

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east.

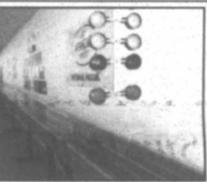
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Soybeans	NA	Limited	26.12	-0.11
		Williams	31.63	+0.35
		MCD	52.40	+0.15
		Atmos	30.36	+0.09
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		Pioneer Nat	53.59	+0.44
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BROWN, Nancy Ellen — 10:30 a.m., Grace Fellowship Church, Borger.
VEALE, Ethan Russell — 10 a.m., Southwest Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Othel Wade Burnett, 83

Othel Wade Burnett, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died June 13, 2007, at Pampa.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burnett, a devoted husband, cherished father and patriot, was born Sept. 19, 1923, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Hershel W. and Onie Mae Burnett. He attended school in Pampa

and entered the U.S. Army on January 15, 1943.

Staff Sgt. Burnett entered combat with the 137th Infantry, 35th Division, Company K, in France on July 4, 1944, against the German army. He and his company walked 1,600 combat miles. He spent 253 active days on the front lines in combat.

Longtime friend and fellow infantryman, Col. Robert F. Baker said, "Sgt.

Burnett's gallant conduct in the face of tremendous odds enhanced and sustained the highest traditions of the U. S. Army."

He married Ouida Eudell Hancock on Dec. 22, 1945, in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Eudell Burnett, of the home; and one daughter, Dian S. Burnett of Pampa. He was preceded in death by Eudell's beloved sister and his "adopted sister," Patricia

Inez Hancock.

The family would like to thank the special people who lovingly helped him make his final journey home: Dr. Keith Black and staff, Dr. Max Warren, Shirley Langwell, Bertha Cordoba, Twany Johnson, Consuelo Perez, Jeanette Sanchez, Mecca McBee and Maria Sanchez.

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

William Sydney 'Bill' Dial, 77

Donelton Cemetery under the direction of Bartley's Funeral Home of Lone Oak.

Mr. Dial was born Aug. 24, 1929, at Miami to Clarence "Skin" and Lelia Bradley Dial. He married Jessie Daniels on June 21, 1957.

Mr. Dial retired from Lone Oak school in 1984 after 34 years of service. He served as pastor of Lone Oak Church of Christ since 1963.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Dallas and Gus Dial.

Survivors include his

wife, Jessie Dial; a daughter, Jeanna Petty of Greenville; a brother, Bob Dial of Borger; a sister, Mary McCrary of Pampa; and a grandchild.

MEMORIALS: Donelton Cemetery, P.O. Box 333, Lone Oak, TX 75453.

Frances Edna Lambright

High School stage band, the "Swing Kings." Frances was always in the stands at every football game, basketball game, or contest where the bands were playing.

Frances had a long and enjoyable career in law enforcement as a police dispatcher. For several years, she worked at the Pampa Police Department until she moved to Houston, Texas, in 1977. There she worked as a dispatcher for the Bellaire and later the Hedwig Village Police Departments. Following her retirement from Hedwig Village, Frances moved to Montgomery, Texas, where

she lived in Walden on Lake Conroe

She attended Walden Community Church and Lakeside Bible Church. Frances loved sports, and win or lose, her TV was always tuned to every game played by the Houston Astros and the Houston Rockets. Some of her most enjoyable times were when she would babysit for her beloved "granddog" Thunder, JD and Belinda's Labrador Retriever, and caring for her cat, Precious.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her five brothers, Samuel, Leon,

Albert, Thomas, and Richard; and her two sisters, Rosie Mae Dickey and Marie Nolan. Survivors include her son, JD Lambright and his wife Belinda of Montgomery, Texas; and her daughter, Patricia Bolln and her husband Barry of Hilo, Hawaii.

Memorial and inurnment services will be held at a later date in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas. In lieu of flowers, if you like, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity in Frances' name. Arrangements entrusted to Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Montgomery, Texas. You may leave the family memorial condolences on our website www.shmfh.com.



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

Thursday, June 14
 Darrell J. Rivera, 25, of Colorado City was arrested on a bond surrender for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Friday, June 15
 Cynthia Dee Norris, 46, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 1100 block of North Hobart for public intoxication.

Kaysi Parker, 21, of Cedar Hill was arrested by GCSO on a violation of probation for burglary of a habitat.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Thursday, June 14

11:10 a.m. — A 1996 Buick Le Sabre driven by Maria Delsocorro Palencia, 42, of 732 E. Brunow, and a 2001 Chevrolet S10 pickup driven by Leonardo Alonzo Jr., 51, of 1210 S. Finley, collided at the intersection of South Cuyler and West Tuke. No injuries were reported. Palencia was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and no proof of financial responsibility.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 13
 2:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee for

a lifting assist.

9:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of Coffee on a medical assist.

Thursday, June 14
 1:57 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a false alarm.

2:29 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 900 block of Brunow on a structure fire.

A story in Wednesday's newspaper misquoted Darville Orr. The quote should have said, "We have probably the best appraisal review board I've seen in quite a few years."

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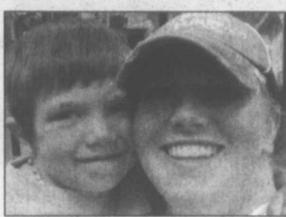
Bob Preston
Rancher

"I don't think the sentence was harsh enough to begin with. Her celebrity got the sentence cut in half before the trial ever started."



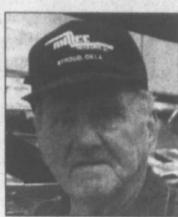
Samantha Cenicerros
First Bank Southwest

"They are trying to make an example out of her. Anyone else could get off, but they're being harsh on her because she's famous."



Kate Peirce
Texas Tech graduate
Kyler McClendon, nephew

"I don't really care. But if she's done the crime, she deserves to serve the full punishment, regardless of how famous she is."



Vic Belknap
Truck Driver

If I were to get picked up for drunk driving, I would have to go to jail. Her situation shouldn't be any different.



Faye Gatlin

She's a wimpy little girl. She needs to serve her punishment like any other adult would have to.



Beth Oraz,
Student Nurse

She should go to jail like everyone else. Just because she's a celebrity doesn't mean she shouldn't have to.

PEDC

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"That was a loan," Fiveash said. "That's been executed."

MXT made their first payment at the beginning of June.

In their next project, Hampton Village low and middle income housing, Fiveash said that the EDC agreed to a \$525,000 short-term loan.

"That project has not been approved by their financing authority, which I believe is part state and part federal," Fiveash said. "That decision will be made in August."

"The fourth project, the city entrance signs, which we approved," Fiveash said, "was for \$9,000."

That payment will be made to the city of Pampa on July 22.

He said the next project was a well treatment company that contacted the EDC about four months ago.

