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## Fletcher known as one who cared



Louise Fletcher

*Co-workers, friends remember former Pampa News publisher*

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Caring about others is one of the best-loved and most-remembered traits about Louise Fletcher, former publisher of The Pampa News, who died Monday, June 6.

"Louise was a very caring person. Not only was she my boss, she was always there for me and never asked questions. I think she tried to be that way for everyone," said Beverly Taylor, a newspaper employee in the classified sales department, who has worked at The Pampa News for over 22 years.

"When my mother died, Louise came over, organized the food for my family, put on an apron and washed the dishes," said Brenda Cook, another long-time Pampa News employee.

"I was so young. I needed that. She had the wisdom and maturity to just step in and do that. She knew that's what I needed," said Cook, who was 25 years old at the

time.

"She was a very good neighbor to help people when something happened. She was good at helping someone when there was trouble," said Eloise Lane, a neighbor of Fletcher's who was also contributed stories

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## After the storm Pampan's life changed by June 8, 1995 twister

By BEN BRISCOE  
News Intern

Bill Bridgeman's radio was his worst enemy on that night.

It was June 8, 1995, when Bridgeman was driving his cream-colored Chevy van back from an appointment in Amarillo that his opponent blared through the vehicle's sound system that a tornado had just struck Pampa.

At first it was hard for him to believe; after all, the weather outside was still and calm.

"It was a nice day, a little cloudy, but nothing seemed wet, there was no rain or hail and the wind seemed to barely be blowing at all," he recalled.

But a split second later, the radio repeated the announcement. This time, Bridgeman picked up his portable bag phone and attempted to call his daughters to make sure that everyone in his family was okay.

With no answer, he became more desperate to get home, to check on his loved ones.

As his vehicle approached his house and workshops, which sit on two acres of land on Western Street, he noticed a roadblock. He pulled over into a bar ditch and walked the rest of the way home.

According to Bridgeman's wife, Sandi, who was living in McLean at the time of the tornado, Bridgeman told her that his life "changed drastically the moment he set foot

back on his land."

Experts who have analyzed the tornado told Bridgeman that the natural disaster probably brought a direct hit of 200 mile per hour winds on top of his house along with the massive destruction.

"I lost everything except my house and one truck," Bridgeman said. "But thank God, no one was home and my family was safe."

The tornado, which traveled through a residential neighborhood and industrial park on the southwest side of town, destroyed his plumbing shop, two other buildings, a trailer house, 16 vehicles and caved in the back half of his house. It also destroyed 149 homes in the city, 20 mobile homes and 49 other businesses.

Weather documentaries about the Pampa tornado have estimated the twister as being as strong as an F5, based on the damage it produced.

"When you wake up to all that with no insurance, it is pretty devastating," Bridgeman said, "but we were able to make it. The important thing was that no one was hurt or killed."

It has been 10 years since the radio became Bridgeman's worst enemy, and he can just now say, "Life has finally returned to normal."

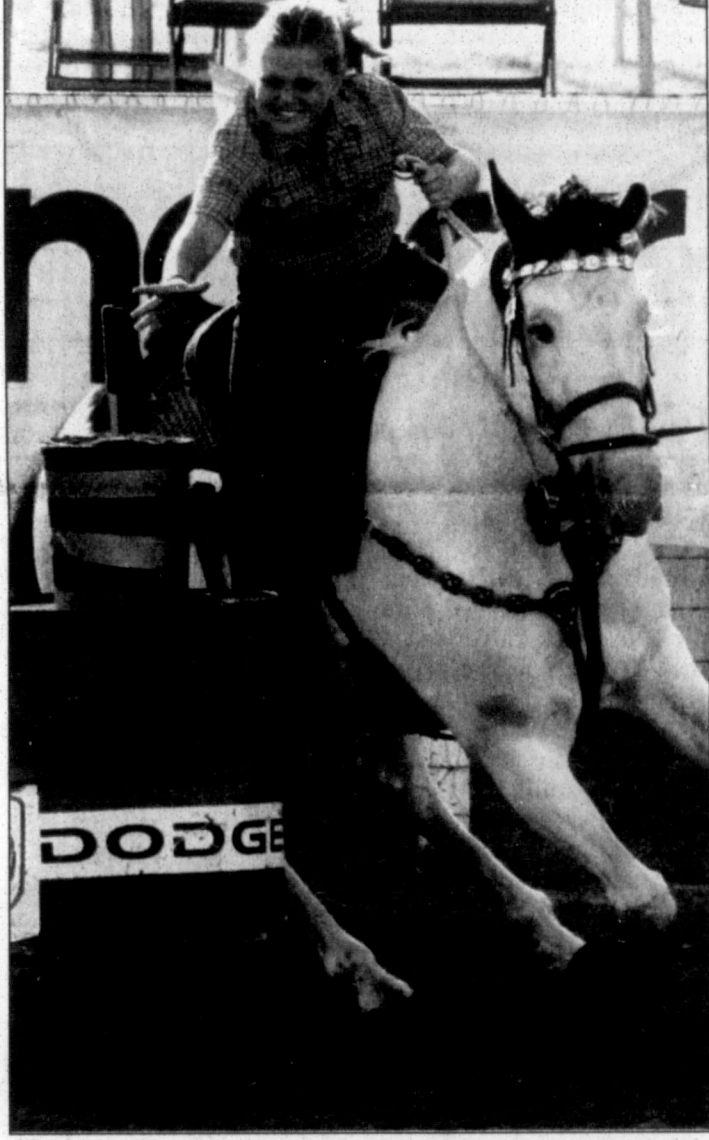
Bridgeman and his wife finished reconstructing the last building last month and they feel proud of being able to recover from the disaster.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Bill Bridgeman stands beside one of his vehicles that was totally wrecked in the tornado that struck his home and business on Western Street 10 years ago today.

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Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Kelsey Ham of Fritch reaches for a flag in the flag race. Ham didn't place in the flag race, but she earned 2nd place in the Girls Group III barrel race and 3rd place in the Goat Undecorating event for her group.

## Older kid 'pokes compete tonight

Barrel racing events postponed Monday night because of lightning will be run prior to the final performance of the 2005 Kid Pony Show at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena, just east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.

The barrel racing events will be run at 7 p.m. tonight, with awards being handed out immediately afterward, rodeo officials said. The scheduled Kid Pony Show events for tonight will begin after the makeup events.

for the second night of the Kid Pony Show featuring Group III and IV contestants. Here are the results from the Tuesday night events:

**Calf Riding - Group III:** 1st, Cordale Martin, Panhandle; 2nd, Reno Glasgow, Pampa; 3rd, Joseph Slatten, Pampa.

**Flag Race - Girls Group III:** 1st, Saige Casey, Dalhart; 2nd, Lydia Brown, Stinnett; 3rd, Marlee Youree, Pampa.

The weather cooperated

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## Obituaries

### Louise Goodman Fletcher, 73

Louise Goodman Fletcher, 73, died Monday, June 6, 2005, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2005, at the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, with Glen Walton, minister of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, and Rodney Tedford, minister of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Fletcher

Mrs. Fletcher was born Dec. 22, 1931, in Mangum, Okla. After graduating from Pampa High School in 1950, she began a 40-year newspaper career, 14 years of which were as publisher of The Pampa News.

She was the first female publisher of a newspaper in the state of Texas. During the

course of her career, she received numerous other honors including Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year and induction into the North Texas Journalism Hall of Fame. She was active in the Salvation Army and Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ where she was a long-time member.

Mrs. Fletcher is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ernest; her son, Mark, daughter-in-law Rhonda and their two sons, Bradley and Jarrett, her beloved "boys." Also surviving are her mother, Viola Louise Goodman; brothers, Tommy of Mangum, Okla., Edwin of Vernon, and Jerry of Tulsa, Okla., as well as numerous nephews and nieces to whom "Aunt Lou" was a consistent source of inspiration and encouragement.

In lieu of flowers, relatives and friends are contributing to High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, 1146 S. Western St., Amarillo, Texas, 79118 and Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Sanford Glen Ketchum, 72

Sanford Glen Ketchum, 72, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ketchum was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Lamb County, Texas. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He married Julia Richardson on Jan. 26, 1991. He was a truck driver and a carpenter. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #1163 and the VFW Post #1651. He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Ketchum

of the home; three sons, Randy Ketchum of Brookeland, Danny Ketchum of Amarillo, and Don Ford of Pampa; four daughters, Mary Lynn MacMasters from Pottsboro, Evelyn Kingston of Sherman, Julie Lewis and Becky Lentz, both of Pampa; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Ketchum of Equality, Ala. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Ketchum, and three brothers.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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### Violet Terry, 86

TYLER — Graveside service for Violet Terry, 86, of Athens, Texas, are scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2005, in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer with the Rev. Allen Wilson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler. Mrs. Terry died Sunday, June 5, 2005, in Athens.

Mrs. Terry was born Aug. 15, 1918, in Okmulgee, Okla., to the late Robert

McClellan and Bernice Nelson Smith. She formally lived in Spring Creek before moving to Athens. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Terry was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Foye Terry.

She is survived by her daughters, Pat Hicks of Emerald Bay and Linda Clark of Spring; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

### E. Maxine Hatfield, 73

BORGER — E. Maxine Hatfield, 73, of Fritch, died Saturday, June 4, 2005, in Hot Springs Village, Ark. Services are to be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 10, at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. Brad Foster, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Dumas, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Hatfield was born June 28, 1931, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She married Bobby Joe Hatfield in 1953 in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lake Meredith Baptist Church and the Kumjoinis Club.

