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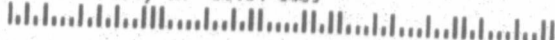
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DPS to inspect thousands of commercial vehicles

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and inspectors are scheduled to inspect commercial vehicles throughout the state during Roadcheck 2007, a 72-hour intensive inspection program that runs from today through Thursday throughout North America.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers and non-commissioned inspectors, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, will stop

thousands of commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment and check driver log books, driver licenses and endorsements. Inspectors will also look for possible drug or alcohol use.

"We expect to conduct thousands of commercial vehicle inspections during this concentrated inspection period," said Chief Randall K. Elliston, head of the Texas Highway Patrol. "Roadcheck reminds truckers and commercial vehicle owners to make sure they are meeting safety requirements and their vehicles are

in good operating condition. If they're unsafe, we'll remove them from the roadways and issue tickets to others as necessary."

During Roadcheck 2006, inspectors examined 6,124 vehicles in Texas. As a result, troopers removed 1,461 vehicles and 218 drivers from service because of the serious nature of their safety violations.

The Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through

increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

Vehicles passing inspection receive a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect.

Pampa band boosters sponsoring carnival

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer
A carnival, sponsored by the Pampa Band Boosters, is in town and will be open today through Saturday at the M.K. Brown parking lot for Pampans to enjoy rides, games and food.

Band Booster Vice President Teresa Peters, along with husband Derek, and many other band students and parents have been preparing for this week. Peters said this is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the band.

"Last year was great for us because it didn't rain very much while the carnival was in town," Teresa Peters said. "The proceeds from the concession stand last year were better than any other year, at least as far back as they've kept records."

Band parents will cook and serve food from their trailer on the east side of the

carnival. They will serve the famous "pride burgers" and homemade ice cream along with many other treats.

There will also be a silent auction through 9 p.m. Saturday in a trailer next to the band concession stand. Businesses and individuals have donated items and services that anyone can bid on. The winners will be notified after the end of the auction Saturday night.

"We really want to thank all of the businesses around town that have either donated or discounted items that we are using in and around the concession stand," Teresa Peters said. "We've received propane to cook with, a freezer and refrigerator to store the food in, a grill that was built and donated to cook on, a generator, ice and cups. We really appreciate the community's support for

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Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**

A Ferris wheel from the Pride of Texas Shows stands ready to provide rides to young and old during the annual Band Booster carnival which begins at 6 p.m. today and runs through Saturday at the M.K. Brown parking lot.

Bumper weed crop



Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**

While recent rains have turned pastures green, they have also raised a crop of weeds along U.S. Highway 60 west of Pampa.

New posters are free

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer
A new law signed by President Bush in May will raise minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over the next two years. Businesses have to hang posters stating what the current minimum wage is and have to worry about keeping up with the changes over the next few years.

Many poster companies may be contacting businesses to offer posters for these changes that are expensive and do not comply with the law.

Kathy Cota, manager of

Panhandle Worksource in Pampa, said that employers should never have to pay for new posters because they can print them off of their Web site.

"We currently have the poster available for the \$5.15 rate, but these will be automatically updated each time there is a change over the next few years," Cota said. "We believe the first change will come around the end of the summer. Any employer can go to our Web site and print out the posters free of

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2 die in separate crashes

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer
Two people were killed and another injured in two separate vehicle crashes on area roads Monday evening.

According to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the first crash occurred around 6 p.m. approximately 12 miles east of Panhandle at the intersection of Texas FM 293 and FM

294. A 2000 Ford pickup, driven by Wilbur Sanders, 32, of Wisner, La., was traveling southbound on Texas FM 294 when a 1996 Ford Explorer, driven by Susan Johnson Barbee, 57, of Charlotte, N.C., failed to yield at a stop sign.

The two vehicles collided and came to rest on the southeast shoulder.

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Partly cloudy Mostly sunny Partly cloudy

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. West-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. North-northeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming east southeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		XOM.....84.10	-0.12
OXY.....58.28	-0.10	Nat'l Oilwell.....97.58	-0.13
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Green Corp.....52.25	-0.43	Pioneer Nat.....52.50	-0.21
VLO.....76.13	-0.15	JCP.....81.80	-0.45
HAL.....36.35	-0.09	COP.....79.13	-0.28
TRI.....53.60	NC	SLB.....79.81	-0.25
		Tenneco.....33.01	-0.41
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		New York Gold.....676.30	
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		West Texas Crude.....66.21	

Gap between companies' expenses, taxes for options costs billions, senator says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A multibillion-dollar gap between what public companies book as expenses for their executives' stock options and what they report to the IRS under two sets of rules is costing the Treasury billions in lost revenue, a key senator seeking to end the discrepancy said Tuesday. Companies are reporting deductions for stock options to the Internal Revenue Service that far exceed what they are reckoning and disclosing to shareholders as expenses against their bottom line, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said at a hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs investigative subcommittee. Levin, the panel's chairman, is proposing that the gap be closed with legislation requiring uniform reporting rules for stock options. An investigation by the subcommittee's staff found a \$43 billion "gap" for stock options between corporate IRS tax returns and expenses

reported in financial statements for December 2004 to June 2005. During that period, U.S. public companies legally avoided billions of dollars in taxes by claiming \$43 billion more in tax deductions for options awards than the compensation for options recorded on their books, the staff inquiry found. When company directors who approve executives' compensation learn that stock options often put a small dent in the company's profits while also producing a huge tax deduction, "it's a pretty tempting proposition for them to pay their executives with stock options instead of cash or stock," Levin said. "The problem is that the mismatch (between) stock-option accounting and tax rules also shortchanges the Treasury to the tune of billions of dollars each year, while fueling the growing chasm between executive pay and average worker pay." The anomaly makes stock options the only type of compensation with two different reporting regimes, Levin said. While not breaking the law, the companies benefited from an "outdated and overly generous stock-option tax rule," he said.

Acting IRS Commissioner Kevin Brown, testifying at Tuesday's hearing, said that based on what the agency has seen, "it is not that difficult for companies to compensate senior executives at whatever level they choose and remain fully compliant with the tax laws."

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MELTON, Christopher Michael — Funeral mass, 2 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Keller.

Christopher Michael Melton, 36

Christopher Michael Melton, 36, of Keller, died Saturday, June 2, 2007, at Keller. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church with Father Jim McGee as celebrant. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at

Memorial Park in Amarillo. Visitation and rosary will be at 7 p.m. today in Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth.

Mr. Melton was born June 11, 1970, at Amarillo. He married Lauri Anderwald on June 19, 1999, at Pampa. He was a member of Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

and was in the process of completing his bachelor's degree in geography at North Texas State University in Denton.

Mr. Melton was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert Neal Melton and Margaret Melton of Amarillo.

Survivors include his

wife, Dr. Lauri Melton of Keller; his 3-year-old son, Ethan; his parents, Dean Melton and Dorothy Melton of Plano; and a brother, Dr. Shelby Melton of Atlanta, Ga.

MEMORIALS: James A. Schlipmann Melanoma Cancer Foundation.

