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Kalynn Jones



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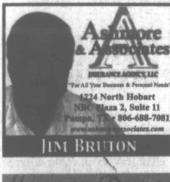
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# Gray grand jury returns 13 more indictments

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 13 indictments Monday in 223rd District Court, including three second-degree felonies, five thirddegree felonies and five state jail felonies.

Tim T. Lewis, 28, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Dec. 13, 2006, Lewis allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Lionel Ray Nash, 23, was indicted for possession of a controlled sub-

stance. Bond on the second-degree \$5,000. felony was set at \$10,000.

On Sept. 3, 2006, Nash allegedly possessed four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

Jose O. Rodriguez, 53, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On May 4, 2006, Rodriguez allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of mar-

Shawleen Michelle Brown, 31, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, enhanced. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500, for total bond of \$15,000.

On Jan. 9, Brown allegedly unlawfully appropriated two gold rings valued at more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 from the owner with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

On Sept. 20, 2004, Brown was convicted in 47th District Court in Potter County of the state jail felony of possession of a controlled sub-

Forrest Gilchrist King, 25, was indicted for two counts of assaulting a public servant. Bond on each of the third-degree felonies was set at

On March 11, King allegedly intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury by assaulting a Gray County deputy and a Gray County correctional officer while the two officers were attempting to restrain King.

Kam Dixon King, 34, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at

On Feb. 6, Kam King allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Terence Wayland Tillmon, 34, was See JURY, Page 3

### **Bogus e-mail** on traffic laws making rounds

The Department of Public Safety reports that a bogus e-mail concerning new traffic laws is making the rounds in cyberspace.

One of the laws that has generated the most interest is one that deals with an alleged hands-free law for cellular telephones.

"This e-mail is completely false and inaccurate," said Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer in Amarillo.

"I am sure there are some new traffic laws which have been passed," he said. "These will generally go into effect in September. New Laws start Sept. 1, Not in July."

Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer in Clarendon, said the e-mail cites the following laws erroneous laws

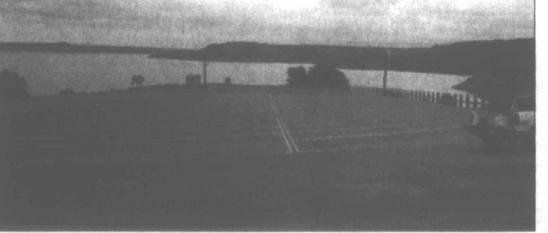
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# Shiny new truck and station



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Millican stands with one of the department's new vehicles in front of the new HVFD fire station, directly behind State Rep. Warren Chisum's office at 2305 Chisum Trail Road off Price Road. Donations funded the remodeling to the building that is now the new station, and enabled the department to obtain two new vehicles. An open house and dedication ceremony for the new station begins at 3 p.m. today.



The parking lot at Fritch Fortress has been upgraded for boaters.

# Meredith upgrades parking lot

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation has annopunced that the Fritch Fortress boat ramp parking lot has been recently upgraded with new paint and signs.

Previously the parking lot had faded lines and areas which were not clearly marked. The newly restriped pavement should make it easier for visitors to park in designated

The center parking area will be designated for vehicles with boat trailers only, which should alleviate illegal parking on the grass.

Visitors who park on the grass and not in designated areas will be subject to a citation and/or having their vehicle towed at owner's

If parking areas become full at Fritch Fortress, visitors should utilize Cedar Canyon, Harbor Bay, or the boat trailer parking at Sanford-Yake Marina.

Center parking will be designated for boat trailer parking only.

For more information, please contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

Happy birthday



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Jay Weeden, manager of Fairview Cemetery, and his sons, Ryan, 14, and Bryce, 8, put out flags today for July 4th. These flags, which have the names of veterans painted on them, were donated by VFW Post 1657.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday

Friday

Saturday







Partly cloudy

Partly cloudy

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. Northnorthwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as

high as 20 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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# Texas today

wrong payments for ex- Border Patrol said. **Enron workers** 

than 20,000 former Enron partner after a motion sensor Corp. employees who finally received the first payment migrants was spotted going from a portion of millions in into the tunnel, Border Patrol retirement funds lost during spokesman Doug Mosier the company's collapse have said. been told they were either

workers received about \$89 million, the first payment that is part of a lawsuit settlement over money they lost through Enron's employee stock ownership and 401(k) plans.

But nearly \$22 million of the initial payment was miscalculated, said Harlan Loeb, spokesman for Enron, now known as Enron Creditors

Recovery Corp. About 7,700 ex-workers were overpaid, and about 12,800 were underpaid. But they won't know their fate until the recalculation is finished.

Border Patrol agent shoots migrant in El Paso tunnel

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A Border Patrol agent shot and wounded a migrant who was crossing illegally into the U.S. through a drainage tun-

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UNITED STATES Ambassador to the United Nations, mented immigrants, the U.S. Sichan Siv (of Cambodia) will Attorney's Office said. be at the July 5th Lions Club Meeting along with his wife Julio Cesar Pacheco, Sgt. Martha Pattillo (PHS gradu- Clarence Hodge Jr. and Pfc. ate), Noon at First United Jose Rodrigo Torres used cell Methodist Church Basement. phone text messages to coor-No Charge- lunch provided - dinate transporting van loads for more information contact of illegal immigrants through Greg Brown 665-5707.

Computer error leads to nel early Tuesday, the U.S.

The agent, who was not HOUSTON (AP) — More identified, responded with his was tripped and a group of

The two agents encounoverpaid or underpaid tered a group of people in the because of a computer glitch, tunnel around 12:30 a.m. Now some ex-workers One of the agents fired a shot might have to pay back after a migrant made a money if they got too much. motion toward him, Mosier Last year, former Enron said. The bullet stuck the migrant in the left arm. Mosier said, and he was taken to a hospital where he had surgery to remove the bullet and was expected to be sent back to Mexico after being released from the hospital, Mosier said.

> The Mexican Consulate was notified about the incident. El Paso Police, the Border Patrol Sector Evidence Team, and the FBI will conduct separate investigations into the cause of the shooting, Mosier said.

Carthage soldier dies in

CARTHAGE, Texas (AP) A 26-year-old soldier from Carthage died in Iraq last week when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle, the U.S. Department of Defense said Tuesday.

Spc. James Lee Adair was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

He died Friday Baghdad.

Adair attended Carthage schools and played football there. He and Chelsea Nation married July 15. Their first is expected in

Guardsmen indicted in

LAREDO, Texas (AP) -Three National Guard soldiers accused of running an immigrant smuggling operation have been indicted on five counts of human smuggling and one count of conspiracy to transport undocu-

Federal authorities say Sgt. a border-area checkpoint.

