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## City faces replacing water mains, infrastructure

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The residents of Pampa may soon face a \$20 million bond issue to repair and replace water mains and other infrastructure.

Pampa City Commissioner Robert Dixon suggested presenting such a bond issue to the public during the commission's Tuesday afternoon meeting, after Joe Palma, the city's water distribution superintendent told commissioners that some of the city's water mains are in danger of failing.

"We're going to have to do it," Dixon said.

Palma is not alone in its infrastructure problems, Palma said.

"It's a national problem," Mayor Lonny Robbins noted.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city might be able to replace and repair some of the infrastructure using certificates of obligation in a manner that Amarillo city officials adopted recently.

The exchange came during a work session following Tuesday's city commission meeting as superintendent

in the Pampa Public Works Department outlined their capital budget requests for next year.

Palma is requesting \$125,000 a year in a sinking fund over the next 30 years to be used to update, repair and replace crumbling water mains.

"We've got people moving here," Dixon said. "What are we going to do? Offer them a rundown water system?"

The total request for capital projects by the water distribution division for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is \$334,000.

The streets division of the Public Works Department is requesting \$755,500.

The sanitation division is requesting \$1.5 million.

In other business, the commission approved a bid of \$140 by Sheri Worthington for two lots at 435 Crest, a \$100 bid from Claudette Deason for a lot on South Gray, a bid from Patrick Edwards for \$500 for a lot at 1060 Prairie Drive and a bid of \$150 from Tammy Knight for two

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## School progress



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Major demolition has begun on the east side of the high school, where the old little gym, journalism and art rooms are gone. Next to be demolished are the library and science wing. Students will use portable buildings and the old metal trades room in the vocational building for these since this portion of the renovations will not be completed before the start of school.

## PEDC has lead on bio-diesel firm

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Pampa Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Dwight Fiveash told his board this week that he has a lead that came into the office concerning a company that produces bio-diesel.

They need a 2,000-acre site where they can build ponds and use wastewater to grow algae as a feedstock. They also need access to rail and a major highway. They want a 5,000-foot runway within 30 miles and a population density of 50,000 within 100 miles.

Fiveash said they need a response by July 31.

"We are live," PEDC board member Shawn Clifton told the board this week.

Clifton said the EDC's Web site, www.pampaedc.com, was up and running although a few kinks still had to be ironed out. Among them is

the ability to change information on the site and determine who will be responsible for updating.

Fiveash pointed out the new corporate logo on the organization's office door.

Pampa City Commissioner Robert Dixon pitched the idea of a water park to the EDC.

At their meeting Tuesday, Dixon told the EDC board of directors during the public comment period that the city was considering building a water park. He said the project would cost an estimated \$200,000 to \$250,000 depending upon what all was included and urged the EDC to consider helping to fund the project. Dixon said that the project should qualify for consideration under EDC rules.

"It's something very beneficial for the city," Dixon said.

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## 8-year-old boy testifies in assault, robbery trial

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The youngest victim of an aggravated robbery and aggravated assault which occurred last year at a Pampa home was the last witness to take the stand Tuesday for the prosecution's case against Davey Enriquez of Amarillo, one of three men charged in connection with the incident.

The 8-year-old boy testified Tuesday afternoon in 223rd District Court at Gray County Courthouse. He fought back tears when he described the morning of May 21, 2006, at his grandparents' home.

The boy, who testified that he has lived with his grandparents all his life, said he was in his room watching television that morning when he

heard a loud noise.

"I was watching TV and thought something broke, and I came out of my room," he said. "I heard another loud noise and saw a man with a gun and a ski mask."

The boy identified the gun as a handgun. When he saw the intruder, he said, he ran to his grandparents' bedroom and got under their bed.

"I heard one man say, 'Where's the kid?' and then I heard another say, 'I don't know,'" the boy testified.

During the robbery, the boy heard a gunshot.

"When they shot, I thought they had killed my grandmother 'cause I

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## Game warden's duties are varied

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Logan Hudson, the Texas game warden assigned to Gray and Roberts counties, is a 1991 Pampa High School graduate who loves his job managing and conserving the natural resources of Texas so residents can enjoy hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities.

He is also charged with man-

aging and protecting Texas wildlife and habitats. He recently spoke at a rotary meeting and described just exactly what his job entails.

"We are peace officers just like other law enforcement agencies and we can arrest people also, but we mainly take care of the hunting, fishing and boating areas of Texas," Hudson said. "From September through

January, we patrol hunting and fishing areas to make sure people are in compliance of the laws and have the correct licenses. In the spring and summer, we make sure people are safe on the waterways."

Hudson said there are 525 game wardens in Texas and they normally patrol their assigned

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Pampa News Photo by SEAN SMITH  
Texas Game Warden Logan Hudson spoke at a Rotary meeting recently.



**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Partly cloudy</b>	<b>Partly cloudy</b>

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west.

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**Stocks**

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Wheat	5.65
Milo	4.53
Corn	5.31
Soybeans	6.93

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	60.03	+0.86
BP PLC ADR	72.34	+0.04
Cabot Corp	47.68	+0.48
Celanese	40.15	+1.62
Cabot Oil Gas	34.84	-0.12
Coca Cola	53.48	+0.26
VLO	70.79	+0.15
HAL	37.44	+0.20
TRI	53.86	NC

KML	NA	NA
XCEL	20.64	+0.43
Anadarko	51.33	+0.06
XOM	91.98	+0.74
Nat'l Oilwell	118.17	+5.84
Limited	28.14	-0.03
Williams	33.37	+0.21
MCD	50.93	-0.62
Atmos	29.71	+0.30
Pioneer Nat	46.97	+0.97
JCP	71.94	-0.16
COP	83.72	+1.39
SLB	94.67	-0.13
Tenneco	34.89	+0.60
CVX	90.31	+0.46
Wal-Mart	48.13	+0.11
OKE	54.02	+0.81

New York Gold	684.80
Silver	13.44
West Texas Crude	73.56

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**FLETCHER**, Charles Clinton "Charlie" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Bangs Cemetery, Bangs.  
**HERNANDEZ**, Miguel Angel — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.  
**MERCER**, Joe — 10 a.m., St. Stephen United Methodist Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

**Kevin Lynn Boyd, 44**

Kevin Lynn Boyd, 44, of Pampa, Texas, died July 25, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Boyd was born April 27, 1963, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Karin Roberts in 1996.

He worked in the oilfield for the past 24 years and for

Patterson UTI Drilling Company for the past four years.

Survivors include his wife, Karin Boyd, of the home; four daughters, Haleigh Boyd, Tiffany Garrison and Stephanie Boyd, Boyd



all of Pampa, and Andrena Boyd of Louisville, Ky.; three sons, Brandon Boyd and Tyler Roberts, both of Pampa, and Timothy Boyd of Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Lynda Whitmarsh of Howardwick,

Kathy Crawford of Pampa and Phyllis LaRue of Mobeetie; one brother, Danny Boyd of Pampa; and one grandson.

MEMORIALS: CrossPointe Church.

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

**Harold 'Snake' Reid, 68**

WHITE DEER, Texas — Harold "Snake" Reid, 68, of White Deer, died July 24, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa with Don Stone, White Deer Church of Christ minister, and Jerry Dorman officiating.

Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery in White Deer with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM of Pampa, and Faith Masonic Lodge #1158 AF&AM of Wichita Falls, and military graveside rites courtesy of the Texas Army National Guard.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Reid was born Jan. 20, 1939, in Wheeler. He married Gwen Brittain on June 16, 1972, in Pampa. He had been a resident of White Deer since 1983. He was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM and the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory.



Pampa SBOA for 25 years. He was a veteran of the Texas National Guard, serving 30 years.

He retired from Cabot Corp. in 2000 after 41 years of service as a schedule planner. He was a Church of Christ. He served on the White Deer City Council from 2001-2003.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Reid, of the home; two sons, Britt Giles Reid and wife Tiffany of White Deer and Brandon Lee Reid and wife Bree of Amarillo; two grandsons,

Nate Reid and Levi Reid; three sisters, Jo Evelyn Johnson of Iowa Park, Winnie Delores Dodge of Naples and Linda Kay McNelly of Lubbock; and two special sisters-in-law, Evalene Anderson and Lynn Neely, both of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Opal Reid.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105 or High Plains Children's Home, 11461 South Western, Amarillo, TX 79118.

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

**Allan Ray Smith, 77**

EL PASO — Allan Ray Smith, 77, died July 24, 2007, at El Paso. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was born June 19, 1930, at Alanreed and attended Pampa High School until going to work for

Montgomery Ward at the age of 15. He moved to Plainview in 1963 and opened a "One Hour Martinizing" dry cleaning service that he ran for 10 years.

He worked for Larson's Inc., as a machine inspector before working for Cabot

IRI after returning to Pampa in 1979. He retired from Titan Specialties in 1991 and became a cattle rancher in Lefors.

He had been an El Paso resident for the past three years and was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Levick of El Paso and Tracie Lynn Clark of Oklahoma; a son, Robert Del Smith of Borger; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Harvester and Deane streets, the 100 block of East Randy Matson, the 1400 block of Charles and the 900 block of West Oklahoma.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 900 block of East Frederic, the 100 block of East Foster, the 800 block of South Russell, the 1000

block of East Kingsmill, the 800 block of Beryl, the 1400 block of South Barnes, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 100 block of North Starkweather, the 2100 block of North Banks, the 2700 block of Navajo and the 500 block of West 17th.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1400 block of East Francis, where a wallet was reported lost and later was reported to have been found.

Lost property was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill, where a wallet and contents were lost.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of

North Faulkner. A bicycle was found.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Warren streets, the intersection of Jorden and Wynne streets, the 700 block of North Russell, the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1100 block of South Christy and the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight and the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2600 block of Seminole.

Public intoxication and minor in consumption of alcohol were reported in the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 700 block of East Browning.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in Childress and a person in Pampa was identified as a suspect.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Lowry.

Three alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. A Western Union money order was allegedly forged. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Debit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at an unknown location. The debit card was used on the Internet to incur charges estimated at \$60.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of North Starkweather. An electronic game valued at \$150 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Wynne.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton. A prescription drug and wallet with contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is

\$20. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Gordon.

**Sheriff**

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

**Tuesday, July 24**

Roby James Hathcoat, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Faulkner by Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.

Jeffery Dale Capps, 27, of Skellytown was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

**Wednesday, July 25**

Megan Robinson, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway for public intoxication.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, July 23**

8:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Duncan and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Randy Matson and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Faulkner. No transport. 2:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to an unspecified location on Russell. No transport.

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

7:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded approximately 2 miles east on Highway 60. No transport.

**Tuesday, July 24**

12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Naida and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTH.

6:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perry LeFors Field, transported a patient to PRMC then back to the airport.

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

4:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported two patients to NWTH.

10:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Wednesday, July 25**

12:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Powell and transported a patient to PRMC.

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# Gas tank blast injures 2 in Dallas

By PAUL J. WEBER  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — At least two people were injured when a series of large explosions at a gas facility showered nearby highways and buildings with flaming debris near downtown Wednesday.

A half-mile area surrounding the blasts was evacuated. Robert Behrens, a spokesman at Parkland Hospital said it was treating two unidentified patients in serious condition who were brought in after the explosion. Hospital officials did not know if they would get other patients.

It's unclear what caused the canisters, which contained acetylene and propane gas, to explode beginning about 9:30 a.m. and continuing for at least a half hour.

Video footage showed charred, smoldering metal wreckage at the site of Southwest Industrial Gases Inc., where the explosions occurred.

There were numerous small fires burning in the area caused by flaming debris, including about a dozen cars in a nearby parking lot

and some grassy areas of a highway median. "I thought it was artillery. It was just coming just boom, boom, boom," said witness Tony Love, a former Army soldier.

Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda said officers were controlling traffic around the area.

Traffic was closed at one of the state's busiest highway intersections, Interstates 30 and 35, and was being rerouted through city streets, a Texas Department of Transportation spokesman said.

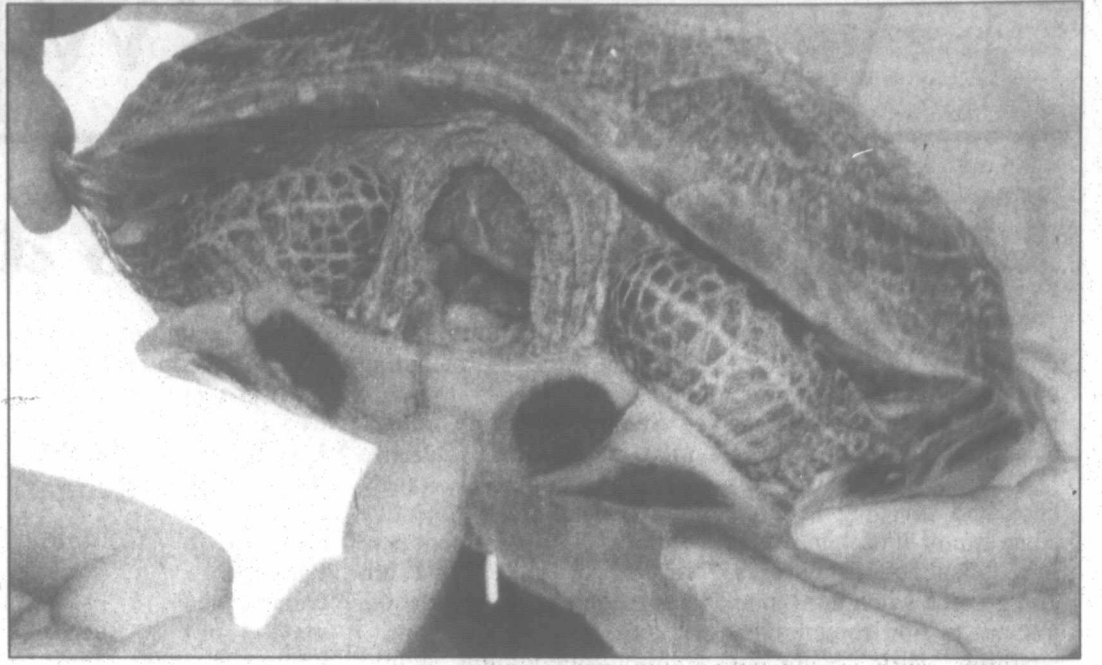
Vanessa O'Brien said she was standing in a parking lot a few blocks away when she felt at least 20 vibrations from the explosion.

"We felt the whole building move and the windows rattle," she said.