"I have had no response from them," Fiveash said.

The next project was a call center.

"I understand that they're looking elsewhere," Fiveash said.

He said he had also met with Cedar Creek Development Partners, who were interested in establishing an assisted living center near the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"We requested a financial plan, a set of previous income tax statements and a

business plan," Fiveash said.

He said he has also been contacted by an oil field service company.

"They were looking for certain facilities, building and property," Fiveash said. "I lined up some of that information and gave it to them. We've not heard anything back from them."

The last project was the Community Christian School. The EDC took no action on that project.

Other projects in his report had to be discussed in executive session due to confidentiality agreements.

The board authorized Fiveash to spend up to \$3,000 to buy a laptop computer and printer. The board is also putting together a list of promotional and office supplies.

Fiveash said he is also looking at some computer software that evaluates projects.

"Dumas is using this right now," Fiveash said, "and I understand that they're using this on every project that they get."

Fiveash said he has also gotten complaints from some oil field contractors about electrical power services to the area and has talked with Xcel Energy about those concerns.

There used to be an Xcel engineer in Pampa that they could go to with their projects and he is no longer in Pampa. That responsibility was shifted to an engineer in Dalhart who is no longer there.

The Xcel official promised to get back to Fiveash in the next three to six months.

Fiveash is also trying to get other economic development officials to come to Pampa and talk about their experiences.

Fiveash said he has visited with business incubator officials. He wants them to come to Pampa and meet to see what can be done with the Pampa business incubator. Right now, that building is empty except for CentraMedia.

Fiveash recommended that the EDC contract with AT&T for their Internet con-

nection. He said it would cost \$300 to \$400 for a separate DSL line into the EDC office.

"The Internet service would be \$39.95 a month," Fiveash said, "and the DSL line would be \$31 a month."

After an executive session, the board approved a \$250,000 fidelity bond for Fiveash, with an annual premium of \$1,030. They also authorized Fiveash to attend a sales tax seminar and an economic development seminar in Amarillo.

Kathy Cota, the EDC secretary who attended the veterans job fair at Fort Bliss in El Paso, termed the fair a success.

She said that the fair lasted from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but she had given out all the material she had on Pampa by a little after 1 p.m.

"It wasn't just the GIs," Cota said. "It was their spouses and their family members."

She said most of the soldiers getting out of the service had been trained in electronics and instrumentation. She said there would be another veterans job fair in February at Lawton, Okla.

Pampa City Commissioner Bob Dixon, who had served 16 years on the city commission before being defeated in 2005 and winning re-election this spring, told the board that he intended to attend many of the economic development corporation meetings.

Dixon noted that he and EDC board member Gary Sutherland had been on the first city commission to appoint an economic development board almost more than a decade ago.

He said he expects to work with the EDC and their endeavors.

"I felt real bad when the original EDC was voted out," Dixon said. "I felt like that was one of the huge mistakes that our community made."

He said he likes what this board is doing. He said he likes the way the board is investing their projects and holding on to the purse strings.

County

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ing County Judge Richard Peet to send a letter to each responsible party for hangars at Perry LeFors Airport. The letter reminds occupants that the hangars are to be used for aviation purposes only, as stipulated in their contracts, and any other use will render the contract null and void.

The letter was prompted by a request from the airport board of directors to commissioners to enforce the policy pursuant to homeland security.

A service contract with County Information Resources Agency for maintenance and upkeep of the county's Web site was renewed. Cost of the 12-month contract is \$240.

The new minimum wage law will have little impact on Gray County since the county has only one employee being paid at that rate, according to County Treasurer Scott Hahn. The employee, who mows at the airport, is paid minimum wage. The airport board pays him to mow according to the amount of money available for the service, Hahn said, so the new law will simply result in fewer working hours for the person at the airport.

The county treasurer's report was accepted, and the treasurer was recognized for completion of 25 hours of continuing education.

Ten bids on tax-delinquent properties were approved. They were by William Shelton, \$1,500, 928 S. Sumner, \$5,200, 608 N. Sumner and \$4,600, 709 N. Dwight; Jeremy Nicholas, \$4,500, 1036 and

1044 S. Hobart; Dennis and Jackie Stell, \$2,800, 1001 Farley and \$5,400, 305 Roberta; Stanley Gray, \$251, 525 N. Christy and \$161, 525 N. Warren; Juan and Rosemary Cadena, \$400,

318 Doyle; and John and Sheri Worthington, \$500, 514 S. Barnes.

Commissioners went into executive session to consider a county employee's request concerning health insurance.



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Traffic

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350 people ready to sign a petition to get the problem solved.

Commissioner Bob Dixon suggested Laughlin get a petition from the neighbors to put up stop signs.

He said that the police department doesn't have the manpower to patrol residential streets, so it is up to the commission to do something else.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said his officers had written 96 citations on Gwendolyn in the past 12 months. He said that during the past 15 months there have been four accidents on the street.

Mayor Lonny Robbins said he was sympathetic to Laughlin's plight, but he said that Gwendolyn is not the only street with that problem. He said that getting people to adhere to the law is an ongoing issue.

"With alcohol," he said, "I don't care how many stop signs you put up, it's not going to deter someone, but on the other side, we want to be extremely sensitive to you as residents who live there."

Robbins told Laughlin that the city would do what it can within the framework and limits that the city has.



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Viewpoints

Health 'options' sometimes involve hospital stay

Earlier this week, I had to stay overnight in Pampa Regional Medical Center to receive IV antibiotics for a kidney infection. I'm not telling this story to receive sympathy, but instead to share the experience I had while at the hospital and before that with some local doctors.

I have chronic urinary tract infections, so when I went to see Dr. Dan Powell a few weeks ago I just expected to receive the same treatment as always, oral antibiotics. I took one round and they didn't work so Dr. Powell gave me another round of a different medicine. This too did not knock the infection out, so he put me on a very strong dose of a third antibiotic, gave me a shot and took some blood.

The thing that made an impression on me at this visit was an e-mail he sent to Derrell DeLoach, a nurse practitioner who I've seen many times, regarding my condition. Powell said he would not be working the following week and wanted to give DeLoach a heads up on me and my problem. I really appreciated him taking the time to do that because many doctors would not have gone the extra mile.

When I did not feel better after a few more days, I returned to the clinic to see Derrell DeLoach this time: He also did some tests and rechecked my blood count. It showed that the infection was getting worse even though I was taking very strong medicine. He was very concerned and decided

to admit me to the hospital for IV antibiotics.

This was another act that I really appreciated. Not that I enjoy being in the hospital, but that he took the time to check everything and didn't just rush me through the office so he could have an empty exam room. He wanted to decide what was best for my health and discussed my options with me. He took the time to write up my admit orders so I could just walk over and be admitted immediately without waiting any longer.

