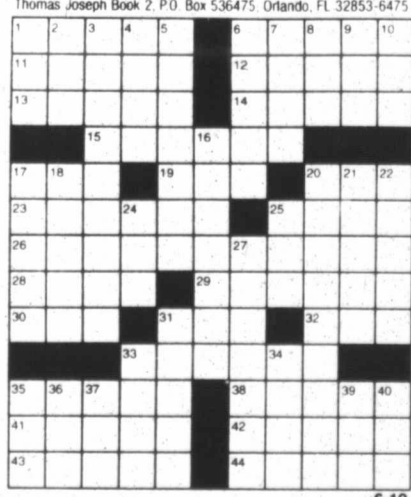
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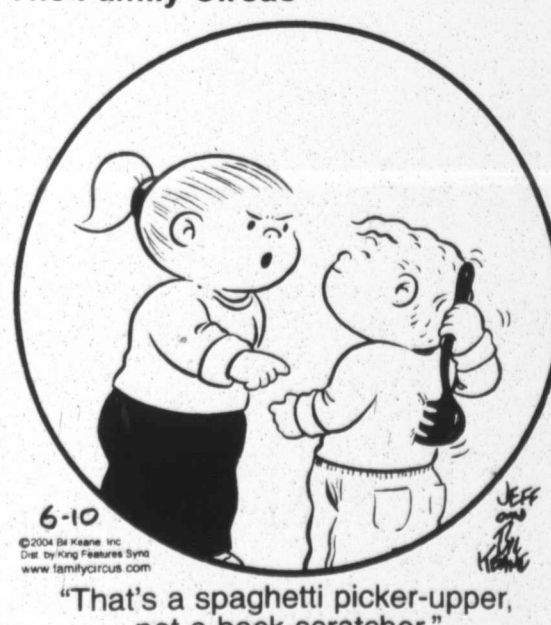
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Dylan Hokanson of Dumas braces for impact as he falls from his ride in the Group V bull riding competition Wednesday night at the Kid Pony Show.

All-around cowboy and cowgirl announced at Kid's Pony Show

The final performance of the Top O' Texas Kid's Pony Show wrapped up last night at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

When the dust had finally settled, Carley Richardson and Cody Schiffman, both of Pampa, were named All-Around Cowgirl and Cowboy in Group V while Kelsey Alders of Borger and Jake Booze of Miami were All-Around Cowgirl and Cowboy for Group VI.

Results from Wednesday night's action:

Boys Group V — Justin Young, Pampa, first place; Dylan Hokanson, Dumas, second place; and Trey Hale, Borger, third place.
Girls Group VI — Keeley

Daniel, Groom, first place; Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, second place; and Kelsey Alders, Borger, third place.

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Boys Group VI — Loagan Helton, Pampa, first place.

Boys Group 5 — Cody Schiffman, Pampa, first place; and Hayden Duncan, Mobeettie, second place.

Girls Group VI — Kelsey Alders, Borger, first place.

Bull Riding
No qualified time in bull riding.

Pole Bending
Girls Group V — Ashley Sandoval, Fritch, first place; Carley Richardson, Pampa, second place; and Courtney

Marchman, Perryton, third place.

Barrel Race
Girls Group V — Carley Richardson, first place, Ashley Sandoval, second place, and Tristin Reeves, third place, all of Pampa.

Boys Group V — Justin Young, first place, and Cody Schiffman, second place, both of Pampa, and Dylan Hokanson, Dumas, third place.

Girls Group VI — Kelsey Alders, Borger, first place; Keeley Daniel, Groom, second place; and Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, third place.

Tie Down Roping
Boys Group VI — Jake Booze, Miami, first place;

and Tanner Cochran, second place, and Loagan Helton, third place, both of Pampa.

Goat Tying
Girls Group V — Carley Richardson, Pampa, first place.

Girls Group VI — Keeley Daniel, Groom, first place; Kalyann Jones, Pampa, second place; and Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, third place.

