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GOP portrays Bush as strong leader

Republican National Convention opens at NYC's Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK (AP) — Republicans at their national convention portrayed President Bush as a strong wartime leader, adopting a platform endorsing his agenda and putting his and Vice President Dick Cheney's names in nomination for a second term.

"We will leave here with momentum that will carry us

to victory in November," Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said to a roar of approval as the convention got under way in Madison Square Garden. Gillespie promised a positive agenda that he said would expand Republican control of Congress and state govern-

ments. Republicans mixed praise of Bush with efforts to discredit Democratic rival John Kerry and his vice presidential candidate, John Edwards. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., called the Democratic ticket "weak on war and wrong on taxes. Folks, it's an easy choice."

Democrats were quick to challenge the GOP theme

that Bush was a strong leader, pointing to his comments in a television interview suggesting that the war on terror could not be won. "This is no time to declare defeat," Edwards said. And Democratic Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack told reporters in New York, "This is a president who doesn't believe we can win the war on terror."

Republicans were paying tribute to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in their opening convention session. "We've shown the world New York can never be defeated," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in welcoming delegates. Thousands of police kept the city under tight security as the convention opened.

Horton earns Rotary's largest scholarship

By LEE CORNELISON
For The Pampa News

J.B. Horton, the 2004 recipient of the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship, was honored guest speaker at Pampa Rotary Club International Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Horton is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1998 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, where he served two terms as student body president and in 1998 was chairman of the Texas A&M Chancellor's Advisory Board. Horton was also a varsity member of the WIAMU tennis team. He is the son of Benny and Kerrick Horton of Pampa and has a sister, Meredith.

In 2000, Horton dedicated an entire year to the "George W. Bush for President" campaign in Austin and the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C. After the election, Horton worked with the Bush-Cheney transition

team and then in the White House Presidential Personnel Office. He was appointed in 2001 to serve in the Small Business Administration.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship is Rotary's oldest program and has been awarded to more than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations since 1947. The scholarship is a \$25,000 grant to further one's degree at any accredited university in the world.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary Clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host



J.B. Horton, center, with Mike Ruff, chairman of the Pampa Rotary scholarship committee, and Dwayne Harp, president of the Pampa Rotary Club.

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Controversy arises between Schneider residents, manager

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

One resident of Schneider House is moving out today because her lease wasn't renewed, and another is to move out by Thursday because she is being evicted.

Virginia Jones, whose lease is up this Thursday at the senior citizens' apartment house at 120 S. Russell, said she is moving to her grandson's house in Pampa.

Mary Woodward said she has not yet found another place to live, although Debbie Sigala, manager of the Schneider House, said Panhandle Transit, a local transportation service for the elderly and disabled, is scheduled Sept. 1 to move

her to another residence. The conflict between the two women and the management of the building came to a head around July 29, Sigala said, when a new rule was implemented at the suggestion of Pampa Fire Department. Glass doors in the hallways on each floor were to be kept closed for fire safety and security reasons, Sigala said. The doors are not, however, locked, she said.

A fire department representative had made the recommendation after inspecting the building at management's invitation, Sigala said.

Randy Dunham, deputy

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Woodward



100 years young

State Rep. Warren Chisum, right, presents Goldie Hollingsworth of Pampa with a Texas flag that had flown over the state capitol building in Austin and a certificate honoring her on her 100th birthday Aug. 26. Still spry at 100, Mrs. Collingsworth lives at home.



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fire chief, confirmed the recommendation, she said.

Woodward asked why the glass doors were all closed, and "confronted" the son of the building's owner, who happened to be in Pampa on July 29 visiting the site. "He did not immediately answer," Sigala said, and "she was mad. She called her sons. I could hear her hollering and cussing in the lobby."

When the two sons, Richard D. Stinnett and Kenny Black, both of Pampa, arrived, Sigala said she could see one of them "going back and forth, red-faced and sweating," outside the glass walls separating the office from the front lobby area.

The sons wanted to talk to the owner, but "he was in a meeting," Sigala said.

Criminal trespass charges were filed against the two sons after police were called, she said. The owner instructed her that they were not to come in the building again. A third son of Woodward's who lives in Amarillo is not

involved in the criminal trespass charge, Sigala said.

After the incident, it was decided to evict Woodward.

"An item in the lease says if you call in family members to interfere with management, it is an automatic strikeout," she said.

Woodward's eviction notice stated that she was being evicted for "disrupting the livability of the project, adversely affecting the health or safety of any person or right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the leased premises, and a tenant family history of disturbance of neighbors and Schneider

'I feel violated and do not think this matter was handled properly.'

— Mary Woodward

House staff." The three conditions are listed among grounds for eviction in tenants' leases.

"I chose not to renew Virginia Jones' contract. She has always been threatening to sue, and her daughter would call and cuss me out," Sigala said. Jones' daughter lives in Arizona, Sigala said. A criminal trespass warrant against Jones' daughter has been filed, Sigala said, as a result of abusive telephone calls.

"I have the right to say

whether I want to renew a tenant's contract. She has three complaints in her file," Sigala said of Jones.

"I do my best to please everyone, but I can't please everyone," Sigala said.

Four letters have been received by The Pampa News concerning the two women's situation. One is by Woodward, another by Stinnett and Black, and a third is by Woodward's daughter-in-law, Lori Fellingham of Pampa. The identity of the person who submitted the fourth letter includes an invalid telephone number and cannot be confirmed.

Woodward said in her letter that she has been a Schneider House resident for the past seven years.

"We recently received a new manager for our facility, and our personalities do not get along very well. There are a few of us tenants that visit in the lobby and gossip among each other. The new manager states that we are troublemakers," Woodward said.

"They have placed restraining orders on our

family and therefore we have no one to help us move or take us to our doctor appointments because they are angry with us. We depend on their families to help us due to the fact that Mrs. Jones is blind and I am wheelchair bound and have to wear oxygen continuously.

"Mrs. Jones suffered a stroke and was hospitalized due to the incident. I also was hospitalized and placed in the intensive care unit with heart problems and spent one week in the hospital.

"I feel violated and do not think this matter was handled properly," Woodward said in the letter.

Stinnett and Black also wrote that their mother and Jones were known as "troublemakers." They noted that their mother has only 30 percent of full heart function, and Jones is blind.

"Criminal trespass warrants were issued to us... We're not even allowed to help pack and move our mother, or go check on her, or take her meals. Now I ask this - Is that right?" they said in the letter.

"These two women were

evicted from sitting in the lobby and saying what they think," Fellingham said. "There is no way the two women can pack all of their stuff and haul it down the several flights of stairs without the help of their families. One of the women almost could not be transported to

the hospital because management would not let the family come on the property to take the patient to the hospital but eventually did," she said in the letter.

Elevator service is available for all floors at the Schneider House.

'I do my best to please everyone, but I can't please everyone.'

— Debbie Sigala
Schneider House Manager

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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— UETEILTFO

Saturday's Cryptoquote: ALTHOUGH POLITICIANS HOLD NO MONOPOLY ON SPEAKING WITHOUT THINKING. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE A KNACK FOR IT. — LOUIS E. BOONE

Open house celebrates new Meals on Wheels home



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Meals on Wheels Board President Sherry McCavit, left, talks to Rochelle Lacy, right, at an open house celebrating the opening of the organization's new home at 302 E. Foster. The building was purchased from a heating and air conditioning company and renovated by volunteers with donated funds. Meals on Wheels, a United Way agency, delivers hot meals five days a week to homebound persons who pay on a sliding scale basis.

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Horton

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countries.