James Floyd Scott, 85

James Floyd Scott, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died June 4, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Scott was born Sept. 28, 1921, in Tupelo, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. He was self employed as a painter and paper hanger until his retirement.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving with the 29th Bomb Group in Guam and North Africa during World War II. He married Frances

Brantley on Feb. 14, 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Scott, of the home; two granddaughters, Michelle Oviedo and husband Steve of Greeley, Colo., and Lisa Eldringhoff and husband Randy of Deer Trail, Colo.; several great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Paula Swain of Colorado



Scott

Springs, Colo.; three stepdaughters, Floyce Corcoran and husband Tomfny and Anita Myers and husband Lee, all of Pampa, and Carolyn Hardesty and husband Steve of Rock Springs, Wyo.; two stepsons, Jimmy Willett of Pampa and his fiancé Donna Mathis of Shattuck, Okla., and Ronald Willett and wife Cassie of Midland; a daughter-in-law,

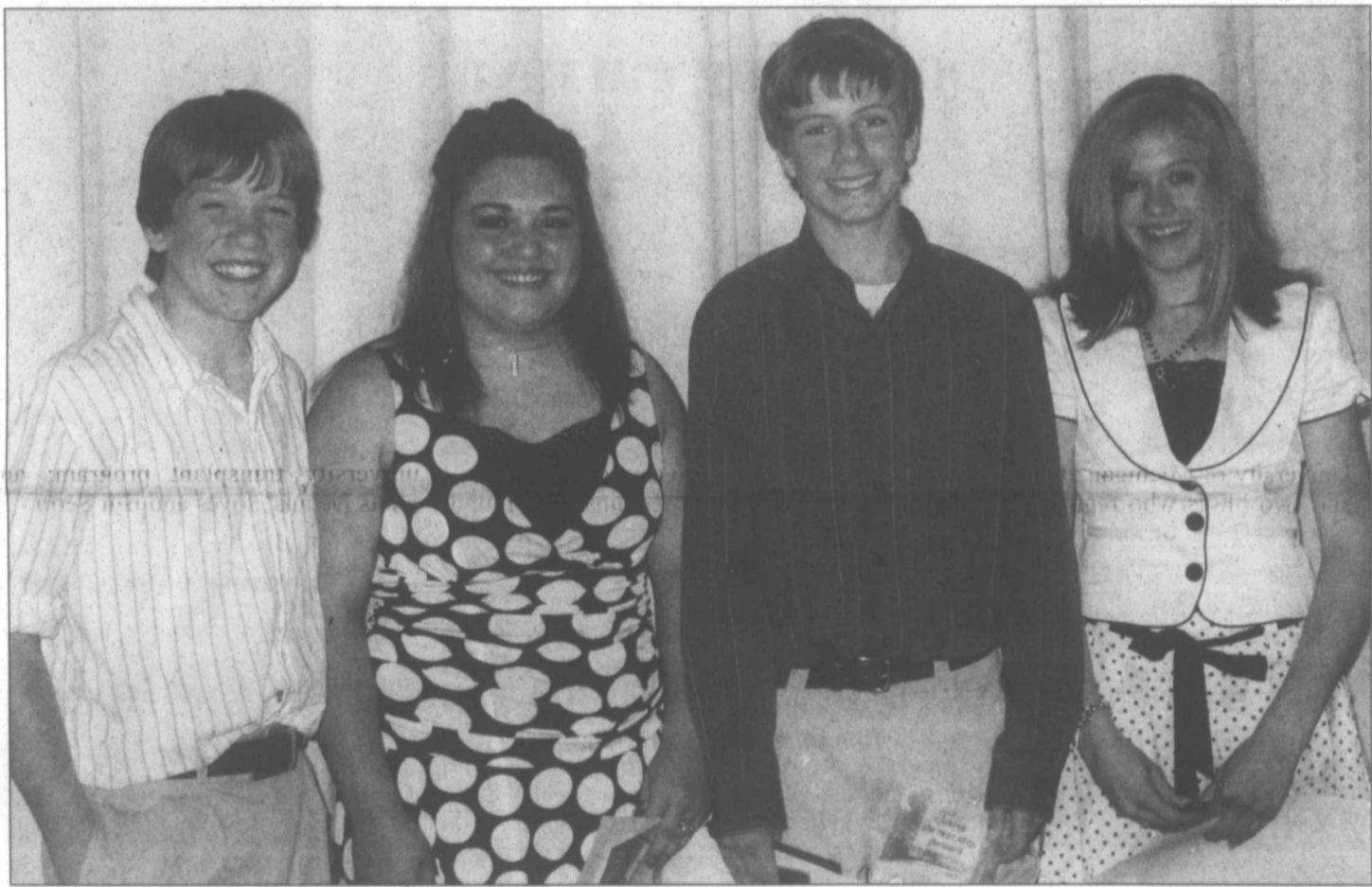
Maxine Massey and husband Roger of Eaton, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary Deane Wilkerson Scott in 1984; two sons, Jack Michael Scott in 1985 and James Steven Scott in 1996; his second wife, Anna Turner Scott; one sister; and two brothers.

VISITATION: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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

Outstanding youth



COURTESY PHOTO

Jonathan Polasek, from left, Danielle Zuniga, Trevor McVay, and Jenna Munsell were recently honored during the end-of-year eighth grade awards assembly. Polasek and Zuniga, cousins, received the awards for being the "Most Outstanding" eighth grade students. These award recipients are selected by eighth grade teachers based on academics, extracurricular activities and citizenship. McVay and Munsell were selected "Best Citizens" of the eighth grade.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Six traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of West Brown, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of Seneca, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of West Brown, the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 700 block of West Francis, twice in the 1100 block of Farley, the 600 block of Reid, once in the 700 block of Deane Drive, on three occasions in the 300 block of North Dwight, once in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1100 block of Huff Road, one mile east on Highway 60, the 900 block of North Somerville, the 400 block of North Starkweather, the 2200 block of Williston, the 800 block of North

Nelson, the 500 block of Magnolia, at an unreported location, the 800 block of Denver and the 800 block of West 25th.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of South Sumner.

A welfare check was made at One Medical Plaza.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Powell.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of Terry Road and the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1600 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets and the 1400 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Hazel.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Bradley Drive. A vehicle window valued at \$100 was broken out.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Williston.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances

were reported in the 500 block of East Atchison and the 100 block of North Nelson, where the incident was verbal only.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of Henry and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Injury to a child was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight and the 1000 block of Duncan, where a bicycle was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. Speakers and an amplifier were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$350.

Sheriff

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

Monday, June 4

Mack Dillon Horton, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Sumner by Pampa Police Department on a Texas Youth Commission directive to apprehend.

Joe Dale Hays Jr., 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of Chestnut by

PPD for failure to identify.

Nicole Sharee Ramey, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of Chestnut by PPD for forgery of a government instrument.

Fire

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

Monday, June 4

11:29 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and 70 for a clean-up.

8:45 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1100 block of East Browning for a smoke investigation.

11:55 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Frederic on a gas odor.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 5

1:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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Stormy evening



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Lightning lights up the sky as winds from an approaching thunderstorm twist the branches of a tree along U.S. 60 in Carson County Friday night.

Crashes

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der of the intersection. The Ford Explorer caught on fire shortly after the crash. Barbee died at the accident scene. Sanders was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo

and is listed in serious condition. Both drivers were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident.

The second crash occurred at 11 p.m. approximately one mile south of Borger on Texas FM 207. DPS reported that the driver of a 2004 Chevrolet pickup traveling northbound apparently fell asleep and drifted into the southbound lane. The pickup collided with a southbound 1991 Peterbilt tractor trailer.

The tractor trailer driver tried to take evasive action, but was unable to avoid the collision.

The driver of the Chevy pickup, Christopher Joe Bednorz, 22, of Panhandle was not wearing a seat belt at the time and died at the scene of the accident. The driver of the Peterbilt, Zackery Allan Christian of Gruver, was not injured in the crash.

Human remains found in survivor search

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rescuers found human remains during a search for six members of an organ transplant team who were aboard a small plane that crashed into Lake Michigan, a Coast Guard official said today.

No one was believed to have survived the crash, about six miles north-east of Milwaukee, authorities said.

The team's life-saving mission — carrying unspecified organs from Milwaukee for transplant to a patient in Michigan — was cut short Monday when the Cessna Citation went down in 57-degree water shortly after the pilot signaled an emergency.

Those on board were two surgeons and two donor specialists from the University of Michigan Health System and two pilots who regularly fly their transplant missions.