I was a little apprehensive about being in the Pampa

hospital, since it's been 20 years since I've been a patient there. It is a small hospital, compared to those in Amarillo and other places I've been and I did not know if I would receive the same standard of care. Well, I was pleasantly surprised with the stay.



Kerri Smith
Staff Writer

All of the nurses were very attentive and friendly. I liked the fact that at every shift change they would come and write down who would be taking care of me for the next few hours, so I had first names. By the time I walked from admitting to the room, my bed was made, the tv turned on, ice and water was

in the room and a gown was waiting for me. At a larger hospital, this normally takes a lot longer.

I wasn't in there very long before the hospitalist, Dr. Hall, came in to assess my condition and decide on treatment. The nurses started the regimen immediately and then left me alone to rest. They made sure I had everything I needed and was comfortable.

The night there was non-eventful and I slept pretty well. The nurse brought me stuff to take a shower, soap, shampoo and lotion, since I didn't take any of that with me, along with extra towels. Even though they knew I probably wouldn't be there another night, she remade the bed and put on fresh sheets. The one time I

attempted to walk down the hall and get more ice, the nurse stopped me and said she'd take care of that for me.

The few meals that I did eat there were pretty good. I was impressed by how hot the food was because in larger hospitals the food is sometimes cold by the time you get it.

It was decided that I would receive another IV treatment, but it was originally put down for late that night. That would mean staying another night, which I didn't really need to do. The nurse on duty went out of her way and had the doctor change the orders so I could receive treatment at 4 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. She

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 15, the 166th day of 2007. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

On this date:

In 1520, Pope Leo X threatened to excommunicate Martin Luther if he did not recant his religious beliefs.

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to vulcanize rubber.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

In 1967, California Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill liberalizing his state's abortion law.

In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

Ten years ago: Israel's Supreme Court rejected an appeal to charge Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with fraud in an influence-peddling scandal that had threatened to topple his government.

Five years ago: A jury in Houston convicted accounting firm Arthur Andersen of obstruction of justice, giving a first victory to prosecutors investigating the sudden collapse of energy-trader Enron.

One year ago: The death toll of U.S. servicemen and women in Iraq war reached 2,500. A divided Supreme Court made it easier for police to barge into homes and seize evidence without knocking or waiting. House Democrats voted to strip embattled Louisiana Congressman William Jefferson of his seat on the House Ways and Means Committee. Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates said he would transition from day-to-day responsibilities at the company to concentrate on the charitable work of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

'The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be.'

— John Franklin Carter
American commentator and author (1897-1967)

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Don't look for peace, prosperity in the future

If you believe anybody's figures, 200,000 people have been killed in the Sudan. Four million have died in the Congo. Yet Washington and Hollywood are fixated on the Sudan and silent about the Congo.

Why? Well, keep in mind that the United States always practices selective outrage. U.S. foreign policy is institutionalized hypocrisy. Another point to keep in mind is that U.S. foreign policy is largely driven by domestic lobbies and domestic politics.

Yes, it is an insane and immoral way to run a country, but what can we say? It is so, and American voters, at least those of the flock who bother to vote, have been unable to change it, at least in my lifetime. The ancient philosophers would say that we lack leaders who are intelligent, moral and

pious. I'll buy that.

If you take notes, you will find that American government officials are almost incessantly talking about foreign countries. They criticize the countries. They give them advice. They threaten them, most often with sanctions. The point is that the rest of the world is none of our business.

What goes on in the Sudan and the Congo is the business of the people in the Sudan and the Congo. Ditto every other country in the world. This American Empire, created just as my Confederate ancestors predicted, sucks. Our stumpy little emperor, who might as well be drunk for all the use

he gets out of his brain, would rate low even among the Romans, who rather excelled in bad emperors.

The bad thing about history is that it is depressingly repetitious. We cannot see the future, so we look to the past in hopes of finding humane and rational leaders. We look in vain. We see an unbroken record of savage selfishness, a willingness to use force, and uncounted millions killed in wars of various kinds and for various reasons.

The United States, in case you haven't matured enough to figure it out, is not a special country. It is one of the most warlike on the face of the Earth. Our ancestors were greedy and ruthless

enough to grab the best slice of the North American continent. Protected by two oceans, we ruthlessly exploited the land and its resources. We didn't become prosperous because we were free. We became prosperous because the land contained so much wealth — vast forests, fertile soil, amenable climate, oil, iron ore and coal. Canada got stuck with mostly tundra; Mexico got mostly desert.

After grabbing the Southwest from Mexico, conquering the South and virtually exterminating the Plains Indians, the U.S. took its first step toward an international empire. The Spanish-American War was typical. It was based on lies. We attacked Spain because it was the weakest of the European powers.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 4

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the impact of sports business in North Texas:

Every major sports venue in North Texas has its individual marketing strategy, but Arlington Mayor Bob Cluck has come forth with an interesting premise: What if a regional sports commission were created to bring major sporting events to the area?

Since Cluck originally voiced this concept, regional cooperation in such endeavors has produced one astonishing result: NFL owners were persuaded

to bring the 2011 Super Bowl to the future Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington.

With the evidence of the payoff of regional cooperation clear, why not do it again? And again? As Cluck visualizes it, the commission would be made up of members of teams and stadium owners as well as officials from various cities.

And yes, self-interest is being served by Cluck's idea, in that Arlington will be the home of both a Major League Baseball team and a National Football League team.

Although the big plums — NCAA basketball tournaments, Olympic trials or conference playoffs — would be most interested in a venue such as the

Cowboys stadium or American Airlines Arena, plenty of other sports facilities in the area could benefit — the Cotton Bowl stadium, basketball arenas, minor-league baseball fields and horse and auto racing tracks, among others.

Such collaboration could offer other benefits in the areas of regional cooperation — for example, a more seamless and environmentally friendly transportation system.

Given the ongoing competition among area cities, achieving the level of cooperation necessary for thinking region first, individual cities next, might be difficult to achieve. But it's worth serious consideration.

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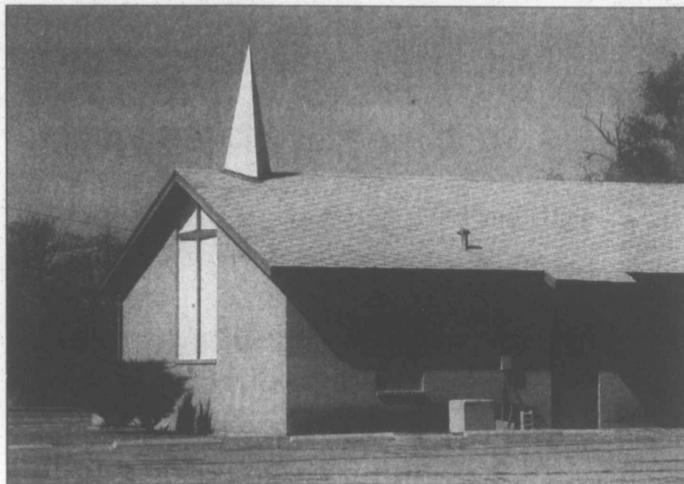
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Religion

Immigration: President's one failing grade

Generally speaking, as an individual, I am a strong supporter of the policies and programs of our President, George W. Bush. However, not on the subject of illegal immigration. For me, all matters must be weighed and measured by the Bible. That is what determines if someone is on track or way out in left field, not the political party they represent.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



be God's "agent of wrath" on the wrongdoer by "bearing the sword" on that wrongdoer.