Horton has chosen to continue his education in Leeds, England, at the University of Leeds, where he will pursue a master's degree in business.

Horton's wife, Liz, a native of England, has finished her master's degree and is employed at the

British Embassy in the Washington, D.C., area where she helps place British students into American universities and colleges. She will return with him to Leeds in the fall for his enrollment and studies.

Horton's major in college was International Business. He has been West Texas A&M University Man of the Year. He was two-time recipient of the Student Organization President of

the Year. He was in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities, two-time Academic Honorable Mention in varsity athletics, inducted into the international economics honors society Omicron Delta Epsilon, recipient of the National Collegiate Student Government Award and was recently awarded the highest honor that the West Texas A&M University president can award, the Silver Buffalo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004:

No matter how hard it might be to get what you want, you will endure and make it happen. Your determination proves remarkable this year. Luck pops up at unexpected moments. Unfortunately, once you have achieved your goal, you might not want the end results. Be careful what you wish for. You transform internally, and might reflect that change in your domestic life. When you're confused, concentrate on work. If you are single, you will meet many people who might flip over you. You might want to investigate and get to know people better. If you are attached, your relationship might change some. Be willing to be more giving and understanding about a partner and his or her needs. Work with and help your sweetie realize his or her goals. ARIES bottom-lines issues.

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)

*** What might be worrying you ceases to be a problem by the afternoon. You feel your Wheaties. You know what you are doing. As you take command of the steering wheel of life, you will make the right moves. Tonight: Enjoy being top dog.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
** You might have a serious conversation or be working through a key issue. This afternoon, go within for answers. No one knows the situation better than you. Trust yourself, but take your time mulling over your thoughts. Tonight: Vanish. Enjoy your own company.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Get as much work done as you can in the a.m. Concentrate on a serious money concern. You will find a solution. Brainstorm with your buddies and find answers. Your knee-jerk reaction to a suggestion or two might be "no," but stay open. Tonight: Do what you want with who you want.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Check out your facts, though you might be overly concerned with what you hear or the information that comes forward. Take charge in the afternoon. If you care about the outcome, you might need to direct a project. Tonight: Work late; out late.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Reach out for others, after sharing with one key person. You might make a strong partner. Don't close down, but let go of a key problem. Holding grudges could be dangerous for your well-being. Make calls in the p.m. Absorb other perspectives. Tonight: Do something different.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Someone might be difficult, and you, in return, could be stubborn. Evaluate what is happening with a friend or a trusted loved one. Not everything is as it appears to be. Don't allow someone to push or corner you. Tonight: Spend quality time with a pal.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** The more you get done this morning, all the better. By the afternoon, others seek you out, even if it is only for your opinion. You have a special way about you right now. Others know you mean business. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might be late to work, as you want to handle a personal matter. Trust that you will be distracted from your job or your daily life. By the after-

noon, settle in and clear your desk. Make your presence known. Tonight: Consider working late.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You might feel challenged in your personal life this morning, or before you leave your home. Don't brood. Don't take another's ultimatum as anything else but a statement. Dip into your well of creativity. Use your sense of humor. Tonight: Let go as only you can.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** What you say might close someone down rather than open him or her up. You might be upset that you cannot get this person to open up. Give him or her space. Pull within and handle your responsibilities. Tonight: Bring extra work home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Be aware that you can only do so much and cannot push any more. Expressing what has been a problem becomes the first step in settling it. Brainstorm with others. Together solutions become possible. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Use the morning to your benefit. Others react to a stern statement or decision involving a risk or a relationship. Emphasize what you need, your work and achieving success. You have what it takes! Tonight: Pay bills.

BORN TODAY
Singer Van Morrison (1945), singer Debbie Gibson (1970), actor Richard Gere (1949)

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Viewpoints

Too far from center ends up in the gutter

Maybe I was right. I was beginning to wonder. Maybe the middle of the road is the place to be.

Jim Hightower, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, claims that the only thing one finds in the middle of the road is a yellow stripe and dead armadillos.

For years, I've thought about starting my own political party.

As many times as I've been shot at, I'm not worried about a yellow stripe. I thought I'd call it the Dead Armadillo Club.

In opposition to Hightower, I think if you get too far from the center of the road, you end up in the gutter.

I've got about as much use for Teddy Kennedy as I have for Newt Gingrich.

I like being in the radical center.

Even Hightower describes himself as a Populist instead of a Liberal.

In my youth, being a child of the '60s, I was always to the right of my friends. In my old age, I find myself often to their left.

They must have changed. After all, they're old and fat. I'm still young and skinny, or would be if it weren't for Carrie Mackie's red velvet birthday cake.

The reason I think the middle of the road is the place to be is because of the political conventions this

summer. The Democrats stifled the left wing of their party so the party could position itself as moderate. Now, who believes that John Kerry is a moderate?

Now, the Republican Party is holding their convention this week and appears to be stifling their right wing so they can position themselves as moderates.

Is George Bush a moderate? Probably so. He's what we used to call in the olden days a Country Club

Republican, but he's surrounded himself with, not conservatives, but neo-conservatives. Those people are somewhere to the right of Attila the Hun.

For the Republican Convention, the most conservative speaker they have is Zell Miller, a Democrat from Georgia!

I like the middle, the Conservative Democrats and the Moderate Republicans. The pragmatists who get things done, who are strong enough to compromise and join with allies in the other

party for the good of the nation without being accused of being commie-nazi-scum-traitors to their parties, God, mother or apple pie.

I'm not real wild about politicians bringing everything to a halt because things aren't going their way or trying to cram a policy down somebody's throat so a politician can grandstand to the people back home. I sure don't like replacing solutions with rhetoric. That's kind of like talk radio where you replace facts with opinion.

I know too many people today who seem to be more concerned about being a Republican or a Democrat

than being an American.

I know too many single-issue voters who are willing to let politicians get away with too much because they pass one, and only one, litmus test.

Maybe it's the dumbing down of America. Maybe it's the bumper sticker mentality that we have today. Maybe it's always been that way, and I never noticed. Maybe I expect too much from our national leaders...like leadership.

We have a number of important issues that need to be addressed and addressed quickly.

Number one on my list is

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David Bowser

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2004. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 30, 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

On this date:

In 30 B.C. (on Aug. 30, by some estimates), the seventh and most famous queen of ancient Egypt known as Cleopatra committed suicide.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major league batting debut, playing for the Detroit Tigers.

In 1941, the World War II siege of Leningrad began as Nazi forces took Mga.

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan, and set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space, blasting off aboard Challenger.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, the Moscow correspondent for U.S. News and World Report. (He was later released.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1997, Americans learned of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was Aug. 31 where the crash occurred.)

Ten years ago: Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in 1955 helped touch off the civil rights movement, was robbed and beaten in her Detroit apartment. (Joseph Skipper later pleaded guilty to assault and robbery and was sentenced to prison.)

Five years ago: Residents of East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in a U.N.-sponsored ballot. (Afterward, pro-Indonesian militiamen reacted by going on a violent rampage that ended when international forces were sent in.)

One year ago: A Russian submarine being towed to a scrap yard sank in a gale in the Barents Sea, killing nine of the 10 crew members. The World Trade Organization agreed to let impoverished nations import cheaper copies of patented medicines needed to fight killer diseases.

'Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising.'

— Cyril Connolly
British journalist-writer



Light darkness of hate with reason

It's easy to avoid bigotry if you just remember that most of the time when our minds leap from the particular to the general, we are making an error in reasoning. Inductive reasoning, which goes from many, many particulars to the general, does not condone going from one or two particulars to the general.