Survivors include one son, Jeff Hatfield

of Sunray; four daughters, Paula L. Morgan of Pampa, Cindy Buenrostro of Lubbock, Diane Freeman of Denver City and Janet Adams of Fritch; one sister, Barbra Smith of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; three brothers, Richard King of Independence, Kan., Jerry King of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bill King of Pampa; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Casket bearers will be Cody Freeman, Clay Freeman, Brandon Oldham, Chris Buenrostro, Dustin Adams and Jason Adams.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, Texas, 79159.

John D. Ward, 83, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ward was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Drumright, Okla. He married Louise Alexander on March 31, 1950, in Van Buren, Ark. He worked for Cities Service



Ward

and Occidental Oil for 42 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the South Pacific and Japan. He was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, and the V.F.W.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Ward, of the home; nieces, nephews and good friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Denney.

Memorials may be made to Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, Texas 79065.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Services tomorrow

TERRY, Violet — Graveside, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

#### Tuesday, June 7

Eighteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of Coffee and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block of West Kingsmill. A hit and run accident was reported at the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather streets.

One business alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of Duncan.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 200 block of Eshom, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 300 block of East Brown.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were made from Highway 60 East, the 1600 block of Hamilton, and the 400 block

of East Foster.

An animal complaint was received from the 1100 block of Wilcox.

Prowlers were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of North Frost and in the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby, the 1800 block of Williston, and the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Two windows were broken, for estimated damage of \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of West Brown. Truck windows were broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of West Craven. Vehicle windows were shot out.

A missing person call was received from the 1000 block of Neel.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. An arrest was made.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of North Frost.

A domestic disturbance was called in from the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, involving 30 to 40 persons and weapons, according to the caller.

Sexual offenses were reported.

A possible burglary was called in concerning the 700 block of West. Possession of under one gram of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence were reported.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.

A subject with a weapon was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Melissa Ann Dabbs, 22, 1400 W. Somerville #4, was arrested on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain finan-

cial responsibility, and warrants for no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Sharon Louisa Jones, 30, 312 S. Ann, was arrested for theft.

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 26, 701 N. West, was arrested in the 700 block of North West for possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence.

Wednesday, June 8

Assault by threat was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Burglary was reported at Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler. Windows at the back of the business were broken out, resulting in an estimated \$400 damage. Nothing was reported missing at the time the incident was discovered. An arrest was made shortly afterward in the same area concerning an unrelated charge.

Michael Heiskell, 28, 321 E. Brown, was arrested in the 200 block of East Foster for public intoxication and burglary of a building.

### Sheriff

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

#### Tuesday, June 7

Justin Allen Thomas, 17, Irving, was arrested on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Jeff Wade Price, 32, 810 Jorden, was arrested for issuing a bad check and a capias pro fine for non-payment.

### Fire

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

#### Tuesday, June 7

12:56 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

1 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

#### Wednesday, June 8

3:22 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded

to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at the Wal-Mart parking lot, 2801 Charles. The helicopter landed there to meet Canadian EMS which was transporting a patient.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Tuesday, June 7

10:41 a.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:43 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1000 block of Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

12:58 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel. No patient transported.

8:09 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported one patient to PRMC.

## Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, after 5 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 93. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 4 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low near 64.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 89. Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

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## Bag of goodies

Prince Wilbon, 4, of Pampa squints into the sun as he shows off a bag full of candy he gathered while watching the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade on Saturday.



# Fletcher

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for publication in The Pampa News in the past.

Fletcher's caring attitude was combined with a strong sense of right and wrong, according to Mary McDaniel, who wrote a column for the newspaper for 12 years.

"What she believed, she lived, and what she lived, she believed," McDaniel said yesterday.

"Right is right and wrong is wrong" — I've heard her say that a million times," McDaniel said.

"If someone didn't want to know exactly what Louise thought, they better not ask or stand too close," remembered Pampa News Editor Dee Dee Laramore, who worked as a reporter and editor with Fletcher for 13 years.

"She was a special lady — that's capital L, capital A, capital D, capital Y," said Joan Braxton, who worked with Fletcher for many years at the newspaper.

"Through hard work and dedication, Louise achieved great success in her life. As publisher of the paper, she held a very important position in our community, but one of her joys seemed to come from being a servant to our older citizens," said Paulette Hinkle, who once served with Fletcher on the board of directors of the Pampa Salvation Army.

"Even though she always looked as if she stepped out of a fashion magazine, she was one of the first to throw on an apron and join others in the kitchen to prepare a Golden Agers Lunch at the Salvation Army, and then she always helped served that lunch with a smile and a hug for those in attendance," Hinkle said.

"Many of those meals, I might add, were sponsored by The Pampa News," she said.

"Louise will be remembered all over the state for her professional achievement. In

Pampa, she will also be remembered for her giving heart," Hinkle said.

Laramore credits Fletcher with instilling in her a sense of responsibility and service to the community.

"One day she grabbed me and said we needed to go somewhere," Laramore recalled. "The next thing I knew, we were at The Salvation Army, serving lunch. Another time she did that, and before I knew it, I was a member of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop's board of directors."

Fletcher was the first woman to serve as publisher at The Pampa News. She was also the first woman publisher for Freedom Communications Inc., which was the Pampa newspaper's parent company during Fletcher's employment.

*'Louise will be remembered all over the state for her professional achievement. In Pampa, she will also be remembered for her giving heart.'*

— Paulette Hinkle  
Pampa businesswoman

She worked at the Pampa newspaper from 1950 to 1994, moving through the ranks from secretary to the publisher to head bookkeeper before being named publisher. She served as publisher from 1980 until her retirement in December 1994.

Fletcher was active in the Salvation Army as a volunteer and as a board member, served many years on the Pampa Sheltered Workshop board, and was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

She was named Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the Year for 1985, and also received recognition from area civic groups, including the Texas Women's Forum in Amarillo, according to McDaniel.

Fletcher was born Dec. 22, 1931 in Mangum, Okla. She married Ernest Fletcher on July 7, 1948 in Wellington.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, one son and daughter-in-law, two grandsons, and three brothers.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Tuesday's Kid Pony Show contestants put their full effort in to catching a calf in the Calf Scramble. Two calves had \$5 ties on their tails and one had \$10. Whoever pulled the tie off the calf's tail would win the prize.

# Pokes

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**Flag Race - Boys Group III:** 1st, Lane Smith, Miami; 2nd, Kory McConnell, Hereford; 3rd, Tommy Wilcox, Miami.

**Flag Race - Girls Group IV:** 1st, Sadie Watkins, Miami; 2nd, Caylie Reames, Pampa; 3rd, Promise Mundell, Pampa.

**Flag Race - Boys Group IV:** 1st, Spencer Nicholson, Lefors; 2nd, Spencer Berry, Amarillo; 3rd, Myles Brown, Stinnett.

**Pole Bending - Girls Group III:** 1st, Lydia

Brown, Stinnett; 2nd, Caitlin Eakin, Canyon; 3rd, Taylor Prall, Fritch.

**Pole Bending - Boys Group III:** 1st, Tommy Wilcox, Miami; 2nd, Yancie McCuiston, Pampa; 3rd, Colt Ensey, Pampa.

**Pole Bending - Girls Group IV:** 1st, Hailey Harris, Amarillo; 2nd, Leslie Chester, Pampa; 3rd, Sadie Watkins, Miami.

**Calf Riding - Boys Group IV:** 1st, Myles Brown, Stinnett; 2nd, Spencer Berry, Amarillo; 3rd, Aaron McKee, Borger.

**Goat Undecorating - Girls Group III:** 1st, Caitlin Eakin, Canyon; 2nd, Taylor Prall, Fritch; 3rd,

Kelsey Ham, Fritch.

**Goat Undecorating - Girls Group IV:** 1st, Megan Prall, Fritch; 2nd, Hailey Harris, Amarillo; 3rd, Leslie Chester, Pampa.

**Goat Undecorating - Boys Group IV:** 1st, Myles Brown, Stinnett; 2nd, Spencer Nicholson, Lefors; 3rd, Spencer Berry, Amarillo.

**Barrel Race - Girls Group III:** 1st, Taylor Prall, Fritch; 2nd, Kelsey Ham, Fritch; 3rd, Macy Cochran, Pampa.

**Barrel Race - Boys Group III:** 1st, Lane Smith, Miami; 2nd, Yancie McCuiston, Pampa; 3rd, Tommy Wilcox, Miami.

**Barrel Race - Girls Group IV:** 1st, Megan Prall, Fritch; 2nd, Leslie Chester, Pampa; 3rd, Hailey Harris, Amarillo.

**Barrel Race - Boys Group IV:** 1st, Aaron McKee, Borger; 2nd, Spencer Berry, Amarillo; 3rd, Andrew Morriss, Lefors.

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

# Tornado

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"He bought empty land and made his home and business. Then the tornado destroyed it all. Now Bill has recreated everything," Sandi said. "He likes to joke now and say that he built everything you see out here twice."