"The condition of the aircraft debris and human remains found indicate a high-speed impact," said Coast Guard Capt. Bruce Jones at a news conference. "We believe this to have been a non-survivable crash."

Dr. Darrell A. Campbell, chief of staff of the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers, said the thoughts of the university community were with the families of those involved.

The patient who was to have received the transplant organs was in critical condition, the university said. Jay Campbell, executive director of the Wisconsin Donor Network, declined to say which hospital the team was working with, citing privacy regulations.

The first human remains were found late Monday but hadn't been identified,

Jones said. Divers stopped searching at nightfall, while crews of a Coast Guard boat and helicopter continued searching using night vision goggles.

Jones said they wouldn't speculate on the crash's cause. The National Transportation Board was expected to arrive later today.

The university identified those aboard the plane as: Dr. Martinus "Martin" Spoor, a cardiac surgeon who had been on the faculty since 2003; Dr. David Ashburn, a physician-in-training in pediatric cardiothoracic surgery; Richard Chenault II, a transplant donation specialist with the university transplant program; Richard Lapensee, a transplant donation specialist with the university transplant program; and pilots Dennis Hoyes and Bill Serra.

Billionaire interested in Dow Jones

By SETH SUTEL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire investor Ron Burkle is interested in exploring a bid for Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, in conjunction with the union that represents Journal employees, the head of the union said Tuesday.

The union, the Independent Association of Publishers' Employees, had reached out to Burkle and other potential bidders after Dow Jones' controlling shareholders agreed to meet with Rupert Murdoch to consider his \$5 billion bid for the company.

The union and many Journal employees, as well as a significant shareholder, Jim Ottaway Jr., remain fiercely opposed to Murdoch's bid, saying he might bend the Journal's coverage to suit his business interests.

Steve Yount, president of the Dow Jones union, said Burkle was the first of several potential bidders to respond to its overtures. Burkle's interest was first reported Tuesday by The Wall Street Journal in a story carried on Dow Jones Newswires.

Yount said Burkle's interest was preliminary, and the details had yet to be sorted out. Yount said the union had also contacted other potential bidders, including investor Warren Buffett, but had only heard back so far from Burkle. Yount declined to identify the other potential bidders.

Burkle had previously expressed an interest in buying Tribune Co., publisher of the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and other newspapers, together with fellow billionaire Eli Broad, but that company eventually agreed to be taken private in a deal sponsored by Chicago real estate investor Sam Zell.

Burkle, who made a fortune investing in supermarket chains, had also teamed up last year with a union representing employees at nine Knight Ridder Inc. newspapers in an effort to buy that company. However Knight Ridder wound up selling itself to McClatchy Co., another California-based publisher.

Burkle's office didn't return calls seeking comment.

Jefferson indicted in bribery probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Louisiana congressman William Jefferson received more than \$500,000 in bribes and sought millions more in nearly a dozen separate schemes to enrich himself by using his office to broker business deals in Africa, according to a federal indictment Monday.

The charges came almost two years after investigators raided Jefferson's home in Washington and found \$90,000 in cash stuffed in his freezer.

The indictment lists 16 counts, including racketeering, soliciting bribes, wire fraud, money laundering, obstruction of justice and conspiracy. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 235 years.

Band

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the band." Doug Barton, owner of the Pride of Texas Shows, said they have been coming to Pampa every year since 1968. He is excited to offer new rides and food this year to add some variety to the annual event.

"For the young children, we have a new train, a tug boat and a Raiders/ of the Lost Ark jungle gym," Barton said. "This year the

kids can enjoy a longer super slide. The one we brought last year was only 60 feet long and this new one is 110 feet long. We also have a spiral slide that's new. For the older kids, we've brought the Tunnel of Doom, which is a dark, scary ride."

The Ferris wheel, which can be enjoyed by young and old, is six stories tall.

Barton said not only will they have good food such as funnel cake, cotton candy and corn, but this year they will also offer curly and ribbon-cut fries.

To enjoy rides, patrons can either buy tickets or purchase wristbands which are good for all of the rides.

"People can come out and ride as many of the rides as often as they want each evening if they purchase a wristband," Barton said. "We will offer tickets for those who do not plan on riding many rides."

The hours that Barton plans to keep the carnival open is 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. or midnight Tuesday through Friday. Weather permitting, they should be operating 2 p.m. to close Saturday.

Posters

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charge so they will be in compliance with the law."

To access this information, go to www.panhandle-worksource.com, click on "employers," click on "human resources toolkit" and then "required posters." The final link to get to the pdf form is "fair labor stan-

dards act" and "minimum wage poster."

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Viewpoints

Hold on to your family history, for it fades fast

My husband and I visited the graves of deceased family members on Memorial Day, and I thought about how the number of graves to visit has increased over the years. Fortunately for us, our close family members who are deceased are all interred in Pampa or within a short driving distance from here.

As I read names and dates on headstones, I thought about the knowledge that died with that person. Most people do not keep a personal journal, or diary, that they write in regularly, and the art of letter writing has nearly

become a lost one due to telephones and computers.

An individual's recollections can be a valuable and cherished part of family lore as well as a history lesson. Reading about the Dust Bowl Days, for example, will give an idea of what it was like to live through that time period, but when a person who actually experienced it describes their memories, details of what they experienced are learned. History books just don't have the space to include such individual information.

Knowledge of family members' personal histories also imparts to a person a sense of who they are and where they came from. The tracing of bloodlines continues to be of interest to many people, and there are organizations and services devoted to this activity.

When I was in college, an assignment for one of my history classes was to inter-

view a family member on an event or events that person had experienced, and to submit the interview on tape as well as on paper. I interviewed one of my husband's uncles. He had lived in this area all his life, and he gave some interesting details about farming in past decades and in how the brick streets of area towns were laid.

That tape and transcript

became a prized family possession, and family members asked for copies. It also became part of a collection at a local museum.

There are others, relatives and non-relatives, who are now deceased that I was not so lucky to interview before they were gone. I wish, for instance, that I had been able to interview the woman who was in the first class to attend the Little Red Schoolhouse, north of Pampa on Highway 70, and who was also the last teacher there.

about their experiences. Have them write down their recollections, or write them down yourself when they are told to you. Trace family trees, and get identifications for all those relatives in old photos.

One day, those relatives will no longer be here to answer questions and provide information on historical events. Their knowledge will have died with them, and you will be left wondering not only who they were but who you are and where you came from.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2007. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date:

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard

University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as "The Marshall Plan."

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. (Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus 10 years.)

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: Harold J. Nicholson, the highest ranking CIA officer ever caught spying against his own country, was sentenced to more than 23 years in prison for selling defense secrets to Russia after the Cold War.

Five years ago: 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart disappeared from her Salt Lake City home. (Smart was found alive in a Salt Lake suburb in March 2003; two people accused of abducting her have been found mentally unfit to stand trial.) A suicide bomber killed 17 Israelis on a bus. Magic Johnson was introduced as a member of the 2002 class elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dee Dee Ramone, bass player for the pioneer punk band the Ramones, died in Los Angeles at age 50.

One year ago: More than 50 National Guardsmen from Utah became the first unit to work along the U.S.-Mexico border as part of President Bush's crackdown on illegal immigration. An Islamic militia with alleged links to al-Qaida seized Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, after weeks of fighting with U.S.-backed secular warlords.

'Dare to be naive.'

— R. Buckminster Fuller
American inventor
and philosopher
(1895-1983)



FDA: Who does this agency really benefit?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is charged with ensuring that only safe and effective drugs are marketed. Such a task is highly complex and fraught with difficulties. Consumers, the ostensible beneficiaries, should examine and question the incentive structure that FDA officials face.