Despite hazy skies, a black column of smoke was visible from at least 10 miles.

The Environmental Protection Agency's emergency responders were on the way to the scene, said Dave Bary, a spokesman for the agency's regional office. He said they will assist in monitoring the air, but had no information yet.

## Hiding in the shell



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Animal control officers were called today to pick up a snapping turtle that was found in the 500 block of Lefors. It seemed a little scared though because it "would not come out of its shell."

## Trial

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could hear Dad talking," the boy said. "I started to cry and stayed under the bed."

The boy had earlier explained that he called his grandfather "Dad."

He described footwear he had seen on one man from his vantage point under the bed, and said the men used "bad words."

"My grandma asked my Dad if I was OK, and that's when I came out from under the bed," the boy said.

Defense attorney Harold Comer chose not to cross-examine the boy.

Comer began his defense by calling a witness to the stand who is currently an inmate at a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility. The witness stated his name and current address,

and then pleaded the Fifth Amendment to the three subsequent questions Comer asked. The Fifth Amendment gives a person the right to refuse to incriminate themselves.

"There is no reasonable expectation that this defendant could ever be held culpable in this case as a result of his testimony, so he cannot claim the Fifth Amendment," Comer said.

"The testimony of this witness is crucial to the defense," Comer said. "He is the only one who has given halfway credible testimony. It could be a fatal blow to the defense if (he) does not take the stand."

Judge Lee Waters allowed the inmate's Fifth Amendment pleas to stand.

The case was expected to be handed to the jury sometime today. Lynn Switzer, 31st District Attorney, called 13 witnesses to the stand during her prosecution of Enriquez. Comer said

in court Tuesday afternoon that he had only two witnesses expected to testify.

Enriquez, along with Carlos Cordova of Pampa and Adam Refugio Aguilar of Amarillo, was indicted by a Gray County grand jury Oct. 3, 2006 in 223rd District court in connection with the May 21, 2006 robbery at the Conners' home. Each man was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony, and two counts of aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Bond for each man was set at \$300,000.

The incident occurred at about 9 a.m. that Sunday at the home of Layne and Mae Conner in the 1100 block of East Francis. A blue Citibank bag holding approximately \$4,000 in \$100 and \$50 bills was taken from the Conners' residence at the time of the armed robbery.

## DA probing Hecht

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County prosecutor confirmed that his office is investigating Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht for accepting discounted legal fees from a law firm.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle said in a letter Tuesday that the matter "has been under review by this office since it came to our attention through news media accounts sometime back."

A campaign finance watchdog group, Texas Watch, filed a complaint to Earle's office Tuesday about discounted legal fees Hecht was charged by firm Jackson Walker to defend against abuse of office charges.

While the discount first made the news on Tuesday, Hecht made headlines last week for the source of his defense fund. He came under fire after campaign finance reports showed that several of the state's top law firms that often represent clients before the state's high court

donated \$447,000 to help Hecht defend himself.

Hecht accrued about \$440,000 in legal fees, but prevailed in fighting a sanction by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct that alleged he abused his office to promote Harriet Miers for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the complaints, Texas Watch alleges that Hecht received a \$100,000 discount on his total bills, paying only \$330,000 to the Dallas law firm.

Hecht's attorney, Chip Babcock, would not confirm the amount but said he discounted 25 percent of the fees as pro bono, work done for free in the name of the public good.

Jackson Walker, where Babcock works, has represented clients before the Texas Supreme Court three times in the last two years, according to Alex Winslow, executive director of Texas Watch.

## Warden

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areas, but occasionally are needed other places and are ready to help at any moment." When Hurricane Rita hit the Houston area two years ago, 200 game wardens were sent to that area to help protect life and property.

They also go to work in south Texas to secure the borders and help with homeland security.

"We have the vehicles to get into the rural areas and rugged country so it makes the job easier for game wardens," Hudson said. "I went down there twice last year for a week at a time to help border patrol agents."

Game wardens are on all 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Some of the tasks they are called out to assist with are very different.

"A few years ago when the shuttle broke up over Texas, we were called to that area to help with retrieval of the pieces," Hudson said. "A NASA technician rode with each game warden so they could record exactly where each piece of the shuttle was found by marking it with GPS coordinates. These pieces were then taken to a central collection site. We get to participate in many different activities, even though many of them do not turn out to be happy. We at least get satisfaction in providing closure to those who have gone through a difficult event."

Hudson said he provides a lot of education to people

he comes in contact with. He said 90 percent of people are law abiding and if they are doing something that is illegal it is because they are not aware of the laws. Before he apprehends an individual, he wants to educate them so they will not continue making the same mistakes.

"One thing the public can do to help game wardens out with the job is by not taking in baby animals or animals that are sick or injured," Hudson said. "I know people just want to help that animal out, but at least 80 percent of animals that are helped by humans can never be released into the wild again. If people encounter an animal in need, they should call me or Jeff Bonner, the Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist, and we will make sure that animal is taken care of."

Hudson has spent most of his life in Pampa and still considers that town his home. He and his family currently live out in the country and his children attend school in Miami. He has three brothers who still live in Pampa.

There is a need for new game wardens in the near future due to expectations of numerous retirements. The Legislature also funded for 15 additional wardens to be placed by the southern border to help with homeland security.

For more information of the requirements for becoming a game warden, visit the Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us and click on game warden or call a recruiter at 877-BAWARDEN.

## City

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lots at 713 Brunow. The city commission also approved the city's disbursements for June totaling \$1,560,221.42.

Michael Craig of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association asked that the

Pampa City Commission erect a fence around the dance pavilion in Recreation Park to keep people who don't pay out of the area during dances.

The commission also heard from the city staff about possibilities of annexing four blocks of land around the north side of town totaling slightly more than 2,000 acres.

## EDC

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Fivesash told the board that he had attended a tax seminar earlier this month. Based on information gathered there, he said he thought the Pampa EDC was on the right track. He said they had done many of the things necessary to set a foundation for following the advice he's heard at the seminar.

The next step for the EDC, Fivesash said, should be to develop a community market price direction. The board would need to determine what is driving the local economy and determine where it is headed. They needed to study land use patterns with regard to sites, facilities and construction activity. He said they also needed to determine whether they and the city's leaders were in agreement on where the city should go.

Fivesash said he would develop some action items for the EDC's agenda in the near future.

"We've got to have a marketing plan," he said.

The message from the tax seminar, Fivesash said, was

grow or die.

Fivesash said he also attended a statewide economic development conference this month and said the message there was to attract and retain talent. He said most of the strategies at the conference dealt with short-term issues.

Fivesash said he had found some of the old Pampa Economic Development Corp. records and is reviewing them.

Fivesash told the board that he had contacted several companies concerning displays and booth panels for the EDC at future trade shows. He said he had been deluged with information.

"The costs run from \$700 to \$10,000 or more," he said. "It depends upon how elaborate you want to get."

Whatever they decided to get, said Kathy Cota, the secretary of the board, it ought to be light, easy to carry and easy to assemble.

Fivesash said he wanted to do some more research into the subject before coming to the board with a proposal.

EDC Treasurer Gary Sutherland said he would attend a wind energy conference on Aug. 1 in Amarillo.

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# Viewpoints

## Danger: Democrats at work in Congress ...

When the Democrats took control of Congress, they couldn't wait to tell America how much they were going to accomplish.

