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## Petition circulating to put lid on property taxes

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Taxes dominated the Pampa City Commission work session following their meeting Tuesday at City Hall.

During the work session, Pampa City Manager John Horst told commissioners that a petition is being circulated calling for an election to let voters decide if there should be a property tax ceiling for the elderly and disabled.

There was some confusion as to whether such a move would deal only with the tax rate set by the city

or the property tax. Property taxes are the tax rate multiplied by the appraisal. The city sets the tax rate, but the appraisal district sets the appraisals. While the tax rate has not been raised over the past several years, the increased value of homes and properties has driven the taxes paid up.

Horst said that in Pampa's present growing economy, the loss of increased property taxes for the elderly and disabled would not be felt, but if the economy falters, it could put Pampa in a difficult position.

Commissioner Bill Allison noted that Amarillo had voted down such a measure.

"We are getting to be a city of senior citizens," Commissioner Robert Dixon said.

Commissioner Brad Pingel said he thought it was a good idea, but he wants more information on the situation.

The commissioner also discussed establishing a public improvement district. That would allow the city to assess new subdivisions for city service infrastructure before the

homes and infrastructure would be built.

In the past, this was done through impact fees, but Horst said developers are hesitant about building and paying impact fees unless the houses are already sold. He indicated a public improvement district and associated assessments might spur development more quickly. Once the cost of infrastructure -- things like streets, water, sewage -- are paid for the assessments would be dropped from

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## House fire



Firefighters work to put out a house fire around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of North Frost. Fire Marshal Keith Fisher said today that the cause is undetermined and is still under investigation.

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

## 3 arrested after traffic violation

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's deputies arrested three individuals after a traffic stop around 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard reported that a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation near the intersection of Highway 152 and Gray County Road 21.

"The deputies requested consent to search the vehicle and during the search they found various chemicals in the vehicle which are used in the manufacture of controlled substances," Hoard said. "Two of the individuals were arrested due to those chemicals and a third individual was arrested on a warrant from another county, which was not related to the materials that were found in the vehicle."

Schuyler Danner, 23, of Pampa was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram

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## Curfman asks parents to supervise children

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman is warning parents to supervise their children adequately in order to keep them safe.

"I'm requesting all parents to watch their children and know where they are at all times," Curfman said. "Watch kids about getting into the streets. Anyone charged will be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Warm weather and more hours of daylight mean more children riding bicycles, skateboards, roller skates and scooters, as well as walking.

It is legal to walk alongside a roadway, according to Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.

"If possible, walk to the left side or shoulder of the roadway, facing oncoming traffic," he said.

Bicycles are also allowed on roadways, and should go with the flow of traffic. Bicycle riders are required to obey all traffic signs and laws, Pitner said. Bicycles must have reflectors and lights.

Motorized scooters and motorized mobility devices are allowed on roadways with speed limits of 35 mph or less. They may also cross a roadway with a speed limit over 35 mph.

No license or helmet is required for scooter riders, Pitner said.

Pocket bikes, mini motor bikes, roller skates and toy vehicles are not allowed on roadways.

"No child under age 15 is prosecuted for an offense except for traffic and vehicle ordinances where a fine is imposed," Pitner said. "A child under age 10 is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal

guardian regarding traffic laws."

The consequences of a child being unsupervised or taught the rules concerning roadway safety could be devastating.

"Parents are and could be found civilly and criminally liable for their child's injury or death," Pitner said.

Several laws might apply to such situations, Curfman said.

"Negligence can be a felony, depending on the interpretation. It is a state jail or higher charge," he said. "Abandonment might also be a felony charge, and juvenile probation might be brought into the picture."

Child Protective Services may also be notified, depending on the situation, Curfman said.

It is also against the law to leave children and animals in a car during

hot weather.

"Leaving an unattended child in a vehicle is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$500," Curfman said.

Injury to a child under age 14 could be a first-, second- or third-degree felony. Abandonment or endangering a child by leaving the child without reasonable and necessary care under normal circumstances is a felony which ranges from state jail level on up, Curfman said.

"I intend to refer these cases to a higher court for the maximum punishment available under the law, where applicable," he said.

"Abandonment is leaving the child intentionally under circumstances no reasonable person would

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**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Ruby Bell Miller, 102**

Ruby Bell Miller, 102, Services are pending with died Wednesday, June 27, Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. 2007 in Pampa.

**Crews gain on fires**

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — A break in the wind allowed firefighters to gain ground on a stubborn wildfire near Lake Tahoe as they prepared for more blustery conditions forecast for today.

More than 2,100 firefighters took advantage of the calm to tame the blaze, on two fronts — near the small town of Meyers to the south and on the edge of several densely populated subdivisions near the lake itself, where another flank jumped a containment line a day earlier.

Their work kept the flames from spreading Wednesday, and the fire was 55 percent contained by nightfall, said Rich Hawkins, a U.S. Forest Service fire commander.

But authorities remained cautious, since the forecast


calls for 15-25 mph winds and gusts that could reach 40 mph this afternoon. A surprisingly large gust earlier in the week had thrown firefighters off their line and forced the evacuation of a 300-home subdivision.

"It really is hard to predict what these winds are going to do," said Kelly Martin, a fire behavior analyst who addressed hundreds of firefighters from across the state Wednesday.

The blaze has charred more than 3,000 acres — about 4.7 square miles. One minor injury was reported Wednesday, when a firefighter's hand was broken by a falling boulder.

The governors of the two states Lake Tahoe straddles, California's Arnold Schwarzenegger and Nevada's Jim Gibbons, toured neighborhoods.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

LEE, Ruth Ann — 2 p.m. First Baptist Church of White Deer.  
 KITE, Elvin Don — Graveside services 11 a.m. Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

**Elvin Don Kite Sr, 67**

AMARILLO — Elvin Don Kite Sr., 67, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas, with Paul Carruth, Youth Pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Arrangements are by

Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Kite was born April 8, 1939 in McLean, Texas, to Elvin Leroy and Katherine Kite.

He worked for the banking industry for many years



Kite

and later at Western Bowl where he was a long-time employee.

He is survived by his three daughters, Brenda Strahan of Houston, Katherine Hinton of Pampa and

Sara Hamm of Garland; one son, Don Kite, Jr. of Canyon; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, The Atrium at Coulter Ridge, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

**Henry Lee Moynihan, 50**

MIAMI — Henry Lee Moynihan, 50, Friday, June 22, 2007, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Miami, with Rev. Dale Dunn, a Baptist minister from Amarillo, and Rev. Dennis Williams, minister of the First Baptist Church of Miami, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Moynihan was born Nov. 8, 1956, in Houston, Missouri. He graduated from Casper High School in Casper, Wyo., and was a member of the Civil Air

Patrol there. He moved to Miami in 1976 where he became part owner of Granny's Place Café. Much of his time was dedicated to serving the community that he loved.

He was one of the founders of the Miami Volunteer EMS, and he volunteered as an EMT instructor for many years. He was a member of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department and the First Baptist Church of Miami.

He was blessed with a beautiful voice and often sang specials at church. He also enjoyed singing in the Frontier Follies every year at the Miami Cow Calling festivities.

Henry moved to San Antonio in 2004 to pursue his career as an EMT but returned to Miami this spring to be closer to family.

Survivors include his mother, Evelyn Huff of Miami; four brothers, Bert Huff, Jr. and wife Caroline

and Jimmy Huff and wife Alta, all of Licking, Mo; Joe Huff and Danny Huff and wife Alice, all of Miami; three sisters, Ellen Duncan and husband Alan of The Colony, Texas, Connie Huff of Miami, and Mary Riley and husband Steven of Amarillo; 18 nieces and nephews; and 22 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry W. and Frances "Granny" Moynihan, by his stepfather, Bert Huff Sr., and by a brother, Wayne Huff.

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Moynihan

**Delmar Clarence Newman, 90**

MOBEETIE — Delmar Clarence Newman, 90, went to be with the Lord on June 27, 2007, in Mobeetie, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Newman was born March 22, 1917, in Sequayah County, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army for seven years, and was honorably discharged on November 15, 1948. He

married Elisabeth Klara children, Nancy Craig & Bauer on October 15, 1948 husband Orville of Pampa, Shirley Wadley & husband Jody of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Robert Newman & wife Cindy of Amarillo, Bill Newman & wife Sherri of Elk City, Oklahoma, Martha Gardner & husband Terry of Allison, and Pat Newman & wife Marletta of Farmington,

New Mexico; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Linda Baker of Madera, California. He was preceded in death by his parents and 12 brothers and sisters.

MEMORIALS: Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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



Newman

**Ruth Ann Lee, 56**

WHITE DEER — Ruth Ann Lee, 56, died Monday, June 25, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at First Baptist Church of White Deer, with Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lee was born May 12, 1951, in Springfield,

Ohio. She had been a resident of White Deer since 1970. She married Billy Ray Lee on September 19, 1993, in White Deer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of White Deer. She was a home health aide.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Ray Lee of the home; three sons, David Harvill & wife Diane of Joplin, Missouri, George Harvill & wife Anna of

Amarillo, and John Harvill & wife Tammie of Pampa; her mother, Ruth Riley Ward of Amarillo; one sister, Sarah Patten of Odessa; one uncle, Dick Riley of White Deer; one nephew, David Montgomery & wife Angela of Pampa; one brother-in-law, Doyle Harvill & wife Patricia of Pampa; one sister-in-law, Pat Ruth Wood of Pampa; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Floyd

Payton, her brother Dale Payton, a granddaughter Ashly Dawn Harvill on February 24, 2006, and her mother-in-law, Mary Mae Harvill on December 18, 2007.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church of White Deer, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, Texas 79097.