Some drugs are highly beneficial to certain patients but pose an unacceptable risk to others. Vioxx along with Celebrex are in a class of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) known as COX-2 inhibitors. Salicylates, such as aspirin, are a subset of such drugs. COX-2 inhibitors are sometimes prescribed to adult patients for management of acute pain associated with osteoarthritis. Vioxx, since removed from the market, was very beneficial to patients who suffered from stomach bleeding and ulcers when they took other NSAIDs. For other adults,

Vioxx presented an increased risk of a stroke or a life-threatening cardiovascular event.

So if you're an FDA official, what are your incentives in terms of whether to approve or disapprove the marketing of a drug that has a tremendous benefit to some patients and poses a health threat to others?

Former FDA Commissioner Alexander Schmidt hinted at the answer when he said, "In all our FDA history, we are unable to find a single instance where a Congressional committee investigated the failure of FDA to approve a new drug. But the times when hearings have been held to criticize our approval of a new drug have been so frequent that we have not been

able to count them. The message to FDA staff could not be clearer."

There's little or no cost to the FDA for not approving a drug that might be safe, effective and clinically superior to other drugs for some patients but pose a risk for others. My question to FDA officials is: Should a drug be discontinued whenever it poses a health risk to some people but a benefit to others? To do so would eliminate most drugs, including aspirin, because all drugs pose a health risk to some people.

According to a recent edition of The Wall Street Journal, in an editorial, "Our Lawless FDA," by Hoover Institution scholars Drs. David Henderson and Charles Hooper, the FDA recently rejected Arcoxia, a

new COX-2 inhibitor from Merck. In explaining the FDA's disapproval, Robert Meyer, director of the agency's Office of Drug Evaluation, told reporters that "simply having another drug on the market" wasn't "sufficient reason to approve the product unless there was a unique role defined."

Henderson and Hooper argue that this position greatly exceeds the FDA's mandate to determine a drug's safety and effectiveness. Arcoxia has been tested on over 34,000 U.S. patients. Moreover, it has been approved for use in England, Germany and 61 other countries in Asia, Latin America and Europe. Meyer's explanation is nothing less than fascist arrogance.

According to the FDA's literature, its mandate is: "Once a new drug application is filed, an FDA review

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Houston Chronicle on Cyberwar:

The country that claims the first Internet election also claims it is the victim in the world's first computer war. The 128 separate cyberattacks that crippled government, banking, news, university, police and other Web sites in Estonia began April 27, the day the country moved a monument to Russia's victory in World War II. The computer blitz continued for two weeks, peaking on May 9, the day that Russia celebrates this victory.

The symbolism of moving the "Bronze Soldier" from its prominent

square to a site outside of Tallinn, the capital of this former Soviet state, generated rioting that resulted in one death. It also precipitated a wave of highly coordinated cyberattacks that lasted from one to 10 hours each, shutting down as many as 58 key sites at one time.

The attacks came at a time in which Russia closed the bridge that joins the two countries, disrupting commerce, and made other expressions of hostility. Some of the attacks originated from computers inside the Russian government, even from President Putin's office. Still, it is impossible to determine whether the users of these computers originated the attacks or whether the computers were under the control of freelance hackers.

The attacks, called distributed denial of service attacks, were launched from home and office computers all over the world controlled by unknown hackers. The computers were used to direct requests to targeted URL addresses so rapidly that the sites could not respond and became inaccessible.

Estonia, which prides itself on its paperless government, its ability to vote and to transact legal business online, was forced to close down key computer systems for its own protection.

DoS attacks against government sites are common, but not an attack on a sovereign nation. It is chilling enough when computer criminals attack with

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Wow! I can't believe that "Terri in Johnstown, Pa." (April 7) has the nerve to complain about how her husband washes the dishes or vacuums. She should be grateful her husband isn't like so many other husbands, who sit on the couch while their wives do the dishes themselves. If you use hot water and good detergent, there are no germs left. I was always taught to wash the dishes first (glasses, plates, silverware), and leave the pans for last. Beyond that the order doesn't matter. Personally, I do the dishes in order of how they best fit in the drainer, and my wife has never complained. Because "Terri" feels that certain things need to be washed first, perhaps she should suggest that her husband move over so that she can wash and he can rinse. My wife and I are split on the vacuuming issue. I think you should dust first, then vacuum. My wife seems to think that dusting last will remove the dust stirred up by the vacuum. With today's technology, I really don't think it matters either way. One of the best lessons I learned while growing up is that if you complain about how somebody is doing something, be prepared to do it yourself. — **BILL IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR BILL: I agree that it doesn't matter in what order you dust and vacuum. However, my readers were divided on the issue. Most agreed with you on the dishwashing procedure you described. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That wife needs to step back and let her husband do it his way. In the long run, it makes no difference if you vacuum first or dust first, or wash the plates first or the glasses first. It was difficult initially for me to let my husband clean the kitchen, vacuum and dust, but over time it's been a blessing to have someone who automatically shares the housework

instead of spending his time watching TV and waiting for me to do everything. My husband also cooks (which was an adjustment for me), and we've had some wonderful times cooking together. If that woman wants to do all the housework herself and treat her spouse like her child, she's heading in the right direction. If she wants a partner, then she needs to stop being so bossy. — **ELIZABETH, CROSS PLAINS, WIS.**

DEAR ABBY: I am astounded by "Terri in Pa.," who sees red every time her husband does the dishes because she doesn't like the order in which he washes them! My husband often fixes his own breakfast and lets me sleep late. This morning he told me he had fixed breakfast and "cleaned it all up." His idea of cleaning up is to remove the dirty dishes from the table. Did I see red? No way! I was happy to be able to sleep late. It only takes a minute to clean the pan and put it away, then put the dishes in the dishwasher. Some people don't have enough sense to know when they've got a good deal. — **CONTENT TO SLEEP LATE**

DEAR ABBY: It seems to me that "Terri" should look into getting some help for her obsessive-compulsive disorder. If something like that is such a big deal (and makes her that uncomfortable), then there's a bigger problem. I know, because I am a long-time OCD sufferer who recognizes the signs. — **DONE THAT BEFORE**

DEAR ABBY: Every time my husband does the dishes, I thank my lucky stars that he's willing to partner with me in the housework. He is also willing to vacuum, dust and fold laundry. Does he do it the way I would? No. Do I keep my mouth shut and count my blessings? Absolutely! — **CALL ME BLESSED**

For Better Or For Worse



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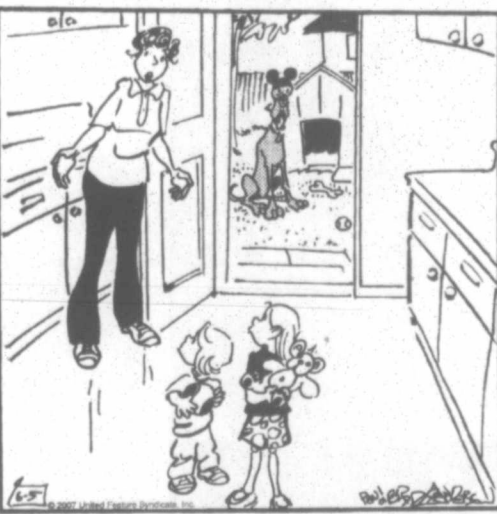
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 23 Aegean isle
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 - 35 Pitcher's pride
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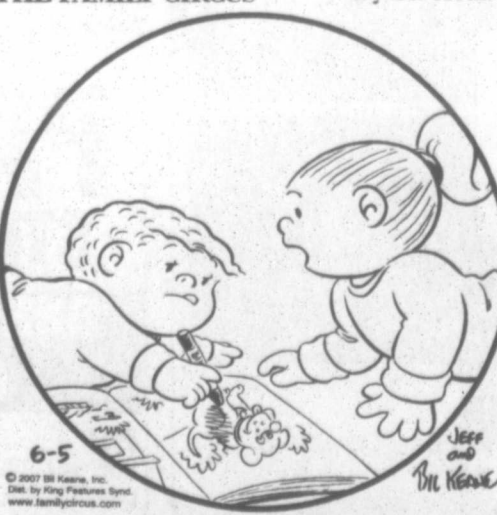


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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Sports Day

Miller throws no-hitter, but Celanese stops Glo-Valve

All good things must come to an end. Celanese Corp. ended the 14-game winning streak of Glo-Valve Service 4-3 Monday at Optimist Park.