# Ginsberg to give artist's talk

AMARILLO — New York-based artist Elizabeth Ginsberg will discuss her artwork during an "Artist's Talk" at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at Amarillo Museum of Art. Refreshments will be served.

The talk is a collaboration between the museum and Southern Light Gallery, located in the Lynn Library Foyer on the main campus

of Amarillo College. Ginsberg's work is currently on display in the foyer of the library.

A two-dimensional artist, Ginsberg has had solo exhibitions in Tokyo, Munich, New York City, Seattle and Boston. Her paintings and prints are in private, museum and corporate collections all over the world, according to a museum press release.

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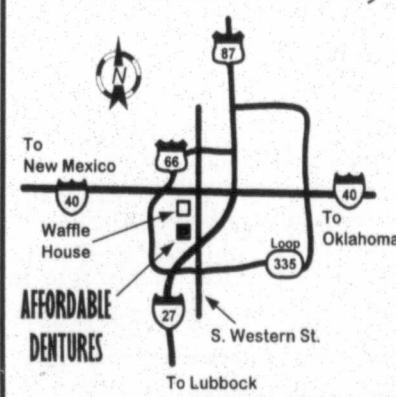
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# Fun at the pool

## Safe swimming begins with precautions

AUSTIN — Take one hot summer day. Add an inviting swimming pool. Fill with children and adults eager to cool off and you have a recipe for a relaxing day in sunny Texas.

"Or you may have all the ingredients for a tragedy," said Kathleen Moore with the recreational sanitation pool program at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Each year, people have to deal with the unintended tragedy of a friend or family member who is injured or killed."

In 2003, the last year for which figures are available, 311 people in Texas died from accidental drowning. Of these, 61 were children under 5.

Swimming pools generally are safer for recreation than natural bodies of water. "But it is taking specific safety precautions that make the real difference," Moore said.

At the top of the list: Never swim alone. "No matter what your age or skill level you should always take a buddy with you when you swim, even if a lifeguard is on duty," she said.

Second: Never take your eyes off a child in and around the pool.

"Always supervise children in any swimming pool, wading pool or hot tub no matter how shallow the water," Moore said. "Anyone can drown in a matter of minutes."

In large groups or at parties, name a designated watcher to keep an eye on the children.

Other safety suggestions:  
—Don't depend on inflatable arm bands or rings to keep children safe in water. Small

air-filled swimming aids slip off children's arms or over their heads and are not intended to be used to prevent drowning.

—Take CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first-aid training.

—If you do not know how to swim, do yourself and your children a favor — take swimming lessons. And have your children take lessons as well. But continue to watch children closely, even if they have had swimming lessons.

—Don't use a swimming pool as a babysitter. Be sure your children understand that they are not allowed in or near a pool without a responsible adult present.

—Obey lifeguards. They are there to prevent a drowning.

"Safety equipment at public pools is required for a reason," Moore said. "The ring buoy and the shepherd's crook are to be used only as rescue devices. Be sure no one plays with the ring buoys in the pool or removes them from the pool area. These devices can save lives."

Prevent children from having direct access to a home swimming pool.

"Install a four-sided, isolation fence with self-closing and self-latching gates around the pool," Moore said. The fence should be at least 4-feet tall and should completely separate the pool from the house and yard or play area.

"Keep tables and chairs away from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing into the pool area," she said. "And remove steps to above-ground pools when not in use."

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# Viewpoints

## No news not good news for forensic speech

Just like any other addict, I have been slowly reverting back to my old ways. Sneaking in an Internet news site here and there, having my TV on CNN Headline News but ready to flip it at a moment's notice if someone walks into the room. I am even staying up to an unthinkable hour to catch the late night TV comics' monologues, just in case they happen to include a funny joke

about a news story of particular interest. This happens to me before every big speech and debate tournament. For the week before the big event, I become addicted to the news, specifically the breaking news stories. I seek out those magazine articles or TV segments which include new facts which shed light on old issues. I thrive on reading them.

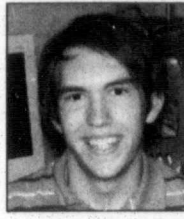
The only problem is that I am having trouble feeding my addiction, because nothing of major interest has been happening in the news this week. The closest I came to finding a hot news story yesterday was an article on the AP wire which

said that Iowa City is the safest place to drive in the United States. I have even noticed that the comics are having a hard time with the lack of news, also. The best joke they were able to come up with was Jay

Leno's "President Bush met with Palestinian president Abbas. There was one embarrassing moment when he said to Abbas, 'I loved your hit, 'Dancing Queen.'" While the news drought may pose a major problem next week for me at the National Forensic League Competition in Philadelphia, it is doing wonders for my addiction. I am finally starting to

break away from obsession. After all, I am down to only checking Google news four times a day now. I hope that the shortage of stories might just help me kick this addiction once and for all; however, I know that will never happen. \*\*\* Ben Briscoe is a 2005 graduate of Pampa High School and a journalism intern for The Pampa News.

**Ben Briscoe**  
News Intern



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 8, the 159th day of 2005. There are 206 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On June 8, A.D. 632, the prophet Mohammed died.

**On this date:**

In 1845, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1861, Tennessee seceded from the Union.

In 1876, author George Sand died in Nohant, France.

In 1905, 100 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt offered to act as a mediator in the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1915, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned in a disagreement over U.S. handling of the sinking of the Lusitania.

In 1953, the Supreme Court ruled that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks.

In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen were killed when Israeli forces raided the Liberty, a Navy ship stationed in the Mediterranean. (Israel called the attack a tragic mistake.)

In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nev., ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

In 1982, President Reagan became the first American chief executive to address a

joint session of the British Parliament.

**Ten years ago:** U.S. Marines rescued Captain Scott O'Grady, whose F-16-C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2. Mickey Mantle received a liver transplant at a Dallas hospital; however, the baseball great succumbed to disease two months later.

**Five years ago:** Two gunmen shot to death Brigadier Stephen Saunders, a British defense attache, in Athens, Greece; the elusive terrorist group Nov. 17 claimed responsibility, saying it killed Saunders because of his role in NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

### Our readers write

#### No harm done

I am writing in response to the article about David Allen David. It stated that my 1-year-old was thrown to the ground where he was never thrown on the ground. My 7-year-old was pulled

by his hand not by the wrist. And no there was no marks left on any of the children. The kids had no actual bodily harm.

**Julie David**  
Pampa



## Victimhood: Rhetoric or reality?

If you listened to the rhetoric of black politicians and civil rights leaders, dating back to the Reagan years, you would have been convinced that surely by now black Americans would be back on the plantation. According to them, President Reagan, and later Presidents Bush I and II, would turn back the clock on civil rights. They'd appoint "new racists" dressed in three-piece suits to act through the courts and administrative agencies to reverse black civil rights and economic gains. We can now recognize this rhetoric as the

political equivalent of the "rope-a-dope."

As my colleague Tom Sowell pointed out in a recent column, "Liberals, Race and History," if the Democratic party's share of the black vote ever fell to even 70 percent, it's not likely that the Democrats would ever win the White House or Congress again. The strategy liberal Democrats have chosen, to prevent loss of the

black vote, is to keep blacks paranoid and in a constant state of fear. But is it fear of racists, or being driven back to the plantation, that should be a top priority for blacks? Let's look at it.

Only 30 to 40 percent of black males graduate from high school. Many of those who do graduate emerge with reading and math skills of a white seventh- or eighth-grader. This is true in cities where a black

is mayor, a black is superintendent of schools and the majority of principals and teachers are black. It's also true in cities where the per pupil education expenditures are among the highest in the nation.

Across the U.S., black males represent up to 70 percent of prison populations. Are they in prison for crimes against whites? To the contrary, their victims are primarily other blacks. Department of Justice statistics for 2001 show that in nearly 80 percent of violent

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## School finance will end up in court

Gov. Rick Perry told an East Texas crowd last week that a special session to fix the thorny issue of school finance was possible in late June. Interesting if true, to borrow a line from twice-retired trivia columnist L.M. Boyd.

For Perry to call legislators back into session, something has to happen in the next two weeks that hasn't happened in more than a decade, which was the last time Texas legislators substantially overhauled the state's method of financing public schools.

The pricetag for educating the growing number of

Texas children enrolled in grades K-12 is a whopping \$8 billion more than the \$37 billion committed in this budget, according to some estimates. The Legislature's attitude on coughing it up can be charitably summarized as "not until somebody makes us, and even then we won't." Public education costs money, and there are few places to get it. You could tax income, but you'll see the Alamo up for sale on eBay before we go there.

### Texas Thoughts

Austin American-Statesman

So, you can tax vendors and buyers, you can tax property and you can tax sin and you can tax privileges like hunting and driving. But all that activity draws lobby interest, so by the time you figure in exemptions to any taxing scheme you're going to be a little if not a lot shy. Nonetheless, legislators have a constitutional duty to pay for public schooling that is both equitable and adequate.

Though "equitable" and "adequate" are nebulous words that beg interpretation, the courts have nonetheless found Texas education wanting in both. That should be a bright red clue that something just ain't right, but it's a clue that legislators have studiously ignored.

The current revenue sharing system, dubbed Robin Hood, was a court-driven answer to the equity issue. It came out of a long and bruising lawsuit. Adequacy has been discussed, but never wrestled into anything

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## TCE offers Food Manager Certification Training

Texas Cooperative Extension in Gray County will offer a food manager certification training course June 27-28 at Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic in Pampa. The course will cost \$79. Cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination.