One of the worst racial bigots I know is a man from Brooklyn who was badly beaten as a youth by three black hoodlums. Instead of recognizing that three individual hoodlums do not represent the whole, he has spent his life hating black

people. Some black people, having had bad experiences with white individuals, spend their lives hating whites.

And so it goes with whatever group happens to be the target of the day. Bigotry is so persistent because it is the lazy way to cope with complexity. One doesn't have to think, and most people find thinking a difficult and noxious task. It is so much easier to condemn a group than to

evaluate individuals. It is so much easier to accept the pronouncements of demagogues than to do one's own research.



Charley Reese

Columnist

After all, didn't 19 Muslims attack us on Sept. 11, 2001? Yes, but a billion other Muslims did not attack us, nor did they condone or support the attackers. Islam does not condone the murder

of innocents, terrorism, torture or war except in self-defense. Neither does Christianity, yet we all know that not all Christians follow the rules of their religion, and so it is with some Muslims.

The truth is that the entire human race can be divided into two categories — the decent and the indecent. Some of both are in every single ethnic, racial or religious group. You might as well look at the homicide rate in America and conclude that all Americans are murderers as conclude that

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Short-term action, long-term strategy

Victoria Advocate on winning hearts and minds in the Muslim world:

Among the most important of the federal 9/11 commission's recommendations is one that has received far less column inches and air-time than others calling for a thorough overhaul of the U.S. intelligence community.

And yet, if often overlooked, it arguably is even more critical than creating the new position of director of national intelligence to improve coordination of intelligence gathering and analysis.

The 9/11 panel called on the U.S. government to engage more deeply and

effectively in a "struggle of ideas" against Islamic radicalism.

It did not borrow the Vietnam-era language of "winning hearts and minds," but the idea is the same. And the result could well be the same.

In Vietnam, the United States had overwhelming military superiority, but it never did adequately win the hearts and minds of enough South Vietnamese people to thwart the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Communist guerrillas depended on sympathetic

countrymen for support, supplies, bases of operations and refuge. Without that, U.S. military superiority would have overwhelmed them.

"We need short-term action on a long-term strategy, one that invigorates our foreign policy with the attention that the president and Congress have given to the military and intelligence parts of the conflict against Islamic terrorism," the 9/11 commission's report said.

Another phrase for this is "public diplomacy," the kind of effort that during the Cold

War saw the U.S. Information Agency, Radio Free Europe, Fulbright scholarships and scientific and cultural exchanges carry the fundamentals of what this nation is all about to the rest of the world — including behind the Iron Curtain.

The largely successful goal was to convince people around the world that the democracy and all that comes with it are preferable to communism.

Likewise, the United States today needs to offer to the Muslim world the message that, yes, even within Islam, democracy and all that comes with it are prefer-

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Iraq. I was never wild about the idea of attacking Iraq. It had nothing to do with weapons of mass destruction. It had everything to do with a lack of planning for postwar Iraq.

The people running the war seemed from the very beginning to have no idea of what to do after the initial attack. There seemed to be a lack of foresight there. We can get into a lack of foresight on a number of issues covering a number of administrations, both Republican and Democrat, on a number of issues, but we have people fighting in Iraq now and that problem

needs to be dealt with. The second one is the deficit. Maybe Bush isn't a Country Club Republican. The increasing deficit bodes only ill for this country. I always thought Republicans were fiscally responsible until Reagan came along. It was the free-spending Democrats that I feared until the Republicans took over Congress and

packed their bills with pork. Maybe I've become cynical in my old age, but it appears to me that politicians are really interested in you or me. The only thing a politician is interested in is getting re-elected, and it doesn't matter whether he, she or it is a Republican or Democrat. A pox on both their houses. That brings me back to

my new party, the Dead Armadillo Club. For years, I have supported the Creedence Clearwater Revival Party. I always thought John Fogerty would make a great President. Unfortunately, for the last 30 years, I've gotten nowhere with that, so this year I'm changing allegiance. While it is not the policy of this paper to endorse

political candidates, I personally am endorsing Jimmy Buffett. I may also change the party's name to Parrot Heads for Buffet. I can see margaritas and cheeseburgers in the rose garden now. Now, that's a party. ***
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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Willing to serve

Herman and Jana Vinson serve tea and cookies at an open house Thursday afternoon celebrating the opening of Meals on Wheels' new home at 302 E. Foster. Jana Vinson is a member of the Meals on Wheels board of directors. She and her husband also volunteer as relief drivers to deliver meals to homebound persons during the summer months.

Muslims

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able to the kind of miserable, ugly existence the Taliban subjected Afghanistan to during their time in power.

Islamic extremists so closely identify the concept of democracy with all they see wrong in the United States and the West and, further, claim that it is antithetical to the fundamentals of their religion.

Even the most effective, religiously and culturally sensitive public diplomacy is unlikely to win many of these zealots over. But they do not — yet — constitute more than a small number of Muslims worldwide.

Effective public diplomacy is needed to keep more Muslims from joining the ranks of the extremists. Military force will do little to win their hearts and minds and keep them from joining Osama bin Laden and his ilk.

But indiscriminate use of military force where it is not fully justified will drive more Muslims into bin Laden's welcoming embrace, as we have seen since the unjustified U.S. invasion of Iraq more than a year ago.

And not just in Iraq, but indeed throughout much of the Muslim world.

Speaking at the U.S. Institute of Peace last week, Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser, said this nation must make more of an investment in and devote more effort to public diplomacy.

"We are obviously not very well organized for the side of public diplomacy," she conceded.

Almost three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York City's World Trade Center, the Bush administration has yet to recognize fully or

merely adequately that instruments other than military force are critical to winning the international war against terrorism. The State Department and occasionally other officials have made the right noises from time to time, but this has not been a high priority for the administration.

"Middle East experts — and some frustrated U.S. officials — complain that the administration has provided only limited new direction in dealing with anti-American anger among the world's 1.2 billion Muslims and is spending far too little on such efforts, particularly in contrast with the billions spent on other pressing needs, such as homeland security and intelligence," The Washington Post reported.

Bigotry

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all Muslims are terrorists. One of the banes of our republic has been the development of talk radio and talk television, sometimes mistakenly referred to as cable news. Some of these broadcast yahoos have condemned Muslims for not condemning the terrorists. This is unjust outrage. Muslim leaders have condemned the terrorists and do condemn the terrorists, only their condemnations are not reported by the same yahoos who complain of their alleged silence.

I have a number of Muslim friends, and they are not unlike Christians. Some are devout. Some show up only on holidays. But they are all fine people and fiercely patriotic Americans. I have never heard anyone condemn Osama bin Laden in harsher language than my Palestinian friends, who are contemptuous of his alleged support of Palestinian independence. They were so angry about the attack on the United States, some of them sputtered with rage.

Arabs, by the way, are a minority of the world's Muslims, and not all Arabs are Muslim. Some are Christians. Christianity, after all, was born on the West Bank in Bethlehem. It would be as stupid to try to racially profile Muslims as it would be to racially profile Americans. We come in all shapes, sizes and colors, and so do Muslims. If he shaved his beard and moustache, Osama could easily pass for an American.