Reid Miller pitched a no-hitter and struck out 16 for Glo-Valve in a losing effort in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League contest. He walked four and hit a batter. The winning pitcher was Chris Howard, who relieved starter James Thompson in the bottom of the fifth inning. Thompson allowed two runs and two hits. He

struck out five and hit a batter but gave up no walks. Howard struck out three and walked two while allowing one run and two hits.

Glo-Valve still leads Celanese by two games with one game to play in the regular season. A city tournament is scheduled to start later in the week.

Reid Miller got Glo-Valve off to a good start when he hit the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning for a single, stole second, went to third on an error and scored when Sam Cain was safe on

an error.

Cyler Clifton walked to open the fourth inning becoming Celanese's first base runner. He stole second and third and tied the game at 1-1 on a wild pitch.

In the bottom of the fourth, Zach Graves singled, stole two bases and put Glo-Valve ahead 2-1 when he scooted home on a wild pitch.

Howard walked to open the fifth inning for Celanese. He stole second and tallied after two wild pitches tying the game at two runs each.

Clifton led off the sixth inning for Celanese with a walk and two stolen bases. He scored the go-ahead run on a groundout by Thompson. Bobby Haley walked, stole second and came around to score on an error on a ball hit by Howard. Celanese took a 4-2 lead.

Glo-Valve refused to go quietly. Nickie Wells opened the bottom of the sixth inning with a walk. He went to second on a wild pitch. Haley then made the defensive play of the game

by catching a scorching line drive and easily doubling Wells off second.

Sam Cain beat out an infield single for Glo-Valve. He went to second on a wild pitch. He scored on Graves' single to center field. Graves stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. Jordan Lemons walked and was permitted to take second.

Howard then struck out the last Glo-Valve hitter leaving the tying and winning runs in scoring position. The defensive play of the game for Glo-Valve came

when Cory McCarn made a running catch of a fly ball in right field in the second inning.

Today's action features Celanese and Cabot Corp. at 5:45 p.m. while Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency plays Rotary Club at 7:45 p.m. The regular season will come to an end Thursday with a game between Cabot and Glo-Valve at 5:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



Pictured here are: (L-R) Emmanuel Mena, Sammy Mena, Freddy Ambriz, Nick Tambunga and Joshua Mena of Pampa's Youth Survival Boxing Club.

Local boxers bring home medals from Midland

Five boys from Pampa and Borger traveled to Midland this past weekend to compete in the United States Amateur Boxing Tournament, held at the Midland Center.

Freddy Ambriz and Nick Tambunga of Pampa and Emmanuel Mena, Sammy Mena and Joshua Mena of Borger represented the Youth Survival Boxing Club under the direction of coach and

club owner Mark Ambriz. Emmanuel Mena, 14, won in the 90 lb. division, and Tambunga, 14, won by default in the 110 lb. division.

Sammy Mena, 15, lost in the 110 lb. division and 12-year-old Freddy Ambriz was defeated in the 95 lb. division.

Joshua Mena, 12, had no match.

Favored Spurs won't underestimate Cavs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LeBron James may be the star of the Cleveland Cavaliers, but the San Antonio Spurs know better than to ignore the other four players on the court.

"They wouldn't be in the finals without LeBron, we wouldn't be in the finals without Tim Duncan," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Monday. "That goes without saying. But they still would not be in the finals, nor would we, if we didn't each have our supporting casts. Everybody else has to fit."

San Antonio was 0-2 against Cleveland during the regular season. The Spurs lost their home opener to the Cavs, plus their January matchup in Cleveland, where the NBA finals will arrive for the first time later this month.

The Spurs held James to 19 points in the second meeting, but the Cavs put three other players in double figures in their 82-78 victory. Two other players scored eight points.

"We lost to them twice this season. They've been playing great," Duncan said. "They're on a high right now, playing with a lot of confidence. And they're going to be a tough oppo-

nent. We're going to have to really come out and shake this rust off quick this first game and really try to jump on them."

After beating the Utah Jazz in five games for the Western Conference championship, the Spurs will have had a full week off by Thursday's start to the NBA finals in San Antonio.

Cleveland wrapped up the Eastern Conference championship on Saturday in Game 6 against the Detroit Pistons. James scored 20 points in that game, but it was rookie Daniel Gibson's 31-point performance that stole the show.

"Teams get to finals and teams win championships, and their team fits," Popovich said.

So do the Spurs. Their top three scorers, Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, have been together for the Spurs' last two championship runs, in 2003 and 2005. Duncan is healthy and said he's playing better basketball this year than in the last three. And the team turned midseason struggles around to take off on a 13-game winning streak and compile a 23-6 record after the All-Star break.

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Rights group: Olympics have displaced 2 million people over last 20 years

GENEVA (AP) — The Olympic Games have displaced more than 2 million people in the last 20 years, mostly minorities such as the homeless and poor, a rights group said today.

Some 1.5 million people will have been displaced by the Beijing Games alone, according to a report by the Geneva-based Center on Housing Rights and Evictions.

"Our research shows that little has changed since 1988 when 720,000 people were forcibly displaced in Seoul, South Korea, in preparation for the Summer

Olympic Games," said Jean du Plessis, COHRE's executive director. "It is shocking and entirely unacceptable that 1.25 million people have already been displaced in Beijing, in preparation for the 2008 Games, in flagrant violation of their right to adequate housing."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry rejected the figures as "groundless."

Some 6,037 households have been demolished since 2002 to make way for nine venues in the process of preparing for the 2008 Olympic Games, spokeswoman

Jiang Yu said.

"Those citizens have received cash compensation and been properly resettled. Not one single household has been forced to move out of Beijing," Jiang said.

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies told The Associated Press that the study "touches upon a very important subject," and that the IOC planned to attend a COHRE workshop addressing the issue June 14-15.

"We want to dialogue fully with them and the UN to understand the figures more fully," Davies said.

"We'd like to get a better understanding of the issues and see what international norms and UN standards exist that could serve as guidelines for governments in the future."

The three-year study covered seven past and future Olympic host cities — Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Athens, Beijing and London.

The report, titled "Fair Play for Housing Rights: Mega-Events, Olympic Games and Housing Rights," also examines other major international events such as the

soccer World Cup, World Expos, IMF/World Bank conferences and even beauty pageants such as the Miss World and Miss Universe contests.

The study says that large-scale events often lead to rising housing costs, resulting in forced evictions, displacement and criminalization of homelessness.

Five years ahead of the London 2012 Olympics, more than 1,000 people face the threat of displacement from their homes, while housing prices are escalating, the study said.

Henin defeats Serena Williams again in French Open rematch

PARIS (AP) — The jeers were brief in the French Open rematch between Serena Williams and Justine Henin. The result was the same.

Henin won again.

Keeping Williams on the move with her versatile shot-making, three-time champion Henin advanced to the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory Tuesday.

The meeting was their first at Roland Garros since 2003, when a semifinal victory by Henin included boos for Williams and left a bitter aftertaste on both sides.

The lone jeers this time came when a frustrated Williams slammed her racket to the clay when she lost serve in the opening game of the second set. The boos quickly subsided, and while

the crowd favored the French-speaking Henin, they applauded Williams when she left the court after the match.

There was no evident acrimony between the players, either. Williams offered only a perfunctory handshake following their match four years ago, but this time when she dumped a forehand in the net on match point, she smiled as she and Henin engaged in a genial exchange at the net.

