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# Friends pay tribute to Congressman

Pampa News archive photo Congressman Bob Price

**By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Bob Price, a former U.S. con- Bob shortly theregressman and state senator and a after. I already Pampa rancher, "is sorely going to knew his cousin, be missed," according to Pampa Buddy Price. Bob rancher and businessman Bill was just back Arrington.

The longtime Pampa resident, where he was a whose full name was Robert D. fighter pilot," Price, died Tuesday at the age of 76. Arrington said. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at First Baptist Church here. Burial flew. We would will be in Fairview Cemetery with see each other at military honors accorded by Altus the airport. Air Force Base, Altus, Okla.

the F-4E Phantom aircraft.

"I first came to Pampa in 1956, Arrington said.

University, I met from Korea,

"He and I both

"Our ranches adjoined each said. Price was a U.S. Air Force jet other. When we'd have a hard rain, his combat missions. He flew the ting them back. Bob and I cow- Rep. Warren Chisum. "When he SR-71 Blackbird, the F111-A and boyed together and were neighbors. Our children were friends,

government."

after graduating from Oklahoma Price was elected in 1966 to represent Pampa and the surrounding area in the United States House of 'He really wanted Representatives. He was elected in 1978 to the and strived for good

> the Pampa area. "He really wanted and strived for good govern-Bill Arrington ment. He wanted to Neighbor and friend spend the taxpayers' money wisely on things

Texas State Senate for

that would benefit the citizens of this district," Arrington

"Bob was a good friend of mine. pilot during the Korean conflict, it'd wash the water gaps out (of the He was Republican when that waswhere he received the Air Medal for fence) and we'd see each other put- n't the 'in' thing." remembers State

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# End of the runway

PAAF Reunion Association dissolves, donates funds to Freedom Museum

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa Army Airfield Reunion to end. major gift to the Freedom Museum, explained. USA, located in Pampa at 600 N. When some the members protested Hobart.

On Aug. 7, PAAF officers met and counted mailed-in votes from the organization's membership, said Thelma Bray, PAAF secretary. Members voted 101 to 19 to dissolve the association and to give the funds remaining in it's account to the Freedom Museum for a structure to house the museum's

"The funds are approximately

\$18,338," Bray said. Ken Fields, attorney for the PAAF is responses to the May 25 letter.

transfer of the money, she said.

historic B-25B bomber.

When we met last year, James Baird moved that it be the last year for the reunion. A vote

> was taken and approved." statement Thelma Bray Secretary imately

Bray cited declining membership due to deaths and failing health as the primary reasons for the organization

Association members voted to end "When we met last year, James three decades of preserving World Baird (PAAF treasurer) moved that it War II history and remembering their be the last year for the reunion. A contributions to the war effort with a vote was taken and approved," Bray

dissolving PAAF, it was decided to give every member the opportunity to vote whether or not to keep it going. On May 25, 240

letters were mailed to all the members from ing with the approx- once-bustling military base.

Il and was one of 3,308 made that year. east of Pampa. Pilots and aircraft years, the PAAF sponsored major air

with a proxy vote it closed on Sept. 30, 1945. Field's office, she still be seen at the old base that later. Wars. Post. 1657, established the said, adding that the became a dairy. Some roads and run- Freedom Museum USA, a unique final vote was held ways and vestiges of buildings military museum filled with artifacts

tioned at or worked on the base began to the reunion group. It was used in completing the paper work for the In November 1942, Pampa Army meeting each year for an annual

Freedom Museum USA's B-25 bomber sits in a fenced enclosure on the museum grounds in the 600 block of North Hobart as it waits for a structure to be built to protect it from the elements. The twin-engine bomber was made in 1943 for use in World War

mechanics received advanced train- shows and brought in military digniing at the base, which flourished until taries to take plat at the event.

Air Base was established 12 miles reunion each August. Through the

The reunion association, along Ruins of the control towers can with Pampa Veterans of Foreign at the Aug. 7 meet- remain as silent reminders of the and memorabilia including a B-25B bomber.

125 In 1972, persons who were sta- The B-25 is of special significance

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# Russian official: Flight recorders from plane crashes yield little info; terrorism top theory

official Russian said flight that Thursday recorders failed to provide recorders reliable information about to provide what brought down two jet- significant liners just minutes apart, but informafor the first time a government leader conceded that sure to fuel terrorism was considered the what leading possibility.

A day after officials spoke to be rising cautiously about terrorism suspicion and stressed that other caus- a m o n g es were being considered, presidential envoy Vladimir over the

A top ism," the ITAR-Tass news now has a Sept. 11. agency said.

The apparent failure of the cidences," said a Moscow

There are too many tion was coincidences." appeared

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Yakovley said that despite crashes that killed 89 people, this case I don't know," said the lack of data, the main a view embodied by a head- Yevgeny Skepner, a computtheory about the catastrophe line in the Nezavisimaya er programmer.

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pensioner, Ruven Survaninov. Physicist Natalia Kozhelupova said, "It's too suspicious."

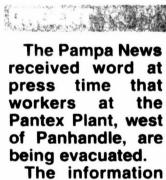
Others found their suspicions mixed with perplexity. "I never trust what the authorities are

saying, but in

stered by the fact they came just five days before a Kremlin-called election in warring Chechnya, whose separatist rebels have been blamed in a series of suicide bombings and other attacks in recent years. Officials previously expressed concern that militants might try to carry out attacks ahead of Sunday's vote.

Officials said Wednesday that while terrorism was a possibility, other factors such as bad jet fuel or human error also were being inves-

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has not been confirmed by Pantex or law enforcement officials. News

Pampa Staff Writer David Bowser is en route to the plant.

Further information will be reported in the Friday edition.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Ruby Ashpaugh Dilger, 88

Ruby Ashpaugh Dilger, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Sue Law and husband Herman of Pampa; Pampa. Services are pending

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Mrs. Dilger was born Aug. 8,

1916. at Shattuck, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. She married Verlin Dilger in Stillwater, Okla., and he preceded her in death in 1972.

She worked as a secretary for Celanese for 29 1/2 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member Dilger of the First Christian Church.

Graveside services will

be at 10 a.m. Friday in

Memory Gardens Cemetery

with Bryan Loughmiller,

minister of Central Church

Arrangements are under

of Christ, officiating.

at Amarillo.

Pampa

Mrs. Dilger will be remembered for her sweet loving spirit and the love for her family, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include one daughter, Carolyn

two granddaughters, Debbie Edington and husband Howard of Burkett and Sheri Worthington and husband John of Pampa; and four great-grandchildren, Zach Edington and wife Mandy of Coleman, Stephanie Edington of Burkett, Brandon Johnston and Shelby Worthington, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster, Pampa, TX 79065; or to First Christian Church Sunshine Ministry, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX

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

#### Herman H. Kieth, 87

Herman H. Kieth, 87, of Pampa, died tractor and Grav County constable. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004,

He first took office as Precinct 2 Constable in 1975.