Ribbon Roping
Boys Group VI — Jake Booze, first place, Austin Whatley, second place, and Tanner Cochran, third place, all of Pampa.

All contestants were given participation ribbons and bandanas compliments of Wrangler.

Pistons don't see L.A.'s mystique

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Just a few years ago, Kobe Bryant's unbelievable 3-pointer pretty much would have wrapped up the NBA Finals for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Not so long ago, the Lakers held a mental sway over the rest of the league that was nearly as difficult to overcome as their prodigiously talented duo. Los Angeles' three recent titles were built on a litany of improbable shots and rallies similar to the circumstances leading to Bryant's last-gasp, game-tying jumper.

If you don't believe it, just ask the Sacramento Kings about Robert Horry.

"You build your own luck in this game," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Wednesday. "What (the Lakers) do have is that competitive zeal, that extra effort that shows up."

But though they just got a firsthand look at it, the Detroit Pistons believe that mystique is fading.

Sure, Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal have roughly the same skill level as in years past, but the mere sight of the Lakers isn't nearly as frightening — particularly to a team that came within 40 seconds to two straight upset victories in Los Angeles.

As the Pistons prepared for Game 3 on Thursday night back home at The Palace of Auburn Hills, they had no doubt in their abilities to rally past their Game 2 collapse.

"Granted, they're a good team, but we ain't scared of nobody," Detroit forward Rasheed Wallace said. "I don't know why all you cats think we're scared of the Lakers, or that the Lakers are this dominant force. We ain't scared of those cats, man."

Coach Larry Brown's decision not to foul the Lakers in the final seconds drew tremendous scrutiny from fans and media alike, but he insists he would play the final moments the same way.

A foul would have given the Lakers two free throws — when they needed three points to tie — with less than 10 seconds left. The Pistons had plenty of opportunities to send a bad free-throw shooter to the line before Bryant launched his shot.

"We don't foul in a situation like that," Brown said, explaining he feared a four-point play. "I thought about it. We talked about if they threw it inside, yeah, when Shaq gets it, put him on the line. But I don't want to take a chance like that."

Brown's decision allowed Bryant to complete the Lakers' rally from a six-point deficit in the final minute. The Pistons were eviscerated, scoring just one basket in the overtime period — a historic low in a finals game.

But there's ample reason to believe Bryant's shot won't carry the same dramatic weight as Horry's game-winning 3-pointer against the Kings two years ago. Or even Derek Fisher's game-winning jumper in Game 5 of this season's second round against San Antonio.

The Pistons soundly outplayed the Lakers for nearly all of the first two games in Los Angeles, running their simple pick-and-rolls and post-up plays to perfection, then hound-

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Daniel Heuston and Jack Curtis, Jr., team #10, 134.0 - fifth place.

William Buck and J.K. Harrison, team #1, 134.0 - sixth place.

Johnny Guelker and Eddie Guelker, team #16, 136.0 - seventh place.

Tim Whipkey and Kyle Sosebee, team #22, 139.0 - eighth place.

First Flight

Billy Crain and John Davis, team #11, 122.0 - first place.

Joe Manzanares and Greg Logan, team #6, 126.0 - second place.

Chuck White and Greg White, team #2, 131.0 - third place.

Butch Thompson and Howard Reed, team #17, 131.0 - fourth place.

Bill Heuston and Dwight Mackie, team #12, 136.0 - fifth place.

Bill Allison and Ted Jett, team #18, 137.0 - sixth place, David Hall and Gene Hall, team #15, 139.0 - seventh place.

Brad Allen and Cullen Allen, team #9, 141.0 - eighth place.

Randy Holt and Brandon Hill, team #8, 144.0 - ninth place.

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Terrel Hardin and Mike Goad, team #7, 124.0 - first place.

Burrell Allen and Ron Fields, team #5, 127.0 - second place.

Joel Smith and Richard Wuest, team #26, 129.0 - third place.

Bill Bridges and Jim Honderish, team #21, 129.0 - fourth place.