### **Obituaries**

## Services tomorrow-

JUAREZ, Jahnessa Rosario — 10 a.m., Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Pampa.

### Judge Don Ezell Cain, Sr., 84

Ezell Cain, Sr., 85, of Pampa died Tuesday, July

The Hon. Judge Don 3, 2007. Services are pend- of Pampa. ing with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors ister

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### Jahnessa Rosario Juarez, 5

Jahnessa Rosario Juarez, 5, of Pampa, Texas, died July 1, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007, at Briarwood Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Jahnessa was born Nov. 12. 2001, in Pampa. She attended Lamar Elementary and Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

mother, Jessica Ontiveros of Pecos; maternal great-grand-Pampa; her father, Ismael Duran Juarez, Jr., of Pampa; two broth-

Ontiveros and Juarez, Ismael both of Pampa; sister, Marrissia Ontiveros Pampa; maternal Juarez grandparents, Joel

ers, D'Anthony

Gonzales Booker; paternal great-grandparents, Victor and Ofleia Juarez of Barstow; three

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aunts, Stephanie Ontiveros Pampa, Ashley Ontiveros of Georgetown and

parents, Alberto

and Lydia Ontiveros of Ilidia Juarez of Odessa; one Georgetown; paternal grand- uncle, Isaiah Juarez of

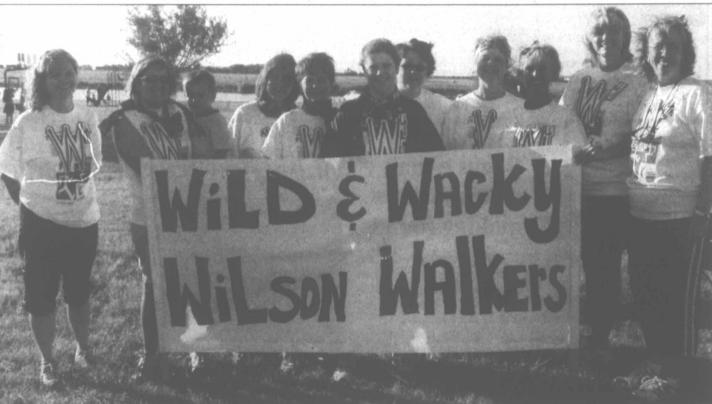
Survivors include her father, Ismael Juarez of Austin; several great-aunts and great-uncles, including great-uncle, Ontiveros, Jr., of Pampa.

The family would like to "Nurses thank Prescription" for the love and care they gave Jahnessa. MEMORIALS: Ronald McDonald House, 1501

79106. -Sign the on-line regisbook ter www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

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# A good cause



Staff from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently raised money for the American Cancer Society during the recent Relay for Life fund-raiser in Pampa. Above, from left: Lynda Dyer, Kimberly Brown and son, Andrew, Elisa Zamudio, Donna Bennett, cancer survivor Bonnie Neef, Lena Mendoza, Janie Street, team captain Teresa Dyson, Michele Crowell and Pam Lash. Not pictured: Barry Owens, who walked in his wife, Francene's, place. Mendoza's daughter, Kayla, painted the banner.

### **Emergency Services**

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Tuesday, July 3

Jessica Nicole Roberson, 17, of Amarillo was arrested by Pampa Police Department for theft of property more than \$50 but less than \$500.

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 33, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on capias pro fines for expired registration, no driver's license and no insurance.

Guillermo Gonzales, 31, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility. Wednesday, July 4

Toby Clemmons, 27, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for purchasing and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Bobby Lynn Swanson, 40, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for pos-

session of more than 1-ounce but less than 4-ounces of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prohibited weapons/switchblade and knuckles in a drug-free zone, failure to appear, bail jumping and violation of city ordinance for no running water.

### **Ambulance**

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

Tuesday, July 3 9:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolyn and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to

10:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transferred a patient to Odyssey Healthcare.

3:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 800 block of North Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

### **Fire**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, July 3

11:04 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to the 11000 block of Highway 60 on a gas leak.

# Officials: New disputes likely to delay oil bill

BAGHDAD (AP) — Sunni Arab and Kurdish politicians and a powerful Shiite party said Wednesday they had not agreed to a draft bill to regulate the country's oil industry, raising the possibility of new delays in a major piece of benchmark legislation sought for

months by the United States. It appeared unlikely parliament would begin debate on the measure Wednesday as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had announced it would. A day earlier, al-Maliki said his Cabinet had approved the draft bill and was sending it to the

legislature. American officials are hoping that passage of the oil bill and companion legislation to distribute oil revenues will help rally Sunni support for the government and reduce backing for the insur-

But deep differences between Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds in al-Maliki's coalition have frustrated attempts to get a draft to parliament, and despite al-Maliki's optimism they appeared still unresolved.

Only 24 of the Cabinet's 37 members were present for the vote because of boycotts by ministers from the Sunni Iraqi Accordance Front and the Shiite bloc local to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Both groups have separate political disputes with al-Maliki.

An Accordance Front leader warned Wednesday that no draft should be considered until the Sunnis sign on.

"Any draft law that is approved in the absence of the Iraqi Accordance Front only represents the groups that approved it," Khalaf al-Ilyan told al-Sharqiya television. "If there are some who want to cancel the voices of half of the Iraqi people then they take the responsibility.'

The head of the Sadrist bloc in parliament, Nassar al-Rubaie, said, "We reject this copy of the oil and gas draft law because it left nothing of Iraq's unity."

The Kurds said they had neither seen nor approved the final text and would oppose it if it made "material and substantative changes" to an outline agreed upon during weeks of negotiations.

"We hope that the Cabinet is not approving a text with which the (Kurdish administration) disagrees because this would violate the constitutional rights of the Kurdistan region," the Kurdistan Regional Government said in a statement.

Al-Rubaie and Kurdish legislator Mahmoud Othman said parliament was unlikely to start debate on the measure Wednesday. Together, the Accordance Front, the Sadrists and the Kurdish parties hold 127 of parliament's 275 seats not enough to defeat the measure on thier own, but passage of it over such large opposition would mean a failure of the legislation's broader goal, reconciliation between the groups.

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Enjoying the water slide, which was used to help raise money for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life Friday, are Dillon Johnson, left, and Michael Fisher, both 14 years old.



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# Forecasters predict wet holiday

By The Associated Press

The Fourth of July was shaping up to be another soggy day for much of Texas, with meteorologists predicting heavy rains and the possibility of flash flooding across the region.

Weeks of rain were already taking a toll on Independence Day festivities as authorities closed lakes in Central Texas and residents of North and East Texas cleaned up from Tuesday flooding.