In the 1940s, Mr. Kieth was employed with the Pampa Fire Department. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He and Bertha Allam were married on Sept. 13, 1938, at Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha, of the home; a son, Kenneth Kieth of Pampa; four grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo,

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

#### Robert D. 'Bob' Price, 76

Robert D. "Bob" Price, 76, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, and Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors accorded by Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Okla.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Bob Price was born on Sept. 7. 1927, in Reading, Kan., to Benjamin Ferguson Price, Sr. and Gladys Watson Price.

He received a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 1951

He married Martha (Marty) White on Dec. 29, 1951, in Oklahoma City, and he served as a U.S. Air Force jet fighter pilot during the Korean Conflict where he was awarded the Air Medal for his combat.

He and Marty returned to Pampa where he owned and operated a ranch for the past 50

In 1966, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives where he represented the Texas Panhandle in a manner all people could be proud.

He was known as the only member of Congress who flew Mach-3 in the SR-71 Blackbird, the F111-A, and the F-4E

In 1978, he was elected to the Texas State Senate where he again shared his passion for helping the people of the Panhandle. He and Marty returned to Pampa permanently in

Bob was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of Pampa-Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, the El Paso Scottish

Rite Consistory, Khiva Temple of Amarillo, Pampa Shrine Club, and was a former member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Bob traveled the world, but he always returned home expressing his respect and admiration for democracy and the freedom we have in America.

Despite his travels, Bob was never happier or freer than while working at the ranch. He farmed and ranched until his death.

Survivors include his wife of almost 53 years, Marty Price, of the home; one son, Carl Price, his wife Kelly and their children, Courtney, Grayson, Bridget, and Daniella, all of Houston; one daughter, Janice Johnson, her husband Marc and

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their children, Nicholas, Miles, and Elise, all of Indianapolis, Ind.; one brother, Ben Price, Jr. of Reading, Kan. He was preceded in death by an infant

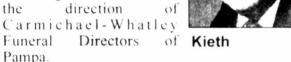
son, David Wayne Price, who died at birth; and a son, Robert Grant Price, who died in

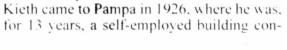
At Grant's funeral, Bob wrote, "He was loaned to his mother and me for a very short

Bob Price was loaned to our family and friends to make a difference in our lives. He was kind and caring to many different people in many different walks of life. No person was unimportant to him.

The family requests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231; or to a favorite charity.

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





Born May 11, 1917, at Texola, Okla., Mr.

#### Services tomorrow

**KIETH,** Herman H.— Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. **PRICE**, Robert D. "Bob" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

#### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests

Wednesday, Aug. 25 Two dogs were reported as attempting to

attack several subjects in the 700 block of Christy. No injuries were reported.

Disorderly conduct fighting was reported at Central Park's Skate Park. No injuries were reported.

A stolen guitar was reported seen at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart. The report was taken in the lobby of the police department. Theft of the guitar had occurred in the 400 block of Yeager, with an estimated value of \$350.

Jacob Michael Albus, 19, 315 Dovle, was arrested in the 900 block of Mary Ellen for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Thursday, Aug. 26

ed at Barnes and Starkweather streets for ending at 7 a.m. today.

driving while intoxicated, second offense; bond surrender on a charge of aggravated assault; failure to identify as a fugitive; no valid driver's license; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the Julie Swanson, 38, 853 Locust, was arrest-following calls during the 24-hour period

#### Wednesday, Aug. 25

1:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical

3:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Huff Road. No transport. Thursday, Aug. 26

12:12 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded east on Highway 152 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

# Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 99. Southwest wind around 15

Tonight: Mostly clear, with

a low around 67. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday: A 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. North northwest wind around 10 mph. Friday Night: A 30 percent

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Saturday Night: A 20 per-Saturday: A 40 percent cent chance of showers and

cloudy, with a low around 55 North northeast wind around

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind between 5 and 15

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85 Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 60. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87

Tuesday Night: Partly Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This wandering, long-legged fowl makes tracks recently at an area water

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# Bill Arrington, left, stands with Bob Price on the

steps of the U.S. Capitol building approximately 40 vears ago.

# Price

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served in the Texas Senate and the U.S. House, he was always in the minority. That was tough times in political

Chisum remembers approaching Price early in his political career. "He was a Republican and I was a Democrat, back then. I asked him if it would

make a difference. He said, no, but he couldn't imagine why anyone would want to live in a glass house.

"Bob had great insight about the political world," Chisum said.

"I remember going with him to a pie supper down in Hedley. He bought the first pie sold. He left and I stayed for the whole thing. He said all they really wanted you for was to sell those pies.'

'He lived a good

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- Warren Chisum

State Representative

Price Price and his wife Marty returned permanently in 1981 to Pampa and their ranch after his state senate term ended. They had four children, Carl, Janice, David Wayne and Robert Grant Price. David Wayne died as an infant, and Robert Grant

died in 1987 Bob was the kind of fellow who always wanted to

do what was right. He had integrity and character and was honest," Arrington said.

Chisum said Price's ranch is one of the few that remaining that is still owned by the family that settled the area. It was at this ranch, north of Pampa, that Price hosted a barbecue for Republican presidential

nominee, Ronald Reagan. Chisum said the pit dug for the barbecue is still there. "He lived a good life, at least a colorful one," he said of

Price. "I used to talk to him about his travels. He went to China, all over the world. He went to places I wouldn't dream of going to. He was an interesting guy." Though much of his adult life was spent at Austin,

Washington, D.C., or around the world, Price's ranch remained his refuge. 'He loved to hunt and fish and sit around the campfire,"

Chisum said, adding, "We'll miss him. We sure will." - Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

# Investigations find no evidence that Rumsfeld condoned abuse

appears to have put to rest suspicions world? that Defense Secretary Donald H. detainees.

Rumsfeld and other defense leaders Army ethics and are faulted for lapses in oversight of the common standards detention and interrogation system in of decency. And Iraq, but unless the House or Senate some of their leadlaunch new efforts to undermine ers were derelict in Rumsfeld it seems the scandal will not failing to provide force him from office, as appeared pos- supervision sible last spring.

Some senior military officers, however, may be in jeopardy. Disciplinary were leaders who action has been recommended for a few knew about this commanders — none above the rank of misconduct, knew colonel — and the three-star general better, and did nothwho was in charge of the U.S. military ing," said Gen. Paul ting promoted to a fourth star.

Taken together, the two reports one by an independent panel of defense Wednesday. experts and one by a four-star Army the world last April.

two in-depth investigative reports this have happened in a military that fouling themselves. week on the Abu Ghraib prison scandal Rumsfeld and others call the best in the

Rumsfeld ordered or encouraged the small number of deviant soldiers (about after the fall of Baghdad. It didn't have use of abusive tactics against Iraqi three dozen) committed sadistic acts, enough people available to properly run

We learned there

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Gen. Paul Kern

U.S. Army

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in Iraq at the time, Ricardo Sanchez, is Kern, who oversaw an Army investigatheaded by former Defense Secretary cited in both new reports for leadership tion of the 205th Military Intelligence James Schlesinger, did conclude that failures that might stop him from get- Brigade, which ran the interrogation Rumsfeld should have made fuller-use operation at the Abu Ghraib facility of his legal staff in developing an internear Baghdad. His report was released rogation policy for Iraq before the war

· Of those who committed the abuse. Pentagon leaders failed to adjust quickgeneral -- provide what amounts to the Kern said some simply chose to break ly to an unanticipated traquinsurgency Pentagon's best answer to the central the law with behavior he said ranged that began in the summer of 2003, putquestion that arose when photos of sol- from inhumane — like exposing naked ting great strain on the people and diers abusing Iraqi prisoners shocked prisoners to extreme cold to sadistic, resources devoted to running the prislike using guard dogs to frighten two ons.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Release of The question was: How could this traquadolescents into involuntarily

A part of the broader answer is that the Army was not fully prepared for the The short answer is that a relatively instability and insurgency that took hold

- the prison and interrogation. system; many were not well trained for that duty, and those at Abu Ghraib were illequipped to deal with insurgent attacks on the prison.