Greg Kelly and Heath Parker, team #19, 130.0 - fifth place.

Weldon Talley and Gary Mackie, team #14, 131.0 - sixth place.

Dale Kessell and Mike Naumann, team #3, 136.0 - seventh place.

Robert Dvorak and Darell Baling, team #4, 137.0 - eighth place.

J.C. Beyer and Dale Haynes, team #23, 140.0 - ninth place.

Baseball: Jeter, Garciaparra return; Brown injures back

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Yankees were all excited about Derek Jeter's return, — until Kevin Brown's back locked up again.

Jeter's go-ahead homer in the seventh inning helped New York rally past the visiting Colorado Rockies 7-5 Wednesday night, but Brown left after only two innings because of stiffness in his lower back.

A six-time All-Star, the 39-year-old right-hander has been beset by back problems and surgery, going on the disabled list six times in the previous five years.

"Obviously, you come out at that point in the game, you have to have some doubt about what you'll be able to do," Brown said. "Maybe this is coming to a head, and we'll be able to get it straightened out."

Jeter, who missed three games with tightness in his left groin, wasn't the only star shortstop who returned to the lineup.

Nomar Garciaparra went 1-for-2 in

his season debut for the Boston Red Sox, an 8-1 loss to the San Diego Padres.

Garciaparra missed the first 57 games of the year with Achilles tendinitis, but returned to a rousing cheer from the sellout crowd at Fenway Park. He waved and saluted the fans when he took his position in the first inning and got a standing ovation when he singled in his first at-bat of 2004.

"The ovation they gave me was incredible," Garciaparra said. "I deeply and truly appreciate it. I can't thank them enough."

In other interleague games, it was: Detroit 4, Atlanta 2; Toronto 4, Los Angeles 0; Cleveland 8, Florida 1; Baltimore 8, Arizona 2; Tampa Bay 4, San Francisco 3 in 10 innings; Philadelphia 13, the Chicago White Sox 10; Minnesota 5, the New York Mets 3; Houston 3, Seattle 0; Milwaukee 12, Anaheim 2; and Oakland 17, Cincinnati 8.

Pittsburgh's game at Texas was rained out, and so was Montreal's

game at Kansas City. Each was to be made up as part of a doubleheader Thursday.

In the only NL game, St. Louis beat Chicago 12-4.

Brian Lawrence (8-3) pitched five shutout innings for San Diego, spoiling Garciaparra's return.

"People were excited to see him. We were excited to have him," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "He swung the bat good. Obviously, he'll do a great job."

Neither Lawrence nor Garciaparra stayed in the game after a rain delay of 2 hours, 21 minutes in the sixth.

Brown said he slipped on a pitch in the first inning, and likened the sensation to having a "steel rod" in his back. He was to be re-evaluated Thursday to determine whether he needs further tests.

He said the discomfort does not feel similar to what he had after back surgery.

"Whether it's good news or bad

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Commodores unfazed by top-seeded Longhorns

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin knows the state of Texas and the Longhorns are not alone in seeing his team as a mere road bump on the way to the College World Series.

And why not? This is Vanderbilt's deepest trip in the NCAA tournament and its first appearance since 1980. For the Commodores to extend their best season, they must beat top-seeded Texas, a five-time national champion with 30 College World Series

appearances, in a best-of-three Super Regional starting Friday in Austin.

"They win a lot because they feel like they belong in Omaha every year," Corbin said. "I know coach (Augie) Garrido's expectations are to have his ballclub in Omaha, but we've got to ignore that."

Corbin will try to counter with a stellar pitching staff and a club that has learned to ignore its own history as the Southeastern Conference's worst team for much of the past two decades.

Star pitcher Jeremy Sowers says counting them out now would be a big mistake.

"We went to LSU, we went to Alabama, we've been everywhere in the SEC and we've had some success," Sowers said. "We're very familiar with what we've got to face."