I learned a long time ago that if you want to know something, go to the source. If you want to know what communism is like, talk to people who lived under it. If you want to know about Islam, talk to Muslims. The great thing about America is that whatever country you want to know about, you can find people who were born there and lived there. Whatever subject you are interested in, you can find people who know it firsthand. Don't be a sheep. Don't let demagogues, politicians

and special interests herd you hither and yon for their hidden purposes. Use your public library. Use the Internet, and recognize that television is an unreliable source, especially those yahoos who have to yakety-yak for a living. They are celebrity talk-ers, not newspeople — though God knows, print journalism has its own faults. Life is too short to hate,

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— Charley Reese
Columnist

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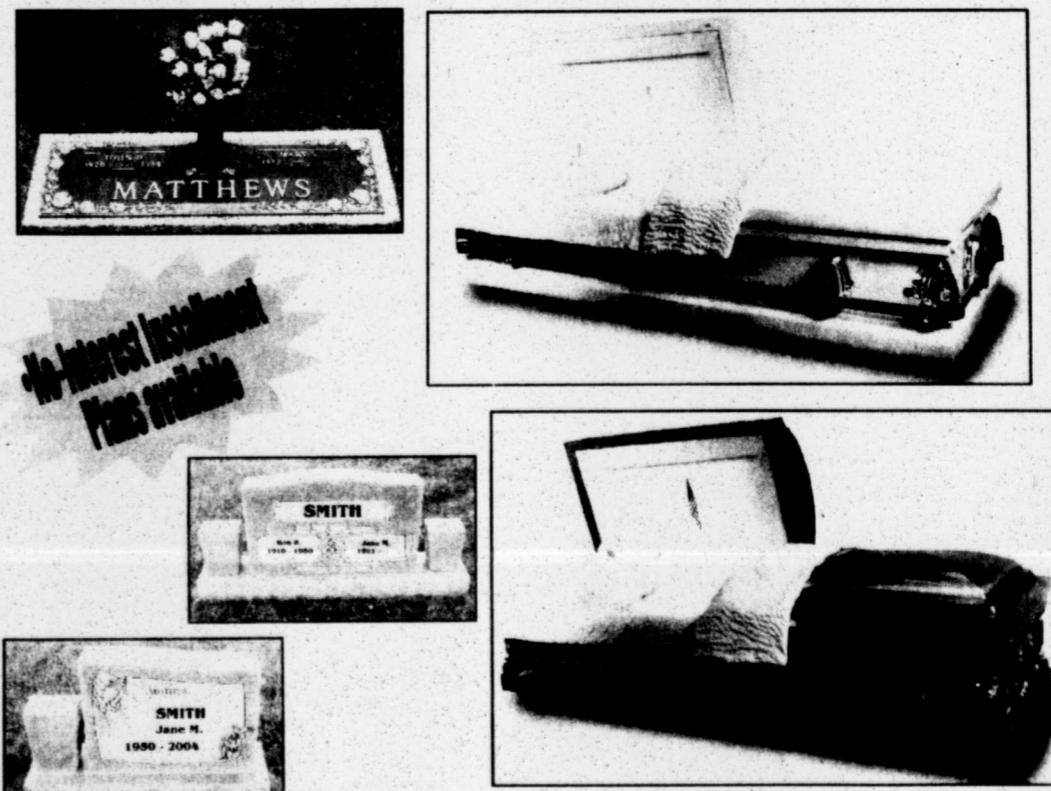
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Texas Republicans close most events at convention

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Republicans have pulled up the welcome mat for media at most of their activities for state delegates during this week's

convention. The GOP has barred from media scrutiny everything from the welcoming party for delegates Sunday to a prayer service Gov. Rick Perry is

holding for the delegation on Thursday.

Organizers have cited security or the preference of corporate sponsors of the events for closing them.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Angela," has a boyfriend I'll call Robb. I have an insanely strong crush on him. I am 14, but I am very mature for my age and have unusually intense feelings. Seeing Robb with Angela every day is torture.

The school counselors suggested I immerse myself in something to get my mind off Robb -- sports, drama, my studies -- anything. I tried for months, but it hasn't worked. I can barely function because I'm so miserable and lovesick.

A few days ago, Angela told me she doesn't like Robb as a boyfriend as much as she used to and would really rather be good friends with him. But she doesn't want to hurt his feelings. I want to tell her how I feel about him, but I can't bring myself to do it. What if she laughs at me or tells me he'd never like me? I might kill myself. Please help. I don't know how much longer I can live with this pain.

LOVESICK IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOVESICK: Speak up! Angela gave you the perfect opening when she said she'd prefer to be good friends with Robb. Don't let your fear of what the "might" say keep you suffering in silence. The only thing worse than caring for someone who doesn't know you're alive is feeling trapped in a relationship with someone you no longer care for.

It's not necessary to tell Angela that you're so lovesick you can't function. Just let her know that if she wants to date others, you'll be happy to console Robb. Then cross your fingers and make yourself available if he wants a shoulder to cry on.

P.S. If he does, be sure to tell him jokingly what a foolish girl you think Angela is to let go of someone as special as he is. He'll think you are intelligent and insightful, and you'll be off and running!

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine recently wrote and self-published a book. It is comprised of anecdotes, poems and short essays. She asked if I liked it, and I (coward that I am) told her I liked a couple of the stories and thought the book was quite good. I lied. The book is horrible. I thought it was just me -- but when I shared it with a few others, they felt the same way.

Much of what she wrote reflects strong negativity about her job as a social worker, the people she's there to help, and the children she taught as a substitute teacher.

I want to tell her my true feelings, but everybody tells me to keep quiet. That may not be fair to her. She's starting another book, and I think she should know the truth. How can I tell her without hurting her feelings or insulting her? Her friendship means a lot to me.

LIL WHITE LIE

DEAR LIL: Writing her thoughts and feelings may be your friend's mechanism for venting her frustrations, and it's a healthy one. I see nothing to be gained by discouraging her. Because you and your friends didn't care for her book doesn't mean no one will. Since her friendship means a lot to you, mum's the word.

DEAR ABBY: I say that the names used in your column in quotation marks are fictitious. My husband disagrees; he insists that the letters you print are exactly as written and the quotation marks don't mean a thing. Who is right?

NEEDS TO KNOW, PAHO-KEE, FLA.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: You are. I make it a practice to change the names that appear in the body of the letters that appear in my column. However, if a name is used in the signature, it's because the writer has given me express permission to do so.