Some in Congress had suggested that Rumsfeld indirectly encouraged excesses in the interrogation of prisoners in Iraq, but neither the Army nor the independent investigation found any evidence of

The independent panel, began. More broadly, it said the

# Crashes

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tigated and they hoped the planes' data recorders would yield clues.

Yakovley, the presidential envoy for southern Russia, where one of the jetliners crashed, told First Channel television that the recorders "turned off immediately ... this is probably the main affirmation that something

He said the recorders "had gone out of service already before the fall of the airliners," ITAR-Tass said.

happened very fast."

Analysts were divided over whether the government has been trying to play down the possibility of ter-

Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent military analyst

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base's history to train flight

cadets. It is also the type of

aircraft that was used by Lt.

Col. Jimmy Doolittle and the Doolittle Raiders when

The B-25B now on dis-

play at the Freedom

Museum was brought here

in two trucks from

Quantico, Va., in June 2002

and assembled in less than

four days on the grounds by

an experienced crew from

Florida and Arkansas with

the help of Freedom

Museum board members

and the National B-25

they bombed Japan.

the latter part of the

PAAF

who is often critical of Russian authorities, said the government would have nothing to gain in a cover-

"From all viewpoints it would be better for the authorities to call it a terrorist act ... because otherwise it means that things are really bad here, that we have bad planes that crash to the ground one after another, he said.

Oleg Panteleyev, an independent aviation expert, speculated the authorities were trying to avoid another form of embarrassment. "For the special services, to miss such a major terrorist act would be to acknowledge their impotence."

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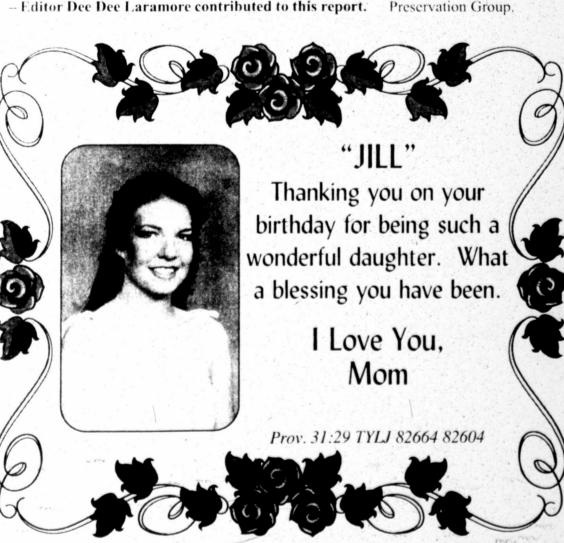
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# Viewpoints

# Actress willing to grow old without surgery

I try not to mention anything "Hollywood" in my columns. It is my belief celebrities get way too much attention, and while I may admire the art, I seldom admire the artist.

That said, I have always enjoyed movies starring Jamie Lee Curtis. I don't know much about her personally, but I like most of the roles she has taken on.

I find I like her even better after reading an article, "Curtis Keeps it Natural," at the web site of Warner Brothers "Extra" TV.

The reason I was drawn to this particular article in the leading man with gray hair and MTV and gyrating. I

deprecating attitude towards

The author – who is not known to me since I could find no by-line with the story took subtle digs at the actress for expressing her dissatisfaction with the filmworld.

In the article, Curtis expresses her discouragement with the entertainment industry's preoccupation with female perfection, for its disdainful intolerance of on screen.

first place was its somewhat and wrinkles - witness Clint would throw the TV and the Eastwood, Harrison Ford, Robert Redford. Sean Connery, etc., but how many

leading women, with the

Skyla

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exception of Diane Keaton, can get away with looking so

possible

**News Editor** 

worn? The article said Curtis complains of, "The tummy tucks and women who show their age the face tucks and things, and looking good and It is, after all, okay to be a Victoria's Secret and bras

(1)nternet out the window if I had it in my house right now."

Furthermore, the author

says Curtis "lash(ed) out against what calls she 'Hollywood's plastic surgery epidem-

Well, how

dare Jamie Lee. While the tone of the story may have been what initially drew my eye, the article said, "to having gone quotes from Curtis kept me reading past the first and

third paragraphs.

In the "Extra" interview, Curtis candidly admitted that she herself had undergone some plastic surgery - just how much or exactly what type of procedures was not clear. Perhaps she refused to say. I don't know. What she did manage to convey was that such procedures are sometimes risky, and that she finds the need for them objectionable.

Well, hooray for Jamie

"Jamie Lee admits," the under the knife herself, and in 2000, she told us about

raising her own daughter in a place and time where beauty means everything.'

Curtis, who is 45, said in the interview that she may soon be calling her movie career quits as she does not want to watch herself age on celluloid.

What impressed me most about Curtis is that, according to the article, she posed for the cover of "More" magazine sans-makeup.

At least this actress displays some backbone and the integrity to stand behind her convictions - a scarce commodity in the film-

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 26, the 239th day of 2004. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS — a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

> Nothing has really happened until it has been recorded."

> > Virginia Woolf English author, critic

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

In 1964, 40 years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic national convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

1974. Lindbergh — the first man to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic — died at his home in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I.

In 1986, in the so-called "preppie murder" case, 18-yearold Jennifer Levin was found strangled in New York's Central Park; Robert Chambers later pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Ten years ago: Congressional leaders and White House officials all but conceded that a health reform bill was dead for the year.

Five years ago: Attorney General Janet Reno pledged that a new investigation of the 1993 Waco, Texas, siege would "get to the bottom" of how the FBI used potentially flammable tear gas grenades against her wishes and then took six years to admit it.

One year ago: In the face of criticism, President Bush defended his handling of the war and reconstruction of Iraq, telling an American Legion conference in St. Louis the fight was essential to the U.S. campaign against terrorism.



# Appeasing bullies never works

policy critics at home and abroad share characteristics and visions that have previously led to worldwide chaos and untold loss of lives. These people believe that negotiation, appeasement and caving in to the demands of vicious totalitarian leaders can produce good-faith behavior. Their vision not only has a long record of failure but devastating consequences.

During the late 1930s, France and Britain hoped that allowing Adolf Hitler to annex Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia would satisfy his territorial ambitions. This was after a long string terms of the Versailles Treaty ending World War I. Appeasement didn't work. It was seen as

weakness, Walter and it sim-Williams ply emboldened Hitler.