How does this apply to the issue of illegal immigration? The USA currently has about 15 million "wrongdoers" on just the one issue of illegal immigration. And what do we see happening? Do we see the government acting as the "agent of wrath" on those 15 million wrongdoers? Oh, every once in a while, but not very often. And now our Congress is talking about how to best look the other way or wipe the slate clean with the wrongdoers.

The Bible is very clear concerning what God expects of national leaders, governments, kings and rulers.

Romans 13:1-5: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience."

Notice that those who "rebel against the authority" will "bring judgment on themselves." And also, "those who do wrong" are to be in "terror" of the government. And again, those "who do wrong" are to "be afraid" of law enforcement. So why should those "who do wrong" be in "terror" and "afraid" of the government? Because the government is to

They are not discussing how best to punish the wrongdoers. How best to fill the wrongdoers with terror and fear; how best to "bear the sword" on the wrongdoers.

Anything that jeopardizes the peace and security of a nation should be dealt with swiftly and harshly, and anyone who participates in that illegal activity should be dealt with in such a manner that will promote terror and fear in them. The conversation that our government should be having in Congress is how to be a better "agent of wrath" on wrongdoers. That would bless everyone who lives in the grand old USA, and it would bless us all in more areas than just illegal immigration. What about other criminals?

With regard to guilty "wrongdoers," the government is NEVER to be a friend. It is to be an "agent of wrath" and it is to instill "fear" and "terror" in wrongdoers. And if you don't like that view of government and you think that it is much too harsh and maybe even un-Christian, then take it up with the heavenly Father.

By this measuring stick on this issue of illegal immigration, our President and our Congress are failing miserably. It is apparent that just because a leader follows the Lord's instructions in many areas, doesn't exempt him from sometimes ignoring God's instructions in other areas, guaranteeing foolishness every time.

God bless.



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Cornerstone

Cornerstone Baptist Church will host "Game Day Central" Vacation Bible School from 6-9 p.m. July 9-13 at the church. The school will kick-off at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 8 at the Watertower Park in the Northcrest Addition with bounce houses, sno cones and hot dogs. Shown here planning the upcoming event are Dana Hixson, Jeannette Medley, Jamie Hardman and Lanisa Steward.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

A Christian can never again enjoy sin

The church is in the world to preach the gospel of Christ and invite men to Him. It is the called out and exists to call others out. Its invitation is well expressed in the words of Moses to his brother-in-law, Hobab, urging him to join Israel and go to Canaan. (Numbers 10:29)

The church of the new Israel was a people chosen by the call of Abraham, Christ's call of the disciples. It was to be an instrument of redemption. All nations were to be blessed through the seed of Abraham with election always instrumental. Israel forgot this. The church was to serve as God's instrument to save the world. The call to salvation is a call to witness.

The new Israel signified

a people on a journey that involved the long, tortuous trek from Egypt to the Promised Land. Conversion was not the end of salvation. There was no turning back. They longed for the flesh-pots of Egypt, but could not return. A Christian can never again enjoy sin.

Canaan was not won without war. The journey did not come without battles to fight. The prince of this world challenges God's children and church constantly. The only hope for victory is in God.

A motley, untrained, ill-equipped crew of former slaves, Israel had a God

who had delivered them, and who would bring them to journey's end. Victories of the church are only won by His guidance and power.

All were invited to a venture of faith. Nothing was offered but the word of Moses and his

report of God's word. They were invited to a new and different way of life. Hobab inclined to return to old ways.

The church offers life that is different from the world.

Promised was God's blessings. They were invited with genuine love. Moses loved Hobab. He

wanted his help and companionship.

The church invites through those who care. Christ wept over the lost and died to save them, and so must we.

The kind of church people join is a progressive church that has a goal and a program, has a helpful ministry, has a sense of divine mission, offers opportunities to serve, and is friendly.

The church that wins people will be the one that visits them, shows itself cordial towards them, invites them to its Savior and into its fellowship.

The church invites: The lost to its Savior, unenlisted Christians into its fellowship, and its own members to walk with it in love and service.



Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Evangelist

Chicago shuts one of nation's last youth seminaries

CHICAGO (AP) — For more than a century, Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary has prepared teenage boys for the priesthood, largely unchanged as the city transformed around it from gritty industrial center to modern metropolis.

But another kind of change finally caught up with Quigley.

The 102-year-old seminary — a Gothic-style building in a tony Chicago shopping district — closes Friday because of a shrinking student body that has seen just one graduate ordained in the last 17 years.

It's the latest reminder that Roman Catholic preparatory seminaries have all but vanished in the United States, and highlights the church's struggle to find men willing to dedicate themselves to the priesthood.

"This is more or less the final nail in the coffin of the

preparatory seminary," said R. Scott Appleby, a historian at the University of Notre Dame who has written extensively about the church.

"Historians of the Catholic Church will point to the closing of Quigley ... as a final landmark in a trend that has been building now for almost 50 years," he said.

As recently as the late 1960s, there were 122 high school seminaries in the U.S. with a combined student body of nearly 16,000, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

Quigley, which counts New York Cardinal Edward Egan and Atlanta Archbishop Wilton Gregory among its alumni, was bursting with about 1,300 students in the 1950s; it had just 183 at the beginning of this school year. When Archdiocese of Chicago officials announced in September that the school

would close, they said it would be \$1 million in debt by June.

Its closure will leave just seven preparatory seminaries with a combined enrollment of about 500 students in the United States. This, at a time when the number of priests in the United States has dropped from nearly 59,000 in 1975 to about 42,000 last year.

The decline of high school seminaries illustrates a dramatic shift in the way the church finds priests — and how it's had to scramble to do so.

Parishes increasingly are being served by priests from foreign countries, in large part because fewer American men are becoming priests. At the same time, the average age of new priests is older, with many men waiting until their 30s, 40s and beyond.

When 13 priests were ordained last month in Chicago, all but one was

born and raised in another country, with most attending college before they came to the United States. Nine of them were in their 30s and the lone American-born priest was a 42-year-old former advertising executive.

The reasons for the shift begin with how dramatically things have changed since Quigley opened in 1905.