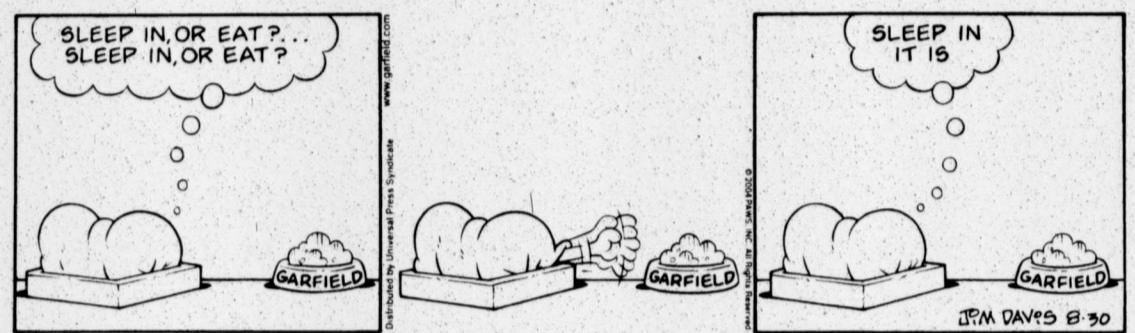
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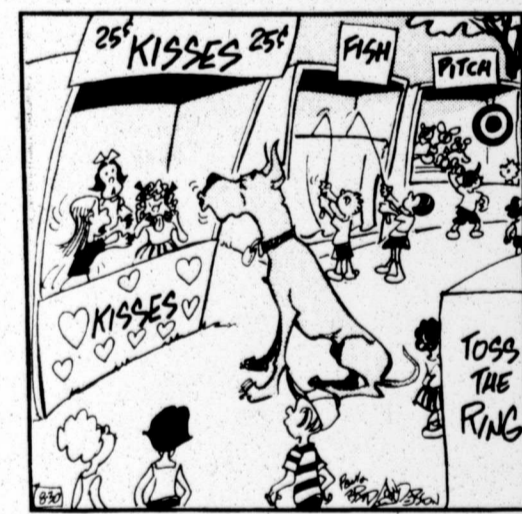
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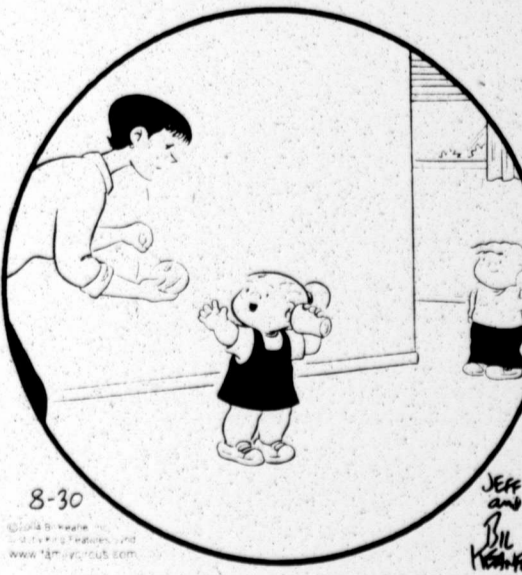
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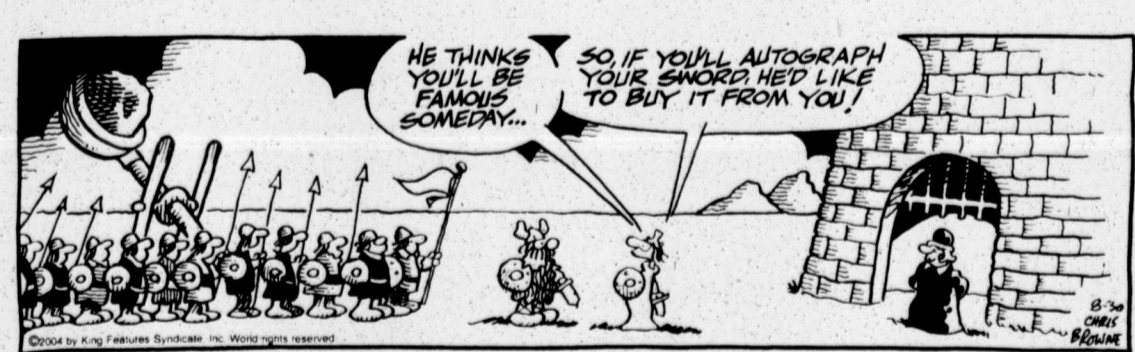
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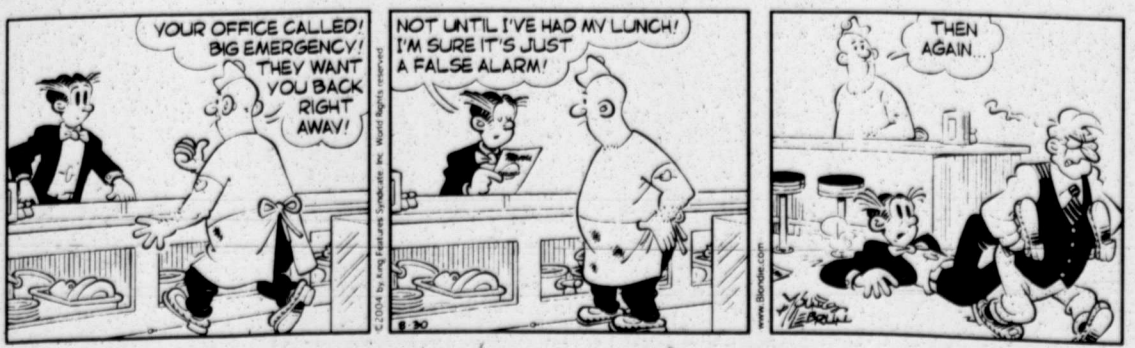
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Sports Day



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Gang Green member Shawna Friend serves up the heat during the past Saturday's "Fun Day" at Pampa High School. Gang Green defeated the Gold Rush 16-14.

Fun Day with a twist

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

This past Saturday, the Pampa High School tennis team upheld a long-standing tradition by kicking off the 2004 season with a "Fun Day". A day of tennis featuring team members and parents, paired together in matches.

The interesting thing is team members must recruit a parent, not their own, to take part in this traditional event. And according to Assistant Coach, Starla Kindle, the parental participation and community turnout Saturday was fantastic.

This year marks the addition of something new for "Fun Day". The winning team would receive a perpetual trophy and obvious bragging rights for a year.

The teams for Saturday's matches were Gang Green and the Gold Rush. And when the dust settled, it would be Gang Green taking the win, the trophy and year-long bragging rights, 16-14.

The Harvester's next scheduled tournament is September 11, in Abilene.

THE FIELD OF BATTLE

Remembering Seth Huston in more ways than one

While covering the Harvester's game against Perryton last Friday night, an event took place that reminded me my role in the overall scheme of things is relatively small and, at times, extremely insignificant.

Just the day before, I had a visit from a man who felt a story I had written about his child fell short of what he believed the message should have been. Not that his child had achieved an amazing feat as the story noted, but that the story failed to mention a sponsor. Company policy prevents me from doing so as this is considered an advertisement. My bane is ownership instituted several changes at the same time I arrived. Still, as this gentleman spoke, I felt for him. He is a father who wants the best for his child. It wasn't too long ago I would have been doing the same thing as the sport my son became involved with required sponsorship money if he was to be competitive.

Later that same day, another man came in. He shared with me a concern that he and other parents have over the fact that the paper doesn't include enough local sports stories. To be honest, he suggested there hasn't been

enough Pampa High School football coverage. "Just a picture here and there," he noted. He also mentioned an element the paper once provided that was stopped as part of the change. What he did not know is he was not the first to mention this.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Some haven't noticed it's missing. Others just assume it is still around. But it is something I have been thinking about. As we wrapped up our visit, I could tell this gentleman wasn't at all satisfied with my answers. Neither of them were. As each left, I wondered what I must have looked like to them?

Note to all upstart journalists — cut your teeth in a small market. It will provide you invaluable skills and, strengthen your resolve if you truly endeavor to succeed.

Last Friday, I came in, cranked up the computer, read the little prayer that

sits on my desk and began my day. I was excited. After all, it was payday and, the heavy scent of high school football hung in the air.

As I began to put the sports pages together, my phone rang. The woman calling began the conversation with something along the lines of, "I used to read the paper..." I cannot tell you the thoughts going through my mind. As I listened, I realized it was in fact a compliment. I don't fish for them, but on this day, it was welcome.

My work complete, I saddled the pony and made my way to Perryton. I got there early enough so that I could find the stadium, get some information, meet some folks and snap a few pictures before game time. This, after all, was my first attempt at covering a game for the printed media. I wanted to do right by you, the reader.

During the pre-game announcements, the stadium public address announcer began to share the story of Lance Corporal Seth Ryan Huston, who had recently given his life at the age of 19 during combat in Iraq. He spoke of Seth's family, in particular, his brother who would be playing in the game.