Columnist At the Yalta Conference,

near the end of World War II, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt thought they could appease Josef Stalin by giving away Eastern Europe and making other concessions that ultimately marked the beginning of the

nearly half-century Cold

President Bush's foreign- of German violations of the War and Soviet/China amateurish. According to expansionism. War-weary Westerners hoped that brutal tyrants would act in good

resulted in unspeakable atroci-

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enslavement and human suffering. Quite interestingly,

Western leftist appeasers exempted communist leaders from the harsh criticism directed toward Hitler, even though communist crimes made Hitler's slaughter of 21 million appear almost

Professor R.J. Rummel's research in "Death by Government," from 1917 until its collapse, the Soviet Union murdered or caused the death of 61 million people, mostly its own citizens. Since 1949, communist China's Mao Zedong regime was responsible for the death of 35 million of its own citi-

History never exactly repeats itself, but the vision of earlier appeasers was part of the West's vision of how to deal with Saddam Hussein. After devastating defeat in the first Gulf War,

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# Alternative investments too risky

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on pension fund problems:

During the prolonged stock market boom of the 1990s, public pension funds were riding high, and spectacular annual double-digit returns on investments became commonplace.

Some funds merrily boosted retirement benefits and jacked up their projected future rates of return, which provided statistical justification for the benefit increases. The party ended in 2000, when the stock market began an extended nosedive accentuated by a stunning collapse in high-tech stocks.

Pension funds' rates of

return plunged from the county and state governstratosphere into the toilet. ments also might feel obli-As a result, some public pension funds now are seriously underfund-

ed. Their shrunk as their longterm obligations

have risen, raising doubts about whether they will be able to pay retirees' full benefits in coming decades.

Employees paying into these funds eventually could be forced to increase their contributions to compensate for funding shortfalls. Local,

gated to increase the tax dollars they kick into the funds, with taxpayers footing

assets have Texas Thoughts the bill. Fort Worth Star-Telegram

of underfunded public pension plans

including the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the Fort Worth **Employees Retirement Fund** - naturally are feeling pressure to achieve higher rates of return to shrink their plans' funding gaps.

Increasingly, some man-

agers are investing in largely unregulated private equity funds, hedge funds and venture capital funds that offer the potential for higher returns. But these "alternative investments" also may Managers pose considerably greater risk and entail higher research costs and investment fees, the Star-Telegram reported in articles published Aug. 15 and 16.

These investments often highly complex — are tailored toward making money in startup companies. rejuvenating and reselling private businesses or doing

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Gary Jennings, left, of Fluid Compressor Corporation, and Cort Stein, right, of Main Control, Inc., agree on distribution rights in Ohio, Pa., and Kentucky. Main Control, Inc. is located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and will be an authorized sales and service center for Fluid Compressor's screw and liquid ring gas compressor packages manufactured in Pampa.

#### **Bullies**

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Iraq agreed to coalition peace terms. After documents were signed, every effort was made by the Iraqis to frustrate implementation of the terms, particularly U.N. weapons inspections.

Western appeasers, most notably Europeans, were quite willing to respond to Saddam Hussein's violation of peace terms in a fashion similar to their earlier counterparts' response to Hitler's violation of the peace terms of the Versailles Treaty. Had Britain or France launched a military attack on Germany between 1934 and 1935, when Hitler started his arms buildup in violation of the Versailles Treaty and before he fully developed his military capability, he would have been defeated and at least 50 million lives would have been spared.

What deters terrorists? We try to thwart them or kill them. What deters nations that might harbor or assist terrorist? We show them the kind of Others, especially our increasingly destruction we're prepared to rain down upon them. Whether we ultimately find nuclear, chemical or biological weapons in Iraq is one thing, but one clear message has been sent as a result of our actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. The world now knows, where it didn't

know in the past, that we have the will to destroy a nation supports terrorism. One measure of the benefit of that message is that Libya's Mohammar Qaddafi has decided his forgo

reconsider their agenda.

Some appeasers would like us to cut and run in the wake of terrorist threats just as Spain and the Philippines did.

anti-Semitic European allies, would like us to be more "even-handed" in the Palestinian-Israel conflict. Even-handed might be translated as abandoning Israel. Such a move wouldn't bring any better results than when British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain sold the

Czechoslovakians down the river to Hitler.

There's no evidence that today's fanatical terrorists and their nation-state sympathizers have any taste for compromise and negotiation. They want Western submission, and they just might get that with presidential candidate John Kerry's promise that if elected he will wage "more sensitive war on

Columnist Walter E. Williams, PhD., is the John M. Olin Distinguished a published author and frequent public speaker and often appears on national television and radio news commentary

> Alternative investments tend to be much less regulated, less open to public scrutiny and enveloped in secrecy. TRS has declined to release details of

> its alternative investment portfolio. It will take years for many underfunded plans to dig themselves out of the hole they have created by making their retirement benefits too rich and being overly optimistic in projecting returns on investment. Some fund managers threw caution to the winds during the heady days of the 1990s stock market boom. They would be very foolish to do so again.

# Citigroup acquiring First American Bank

NEW YORK (AP) -Citigroup Inc., which long has sought to expand its retail banking operations to Texas, said Tuesday it is acquiring the First American Bank of Bryan, Texas.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. It is expected to close in the first quarter of 2005, pending regulatory approvals.

First American Bank has two branches in Pampa, at 221 N. Gray and 2500 Perryton Parkway. Five other Texas Panhandle branches are in Amarillo Hereford.

Citi described First American as "one of the largest independent financial institutions in Texas." First American, with assets of \$3.5 billion, has more than 100 branches with some 120,000 customers in Texas.

"Texas is a highly attractive market, and expanding Citigroup's Citibank retail distribution franchise in the important geographies such as this, is a key element of our strategy," Citigroup president and chief operating officer Robert B. Willumstad

He added: "To accomplish our goals, we intend to drive the growth of the retail banking operation in Texas."

Citigroup already has major consumer and commercial finance operations in Texas but no retail banking operations, Citi officials said.

Donald A. Adam, First American's chairman and chief executive, said he was "very pleased that Citigroup has chosen First American Bank as its entry into Texas banking. ... Our team of professionals looks forward to working with Citigroup."

close at \$45.92 Tuesday on for almost \$1.6 billion.

the New York Stock Exchange.

The announcement said Citi plans to retain all of First American's branches and sales locations, along with most of its entire staff. Following the acquisition, First American branch locations will be converted to Citibank financial centers, it said.

Marjorie Magner, chairman and chief executive officer of Citi's global consumer group, said Citi planned to change First American from a state-chartered savings bank to a nationally chartered bank.

Texas, she said, "is one of

#### **Local Branches**

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United States, especially in the markets we identified and talked about for several years" as an opportunity for growth because of its large population and good business climate. Another, where Citi does not have significant presence, is Florida, she added.

Ajay Banga, executive vice president of the global consumer group, said the Texas acquisition would give Citi an opportunity to expand services to the Hispanic community.