Like other seminaries, Quigley, which moved to its present home in 1918, thrived because large Catholic families, many Irish or Polish, often sent at least one of their sons there.

"In the old days you had an Irish family with three kids. One was going to be a priest, one was going to be a cop and one was going to be a fireman, and the mother was going to be the one who decided which was which," said Peter Makrinski, a long-time teacher and coach at Quigley.

Church brief ...

SKELLYTOWN — River of Life Assembly of God Church, 5th and Chamberlain in Skellytown, will host Chip Sugar of Hawley, Texas, from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the lot south of the church. A cookout on the grounds is planned.

Sugar will present "The Master's Hand" in which he will compare the relationship between man and horse to the relationship believers have with Christ.

"As the trainer works with the horse, and as scriptures

unfold," a press release from the church reads, "we hope you will realize the similarities and see that, just as all horses are different and react to the trainer in a different way, all people are different. Some come to the realization that they need a Savior easily, while others choose to rebel and stray away from what God has to offer."

For more information about the upcoming services, call (806) 848-2939.

"Because He Lives"

Bill Gaither described the circumstances that prompted the writing of this favorite hymn. He said that he and his wife had had a dry spell and hadn't written any songs for a while. It was at the end of the 1960's when our country was going through the drug culture and the peak of the Vietnam War. Gaither's wife, Gloria, was pregnant with their sons, and he thought what a poor time it was to bring a child into the world. Then when his son, Benjy, was born, their life changed. In fact, his son's birth inspired one of the verses of this great hymn: "How sweet to hold our new-born baby and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because Christ lives."

Ref: Kenneth W. Osbeck

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while there. I would recommend this hospital to anyone needing care. I would also like to thank Dr. Powell and Derrell DeLoach for taking the time to consider the best treatment for me and not just pushing me through the system to try and get ready for the next patient. I finally feel much better and I owe that to the many great physicians, nurses and hospital in Pampa.

Reese

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As soon as we defeated Spain in the Philippines, rather than hand it over to the Filipinos, we bought the islands from Spain and launched a war against the Filipinos. We didn't give them independence until after World War II, and it's only been in recent years that they finally kicked us out of the military bases we

had planted on their soil. We are still occupying parts of Japan and Germany, and if you think that crowd in Rome on the Potomac intends to get out of Iraq, you have another think coming.

Don't look for peace and prosperity in the future. It will be just more of the same — war, taxes, debt and human misery. But don't worry. You'll be kept fully informed about Lindsay Lohan and other celebrities.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Events calendar

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 or 3:30 p.m., June 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. June 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

• **The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art** will be from 6-9 p.m. June 21. The event will include music by Roger Dean, a film, coffee tasting and art activities for adults and children. To find out more, call (806) 371-5050.

• **An investigator with the Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division** will be at the American Red Cross, Panhandle chapter, for scheduled appointments until June 30. If you suspect housing or employment discrim-

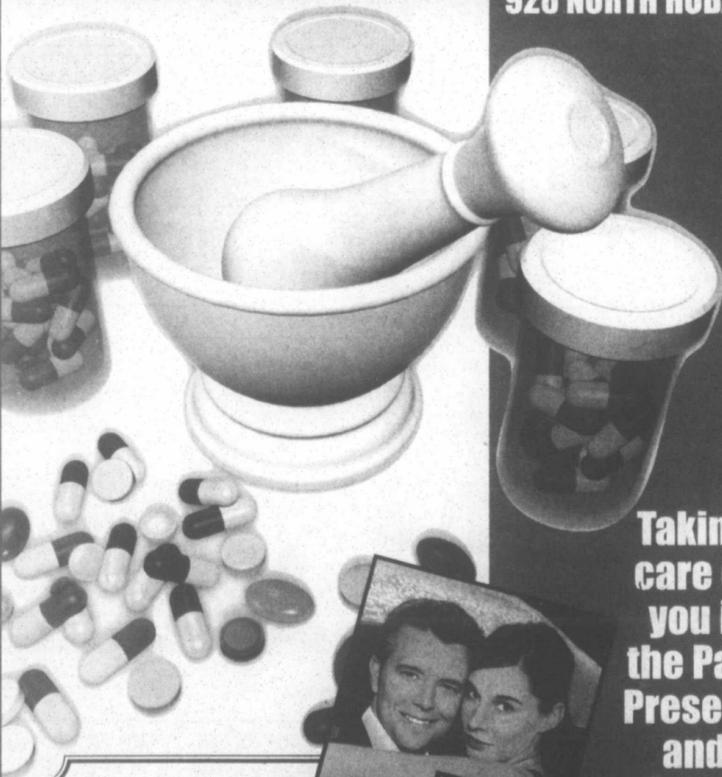
ination, call (512) 632-7021 to make an appointment.

• **The entry deadline for "TPS 16: The National Competition"** of the Texas Photographic Society is July 5. The exhibition will open in Austin and tour Odessa, Houston, New York City and San Francisco. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (210) 824-4123 or log onto www.texas-photo.org on the Internet.

• **Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation** will offer "Life Choices" from 1:30-3 p.m. July 9-13 for ninth and 10th graders; "The Hot Head Cool Down" from 2-4 p.m. July 16-20 for youth 11-14 years of age; and "Dating Smart" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 1, 3, 8 and 10 for girls 15-16 years of age. Cost of each class is free. "The Hot Head Cool Down" and "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. "Life Choices" will be conducted at DSC Library in Hereford. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806) 363-7695 in Hereford.

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Sports Day

Comeback champions

Twins storm back in ninth against Braves

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins once again couldn't score for Johan Santana. In the ninth inning, they more than made up for it.

Mike Redmond's RBI single capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning against Atlanta closer Bob Wickman, ruining Tim Hudson's strong start and lifting the Twins to a 3-2 victory over the Braves on Thursday night.

"We won the game, and that's all we were looking for," said Santana, who gave up Brian McCann's solo homer in the fifth, Matt Diaz's RBI double in the sixth, and left trailing 2-0 after seven strong innings.

Dennys Reyes (1-1) pitched the ninth for the victory that the Twins wished could have gone to Santana, who has received more than three runs in only four his 14 starts this season.

Santana struck out nine and gave up only five hits, and despite throwing 108 pitches he expressed disappointment with manager Ron Gardenhire for not letting him take the mound for the eighth.

Of course the big zero on the scoreboard for Minnesota when he came out didn't make him happy, either.

"That's the way it has been. There's nothing I can do. I just hope that my teammates will be able to score runs and put pressure on the opponent," Santana said.