"We're going to see one of our heavier rain days of this event," meteorologist Monte Oaks said this morning.

"Especially considering we're engaging in all of the holiday festivities. It's going to really cramp the holiday," said Oaks, a forecaster with the Austin-San Antonio office of the National Weather Service.

More showers and thunderstorms were likely today from South Texas to Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston, the National Weather Service said. No flash flooding problems were reported overwicht.

reported overnight.

On Tuesday, torrential downpours led to fast-rising water that forced the rescues of people from water-logged vehicles in Tarrant and Hunt counties.

vehicles in Tarrant and Hunt counties. In one case, a 70-year-old man's car

stalled in high water on a Hunt County road. After getting swept off the top of a car, he grabbed onto a tree. He was in the water about four hours before being saved by game wardens, said Richard Hill, Hunt County's emergency man-

agement coordinator.

Heavy rains flooded out cars and temporarily closed portions of Interstate 820 in Fort Worth, backing up traffic for miles during the evening rush, hour. Watauga police Lt. Phillip Adams said water was reported in about eight houses there. Aerial footage from television helicopters showed waters rushing down streets, people being rescued from chest-high waters and houses looking like islands dotting the wet landscape.

Portions of the bank along Fossil Creek in Haltom City continued to crumble into the water, bringing more worries for homeowners who saw their backyards disappearing.

With more rain on the way, the Texas National Guard said it was poised to offer additional assistance, including 70 soldiers and 30 vehicles, to Wichita Falls. The Texas State Guard has set up shelters.

Heavy rainfall and runoff this week

water pipeline adjacent to Blessing Branch Creek, a tributary of Bear Creek, on the south side of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The Trinity River Authority said about 100,000 gallons of wastewater flowed into Blessing Branch. No public water supplies were threatened or contaminated.

The North Texas Municipal Water District ended more than two years of mandatory water restrictions because it said all area lakes are at capacity.

Storms are blamed for at least 11 deaths in Texas since mid-June.

President Bush declared Texas a major disaster area Friday, ordering federal aid for six counties. Officials in Parker County have asked to be added to that list.

Gov. Rick Perry declared disaster areas in 37 counties.

Boat ramps at Lake Grapevine in the Dallas area were all shut down due to

Lakes LBJ, Marble Falls, Inks and Travis will be closed for recreational boating through the holiday, Lower Colorado River Authority officials said Tuesday. Recreational boating is being permitted on Lake Buchanan.

# SIDEWALK SALE

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# School board meet scheduled

Construction projects will be the main focus of a special board meeting called by the Pampa Independent School District for 5 p.m. Thursday at Carver, 321 W. Albert.

The board will review the projects, possibly grant designated residents access to construction sites and possibly approve an amendment to the construction project budget.

Also on the agenda, is the discussion of the 2007-2008 PISD goals and possible action regarding tree removal at Pampa High School.

# Arrest made in Austin beating death

AUSTIN (AP) — Police said the arrest of a 20-year-old man in connection with the beating death of a house painter was expected to be the first of several arrests in the case.

Kurtiss Colvin was arrested Tuesday on a

charge of manslaughter stemming from the June 19 death of David Rivas Morales, Austin police said. Morales died of bluntforce trauma to the head after being attacked while trying to protect a driver who had struck and injured a toddler.

Colvin was being held in the Travis

County Jail on felony charges of manslaughter and theft and a misdemeanor charge of assault, police said. His bond was set at \$215,000.

Police Sgt. Hector Reveles said witnesses told investigators that Colvin, a former high school track star and Golden Gloves boxer, hit Morales at least once and took his wallet after he was incapacitated.

A jail official said records available Tuesday night did not list an attorney for Colvin.

Morales, 40, had just been dropped off at an East Austin apartment complex when the driver who had given him a ride struck a 2year-old boy, according to police.

The driver got out of the car to check on the child and was confronted by several people. When they attacked the driver, Morales tried to intervene and was attacked as well.

The toddler, Michael Hosea Jr., was not seriously hurt.

"The investigation is definitely far from over," Reveles said. "We have talked to a lot of people. And we believe there are several more people that are involved."

Police decided to charge Colvin with manslaughter rather than murder because it would probably be difficult to prove that he intended to kill Morales, Reveles said.

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• As of 7-1-07, cell phone use must be "hands free" while driving. Ticket is \$285. They will be looking for this like crazy. Easy money for police department.

# Jury

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indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Sept. 12, 2006, Tillmon allegedly delivered less than one gram of cocaine to another person within 1,000 feet of Prairie Village Park, 1101 Prairie Drive.

Michael R. Bybee, 45, was indicted for theft more than \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony

was set at \$3,500.

On Jan. 9, Bybee allegedly unlawfully appropriated two gold rings valued at more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 from the owner with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Regina Brynne Deleon, 27, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Aug. 30, 2006, Deleon allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Jesus Moises Mata Fernandez, 30, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On Sept. 18, 2006, Fernandez allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

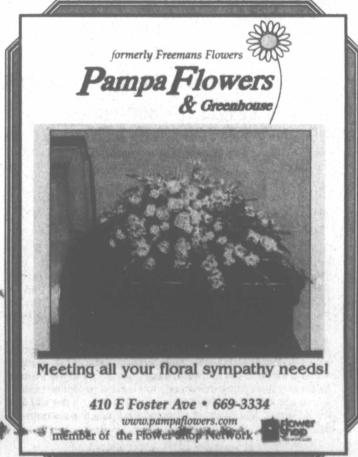
Jose Ray Palacios, 29, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Aug. 13, 2006, Palacios alleged-

ly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Ricky Lee Reynolds, 25, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 16, 2006, Reynolds allegedly possessed less than order and of methamphetamine.



# Viewpoints

# Don't trust the libs' version of free speech

Reagan said one of his mottos was "trust but verify," he was talking about dealing with the Soviet Union. If he was talking about presentday Washington, I think he'd simply say, "Don't trust -

He'd have good reason. Some of the people running things today would steal the pennies off a dead man's eyes, and then claim they needed it to make everybody's life better.

Look at the current furor over the (fortunately) nowdead Comprehensive Immigration Reform bill, sold so deceptively it would shock the worst snake-oil salesman.

Last year's attempt to enact a similar bill failed, so to make another try of imposing this ill-begotten piece of legislation on the nation. Under the leadership of the feckless Sen. Harry Reid, the supporters got together and tossed out all the Senate's time-honored procedures by crafting the bill not in committee but in secret, behind closed doors, and then sought to ram their 800-page bill down the throats of their fellow senators before any of them had a chance to study it.