Citi's ownership of Mexico-based Banamex, he noted, would facilitate money transfers for individuals as well as cross-border business transactions.

Earlier this month, Fifth Third Bancorp announced it was buying First National Citi shares rose 10 cents to Bankshares of Florida Inc.

#### Professor of Economics at George weapons program and Iran and North Korea might Mason University in Fairfax, Va. He is

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# **Pensions**

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complicated stock market trades that often are off-limits to mutual funds. Alternative investments tend to be far less regulated, less open to public scrutiny and more difficult for boards overseeing pension funds to analyze and understand.

state's largest public pension plan, is committing more than \$3.3 billion to higher-risk investments could backfire.

these generally higher-risk investments in an attempt to elevate its returns and emerge from its underfunded financial

The Teacher Retirement System, the the program. Some teachers and pen-

As it stands now, TRS isn't projected to have enough money to pay promised benefits to the 610,000-plus active members who may retire in the next 30 years, the Star-Telegram reported. Unless it can close a funding gap of at least \$3.2 billion, the burden could fall on teachers and taxpayers to bail out sion experts are concerned that the

# Calendar of events

Day Foundation offers Planting Kit Resource for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and includes a leadership guide, a Celebrate Arbor Day guidebook, and a video to help motivate volunteers. For more information, call (402) 474-5655, go on-

www.arborday.org, write: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

 The National Arbor Day Foundation has also published "What Tree is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees. The 84-page guide identifies 157 different

United States. To obtain the tree guide, send your name and address along with \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or log onto arborday.org on the World Wide Web.

· Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-

800-322-4678 ext. 5146. The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member

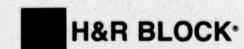
 The National Arbor trees in the western companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

· In a special salute to local veterans, firemen, police and servicemen and women, Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Westgate Chevrolet of Amarillo will host their third annual "American Corvette Freedom Caravan" on Saturday, Sept. 11, in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 374-0055.

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# Dear Abby.

DEAR ABBY: "Living Like a may be true, but I am not qual-Hermit in California" complained about her husband's unusual collecting behavior. "He owns 24 cars," she wrote. "None of them run; they just sit and rot. He buys old airplanes although he doesn't know how to fly and they, too, sit rusting away. He also collects cardboard boxes and anything in bulk." You suggested she contact a lawyer and get her husband a psychiatric evaluation.

His hoarding sounds like obsessive-compulsive disorder to me. I have depression and, during my worst times, I have voraciously collected metal washers. I found it soothing to have something to concentrate on besides my problems. The quality of my collection was a substitute for real accomplishment.

The fact that "Living's" husband is also withdrawn leads me to suspect that he has depression, OCD or a similar psychiatric problem. I got help for mine, and I feel much better. Her husband might never be normal, but a of the manifestations of OCD good place to start would be can be saving things for the sake sympathy, patience and a caring of saving them. And the tendency doctor. OHIO HOARDER

"Living Like a Hermit in ders can coexist. I should know, California" to consult a lawyer because she said her husband had moved them out of a house into a trailer and had spent all their assets on his "hobby." I agree that he may be mentally ill. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Living Like a Hermit" had a familiar ring. My neighbor exhibited similar behavior and was diagnosed with manic mental illness.

BEEN THERE IN TAMPA, site is: www.nami.org. FLA.

**DEAR BEEN THERE: That** 

ified to diagnose him.

DEAR ABBY: Tell that woman to get off her duff, learn more about her husband's collection and then get on eBay! There are people rebuilding old cars who have to order custom parts when none are available. And in ·California, the movie business is always looking for props.

One studio rented my former father-in-law's car while shooting a movie about the Kennedy assassination in Dallas. They asked for permission to paint the car black. He said, "Sure, as long as you paint it white again before you return it." And they did!

NANCY IN HOUSTON

DEAR NANCY: I love your idea about turning her husband's "compulsion" into an income stream. They could use the money.

DEAR ABBY: "Living's" husband appears to have OCD. One to avoid talking may possibly be a symptom of an autism spec-DEAR OHIO: I advised trum disorder. These two disoras they run in our family.

> There are therapies and medications that can help him. Please urge "Living" to educate herself about these disorders and try to get her husband evaluated:

IN NANETTE HAWTHORNE, N.J.

DEAR NANETTE: Thank you for suggesting it. An excellent place to start would be NAMI, the National Alliance depression. When she was up, for the Mentally III, a grassshe collected; when she was roots, self-help organization down she withdrew from the that focuses on education, world. Roger may be more than advocacy, research and sup-"eccentric"; he may suffer from a port for people with mental illness and their families. Its Web

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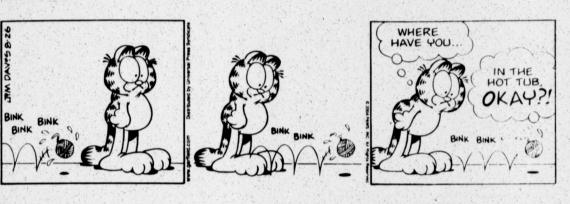
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#### **Crossword Puzzle**

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#### The Family Circus



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# Sports Day

#### AN ODE TO COACHES

# Coaching takes patience, skill and antacids

Panhandle prepare to come to life with the sounds of high school football, I thought I would let you hear from a group that usually takes a back seat at this time of year. A silent but necessary part of the game without whom practices, scrimmages or the game, just wouldn't be the same.

The coach's wives. I received the following a let couple weeks ago from Pampa High School Head Coach, Heath Parker's wife: Christy. I've read it a number of times. I've debated when, where, even how to use it.

And the more I read it, the more I began to think it simply needs to stand alone. If for no other reason than to offer an ode and insight to the coaches, assistant coaches and others who not only coach these kids, but also serve as counselors and con-

As stadiums across the fidants. Able to skillfully keep egos in check while honing their player's skill and potential.

> And oh, by the way, deal with parents. Any coach, at any level,

sport, must be able to Michael J. walk this Stevens tightrope Sports and never them see you sweat

Editor while doing so.

The Top Ten Things We Love About Our Coaches

10. The way he holds his head up after a loss, and still compliments the players on a job well done.

9. The way he hugs me after a great victory, or buries his head in my shoulder after an agonizing loss.

8. The way he winks at me from the field.

7. The secret we hold

together, knowing how much we both sacrifice for the love of football and the chance for him to coach.

players over and talks with them, not just as players but as young

> men. 5. watch him get excited when he has found a new drill,

play or figured out a motivational video to show his players. 4. The way he takes the

blame for the losses, knowing in my heart how hard he worked, but he has no control when someone fumbles or misses a pass.

3. His intensity and passion, seeing the joy he gets out of watching boys become young men. Watching him coach my

2. When he puts everything aside and takes me somewhere I want to go, and in the end I tell him we 6. The way he brings the should get home because 1 know in my heart he wants to watch the game film one more time.

1. At the end of the season, when he thanks me for all I have done to get him through the season. I know he can't do it alone and I can tell it in his eyes that he needs me.