With the victory, Henin extended her Open era record winning streak at Roland Garros to 31 consecutive sets. The Belgian is two rounds from becoming the first woman to win three consecutive French Open titles since Monica Seles in 1990-92.

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Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Her staff of RNs, LVNs and Texas Certified Home Health Aides are given monthly inservices and earn CEUs to update their patient skills and knowledge. The supervisory RNs are Board Certified in Wound Care, Home Health & Geriatric Care.

Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Her training and organizational skills help process all the needed paper work that will allow the patients to receive the care they need.

Both Michael and Teresa have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.



Teresa Henson and Michael Kirkpatrick

Upcoming summer sports camps

BASKETBALL
Lady Harvester
Basketball Camp
June 11 - 15
Pampa Jr. High School
For incoming 1st - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cost is \$50
Questions contact - coach Troy Fry at 662-8055 or 665-5113, athletic office at 669-4830

SOCCER
Pampa High School
Soccer Camp
June 18 - 21
For incoming 1st - 9th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session is from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. daily
Questions - contact athletic office at 669-4830
Top of Texas Premier Camp
June 18 - 21
Travis Elementary

For incoming 7th - 12th graders as of the 2007-08 school year
Each session from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. daily
For this advanced camp they will bring in Coach Warren Cottle. He has his USSF "A" License. He is currently the head boys coach at Midland High School. This camp will not be for beginners.

TENNIS
Pampa Tennis Camp

June 11 - 15
Morning camp for incoming Kindergarten - 5th graders from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily
Cost for morning session is \$60
Afternoon camp for incoming 6th - 9th graders from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily
Cost for afternoon session is \$100
Questions - contact head coach Sarah Corse at 662-1724 or assistant coach Starla Kindle at 662-0913.

Gado takes time off for MCAT preparation

HOUSTON (AP) — Samkon Gado makes no secret of his plans to become a doctor when his playing days are through. So when the Houston Texans running back asked if he could miss a few practices to finish a prep course for the MCAT he plans to take in July, coach Gary Kubiak gladly agreed. Gado missed a handful of the workouts last month, but is back in Houston and has returned to practice. He'll take the test on July 15.

Kubiak wasn't worried about Gado missing the time for such a good reason. He first took the test two years ago, but decided to take it again to try to improve his score before applying to medical school. He enrolled in a class in South Carolina to prepare. "It wasn't an easy class and that's why he let me stay and miss some of the off-season workouts," Gado said. "It was good. It was long and arduous, but I think it prepared me for the test." Gado was traded to Houston from Green Bay in September for Vernand Morency. As a rookie in 2005, Gado was the feel-good story of the Packers' 4-12 season. After injuries devastated Green Bay's backfield, the undrafted free agent rose from the practice squad to a starting role. He started five games and ran for 582 yards and six touch-

downs. Things didn't go so well in his first season in Houston, when he had just 210 yards rushing and one touchdown. He hopes for more success after having some time to adjust to his new team. "I think individually a year in the system has really helped," he said. "Being here and not coming in the middle has kind of helped settle my mind a little bit."

Kubiak has been encouraged by Gado's work this offseason and is confident he can bounce back after last year's struggles. "He reminds me ... (of) Mike Anderson in Denver that had a rough year one year and then all of a sudden came back in the offseason and it was like he was possessed the way he practiced and worked," Kubiak said. "It was like holy smokes. You watch the kid out here practice right now and his effort on the field is incredible. He plans on getting something done. I would be very surprised if he doesn't do it." The Texans had no proven running backs at the start of last season after Domanick Williams was placed on injured reserve. Now Houston has an overabundance of players at the position, including four-time Pro Bowler Ahman Green and 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, which could leave Gado's job in jeopardy.

From near no-hitter to nearly losing: Dodgers hold on, but just barely

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dodgers manager Grady Little knows what a Derek Lowe no-hitter looks like. So when Lowe dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates for six exceptional innings, Little began thinking he might be watching baseball history repeat itself. Lowe, so in command that he allowed only one ball out of the infield until the seventh inning, lost his bid for his second career no-hitter Monday night when Freddy Sanchez singled up the middle with no one out. Then came the real surprise: the Dodgers almost lost the game, too, before holding on for a 6-5 victory that wasn't secured until temporary closer Jonathan

Broxton got Jack Wilson to ground out with runners on first and third. "I thought that was the best stuff I'd seen him have since he threw one (a no-hitter) for me in Boston (in 2002)," Little said of Lowe. "It lasted a pretty long while there. He had a pretty good run. He's got the stuff. When you saw some of the plays made behind him, you kind of started getting that feeling." In the ninth inning, with Lowe out of the game, a five-run lead nearly gone thanks to homers by Xavier Nady and Jose Bautista and closer Takashi Saito (hamstring) not available, the Dodgers had a much different feeling.

By then, they wanted merely to keep from losing a game that appeared long since won and avoid an unhappy all-night plane ride to San Diego. Broxton managed to do that, but not before giving up a run on Adam LaRoche's double and nearly giving up the game, too. "It's intense," Broxton said of pitching the ninth, rather than an earlier inning. "But you've still got to go out and get your outs." Especially when they didn't come as quickly and as easily as they did early on for Lowe, who needed barely an hour to get through the first six innings. Until then, shortstop Rafael Furcal's stop of a Bautista grounder

up the middle to end the sixth was the only difficult play needed to keep the no-hitter going. Furcal also contributed a two-run double. In other NL games, it was: Florida 6, Atlanta 4; San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 1; and Chicago 7, Milwaukee 2. The Pirates sensed it was a different Lowe on the mound in the seventh — his sinker wasn't dropping as sharply, and there were far more pitches above the knees to hit — and they scored three times to cut it to 5-3. The Dodgers' Russell Martin homered in the eighth, but Bautista answered in the bottom of the inning to chase Lowe and make it 6-4.

Former NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. passes away

Everything NASCAR has today — sold-out races from coast to coast, a full television schedule, major corporate sponsorship and multimillion dollar salaries for its stars — can be credited to Bill France Jr. France spent 31 years at the helm of his family business, shrewdly taking NASCAR from a backwoods, regional sport into mainstream America. He did it under the premise that no single person was bigger than the sport, a belief that will be practiced long after his death. Diagnosed with cancer in 1999, France had been in poor health for much of the last decade. He died Monday at his Daytona Beach, Fla., home. He was 74. "He's the one probably most responsible for the state of our sport today," said Dale Earnhardt Jr.,

NASCAR's most popular driver. "We will do our part in continuing his legacy — racing hard, and putting on a good show for the fans." "I think that's what he would want us to do." It was always about the show for France, who learned the business from the inside-out while rising through NASCAR's ranks. His decisions weren't always popular, and they often rankled competitors. But with a sharp tongue and an iron fist, France never wavered in his rulings. Fiercely protective of the sport his father founded, France earned a well-deserved reputation as a benevolent dictator. He was in charge — like it or not — as he quickly reminded dissenters. And when the arguing ended, even his harshest critics agreed NASCAR would be the

better for France's efforts. "His father taught him this business from the ground up and Bill had respect for our sport's history and a strong desire to continue to move it forward, which he did. His leadership will be missed," said rival Bruton Smith, who regularly battled France as head of Speedway Motorsports Inc. Monday afternoon, the Nextel Cup series was racing at Dover International Speedway, and officials there lowered the flag to half-staff in Victory Lane in France's memory. "There's not enough words to describe what he's meant to this sport and what he's done for it," two-time series champion Tony Stewart said. "I guarantee it's the biggest loss in racing since Dale Earnhardt, and it's probably bigger."