If a manager needs to re-test, he or she may contact the County Extension Office for more information.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed, the release said, the Texas Department of State Health Services to require food establishments to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many industry businesses have already received a letter from the TDSHS regarding this. Under the new rules, each food establishment permitted by the agency must have one certified food manager.

New food manager certificates will be valid for five years. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

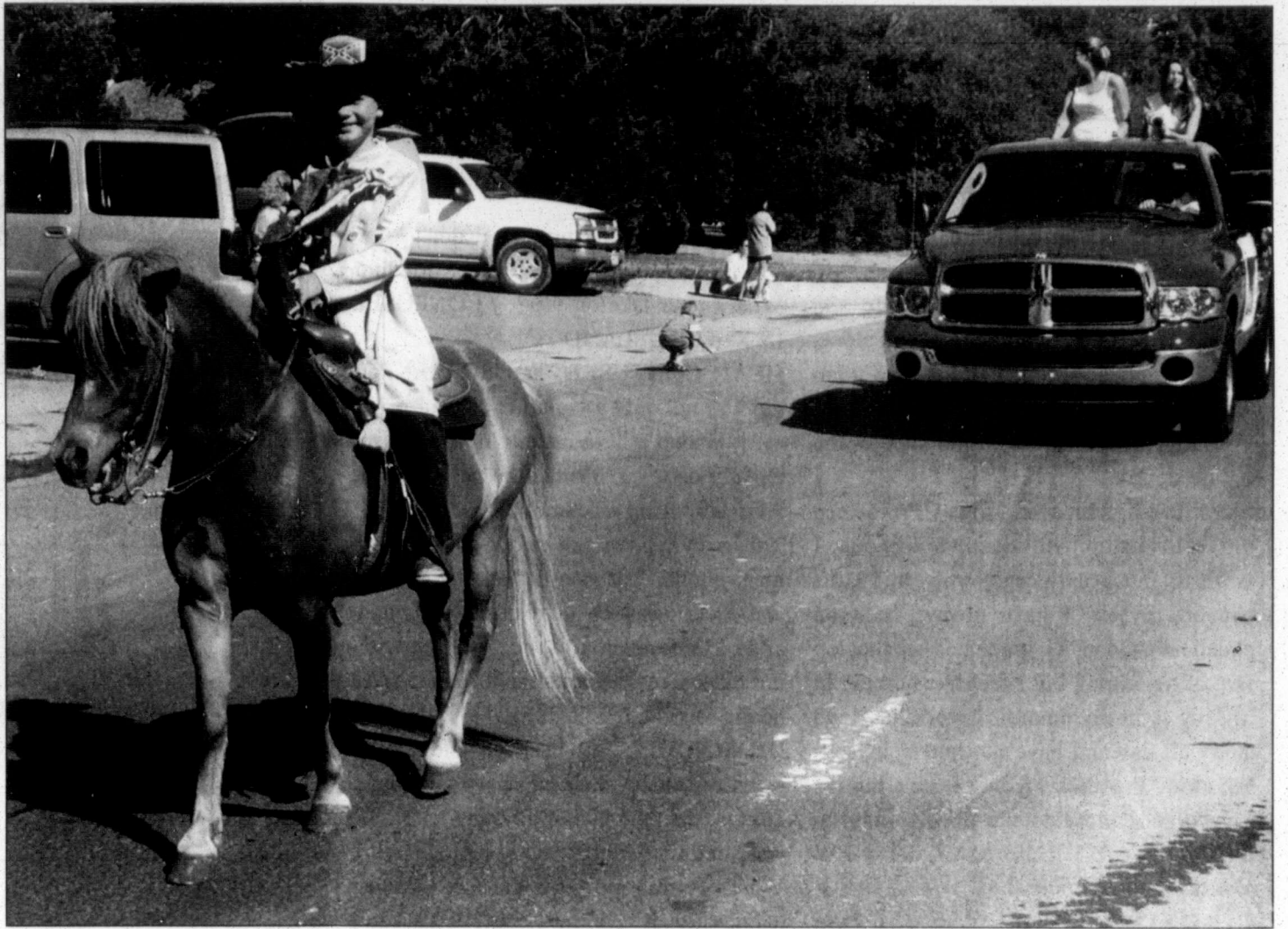
The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction;
- Improved relationships with health officials; and
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling;
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food;
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees;
- complying with government regulations;
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings; and
- controlling pests.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training Course call Joan Gray-Soria at (806) 669-8033.



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### Honoring the past

Colton "Cadillac Colt" Ensey rides his pony dressed as a Confederate Army officer and holding a Confederate battle flag in honor of Pampan Gerald Sanders' sculpture, "Passing of Honor," unveiled Friday, June 3, at the Water Oaks Pond, Shiloh National Military Park, in southwestern Tennessee. Behind him is a float also commemorating Sanders' honor of being selected to sculpt the Tennessee State Monument at Shiloh. The story and photos of the event will be published in the Sunday, June 12 edition of The Pampa News.

### Riding for a good cause

## Challenge Road Ride benefit for Down Syndrome Guild

AMARILLO — Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild will host the 2nd annual Panhandle Challenge Road Ride beginning at 9 a.m. at the Discovery Center at Medi-Park on Saturday, June 11. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The Road Ride consists of a 30- or 42-mile ride for adults and a 1-mile ride around Medi-Park for children. Rest stops with water, PowerAde, fruit, and granola bars will be provided.

The Panhandle Challenge Road Ride is a fundraiser for the Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild, a non-profit member support group.

The primary motivation for the group and the Road Ride is to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome, promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, and to raise funds for education, research and outreach programs. The ride was begun last year as a Leadership Amarillo/Canyon project.

Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild members encourage everyone to attend this family-friendly event.

For information, call Shari Medford at (806) 358-6294, Jeff Medford at (806) 654-5790 or Vicki Cabrera at (806) 468-9088 or e-mail: panhandledsg@yahoo.com.

## Pampa Chamber ready for 2005 Business Expo

Pampa Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to attend its 6th Annual Business Expo & Job Fair on Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the M. K. Brown Civic Auditorium in Pampa.

This year's gold sponsors are The UPS Store, Centramedia and Innovating Staffing Solutions. The silver sponsors are Brown, Graham & Co., National Bank of Commerce, Brown's Shoe Fit, Texas Workforce Center, Cable One, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency and Heard-Jones Healthmart. Admission is free.

Information on dozens of businesses from Pampa area businesses will be available, including employment services, shipping services, cable television and technology, health care products, custom

framing, financial services, home health services, cosmetics, plumbing, assisted living, hospice care, leather goods, real estate, Internet services and more.

In addition to the dozens of local businesses who will be on hand to share their latest products, services and technology, the Expo will feature a special appearance by Dr. Malouf Abraham, food, pony and wagon rides, free weight and blood pressure checks, children's fingerprinting and DNA sample kits. Coffee Memorial Bloodmobile, information from the National Weather Service, kids activities and exotic animals from the Amarillo Wildlife Refuge. There will also be many door prizes, giveaways and samples.

Also this year, a Job Fair has been added to the Expo

with help from Texas Workforce Center. Job seekers can bring a resume to the Job Fair and interview with several local businesses who are currently seeking new employees. The Job Fair will be held at the M. K. Brown Civic Auditorium during the same hours as the Business Expo. Appropriate dress and grooming are critical for making a good first impression.

Some of the businesses accepting applications and interviewing at the Job Fair will include Centramedia, Innovative Staffing Solutions, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Cable One, Halliburton, all's Smithfield Premium Genetics, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Titan Specialties, Turner Energy and Texas Workforce Center.

## Reality

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crimes against blacks, both the victim and the perpetrator were the same race. In other words, it's not Reaganites, Bush supporters, right-wing ideologues or the Klan causing blacks to live in fear of their lives and property and making their neighborhoods economic wastelands.

What about the decline of the black family? In 1960, only 28 percent of black females between the ages of 15 and 44 were never married. Today, it's 56 percent. In 1940, the illegitimacy rate among blacks was 19 percent, in 1960, 22 percent, and today, it's 70 percent. Some argue that the state of the black family is the result of the legacy of slavery, discrimination and poverty. That has to be nonsense.

A study of 1880 family structure in Philadelphia shows that three-quarters of black families were nuclear

families, comprised of two parents and children. In New York City in 1925, 85 percent of kin-related black households had two parents. In fact, according to Herbert Gutman in *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom: 1750-1925*, "Five in six children under the age of 6 lived with both parents."

*In nearly 80 percent of violent crimes against blacks, both the victim and the perpetrator were the same race, according to Dept. of Justice statistics.*

Therefore, if one argues that what we see today is a result of a legacy of slavery, discrimination and poverty, what's the explanation for stronger black families at a

time much closer to slavery — a time of much greater discrimination and of much greater poverty? I think that a good part of the answer is there were no welfare and Great Society programs.

Since black politicians and the civil rights establishment preach victimhood to blacks, I'd prefer that they be more explicit when they appear in public fora. Were they to be so, saying racists are responsible for black illegitimacy, blacks preying on other blacks and black family breakdown, their victimhood message would be revealed as idiotic. But being so explicit is not as far-fetched as one might think. In a campaign speech before a predominantly black audience, in reference to so many blacks in prison, presidential candidate John Kerry said, "That's unacceptable, but it's not their fault."