The Commodores have enjoyed a renaissance the past two seasons since hiring Corbin, who enjoyed four College World Series appearances as a Clemson assistant. He took Vanderbilt to the tournament in 2003 for the first time since 1996.

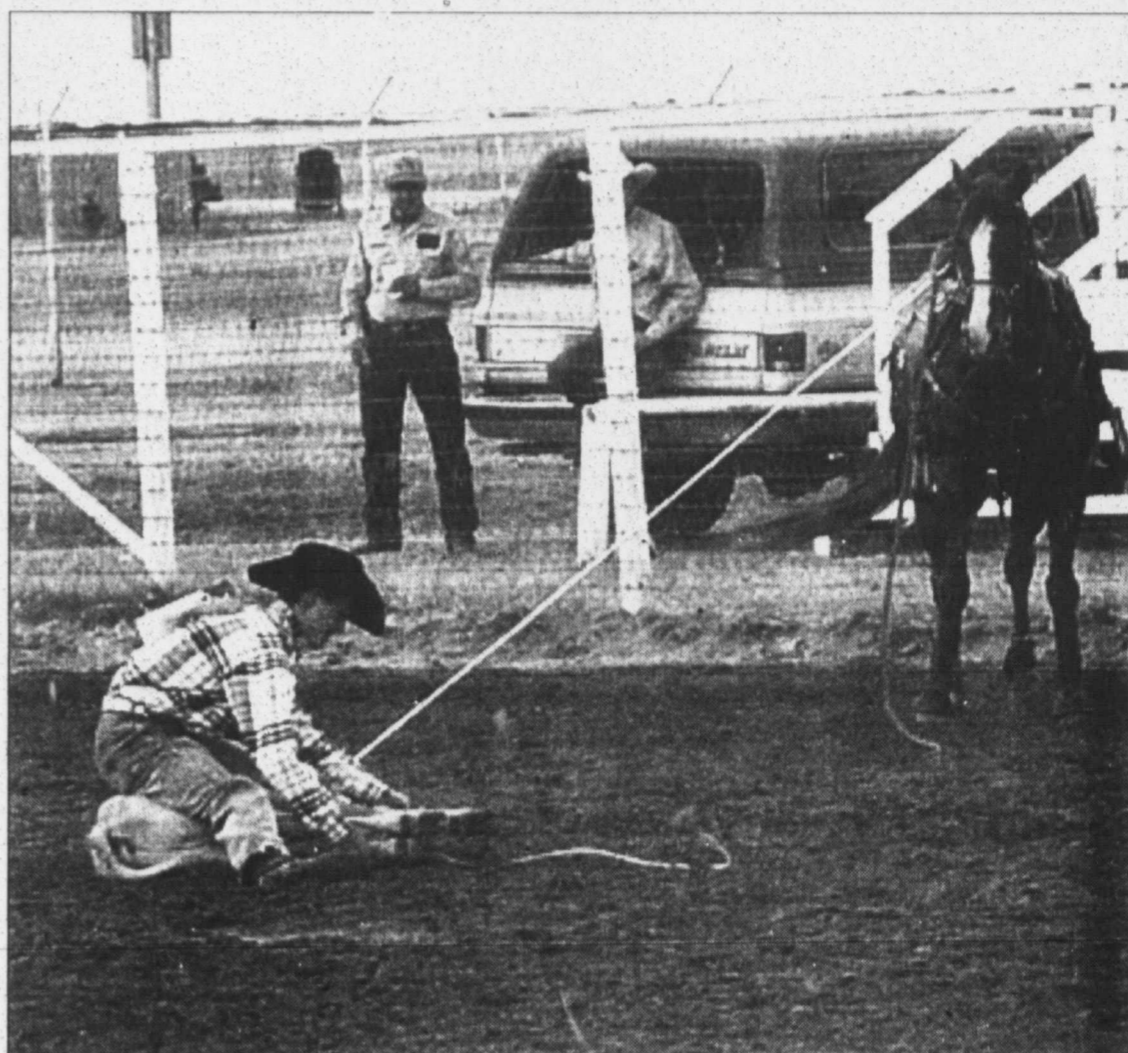
This season, Vanderbilt already has a school-best 45-17 record, winning 18 of their past 22 games.