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Time running out on basketball registration

Today and tomorrow mark the final days to register for the upcoming Pampa Kids & Youth Club basketball season.

You can register in person, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Baker Elementary School. You can also phone your registration in to Greg at

665-5679, Anna at 669-1740 or Janet at 669-1838. Require information includes your child's name, age, grade, address, phone number and shirt size.

The Pampa Kids & Youth Club Basketball League is open to students age four to 17.

Booster Clubs to meet

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

There will be a girls' Basketball Booster Club meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa High School library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

The Baseball Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for this Thursday, 7 p.m. in the ready room. All parents, in particular those with freshman players this year, are encouraged to attend.

The club will discuss the October 8, steak dinner as well as other issues requiring club attention.

Astros climb back into playoff race

(AP) — The Houston Astros turned their season around just in time for a playoff push.

Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman sparked a 10-3 victory Sunday over the Chicago Cubs, and Houston took three of four at Wrigley Field to move within four games of the San Diego Padres, the NL wild-card lead.

"The next thing you know, hopefully we'll have something to play for in September," Bagwell said.

Nobody would have expected that two weeks ago. After entering the season with World Series hopes, the star-studded Astros hit their low point at 56-60 on Aug. 14. Four days later, they lost pitcher Andy Pettitte to season-ending elbow surgery.

But instead of folding, Houston began to play its best baseball of the year behind Carlos Beltran, Roy Oswalt and Roger Clemens. The Astros have won 11 of 14, and they left Chicago feeling pretty good

about their postseason chances.

"We came in here with our backs to the wall," said manager Phil Garner, who replaced the fired Jimmy Williams during the All-Star break. "I don't say we're leading the pack, but we certainly put ourselves in the thick of this thing. I don't know if we have to take a timeout."

Berkman homered and Carlos Hernandez (1-1) earned his first major league win since Sept. 7, 2002. Bagwell capped a big weekend with three hits — he was 10-for-18 with seven RBIs in the series.

The Cubs dropped into a tie with San Diego for the wild-card lead and lost righthander Matt Clement (9-12) to a strained neck and upper back. He expects to make his next start, however.

There was more beanball trouble between the teams, too, just like last weekend in Houston and Friday at Wrigley Field.

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Stadler wins with four straight birdies

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) — Craig Stadler stole the show at Peter Jacobsen's tournament.

Seemingly out of contention after the front nine, Stadler closed with four straight birdies for a 5-under 67 and a one-stroke victory Sunday in the Tradition, his second major title in two seasons on the Champions Tour.

"I got in there late, but better late than never," Stadler said.

The 1982 Masters champion finished at 13-under 275 for his four-leading third victory of the year and sixth in two seasons on the 50-and-over circuit. He earned \$345,000 to take the money lead with \$1,609,666.

Jerry Pate (66) and Allen Doyle (71) tied for second on the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club course, and hometown favorite Jacobsen, who lobbied hard to bring the tournament to Oregon last year, shot a 73 to finish in a group at 11 under.

"It's a huge disappointment not to win. I hit the ball well, I just couldn't make any putts," said Jacobsen, the U.S. Senior Open winner.

Stadler, who started the round four strokes behind Jacobsen and Vicente Fernandez, had a difficult third shot from the rough on the par-5 18th, but hit his approach within 4 feet. The 13-time PGA Tour winner made the birdie putt to reach 13 under, and headed to the clubhouse to see if the lead would

hold up.

"Somebody always seemed to jump in there and make the birdies and fortunately it was me this time," he said.

Stadler, who won the B.C. Open last summer to become the first Champions Tour player to win a PGA Tour event, had the shot of the week on Saturday, holing out from 207 yards for a double-eagle on the par-5 16th.

Jacobsen, a Portland native, missed a 4-foot birdie putt at No. 16 that would have given him the lead. After his putt lipped out, Jacobsen shook his head in disappointment and his large gallery sighed.

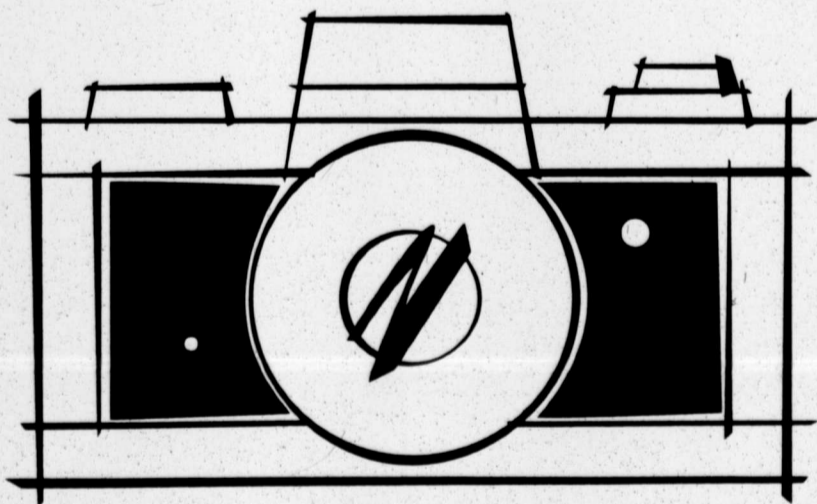
At the par-4 17th, Jacobsen hit the edge of the water hazard on the left — then into the water with his next shot. He finished with a double-bogey.

Pate eagled the par-5 16th to take the lead at 14 under, a shot ahead of Fernandez, but fell back with bogeys on the final two holes. A Champions Tour rookie, Pate is winless since the 1982 Players Championship.

"I'm a rookie and I'm making a lot of rookie mistakes," he said. "I haven't been competitive in a long time."

Fernandez, who shot a 73 to join the group at 11 under, played solidly despite neck and back pain. He received daily treatment and said he considered pulling out of the event midway through his round on Friday.

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There was a great silence as the announcer spoke. It is cliché perhaps to suggest you could sense something. But you could. You could feel the loss and the sympathy on both sides of the stadium. A football game had to be played. And though the outcome would be statistically significant, you got the sense that, if even for just a moment, it was only a game.