Standing on the floor of the Senate, Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., said: "Here we go again. Three weeks ago a significant majority of the Senate rejected this flawed immigration bill and the flawed process that lead

When my father Ronald the powers-that-be decided to it. But now it is back. It debate." iust won't go away.

> "One of the key reasons the bill failed the first time around was the flawed process, or the lack of process, that led to the bill. In the Senate, an idea normally takes

> > Michael

Reagan

Columnist

not years to become a bill and pass. But instead of letting the bill develop

months if

deliberative through a process, a few Senators wrote the bill in secret. They held no committee hearings. There was no committee report. In fact, Senators did not even see the actual bill until several days into the

Bunning, a storied member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, threw a strike across the plate when he noted that "the Majority Leader is taking an unprecedented step to shut off the rights of

Senators to debate and amend bill. That is not Senate." The bill died, but not

because the

powers-that-be wanted it to, but because the vast majority of Americans wanted it dead. They had the good sense not to trust the powerful forces behind it, and they prevailed because trustworthy men such as Jim Bunning stood

with them.

We'll need men like Jim Bunning to stop the liberals now running the Congress from depriving us of our freedom of speech.

Left-wingers in Congress such California's Sen. Diane Feinstein and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry want to put a muzzle on conservative talk radio. They are upset by the fact that millions of Americans listen to people like Rush Limbaugh, Mike Savage, Laura Ingraham and me. Like the immigration bill backers, they want to shut off all debate, this time for good.

Because only a tiny handful of Americans listen to liberal talk radio, Kerry and company claim they want to

level the playing field by imposing a rule that will make it impossible for talk radio to survive. Should their so-called "fairness doctrine" be revived, radio station owners would be so restricted they would not be able to program conservative talk radio and keep their licenses.

Every time a conservative talk show host said something the liberals didn't like, the station owners would be forced to find a liberal and put him on the air to reply.

The liberals want to follow the lead of their fellow Marxist, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, who simply takes over any opposition TV stations and turns them into his propaganda outlets.

Bear in mind that these are See REAGAN, Page 10

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 4, the 185th day of 2007. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date: In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

In 1807, 200 years ago, soldier-statesman Giuseppe Garibaldi, who played a key role in Italy's unification during the 19th century, was born in Nice.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of

'All progress has In 1831, the fifth presiresulted from people who took

unpopular positions." — Adlai E. Stevenson American diplomat and politician

1900-1965)

Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

dent of the U.S., James Monroe, died in New York

In 1872, the 30th president of the U.S., Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt.

In 1917, during mony in Paris honoring the French hero of the Revolution, American U.S. Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton declared,

"Lafayette, we are here!"

In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Freedom of

Information Act, which went into effect the following year. In 1976, Israeli commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was convicted by a French court of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life in prison (he died in September 1991).

Ten years ago: NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the Red Planet. CBS newsman Charles Kuralt died in New York at

Five years ago: A gunman opened fire at Israel's El Al airline ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport; three people were killed, including the gunman. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., leader of the famed all-black Tuskegee Airmen during World War II and the first black general in the Air Force, died in Washington at age 89. Winnifred Quick Van Tongerloo, who survived the Titanic sinking, died in East Lansing, Mich., at age 98.

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# Coin collecting often attracts scam artists

been one of the world's most popular investments. Long considered an investor's 'safe haven," gold offers consumers diverse investment opportunities, including: traditional purchases of bullion gold bars or coins; electronic trades in gold futures; and investments in gold mining companies.

The glitter of gold, however, often attracts scam artists who simply want to separate investors from their money. As with all investments, consumers considering gold and gold coins should study the market carefully to avoid falling victim to high-pressure sales

Many consumers, particu-

For centuries, gold has larly senior citizens, have rather than by rarity or conbeen deceived into using their life's savings and other assets to buy coins priced at least three times their fair market value. The Office of the Attorney General has

> received complaints Charley from con-Reese sumers who spent thou-Texas AG sands of dollars each to purchase

"rare" gold coins that sellers claimed would double or triple in value in a very short time.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the value of bullion coins is determined primarily by their gold or silver content, dition. Bullion coins are bought and sold worldwide at prices that change daily, depending on world mar-

Fraudulent sellers often



overprice their bullion coins or mislead consumers into purchasing imitation metals cre-

ated by fraudulent "mints." Aspiring gold and rare coin investors should carefully evaluate any investment claims. Knowledgeable coin collectors, known as numismatists, often research coins and

dealers for some time before buying even a single coin. Investment gains in the gold and rare coin market are often the result of careful scrutiny of a coin's quality, rarity, market availability and price.

Always compare grade and value with other dealers before making a selection. Investors should also review the seller's refund policy and be sure to get all other terms of sale in writing. Consumers may contact the Attorney General or the Better Business Bureau before making a purchase to find out if there are complaints against a particular

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Houston Chronicle on effective recycling of plastic:

Far out to sea, between Japan and North America, a beast-like mass two times the size of Texas slowly roams and grows. This is the Eastern Garbage Patch and is likely the world's largest trash dump, according to The Los

Angeles Times. About 90 percent of this vast body of debris is plastic.

It's one of the most graphic signs that this light, cheap, apparently disposable staple of modern of life never goes away.

Belatedly, leaders in several states though not Texas are addressing the consequences.

The environmental onslaught of plastic has hugely increased in just a decade. That's the time in which bottled water, once considered a mere New Age quirk, became omnipresent in U.S. life.

Each year, Americans now consume more than 9 billion gallons of water indistinguishable in quality from filtered tapwater in plastic bottles. Most of the containers are made of polyethylene terephthalate, a petroleum product. It takes the equivalent of 18 million barrels of crude oil to create the plastic used in a year's worth of these bottles.

The plastic can take hundreds of years to degrade in dark, dense landfills, and in the ocean, even longer. The consequences now litter the globe, from Houston sidewalks to the high seas, where each year an estimated 1 million birds alone (not mentioning other aquatic creatures) die from eating

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The Fourth of July was the date that our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776. Americans just celebrated this event for centuries on their own. But in 1941, Congress finally established the Fourth of July (Independence Day) as a legal holiday. Now many have said that the Congress actually approved it on July 2, or August 2, the date they really did sign the document. So why the 4th? That was the day the final draft of the Declaration was finished for the



August 2nd signing. They approved the entire idea on July 2, with a rough outline. But on July 4 they actually had their finished draft after a lot of discussion and ratified it. And it takes a while for everyone to get it signed, so that was done on August 2.

It was John Adams who wrote his wife and said that the event should be delebrated with pomp and circumstance, parades, shows, games and other stuff.

The first official 4th of July party was in 1777 in Philadelphia. Warships along the docks fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 states. The soldiers who were in the area, paraded through the streets.