Vandy made it to the SEC title game with an eight-game winning streak before falling 3-2 to South Carolina, the second-ranked team in the NCAA tournament.

The Commodores won all three games in the Charlottesville, Va., regional, and they have dominated opponents over their past 12 games, giving up one run or less in six and outscoring the opposition 84-28.

If the Commodores hope to advance, they will need a great performance by Sowers, chosen by the Cleveland Indians as the sixth overall pick in the Major League draft.

The left-hander is expected to start Game 1 on Friday. He's struck out 118 batters in 119 1-3 innings, and he's 10-5 with a 2.64 ERA. Most of those starts came against the SEC's best pitchers in a conference that has sent six teams to the Super Regional round.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Tied in time

Austin Whatley of Pampa got his calf roped and tied in 16.87 seconds during the Boys Group VI tie down roping Wednesday night at the Kid Pony Show.

L.A.

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ing the Lakers' supporting cast into near-complete ineffectiveness on the other end of the court.

Chauncey Billups has embarrassed Gary Payton and Fisher, the Lakers' struggling point-guard duo — though Fisher is less than full strength with a knee injury. Wallace also has dominated Karl Malone, who re-injured his knee during Game 2 and might not be available in Detroit.

Payton and Malone weren't a part of the Lakers' championship teams, so they've only seen the mys-

tique from the opposing bench. In search of the first titles of their career, they don't subscribe to the laid-back approach of Bryant or Jackson.

"We've got to get the first one, that's the most important thing (in Detroit)," Payton said. "We've got to go into Game 3 thinking we're going to get it. We need three, and we probably ain't going to get three in a row, so we've got to get a good start on it."

The next three games will be played in the Detroit suburbs before a rowdy crowd that will bear no resemblance to the fans at Staples Center, which has been quiet even by its own standards this postseason.

Unless one of the teams

wins all three games, something a home team has never done since the NBA switched to a 2-3-2 finals format in 1985, the series returns to Los Angeles on June 17.

As Bryant calmly stated after each game in Los Angeles, both teams expect a long series. Brown probably will have another opportunity to make a game-changing strategic decision — and Bryant probably will get a chance to make Brown regret it.

"The hangover was (Tuesday) night," Brown said. "That's over. We went to L.A. and gave ourselves a chance to win two games against a great team. That's the way we're going to look at it."

HIDDEN HILLS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Results from Hidden Hills Golf Scramble:

First place. Elmer Wilson, Jim Bridges, Duane Cash and Calvin Lacy - 134.

Second place. Leroy Morris, Howard Musgrave, Jim Jensen and Butch Shepherd - 136.

Third place. Jerry Davis, Carl Johnson,

Jess Mathis and Dale Hawkins - 139.

Fourth place. Pat Montoya, Joe Mabry, Waldon Haynes and Richard Abbott - 140.

Closest to Pin #13 and #18 went to O.K. Lee and to Pin #15 went to Ron Parnell.

Jon East achieved a hole in one on #8 par 3. He hit a side iron from 172-yards at Hidden Hills.

BASEBALL

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news, we'll find out," Brown said.

The Yankees won their 12th straight interleague game, and Colorado lost its fourth in a row overall.

Bernie Williams and Gary Sheffield also homered as New York rebounded from a 5-0 deficit. The Yankees won when trailing by at least four runs for the sixth time this season.

Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 25th save.

Blue Jays 4, Dodgers 0

At Toronto, Miguel Batista (4-4) pitched a four-hitter for his third career shutout, striking out a season-high eight. Howie Clark homered, one day after hitting his first major league home run.

Indians 8, Marlins 1

At Cleveland, Jake Westbrook (5-2) allowed one run in eight innings and Casey Blake homered to help the Indians beat Florida for the first time in six tries since Game 6 of the 1997 World Series.