Though written by one coache's wife, I wonder how many others it applies

A side note to all coaches, boosters and team statisticians - Please be sure to get your results to me as soon as you can to ensure timely insertion. You can fax them to me at (806) 669-2520. Or e-mail them sports(a)thepampanews.com

# Youth basketball league registrations underway

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Kids & Youth Club is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming basketball season.

The league is open to kids age four to 17.

You can register in person at Baker Elementary School 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 27 and 28, and again Aug. 30 and 31. You can call in your registrations as well. You will need your child's name, age, grade, address, phone number and shirt size.

For additional information or to phone-in a registration, call Greg at 665-5679, Anna at 669-1740 or Janet at 669-

The Pampa Kids & Youth Club is looking for coaches as

#### PFL coaches announced

**U.S. 102, Spain 94** 

Seven teams and 140 coaches are Bobby Bolin players will be competing this season in the Pampa. Greg kelly and Dr. Butch Football League sponsored by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, according to Broncos, Shawn Clifton, Pearson, Leah Commissioner.

in the fifth and sixth grad division will be Brian Wall, Rick Pearson and Shawn Smith, Eugene Polasek, David Carter and Ken-Collins will be in charge of and fourth grade division. the Packers. Heading up the Cowboys will be Mando and Clint Miller.

In the third and fourth grade division Larry and Ted Hutto will coach. United Way agency. the Texans. The Falcons

ATHENS, Greece (AP)

and Kevin Burrows, Dr Buck are taking on the coaching duties for the Troy Sanders and Joe Kyle Reeve will work together Coaches for the Dolphins coaching the Packers.

"We are completely full in the fifth and sixth grade division," leah Pearson said. "We still have room for a few more in the third Players interested in playing should contact Pearson Ramirez, Alfredo Jimenez at leah-parnts-online net or after 7 p.m. they may call her at 665-7836.

The Pampa Optimist Williams, Chad Epperson Youth Club is a Panipa

#### Senior results from Hidden Hills

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Here are the results from yesterday's Senior Individual Stroke Play at Hidden Hills golf

#### **Gross A Flight**

1st Place: Bill Hammer- 72 2nd Place: Eldon Maxwell- 72

#### **B** Flight

1st Place: Jess Mathis-80 2nd Place: Travis Johnston- 83

#### C Flight

1st Place: Bob Lyle- 82 2nd Place: Jack Davis- 86

#### D Flight

1st Place: Buddy Briley- 91 2nd Place: Joe Wheeley- 95

#### **Net A Flight**

1st Place: Ralph Baker- 60 2nd Place: Howard Wells- 64

#### **B** Flight

1st Place: Jim Ashford- 65 2nd Place: Carl Johnson- 65

#### C Flight

1st Place: Waldon Haynes- 64 2nd Place: Nathan Lancaster-

#### **D** Flight

1st Place: Butch Shepherd- 68 2nd Place: Calvin Lacy- 69

Closest to the pin honors this week went to Joe Stringer on #6 and Eldon Maxwell on #15.

#### Park's first start since May

(AP) Chan Ho Park will come off the disabled list Thursday and make his first start for the Texas Rangers since May 19.

who has spent more time—the disabled list Thursday hurt than pitching since signing a \$65 million, fiveyear contract with the Rangers before the 2002 season, has been on the disfour-game series against Oklahoma Central-leading Memphis Minnesota.

pitching in minor league games," Park said this week. "I want to pitch hard and to win, just relax and

ARLINGTON, Texas pitch like it's any other game. My back is pretty good

Texas is expected to put right-hander Mickey Callaway, who has an Park (2-4, 5.80 ERA), injured right shoulder, on to make room on the roster for Park

In 10 rehab starts in the minors, Park was 1-5 with a 4.01 ERA. His last was abled list with a strained. Friday, when he gave up lower back. The right-han- four runs on six hits over 6 der will start the finale of a 1-3 innings for Triple-A against

"We're going by what he "I feel great. I haven't tells us," manager Buck really been off. I've been. Showalter said. "He feels good and is ready to go. He showed us that in his last outing.

Stephon Marbury broke the U.S. men's Olympic record with 31 points, helphad spent the first 1 1/2 weeks missing jumpers.

beat at the Athens Games.

like Stephon today," Lamar onds. Odom said.

After spending 90 minmade six of his team's 12.3- the past three Olympics pointers and was a big rea- not letting a large foul disson the previously undefeated Spaniards are now out of medal contention. They weren't happy about—the first at these games.

As the teams left the Larry Brown was right: court, Spanish coach Mario The Americans did start hit- Pesquera and Brown yelled ting their jump shots, and and pointed at each other suddenly they look as if about a late U.S. timeout, they might be the team to and they had to be separated by their assistants

In the U.S. team's first five games, Marbury scored just 21 points, missing 24 ing to beat Spain 102-94 in of 30 shots. The Americans the quarterfinals Thursday lost two of those games, an and transform a team that embarrassing blowout to Puerto Rico to open the Olympics and against "Stephon shot the ball. Lithuania in the final sec-

Against Spain, Marbury played spectacularly, and utes working on his shot on the Americans finally the team's day off, Marbury resembled U.S. teams from parity rattle them, knocking down their free throws and surpassing 100 points for

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# LLWS; Texas 8, North Carolina 2

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. get. I'm just emotionally drained," (AP) — Texas is two steps away from a world championship.

Chance Murski hit a grand slam and Randal Grichuk hit a three-run homer to lead Richmond, Texas, to the United States final with an 8-2 win over Morganton, N.C., on Wednesday night at the Little League World Series.

Texas plays the winner of the Thousand Oaks, Calif., vs. Preston, Md., game on Saturday for the championship. The world championship is

"I'm just about as excited as you can 1) for a 4-0 lead.

Texas manager Jim Michalek said.

Vice President Dick Cheney watched the game from a hill beyond the outfield wall, and "Born in the USA" blared from the speakers as Texas played in its second straight semifinal.

In the second inning, Tyler Ford doubled, and Matt Daniels and Dustin Moehlig hit consecutive singles to load the bases for Murski, Murski, hitting only .167 in the series, crushed one to left field off Dykota Spiess (0-

"I hung in there and got that pitch," said Murski, who went 1-for-3. "I feel pretty good, but the rest of the at-bats I didn't do that well.

It didn't matter.

Grichuk, back for his second consecutive Little League World Series, added a three-run homer in the fourth to make it 7-0. It was his fourth homer of the series and sixth in two years. Grichuk is one shy of tying the career home run record held by two players, including Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon in 1971

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#### Edwards comes from back to win at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Carl Edwards came from the back of the field to edge Shane Hmiel in a NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series O'Reilly 200 race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

After qualifying fifth, Edwards' crew elected to make unapproved pre-race repairs to his Ford after a spin on his second lap of qualifying. That decision pushed him to the rear, but he methodically worked his way to the front, taking the lead on the and Marc Reno, who works with Bobby 180th lap and holding on for his third win of

the season. The race was extended six extra laps after tions.

the eighth caution was issued. Edwards averaged just 74.496 mph while being bogged down by 50 laps under yellow.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) Nextel Cup crew chiefs were fined a total of \$10,000 for violations discovered by NASCAR inspectors on Friday during the first inspection for Sunday's race at Michigan International Speedway.