By 1788, the 4th of July celebration also commemorated the U.S. Constitution as well, which was recently approved by 10 out of the 13 states. That year was the first 4th of July parade, with horse-drawn floats, one of which was a huge eagle carrying the Justices of the US Supreme Court.

In 1790, the nation's capitol moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. President Thomas Jefferson celebrated the 4th of July by opening the White House o guests. This custom continued under other presidents as well, until the British burnt the White House in 1814.

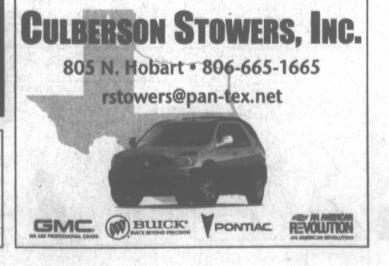
Other memorable 4th of July was one held in 1865 on the battlefield at Gettysburg; at the end of the Civil War with a procession of black slaves parading through the streets of Richmond, Virginia in 1866; and a Bi-centennial celebration in New York City on July 4, 1976.

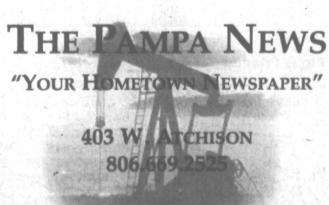
Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence died on July 4, 1826 at noon in his home in Virginia. They day he died was the 50th anniversary of the document's signing. Ironically, John Adams of Massachusetts who supported the Declaration of Independence and is also the father of President John Quincy Adams died just a few hours later on the say day, July 4, 1826.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My 12-year-old identical twin daughters, "Alicia" and "Amanda," have always dressed alike and enjoyed being completely identical. However, Alicia has recently decided that she wants to be an individual and dress differently. Unfortunately, Amanda disagrees. Because they have all matching outfits and share a room, Amanda just waits until Alicia gets dressed and puts on the same outfit. This results in arguments every morning. Amanda suggested what I thought was a fair compromise: They would dress alike on alternate days. However, Alicia insists that if she wants to dress differently, she should be able to do so every day. What would you recommend? - TWINS' MOM IN BELLEVUE, WASH.

DEAR TWINS' MOM: Let me share a page from my family album. My mother, Pauline Esther, and my aunt, Esther Pauline, were identical twins. They dressed in identical outfits and shared the same bed until their double wedding. They looked so much alike that when they would double date, they would switch dates in the middle of the evening and no one was the wiser. My mother loved being an identical twin and regarded "twinning" as an asset. My aunt, on the other hand, yearned to be regarded as an individual. I had always viewed twinship through my mother's rosecolored glasses until I read an eye-opening article my aunt had written for Twins magazine. In it, she expressed how important she felt it was for siblings who, by chance, had been born together be allowed to develop as the individuals they actually were. In other words, although your daughters came in "one package," they were not joined at the hip physically or as personalities. If Alicia wishes to develop

her individuality, she should certainly be allowed to do so. And consider this: Amanda may be so invested in her twinship that she is failing to do that -- which is

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Bob" for almost 10 years. We recently moved 2,000 miles away from our families. My sister, "Lara," has been staying in our second bedroom because she has been down on her luck for a while. Bob's mother and sister plan to visit us soon. Bob says Lara would be in the way of their visit. Bob thinks we should put Lara in a hotel room when they come. When he said it, it caught me by surprise. I am very hurt by this. I haven't mentioned anything to Lara or said anything to Bob about how I feel. But I think he is being cruel and insensitive. Help! - TORN BETWEEN FAMILIES

DEAR TORN: You and Bob need to talk. You have a bigger problem brewing than hurt feelings about the coming visit. You and Bob need to reach an understanding about how long Lara will be occupying your guest room -- period. Bob would like to entertain his family as well as yours on a more equal basis. That is neither cruel nor insensitive. As things stand, it would be impractical to move your sister to a hotel -- particularly if all her belongings are in your guest room. Therefore, during this visit, Bob's mother and sister should stay in a hotel. However, there should be a definite move-out date for your sister. Fair is fair.

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By Bil Keane

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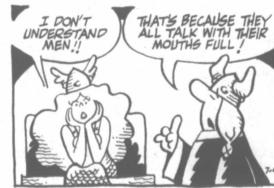
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### **Haggar The Horrible**





### **Peanuts**







## Flo & Friends







"No, Mommy, just make mine

a warm dog."

### **Blondie**





Kalynn Jones placed fourth in statewide competition at the Texas High School Rodeo Associatio: " nals June 9 through 17 in Abilene. Her placement earned her a trip to the National High School Rodeo Finals, July 22 through 28 in Springfield, III., where she will again compete in pole bending.

# Pampa cowgirl to compete in national pole bending

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Kalynn Jones of Pampa is going to the National High School Rodeo Association finals in pole bending.

Jones, 17, won fourth place overall from among 100 contestants in the pole bending event in the Texas School Association finals, held June 9 through 17 in Abilene.

She was also entered in barrel racing, but said her horse got a sore leg and was unable to compete the second day of the event.

Jones won three belt buckles for her pole bending efforts in Abilene. She can add them to her collection of



Jones

buckles and saddles won in rodeo events through the years.

This was Jones' third year to compete statewide. In addition to pole bending and barrel racing, she also com-

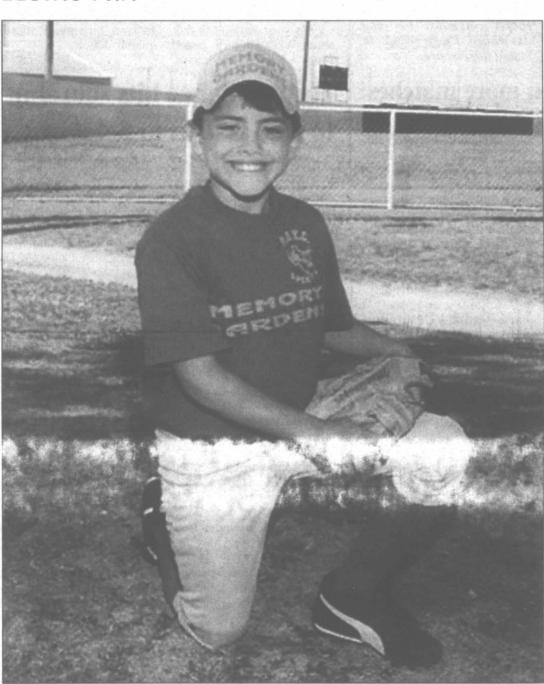
petes in breakaway roping.

Robert Douglas, Carley Richardson and Tanner Cochran were other Pampa residents who attended the state event. Richardson competed in breakaway roping, barrel racing and pole bending. Cochran, was entered in tie-down roping, and Douglas was involved in the bareback riding event.