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## Schools

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resembling submission. These issues have been known and discussed for years, so it's difficult to understand what might happen in two weeks to move legislators toward a solution that has eluded the institution for at least as many decades.

Perry says he is counting on constituent pressure to motivate lawmakers. Or perhaps he's hoping that House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

will manage to grow some rapport. Craddick spent 30 years in the House bucking to copyright the word "no," and now he's in charge. Despite private vows to be more effective in the art of conference committee death matches, the 6-foot-something Dewhurst came up short again.

The philosophical differences between the House and Senate on how to pay for education are so profound that nothing short of change of leadership is likely to move the needle much.

The clock is ticking toward a July 7 court date for the school finance plan. So

barring a Saul-like conversion for Craddick, or Dewhurst learning new wrestling moves, legislators would get more out of reading past L.M. Boyd columns than trying to write legislation that doesn't stand a chance of passing or of doing the school children of Texas any good if it did.

The Legislature's inability to meet the school funding challenge doesn't bode well for the contemplated special session.

Even if there were a plan, it would end up in court anyway. So let the judges have a shot at it again.

### Kwahadi Dancers invites public to pageant

AMARILLO — Kwahadi Dancers will present "Song of the Eagle" every Friday and Saturday night in June except June 10 at the new Adobe Walls Plaza Theater at the Kwahadi Kiva Indian

Museum in Amarillo. "Song of the Eagle" celebrates dance styles of the American Indian.

The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum and Performance Center is located at 7200 I-

40 East, on the north side of I-40 just west of I-40 Exit number 76 at the airport.

A barbecue brisket dinner will be served at 6 p.m. each night. Performances will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a freshman in college, and I have been having an awful year. My family situation is extremely unstable, and I'm always afraid I'm going to be left alone. I have a great boyfriend, but I don't want to rely on him for money or a place to stay, even though I know he would support me if I needed it.

I have to maintain a very high GPA to keep my scholarship and continue school. I work as much as I can; however, I can't support myself. I have always been an excellent student (I graduated in the top five of my class), but I feel like nothing in my life is in my control. I work hard and study all day and have no time to myself. I'm afraid I'm always going to be a burden to everyone close to me. Please help. -- STRESSED TO THE MAX IN NEW YORK

**DEAR STRESSED:** By studying hard and making your grades your highest priority, you ARE doing everything you should be doing right now. Regardless of what happens with your parents' marriage, I'm sure they both want what's best for you.

Before your grades become affected by your worrying, pay a visit to the student health center and ask to speak with a psychologist. Some sessions there will help you realize that your current situation is only temporary, and it won't be long before you achieve the independence you crave.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 31-year-old woman who broke off a 2 1/2-year relationship with a man I love, but who wouldn't commit to marriage. (I'll call him Paul.) We never lived together.

Paul and I started talking again about two months ago, and he seemed to know more about me and what I was doing than I expected. After a few weeks of chatting, I finally figured out that Paul had been listening to my private answering machine messages. He must have obtained the code when I checked my messages from his home while we were dating.

All my friends are saying I'm crazy to continue talking to him and seeing him, know-

ing he violated my privacy. I don't know what to do. I still have feelings for him. What's your take on this? -- CONFUSED IN RHODE ISLAND

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Frankly, what Paul did was not only a violation of your privacy, it is also a little creepy. If you haven't already done so, change the pass code on your answering machine.

This man appears not only to be commitment-phobic, but also to have trust issues and a serious lack of respect for boundaries. Do not plan a future with him without extensive premarital counseling. What he did raises a red flag.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have recently separated. It has been five days. I'm OK with the fact of us being apart. We were definitely not meant to be together.

What's tearing me up is the fact that he's dating already. Should I start? What can I do to clear my head? -- CONFUSED IN NORTH CAROLINA

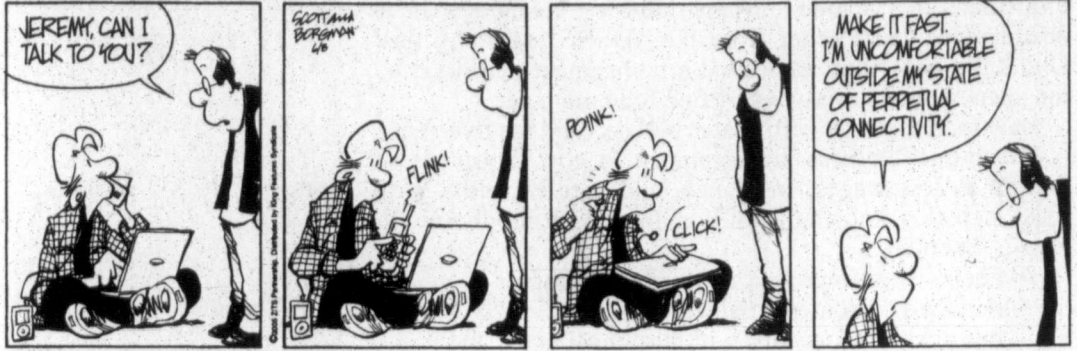
**DEAR CONFUSED:** A divorce isn't like a hangover. "Hair of the dog" won't make the ache go away. Because your about-to-be-ex is dating doesn't mean that you should be. In fact, I recommend against it for the time being. Socialize with female friends, join a gym, volunteer if you have some extra time on your hands, and consult a lawyer. But do not start dating again until you are separated emotionally from the man you married -- and that may take months, not days.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## For Better Or Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

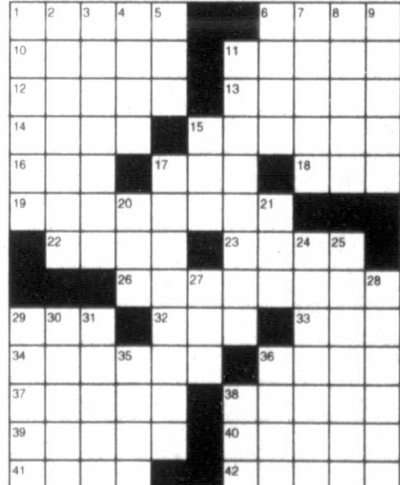
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- 23 Lightning hurler
- 26 Bald-spot hider
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- 32 Utter
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- 34 Wall Street type
- 36 Riding whip
- 37 Join the debate team
- 38 Peter of "M"

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- 2 Spoiled, perhaps
- 3 Remarkable
- 4 Miami team
- 5 Table scrap
- 6 Scope
- 7 Yoga position
- 8 Not available
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- 11 "Don't worry about me"
- 15 Cleveland card data cager
- 17 Fall apart
- 20 Computer key letters
- 21 Greek letter
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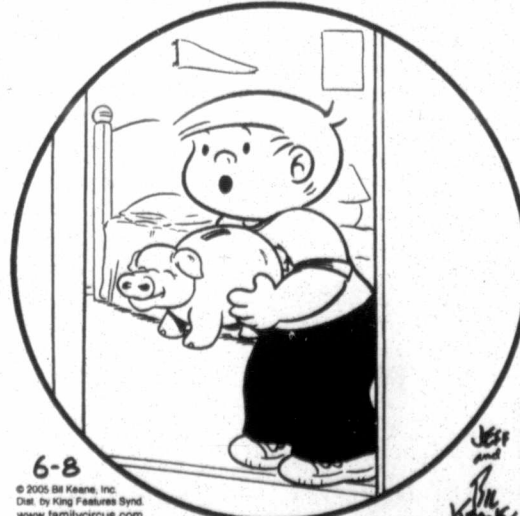
## Marmaduke



"What's a framed picture of our butcher doing on your wall?"

## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Instead of a time-out, could I just pay a fine?"