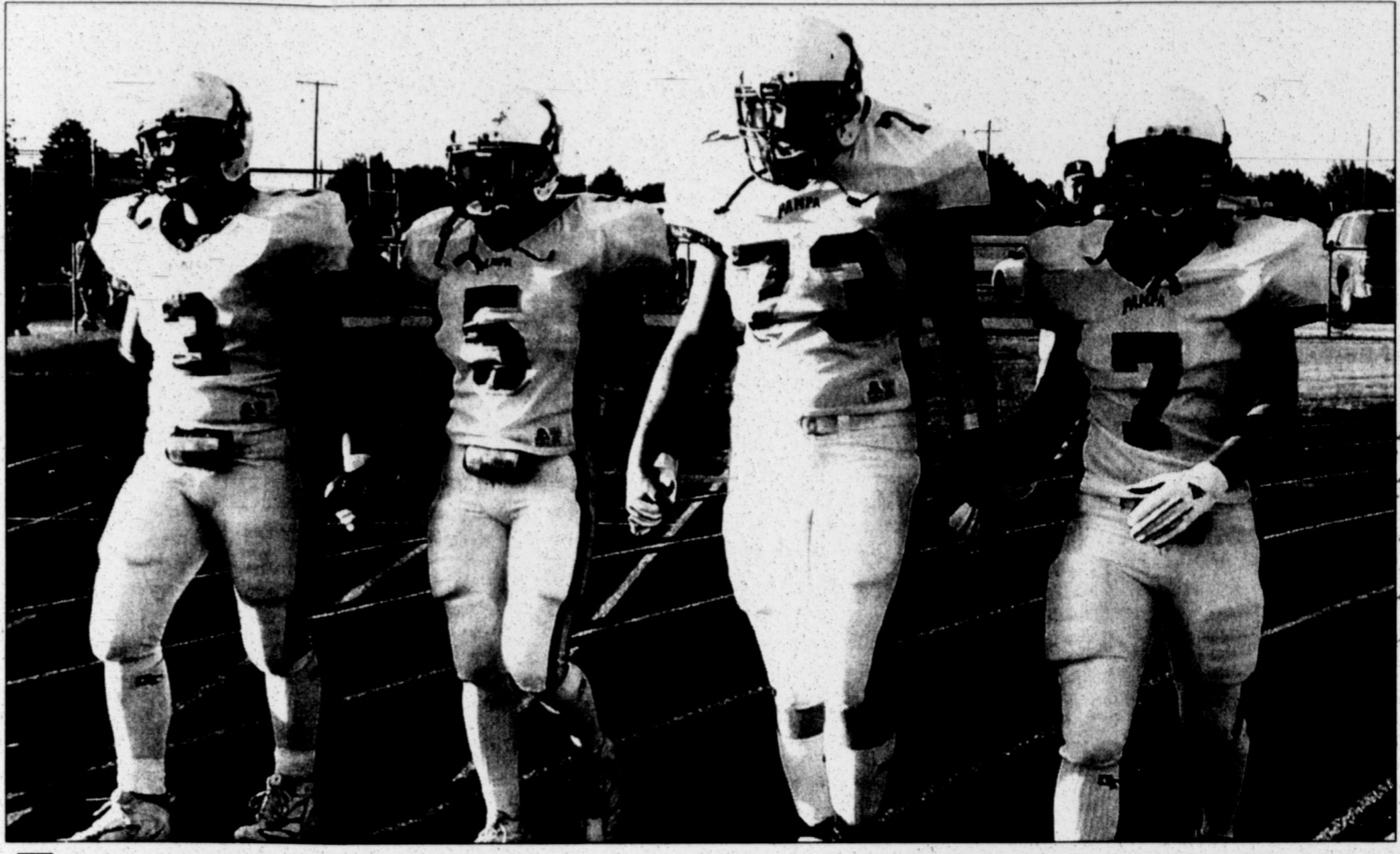
A game that teaches its participants the value of teamwork. A game that offers disciplined growth and maturity. A game that, along with its coaches, many credit for teaching business and life skills.

I did not know Lance

Corporal Seth Ryan Huston. But as I stood there in my own moment of silence, I apologized to him. My problems of the day before were of absolutely no significance in the overall scheme of things. The battle that was about to be waged on the field this night would be measured in yards and rewarded in points. After which the players would shower, change and go home.

Huston's battle was on a field far away. A battle measured in lives and rewarded with freedom. Ironically, the very freedom that allows us to disagree. To gather on Friday nights and watch our kids play football.

I said a quiet prayer for Seth and his family. Then I thanked him.



Team captains

PHS Harvester Captains Seth Foster, Shea Brown, Aaron Hunt and QB Cobb, left to right, take the field in Perryton last Friday night for the coin-toss. The Harvesters host Clovis this Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Astros

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Beltran, who has hammered Cubs pitching since he was acquired from Kansas City in June, left with a bruised knee after he was hit by a pitch in the eighth. He is day-to-day. Later in the inning, Berkman appeared to be plunked in the helmet by Cubs reliever Mike Remlinger.

Berkman went to the ground for several minutes, clutching his helmet. He stayed in the game.

"It hit me square. I was more stunned by the whole ... whenever you see a ball like that. I hit the ground real hard, too. To be honest with you, it was just kind of a confusing deal for me from the get-go," Berkman said. "I mean that's a scary deal."

On the replay, the ball appeared to sail over Berkman's helmet and possibly hit him in the hand. Remlinger thought the whole thing was an act after he watched a replay.

"I thought it was pretty chicken," Remlinger said. "You hit somebody and it turns out that you look at the tape and Berkman didn't even get hit. (He) was pretending he got hit in the face and thinking maybe you put somebody in the hospital and then you find out he's faking it. That speaks for itself, pretty poor."

The benches emptied for the second time in the series when new Astros reliever Dan Wheeler hit Derrek Lee in the back with a pitch in the ninth. Wheeler and Garner were ejected and the game was delayed for about three minutes, but no punches were thrown.

Cowboys and Titans tonight

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Eddie George used to watch from the sideline as running backs struggled to gain yards against the Tennessee Titans. Now he finds out what it's like going against them.

George will be running Monday night for the Dallas Cowboys, the team he signed with after his shocking pregame release from the Titans because of a salary dispute.

"I've been watching them for so long. They have been able to shut down any running game at will," George said. "That's going to be interesting."

The NFL's top-ranked rushing defense, which held 2,000-yard rusher Jamal Lewis to 35 yards on 14 carries in the AFC wild-

card win over Baltimore in January, now faces their own franchise's career rushing leader. George ran for 10,009 yards in his eight seasons for the Titans and Oilers.

"It's not one of those things I'm looking forward to because I have to play against whoever is out there," Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck said. "I definitely understand all of the hoopla and all of the fun behind it. I just don't play into it."

Reunion aside, it's still just a preseason game.

"You always want to play well, regardless of who you are playing against," George said. "But one game, this game, is not going to mean anything."

Orioles nip Rangers by one

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Melvin Mora has become a dangerous hitter with the bases loaded.

Mora drove in four runs in a pair of bases-loaded singles, helping the Baltimore Orioles snap their season-high 12-game losing streak with a 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Mora improved to 8-for-15 with 18 RBIs with the bases loaded this season.

"I knew the club needed me," said Mora, second in the AL with a .349 average. "I gave it a little extra."

Mora's two-run hits in the third and fifth helped stop the Orioles' longest slide since dropping the final 12 games of the 2002 season.

"If we'd lost this one

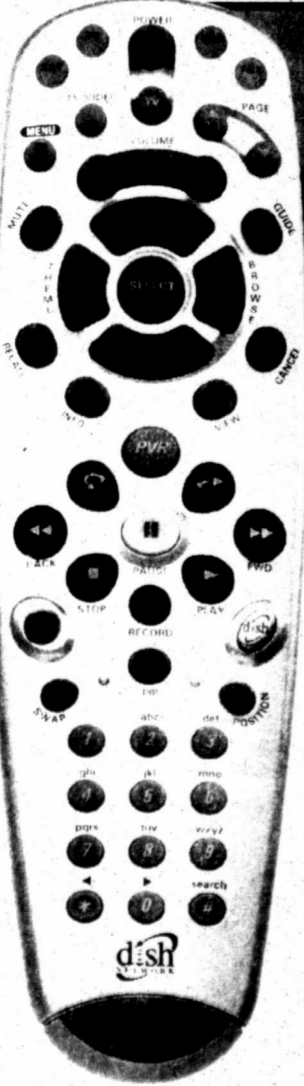
today, we might as well have called it a season," Orioles starter Sidney Ponson said.

Baltimore's Brian Roberts reached base four times and scored three runs. "We were ready for something positive to happen," Roberts said. "We thought we'd break the streak every day for the last 10 days. Now we can move on."

