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## Relay raises \$43,000 for cure, education

BY LESLI ABBOTT  
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The Pampa Relay for Life 2009 was held Friday and Saturday, June 26-27, at MK Brown Auditorium. Pam Dalton, co-chair of the event, said the relay teams raised approximately \$43,000 in funds this year.

There were 15 teams this year for the major fund raising event for the organization. The funds are used for the education programs in Gary County and for the quest for the cure of cancer.

Volunteers walk on the designated track and money is earned for each round completed. "Pampa Regional Medical Center employees had four teams, each team consisting of 10-15 members. They raised a whopping \$11,000.

Cabot's single team, consisting of three members, raised \$5,000.

"B & G Electric's team had a member on the track at all times, from the beginning of the race on Friday to the very end as we were packing up at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday," Dalton said.

Linda Lantz, co-chair of the event

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Clad in purple tee shirts, cancer survivors make the first trip around the track at M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot during Friday night's Relay for Life.

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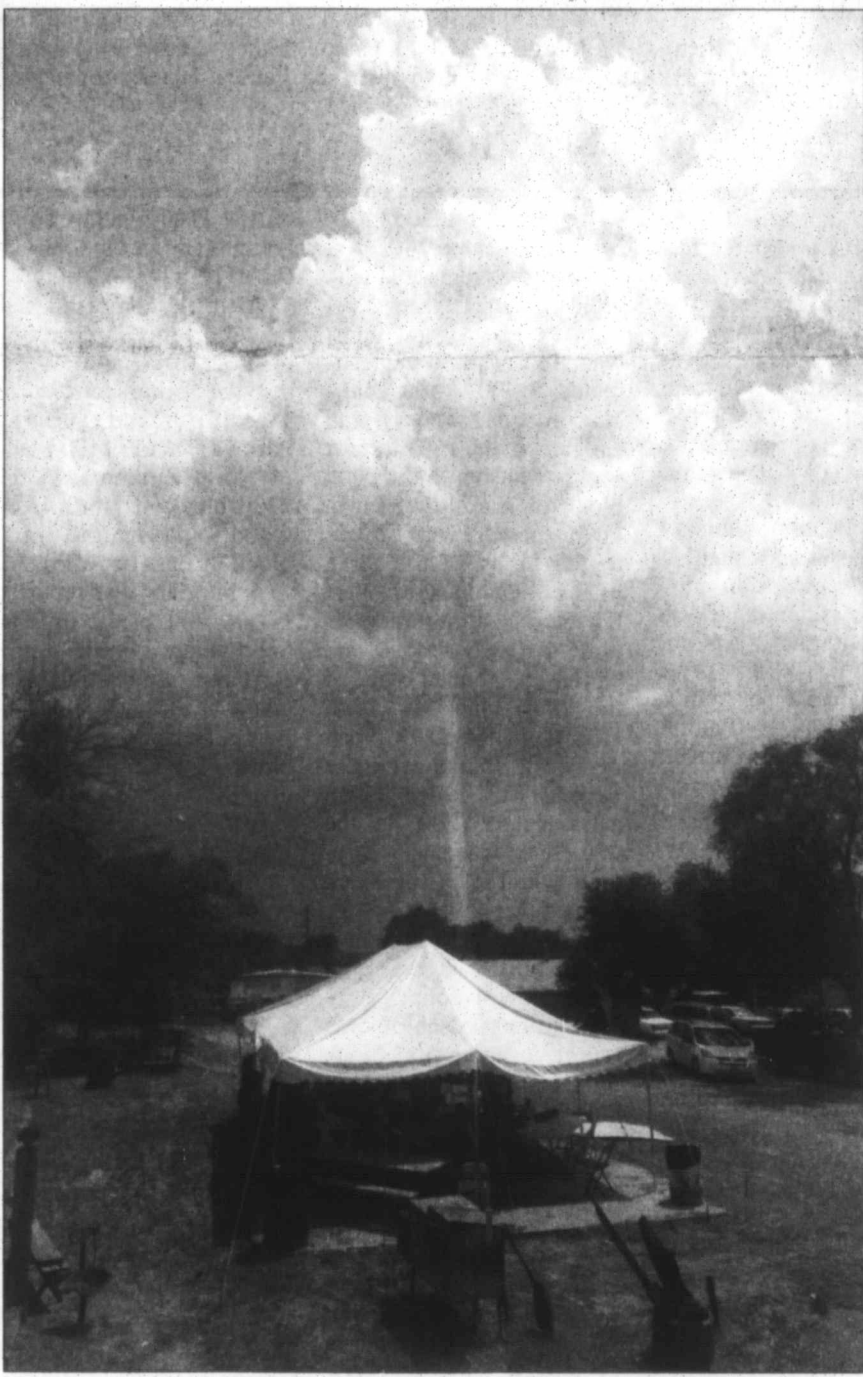
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With a tent set up over the foundation of The Pickin' Shack to protect them from the evening elements, musicians gathered in Lefors Saturday to celebrate Eudell Gifford's birthday.