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**Emergency Services**

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

Five traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and the 1300 block of Terrace.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of

Highway 60 and Price Road, in the 100 block of South Hobart, the 900 block of West Alcock and in the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 2100 block of Lea, two calls from the 1100 block of Willow, the 900 block of Finley, the 600 block of Yeager, the 900 block of Finley, the 1000

block of Varnon, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of North Christy, the 500 block of Tyng, the 400 block of West Brown, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 400 block of Harlem, the intersection of Evergreen and 16th, two calls from the intersection of Somerville and Kingsmill, the 1600 block of Highway 60, the intersection of Ripley

and Nelson, the 100 block of South Faulkner, the 200 block of North Sumner, the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 2300 block of Rosewood, the 200 block of Russell and three undisclosed locations.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Frederic.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

A welfare check was made near the intersection of West and Francis.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

Violations of city ordinances were reported in the 2600 block of Navajo, the 1000 block of North Wells and the 300 block of Anne.

A civil matter was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 400 block of Starkweather, the 1100 block of Coronado, the 100 block of West Foster, the 600 block of Frost, the 800 block of North Dwight and near the intersection of Cuyler and Foster.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Gray, the 100 block of East Foster, the 2700 block of Navajo and in the 700 block

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# Soaked Central Texans brace for more flooding

MARBLE FALLS, Texas (AP) — Still weary from constant downpours that have claimed 11 lives in the last 10 days, Texans braced for yet another deluge in the Hill Country.

Overnight rainfall in Central Texas was far short of the 10 inches that were in the forecast, but more was expected today and flash flood warnings were in effect throughout the area.

Almost a week of nonstop rain — including 18 inches near Marble Falls early Wednesday morning — left dozens of people stranded on rooftops, cars and in trees. No fatalities were immediately reported in the latest series of unusual summertime Texas rainstorms.

Marble Falls, about 40 miles northwest of Austin, was spared any rain overnight, but Williamson County north of Austin got about 3 more inches.

Williamson County Sheriff's deputies were searching for a woman and her boyfriend on Thursday after their car was found abandoned near Liberty Hill, Detective John Foster said. The car appeared to have been swept off the road by flood waters, he said.

In Georgetown, north of Austin, 10 people were evacuated from three homes this morning because of flooding on a branch of the San Gabriel River, said Keith Hutchinson, the city's public information officer. There were no reports of injuries.

Authorities also closed several roads in surrounding Williamson County because

they had become impassible. Some cars stalled in the high water, but the occupants were able to get out without the help of rescue workers, county spokeswoman Connie Watson said.

Storm systems near Austin and San Antonio were expected to dump at least 4 more inches of rain in the area today, and up to 10 inches of any systems merge, the National Weather Service said.

Early Wednesday, the downpour and winds were so treacherous that helicopters were forced to halt efforts to rescue people from rooftops. Marble Falls Mayor Raymond Whitman said there were 32 high-water rescues, and Austin-area officials said there were reports of up to 20 people needing to be saved.

Whitman, whose own living room was filled with water Tuesday night, said some looting had been reported in flood-damaged areas and extra police officers were to be on duty throughout Wednesday night. No curfew had been mandated in this town of 7,200, but Whitman said he would institute one if people were out.

Lakefront residents in two subdivisions near Buchanan Dam were being advised to evacuate. In one area, about seven families were evacuated from their homes by helicopter because the roads were not passable.

The Texas National Guard dispatched troops and vehicles to Central Texas, as well as other areas hit by storms from the Oklahoma border to the Rio Grande Valley.

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of Sloan where a vehicle windshield and a window of the residence was broken with a total estimated value of \$170.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 600 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Christy and Browning, the 1400 block of Somerville and near the intersection of Linda and Duncan.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of South Banks.

Assaults were reported in the 1100 block of Varnon and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Evading arrest was reported in the 700 block of Sloan where a suspect fled the scene of a domestic disturbance.

Two alarms were reported.

A structure fire was reported in the 700 block of Frost.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 600 block of North Hobart where earrings valued at \$150 was stolen.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 27  
A.C. Bailey, 32, of McLean was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for violation of probation driving while intoxicated.

Willie Berry Hall, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Sarah Drucilla Medley, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession and transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Schuyler Danner, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and possession and transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Thursday, June 28  
Shayne McClelland, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant out of Wichita County for theft by check.

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

Wednesday, June 27  
8:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a medical assist.  
2:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Crane on a public assistance.

4:29 p.m. — Seven units and nine personnel responded to the 700 block of Frost on a structure fire.

## Taxes

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the homeowners' tax bill.

Morris said that in the past the use of impact fees had often resulted in the city getting back only a percentage of the money they had spent on infrastructure in new development.

In order to meet the needs of a new development expected on the north side of town, Horst said the city needs to build a new lift station for sewage, but it would cost more than half a million dollars.

The final subject during the work session was a report on the scales at the landfill.

Pampa Public Works Director Richard

Morris said the scales had been installed in 1993, and he had hoped they could be used for 20 years.

"They are worn out," Morris reported to the commission. "They are not weighing correctly."

He said they shift and do not weigh properly.

Morris said the scales are broken under a layer of concrete.

"If we don't do something quickly," Morris said, "we may have to start weighing at an elevator."

Horst said that Morris had talked to one manufacturer who thought he could install new scales for about \$38,000, well below what had been expected, but the item will have to go out for bid.

Morris said he hoped to have bids for the commission within a few weeks.

## Drugs

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and possession and transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Sarah Drucilla Medley, 22, of Pampa was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession and transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Shayne McClelland, 36,

of Pampa was arrested on a warrant out of Wichita County for theft by check.

Those making the arrests were Deputies Robert Douglas, Clark Teague and Steven White.

## Safety

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do," said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer. "It is leaving the child in imminent danger of death or bodily injury or physical or mental impairment. It could be a third-degree felony if the person doesn't intend to return for the child." The abandonment law applies to children under age 15, she said.

"Intentionally or knowingly leaving a child under age 7 longer than five minutes

in a vehicle who is not attended by a person age 14 years or over is a Class C misdemeanor," Switzer said.

"Neglectful supervision is something that Child Protective Services uses to come in and remove a child," she said. "Unless something happens to a child to place them in imminent danger, it doesn't rise to a criminal level."

"We want to encourage people to watch their kids and not let them play in an unfenced area or front yard adjacent to a street," Pitner said. "Parental supervision is important."

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# Viewpoints

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Seniors are particularly vulnerable, a news release from Hafenbrack Marketing said.

"Seniors are more likely to suffer from heat-related illnesses as their bodies do not effectively cool down and it takes longer to recover when they get overheated. With age, the body becomes less and less able to sense heat and therefore, may not be able to recognize a dangerous situation," the e-release warns.

According to the release, certain prescriptions can complicate the body's ability to respond to heat. Donnatal, Thorazine and drugs for Parkinson's often interfere with the body's internal temperature controls.

"Although serious health concerns are prevalent this

time of year," the e-news release reads, "there are several steps you or someone you love can take to battle the heat, sun and humidity, which are unavoidable throughout the summer months."

"Check your home for proper ventilation."

"If you do not have air

conditioning, seek relief from the heat by staying in the shade when outdoors, taking a cool bath or visiting public locations such as a mall or grocery store.

"Watch your diet by drinking plenty of fluids regularly, particularly water and avoiding caffeine, alcohol and salt."

"When attempting physical activity, wear loose fitting clothing in light colors to avoid excess heat."

The news release said

some obvious signs to look for regarding heat stroke are "hot, dry skin, a fast strong pulse, confusion, and a body temperature of 104 degrees or higher."

Watch the seniors in your life (or overactive youngsters) carefully for these symptoms. And remember: Stay hydrated with good, ol' H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 179th day of 2007. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event that triggered World War I.

On this date:

In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose, although her actual existence is a matter of historical debate.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular

*'The glory of each generation is to make its own precedents.'*

— Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood  
American social reformer (1830-1917)