That was seven months ago, and all they've done since is rant about the war in Iraq, talk about raising taxes, and go on a witch hunt in an attempt to find something — anything — illegal in the firing of a handful of U.S. Attorneys who got the boot from the Justice Department when the president exercised his constitutional right to right to fire them without explanation. This provides a glimpse into their utter incompetence as lawmakers.

Consider: The recent speech of Louisiana Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu gave us a prime example of the

Democrats' inability to get anything straight, including geography.

She introduced an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill stating that the foremost objective of the U.S. Government is to capture or kill Osama bin Laden and to dismantle the al Qaeda terrorist network.

Her amendment would move troops from Iraq where they're locked in a battle with al Qaeda terrorists, and send them to Afghanistan to launch a hunt for bin Laden. That would be some hunt.

Does Mary Landrieu have any idea what she's doing? After all, if you are going to hunt for Osama bin Laden wouldn't it be a good idea for hunt for him where we know he is? And where his is, is not Afghanistan.

Somebody with a better idea of geography should inform

**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist

Mary Landrieu that bin Laden is holed up in Pakistan, a country she may not know is next door to Afghanistan.

Sending troops to Afghanistan to search for bin Laden would make as much sense as sending a geography student to Mary Landrieu to find out where Beluchistan is located. They'd probably end up in Flatbush.

Then we have the promises Nancy Pelosi made — often with Rep. John Murtha at her side — to clean up the alleged

mess in Congress, taking aim at such slimy practices as so-called earmarks, billions of pork slipped into appropriations bills in the dead of night to benefit a

member of Congress. According to The Politico Web site, Arizona Republican Jeff Flake — a watchdog on the alert for earmarks — spotted one which aroused his curiosity.

Flake was questioning Indiana Democrat Peter J. Visclosky, who chairs the subcommittee recommending the appropriation, about whether there was really something called the Center for Instrumental Critical

Infrastructure which was slated in an earmark to collect a cool 1 million dollars courtesy of the U.S. taxpayers. He said his staff couldn't find a Web site for it.

He was asked by Flake, "Does the Center currently exist?"

His shocking admission: "At this time, I do not know."

He then added that if it doesn't exist "the monies could not go to it." According to The Politico, it then later developed that the \$1 million earmark was for the benefit of Mrs. Pelosi's bosom buddy, and fellow crusader against congressional corruption, one Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa.

It later turned out that the Center is a nonprofit technological consulting firm. The

Politico noted that, "A brief search of campaign finance records shows CTC President and CEO Daniel R. DeVos, of alternately Central City and Johnstown, Pa., has contributed \$7,000 to Murtha's reelection campaign since April 2002."

Flake moved to eliminate the funds destined for a group nobody could be sure existed, but the House rejected his attempt to strike the funds, 326-98. The Visclosky bill also breezed through, 312-112.

So much for Mrs. Pelosi's crusade against congressional corruption.

—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 Network.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 25, the 206th day of 2007. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed. (The Andrea Doria sank the following day, eleven hours after the crash.)

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and reasserted his authority.)

In 1946, the U.S. detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the U.S.

In 1957, Tunisia became a republic.

In 1963, the U.S., Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1987, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige died of internal injuries he'd sustained while participating in a rodeo. (He was succeeded by C. William Verity.)

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: Autumn Jackson, the young woman who claimed to be Bill Cosby's out-of-wedlock daughter, was convicted by a federal jury in New York of trying to extort \$40 million from the entertainer. Golfer Ben Hogan died in Fort Worth, Texas, at age 84.

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— Sinclair Lewis  
American author  
(1885-1951)



## GOP deserves zero existence due to war

The evolution of excuses for blundering into and maintaining the Iraq War is becoming comical.

The first excuse was weapons of mass destruction. Do you remember the constant talk about weapons of mass destruction, "the worst weapons in the hands of the worst dictator"? Do you remember how President Bush said the sole reason for the war was to disarm Saddam Hussein?

Do you remember how we were warned about a smoking gun that could be a mushroom cloud? Do you remember how Iraq was an "imminent" threat to the world? Do you remember how a 65-year-old dictator, widely acknowledged as not the smartest guy in the world, was compared to Hitler, who had put together

a regime and an army that conquered Europe?

Well, oops. Not a single weapon of mass destruction was found in the country. Furthermore, the Iraqis had said there were no weapons of mass destruction.

To cover their behinds, U.S. officials started peddling the story that Saddam wanted people to believe he had weapons of mass destruction. That U.S. lie didn't fly because Saddam and his government repeatedly denied that the weapons existed.

Furthermore, Iraq had invited in U.N. inspectors who were verifying the absence of weapons, which was one

reason Bush forced the inspectors out by going to war. He had to start his war before the inspectors proved his bogus intelligence amounted to a pack of lies.

Enter the second excuse:

Bush wants to spread democracy in the Middle East, starting with Iraq. That never progressed past elections

because, as everyone familiar with the country knew or should have known, a vote would elect a Shia majority with two fractious minorities, Kurds and Sunnis. This is the government that has proven to be totally ineffective. It also greatly increased the influence of Iran. It has

sparked the civil war in Iraq.

Bush lately has hinted that his faith in democracy is weakening by implying that a reasonable authority would be acceptable. Trouble is, the U.S. can't even find a dictator willing to take the job, given the present situation.

Now, when the issue has become getting Americans home from a war that has lasted longer than World War II, the final excuse is to trot out the empire's favorite ambiguity — stability. If we leave Iraq, instability will result. It's hard to believe anyone can say that with a straight face. Iraq is unstable already. It's in the midst of civil war, with a million refugees and displaced people, hundreds of thousands of dead and wounded, its

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 16  
Austin American-Statesman on nuclear testing:

A sting operation inspired by a Republican senator from Minnesota showed just how easily would-be terrorists could get a federal license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to purchase radioactive materials that could be used in a "dirty bomb."

A dirty bomb uses a conventional explosive TNT, for example to throw out radioactive materials that contaminate anybody and anything within reach. Though far less destructive than a nuclear device, the detonation of just

one dirty bomb in an American city at Sixth Street and Congress Avenue, for example could have a devastating impact on Americans' confidence in their personal safety as well as on the economy.

At the urging of Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., congressional investigators posing as a construction company used only a post office box and a telephone to get the license they needed from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to purchase radioactive materials that could be used in assembling a dirty bomb. It took all of 28 days.

Confronted with the results, the commission said it would tighten its procedures and require its staff to visit an applicant's office before granting a

license.

But the agency downplayed the likelihood that real terrorists would actually go to so much trouble to build a dirty bomb:

"Why would I not blow up a chemical tanker on a train with chlorine in it or other toxic materials, at a tiny fraction of the cost, before this very elaborate exercise?" said Edward McGaffigan Jr., a member of the commission's governing board, in an interview with The New York Times.

We don't know. But then, why not blow up a chlorine tanker instead of, say, assembling four teams of terrorists at three airports in the Northeast to hijack four U.S. airliners and then crash

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# Former police officer cleared in videotaped beating in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge acquitted a former police officer seen on videotape beating a man during an arrest after Hurricane Katrina, saying

the tape showed authorities did not use excessive force. Robert Evangelist, 37, was found not guilty of second-degree battery and false imprisonment of

Robert Davis, 66, whose violent scuffle with police was captured by an Associated Press Television News crew.