## Flo & Friends

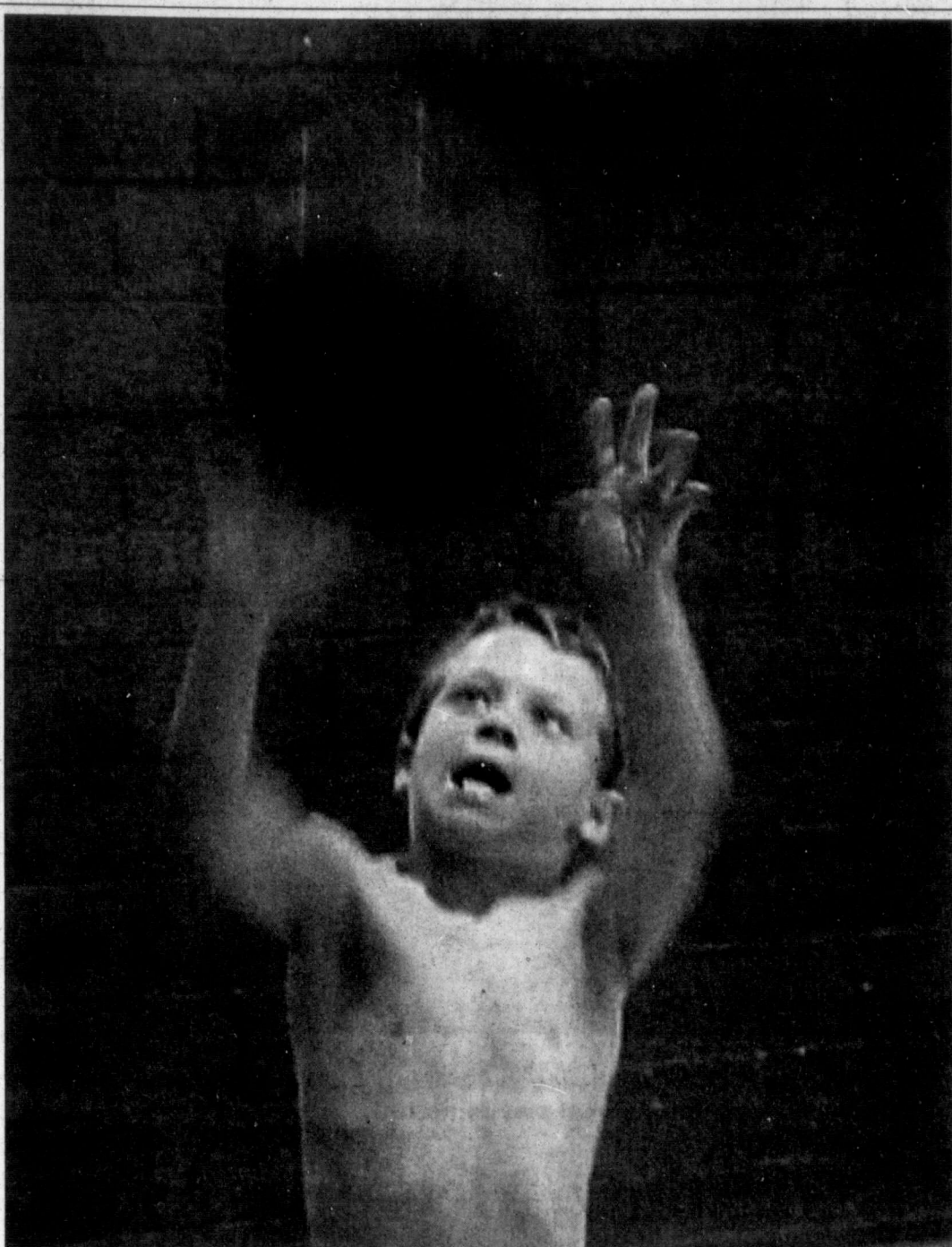


## Blondie





# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

8-year-old Dalton Hudson takes aim and sends a ball toward the basket during Wednesday morning's basketball clinic hosted by Coach Dustin Miller at Pampa Junior High School.

## Pampa Junior High School gym is filled with campers

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

With mid morning temperatures already on the rise, the last place some kids might want to be is inside a hot school gym. Yet, for most of the week, that's where many of Pampa's young men have been, taking part in Coach Dustin Miller's basketball clinic.

While most kids vow not to set foot on school grounds until the start of the next school year, these future hoopsters are back on campus of Pampa Junior High School little more than a week into summer break.

The morning session is for third and fourth graders. Fifth and sixth grade students follow around 10 a.m. Miller says the turnout for this year's clinic has been great.

What will these kids learn at Miller's clinic? Basics. "In the first hour, we work on layups, lots of layups," Miller said. "We also work on technique." Miller noted one of the focuses, especially with the younger kids, is to work with them on long-term goals. "We want these kids to know it's

okay to miss, as long as you miss right," said Miller. His point being, better to miss with technique and understanding than to miss not knowing how or why.

Among those taking part in Miller's clinic is 8-year-old Dalton Hudson, who is quick to point out, "I will be nine on June 30."

Hudson was among a handful of young players working out with Coach Miller Wednesday morning. A group that included some who seemed perfectly happy running laps around the PJHS gym.

Hudson showed signs of Harvester potential, hitting a number of 12-foot shots and free throws. Asked what it is about basketball he likes, Hudson thought for a moment, then said, "I like it because it's cool." So far as what he wants to be when he grows up, Hudson replied with confidence, "A famous basketball player."

Miller's clinic will continue through Hudson's birthday (June 30), taking a break from June 13-17, when Miller will host a basketball camp at McNeely Field House on the campus of Pampa High School.

## The new Tyson looks a lot like the old

By TIM DAHLBERG  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Tyson seemed to be sweating from every pore.

The moisture beaded up on his bald head, streamed down his still bizarre facial tattoo, covered his upper body and eventually drenched his black boxing trunks.

The people in the steamy campus gym at Howard University weren't much more comfortable. About 200 of them came Tuesday to get a glimpse of a fighter who once was, hoping against hope that he can be once again.

For now, this is what Tyson has been reduced to: A traveling circus act, put on display in the latest city willing to buy into his charade, trying to sell enough tickets to pay his debts.

He was once the baddest man on the planet, though that was so many years ago. Now he's just an occasional fighter pushing middle age and facing stiffers he wouldn't have even considered in his brief prime so he can pay off some \$40 million in bills.

Funny thing, though. None of that seemed to matter to those who found their way to Burr Gymnasium on a sti-

fling hot afternoon in the nation's capital to watch Tyson's public workout for his return to the ring against Irishman Kevin McBride.

They — along with what is expected to be a near capacity crowd Saturday night at the MCI Center — want to believe Iron Mike is back, though even a cursory look at his past suggests otherwise. They want to believe he can still be the heavyweight champion of the world.

"Tyson is Tyson, whether he's winning or losing," said Chris Hill, a freshman at Howard who was in diapers about the time Tyson was in his prime. "There's something about him that draws attention."

For about an hour, Tyson gave them every reason to believe.

He showed off his sculpted body by coming into the ring just wearing boxing trunks and shoes. He showed that his hand speed is still intact by hitting the mitts of trainer Jeff Fenech.

But what he seemed to enjoy showing off most was the kinder, gentler Mike Tyson.

"I'm not going to bite anybody or hit anybody after the bell or try to break anyone's arm," this new gentle giant said.

Those kind of things used to be standard practice for Tyson, though he hasn't gone off in public since brawling with Lennox Lewis and biting him in the press conference announcing their June 2002 fight.

Well, let's take that back. He did jump on a guy's car and damage his hood outside an Arizona nightclub in November, but a guy's entitled to some fun isn't he?

Tyson stood in the boxing ring of the small gym to say he's a changed man, largely because he's been humbled by his troubles and wants to be a better dad. For the better part of 15 minutes, he acted more like a revival preacher than a heavyweight fighter.

"It's not about being the best fighter in the world or the worst fighter in the world," said Tyson, keeping a straight face. "It's about being the best person in the world."

As if to prove his point, he chastised a man in a wheelchair at one point for using a swear word, saying there were children present. The old Tyson might have beaten him up, then mangled his wheelchair for good measure.

"You have to forgive us, though, Mike, if we're a bit skeptical.

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## ESPN pulls out of coaches' poll

By NANCY ARMOUR  
Associated Press

ESPN withdrew from the college football coaches' poll Tuesday, the second major news organization to say it didn't want to be a part of the Bowl Championship Series' weekly rankings.

The cable sports network said it no longer wanted its name attached to the rankings unless all ballots were made public, not just the final ones. USA Today will continue running the poll, which helps determine who plays for the national championship.

In December, The Associated Press told the BCS to stop using its media poll in its weekly formula.

"Coaches have the perfect right to conduct their voting the way they see fit," said Vince Doria, ESPN's vice president and director of news. "We just feel, in our best interests here, we couldn't reconcile having our name on the poll and being able to cover any controversy that might arise."

Unlike the AP voters, the coaches' ballots have always been secret. ESPN asked this year that they be public, but the coaches agreed only for the final regular-season poll. Doria said ESPN wanted it for the entire year.

"We just felt that to be as ethical as we possibly could in this situation, that's what we needed to do," Doria said. "This wasn't a case of us questioning the ethics of the coaches or the validity of the voting. These things tend to create controversy. When there is some vetting to be done, it needs to be done thoroughly and we didn't feel it could be done."

Doria said ESPN notified USA Today and the coaches' association of its decision, but not the BCS.

"There will still be a coaches' poll, and it will be used by the BCS, but we don't have a comment on ESPN's decision," said Bob Burda, spokesman for BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg.

The AP poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll had been the major components of the BCS rankings.

However, the AP said such use was never sanctioned and had reached the point where it threatened to undermine the independence and integrity of its poll.

ESPN had sponsored the

coaches' poll with USA Today since 1997.

Doria said the network became uncomfortable last season, when California lost a shot at a major bowl after dropping in the final coaches' poll, causing a public outcry and debate among fans.

The Golden Bears finished fourth in the coaches' poll, but six coaches dropped them below

No. 6 on the final ballots — four at No. 7 and two in the eighth slot. In the previous week's poll, nobody picked Cal lower than sixth.

The final vote came after Cal's 26-16 win at Southern

Mississippi — a close game, but a tough road contest that wasn't in doubt in the final minutes.

The drop cost Cal its first Rose Bowl bid in 45 years.

The Golden Bears instead went to the less glamorous Holiday Bowl while Texas got into the Rose Bowl.

"In essence, that was really the determining factor,"

Doria said. "The poll was more than something that is there primarily for fans to discuss and debate. It was a determinant element in the BCS poll."