trans-Atlantic air service.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

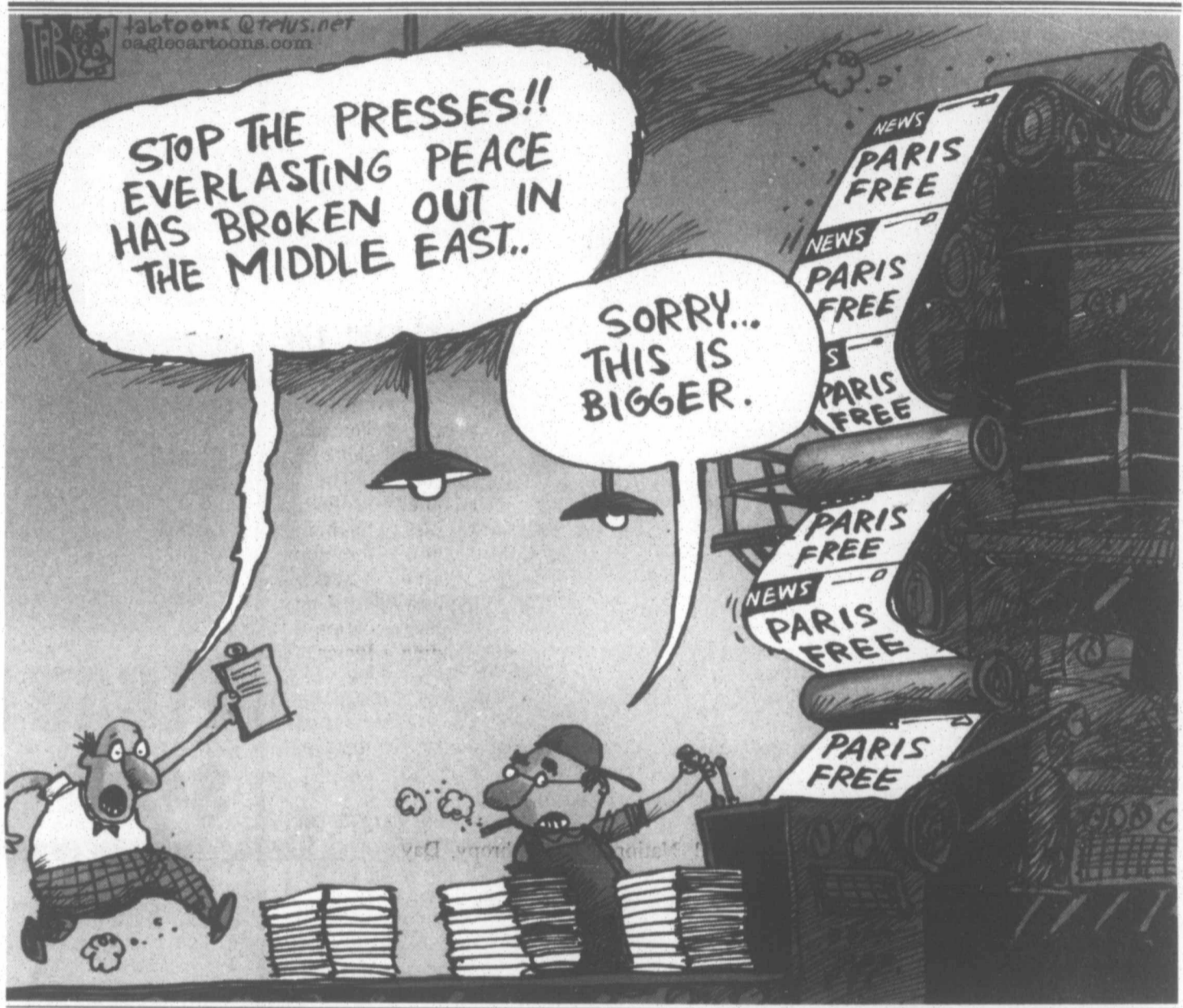
In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, unable to meet his own July 4 deadline for campaign finance reform, blamed the inaction on Congress in his weekly radio address. In a wild rematch, Evander Holyfield retained the WBA heavyweight boxing championship after his opponent, Mike Tyson, was disqualified for biting Holyfield's ear during the third round of their fight in Las Vegas.

Five years ago: WorldCom Inc. began laying off 17,000 employees worldwide after disclosing accounting irregularities that later forced it into bankruptcy protection. Xerox Corp. announced it had improperly reported \$1.9 billion in revenue over the previous five years and would restate those financial results.

One year ago: Thousands of Israeli troops backed by tanks penetrated the Gaza Strip to pressure Islamic militants into releasing a kidnapped soldier. "Miracle on Ice" coach Herb Brooks and Patrick Roy, the NHL's winningest goaltender, were among four honorees elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Star Jones Reynolds was booted from "The View," one day after surprising ABC and Barbara Walters by saying on the air that she wouldn't be returning to the daytime talk show in the fall.



## World Wide Web: Community is everything

Have you ever wanted to be mayor? While you may not have the opportunity in a REAL community, the Internet will give you the job with only a few clicks of your mouse.

But first, we have to define some terms. The press has thrown out phrases like "online community," and "Web community" so much, as to make them cliché. When I use the terms, I'm usually referring to online message boards, mailing lists, chat rooms and blogging. After all, these are the primary "social" tools of the Internet.

If you've been reading my columns for very long, you'll remember that I covered chat rooms in great detail a while back. For that reason, I will focus this column on message boards, mailing lists and blogs. If you missed the chat room column, read it (and any of my previous columns) at my

Web site, [ericspellmann.com](http://ericspellmann.com).

Message Boards are exactly what they sound like. Think of them as public e-mail. You simply type a message and "post" it to the Web site. Anyone can read the message, and anyone can reply to it. Their reply is tacked onto your message so that everyone can follow the conversation.

To throw some more terminology at you, we usually don't call a group of messages a conversation. We refer to them as threads. By following the thread (a message and all of its replies), you can easily track who said what.

Think of it as a party conversation. People tend to "group up" with others at

parties. Conversations start, and different participants in the group give their two-cents. A message board simply documents that exchange. In fact, some message board threads have taken months to complete.

My favorite example of a successful message board is located at Google

(<http://groups.google.com>). This site is a large collection of special interest groups. Poke around until you find an interesting subject and then dive in. You can easily post a new message or reply to the thousands that already exist. You'll discover hundreds of people talking about your favorite topics!

Mailing lists are another option in setting up an online community. The advantage

of this tool is its proactive nature. Let's say you have a group of 20 people, located all over the world, that share your interest in "lint collecting." You create a mailing list that contains their e-mail addresses.

When you or any of your friends send e-mail to the list address, it automatically goes to EVERYONE on the list. Since all of these messages are sent via e-mail, you are guaranteed a quicker response than with a message board. Remember, users actually have to visit a message board to read and participate. E-mail is more proactive.

My favorite site for finding and creating mailing lists is Yahoo Groups (<http://groups.yahoo.com>). You can create a mailing list on any topic. Your friends can subscribe (add their e-mail addresses to your list) and unsubscribe without you. See WEB, Page 5

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **June 18**  
Houston Chronicle on orbital neglect:

A one-of-a-kind weather satellite, QuikScat, provides meteorologists with a continuous stream of data to measure the strength and course of hurricanes. Although the craft is already five years beyond its expected operating life and crippled by equipment failures, no replacement is scheduled before 2016.

Launched in 1999, QuikScat has enabled forecasters to improve their ability to accurately forecast the threat of a storm and give local emergency planners critical time to evacuate peo-

ple from harm's way. Using a device called a scatterometer, the spacecraft can measure wind speeds and direction over vast swaths of ocean by bouncing microwave signals off the surface and then measuring their energy changes. The satellite is now functioning using a backup transmitter and could die before this hurricane season peaks.

National Hurricane Center director Bill Proenza says the loss of the satellite would likely shave 10 percent off the accuracy of two-day hurricane forecasts and 16 percent off three-day predictions. That would greatly increase the uncertainty over a storm's path and make more difficult the crucial decisions on coastline evacuation.

Given the devastation wrought by an increasing active hurricane cycle over

the past decade and the risk created by continued population growth and development along vulnerable coastlines, one might expect QuikScat's replacement to be a top priority. Until recently, it has been ignored.

After Proenza took over the Hurricane Center helm, he has spoken forcefully on the waste of public dollars and the threatened loss of QuikScat. Lawmakers have been listening. In May Houston-area Congressman Nick Lampson requested that NASA and NOAA officials provide contingency plans for a replacement. U.S. senators from four hurricane-prone states are co-sponsoring a bill authorizing \$375 million for the

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## Events calendar

• **An investigator with the Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division** will be at the American Red Cross, Panhandle chapter, for scheduled appointments until Saturday. If you suspect housing or employment discrimination, call (512) 632-7021 to make an appointment.

• **The postmark deadline to enter the International Library of Poetry's free poetry contest** is Saturday. To enter, send one poem of 20 lines or less to the International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For more information, log onto [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com) on the Internet.

• **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.texasphoto.org](http://www.texasphoto.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.

• **The summer exit level TAKS for 2006-07** upperclassmen will be administered at 9 a.m. at Clarendon College-Pampa Center on the following dates: July 10 (English language arts); July 11 (math); July 12 (science); July 13 (social studies). Passing all four parts of the test is a requirement for high school graduation.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11 a.m. July 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New members are welcome. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **Borger will be the site** of the second round of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America workshops

scheduled from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at Hutchinson County Museum.

• **The 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show** is scheduled at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds in Pampa Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 19-21, respectively. In case of inclement weather, Aug. 22 will serve as a make-up day for any performances of the Kid Pony Show that did not go as scheduled. A rodeo parade is planned at 10 a.m. Aug. 25.

• **The Don Harrington Discovery Center** in Amarillo will host "Moneyville" now through Aug. 26. Moneyville is a 4-foot cube of 1 million \$1 bills (only 210 real) that uses laser technology to discern the difference between real and funny money. To learn more, call the center at (806) 335-9548.

## Officer involved in 'sex show' fired

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An officer who ordered two women to put on a "sex show" in a jail cell will be fired.

Norberto Cappas, 32, was found guilty by a police tribunal of conduct unbecoming an officer and lying during a departmental investigation, the department said Tuesday.

Internal Affairs investigators found that Cappas ordered the two women to kiss and touch each other and expose their breasts in September 2003. The two

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# Philanthropy awards honor generosity

AMARILLO — The deadline to submit a nomination for the 2007 National Philanthropy Day is Sunday, July 1.

The awards, an arm of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, recognize individuals and organizations for their contributions to countless charities and causes in the Amarillo area. Across North America, more than 100 Association of Fundraising Professionals and nearly 50,000 people will participate in NPD events.

"National Philanthropy Day is the day we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that philanthropy and philanthropists have made to our area," said Katharyn Wiegand, 2007

NPD chair. "Charities have to rely more and more on individual contributors, and NPD serves as a public way to thank those generous donors."

Award categories include: Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Business/Corporation, Outstanding Media, Outstanding Community Service Organization, Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser, Outstanding Foundation, Outstanding Fundraising Professional and Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy.

Nomination forms are available on the Nonprofit Service Center's Web site, [www.nsc-aaf.org](http://www.nsc-aaf.org) <<http://www.nsc-aaf.org>>.

Winners will be recognized at the annual National Philanthropy Day

luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals represents 27,000 fundraisers in more than 180 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The AFP Texas Plains Chapter represents more than 50 nonprofit professionals from across the panhandle of Texas.

For more information, contact Wiegand or Roxann Ball, AFP Texas Plains Chapter administrator, at 376-4521 or [katharyn@aaf-hf.org](mailto:katharyn@aaf-hf.org) or [rball@suddenlink.net](mailto:rball@suddenlink.net), respectively.

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having to lift a finger. This feature becomes very useful once your list grows above 1,000 users!