District Judge Frank Marullo watched tapes of the beating and its aftermath and noted that Davis could be seen struggling on the tape for several minutes.

"This event could have ended at any time if the man had put his hands behind his back," the judge

said Tuesday. "I didn't even find this a close call."

The Oct. 8, 2005, confrontation in the French Quarter came as the New Orleans Police Department struggled with the aftermath of Katrina.

"They say a picture is worth a thousand words. This video screams and hollers two words, and those two words are 'not guilty,'" said Franz Zibilich, an attorney for Evangelist.

## Reese

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economy a total wreck, and virtually all work on repairing the infrastructure at a standstill.

Ironically, the last time Iraq was stable was when Saddam was in power. Iraq is unstable because we made it unstable. We destroyed Iraq's infrastructure, its economy and its government. We did. One of the most shameful lies peddled by the Bush administration has been to blame the poor state of Iraq's infrastructure on Saddam. We destroyed that infrastructure with wars, bombings and medieval sanctions. The miracle is that with all we were doing, Saddam managed to produce more electricity and

more oil than our occupation has been able to produce.

Finally, how is it the U.S. can claim that after four years, there is no trained Iraqi army and police force able to handle security? We send kids into combat with about 16 weeks of training. And why is the U.S. building the largest embassy in the world in a Third World country that is in chaos?

What "Herbert Hoover" Bush has done is destroy the credibility of the U.S., sully our reputation almost beyond repair, demonstrate the weakness of our leadership and the vulnerability of our military, and convince many people in the world that we are an evil nation of idiots led by fools. Let's at least hope that he destroys the Republican Party, too. It deserves a zero existence.

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

## Nukes

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them into two office towers and the Pentagon, all within less than two hours of one another?

—Coleman said. "The NRC has a pre-9/11 mind-

set in a post-9/11 world, focusing just on preventing another Chernobyl."

Preventing another Chernobyl is a highly legitimate concern, especially given the revived interest in building nuclear power plants in the United States.

But considering the security hassles that hundreds of thousands of

Americans go through every day as they board commercial airliners, it's maddening that the commission could be induced more than five years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to so easily hand out one of its licenses to purchase radioactive materials.

A question raised by the

sting is whether the Bush administration's interest in cutting government red tape on business has sliced through the nation's interest in making sure that those who acquire radioactive materials do so for legitimate reasons. Congress needs to make sure it hasn't. Or to sew it back up if it has.

## Events calendar

- **The Old Mobeetie Texas Association** will stage its annual "Old Mobeetie Music Festival" Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie. Admission will be \$10 Friday, \$12 Sunday or \$18 for a weekend pass. Admission Sunday is free, and children 12 and under are free all three days. Featured performers will include Star Canyon, the Batten Family, From the Heartland, Wichita Mountain Bluegrass, Blue Persuasion and more. For more details or more information, log onto [www.mobeetie.com](http://www.mobeetie.com) on the Internet; e-mail [omjm@pan-tex.net](mailto:omjm@pan-tex.net); or call (806) 845-2028.

- **Coffee Memorial Blood Center** of Amarillo will bring its Bloodmobile to the local Wal-Mart from 2-7 p.m. Monday for a blood drive. Participants will get a T-shirt and a box of Girl Scout cookies. For an appointment or for more information, call 1-877-574-8800.

- **The postmark deadline** for Hi-Plains Poetry's "Adult Poem in Your Pocket Poetry Contest" is Tuesday. The deadline for the free student contest is Sept. 15. Adult members pay \$3 per entry. The fee for non-members is \$5. Rules and membership applications can be found at [www.poetmariannelogan.com](http://www.poetmariannelogan.com) on

the Internet.

- **Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation** will offer "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. "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806) 363-7695 in Hereford.

- **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.

- **Pease River Playhouse** will be the site of a production of "Steel Magnolias" Aug. 10-12 at the auditorium in Goodlett. For show times and ticket information, call (940) 674-2477.

- **The 19th Annual Harmon County Blackeyed Pea Festival** will be Aug. 11 at Hollis, Okla. The event will kick-off at 9 a.m. with a parade. The festival will also include food, free watermelon, Harmon County Opry, arts & crafts booths, a quilt drawing, Hollis Ranch Rodeo, a tractor pull and show, bingo, train rides, buggy rides, silent auction, children's games and more.

- **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, upcoming schedule of activities include the following events: 61st National Convention, Aug. 13-19, Harrisburg, Pa.; National Airborne Day, Aug. 16; and 45th All Ohio Day's, Oct. 19-20, Clearwater, Ohio. For more information and membership details, call (937) 898-5977.

- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 16 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

- **Veterans of Foreign Wars** and Auxiliary Post 1475 in Amarillo will stage a craft show from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 18 at the post home, 1401 W. 8th. An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 12-4 p.m. Cost of either meal is \$5. To find out more or to rent a 8x10 booth space, call (806) 679-7520.

- **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.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter's former lover, "Beau," is my age. (She is 20 years younger.) She was married when she and Beau had their affair, and still is. She regretted the affair, but continues to keep him as a friend. She introduced us a few years ago. As their affair dwindled to a friendship, Beau and I began to have an interest in each other. As I started to see him in a different light, my family got upset. Are they overreacting, or is this so strange that I should stop the relationship? It does creep me out a bit, but Beau is such fun to be with that I don't dwell on the past. Would it be extremely weird to date your daughter's ex-lover? Your thoughts, please.

— HAVING A BALL DOWN SOUTH

**DEAR HAVING A BALL:** Let me put it this way: It would be highly unusual. I'm all for having a ball, both down South and up North. But I wish you had mentioned exactly who in the family finds what you are doing "upsetting." If it's your daughter and her husband, you should seriously consider the consequences of continuing the romance because it could not only put a damper on future family gatherings, but also create a permanent rift between you and your daughter and her family.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to my husband for 10 months. This is his first marriage and my second. I have a 12-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son from my first marriage. When my son was born, I decided I was done having kids. I had one of each; it was perfect. My new husband doesn't have kids of his own and would like to have a chance to raise a child from birth — either a biological child or an adopted one. He's a good dad, and I know he would love to have a baby. I just feel like it would be an injustice to my kids — not to mention unfair to another child

because of not only the age difference, but the bond my children have with each other. At the same time, I would love to share that experience with my husband. I feel torn, and I don't know what's best. — CAN'T DECIDE IN BOISE, IDAHO

**DEAR CAN'T DECIDE:** I hope you realize that this is something you and your husband should have thoroughly discussed before you married him. From my perspective, it is clear that YOU do not want another child. If you did, you would realize that the "bond your children already have" is capable of being expanded, and that they might love to have a much younger baby brother or sister. Love isn't something that's rationed. The more there is, the more there is.

**DEAR ABBY:** What are some ways that people can improve a negative self-image, improve their self-confidence and be more positive in their interactions with other people? — A.J. IN SALT LAKE CITY

**DEAR A.J.:** I'm glad you asked. Allow me to offer a few suggestions:

- (1) Stop and consider what caused your negative self-image. Then begin taking positive steps to improve your body, soul and intellect.
- (2) If you feel yourself reverting to a poor self-image, remind yourself of what you are doing and why.
- (3) Reach out and do something for someone who is less fortunate than you are. It's a guaranteed upper.
- (4) Avoid people who make themselves feel better by making others feel less so.
- (5) Count your blessings every single day, and make up your mind to be happy. People are usually as happy as they are determined to be.