Pat Tryson, crew chief for Mark Martin, Hamilton Jr., were fined \$5,000 apiece for using unapproved fuel system modifica-

# Astros should play Phillies more often

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros and Carlos Beltran and Morgan Ensberg sure wish they'd play this way against everyone else.

Jeff Kent hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning, and the Astros beat Philadelphia 7-4 Wednesday to sweep the season series from the Phillies for the first time.

"Hopefully, we can play everybody the way we've played the Phillies," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "If you're going to win a lot of games, this is the way you've got to

Kent also connected in the second inning,

each homered. Houston went 6-0 against the Phillies and won for the eighth time in 10 games overall. The Astros' only other season sweep was against Montreal in

Kent's big swing in the eighth ensured another frustrating flight home for the Phillies. Manager Larry Bowa plopped down into his chair after the game, the dejected look on his face betraying the optimism in his voice.

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#### Not on my watch

Senior setter Lindsey Ammons tips the ball back over the heads of a pair of Randall blockers to score a point during the Lady Harvesters Pampa Classic Tournament last weekend, #22 Brooke Vaughan watches the play. The Lady Harvesters varsity next competes in the Graham varsity Tournament this weekend.

Bring it on

The 2004 Harvester varsity football team faces a tough test right out of the gate tomorrow night when they visit defending District 1-3A champions Perryton. Pictured above, the offensive line surrounds coach Scott Lewis. The players are, from left to right, row one- Chris Veal, Chris Smith, Dusty Langley, Aaron Hunt, Jeremy Pritchett, Daniel Resendiz. Back row, left to right- Jake Craig, Chad Malone, Matt Mears, Britten East and Michael Perguson.

#### **LLWS**

'Hit the ball," he said.

Daniel Homann (2-0) earned his second win of the series, allowing four hits and striking out eight. After the final out, he bounded off the mound and celebrated with his teammates

Spiess and Eli Watson had RBIs in

"Our hitting wasn't there," North Carolina manager Alan Lail said. "They're 12-year-olds and sometimes they don't bring their entire game with them.'

four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate Texas in the U.S. semifinals. This year, Texas is looking

"We're one of the top four Little League teams in the whole world," Daniels said, smiling. "If you stop and

think about it, it's pretty amazing."

the popular hill where families gather and kids slide down on flattened cardboard boxes. He stayed for three innings and signed for a steady stream of autograph seekers.

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> > — Matt Daniels

Lynne Cheney told fans she hoped they enjoyed the visit and reminded

onship game with the win over Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Chinese Taipei.

Antilles into the international champi-

Curação will play the winner of Corundu, Panama, vs. Nuevo Leon, Mexico, game on Saturday in the championship.

Curacao rallied to tie the game with an improbable four-run sixth, sending it into extra innings before knocking out Taiwan, whose teams won 17 Little League World Series titles between 1969-96.

In the seventh, Rigynoel Rondei singled and advanced to second base on a sacrifice off Taiwan reliever Hsu Chi-Hung. Willie Rifaela hit a grounder to short that Chen Hung-Ta bobbled for an error and Quincey van Blarcum followed with a blooper to Chen Hung that he again misplayed.

That was ruled a hit, however, loading the bases for Schoop.

Schoop singled through the hole into left, extending his arms straight out as he rounded first. He ran toward the mound and met his teammates where they jumped around and danced off the field.

Schoop earned the win with an inning of scoreless relief.

#### **U.S. Wins**

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"We've been playing against so much zone, it doesn't really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We're starting to like playing against zones."

The Americans were 12for-22 on 3-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five

games. Brown, though, had insisted for the past week that it was just a matter of time before the Americans started hitting

their shots. "They were very good on 3s. That was something new in this tournament," Spain's Pau Gasol said.

"They looked motivated, and it'll for the rest of the first half be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

Marbury's six 3s broke the U.S. record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). Lisa Leslie holds the overall U.S Olympic record with 35 points (1996 vs. Japan).

Allen Iverson added 16 points, Carlos Boozer had 12 and Lamar Odom 11 for the Americans, who advanced to the semifinals against the winner of the Argentina-Greece game.

Gasol led Spain with 29 points but was held to just four in the fourth quarter by tenacious American defensive effort, which quieted a pro-Spanish crowd of 14,500 that included Spain's King Juan Carlos.

"It was said that the public supports the weaker team. I think in this case the public was solidly behind the stronger team because we were the stronger team," said Pesquera, who also complained that the officials allowed the Americans to get away with multiple traveling violations.

"I think this game was played under NBA rules, not FIBA rules," he said.

Pesquera was also upset Brown called a timeout with 23 seconds left and the

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fighting. It's been

disappointing.

When we do click,

to keep it going."

Americans leading by 11 points. He let the U.S. coach know it as they left the court.

"I had — and I stress the word 'had' - a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain that he tried to rescind the timeout. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that."

Brown said: "Hopefully

I'll learn to handle these situations, They were very which are new good on 3s. That to me, a little was something new bit better." Duncan in this tournament.

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> —Pau Gasol Olympic Basketball Player, Spain

stayed there after picking up two fouls. The U.S. team made four of its first five 3-point attempts, and the first quarter ended in a 25-25 tie.

In a seesaw second quarter, the Americans went ahead by eight points, feeding off the defensive energy of Dwyane Wade, before Spain rallied with an 11-0 run. The United States led 44-43 at halftime despite giving up 18 points to Gasol and being called for 14 of the game's 19 fouls.

Marbury hit a pair of 3s early in the third quarter, and Brown took a risk by leaving Duncan in after he picked up his third foul with 5:22 left. Marbury reached 21 points on a 3pointer that gave the U.S. team a 63-56 lead.

A 7-0 run by Spain tied the game, but Carmelo Anthony ended the quarter with a 3-pointer to give the Americans a 74-67 lead.

Odom drew his fifth and final foul with 5:29 left and the Americans ahead 80-73, and it was 82-78 when Marbury hit the team's 12th 3-pointer. Duncan's putback increased the lead to 87-78.

Gasol didn't score his first points of the fourth quarter until 2:02 remained, and the Americans stayed comfortably ahead by making seven straight free throws after Spain started intentionally fouling.

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"I just go up to the plate thinking,

near the first-base line.

the sixth inning for North Carolina.

Last year, Saugus, Mass., scored

Cheney sat with his wife, Lynne, on

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Two days before

the start of jury selection in Kobe

Bryant's rape case, prosecutors

charged that crucial DNA evidence the

defense had hoped to use to prove the

LLWS Player, Richmond, Texas

them to vote. Curacao 9, Taiwan 8, 7 innings

Jonathan Schoop had the gametying hit in the sixth and the winning hit in the seventh to lead Willem Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands

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cutors' request for a hearing Thursday

to question the reliability of the

Kobe Bryant prosecutors say crucial evidence contaminated NBA star's innocence might have been that the DNA evidence shows the accuser was promiscuous.