## Storm can't stop Gifford's party

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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LEFORS – Not even a West Texas gully washer could dampen the spirits of Eudell Gifford as family and friends gathered here Saturday to celebrate his 78th birthday.

With his wife Mary Ann, Eudell and his friends gathered under a tent pitched on the cleared off foundation of the old Pickin' Shack Saturday afternoon and played into the evening even as thunderstorms roamed through the region.

The Gifford's daughters, Donna Gifford and Nita Wallace, who arranged the birthday part, shuttled ribs and drinks from the food tent to the entertainment tent as the thun-

derheads built in the south and showers cooled the afternoon heat.

Years ago, Gifford opened his living room to other musicians for weekend jam sessions. When the crowd became too large for the living room, they moved to the garage.

Finally, Gifford had a house moved in next door just for the musical gatherings. An institution in Lefors, it was christened The Pickin' Shack. Musicians came from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. There was food and drink and music – always plenty of traditional bluegrass music.

But The Pickin' Shack burned

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## PISD to hold public hearing

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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The 2009-2010 budget tops the agenda for the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees when they meet Tuesday evening.

The Pampa school board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday on the budget and the proposed tax rate.

During there regular session, the board will consider adopting the budget and the 2009-2010 compensation plan.

They will also consider a

lease for copiers and the purchase of a Safari Montage on-demand video system.

The board will consider revisions to the local transportation management policy concerning the use of district vehicles for special education students.

They will also consider bids for custodial supplies and equipment and catalogue discount bids.

The school board will consider the employment of new teachers and the superintendent's evaluation.

## Crall fire under investigation

BY BETSY PHILLIPS  
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Quick response from Pampa Fire Department kept damage to a minimum at Crall Products Friday evening.

The fire is still under investigation, but was contained to one building

employees told fire officials was a paint booth. Preliminary damage reports estimate an approximate \$5,000 loss from the blaze, according to PFD Captain Jerry Tomaschik. Four units and eight personnel responded to the

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A fire Friday evening at Crall Products on Hwy. 152 is still under investigation.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 89 Low 66	High 89 Low 66	High 93 Low 69

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day, June, 26.

Wheat.....	\$5.25
Milo.....	\$5.17
Corn.....	\$6.77

## Emergency Services

### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Sunday, June, 28 to 7 a.m. Monday, June, 29.

**Sunday**  
 8:22 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Christine and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:28 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 500 block of Red Deer and transported one patient to PRMC.

5:27 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Russell, no transportation was necessary.

### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, June, 19 and 7 a.m. Monday, June, 22.

**Friday**  
 Michael Wayne Morris, 34, of Pampa, was arrested for on a warrant for no valid drivers license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Valerie Marie Vigil, 23, of Pampa, was arrested for prostitution, displaying expired registration, displaying expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear on bail jumping, failure to maintain financial responsibility no seatbelt (driver), failure to appear on bail jumping.

Timothy James Adcock,

26, of Pampa, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication.

**Saturday**  
 Corey Eugene Paslay, 36, of Pampa, was arrested for theft of property over \$20 but under \$500 by check.

Luis Geraldo Jimenez, 29, of Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Caroline Thomas Smith, 56, of Pampa, was arrested for insufficient bond on possession of a controlled substance.

**Sunday**  
 Johnathan Robert Thompson, 21, of Pampa, was arrested for failure to maintain financial responsibility, display of expired registration and failure to appear.

Tobee Jefferson Bowman, 27, of Pampa, was arrested for interfering with public duties.

Daniel Quilimaco, 36, of Pampa, was arrested for theft of property over \$1500 with two or more previous convictions.

Adriana Quilimaco, 33, of Pampa, was arrested for theft of property over \$500 but under \$1500.

Ira Don Hicks, 38, of Pampa, was arrested for public intoxication.