Courtesy Photo

Cryo-Temp came back from being behind 12-2 against Shutterbug Photo to win the 12 and Under Girls Fast Pitch Championship Wednesday at the Pampa Optimist Club. The final score was 14-13, and Cryo-Temp's record for the year is 10-2. Pictured here after winning the championship are: (Back row,

L-R) Coach Derrick Eldridge, Madi Shults, Bailey Wichert, Tiffany Britton, Destinee Conkle and Coach Curtis Boland. (Middle row, L-R) Gina Avila, Taylor Morgan, Amy Gonzales and Katy Velasquez. (Front row, L-R) Mattie Eldridge, Kylee Metts and Samantha Woodruff.

Celanese moves along to championship game

Celanese Corp. held Cabot Corp. to only two runs in Thursday night's Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripkin City Tournament action.

Led by winning pitcher James Thompson, Celanese ran up the 10-run rule and the time clock in their 15-4 victory over Cabot.

Thompson picked up the win with throwing four strikeouts, no hits, one walk and allowing one unearned run.

Thompson also led offen-

sively with three hits, two RBIs and one run.

Brandon Stokes and Tyler Allen also contributed with two RBIs each, and Bobby Haley scored three runs.

Celanese's Chris Howard allowed no hits and one run in the last inning, as his team scored five more runs to seal the win.

Matt Arnold, Kyle Smith, Brandon Yates and Taylor Woods scored Cabot's four runs of the game.

Smith and Arnold pitched for Cabot.

Celanese advances to the championship round, in which they will take on Glo-Valve.

Celanese must defeat Glo-Valve twice tonight in order to win the tournament.

Game 1 will be at 5:45 this evening at Optimist Park.

If necessary, Game 2 will follow shortly afterwards.

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

Duncan, the Spurs' leader, gets fourth championship

CLEVELAND (AP) — Even with the NBA championship trophy sitting next to him on the table, the perfectionistic Tim Duncan still found a way to be disappointed.

"We're sticklers," said San Antonio's Duncan, who won his fourth championship with the Spurs on Thursday night but had a mediocre game. "That's probably bad. We should appreciate and enjoy the win. To end the season 4-of-15 (from the field) and 4-of-10 (from the foul line) is disappointing.

"In this situation it shouldn't be, but I think we're all competitors, and it defines us as competitors."

But the broad smile plastered across Duncan's face revealed at least some satisfaction over the Spurs' sweep of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"They fought, they hit the

offensive glass, they did everything they could but we sustained," Duncan said. "They made runs, we never panicked. I think it just

shows a lot of the experience, the poise that we've built over the years, and I

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think we just outlasted them."

Duncan, the stoic and selfless foundation of the team, finally let his emotions run free after the win. He jumped up and down, caught teammate Bruce Bowen for a bear hug, and held his arms above his head as a champion once again.

Duncan has led the Spurs with discipline, dedication and diligence.

"It never gets old, it never gets old. Unbelievable," he said. "Such a great run, a great journey, a great bunch of guys, it's unbelievable."

But in Game 4, at least, the Big Fundamental had quite a bit of help. Duncan wasn't as prolific offensively as usual, finishing with

12 points and 15 rebounds in the Spurs' 83-82 victory.

"You know, it was a tough close-out," Duncan said. "It would have been sweet either way, but it made it sweeter for them to make a run, for us to answer, for us to keep our composure and to find a way to win, no matter what."

Instead of Duncan, it was the team's second- and third-leading scorers, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, who bumped up the score for San Antonio.

Parker had 24 points and was selected finals MVP, an award Duncan won after the Spurs' titles in 1999, 2003 and 2005.

"He carried the team and I'm just happy he was on my team," Duncan said.

Parker gave Duncan — now in his 10th year in the league, all with the Spurs — and coach Gregg Popovich credit, too.

"It starts with Pop, the fact that he never let us, you know, get comfortable," Parker said. "Every day in practice you just get that mentality. And then Timmy is the same way, he comes to practice and practices hard every day. When your superstar practices like that, you have to practice hard."

The Spurs completed their first finals sweep. They are 16-6 (72 percent) all-time in the finals, the best winning percentage in the championship series history.

"We knew today that we had a great opportunity, that if we kept the game close around to the fourth quarter, we were going to have a great chance," said Ginobili, who led the Spurs with 27 points, 13 in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs winning without much offensive help from Duncan shows that the team is more balanced

than ever, even though Duncan remains San Antonio's base.

"Tim is the common denominator," Popovich said before Game 4. "It doesn't matter what year he's been in or what championship year. He's got a different cast around him from '99, '03 and '05."

"He's welcomed them all, he's found a way to help them all fit, feel comfortable in their roles, and not many players can do that."

Duncan, the team's leading scorer averaging 22.7 points per game in the playoffs going into Game 4, was largely absent offensively on Thursday.

"I didn't play the greatest, people missed shots, they got offensive rebounds, they made plays," Duncan said. "But we found a way to win. That's what this team is all about."

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King James not NBA royalty yet

CLEVELAND (AP) — King James found the Spurs' defense to be a royal pain.

LeBron James stumbled, not soared, through his first NBA finals, which ended in a sweep with Cleveland's 83-82 loss to San Antonio on Thursday night.

For perhaps the first time in his basketball career, James didn't live up to his considerable hype. He came into the finals being compared to Michael Jordan, but didn't even play like the LeBron James of a week earlier.

Only 22, James will likely win a ring someday. But he knows it won't happen if he plays the way he did in the last four games.

"Me, as an individual, I have to be much better on and off the court," James said, "and that will carry our team to higher levels. I think it starts with me first and then it will trickle down to everybody else."

James had 24 points and 10 assists, but shot just 10-of-30 from the field and had some costly miscues in the fourth quarter. He had six turnovers, finishing the series with 23.

Perhaps James was tired Thursday after getting less sleep than usual. He was at the hospital when his girlfriend, Savannah Brinson, gave birth to the couple's second son, Bryce Maximus James, early Thursday morning.

So June 14 will always be a memorable day for James. The rest of these finals were one to forget.

James shot 36 percent in the series, often struggling to find open shots against the tough defense of Bruce Bowen.

"I think their defensive intensity and some of the things that they did definitely kept me off guard," James said. "The turnovers were definitely uncharacteristic of what happened. It was a lot of unforced things, me losing the ball or me making bad passes. All things I can control and I wasn't able to do that."

Still, James seemed on the verge of taking over Game 4, making consecutive baskets to give the Cavs a 61-60 lead midway through the final quarter — their first lead in any second half in the series. But then quickly, potential victory slipped right through his hands.

He turned it over with Cleveland down six with under 2 1/2 minutes remaining, and allowed a rebound to glance off his hands out of bounds after his 3-pointer had cut it to five with under 2 minutes to go.

He was even unlucky — a San Antonio pass with 2 seconds remaining on the shot clock hit off his foot, giving the Spurs an additional 12 seconds. The Spurs ended up getting Fabricio Oberto's three-point play, pushing their lead to six.