Richardson placed eighth in the barrel racing and 11th in pole bending, according to the THSRA Web site.

Jones, the daughter of Jeff and Jodie Jones of Pampa, will be a senior at Pampa High School for the 2007-2008 year.

## Home run



Courtesy photo

Adam Zuniga, playing for team Memory Gardens in Optimist baseball, hit an out of the park home run on June 12 during the regular season play.

# Nadal finally reaches fourth round at Wimbledon in 3-day long match

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Rafael Nadal celebrated like he won the Wimbledon title Wednesday, falling to his knees in relief after finally beating Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 7-5 in a rain-interrupted third-round match that finished four days after they first stepped on court.

The 2006 Wimbledon runner-up finally won on his sixth match point, the final five coming two days after the first.

The match was scheduled to begin Saturday, but the players were pulled off the court during the warmup ecause of rain. After the traditional middle Sunday off at the All England Club, the match started Monday.

That's when Nadal held a match point in the third-set tiebreaker, but he eventually lost that set and the next one. Play was suspended for the day with Nadal leading 2-0 in the fifth set.

On Tuesday, they returned to the court but played for only 20 minutes until the rain again halted play for the

Resuming at 4-4 in the fifth set Wednesday, Nadal held serve in the 11th game saving one break point and then sat down during the changeover as it began to drizzle. While the chair

umpire waited to see if the rain would stop, Nadal sat nervously shaking his left

Play continued moments later, and Soderling was able to save four more match points before he sent a backhand long.

The Swede challenged the call as Nadal ran to the net, but the "Hawk-Eye" replay technology showed the ball was out.

Nadal, a three-time French Open champion, then dropped to his knees and later threw his wristbands into the crowd. He'll next play No. 14 Mikhail

No. 4 Novak Djokovic also reached the fourth round in a match that took three days and No. 3 Andy Roddick advanced to the quarterfinals in an encounter that took two days.

Djokovic beat Nicolas Kiefer 7-6 (4), 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (5), and will play 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt in the fourth round. Roddick defeated Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (6). He saved three set points in the tiebreaker, winning the final five points to advance.

No. 2 Maria Sharapova and Venus Williams were to resume their fourth-round match after playing only three points Tuesday. Serena

Williams, who overcame a calf strain to reach the quarterfinals, was scheduled to play top-ranked Justine Henin.

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Play on Centre Court and Court No. 1 started two hours earlier than usual Tuesday — because of the backlog of matches. Only seven singles matches were completed in between six rain delays.

Besides Mauresmo, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic was upset, playing through four rain delays and losing to No. 18 Marion Bartoli of France 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

# Brad Wilkerson hits three HRs to lift Rangers past Angels

(AP) — Brad Wilkerson is on a roll, and so are the Texas Rangers.

Wilkerson had three homers and six RBIs, both career highs, to help the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 8-3 on Tuesday night.

Wilkerson had a three-run shot in the fourth, connected with the bases empty in the sixth, and added a two-run homer in the seventh for his 13th of the season to become the first AL player with a three-homer game this season.

"It's one of those nights," Wilkerson said after the Rangers won for the ninth time in their past 13 games. "You don't plan on doing it. I was hitting pretty much everything. I'm having a lot of fun. You don't expect to do that. I got pitches I could drive. I just got them in the air to right field."

Wilkerson also had a three-run homer on Monday night against Boston, hit a three-run homer against Detroit last week, and has 15

"He's been saving us with RBIs and clutch hits," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He's a professional hitter."

Alfonso Soriano of the Chicago Cubs and Carlos Lee of the Houston Astros have three-homer games in the NL.

Rangers starter Kevin Millwood (5-7) gave up two runs and five hits in eight innings, striking out four with no walks in his longest outing of the season.

Millwood was in command from the second through the sixth, retiring 13 in a row before Vladimir Guerrero's leadoff double in the seventh.

"We're finally pitching the way we're capable of," Millwood said. "The first two months we stunk. Right now, everyone is starting to catch their stride."

The Angels had won six of the first seven meetings with Texas this season by a total of 42-22.

RBIs in his past seven of its past seven overall, but manager Mike Scioscia said he isn't concerned.

> "We've been playing at a high level for so long that you're going to hit a few bumps in the road," he said. Los Angeles took the lead

> in the second on Howie Kendrick's two-run single.

> Angels starter Ervin Santana (5-9) had a careerhigh 11 strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings, but left trailing 4-2 after throwing 111 pitches. Santana allowed five runs and seven hits, walking two.

One of his strikeouts proved costly as Marlon Byrd reached first on a wild pitch after going down swinging to lead off the fourth. Frank Catalanotto singled and both runners advanced on Gerald Laird's

sacrifice bunt. Wilkerson followed with his first homer of the game to give the Rangers a 3-2

Wilkerson added a solo shot in the sixth. The Rangers added another run in the inning when catcher Los Angeles has lost five Jose Molina's pickoff throw

to third hit Texas runner Desi Relaford for the Angels' third error of the game. Relaford scored when the ball rolled into left field.

Scioscia has tried to get Santana to be more aggressive, and the right-hander did throw more strikes.

"I don't know what's going on," Santana said. "I tried to be aggressive. I felt good. I made two mistakes (to Wilkerson), that was it, a changeup over the middle and a backdoor curveball."

In the seventh, Catalanotto's sacrifice fly and Wilkerson's two-run homer off Chris Bootcheck extended the Rangers' lead

The last Ranger with three homers in a game was Mark Teixeira on July 13, 2006, at Baltimore. Wilkerson became the 14th Texas player with a three-homer game.

Guerrero scored on a Frank Francisco wild pitch in the ninth inning for the game's final run.

previous Wilkerson's career highs were two homers and four RBIs.

# **Bonds hits No. 751**

By The Associated Press

Barry Bonds moved a step closer to catching Hank Aaron in the city where Hammerin' Hank tied Babe Ruth's previous home run mark.

Swinging at the first three pitches he saw, Bonds connected on his third try for homer No. 751 on Tuesday night. He moved four shy of Aaron's record following the San Francisco Giants' 7-3 loss to the Cincinnati

Aaron's record-book homer on opening day 1974 landed at Riverfront Stadium, which has since been demolished.

Aaron's record soon will be, too.

"I'm playing pretty good for an old guy," the 42-yearold Bonds said. "I just wish we were playing better as a

So do the Reds, who have the major leagues' worst record and its newest manager.

Brandon Phillips' grand slam gave Pete Mackanin a victory in his debut as Cincinnati's interim manager. Mackanin was promoted from advance scout after Jerry Narron was fired on Sunday night.