Blogging is a raging phenomenon. The word, itself, is short for "Web Log," and basically represents a virtual diary. A blog is a series of messages left by an author for anyone to read on a Web site. As this activity takes off, new variations are starting to appear, including multiple-author blogs. To set up your own free blog and see some examples, check out Blogger (<http://www.blogger.com>) and MySpace (<http://www.myspace.com>).

Maybe you've read this entire column and are thinking to yourself, "Hm... I'm not really into creat-

ing a REAL virtual community." Well, fire up your browser and go to SimCity ([http://simcity.ea.com/play/simcity\\_classic.php](http://simcity.ea.com/play/simcity_classic.php)).

Maxis, a great gaming software company, developed a game called, "SimCity." This software title allows you to graphically build a city, complete with houses, factories, retail outlets and power plants. As mayor, you make command decisions about highway construction, traffic and smog. Based on these decisions your city thrives or fails. It is loads of fun.

Well, the game evolved many times into its current version, SimCity 4. However, the old "classic" SimCity was turned into a great Web game. To check it out, click on "Play" in the left-hand column of their homepage. Fill out the free and easy registration form and start playing!

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## Weather

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design and construction of a new satellite with updated capabilities for monitoring storms. Companion legislation has also been introduced in the House of Representatives. The bills would also

require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to annually report on the status of its weather satellites.

Congress should swiftly enact the Improved Hurricane Tracking and Forecasting Act, and NASA and NOAA officials should expedite the construction and launch of a new QuikScat. The sooner it is up and working, the safer our coastal communities will be.

## Embryonic stem cells created from unfertilized eggs

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they've created embryonic stem cells by stimulating unfertilized eggs, a significant step toward producing transplant tissue that's genetically matched to women.

The advance suggests that someday, a woman who wants a transplant to treat a condition like diabetes or a spinal cord injury could provide eggs to a lab, which in turn could create tissue that her body wouldn't reject.

Ethicists disagreed on whether the strategy would avoid the long-standing ethical objections to creating

embryonic stem cells by other means.

Such cells can develop into virtually any tissue of the body, and scientists hope to harness them for producing specialized tissues like nerve cells or pancreas cells to treat a range of illnesses. But the process of harvesting the stem cells destroys embryos, which many people oppose.

To create tissues that genetically match a patient, some scientists are trying to develop a process called therapeutic cloning, in which DNA from the patient is inserted into an unfertil-

ized egg, an embryo is produced and stem cells are harvested. But nobody has made that work in humans.

The new work tries another tack: stimulating a woman's unfertilized egg to begin embryonic development.

Scientists believe this development can't continue long enough to produce a baby, but as the new work shows, it can produce stem cells that are genetically matched to the egg donor.

Such an approach could not provide matched cells for men, of course.

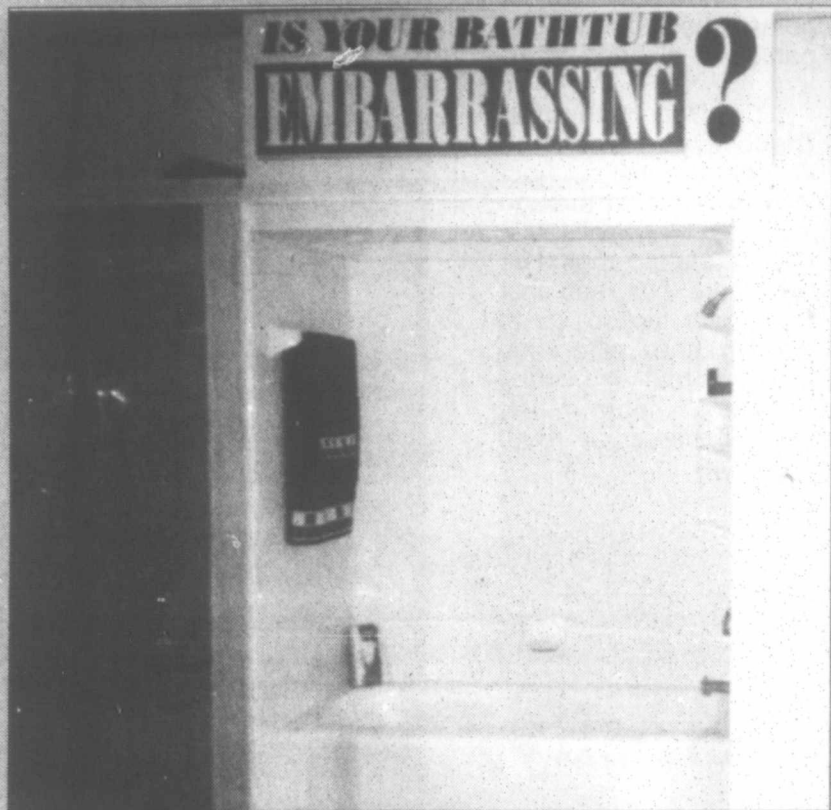
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Bringing new life to old



## Bathrooms

### Bath Fitter gives facelifts to worn-out tubs, showers

Bath Fitter offers common sense solutions to remodeling bathrooms — solutions that help make dreams become reality.

The first step to turning an old bathroom into a new one often starts with a dream — a look, a design, a style, a desired function.

Ideas may come easy, but making an idea become a reality, may not be. That's where Bath Fitter's approach to bathroom renovation begins to make sense.

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# Paris Hilton says jail 'a lesson in disguise,' promises to change hard-partying ways

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paris Hilton told CNN's Larry King she would never again drink and drive and that her time in jail was "a time-out in life."

In her first televised interview since leaving jail, a demure Hilton said Wednesday that even though she's an Aquarius and "we're social people," her time behind bars taught her "there's a lot more important things in life" than partying.

"I'm frankly sick of it," Hilton said, with loose, re-blonded locks and camera-ready makeup. "I've been going out for a long time now. Yeah, it's fun, but it's not going to be the mainstay of my life anymore."

She said her incarceration was "a very traumatic experience" that inspired a "journey" of self-discovery that she intends to continue. The world will see a new Paris Hilton, she said.

"I'm glad it happened in a way because it's changed my life forever," she said in the pre-taped, hour-long

interview. "I feel stronger than ever and, I don't know, I feel like this is a lesson in disguise."

The hotel heiress spent about 23 days in custody before she was sprung Tuesday. Hilton passed the time, she said, considering "what was important and what I want to do."

Among those plans? Using her fame to bring attention to social causes rather than the newest Hollywood hotspot.

"I feel like being in the spotlight, I have a platform where I can raise awareness for so many great causes and just do so much with this instead of superficial things like going out," she said. "I want to help raise money for kids and for breast cancer and multiple sclerosis."

Hilton said a big misconception about her is that she lives off her family's money.

"I completely disagree with that," she said. "I work very hard. I run a business. I've had a book on The New

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— Paris Hilton

York Times best-sellers list. I'm on the fifth season of my TV show. I did an album. I do movies."

The media has exaggerated her party-girl image, she said, telling King twice she's never taken drugs and does not have a drinking problem.

"I'm not really into it," Hilton said of drinking.

Asked why she never tried to correct inaccurate reports of partying and drug use, Hilton said, "I'm telling you right now so I put a stop to it."

Alone in her cell for 23

hours a day. Hilton devoted herself to reading, writing and thinking. She said she made plans to help her fellow inmates and imagined ways to be "a more responsible role model."

"I feel like God does make everything happen for a reason," she said. "And it gave me, you know, a time-out in life just to really find out what is important and what I want to do, figure out who I am."

Educated in Roman Catholic schools, Hilton said she's "always been religious" and "always had a

sense of spirituality but even more so after being in jail."

She bought a Bible from the jail commissary and read it daily, she said. Asked to name her favorite passage, she smiled and looked away.

"I don't have a favorite," she said.

At various points during the interview, Hilton read excerpts from her jailtime journals, beginning each passage with a heavy sigh. She wrote about being at a crossroads, characterizing it as "neither a downfall nor a failure, but a new beginning," and about her "compassion for those I left behind at the prison."

"I want to help set up a place where these women can get themselves back on their feet," she read. "I know I can make a difference and hopefully stop this vicious circle of these people going in and out of jail."

Hilton said she suffers from claustrophobia and attention deficit disorder, for which she takes medica-

tion. She said sheriff's officials released her to home confinement after just three days because of claustrophobia and anxiety and panic attacks.

After a judge ordered her back to jail, Hilton said she coped by meditating and reading letters from fans. But she still had nightmares of "someone trying to break into my cell and hurt me."

"Just the whole idea of being in jail is really scary," she said. "I hate to be alone so that was really just hard for me in the beginning."

When asked about the party crowd she hangs with, including Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and her reality TV co-star Nicole Richie, Hilton said "everybody makes mistakes."

"I think it's hard for anyone when you're in the spotlight so much," she said. "It's overwhelming for any young girl, but I've handled it well."

## Israeli president resigns after plea bargain

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Moshe Katsav signed a plea bargain today that will force him to resign but included no rape charges and entailed no jail time, Attorney General Meni Mazuz said.

Under the deal, Katsav — who had insisted he was innocent of wrongdoing and the victim of a slur campaign — will plead guilty to sexual harassment, indecent acts and harassing a witness, Mazuz said.

Katsav will pay damages to complainants, but receive a suspended sentence, he added. He did not say when

Katsav would step aside, and the president's office had no details.

Mazuz said Katsav requested the plea bargain, which was finalized shortly before a news conference began.

There was no immediate comment from Katsav's office following the news conference. In the space of a year, Katsav has sunk from being "Israel's No. 1 citizen to a convicted sex offender," Mazuz told the news conference.

Accusations against Katsav first surfaced a year ago, and eventually spread

to include four women who formerly worked with him in the president's office and earlier when he was tourism minister.