> A closed hearing will also be held Thursday to discuss the roughly 100item questionnaire prospective jurors will fill out.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 27, 2004:

Pace yourself, as you will have a lot of ground to cover with many demands and responsibilities this year. Remember, you are only one person. and there are only 24 hours in a day. Recognize that much that happens willbe on a day-to-day level. The different ingredients that make up your life could transform, if you so choose. Make sure these different elements are in sync with who you are. Use your ability to make money from this fall on. In fact, you have the ability to hit a financially high year. You also might have a hidden talent you want to tap. Be careful not to spend copiously as if there is no tomorrow, if you want to gain ultimately. If you are single, you might enjoy flirting a lot. You are personality plus, drawing many to you. If you are attached, your relationship will develop to a new peak if you are less possessive and more open. AQUARIUS helps you out.

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)

\*\*\* Pressure builds where you least expect it. Focus on your long-term goals and desires. You know what you want and where you are heading. Others might toss obstacles in your path. Skip right over them. Be sure you are not creating this hassle. Tonight: Hang with friends as you begin the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Surprises happen. What you thought was a sure deal just might not be, as an unexpected twist occurs in the scenario. Use care mixing friends with work, or friends with loved ones. Keep

your interests separate. Tonight: A must appearance.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

contaminated.

\*\*\*\* You might find conflicts occurring with work and your personal life. You might feel like a rubber band in some way. Call on your intellect, higher self and problem-solving abilities. Trust that you'll find a solution. Tonight: Split town ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Express your ability to walk through rigid thinking and situations and break the mold. A partner or associate proves to be a great supporter and adviser. He or she wants to break past restrictions as well. Tonight: Express the best of yourself in a relationship. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Express your concern about a financial agreement, which you might feel that someone is sabotaging. Also let others express their concern, and listen to their suggestions. Right now, you're not in a position of power. Tonight: Follow others' lead, for once! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might be causing problems with an already difficult person. Be willing to be held accountable for your actions. Concentrate on what you can do as opposed to what might be impossible. Laugh and enjoy yourself to the utmost. Tonight: Go for easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Your playfulness emerges at work, home or wherever you are. Recognize that you aren't in the mood to work and could easily shirk your responsibilities. Try to cut out of work early or take a half-day. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You might be doing a tango with more than even you can handle. Use discretion within relationships

Don't assume that everyone's perspective is the same as yours, because it isn't. Use more sensitivity. Tonight: Head home

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Talk and communicate all you want. There still might be an element of uproar around you. Others push beyond normal. At worst you could have an explosive response. Remember that you are in control of your reactions. Pick and choose. Tonight: Out with your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Curbing spending could bring a surprising change in your attitude and approach. Investigate and visualize more of what you want through brainstorming and conversations. Learn that your way is not the only way. Tonight; Treating doesn't need to be exorbitant. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* You are high energy, creative and use the unexpected to help you. And you pull the wild card financially on top of it all. Anchor in on someone else's needs as well. The two of you will gain as a result. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* Don't assume anything. Listen to others' opinions and ideas. You might need to mull them over some. Do not permit yourself to overreact. Weigh the pros and cons of a situation. Tonight: Go for mystery. Vanish!

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Humanitarian Mother Theresa (1910), 36th President Lyndon Johnson (1908), actress Barbara Bach (1947)

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#### **Astros**

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Bowa has been doing the math on the Phillies' playoff chances and the numbers don't look good. "Until the numbers

tell you you're out, you're not out," an unusually subdued Bowa said. "But, obvi- keep going and keep ously, there are a lot of people in front of us."

Philadelphia (62-65) has lost 11 of 15 and is three games behind the Astros (64-62) for sixth we just can't seem place in the NL wildcard race. The Phillies are three games under .500 for the first time since April 25, when they were 7-10. "We've got to keep

said. "It's been disappointing. When we do click, we just can't seem to keep it going." Houston can gain more ground in

the NL wild-card race starting Thursday with its three-game series at Chicago. The Cubs took two of three against the Astros last week.

"We lost everything for the past couple of months," Jeff Bagwell said. "It's nice to see us turn around. I hope it's not too late." The Phillies took a 4-3 lead in the

seventh on Jimmy Rollins' run-scor-

ing triple off Mike Gallo, but the

Astros rallied in the eighth, when

Felix Rodriguez (5-7) opened with

walks to Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell. Lance Berkman singled home the tying run, and Kent homered to left.

With 267 homers as a second baseman, he moved past Joe Morgan for second on the career list at that position, trailing only Ryan Sandberg (277).

> "When you get a win late it's an emotional uplift for everybody," Kent said. "We have to just keep this going now." Chad Qualls (2-0)

pitched a perfect eighth and Brad Lidge, Houston's fifth pitcher, got three outs for his 17th save in 20 chances, completing a five-hitter.

Phillies starter Eric — Jim Thome Infielder, Milton allowed three Philadelpjia Phillies solo homers and five hits in six innings, and was denied a chance to

going and keep fighting," Jim Thome become the first pitcher since Red Donahue in 1899 to start the season 14-2. He struck out six and walked

Jim Thome scored the game's first run in the second when Doug Glanville grounded into a double play. Rollins scored on sacrifice flies by Bobby Abreu in the third and fifth innings to give the Phillies a 3-1 lead.

Notes: Milton allowed three homers Wednesday, extending his total to a major league-leading 36. ... Phillies OF Doug Glanville turned 34.

... Kent had his 16th multihomer game. ... Beltran has homered in three consecutive games.

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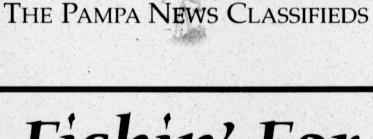
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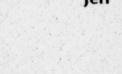


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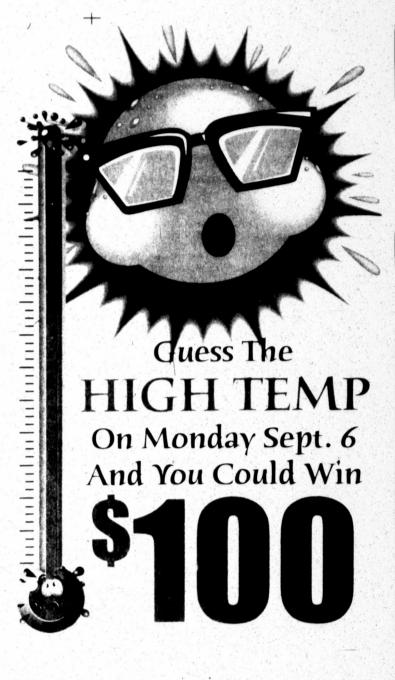
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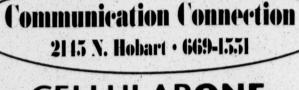
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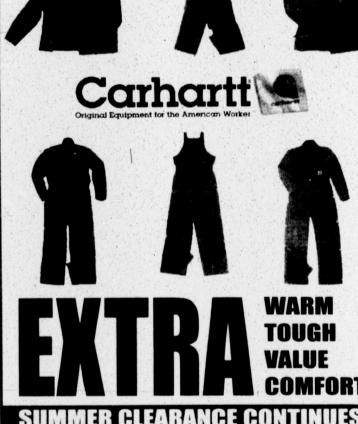
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