NFL suspends Tank Johnson for 8 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Tank Johnson is the latest NFL player to feel the impact of commissioner Roger Goodell's crackdown on off-field misbehavior. The Chicago Bears' defensive tackle was suspended Monday for the first eight games of the 2007 NFL season, the third player sidelined this offseason under Goodell's toughened personal-conduct policy. Johnson, who recently spent two months in the Cook County jail for violating probation on a gun charge, joins Tennessee's Adam "Pacman" Jones, suspended for the entire season, and Cincinnati's Chris Henry, out eight games. Jones, who's appealing his suspension, has been arrested five times and had 10 interviews with police since being drafted in April 2005. Henry is one of nine Bengals arrested last year — one of the reasons Goodell, with the approval of the players union and newly established players' council, established his "get tough" policy. Johnson, who will be allowed to attend training camp and play in the pre-season, seemed to accept

his punishment. "I think it's an opportunity for me to move forward," he said in Lake Forest, Ill., where the Bears are conducting offseason workouts. "It's not my call to say whether it's fair or unfair. But Roger Goodell's a fair man; I know that. He took everything into consideration that he and I talked about, and what he came up with is what he came up with. If it's in the best interest of the NFL, then I'm all for it, too." Goodell said the suspension could be reduced to six games if Johnson has no further involvement with law enforcement and undergoes counseling. "I am looking at it like a six-game suspension, because I definitely am very confident that I'm capable of doing everything that he's asked me to do and more," Johnson said. If the suspension lasts the entire eight games, Johnson stands to lose \$255,000, based on his salary for next season of \$510,000. Bears coach Lovie Smith said he expects Johnson to abide by the conditions that could shorten his suspension.

Finals

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Still, the turnaround James has led in Cleveland over his four seasons there is what's grabbed the attention. "I'm just hoping every once in a while they throw the Spurs in there, in between LeBron highlights, that'd be nice," Duncan said Sunday. The experienced Spurs are going for their fourth championship in nine seasons. Duncan has been around for all three. "I'm not sure how rare they think it is since they've been there quite often considering their young ages and time in the league," Popovich said. "But they know it's the finals and that would take care of any possible complacency I would think." San Antonio held opponents to just over 90 points a game during the regular season, leading the league. Cleveland was fifth, holding opponents to about 93 points. "Cleveland's an excellent defensive team, they kind of snuck up on everybody. When you talk about defense people mention the Pistons and the Bulls this year, and Houston and San Antonio and that kind of thing. Dallas became a good defensive team under Avery (Johnson)," Popovich said. "But Cleveland is right in that category with everybody else, it just hasn't been noticed yet." Popovich has reason to compliment the Cavs' defense. It's largely the same as San Antonio's. Cleveland coach Mike Brown is one of several members of the Cavaliers organization, including general manager Danny Ferry and assistant coach Hank Egan, who used to be with the Spurs. Brown worked under Popovich as an assistant for three years earlier this decade. "This is going to pretty much a situation where everybody knows what everybody's going to do," Popovich said. "There aren't going to be any secrets here, that's for sure."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 6, 2007:
This year hard drive and determination mark your actions. When you decide to accomplish a goal, it is as good as done. Listen to your sixth sense with overly enthusiastic partners and friends. You might be the one who has to call a halt at times, as much as you would prefer not to. The big picture becomes evident this year in many different situations. You might wonder why you do what you do with a challenging associate, friend or relative. If you are single, you will have the opportunity to change your status. You might discover you like your status more than you think! If you are attached, focus on key goals. The two of you move quickly and together. PISCES can be touchy and demanding.
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)
***** You don't always have fortunate periods like now. Use every moment to its fullest, whether it is having a conversation with a neighbor or digging into a project. Your enthusiasm adds to others' days and happiness. Tonight: Slow down — finally.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Greet the opportunities that might be dropping on you. Choose your path with care. Is there a hidden cost or issue? Accept only what you must. Others look to you for ideas and wisdom. A close associate does a reversal. Tonight: Sprinkle in some friends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Excitement surrounds new ideas, a potential trip or an opportunity.

You find that a partner changes his or her position. This person might be growing in a new direction. Do give him or her the space to do exactly what's necessary. Tonight: Avoid calls. Relax while you can.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Deal with people individually and don't get sidetracked. You might want to reverse gears or try a different path. Your ability to absorb new ideas and technology helps you head in the right direction. Tonight: A close encounter.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others seek you out and are serious about wanting to be closer. Let your imagination chime in with a friend's. Together you'll come up with great ideas. Think positively about a child or loved one. Tonight: Focus on your libido energies.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** What you can accomplish might stun even you. If you have the option of a home office, work from there or decide to be there more often. A property or family matter has many more options than you realize. Tonight: Nap and then decide.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** What others don't say, you think and fill in the gaps. Whether your assumptions are right will be determined soon enough. A dear friend or loved one pushes to have his or her way. Risk just a tad. Tonight: Romp as if there is no tomorrow.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** You might appear to be more anchored than you realize. Think before you leap into action, especially if a financial commitment might be involved. You hear news that opens up a new possibil-

ty or will add a touch of excitement in the near future. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you have.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Wherever you focus, on whatever seems important, you come through with flying colors. You seem to intuitively know what others need. A tremendous need for creativity emerges. What you focus on is your call. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Understanding where someone is coming from might force you to revise your ideas and theories. For a stable and somewhat staid sign, this process could be uncomfortable. The end results are worth it. Tonight: Dinner out.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Act as if there is no tomorrow, but think as if there are ramifications. Others egg you on. Take a risk and call someone who has fallen between the cracks. You might be taken back by his or her reaction. Tonight: What would make you smile?
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Keeping up with the whirlwind of people around you could take some talent. Nevertheless, you'll manage. Money continues to be a problem. Perhaps it is slipping through your fingers, as you are moving so fast. Tonight: Nap and then decide.
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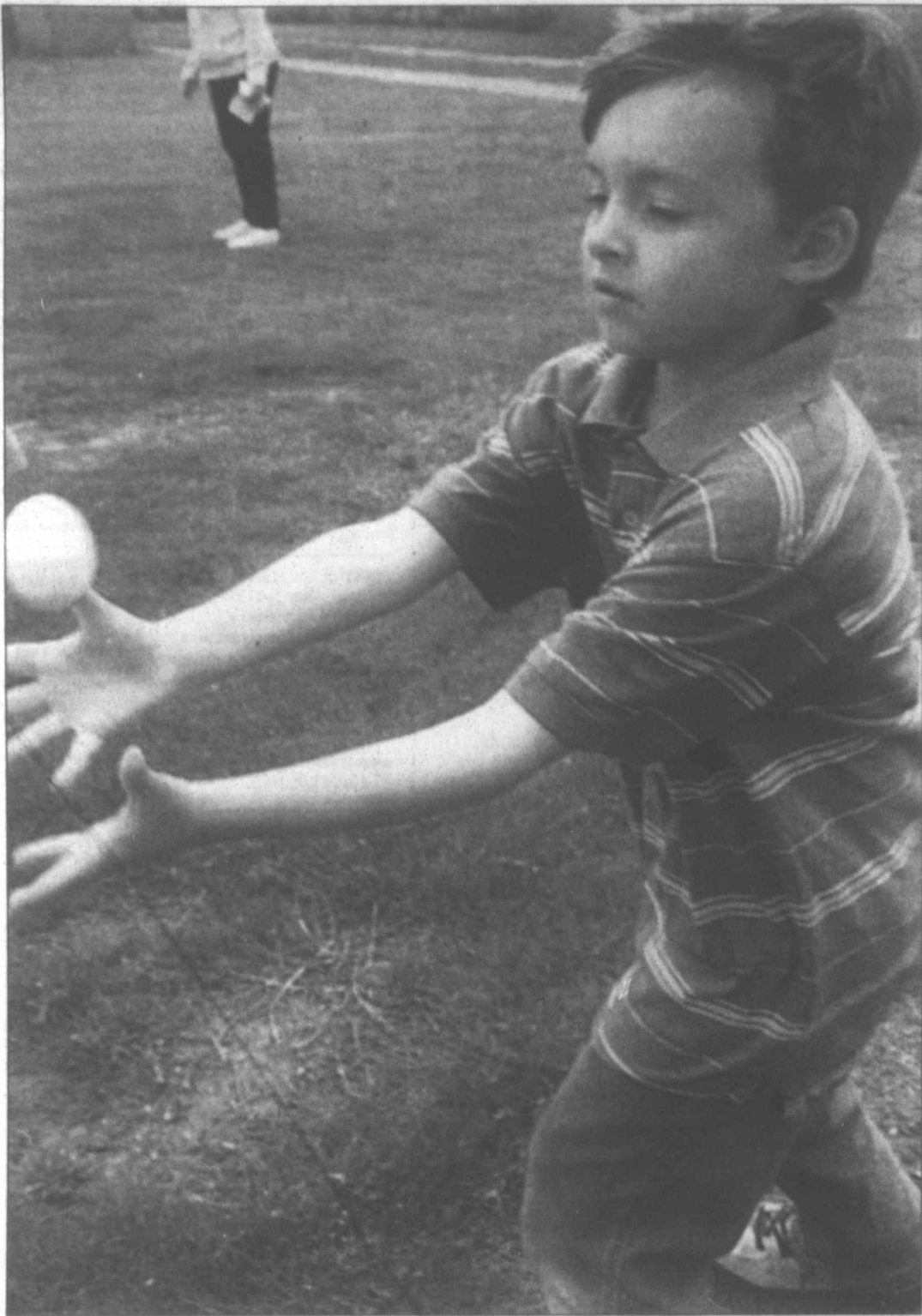
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Matthew Winton demonstrates the proper technique for the "egg toss" competition at Create-a-Beat! recently.