In January, Mazuz announced he planned to indict Katsav on charges of rape and lesser counts of sexual misconduct. But he allowed Katsav's attorneys to appear before him at a hearing in May to plead their case, as is customary practice with senior officials.

At that two-part hearing, new evidence was presented, he told the news conference, but did not give further details.

## Pope OKs wider use of Latin Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI has approved a document that relaxes restrictions on celebrating the Latin Mass used by the Roman Catholic Church for centuries until the modernizing reforms of the 1960s, the Vatican said today.

Benedict discussed the decision with top officials in a meeting on Wednesday and the document will be published in the next few days, the statement said. The meeting was called to "illustrate the content and the spirit" of the document, which will be sent to all bishops accompanied by a personal letter from the pope.

The decision comes after months of debate. Some cardinals, bishops and Jewish leaders have opposed any change, voicing complaints about everything from the text of the old Mass to concerns that the move will lead to further changes to the reforms approved by 1962-65 Second Vatican Council.

The 16th century Tridentine Mass was sidelined by the New Mass that followed the council. The reforms called for Mass to be said in local languages, for the priest to face the congregation and not the altar with his back to worshippers and for the use of lay readers.

To celebrate the Latin Mass now, a priest must obtain permission from the local bishop. Church leaders are anxiously awaiting the details of Benedict's decision, to see how far he will go in easing that rule.

Benedict's move is widely seen as an attempt to reach out to an ultra-traditionalist and schismatic group, the Society of St. Pius X, and bring it back into the Vatican's fold.

The late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre founded the society in 1969 in Switzerland in opposition to

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the Vatican II reforms, particularly its liturgical changes. The Vatican excommunicated Lefebvre in 1988 after he consecrated four bishops without Rome's

consent. The bishops were excommunicated as well.

Benedict has been keen to reconcile with the group, which has demanded freer use of the old Mass as a precondition for normalizing relations.

Some cardinals and bishops, particularly in France — where Lefebvre's group is strong — have objected publicly to any liberalizing of the old rite, saying its broader use could lead to divisions within the church, and could imply a rejection of other Vatican II teachings.

Other concerns have come from groups involved in Christian-Jewish dialogue, because the Tridentine rite contains prayers that some non-Christians find offensive. The Tridentine liturgy predates the landmark documents from Vatican II on improving relations with Jews and people of other faiths.

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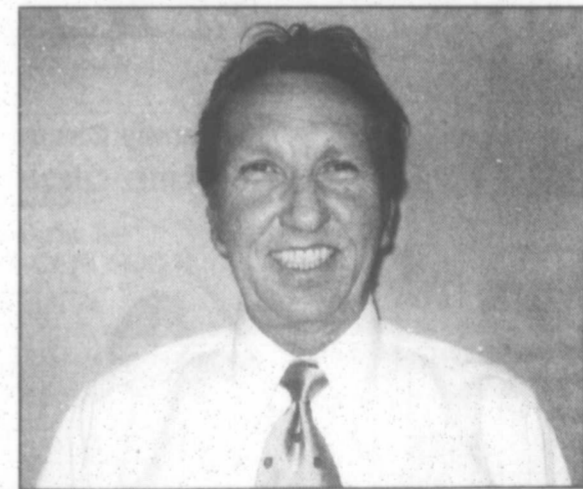
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** "Pregnant and Paranoid in Calif." (May 6) is rightfully troubled by the unwanted touching of her abdomen by strangers. When they do it, she should back away and gently remind them that it makes her uncomfortable. What she needs to know is that touching a woman's belly is a deeply rooted instinctual behavior. It is as natural as pulling your hand away from a fire. -- **GAYLE FROM SCOTTS, MICH.**

**DEAR GAYLE:** My mail was divided on this. Some readers agreed with "Pregnant and Paranoid," and others felt she needed to "chill out." Others suspected that she might be advertising her pregnancy by the type of maternity clothes she was wearing. A few of the responses gave me a belly laugh. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** In my culture (Hispanic), it is considered good luck to touch something you admire so that no harm comes to it. I'm sure no one intends to offend the expectant mother. In fact, it's thought to be positive karma (mojo). On the flip side, she can always say, "My tummy is like the Museum of Fine Art: Look, but don't touch." It's cute and will get her point across. -- **ANGELICA IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** The fascination with a pregnant belly probably has ancient cultural origins. It was local custom in the Philippines for a pregnant woman to take the hand of a handsome man or beautiful woman and place it on her own budding abdomen, hoping to transfer those traits to her incubating child. She should relax and enjoy a little gratuitous physical contact; some people have to pay big money for it - like with massage or chiropractic. -- **"WILL" ZAHAN, M.D., CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was pregnant, I was treated like a queen. People opened doors for me, helped me with bags, acted as traf-

fic guards as I crossed the street, and yes, patted my belly. It helped me realize that a pregnant woman carries an important "package," not just for her family but for the whole community. Children are a precious gift for all humanity, and I think that's why people feel warmed by the sight of a pregnant woman and reach out to give an encouraging rub. -- **LOVED BEING PREGNANT (PATS AND ALL) IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR ABBY:** Does "Pregnant and Paranoid" wear today's ridiculously tight clothing that is so in now? The clothing that I have seen pregnant women wear advertises their protruding bellies and, in my opinion, encourages people to notice and admire their bellies, implying there's an open invitation to touch them. -- **OLD-FASHIONED GRANDMA IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DEAR ABBY:** A modest top that hides the baby-belly sends the message, "This baby is my private business" and will not attract the kind of unwanted attention that "Pregnant and Paranoid" described. -- **HANA IN TEXAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** I went through three pregnancies in 2 1/2 years, and I got sick and tired of complete strangers putting their hands on me. To avoid it during my second pregnancy, I had a few T-shirts made. They read: "This is not public property." "Touch my belly and I get to touch yours." "Sure you can feel the baby. It'll cost you a dollar!" It got my point across without my having to be rude or confrontational. -- **PROUD MOM IN WICHITA**

**DEAR ABBY:** My favorite maternity T-shirt slogan is one I saw online -- "If you didn't put it here, don't touch it!" -- **22 WEEKS PREGNANT IN SEATTLE**

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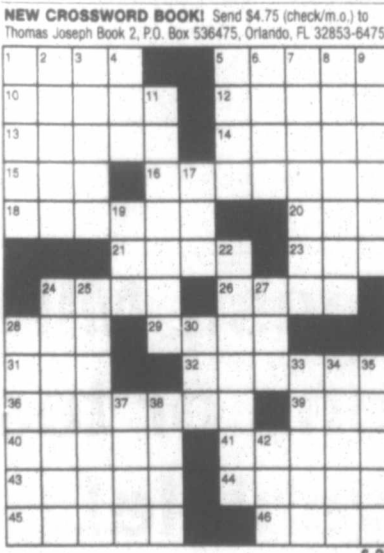


## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 13 Wise ones
  - 14 George Jetson's dog
  - 15 Yale student
  - 16 Brass instrument
  - 18 Grammar study
  - 20 Never, in Nuremberg
  - 21 Ogler
  - 23 Nodder's answer
  - 24 Lion feature
  - 26 Shade trees
  - 28 Take notes
  - 29 Hold power
  - 31 Nile serpent
  - 32 Reach the limit of
  - 36 Candle material
  - 39 Mas-seur's place
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Neighbor of France
  - 3 "Eat up!"
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  - 5 Trojan War hero
  - 6 Foolhardy
  - 7 Long, for short
  - 8 Pie ingredi-ents
  - 9 Boulders of
  - 11 Gold "Gattaca" tester
  - 17 Fireman's tool
  - 19 Finger count
  - 22 Kicks back
  - 24 White wine
  - 25 Content
  - 27 "Small-ville" role
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  - 30 Thurman of
  - 33 Actor Davis
  - 34 Tip over
  - 35 Yarns
  - 37 Lose traction
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## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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## Peanuts



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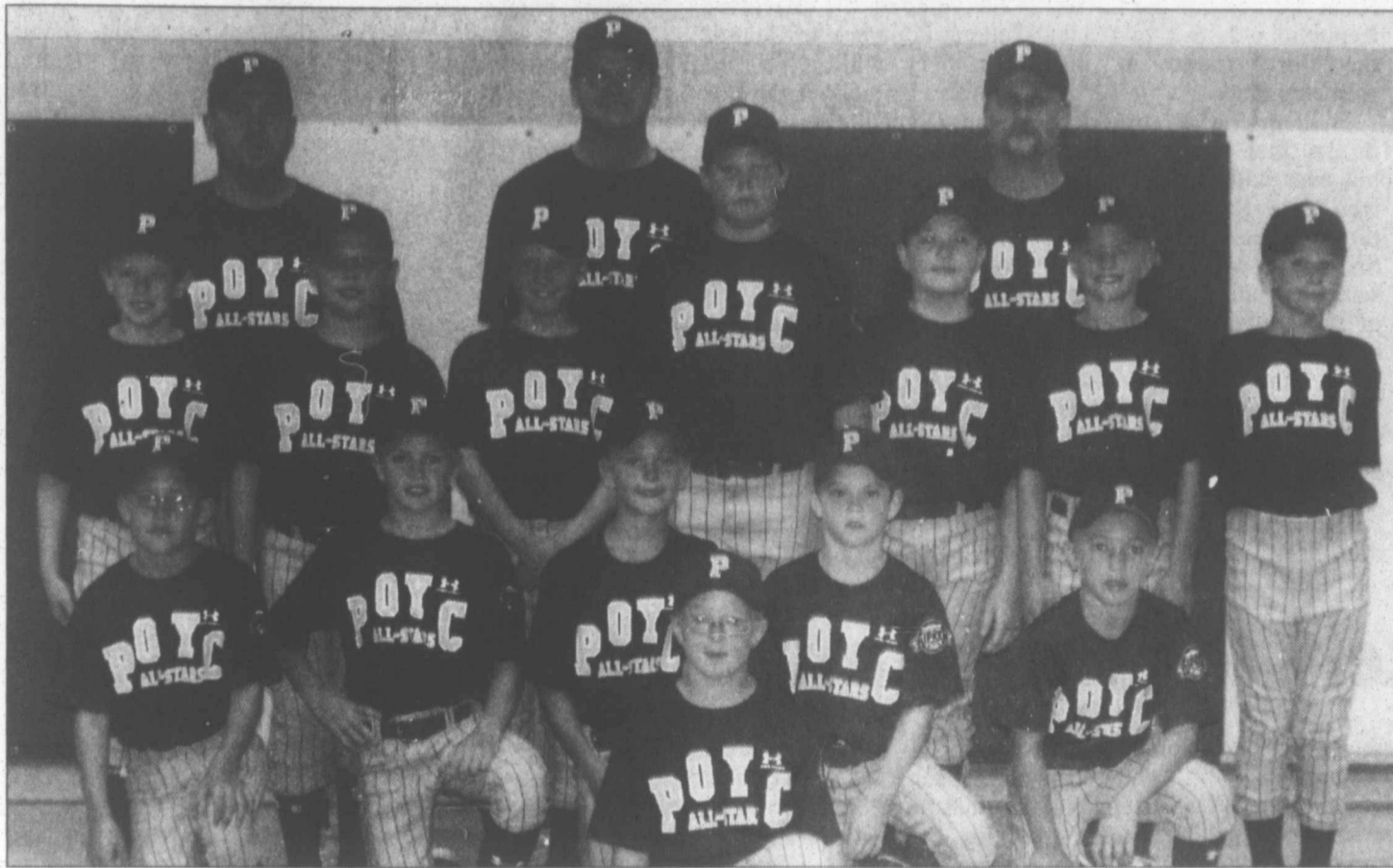