**Sunday**  
 Robert Kyle Pefley, 41, of Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Dawn Marie Parks, 25, of Borger, was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility, on a warrant for

## Obituaries

### Ronnie Keith Parsley, 57

Pampa—Ronnie Keith Parsley, 57, died June 28, 2009 near Quitaque, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

### Bill Tolbert, 85

Miami—Bill Tolbert, 85, died June 26, 2009, in Canadian, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at First Christian Church in Miami, Texas, with Rev. Tom Stribling, minister at the United Methodist Church of Happy, Texas and Billy Holland, minister at First Christian Church of Miami, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

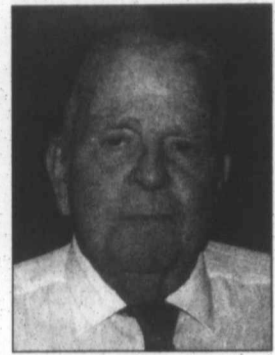
Bill was born July 20, 1923 in Miami to Joe and Alpha Tolbert. He was a 1942 graduate of Miami High School and graduated from Texas

A&M University in 1946 with a degree in Animal Science. He married Margaret Durrett in 1947. He was in the grain storage business for 38 years and began ranching during that time, eventually ranching full time. "The Ranch" was his passion in life which he operated until his death. During World War II he served in the 87th Division of the infantry in Europe ending up in the Battle of the Bulge. He received several medals including the Purple Heart. He was a member of the National Cattlemen's Association, Panhandle Grain Association, Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and served as a director for Texas Cattle Feeders Association. He was a member of the First

Christian Church in Miami and was deacon emeritus.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of the home, one daughter, Pat Peirce and husband Joe of Miami, two brothers, Jim Tolbert and wife Janie of Miami and George Tolbert and wife Mary Jo of Ft. Worth, two sisters; Ina Seuhs of Miami and Mary Wold and husband Ted of Arlington, Washington, three granddaughters; Kimbra Phillips and husband Matt of Elgin, Kara McClendon and husband Ike of Miami and Kate Miller and husband Jeff of Lubbock, two great grandchildren; Kyler and Konnar McClendon of Miami; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Betty Lou Tolbert in 1971 and two sisters;



Tolbert

Blanche Osborne and Lola Simpson.

**MEMORIALS:** First Christian Church of Miami, P.O. Box 216, Miami, Texas 79059; The Opportunity Plan, P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, Texas 79015-1035; or your favorite charity.

### Bruce Leon Hankins, 53

Guymon, Oklahoma—Bruce Leon Hankins, 53, died June 28, 2009 in Guymon, Oklahoma.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 29, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

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

Mr. Hankins was born March 4, 1956 in Cushing, Oklahoma. He graduated from Portales High School in Portales, New Mexico in 1974. He had been a

resident of Guymon for 15 years. Bruce was a former oilfield worker for Duke Energy Field Services in Guymon, currently working in various other oilfield construction sites for the past 5 years.

Survivors include his father: Luther Hankins of Pampa, Texas; brother: Jeff

Hankins of Weatherford, Texas; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Bruce was preceded in death by his mother: Patsy Hankins on July 13, 2004.

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

## Emergency Services

failure to appear/bail jumping, on a warrant for failure to appear for a court hearing, a warrant for no valid drivers license, a warrant for unrestrained child under four years of age, a warrant for failure to appear for bail jumping, no valid drivers license, and no seat belt.

Brenda Lee Jordan, 46, of Pampa, was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm by felon, aggravated assault against a public servant.

Jose Guadalupe Aguilar Portillo, 19, of Pampa, was arrested for no drivers license.

**Monday**  
 Albino Soria, 39, of Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, June 26 and 7 a.m. Monday, June 29.

**Saturday**  
 Animal Control Officers responded to 24 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 80 traffic stops, had 13 followup investigations, made six agency assist calls, and responded to 14 requests for information.

Disorderly conduct was reported twice in the 900 block of West Cinderella, in the 1000 block of North Sumner, in the 700 block of North Banks, in the 600 block of Wynne, in the 800 block of East Craven, in the 1800 block of West Alcock, and in the 500 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Frederic and Henry, in the 1100 block of Willow Road, at the intersection of Ballard and Foster, at the intersection of Oklahoma and Nelson, in the 400 block of East Louisiana Avenue, at the intersection of Frederic and Hughes, at the intersection of Tyng and Anne, in the 1300 block of North Hobart, in the 400 block of Zimmers, and in the intersection of 900 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported to the PPD

lobby and in the 300 block of East Seventeenth.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel Road where several items was taken worth an estimated \$1400, at the intersection of Zimmers and Lincoln, in the 100 block of Randy Matson, in the 2000 block of Hamilton were a lawn mower was stolen, to the lobby of the PPD, in the 400 block of West Kingsmill, at the intersection of Twety-second and Coffee, responded twice to the 1900 block of North Hobart, in the 2100 block of North Banks where a bicycle was stolen worth a estimated \$200, in the 100 block of West Twenty-eighth, and in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson and in the 200 block of West Atchison.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather, in the 1900 block of North Christy, in the 2200 block of North Christy, and in the 800 block of South Banks.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson, in the 100 block of East Randy Matson, in the 900 block of Twiford, in the 400 block of North Lefors, in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, in the 300 block of Miami Street, and in the 2100 block of North Coffee.