"It doesn't matter who the manager is," Phillips said. "It just feels good to get a win."

Bonds' homer on his third swing of the game drew loud and prolonged boos from the crowd of 37,299, a reminder that fans outside of San Francisco view his record chase through the prism of baseball's steroid

Like it or not, he's closing in. "Yeah, it's a little closer," Bonds said. "Can I feel it? No. I can feel 751 right now. I can't feel 755. I can feel 751 — feels good."

# Mrs. A-Rod's curious fashion statement

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist

Nobody got too bent out of shape over the tank top Cynthia Rodriguez wore to Yankee Stadium the other day, which might yet turn out to be a good thing.

The only reported casualty, in fact, was the notion that ballplayers' wives were content being seen and not heard, and that was languishing on life support already.

Being a celebrity is apparently easier than ever and if you want a measure of how low the bar has dipped, try

A half-century or so ago, Yankee superstar Joe DiMaggio wound up playing second fiddle to his wife now and then, but she was Marilyn Monroe. On Monday, current Yankee superstar Alex Rodriguez woke up to find his wife on the front page of the New York Post for no other reason than the two-word obscenity — first word begins with "F," second word is "You" — printed on the back of her shirt. The newspaper blurred the offending word, but helpfully topped the photo with the headline, "F-Rod."

There's no way to be sure whether Cynthia Rodriguez intended the message for anyone in particular, everyone close enough Sunday to training the following year, decipher the Old English let- they announced they had threatened to sleep with the

tering squarely between her shoulder blades, or no one at all. She's apparently not the first person to model that particular clothing line, but it's doubtful the statement she had in mind was limited to fashion.

Cynthia Rodriguez was sitting in the players' family section at the time, with the couple's 2-year-old daughter and a friend in tow. She had to know all those people snapping pictures weren't working on the Rodriguez family album and certainly not anybody from the Post, which two months ago published a picture of her husband and a woman at a Toronto hotel under a similarly pithy headline: "Stray-Rod.

Baseball wives aren't the only ones causing their spouses headaches, of course, though it turns out there's a tradition that reaches much farther back than Benson. Coincidentally, one of the best wives' tales ever in sports also involves — who else? — the Yankees.

Pitchers Mike Kekich and Fritz Peterson and their wives went on a double-date during the 1972 offseason and got along so swimmingly that they joked about swapping spouses. At spring

kids, houses and even the family dogs.

Looking at the distractions he knew were already lurking on the horizon, Yankee general manager Lee MacPhail tried to lighten the mood by remarking, "We may have to call off Family Day."

Current Cashman hasn't considered that option, though he did speak to Rodriguez and his wife and acknowledged that team policy prohibits profane language on clothing and banners at Yankee Stadium. But as one fan told the Post, "It was noted by police and security. They were aware of it. I guess they didn't know what to do. I guess you don't kick A-Rod's wife out of the game."

Maybe not, and maybe the fact that it didn't kick up more of a ruckus is a good

Plenty of athletes' wives have already demonstrated how dangerous a little attention can be. Anybody remember how Kurt Warner's wife, Brenda, lobbied endlessly during radio interviews a few years back to get her husband traded from the Rams? Or how Benson, wife of pitcher Kris Benson and a former Penthouse model, famously

done just that — trading entire Mets team — plus the manager and batboy - if she caught her husband cheating?

Well, no sooner did the Mets ship Mr. and Mrs. Benson to Baltimore than she complained, "We would never, ever have signed with New York if they had said they were going to trade us." Us?

Excuse me, Anna. More likely, the Mets did it to be rid of you.

And right about now, the last thing the Yankees need is a similar distraction. They're barely within shouting distance of American League East-leading Boston, there aren't enough happy campers in the clubhouse to sing even one stanza of "Kumbaya," and her husband wasn't the most popular guy in there to begin

A-Rod, on the other hand, seems unfazed by any of the craziness breaking out all around him. The same afternoon that his wife made the front page, he was named AL player of the month, the second time that's happened this

Who says love ain't grand?

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# Mavs defeat China, Yi in summer league action

DALLAS (AP) - Yi "Three months, he was by Jianlian's first taste of NBA competition did not go smoothly, as he scored 11 points for the Chinese national team in a 105-100 Mavericks' summer league team Tuesday night.

Yi, selected with the sixth overall pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA draft, had just one point in the second half. He shot 3-for-9 from the floor while committing three turnovers in 31 minutes. He did have a team-leading 10 rebounds, along with two assists and two blocked

"Just the second game missing three months," Yi said, noting that he just rejoined the national team. "I think we'll get there."

Reportedly unhappy with the prospect of playing in a city with a small Asian population, Yi still refuses to discuss his NBA future.

Two days after an uninspiring 15-point effort against the U.S. under-19 national team, Yi showed flashes of brilliance but also struggled at times in an inconsistent showing.

"It's very difficult to talk about Yi," China's coach Jonas Kazlauskas said.

himself without team and without coaches. He needs seven, eight games to catch up with us."

The crowd at SMU's loss to the Dallas Moody Coliseum went quiet early in the second quarter when Yi sank to the floor doubled over in pain, holding his stomach. After remaining down for about a minute, Yi returned to action and came down with a rebound on the next play.

> Yi's teammate, Sun Yue, who went 40th overall to the Los Angeles Lakers, contributed two points in just nine minutes.

> Dallas fans got their first chance to cheer draft acquisitions Nick Fazekas (34th overall) and Reyshawn Terry (44th). Fazekas scored 14 points in 30 min-

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Former Maverick and five-year NBA veteran Wang ZhiZhi scored 28 points for China, including 10 in the third quarter.

Pops Mensah-Bonsu, who played 12 games with the Mavs last season, led Dallas with 24 points, including the game-tying dunk with 2:50 remaining that completed a comeback from a nine-point fourthquarter deficit.

# Rain keeps coming at Wimbledon, suspending even more matches

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"She was in a much better rhythm throughout the whole match than I was," the twotime major champion said. "Definitely those interruptions don't help.'

On Wednesday, 2006 runner-up Rafael Nadal and Robin Soderling were scheduled to head back on to the court to complete a thirdround match that was supposed to be played last Saturday. The second seed, who had a match point Monday in the third set, played for a total of 20 minutes in the fifth set Tuesday to get to 4-4.

Also, No. 2 Sharapova and Venus Williams were to resume their fourth-round match after playing only three points Tuesday, and No. 3 Andy Roddick was to finish fourth-round match against Paul-Henri Mathieu. No. 4 Novak Djokovic was also to finish his suspended third-round match against Nicolas Kiefer.