James tried to lead a late rally, hitting a 3-pointer that made it a two-point game in the final seconds. But the Cavs took too long to foul, and he never had another chance to win or tie it.

"It definitely could have been better," James said of his play in the finals. "It could have been better in order for us to win. If I don't play well, our team is not going to have a good chance to win. I've got a lot of things to work on to get better for next year."

Opening ground: Oakmont, still not at its worst, chews up U.S. Open field

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Tiger Woods was above par, and felt fortunate to be there. Phil Mickelson had a 74, and knew it probably couldn't have been much better with his aching wrist. Only two scores were in the red under optimal scoring conditions at the U.S. Open, and three very long and likely dry days await.

This is Oakmont Country Club, as good as it gets. This is the U.S. Open, where the field often expects the worst and most often gets it.

They were getting it again Friday morning, when sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted the early groups who mostly struggled through their rounds Thursday. Oakmont remained a little soggy Thursday from a thunderstorm the day before, slowing its slick greens at least for a few hours, while scores among those who teed off in the afternoon were generally higher.

That switched Friday, when those high-scoring afternoon groups from Thursday had earlier tee times. The only two to break par in the opening round — Nick Dougherty (2-under 68) and Angel Cabrera (69) — were to tee off about six hours later than on Thursday.

If only Dougherty and Cabrera were in the 60s at Oakmont with the greens softer than usual, the temper-

atures moderate and a cooling breeze blowing through, what will the scores be by Saturday? By Sunday?

"We are in for a long week," Vijay Singh said.

For Sergio Garcia (79), Shaun Micheel (78), two-time champion Retief Goosen (76), Masters winner Zach Johnson (76) and frequent contender Colin Montgomerie (76), it's already been a long week. Despite scores so high they would already be out of it in most tournaments, Woods offered some encouragement.

"You know if you shoot 3, 4, 5 over par, you're still in the tournament and you've got to hang in there," said Woods, whose 1-over 71 left him three behind Dougherty.

Dougherty needed only 11 putts on the back nine, then joked how easy Oakmont is. He quickly realized his mistake.

"Goodness, I shouldn't have said that," he said. "No, absolutely not. The course is barbaric." Cabrera (69) owned the only other score in the 60s, with the long-driving Bubba Watson and Jose Maria Olazabal at even-par 70. Woods, Ben Curtis, returning champion Geoff Ogilvy, Jim Furyk and 51-year-old Fred Funk were among those at 71.

"Imagine if we don't get

any rain and the greens get firmer and firmer by this weekend, it's going to be difficult out there," Olazabal said.

Going to get difficult? What is it now? David Toms led at 3 under at one point, only to finish at 72 following bogeys on five of his last six holes.

"Even in a major like Augusta, even other difficult major we play, you probably are going to have one or two shots where you can take off," Woods said.

"It's not that hard of a shot. You can close your eyes and probably hit it either in the fairway or on the greens, and it's an easy shot. On this golf course there are none, and no easy birdies."

No doubt it didn't help that only a dozen or so in the field have tournament experience at Oakmont, which hadn't hosted a U.S. Open since 1994 — the year before Woods began playing in the national championship. Once the leaders experience all of Oakmont's nuances, and the greens that tilt like a miswired pinball machine, maybe they'll be more comfortable.

Or maybe not. Arnold Palmer has played Oakmont for 66 years and still doesn't know all of its ins and outs and peculiarities.

"When he (Woods) and I

played here last Monday, 10 over would have won it by five," Ogilvy said. "Right now 10 over is not going to win, if it stays like this."

One of the big questions before Thursday was how well Mickelson would play with an injured left wrist that didn't allow him to play a full practice round this week. The answer: not all that badly, given his 74. He parred each of the last eight holes, getting more comfortable once he began taking off his wrist guard while putting.

"I feel OK to hit balls," said Mickelson, who lost a one-shot lead on the final hole at Winged Foot last year, allowing Ogilvy to win. "It's sore and aggravating and it's annoying, but it's not like the pain was as little as five, six days ago."

Justin Rose, among a group of 16 at 71, said staying around is the main goal of Day 1.

"I haven't shot myself out of the tournament, which is what Round 1 is all about," Rose said.

And can anyone feel comfortable with Woods, winner of four of the last nine majors, hanging so close?

"That's what he does, gets the best score of the day he can, not his best but he's still in the tournament," Ogilvy said.

The shortest guy on the floor takes home a big trophy

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist
CLEVELAND (AP) — The shortest guy on the court grabbed the rebound under his own basket, scanned the floor once, and took off.

By the time all but one of the Cavaliers figured out Tony Parker had absolutely no intention of slowing down, only LeBron James remained between him and the rim at the other end. A shoulder feint left, followed by a lightning-quick cut back to the right, and the big man might as well have been a statue.

Parker went past James, then up, up, up, close enough to see his reflection in the backboard, and kissed the ball off the glass. What looked to all the world like just another moment of improvisation was almost a lifetime in the planning.

"I'll wake up tomorrow," Parker said.

Thursday night was just giving way to Friday morning, so maybe Parker was leery that the MVP trophy he was just handed was going to turn into a pumpkin.

That, or else somebody

would wake him and explain the Spurs hadn't just swept Cleveland 83-82 and won their fourth championship — and Parker's third — or worse still, that his wedding to "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria next month had been called off.

Yet when Parker was asked which was more nerve-racking — playing in the NBA finals or the impending nuptials, he replied, "That's a good question. I'm not nervous," Parker said. "I'm not nervous."

Nervous would have been an apt description, though, when Parker was selected by San Antonio in the 2001 draft after one of their assistant coaches pounded him in a pre-draft workout.

"Here was this skinny 19-year-old kid from France who had been eating croissants his whole life. I could tell by the middle of the workout," Spurs general manager R.C. Buford recalled, "it was a disaster."

Parker was born in Belgium and grew up playing ball in France, where his father, former Loyola

University of Chicago player Tony Parker Sr. had gone to chase his own dreams of playing pro ball. His son, meanwhile, flourished in the French junior system and began hatching plans of his own. Without telling his parents, Parker would sneak down into the family's living room at 3 a.m. to watch Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls in the NBA finals.

"I watched all of them," Parker said recently. "You learn a lot watching that."

The day after, he'd head over to the playground.

"When you're small you're always trying to repeat the moves, the post-ups and fadeaways," he said. "I was a point guard so I can't do fadeaways and post-ups. But I was still trying."

The Spurs never doubted Parker's desire or skills, only his toughness and the pre-draft workout the club had arranged was only the first taste. Soon after he showed up in San Antonio, coach Gregg Popovich began demanding — in practice, during timeouts and after games — that Parker learn to

do everything better than he had the day before.