## For Better Or For Worse



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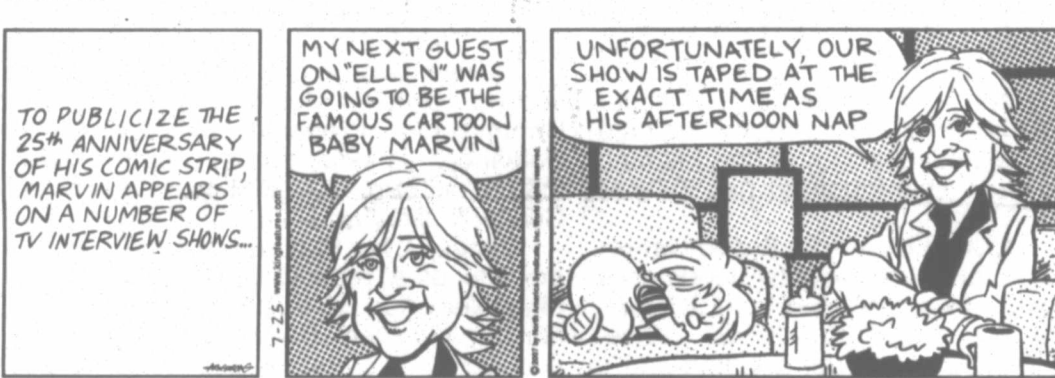
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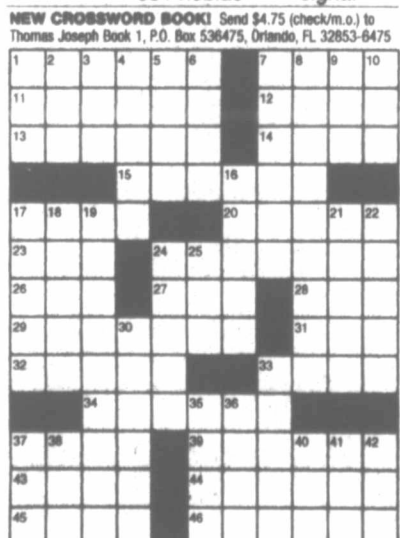
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# Sports Day



Judy Griffin holds up a few of her usual catches at a private lake in Wheeler County.

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## Prayers are answered on the pond

Pampa's Judy Griffin enjoys fishing as much as the next person, particularly at a private lake in Wheeler County.

When her competitive spirit and religious convictions came into play, her day at the lake became much

more interesting.

"My boyfriend and I were out fishing at the lake," Griffin said, "and I started praying, 'Lord, please let me catch a fish, and let it be a big one so I can really show him up.'"

Just moments later, Griffin

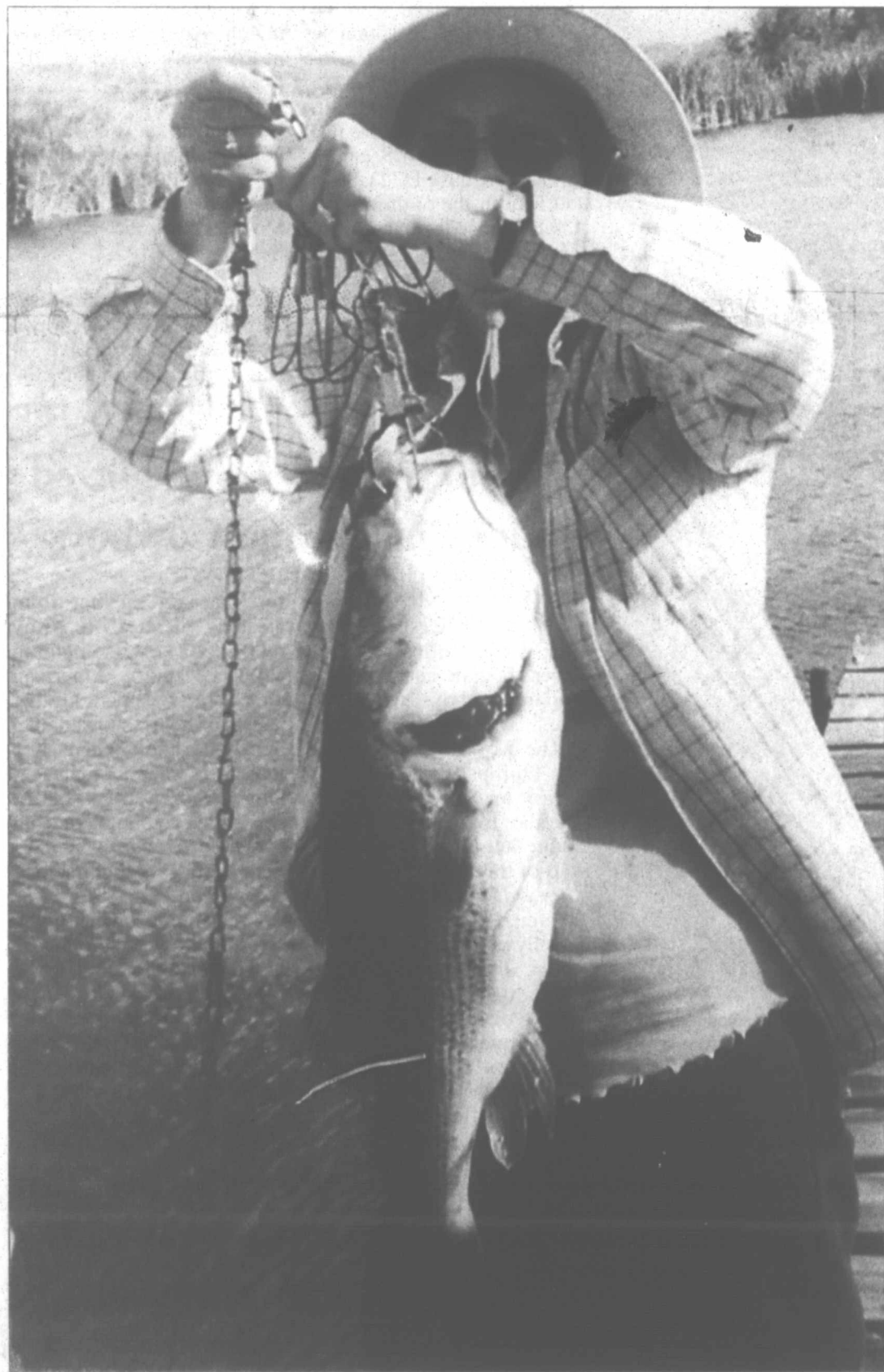
reeled in a 9-pound wide-mouth bass.

"It was a miracle!" Griffin laughed, "I still don't know how I managed to reel that thing in, with my bad shoulder."

Griffin and her boyfriend threw the fish, which they

appropriately named

"Hawg" back in. "Hopefully, I can reel her in again to show him that I've still got it," Griffin said, "I like to call it my Angel Fish."



Courtesy Photo

As proof that God answers prayers, Judy Griffin holds up her 9-pound wide-mouth bass, or "Angel Fish" she caught at a private lake in Wheeler County.

## Gagne saves both games in Rangers' double-header with Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Eric Gagne once converted a major league record 84 straight saves. What the 2003 NL Cy Young winner had never done was save two games on the same day — until Tuesday.