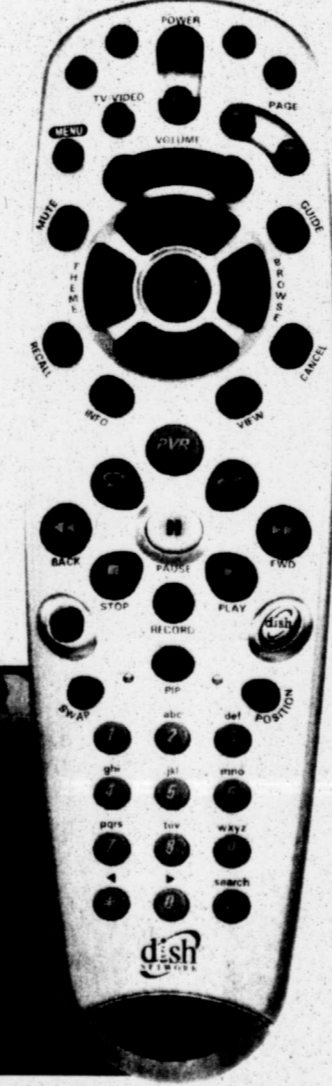
Ponson (9-13) allowed five runs and 12 hits — 11 singles — in seven innings, but won for the sixth time in his last seven decisions. He struck out six and walked none.

"I thought Ponson threw well," Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli said. "He did what an ace is supposed to do."

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TCE: Raw cotton and harvest equipment movement may be restricted in some areas

ABILENE — According to a news release from Texas Cooperative Extension Service, cotton harvest has begun in the southern parts of the state and will begin soon on other areas.

Custom harvesters move from area to area as the season progresses, and growers have to move the harvested cotton to the state's gins for processing.

The Texas Boll Weevil Foundation would like to remind cotton producers and custom harvesters that the commissioner of agriculture declared several areas of the state to be suppressed or functionally eradicated of the cotton boll weevil.

Movement of raw cotton products and harvesting equipment into or through these zones may be regulated.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone, surrounding Abilene, and the Southern Rolling Plains Zone, surrounding San Angelo, are functionally eradicated.

The El Paso/Trans Pecos, Permian Basin, Western High Plains, Southern High Plains, Caprock, Northwest Plains, Northern High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains zones are suppressed, the news release said.

These zones make up a large portion of the western and northern portions of the

state's cotton-growing areas.

Harvesting equipment moving from areas outside of either a suppressed or functionally eradicated zone cannot be brought into one of these areas until the equipment has been thoroughly cleaned.

Raw cotton cannot be moved into or through suppressed or eradicated zone unless a protection plan has been filled with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Extension officials say.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has developed a protection plan template for growers who fall under these restrictions and wish to gin cotton in a suppressed or eradicated zone.

TDA also has developed guidelines for ensuring harvesting equipment is properly cleaned before entering one of these zones.

Many of these restrictions are placed on the movement of raw cotton and harvesting equipment from a suppressed area to a functionally eradicated area.

Brochures that provide more specific information on the restrictions are available from TDA or from the boll weevil foundation. Contact your local TDA office, or write the foundation at Box 5089, Abilene, TX 79608 to obtain a brochure.

High court says stillborn child's parents can't sue hospital

AUSTIN (AP) — A stillborn child's parents cannot sue a hospital or doctor for negligence because a fetus is not considered an individual under state law, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.

In a decision watched by abortion rights activists and anti-abortion groups, the court voted 7-1 to stand by legal precedence that allows

only infants who have taken at least one breath to be considered individuals who can sue or have a suit carried out on their behalf.

The Friday ruling overturned a decision by the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth that would have allowed Tara and Donnie Reese to sue a Fort Worth hospital for the death of her

unborn son.

Tara Reese was seven months pregnant in May 1998 when she went to the Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center's emergency room complaining of a racing pulse and dizziness. She said the hospital's staff should have delivered the baby by Caesarean section.

Constitutionality of state's education funding rides on no-nonsense judge's decision

By APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Two weeks into the trial challenging Texas' school funding system, state District Judge John Dietz walked into the courtroom and tersely asked, "Have y'all settled yet?"

Lawyers on both sides chuckled, knowing the trial would likely last another month. But the comment was indicative of the judge's no-frills, laconic approach to ruling his courtroom.

Dietz, a 57-year-old Democrat known for his collection of Godzilla toys in the courtroom, is presiding over the case in which hundreds of Texas school districts are challenging the way Texas funds public schools.

The no-nonsense Dietz says he will issue a ruling in the case within hours after closing arguments, likely to be in mid-September.

"There's not any case a judge will ever have where you have as much responsibility as in this case," said Scott McCown, a former state district judge whose decisions helped shape Texas' school funding system. "There's over 4 million public school children whose futures are at stake and you feel that."

Dietz voluntarily took on the case because "he really wanted to sink his teeth into it and give it the attention it deserves," said state District Judge Suzanne Covington, a colleague whose office is near his.

"We all knew that it was a very large issue of great importance to all the citizens of the state of Texas and that it would take a tremendous amount of time and attention," Covington said.

For three weeks, attorneys for the school districts have

paraded a string of superintendents, statisticians and school finance experts before Dietz, offering hours of tedious testimony.

The districts argue that the state's reliance on local property taxes amounts to a statewide tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.

cross-examining attorneys to get to their point and routinely interrupts testimony to ask questions.

As the plaintiffs feature tables, graphs and charts, Dietz often surfs the Web, shoring up more facts and figures to question witnesses.

Dietz has held firm to the agreed-upon timetable by regularly questioning attorneys about their progress.

On one such occasion, upon discovering when the state would begin presenting its case, Dietz quipped, "I'm just going to be chock full of patience by then."

Still, he projects a conclusion near the "ides of September."

His impatience seemed to erupt last week, when an attorney for the state requested that a witness' testimony be thrown out because the attorney didn't have the witness' reports ahead of time. The request was denied after an obviously irritated Dietz chastised the attorney for not bringing up the concern sooner.

Dietz knows that his ruling will probably be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court and has made an effort to ensure all evidence is properly admitted.

Covington said Dietz often wanders into her office to chat. "Given the rigors of this case, he's been surprisingly cheerful," she said.

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— Scott McCown
former state district judge

They contend that the state should share more of the financial burden of funding public education.

Attorneys for the state argue that the state exceeds the minimum constitutional requirements and that the school finance method should be left to the Legislature.

Attorneys, reporters and many other observers flow in and out of the courtroom frequently, but Dietz seems constantly engaged in the proceedings.

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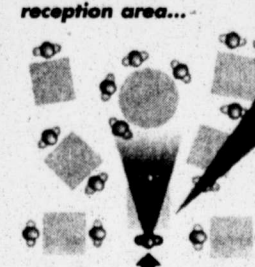
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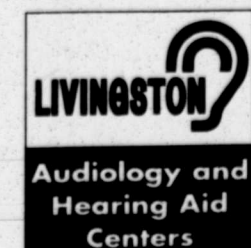
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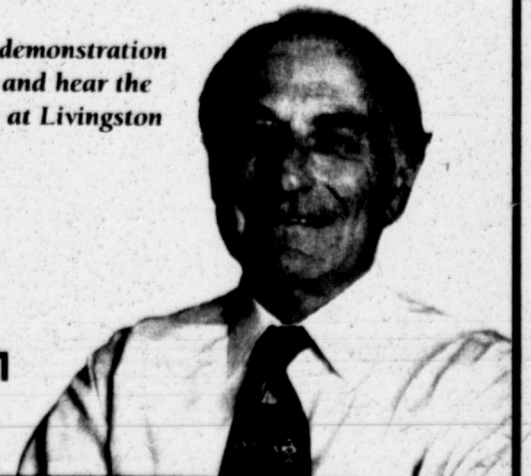
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