"There was growing pains for me, but I can't complain because I was in a great organization. But at the same time, you know, Coach Pop was really, really hard on me, always trying to push me and looking for perfection," Parker said. "I thought I was doing pretty good, being 21, but it was never enough. I could score 14, 15, it was never enough. Sometimes I felt like it wasn't fair, all the criticism."

"But I think," Parker added, "I will never be at that point today if I didn't go through that."

The toughest point, arguably, came after the Spurs won a second championship in 2003 and considered making a deal for Jason Kidd, who was already the point guard that Parker hoped one day to become. Though only 21, Parker felt he was already the best point guard for the Spurs and set out to prove himself one more time.

"I told Pop, 'I want to be the point guard on this team and I'm going to work hard

to become a great player.' It made him mad at the time," Parker said, smiling, "but I think he understands now where I'm coming from."

"I put in a lot of work," he said, "to arrive here."

Under Popovich's critical eye, Parker became just as valuable as Kidd and a lot more successful. He patiently made himself a better outside shooter and learned to maximize the Spurs' offense by leveraging Tim Duncan's low-post scoring and passing skills. Lastly, he learned how to change speeds so he could run around or through opposing defenses as the situation demanded.

"When you add up all those intangibles," said Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, who was an assistant in San Antonio when Parker joined the Spurs, "you see the growth from year one until now. Add that to the poise and determination and you've got a very good basketball player. He caused us problems the whole series."

And when it ended, the two of them, the shortest guy on the floor, and the coach who never doubted that the

kid could learn to play big, shared a quiet moment as their teammates passed the championship trophy around.

"I reminded him that when we gave him that first workout, we didn't think he was tough enough and sent him home," Popovich chuckled.

"And I said, 'Now you're here standing on the stage with the finals MVP trophy.' And he just kept laughing. He couldn't believe it."

And Parker's run is just beginning. When somebody wanted to know which is better, the championship ring or the wedding band Longoria would hand him a month from now, Parker proved just as agile as he was on the court moments earlier.

"Both, both," he said quickly, "I can't choose. Both are very good."

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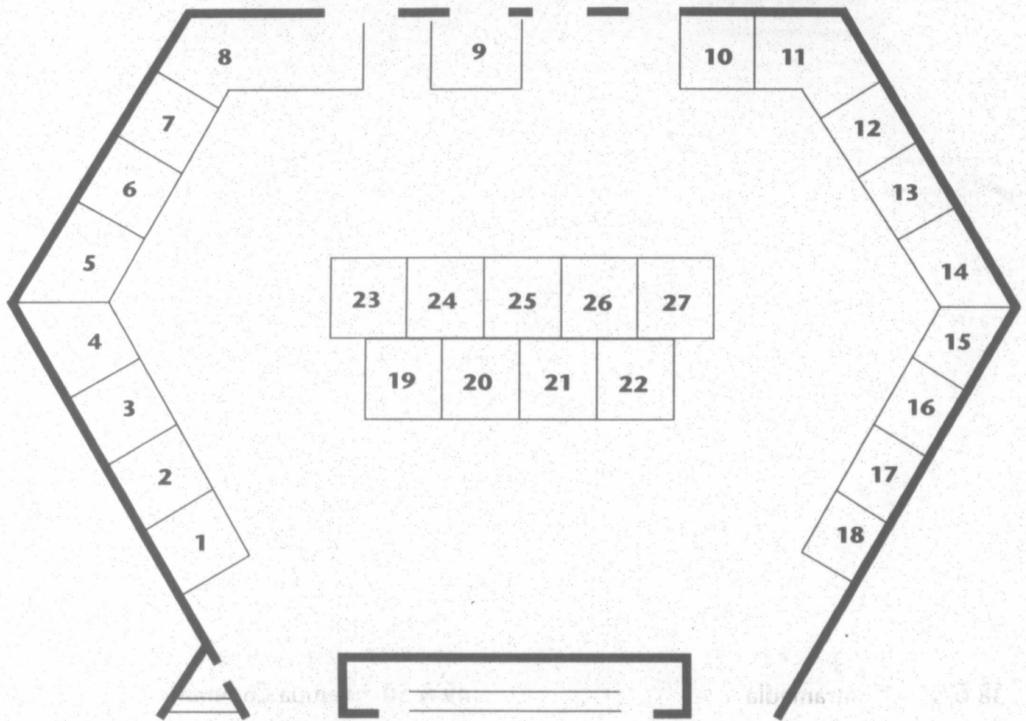
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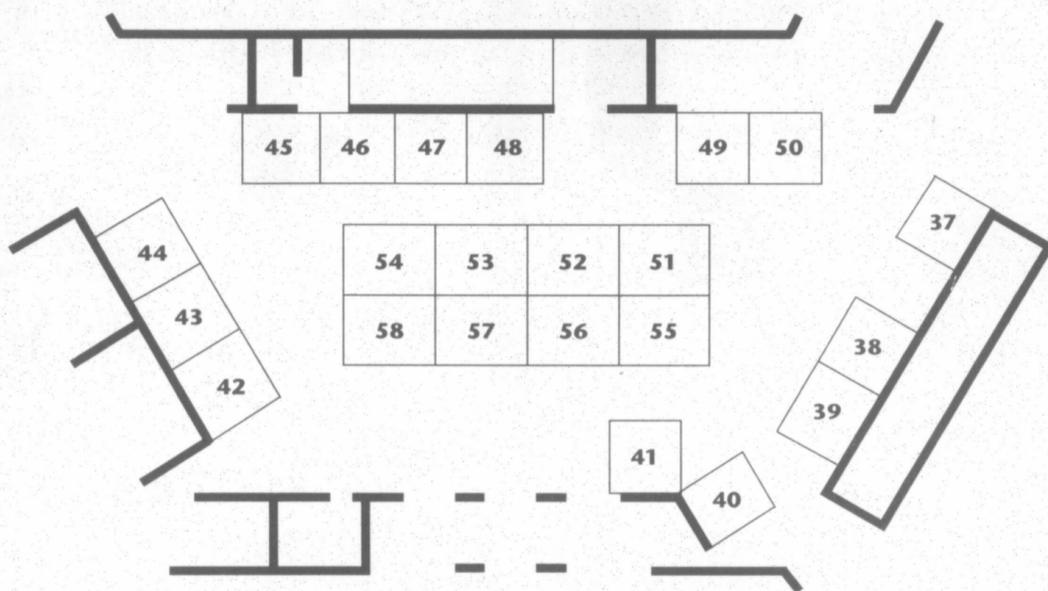
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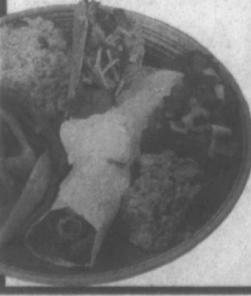
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