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# Sports Day

## Optimist Club hosts All Star tournament this weekend



Courtesy photo

Pampa's 9-10 All Stars will play their first game of the tournament at 8 p.m. opening night Friday.

The Pampa Optimist Club will be the host of the 9-10 year old District All-Star Tournament beginning Friday evening. There are seven teams participating in this tournament with the top three teams moving on to the state tournament the following weekend in Seminole.

Teams from Pampa, Plainview, Tulia, 2 teams from North Randall County and 2 teams from Canyon will be competing in the double elimination tournament. The tournament kicks off Friday when the North Randall County 9 year old team takes on the Canyon 10 year old team at 6 p.m. on field 1. North Randall County 10 year olds will play Tulia at 7 p.m. on field 2. The last game of opening night will be Pampa against the Canyon 9 year old team beginning at 8 p.m. on field 1. Plainview drew a first round bye and will play the winner of the NRC/Canyon game at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Pampa team is managed by Chris Engle with coaches Jeff Haley and Johnny Ferguson. Team members include Casey Martindale, Colton Thompson, Colton Lesly, Ethan Hunt, Jonathan Doyle, Josh DeLoach, Cory Chidester, Jacob Nelson, Thomas Haley, Nathan Ferguson, Aaron Allen and Cade Engle and the batboy for the team is Logan Martindale.

Pampa Manager Chris Engle says the team has worked very hard and he is proud of the progress they have made. He is asking everyone to come out Friday night and cheer on the Pampa team as they take on Canyon. There will be plenty of homemade ice cream, sausage wraps, burgers and lots of baseball action.

This tournament is sponsored by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club which is a United Way agency.

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Roy Don Stephens  
Gary Brewer

**4th Place (64)**  
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Roger Davenport  
Buddy Epperson  
Darrell Hinkle

**Cloest to the Pin**  
James Richardson (#6)  
Howard Wells (#15)

## Mountain bike rider Bush exhorts people to commit to exercise, improve their eating habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, an avid mountain bike rider, says rigorous exercise is great for the mind and body.

Asked in a network broadcast interview about people who say they're too busy to exercise regularly, Bush said, "I don't buy that. I think you set priorities in life, and if exercise is one of your priorities, then you do it."

"I'm amazed at how young I feel," Bush, 60, told

CBS's "The Early Show" in an interview broadcast Thursday.

The president, who regularly goes mountain biking, said "I wisely have convinced a bunch of youngsters here in the White House and Washington to ride with me."

He also said he was heartened by the advance of women's athletics in the United States. "I'm a big backer of Title IX," Bush said of the federal law that

prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federal funded education programs.

"I think the progress, though, has been startling from the day when there were hardly any women's teams," said the president, once a part owner of the Texas Rangers of the American League.

He said a fitness culture "starts with families" and said "I exercise a lot because it's good for my mind and it's good for my soul."

"I also think we spend a lot of money in the education system. We ought to insist on better food," Bush said. "A lot of the dietary problems are what people eat. Our obesity problem is not just an exercise problem, but a bad diet."

"I feel great," he said, "and I think most 60-year-olds feel good if they take care of their body and be careful of what they put in their body."

## Draft gets interesting after Oden, Durant are gone

NEW YORK (AP) — The Greg Oden-Kevin Durant debate that lasted all spring will end quickly Thursday night.

Then the NBA draft gets interesting.

Oden and Durant will be gone after the first two picks, headed to their Pacific Northwest destinations. No worries about going to an unfamiliar place, or lengthy waits while TV cameras capture their agony as teams pass over them.

Other players only wish they had it as easy.

"It is annoying. I wish I was in a situation like Greg and Kevin were in, where they just automatically knew where they were going," guard and longtime Oden teammate Mike Conley Jr. said. "They can start looking for houses or whatever. I have no kind of luxury like that."

Conley could go No. 3 to Atlanta — unless the Hawks trade the pick. Or he could still be available when the Hawks use their second lottery selection at No. 11 — unless that one has been dealt.

Al Horford, Joakim Noah and Corey Brewer, the core of Florida's back-to-back national championship teams; Georgetown forward Jeff Green, and China's Yi Jianlian face the same uncertainty heading into one of the deepest drafts in years, one that could be shaken up by trades.

"I don't think a lot of people put a lot of focus on that, after the first two draft picks, because it's going to be fun to see where people end up," Green said. "There's a lot of talent in the draft. In my eyes, we feel like maybe the deepest draft since LeBron's draft (in 2003)."

The Portland Trail Blazers have the No. 1 pick, and they haven't said publicly which way they're leaning. And if they were still flip-flopping Wednesday, they weren't the only ones.

"I'm taking the big guy," Washington center Spencer Hawes said when asked what he would do. "Look who wins the championships. Nothing against Kevin, but you just got to look at the backbone of championships."

So then, Oden over Durant?

"I'm not saying that, I'm not going to go that far," Hawes said. "Conventional wisdom would say that you take the big guy, but that's a tossup, that's a tough one to say. I can't say on the two individuals, but next year if it's a similar scenario I guess I go with the big guy. But I don't know, this year I guess I'm a man divided."

It's not an easy choice. Oden tested better at pre-draft camp, Durant had the sharper workout in Portland.

Dominant big men are usually impossible to pass up, and late Wednesday night ESPN.com reported, citing unidentified sources, the Trail Blazers had let Oden know that he's their man.

Oden has been compared to Bill Russell for his rebounding and shot blocking, and he led Ohio State to the national championship game even while failing to regain full strength after surgery on his right wrist.

"You can see why he'd be a No. 1 pick," Durant said. "I think he's one of the best centers to come out of college. He's quick and agile, he's 7-feet, 250. I've never seen that in a center before."

## Glavine, Maddux inch closer to landmark victories

By The Associated Press

Tom Glavine nearly made history for the New York Mets, and Greg Maddux turned in another routine outing, outperforming someone nearly half his age again.

Glavine earned his 297th win, pitching one-hit ball for six innings in a rain-shortened shutout to lead New York past the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Scott Rolen's second-inning infield single was the only hit off Glavine, who nearly gave Mets their first no-hitter — albeit a shortened one.

"He wants it the real way. He don't want the asterisk by it," teammate David Wright said. "He'll live. He'll take the win I'm sure."

At San Francisco,

Maddux allowed one run in seven innings to earn his 340th victory, leading the San Diego Padres past the Giants 4-2.

Maddux (7-4) won for the fourth time in five decisions, getting help from Jose Cruz Jr.'s go-ahead single in the eighth inning against his former team. That followed a two-out double by Marcus Giles.

"It'll always be kind of cool," he said of pitching in San Francisco. "I like the city. It's a nice park."

At Philadelphia, Phillies slugger Ryan Howard hit his 100th career homer in his 325th game, becoming the fastest player to reach that mark in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. But the Phillies lost to the Reds, 9-6.

In other NL games

Tuesday, it was: Arizona 2, Los Angeles 0; Chicago 6, Colorado 4; Atlanta 13, Washington 0; Milwaukee 6, Houston 3 in 11 innings; and Pittsburgh 7, Florida 5 in 10 innings.

At New York, Wright hit a two-run homer off winless Anthony Reyes (0-10) in the first, and the NL East leaders made it stand up for their fifth victory in six games.

Glavine has won consecutive outings after going 0-4 in five starts from May 24 to June 16. He walked two and

struck out one in his 25th career shutout.

"It's a lot of me making better pitches and a little bit of me having better luck," he said.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner is closing in on becoming the 22nd major league pitcher to win 300 games.

The 41-year-old Maddux won an intriguing duel against one of the majors' top up-and-coming power pitchers in 22-year-old Matt Cain (2-9).

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# Federer wins 50th straight match on grass in 2nd round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Roger Federer won his 50th straight match on grass Thursday, beating 18-year-old Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 6-2, 7-5, 6-1 to reach the third round at Wimbledon.

The four-time defending champion had led 2-0 in the third set before rain halted play Wednesday. When they resumed, the top-ranked Swiss needed only 11 minutes to complete the match, winning three straight games before Del Potro held serve in the sixth game.