*'We just felt that to be as ethical as we possibly could in this situation, that's what we needed to do.'*

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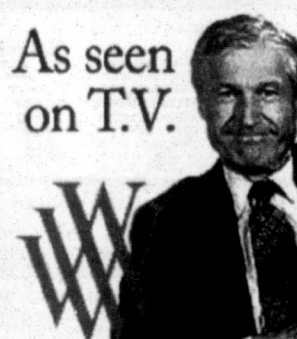
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# Tyson

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After all, we've heard it all before.

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You told us you were serious about fighting Danny Williams last July, only to run out of gas and get knocked out in the fourth round.

And now you're telling us that you overcame a knee injury, won a bout with depression, stopped smoking dope, and are happier than ever to be fighting again?

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Those people will come Saturday night to see the train wreck Tyson promises to deliver. Enough of them will come to pay Tyson about \$6 million, though most of that will go to his

creditors and his ex-wife, Monica.

Tyson claims he's fighting only because he wants the title again, though he's clearly desperate for the money. If he loses his second straight fight, his career is basically over, so his manager took extra care to choose an opponent in McBride who should make Tyson look good.

He may be a shell of the fighter he once was, but this is really just a carnival show. Tyson should be able to knock out McBride and, after that, who knows? A few more fights and he could get a title shot because he is, after all, Mike Tyson.

Well, he used to be Mike Tyson. That Tyson has seemingly been replaced by a new Mike Tyson who kisses babies, doesn't say bad things about his opponents, and thinks pretty highly of himself.

"Mike Tyson at 20 was invincible but not a great person," Tyson said. "Mike Tyson at 38 is a wonderful person and still a great fighter."

Therapy will do that for a guy, even if he gets hit in the head for a living.

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## Looking it in



Optimist player Ryan Pearson shows super skill and patience in watching a pitch during a game earlier in the week. The Optimist Youth Club will begin tournament play tomorrow.

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

## Phillies get needed win, drop Rangers 8-5

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jon Lieber is no longer pitching like an ace, even if he's still winning like one.

Placido Polanco drove in three runs, Bobby Abreu homered and Lieber pitched effectively into the seventh inning to win his third straight start and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Texas Rangers 8-5 on Tuesday night.

"He took us in the game where we wanted to go," manager Charlie Manuel said of Lieber.

The Phillies bounced back from Monday's loss to win for the seventh time in the first eight games of their 13-game homestand and 10 of 12 overall. They continued a recent trend of solid starting pitching, some clutch outs from the bullpen and a cou-

ple of fortuitous breaks at the plate.

Not even interleague play made a difference for the Phillies, who faced Texas for the first time.

Before the game, Manuel said he had talked to Lieber (8-4) about his conditioning after a start last month in Florida where the staff ace tired. After pitching eight innings in three straight starts in April, Lieber hasn't gone past the seventh since May 7. He went 6 2-3 innings Tuesday.

Lieber's three-game winning streak hasn't exactly been All-Star caliber. He's allowed 13 runs in 17 2-3 innings and hasn't allowed fewer than four runs in a game since that May 7 outing.

Lieber dismissed questions about Manuel's conditioning

concern, saying he feels great.

"It's the first I've heard of it, so I have no idea," he said.

Lieber gave up two-run homers to Hank Blalock and Rod Barajas in the fourth inning. He struck out five and walked one. His 18 homers allowed are the second most in the National League behind only Cincinnati's Eric Milton — the pitcher Lieber replaced in Philadelphia's rotation.

"I'm not making very good pitches in certain key situations," Lieber said.

Manuel agreed that Lieber's one bad inning was more a result of poor location than fatigue.

"All of a sudden he makes some mistakes and they make you pay when he does," he said.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

## Martinez, Mets drop Astros

NEW YORK (AP) — For a moment, Pedro Martinez was confused.

Here was Houston's Chris Burke, trotting around the bases Tuesday night, running out his first major league home run, and the Shea Stadium fans were cheering for their pitcher.

What's that all about, Martinez wondered?

Then he looked at the scoreboard and realized Burke's seventh-inning homer was the first hit the Astros had all night. He allowed just one other single in a 3-1 victory against one of baseball's worst-hitting teams.

"I didn't know I had a no-hitter going," Martinez said. "I didn't really realize it until I heard the fans clapping. I never look at the scoreboard. I look everywhere else. It's not the first time that's happened to me."

The two-hitter was his second this season and the fifth of his career. In 1995, when he was pitching for Montreal, the three-time Cy Young Award winner took a perfect game into the 10th inning before surrendering a hit. So he has been down this path before.

No Mets pitcher has ever had a no-hitter in the team's 44-year history. Not Seaver, not Koosman, not Gooden. But Martinez seemed to have everything going his way: a dazzling fastball, a dynamite curve, a cutter that froze hitters and a change-up that buckled their knees.

Certainly the Astros, tied with Cleveland for the lowest batting average in the majors at .244 and with the fewest hits (439) and runs (201),

were impressed.

"He threw the ball good," manager Phil Garner said. "I didn't feel it was cut and dried. We were in the ballgame. We should have done better against him. He knows what to throw and when to throw it."

Burke, in his first full major league season, had never homered before. He remembered a scramble of emotions as he rounded the bases.

"It's kind of a culmination of thoughts," he said. "First, it's just the gratification of knowing you hit the ball well. Then, you realize that you broke up a no-hitter and it's your first homer and it's off Pedro Martinez. When I got into the dugout, I really kind of had to sit down for a second."

Martinez was matter-of-fact about the home run.

"I hung it and he hit it," he said.

Catcher Mike Piazza said it was a curve ball that backed up. "It was the only curve that backed up," he said. "It stayed in the hitting zone and he banded it out."

After the homer, Martinez went back to work. He allowed a single to Lance Berkman and then finished off the Astros, striking out the last four batters to give him 12 for the game and 104 for the season, tops in the NL.

He has 30 strikeouts in his last three starts and reached double digits for the fourth time this season and 103rd time in his career. He is 3-0 with an 0.84 earned run average in his last four starts and has allowed one run or fewer in seven of his 12 starts this season.

## Smith suspended by NFL

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Troubled Minnesota Vikings running back Onterio Smith has been suspended by the NFL for the entire 2005 season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The announcement had been expected for several weeks, ever since Vikings head coach Mike Tice suspended Smith indefinitely following an embarrassing run-in at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on April 21, when Smith was

stopped after his bag set off a screening device. A search found several vials of dried urine and "The Original Whizzinator," which is marketed as a way to beat drug tests.

Smith told police the gear was for his cousin. He wasn't charged, and the NFL has said possession of the device alone isn't enough to violate league drug policies.

The NFL's statement did not give a specific reason for Smith's suspension.

## Diamondbacks take high school shortstop Justin Upton in draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite having a few talented shortstops already in their minor league system, the Arizona Diamondbacks added another when they made the Virginia high school star Justin Upton the top pick in the baseball draft.

Upton and his brother B.J., the second pick in 2002 by Tampa Bay, are the highest-drafted siblings.

Upton, the Virginia player of the

year who batted .519 with 11 home runs and 32 RBIs in just 54 plate appearances, joins the recently signed Stephen Drew, Arizona's top pick last year, and Sergio Santos as top Diamondbacks prospects at shortstop. Upton, 17, was mainly a shortstop at Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, Va., but also played third base and the outfield.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EIGHTY PERCENT OF MARRIED MEN CHEAT IN AMERICA. THE REST CHEAT IN EUROPE. — JACKIE MASON

### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, June 9, 2005:

You could be difficult or hard on yourself when dealing with finances. Instead, be constructive. Open a savings account. Take a class in accounting. The more you learn about money, the better your position will be. Cut risk-taking, even if you think something is a sure bet. In the fall, your hard work pays off, and you see more money or a pay raise heading your way. You also might find that you have more energy, as you feel better about yourself. If you are single, give up your insecurity and allow someone to get to know you better. You will find tremendous comfort in being understood and cared for. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from the two of you tackling your finances together. Take up a fun but inexpensive hobby together. **CANCER** can be grumpy.

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)

★ ★ ★ Don't put more weight and responsibility on your shoulders than you can handle. Know that you can ask for help. Sharing a personal matter helps lighten your mood. Let go of a problem. Tonight: Everything falls into place.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Your way of presenting a problem could be a bit stiff or hard. Don't be so critical of yourself, either. What starts out as a tough situation could loosen up if you become less judgmental. Tonight: Swap news with a pal.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ You feel as if someone is raiding

your finances. Could it be you? Perhaps you have overextended yourself financially. Design a more realistic budget with the help of someone you admire and trust, at least with money. Tonight: Look over your budget.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ No one is harder on you than yourself. Try to loosen up and be more generous in your perspective, like you are with others. You might be the cause of your depression. List your positives. Tonight: Do what you want to do.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ If you feel down or need to get away, do just that — right now. You might not be in the mood to deal with others, so don't. Close your door. You might need to do some hard thinking. Opt for some much-needed solitude. Tonight: Continue the low profile.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Your determination helps you zero in on what you want. You also might discover that once you have achieved this goal, you don't want it after all. A new friend could be more difficult than you'd anticipated. Tonight: Join a friend.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ Others make demands, and you have no choice but to produce. You could feel the weight of the world on your shoulders. Resist getting down. Keep yourself even and direct. Others need your leadership. Tonight: Turn in as early as possible.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ You might not be able to get the whole story or the big picture right now. Understand that nothing key is being left out. Don't dwell on the negatives but on what you can do or see. Detach if possible. Tonight: Play a favorite piece of

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Heating/Air Conditioning  
Borger Hwy. 665-4392

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**College Students/ HS Grads**  
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Looking to hire 1 person. You must have some heavy equipment exp. and lawncare exp. Please apply in person at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 23rd and Price Rd.