Cyberwar

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profit in mind or when hackers target secure sites to prove a point. The prospect of virtual warfare among nations raises the stakes.

In any event, the results are the same: cyberdamage as devastating as disruption from physical attack. To help protect itself, Estonia closed its cyberborders, limiting access to users inside the country. Many government and commercial functions

were disrupted. Estonia immediately reported the attacks to the European Union and to NATO, and the latter organization responded with computer experts to offer technological assistance. Estonian Defense Minister Jaak Aaviksoo has said the attacks should not be viewed as a spontaneous protest response but a planned attack on this nation's modern infrastructure. The NATO evaluation concurs, and NATO takes the attacks very seriously.

European leaders complained of the attacks at a recent EU summit with Russia. Russia denies any state involvement. While the European Union and NATO officials have denounced the attacks, they have not accused the Kremlin of responsibility.

While there is no proof that this was a state-sponsored attack by one angry country against another, there is no proof that it was not.

Whether warfare takes the form of hand-to-hand combat, nuclear weapons or attacks in cyberspace, it can have devastating conse-

quences. Now is a good time to acknowledge the need to improve the international response to cyberattack. Just as nations develop treaties to limit other forms of weapons, it is time to develop international agreements that prohibit computer aggression.

In a side issue, the incident raises the obvious question of the security of our own government computer sites.

A report released in April by the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee reveals that the federal government received a grade of C-minus for its 2006 efforts to secure its computer systems from hackers, viruses and inside threats. The evaluation system is based on self-assessment in meeting the requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act.

Even less heartening news, the Department of Defense and eight other federal agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, received failing grades.

Sleep well.

Cosby calls on parents to help combat violence

By ALISON LAPP
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby called on parents and community elders to communicate with their children to help stop a wave of violence that has plagued the city for more than a year.

Cosby spoke Monday to a crowd of several hundred people after joining an anti-violence group on an hour-long march through West Philadelphia.

"You've got to teach your children how to think," he said. "You watch one blow the other one's head off and how can you feel good about yourself?"

The event was the fourth of seven anti-violence appearances that Cosby, a Philadelphia native, has pledged to take part in with Men United for a Better Philadelphia, which organized the march.

Philadelphia's homicide rate of more than a murder a day in 2007 is ahead of last year's pace, when the homi-

cide count of more than 400 was the highest in nine years.

During the march, the comedian waved to neighbors and spontaneously climbed front porches to shake hands — breaking out of a crowd that grew to hundreds.

Democratic mayoral candidate Michael Nutter also walked. He tried to appeal directly to young people,

who are involved in the bulk of the city's violent crimes.

"Stop carrying these guns," Nutter said. "Pick up a book."

Men United's co-chair Malik Aziz, a victim and perpetrator of gun violence before he joined the group, said his organization hoped to bring together current and former gang leaders to broker a cease-fire.

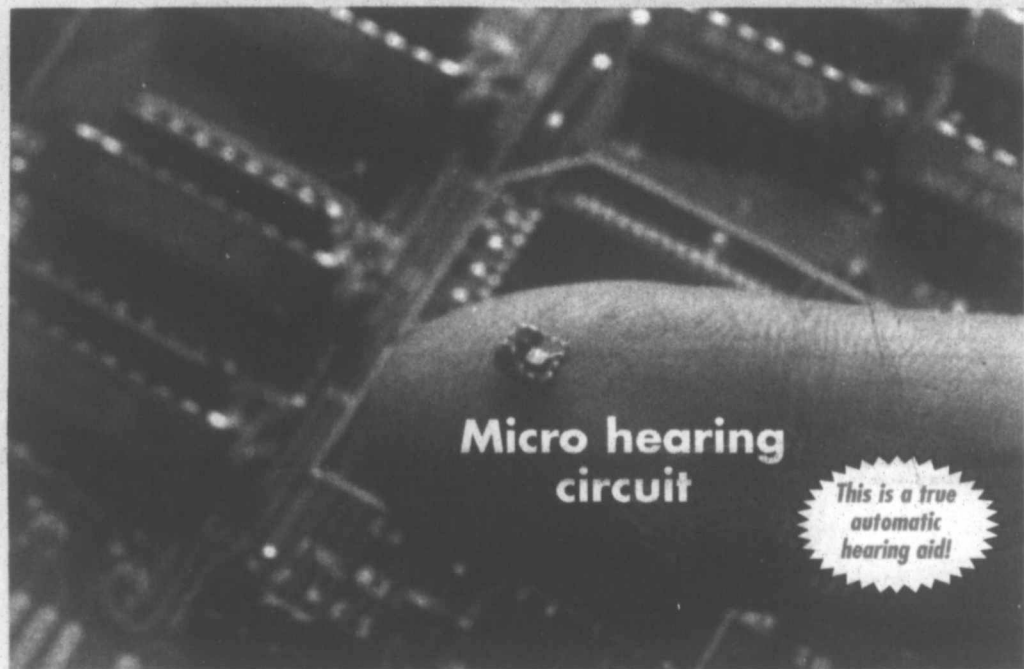
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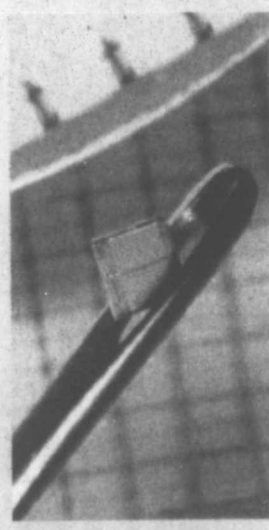
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Nothing in the FDA mandate requires that a drug has to be better than what's currently available in order to win approval.

Henderson and Hooper argue that in the worst-case scenario where Arcoxia is no better than existing drugs, it would compete with those drugs. Two centuries of economic theory and evidence show that competition is good. A new drug that competes with existing drugs would moderate drug prices and cause competitors to stay on their toes.

While Henderson and Hooper don't say it, I smell a rat. Arcoxia is produced by Merck, which has several major competitors in the COX-2 inhibitor market. Some scientists on the FDA's advisory panel have paid affiliations with companies who'd benefit from less competition.

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