A.J. Burnett (0-2) gave up eight runs and 12 hits in 4 1-3 innings, losing for the first time in 10 interleague starts.

Orioles 8, Diamondbacks 2

At Baltimore, Miguel Tejada hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off Stephen Lippert (1-1) in a five-run seventh, and Luis Matos added a two-run shot. Melvin Mora scored a career-high four runs for the Orioles, who won for only the sixth time in 18 games.

Twins 5, Mets 3

At Minneapolis, Johan Santana (3-4) struck out 10 and walked none, allowing one run in seven innings to end his four-game losing streak. Joe Nathan got four outs for

his 16th save.

Jacque Jones hit a three-run homer, and Matthew LeCroy followed with a home run as Minnesota won its third straight.

Gerald Williams hit his first major league homer in more than three years for the Mets, who have dropped four of five. Steve Trachsel (5-5) took the loss.

Devil Rays 4, Giants 3, 10 innings

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Jose Cruz Jr. hit a two-out single in the 10th after Tyler Walker (4-1) walked the bases loaded. Danys Baez (2-1) got the win after blowing his first save in 12 chances.

Phillies 13, White Sox 10

At Chicago, Bobby Abreu homered twice, Eric Milton (8-1) won his third straight start and Jim Thome added his third homer in two games for Philadelphia. The teams have combined for 17 homers in two games, a U.S. Cellular Field record.

Tigers 4, Braves 2

At Detroit, Eric Munson and Carlos Guillen homered for the Tigers, and Craig Dingman (1-0) got his first major league win, pitching three scoreless innings of relief in a game delayed by rain for 2 hours, 24 minutes in the second inning.

Astros 3, Mariners 0

At Seattle, Wade Miller pitched Houston to its second straight shutout of the Mariners, combining with three relievers on a seven-hitter.

Jeff Kent blooped a single to center in the eighth, extending his career-best hitting streak to 24 games and tying the Astros' record set by Tony Eusebio in 2000.

Miller (6-6) gave up six hits in six innings, beating Freddy Garcia (3-5). Octavio Dotel got his 11th save.

Brewers 12, Angels 2

At Anaheim, Calif., Bill Hall drove in three runs.

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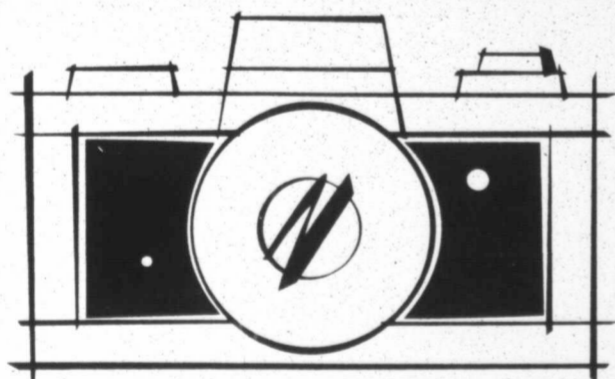
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 11, 2004:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Recognize that others might be difficult because they are having problems. Unfortunately, their moods impact you. Know how to bypass issues. Friends respond to your happy, energetic spirit. Listen to others' ideas. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Stand back and don't react. Someone might express feelings that seem hurtful. You might have misunderstood, but don't take his or her actions personally. Everyone is a bit off-the-wall right now. Play ostrich, and you'll be happy. Tonight: Catch up on sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your verbal manifestations and

Billionaire's dream to oust George W.

NEW YORK (AP) — George Soros' dream is President Bush losing in November — and so far, the billionaire philanthropist has donated nearly \$13 million to independent groups that also want to turn that vision into reality.

"I'm merely putting my money where my mouth is," Soros told The Associated Press.

After surviving the Nazi occupation of his native Hungary and giving away billions of his self-made fortune to charitable causes, Soros is entering national politics in a big way for the first time.