The burly Texas closer pitched the ninth inning in both games of a doubleheader, getting the last three outs after a leadoff hit each time, as the Rangers swept the

Seattle Mariners. Texas won the nightcap 4-3 after a 2-1 victory in the opener.

Limited to 15 1-3 innings the last two seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers because of three operations (two elbow, one back), Gagne pitched in three games in a 24-hour span. It's another strong indication that he is indeed healthy.

"You can talk about it, but until you prove it, that's all

that matters," said Gagne, who has 16 saves in 17 chances this season. "Going back-to-back days and back-to-back games on the same day, it's just good to prove it."

Manager Ron Washington had said he had no intention of using Gagne twice Tuesday. In the series opener late Monday night, Gagne pitched in a non-save situation and allowed three runs

in the ninth inning as the Rangers held on to win 8-7.

"He came to me," Washington said.

"Every time you give up runs, you want to get back on the mound and get the negative thoughts out of your mind," Gagne said.

No. 9 hitter Travis Metcalf was 4-for-4 in the nightcap. His last hit was a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth that scored Gerald Laird, who

## Hidden Hills results

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Low net - 69

**Closet to the Pin**  
Carolyn Allison (15)

## Biggio's grand slam helps Astros defeat Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Biggio, who on Tuesday night announced he plans to retire at the end of this season, capped a six-run sixth inning with a tiebreaking grand slam in Houston's 7-4 victory over the Dodgers.

Biggio, a 20-year veteran who reached 3,000 hits on June 28, connected off Rudy Seanez (6-2) for his fourth slam, his second this season.

Biggio, who also hit a slam at Milwaukee on April

20, was given a standing ovation before he came to the plate leading off the bottom of the first inning. The applause went on for nearly two minutes before Biggio backed out of the batter's box and acknowledged the fans.

He also singled in the fifth and went 2-for-5. With 3,016 hits, he moved within four of Rafael Palmeiro for 23rd place.

## Pampa Country Club to host 73rd annual Tri-State Senior Golf Tourney

Some believe it to be the oldest amateur senior golf tournament in the world, some see it as a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones, and some see it as a chance to play some quality golf without any young whippersnappers.

The Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament is in its 73rd year, and still going strong.

This weekend, it will be played at the Pampa Country Club, as it has since 1970.

The association was formed in 1935, and the tournament was played at the Amarillo Country club for

32 years to follow.

After moving to the Huber Country Club in Borger for three years, the tournament found its home at the Pampa Country Club, and has been held here every year since then except 1981.

The four-day event, which kicks off Thursday, begins with a regular 4-man scramble, in which women have been invited to play since 2005.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be played in Stableford Format play.

The schedule is jam-packed all four days, with

registration beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Thursday, the mixed scramble will start, and a Hospitality Hour, compliments of Pampa Chamber of Commerce will follow at 6 p.m.

The following days, shotgun starts will begin at 7:30 a.m., and several events for the wives' enjoyment will take place throughout the day.

For more information on the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament or registration, contact the Pampa Country Club at 669-3286.

## Selig will try to attend Bonds record-setter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig was at home watching Barry Bonds and the Giants play when he decided he needed to be at the ballpark to see San Francisco slugger break Hank Aaron's career home run record.

Selig arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, and said he'll try and be present when Bonds passes Aaron. In a statement earlier in the day, Selig said he decided to attend "out of respect for the tradition of this game, the magnitude of the record, and the fact that all citizens in this country are innocent until proven guilty."

"It's a huge moment in baseball history," Selig said as the Giants played the Atlanta Braves. "It just struck me this was the appropriate time. Really, it's no more involved than that."

"I'm confident in my deci-

sion," he added. "I think it was the right thing for me to be here, and I'm here."

Selig does plan to leave Friday for Cooperstown, N.Y., where he'll attend Sunday's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies of Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. But he said he'll rejoin the Giants afterward if Bonds still is chasing the record.

"Chances are yes, I probably would," Selig said.

Selig didn't commit to being part of any on-field celebrations, saying that was up to the Giants organization. He also said he has not talked to Bonds, and does not plan to.

"I try not to talk to players period during the course of the season," Selig said. "Unless they've acted badly."

Bonds, who turned 43 on Tuesday, has been dogged for years by suspicions that

he used performance-enhancing drugs. But he's never tested positive, and has said he's never knowingly taken steroids or any other drugs.

He began Tuesday with 753 homers, two shy of the record.

"Everyone has to make their own judgment," Selig said. "I'm just here to watch it."

Bonds didn't speak before the game, but his teammates were happy that Selig will be on hand to see Aaron's record fall.

As recently as last weekend, when Selig watched Bonds and the Giants play in Milwaukee, the commissioner said he remained undecided on whether to be in attendance when the record falls. Selig skipped the Giants' home opener on Monday, watching the game from his home in Milwaukee instead.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:  
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\* Refuse to sabotage yourself. Listen to what is being shared. Creativity needs to take the lead. New beginnings become possible because of a child or loved one. Relax and know that someone else's seriousness will add that touch of solidity. Tonight: Add in fun.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* A friend or associate jolts you, reminding you that there is another way. You might be overwhelmed by news that heads in your direction. Know when to pull back and lean on another's expertise. Tonight: Say "yes."  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\* Others appear to have momentum on their side. Not understanding the

pros and cons of a situation, you might opt to pull back or defer to someone else. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to a snafu. Tonight: Sort through your options.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* You get a lot done, and quite quickly at that. Your ability to move past a problem demonstrates your flexibility and skill in getting down to basics. If you are not comfortable with someone, say so; make it OK. Tonight: Aim for what you want.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Your ingenuity gets you past a financial issue. A partner could be unusually difficult or touchy. Think in terms of growth and new development. Anything is possible with the correct mental attitude. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\* Someone jolts you. Though you might not be able to change someone's mind, you will make a difference. Facts, more than opinions, count, and you will see the end results. Investigate rather than declare. Take your time. Tonight: Happy at home.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\* Knowing your limits might be best, but if you don't, don't worry! You will get a strong indication of when you've had too much. Your nerves will let you know when to back off. Do just that. Tonight: Get together with a trusted pal.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* Investigate and see what the possibilities are. What appears to be a brilliant idea at first will boomerang. Know that you are lucky to have this occur early in the game. Otherwise, it could