Federer broke the Argentine five times and saved the only break point he faced. The No. 1-seeded player finished with 33 winners and made only 23 errors — one less than Del Potro.

Federer, trying to become only the second man in the Open era to win five straight titles at the All England Club, will next face two-time Grand Slam champion Marat Safin. The Russian beat Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

"He's always a player who can upset anybody on any day. I hope he's not going to have one of those crazy good days against me," Federer said of Safin. "Hopefully I can use my variety against him."

Federer said skipping the grass-court warm-up tournament in Halle has not hurt his play, but he did admit to feeling slightly under the weather.

"I have a bit of throat thing going on, but not

much," Federer said.

Three-time champion Venus Williams, wearing white spandex shorts instead of a usual skirt or dress, beat Hana Sromova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-2 to reach the third round in the women's draw.

Williams, who struggled in the first round Tuesday but eventually beat Russian teen Alla Kudryavtseva in three sets, dominated Sromova with her first serves, winning 100 percent of those points in the first set.

In the second set, Williams saved break points in the first and seventh games.

French Open finalist Ana Ivanovic also advanced to the third round, beating

Meilen Tu of the United States 6-4, 6-3. The sixth-seeded Serb reached the fourth round last year.

Also, No. 8 Anna Chakvetadze defeated Tatiana Poutchek of Belarus 6-2, 6-1, while No. 10 Daniela Hantuchova, No. 12 Elena Dementieva, No. 14 Nicole Pietrangeli and No. 15 Patty Schnyder also won.

No. 17 Tatiana Golovin, No. 21 Tathiana Garbin of Italy and No. 29 Francesca Schiavone of Italy lost.

A decade after Martina Hingis won at the All England Club, she's just happy to be playing. On Wednesday, she reached the third round by beating Aiko Nakamura of Japan 6-1, 6-2.

"I'd say I was a little bit more chubby back then,"

Hingis said, pinching her cheeks. "I think as a teenager, you're just really growing into a phase that you gain weight. I'm definitely not proud of the way I looked."

"When I was holding the (Wimbledon) trophy, it didn't matter. It was just a great moment at that time. I grew out of it. You have to be in better shape today."

Hingis was quick enough on Wednesday to finish before rain halted play.

Eight singles matches were stopped in progress; 10 never began.

On Centre Court, Tim Henman and Feliciano Lopez, who were at 1-1 in the first set, resumed their match.

Also, second-seeded Rafael Nadal was paired

against Werner Eschauer of Austria. No. 4 seed Novak Djokovic and 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt were also scheduled to play second-round matches.

In women's play, defending champion Amelie Mauresmo was to face Yvonne Meusburger of Austria, with second-seeded Maria Sharapova against Severine Bremond of France.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Serena Williams was among the women who reached the third round on Wednesday before the weather worsened. She had a 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory over Alicia Molik of Australia.

Other women advancing to the third round included No. 1 Justine Henin and No.

# Aging Spurs not likely to change much through this draft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs might soon be forced to deal with having one of the oldest teams in the NBA, but they aren't likely to start in Thursday's draft.

The core of a team that swept the Cleveland Cavaliers this month for the Spurs' fourth title in nine seasons remains intact — and fairly young. Tim Duncan is the oldest at 31, followed by Manu Ginobili, 29, and finals MVP Tony Parker, 25.

If the Spurs find any help with the 28th, 33rd or 58th picks, it could be an injection of youth for a supporting cast led by three long-time — and aging — veterans.

Star defender Bruce Bowen, largely credited with making things tough on LeBron James during the

finals, turned 36 this month. Robert "Big Shot Rob" Horry, known for an array of clutch shots through the years, will be 37 in August. And Michael Finley, who started all 20 games during the playoffs and just won his first championship ring, is 34.

But Spurs general manager R.C. Buford isn't worried.

"Our role players have always been old," Buford said. "I just think that we'll continue to try to add good players. I don't want a bunch of babies in here that can't play. ... So having the flexibility to evaluate who the best players are available that we can fit within our business model is more important I think at any time than being young."

Buford also indicated that Finley

is planning to come back.

"It's good to have Michael back. We've been fortunate that most of the guys in the group like the team they played with this year and enjoyed success together as a group," Buford said. Asked about Bowen and Horry, he said, "Unless circumstances change I would imagine that we're going to do everything we can to keep as much of the team intact as we can."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said shortly after the team won the title that it's difficult to determine when a team needs to get younger.

"If you don't do some things in a proactive manner, then all of the sudden you're too darn old and you waited too long," he said. "But you don't want to throw the baby out

with the bath water. So that will be part of our evaluation this summer in moving forward, to make sure we don't get behind that curve."

Parker's not concerned, saying he has confidence in Popovich and Buford, architects of the closest thing to an NBA dynasty since the Chicago Bulls of the 1990s.

"They're going to do a great job to maybe change one or two pieces to make sure we compete," Parker said earlier this month. "But I think Robert and Bruce, all the old guys, can at least go for one more year — at least."

When the Spurs were ousted by the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference semifinals last year, calls grew for the team to get more athletic. Popovich didn't buy

it. "One has to make sure that you evaluate properly," he said. "If we kept this same team, at some point it would be too old and unathletic, but last year was too soon to call that shot."

Given history, discounting the Spurs' draft position would be a mistake. In 2001, Parker was chosen in the same spot the Spurs own Thursday — No. 28. Ginobili was the 57th pick near the end of the second round in 1999.

"You never know until you get into it. This year has been perceived as a deep draft. I think at the top of the draft it's particularly deep," Buford said. "We'll just see if there's any more nuggets to be mined at the end."

# Brewers beat Astros in 11th inning

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Damian Miller went to the plate in the 11th inning with a rather simple goal.

"I was looking not to strike out, basically," he said.

Miller did a lot better than that.

The backup catcher hit his first homer of the season, a three-run shot that sailed into the Milwaukee bullpen and lifted the Brewers over the Houston Astros 6-3 Wednesday.

"I knew for sure it was probably a double," he said. "I guess I hit it better than I thought."

The Brewers finished up an 8-1 homestand, won for the 12th time in 14 games overall and improved the NL's best record to 46-32.

Houston went 2-7 on its road trip, and was swept by Milwaukee in a three-game series for the first time.

"We're certainly not playing winning baseball," Houston manager Phil

Garner said. "We're not finding a way to win a ballgame. On the flip side, we're finding a way to lose ballgames. It's very disappointing."

Miller launched a one-out homer to left-center field that was speared on the fly by Brewers bullpen catcher Marcus Hanel. Miller hit the second game-ending home run of his career, with the other coming in 2000 for Arizona.

# Mavs insist they're not seeking major changes

DALLAS (AP) — With no first-round picks and no realistic way to get an immediate impact player, this looks like a futures draft for the Dallas Mavericks.

While the Mavs certainly wouldn't mind some help for league MVP Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard, that's not something they have to get in the draft. That can come through a trade or free agency, though the salary cap would be a hindrance.

Just remember that despite

the shockingly quick elimination in the first round of the playoffs, this is still a team that won 67 games during the regular season. Plus, Dallas went to the NBA Finals a year ago.

"Our emphasis and our priority is to build and add to what we've accomplished," team president and general manager Donnie Nelson said. "We're not looking for major changes or reasons to blow things up. We like the chemistry and like the group

we have."

Unless they do some dealing before Thursday night, the Mavericks won't draft until 34th, the fourth pick of the second round. And they wouldn't even be that high if not for the February deal that sent veteran guard Anthony Johnson to Atlanta.

"When we kind of analyzed things at the trade deadline, we did like the depth and it had something to do with us making that trade," Nelson said.

# Sad tale for former NFL players, but who is really at fault?

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
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By the time former NFL players got done telling their stories of pain and poverty to Congress, there was barely a dry eye in the House.

With good reason.

It's easy to feel sympathy for someone like Curt Marsh, the former Oakland Raider offensive lineman who said playing in the NFL led to 31 surgeries, including the amputation of his right leg eight inches above the ankle.

Marsh has a Super Bowl ring on his finger, a metal plate in his neck and screws holding most everything else together.

Then there's Brent Boyd, the former Minnesota Viking who has struggled with depression and other mental problems from the battering his brain took while playing in the 1980s. Unlike Marsh, Boyd lost his case for permanent disability benefits.

Boyd is bitter and not afraid to show it. The NFL and its player's union, he told members of Congress, have been "using their tactics of delay and deny and hope I put a bullet through my head to end their problem."

Sad cases, indeed. Sad enough for some politicians to suggest there ought to be a law against the way ex-players have been treated.

There won't be.

Those gathered before

the House Judiciary Subcommittee the other day understood that. For them, the hearing was a chance to argue their case in a very public forum, and an equally good chance for our elected officials to show they care.

The sad stories are sure to continue, if only because there are so many. The question then becomes how much can be blamed on the NFL and how much is the fault of the players themselves?

Football is a violent, brutal sport. It's even more violent and more brutal when played by the biggest and best players.

The retired players should have understood that when they joined the league. They didn't. Because when you're 25 you think you're indestructible, and the future seems a long way away.

That future is now for some 10,000 former players, and it's more painful than they ever imagined. Just 317 are receiving disability payments, and most of the others believe they should be getting far more in pension pay than they do.

This week's hearing did help turn up the pressure on the league and the NFL Player's Association, who decide how much of the \$1.1 billion fund for pensions and disability will be paid out and to whom it will be paid. What they haven't been able to win in courts

and arbitration hearings, the former players are trying to win by rallying public support.

The campaign is starting to have an effect. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has set a summit next month to try and work things out between the league, the union and the retirees. And the NFL and NFLPA said last week they will use Social Security standards to define disabilities, which should make it easier to qualify.

Hall of Famer Mike Ditka says it's a simple matter of right versus wrong. The league, he says, is rich and getting richer, and should take care of those who played a part in making it what it is today.