He says he is too disturbed by Bush's policies to do nothing.

"This is not a normal election. These are not normal times," Soros said.

The Bush administration, he said, has flouted past rules of international relations by declaring war in Iraq after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He urged Americans to defeat the "Bush doctrine" by ousting the president on Nov. 2.

"If we re-elect President Bush, we are endorsing that doctrine and we have to accept the consequences," Soros said.

To that end, Soros has

given millions to three liberal-leaning organizations that also want a Bush defeat: \$10 million to America Coming Together, which aims to mobilize voters; \$2.5 million to the MoveOn.org voters' fund, which places anti-Bush advertising; and \$300,000 to the Campaign for America's Future.

He also has pledged \$3 million to the Center for American Progress, a think tank led by John Podesta, chief of staff to President Clinton.

This election year, Soros has spent about \$4 million, more than any other individual, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonprofit Washington-based group that tracks political donations.

In recent speeches, Soros has referred to the Bush administration's anti-terrorism policies as a doctrine that has changed Americans from "victims to perpetrators."

He says the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq has claimed more lives than the Sept. 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and a Pennsylvania field.

Democrats praise him as an inspiration to disaffected voters.

Camp equipment



The Golden Spread Boy Scout Council recently received some waterfront "fun" equipment for Camp M.K. Brown courtesy of Upshaw Insurance Agency. Camp M.K. Brown is located eight-miles east of Wheeler. The camp is one of two camping facilities the council owns and operates on a year-round basis.



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Community happenings

• **The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys** potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

• **Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m.** the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

• **First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock,** hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

• **Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks,** will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

• **Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm,** will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

• **Pampa Area Literary Council office is open** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more

information, call 665-2331.

• **The 15th annual Erickson Memorial Concert** will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 12, in the auditorium at Perryton High School, 1102 S. Jefferson, Perryton. The concert is free and open to the public. Rooster Morris and Eddie Collie will present a one-hour concert, performing songs considered authentic old-time western fiddle tunes.

• **Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival** will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

• **The Texas Department of Health will be offering** immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., June 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., June 14, City Hall, Canadian.

Peterson defense hones in on witnesses

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson assured some of his in-laws he was fishing the day his pregnant wife disappeared, although he told one member of his extended family and a neighbor that he had been golfing.

It's a contradiction prosecutors in Peterson's capital murder trial revisited several times Wednesday in their effort to assert that Peterson switched his alibi after say-

ing he returned to an empty home on Christmas Eve day, 2002.

Peterson, 31, ultimately told authorities he went fishing alone on San Francisco Bay.

Prosecutors charge Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home, then dumped her body from his small boat. Peterson's attorneys have speculated someone else abducted her while she walked their dog.

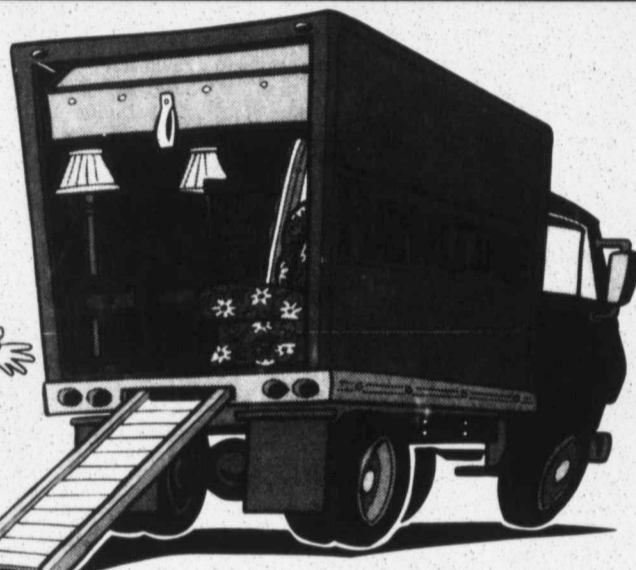
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