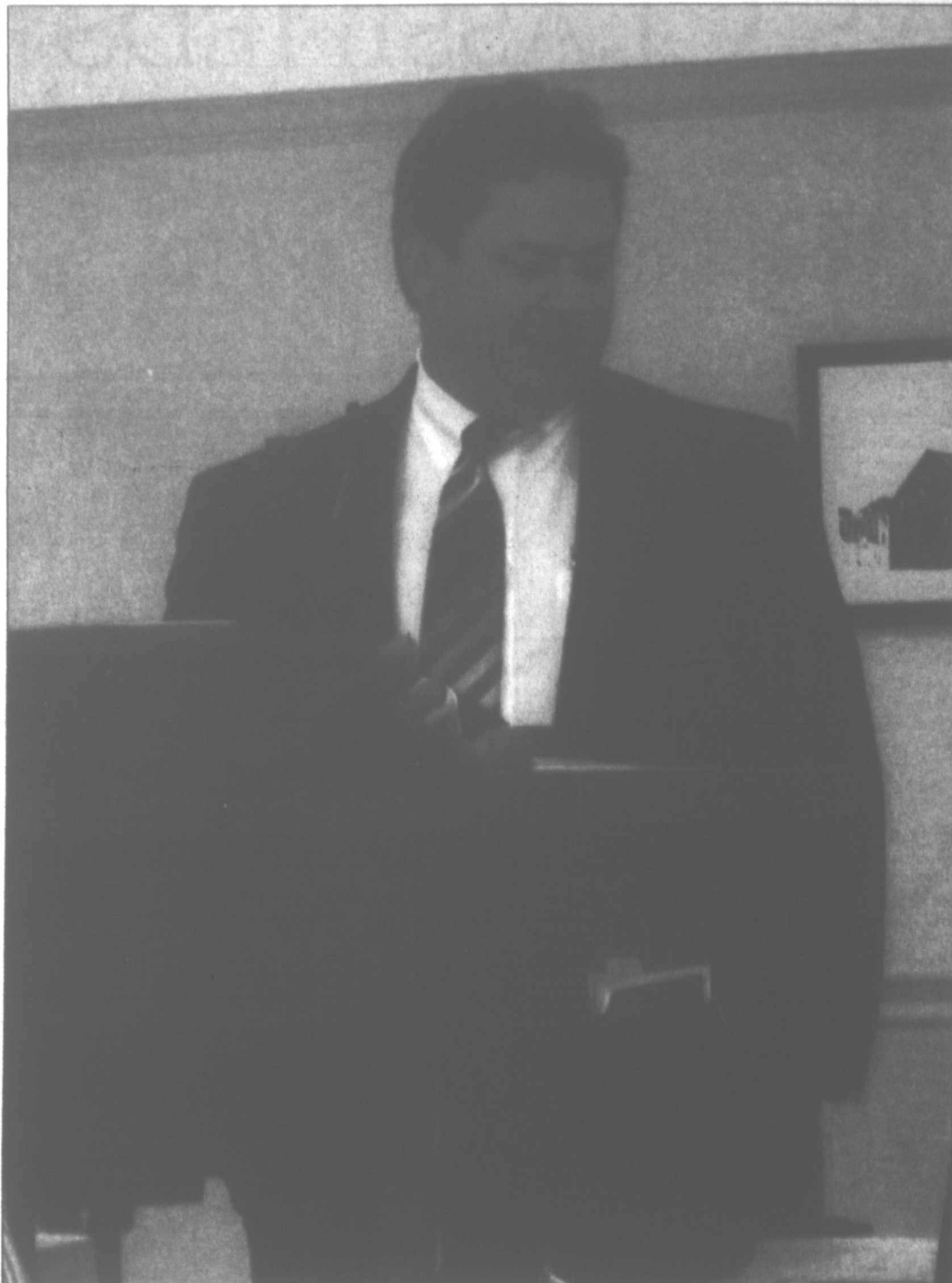
have been a problem. Tonight: Treat yourself.  
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\*\*\* What you see as a boomerang might only be a change in events. What comes up might be more important than you initially thought. Everything plays into a decision. You are getting feedback. Tonight: Rework an idea.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\* An unexpected reaction could shed more light on a situation than you choose to realize. Relax and honor a decision that a partner makes. You still might have difficulty deferring. Don't overthink a hassle. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\* Your friends play a strong role in plans. You might want to say "no" to a sudden expenditure, but you are likely to do the opposite. Think in terms of gains and growth. Not every decision can be explained. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\* Make a bold move or think in terms of change. Others will follow your path, even if you don't think so. The possibilities become obvious. You see beyond what many cannot. Tonight: Work late.

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## Lions Club



Pampa News photo by ReDONN WOODS  
Rusty Tapp addressed a recent Pampa Lions Club meeting about the club's Day/Night Golf Tournament Aug. 10.

## Lohan speaks out in e-mail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With two trips to rehab behind her and a litany of legal problems ahead, Lindsay Lohan joins a long list of young Hollywood talents who've faced high-profile battles with drugs and alcohol. Some went on to enjoy healthy careers. Others died young.

Lohan, 21, was arrested early Tuesday in Santa Monica and released on bail for investigation of misdemeanor driving under the influence and with a suspended license, and felony cocaine possession.

"I am innocent... did not do drugs they're not mine. I was almost hit by my assistant Tarin's mom I appreciate everyone giving me my privacy," Lohan wrote in an e-mail to "Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush, the show reported on its Web site Tuesday night.

Police found cocaine in one of the actress' pockets during a pre-booking search, Sgt. Shane Talbot said. Police initially said Lohan was also being booked for investigation of transporting a narcotic but later said she was not.

Police received a 911 call from the mother of Lohan's former personal assistant, saying that Lohan was chasing her in an SUV, said Lt. Alex Padilla. The assistant had quit hours before, he said.

Authorities found Lohan and the woman in a "heated debate" in the parking lot of Santa Monica's Civic Auditorium at about 1:30 a.m.

Lohan's arrest comes as she still faces DUI allegations connected to a Memorial Day weekend hit-and-run crash in Beverly Hills.

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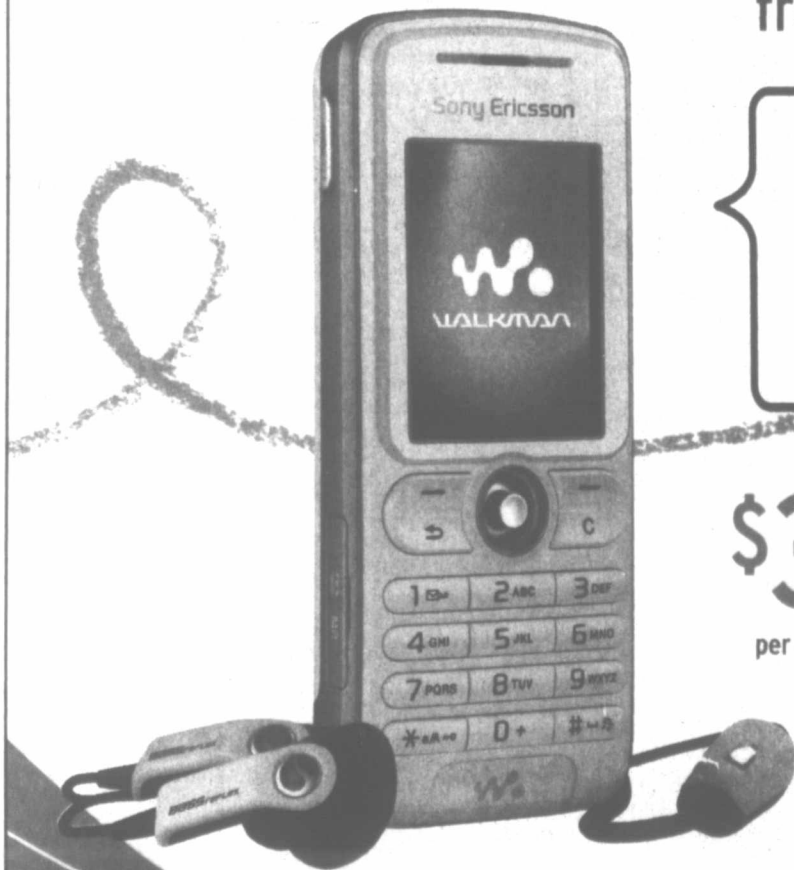
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