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**BOOKKEEPER**  
Computer proficient, QuickBooks knowledge preferred, must be able to multitask and be organized. F/T salary based on exp. Send resume to: 101 N. Price Rd., Pampa

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### 50 Building Suppl.

**White House Lumber**  
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669-3291

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\$128 QN mattress set, brand new never used with warranty, QN Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr., sell \$199, Full Pillow top Double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr., sell \$169, Full size mattress set new, never used \$89, \$170 King mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, \$218 King Pillow top mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, Queen Cherry sleigh bed, new, still boxed. List \$750 sell \$350, new 7 pc QN cherry wood bdrm set w/sleigh bed, still boxed, sell \$999, new 7 pc QN Pinewood bdrm set w/4 poster bed, still boxed, \$999. Call 806-517-1050.

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In Plastic, 10 yr warr. F-120, Q-\$150, K-\$210 While supply lasts! 806-677-0400

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Call 806-856-0116

MULTI-FAM. Fri & Sat. 8-7 Variety of everything. Billy Scribner Welding. Hwy 60 & Price Rd.

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**WANT TO BUY A POP UP CAMPER, OR A 25 FOOT TRAVEL TRAILER. 806-665-5419**

**WANTED:** Large outdoor toys, baby items, Little Tykes, cribs, etc. Spoiled By Right 665-0008

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## Digging in

Courtney Ward-Miller, 11, digs into barbecue chicken at the Southside Senior Citizen's Center during lunch Tuesday.

## Tobacco trials

# Justice lawyers seek range of penalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than five years after filing suit, federal prosecutors on Tuesday began wrapping up their racketeering case against major cigarette makers, asking the judge for penalties on the companies, such as making them pay for a nationwide stop-smoking program and restrict tobacco marketing.

"During the course of this trial, the United States has met its burden of proof," said Justice Department attorney Sharon Eubanks, describing a "decades-long pattern of ... misrepresentations, half truths, deceptions and lies that continue to this day."

Cigarette makers deny the government's allegations that the companies conspired for decades to deceive the public about the dangers of smoking. The companies argue that the law severely limits any sanctions the trial judge can impose, even if

she finds against them.

The Justice Department filed the case in 1999 under the civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO. U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler has been hearing the non-jury trial that started in September.

The department asked for a list of penalties against the companies, including funding a nationwide smoking cessation program and educational campaigns designed to counter tobacco marketing and a series of restrictions on practices such as price discounts and in-store displays.

Government lawyer Stephen Brody suggested Kessler issue injunctions to ensure the companies do not mislead the public about the risks of smoking and require the companies to pay for court-appointed monitors to ensure compliance. Changes the monitors could recommend if they

find misconduct includes the removal of senior management, Brody said.

Kessler asked the government to look for legal precedents that would back their request.

"Here you are essentially asking for judicial oversight of private corporations. These are very weighty issues, I'll leave it at that," she said.

The defendants in the lawsuit are: Philip Morris USA Inc. and its parent, Altria Group Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.; British American Tobacco Ltd.; Lorillard Tobacco Co.; Liggett Group Inc.; Counsel for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.; and the Tobacco Institute.

In February, an appeals court stripped the government of its biggest stick against the defendants, denying a request to seek \$280 billion in allegedly ill-gotten gains.

## 20 dead: Ethiopia in political unrest over elections

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Ethiopian security forces opened fire Wednesday on stone-throwing protesters in the central business district, and a human rights group said at least 20 people were killed.

Abebe Terfe, executive secretary of the Ethiopian Human Rights Council, said 20 people were killed in a third day of protests over

election results. The claim could not immediately be verified.

An Associated Press reporter saw eight bodies packed into a room in the city's main hospital, many with gunshot wounds, and was told they represented only some of the casualties from a third day of protests in the capital over election results.

The protests have erupted despite Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's move to ban demonstrations immediately after the May 15 legislative election. Meles' party won a majority of seats in the election, according to official results. Opposition parties say there was widespread fraud and intimidation, charges the ruling party denies.

The shooting began after the army's special forces troops arrived at the central business district where protesters were throwing stones. It was unclear whether the gunfire came from the heavily armed crack troops or the regular police.

Gunfire explosions were heard, but it was unclear whether security forces were firing rubber bullets, tear gas

or live ammunition. Dozens of people were wounded in Wednesday's melee with gunshots to the chest, legs, arms and back. Most of the victims were young men.

Ambulances brought the wounded to the city's main Black Lion Hospital. Several hundred people gathered there, some wailing, crying and shouting.

## Dean defends GOP remarks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean on Wednesday defended his recent harsh criticism of Republicans, including his observation that they are "pretty much a white, Christian party."

Dean noted that he is a white Christian. He said the GOP is too narrow in its scope and the Democratic Party is far more diverse.

While even prominent Democrats in recent days have distanced themselves from some of his comments, the outspoken Dean, appearing on NBC's "Today" show, said criticism of him is meant by Republicans to divert attention from the country's problems and make him the issue instead.

Dean told a forum of journalists and minority leaders Monday that Republicans are "not very friendly to different kinds of people, they are a pretty monolithic party ... it's pretty much a white, Christian party."

Challenged on that during the NBC interview, Dean said "unfortunately, by and large it is. And they have the agenda of the conservative Christians."

"This is a diversion from the issues that really matter: Social Security, and adequate job opportunity, strong public schools, a strong defense," Dean said.

Asked about it on the "Fox & Friends" show, GOP Party Chairman Ken Mehlman joked that "a lot of folks who attended my Bar Mitzvah would be surprised" he heads a Christian party.

"We gotta get ourselves beyond this point where when we disagree about politics, we call the other guy names," he said.

The former Vermont governor also recently raised eyebrows when he told a group of progressives that Republicans "never made an honest living in their lives," a comment he was forced to explain a day later. The one-time presidential candidate also said that House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who has not been accused of any crime, ought to go back to Houston where he can serve his jail sentence.

Democratic New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said Tuesday that Dean is doing a good job, but is not the party's spokesman.

Last weekend, Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., and 2004 vice presidential candidate John Edwards criticized Dean for his recent remarks, saying he doesn't speak for them. "A lot of things he does say, I agree with," Biden said.

## Senate Intelligence Committee approves new FBI powers under Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI would get expanded powers to subpoena records without the approval of a judge or grand jury in terrorism investigations under Patriot Act revisions approved Tuesday by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Some senators who voted 11-4 to move the bill forward said they would push for limits on the new powers the measure would grant to law enforcement agencies.

"This bill must be amended on the floor to protect national security while protecting Constitutional rights," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

Ranking Democrat Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., supported the bill overall but said he would push for limits that would allow such administrative subpoenas "only if immediacy dictates."

Rockefeller and other committee members, such as

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., also are concerned that the bill would grant powers to federal law enforcement agencies that could be used in criminal inquiries rather than intelligence-gathering ones.

Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said the bill places new checks and balances on the powers it would grant, such as new procedures that would allow people to challenge such administrative orders. He called the Patriot Act "a vital tool in the war on terror" and lauded the Democrats who voted for it in spite of misgivings.

Portions of the Patriot Act — signed into law six weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks — are set to expire at the end of 2005. The bill would renew and expand the act.

The bill also must be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee, where Feinstein and other Democrats planned to again

offer amendments.

Overall, Rockefeller said, the committee gave a nod to most of the Patriot Act in its first few years fighting the nation's new enemies.

"We concluded that these tools have helped keep America safe ... and should be made permanent," Rockefeller said in a statement.

Still, civil libertarians panned the bill and the closed-door meetings in which it was written.

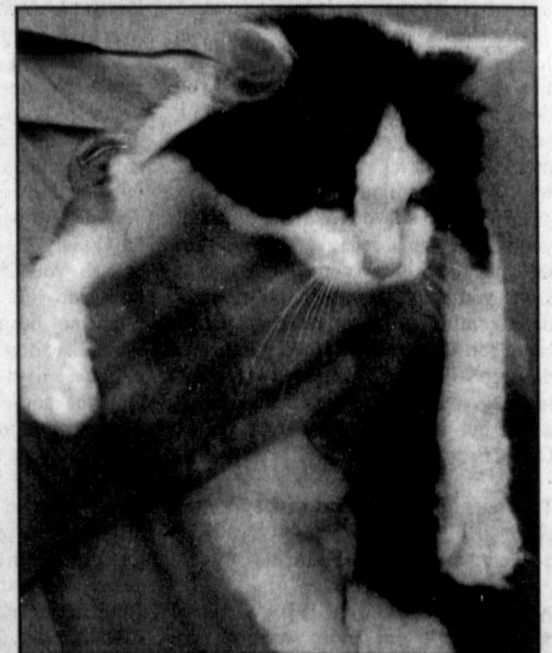
"When lawmakers seek to rewrite our Fourth Amendment rights, they should at least have the gumption to do so in public," said Lisa Graves, the ACLU's senior counsel for legislative strategy. "Americans have a reasonable expectation that their federal government will not gather records about their health, their wealth and the transactions of their daily life without probable cause of a crime or a warrant."

## Pet of the Week

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