Union chief Gene Upshaw believes it's not so simple. He said last month that benefits have increased, but that he was tired of explaining it to Ditka and others.

"I'm not sure he would understand it if I did," Upshaw said, adding: "Yes, I'm calling him stupid."

Upshaw's been doing a lot of name-calling lately. Just last month he reacted angrily to comments about paltry pensions by Hall of Famer Joe DeLamielleure by saying he would like to "break his ... damn neck."

Upshaw knows where his loyalties lie, even though he falls in the same group of retired players the union is so wary of giving money to.

He's employed by current players, who have made it clear they are more concerned with keeping money in the fund for their future than paying it out for those who went ahead of them.

The NFL, though, is more sensitive to public opinion and would rather part with a few million dollars than be accused of not caring about its players. Since the league and the union administer the plan jointly, they must find some middle ground.

The retired players, too, must share in taking responsibility.

While others their age went to work in offices and factories and began planning their lives, they chose to play football for a living.

The money's good while it lasts, but then it's suddenly gone. And many never bothered to learn other skills or get a degree that might mean something in the job market.

Some end up with broken bodies; others just end up broke.

In the end, though, they all have one thing in common, something that should frame the debate about what they're due.

No one ever forced them to play the game.

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# Wrestler and wife argued over care of mentally retarded son in days before murder-suicide

ATLANTA (AP) — In the days before pro wrestler Chris Benoit killed his wife and child and hanged himself, the couple argued over whether he should stay home more to take care of their mentally retarded 7-year-old son, an attorney for the wrestling league said Wednesday.

"I think it's fair to say that the subject of caring for that child was part of what made their relationship complicated and difficult, and it's something they were both constantly struggling with," said Jerry McDevitt, an attorney for World Wrestling Entertainment. "We do know it was a source of stress and consternation."

McDevitt said the wrestling organization learned from the couple's friends and relatives that the Benoit's were struggling with where to send the boy to school since he had recently finished kindergarten.

He also said Benoit's wife didn't want him to quit wrestling, but she "wanted him to be at home more to care for the kid. She'd say she can't take care of him by herself when he was on the road."

The child suffered from a rare medical condition called Fragile X Syndrome, an inherited form of mental retardation often accompa-

nied by autism, McDevitt said.

Over the past weekend, authorities said, Benoit strangled his wife, suffocated his son and placed a Bible next to their bodies before hanging himself with a weight-machine cable in the couple's suburban home. No motive was offered for the killings, which were discovered Monday.

Anabolic steroids were found in Benoit's home, leading officials to wonder whether the drugs played a role in the slayings. Some experts believe steroids cause paranoia, depression and violent outbursts known as "roid rage."

The WWE, based in Stamford, Conn., issued a news release Tuesday saying steroids "were not and could not be related to the cause of death" and that the findings indicate "deliberation, not rage." It also added that Benoit tested negative April 10, the last time he was tested for drugs.

Also Wednesday, Benoit's personal physician said the wrestler did not give any indication he was troubled when he met with the doctor hours before the start of the weekend.

Benoit had been under the care of Dr. Phil Astin, a longtime friend, for treatment of low testosterone levels.

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## Air emissions project under way at Oklahoma swine operation

By KAY LEDBETTER  
Extension News

AMARILLO — Determining how much air emissions area hog facilities release from their buildings is a two-year project for a local Texas Agricultural Experiment Station air quality engineer.

Dr. Ken Casey will take part in the 2.5-year, \$14.6 million study to measure levels of hydrogen sulfide, particulate matter (dust), ammonia, nitrous oxide, volatile organic compounds and non-methane hydrocarbons released from livestock facilities.

This is a first-ever, nationwide study to measure amounts of various pollutants discharged from poultry, dairy and swine operations, said Al Heber, a Purdue University professor of agricultural and biological engineering.

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Recording has begun at most of the locations, and by midsummer the project will be under way at 20 monitoring sites in nine states. Led by Purdue, the study will help establish science-based guidelines for potential regulations on livestock air emissions, Heber said. Good data are lacking on these gases, which are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"There has never been an agricultural air emissions study this comprehensive or long term," Heber said. "We don't know enough about what is being emitted into the atmosphere. This study will give the EPA the data it needs to make science-based regulations and even allow us to develop strategies for reducing emissions when necessary."

The National Air Emission

Monitoring Study, overseen by the EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, will record two continuous years of emission data at concentrated animal feeding operations and manure storage locations.

The study is funded by the Agricultural Air Research Council, a non-profit organization that receives its funds from livestock industry groups.

Casey will collaborate with 13 principal researchers from seven different universities.

Industry officials worked with EPA to find sites representative of diversity within each industry, Casey said. Then a qualified and experienced researcher was sought to do the monitoring and testing. The pork industry and EPA wanted a typical facility in a representative geographical location, Casey said.



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by DR. KEN CASEY)

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research assistants Al Caramanica, standing, and Gary Smith, kneeling, install equipment to monitor ammonia, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide and dust from a hog facility in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"At this site, they wanted to monitor both the buildings and the lagoon," he said. "They had to find a facility where the emissions would not cross one another in the prevailing winds."

A site was located in the Oklahoma Panhandle using criteria developed by the National Pork Association, EPA and Heber, Casey said.

Purdue sent a trailer fully equipped with instrumentation to the site, he said. It will take about two months to install and calibrate the system. Casey and his crew will monitor ammonia, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide and particulate matter continuously from the buildings. Another researcher will periodically monitor emissions from the lagoon.

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"This is a baseline study to see how much of these pollutants are emitted," Casey said. "EPA will take that data and develop emissions factors, which will be used in the development of emissions inventories."

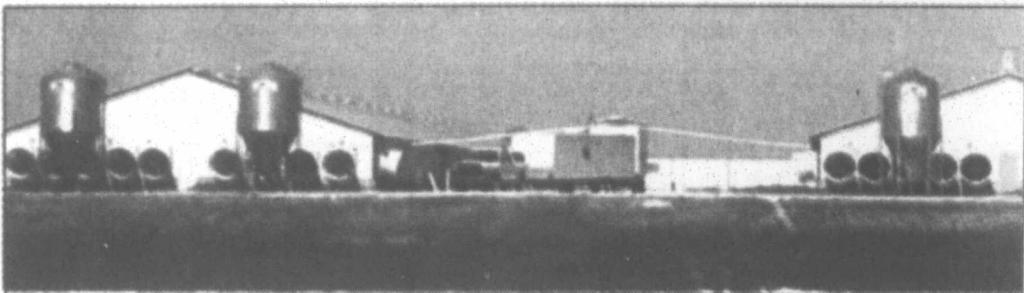
The dust will be measured by a piece of equipment called tapered element oscillating microbalance, he said, which gives a continuous measurement of the air being exhausted from the fans on the building.

Likewise, Casey said, samples from representative fans in each building will be drawn continuously by monitors to the instrument trailer

and be analyzed for ammonia, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide.

"These measurements will give us concentration," he said. "To get emission rates, we'll also have to know how much air is being exhausted from the building, which is done by continuously monitoring the status of each fan and the resistance against which it operates."

The instruments' functions and calibration will be checked weekly by a research associate from Amarillo, Casey said. The system will be monitored daily online, and data will be e-mailed nightly to Heber at Purdue and Casey in Amarillo.



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by DR. KEN CASEY)

A trailer from Purdue University for air quality monitoring instrumentation is placed between two of the barns at the Oklahoma Panhandle hog site where it will take measurements for the next two years.

## Big industrial cities losing steam as people migrate south and west in United States

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Phoenix has overtaken Philadelphia as the nation's fifth largest city, underscoring decades of population losses in America's big industrial centers.

The nation's population has nearly doubled since 1950 — adding about 150 million people. But of the 20 largest cities at mid-century, all but four have shrunk, some by a lot.

Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Buffalo, N.Y., have all lost more than half their population in the past half-century.

Philadelphia lost nearly a third of its residents, slipping to about 1.4 million people in 2006, according to estimates being released Thursday by the Census Bureau.

Like many big cities in the Northeast and Midwest, Philadelphia has suffered through a decline in the nation's manufacturing economy. City officials, however, have vowed to rebound.

"Philadelphia is not going to disappear," said Gary Jastrzab, deputy executive director of the city planning commission. "We have a good quality of life here. We have major universities, major health facilities and a very active pharmaceutical industry."

The Census Bureau is releasing 2006 population estimates for U.S. cities on Thursday. The Associated Press compared those estimates with population totals from the 1950 census.

Phoenix was barely in the top 100 cities in 1950 — it ranked 99th, with about 107,000 people. Last year, it had 1.5 million.

Phoenix added 43,000 people from 2005 to 2006, more than any other city, according to the Census Bureau estimates. It was followed by San Antonio; Fort Worth, Texas; Houston; and North Las Vegas, Nev.

New Orleans, which is

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— William Frey  
Demographer

still struggling to rebuild following Hurricane Katrina, lost the most people, about 228,000. The Census Bureau estimated the city's population at 223,400 in 2006, a little less than half its size before the storm.

Americans have been migrating south and west for decades in search of better job opportunities and warmer climates. They have also been moving to the suburbs and beyond, in search of bigger yards and houses, lower crime rates and better

schools.

In 1950, nearly a fifth of the population lived in the nation's 20 largest cities. In 2006, it was about one in 10.

Many older cities are trying to reinvent themselves, relying on the universities, health centers and cultural attractions that have long been desirable, said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

"It used to be that the city was the whole regional economy. Now, it is just the center," Frey said. "These cities certainly can be viable with smaller populations."

Mark S. Schweiker, president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, said regional economic conditions are a better measure of success than conditions in individual cities.

"We remain a significant economic force, and the census doesn't change that," Schweiker said. "The reality is we are situated nicely between the financial capital of the world in New York and the political capital in D.C."

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