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Play on Centre Court and Court No. 1 started two hours earlier than usual toughest rain-delayed match Tuesday — because of the I've ever had to put up with," backlog of matches. Only seven singles matches were nally scheduled to play completed in between six rain delays.

177 matches behind schedule, including 13 in singles eight in the men's draw and five for the women.

Besides Mauresmo, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic was upset, playing through four rain delays and losing to No. 18 Marion Bartoli of France 3-

"There is no reason for me to lose this match," Jankovic said. "But in these circumstances anything can hap-

Bartoli will next face No. 31 Michaella Krajicek in the first Grand Slam quarterfinal for both players.

In the third round of the men's draw, 2002 champion Wimbledon Hewitt beat overcame a calf strain to Guillermo Canas 6-4, 3-6, 6reach the quarterfinals, was 3, 6-4, and Nikolav scheduled to play top-ranked Davydenko advanced by defeating Gael Monfils 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

"That's the longest and said Hewitt, who was origi-Canas on Saturday.

Juan Carlos Ferrero, the Organizers said they were 2003 French Open champion, reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the first time by beating Janko Tipsarevic 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (5) and will next face four-time defending champion Roger Federer, who has not played

since Friday. "It was very important to

win because the rain was coming again," Ferrero said, "so I tried to finish in three

Mauresmo had 14 doublefaults and 37 unforced errors against Vaidisova, who reached the quarterfinals for the first time at the All England Club.

"I don't know how many (double faults) I had today, but definitely too many," fourth-seeded Mauresmo said. "I don't know if it was her or me."

Play was twice delayed early in the match, each time for about 20 minutes. The third delay came when Mauresmo was about to serve for the second set, and lasted nearly an hour.

"It was kind of tiring," Vaidisova said of the rain delays. "You walk all those stairs up to the locker room and back. It's pretty much a long walk."

Vaidisova will play No. 6 Ana Ivanovic in the quarterfinals. The French Open runner-up held on to beat Nadia Petrova 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 in a match interrupted by rain four times.

## **Hunter Pence hits solo shot** to lead Astros to 5-4 win

HOUSTON (AP) -Hunter Pence hit a solo shot off Jose Mesa on the first pitch of the 13th inning and the Astros took advantage of a questionable umpire's call to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 on Tuesday night.

The rookie center fielder's drive was the third walk-off homer for the Astros in six days. Carlos Lee and Mark Loretta ended games with homers against Colorado last Thursday and Friday.

"If you keep expecting to beat the other team's closer, that's not going to happen very often," said Craig Biggio, who went 2-for-5 with an RBI single. "But you take it whenever you get it." Pence hammered the first pitch from Mesa (0-1) off the

left-field facade. He sprinted around the bases as fireworks exploded. The excitable 24-year-old is hitting .563 with two homers in his last three games.

"My swing feels good, but I wouldn't say I'm locked in," said Pence, leading all rookies with a .345 average. "I'm just going up there, trying to put a good swing on the

The game probably should've never come to that. The Phillies took a 4-3 lead to the ninth, but the Astros

loaded the bases with one out against closer Antonio

Lee hit a grounder to shortstop Jimmy Rollins, who flipped to Chase Utley to start a potential game-ending double play.

The relay throw appeared to get Lee by half a step, but first-base umpire Lance Barksdale called Lee safe and Biggio scored to tie the game. Biggio started the rally with a single.

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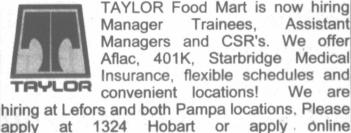
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\* Know when to back off and say "enough." Perhaps you also need some downtime to prevent crankiness. Make the right choices, and you'll feel recharged. Recognize a dynamic change in your domestic or family life. It might not be new, but awareness sinks in deeper. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Your words tumble as you would like. Many hear you, but do you hear them? Stop and listen with depth and caring. Approaching others on a more dynamic and open level could change relationships. Tonight: Swap firecracker stories. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* An older or dominant person in

your life certainly makes you aware of what needs to happen. A sense of being overwhelmed could happen if you tune in to the emotional frequencies of those around you. Tonight: Treat yourself and a select few CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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# Recycle

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or entwining themselves in plastic trash created continents away. Invisibly, the chemicals plastics leave in the environment are linked to hormonal disorders in animals and humans.

Unlike some environmental crises, there are few recognizable villains in the world's plastics overload. Plastics, after all, have revolutionized food safety and given rise to countless time- and moneysaving inventions.

It's encouraging, then, to see leaders at the retail, city and state levels show ways to use and discard plastic more reasonably.

Chez Panisse, the path-breaking sustainable cuisine restaurant in Berkeley, Calif., now offers filtered tap water and has dropped bottled still water from its menu. While the phenomenon is too rare to be a trend, cutting-edge restaurants across the country are doing the same.

At the city level, San Francisco is the first municipality to take a step commonplace in other countries: It has outlawed nonbiodegradable plastic shopping bags in large retail outlets. The measure is part of a visionary "zero waste plan" that would

ensure recycling for every product by 2020. And this month, Oregon the first state in the country to introduce a bottle-deposit

bill became the third state after Maine and California to update its bottle-disposal laws. Oregon's law now covers plastic water containers.

Though it's a seemingly small addition, the implications are immense. In 2007, Oregonians will sip from and discard 170 million single-serving water bottles.

With a 5 cent deposit attached to them, the containers will go back to beverage distributors, who have incentive to find buyers for the scrap plastic.

Happily, entire industries have sprung up around plastic bottle scrap, using it for carpets, fleece clothing, mattresses and sleeping bags.

The only thing that could have improved Oregon's bill would have been to hike the deposit to 10 cents. That's the deposit fee in Michigan, which has an extraordinary 97 percent bottle return rate.

Modest in themselves, these individual, city and state measures, in little time, are shifting consumers' behavior toward the flimsy bags and clear containers made to be forgotten. Texas, which contributes mightily to plastics pollution on sea and land, ought to be among the leaders in reducing it.

# Reagan

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the same people who never stop talking about how much they love free speech, as long as those who practice it agree with

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-Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America

## Woman uses baby powder, lotion, socks to escape

LAS CRUCES, N.M. lubricant to slide the leg sheriff's officers said. (AP) — A woman tried to irons and handcuffs from escape from jail guards using baby powder, cocoa butter and lots of socks, deputies said.

Anita Rachel Thomas, 20, was able to wriggle out of leg irons because she was wearing six pairs of socks, authorities said.

She used cocoa butter as a past him, Dona Ana County

around her ankles and wrists, officials said.

Thomas, freed from restraints in a jail transport van outside Las Cruces Magistrate Court on Tuesday, threw baby powder at an officer, pushed him out of the way and tried to run

She made it about two feet past the officer when he grabbed her, they said.

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