A report of found property was made i

A motorist assist was reported in the

A traffic complaint was taken in the

An alarm was reported in the

A report of public intoxication was reported in the

A threat was reported in the in the 2600 block f North Fir.

An harassing phone call was reported in the 500 block of South Schneider and the 700 block of Deane Drive.

A warrant was served

on the 1100 block of South Dwight and in the lobby of the PPD.

A traffic complaint was made at the intersection of Twentififth and Aspen, at the intersection of Twentififth and Perryton Parkway, in the 1400 block of North Zimmers, in the 2400 block of North rosewood, and in the 1400 block of East Browning.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Scott where a bottle of prescription medication was taken, in the 600 block of North Nelson, in the 300 block of South Tignor, in the 1800 block of North Hobart, and in the 1400 block of South Hobart.

An animal complaint was made at the intersection of Beryl and Miami and in the 2800 block of Rosewood Lane.

A report of found property was made in the lobby of PPD, in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen, and in the 1500 block of Ripley.

A violation of city ordinance was made at the intersection of Lefors and Browning, in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive, in the 700 block of North Nelson, and in the 1300 block of North Garland.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Gray.

An auto accident was

reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, in the 1300 block of North Starkweather, and in the 300 block of Sunset.

A domestic disturbance in the 600 block of North Russell, in the 1000 block of South Nelson, in the 1300 block of North Christine, and in 1400 block of West Somerville.

An assault in the 500 block of 500 block of East Kingsmill and in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen and in the 1900 block of North Coffee were a storm door was damaged worth an estimated \$100.

Sexual assault was reported in the lobby of the PPD.

Violation of a protective order in the 700 block of North Russell.

An unjured animal report at the intersection of Christy and Montague.



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## CAR VS TREE



staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**

Neysha Renee Rodgers, 23, of Pampa, was cited Sunday evening for failure to control speed and no liability insurance after the 1998 Ford Escort she was driving plowed into an Oak tree in the yard at 1901 N. Russell. Rodgers was not transported to a medical facility. According to the police report, there was \$2,000 in estimated damage done by the crash.

## Corpus Christi police want lawsuits to fight graffiti

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Police in Corpus Christi are ready to take their battle against graffiti to a new level with civil lawsuits against the parents of habitual taggers. "We're being bombarded," DeAnna McQueen, graffiti task force coordinator for the police department, said. The department's plans on suing are to be discussed by the City Council Tuesday night. McQueen said the suits would be only used in

high-profile cases and in cases where judges don't order restitution.

"It's really got to be serious for us to use this," she said in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The city approved an ordinance two years ago that allows it to file civil lawsuits against the parents of those leaving behind the graffiti. The ordinance says the parent can be held liable if their children are found vandalizing property.

Police Commander Mark Schauer said he has seen instances where teenagers had more than 30 cases of graffiti. Police want to force the parents to take responsibility in cases like that.

"It doesn't make any sense to let the parents off the hook," he said. "If you want (police) to raise your child and clean up after your child, then you should reimburse us for that expense."

Of the 107 people arrested

for graffiti last year, 51 were juveniles. Fifty-eight people have been arrested so far this year with 36 of those being juveniles.

The lawsuits are backed by a number of groups, including the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Department of Transportation, the newspaper reported.

City Manager Angel Escobar wanted to see the council's support before the policy begins, Schauer said.

## Baptists announce education initiative

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Baptists announced an initiative on Sunday that church leaders hope will help more Hispanics bridge the education gap.

About 5,500 churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas are being invited to partner with the denomination to offer online GED programs for free. Particular emphasis is being placed on more than 1,100 Hispanic congrega-

tions, and the denomination is hoping to recruit a volunteer in each church to serve as academic director.

"Our goal is to reduce the number of high school dropouts, period. Anybody who's dropping out — that's our goal," said Gus Reyes, a denomination official who worked on the initiative.

The initiative involves the combined efforts of the denomination and the Hispanic Baptist

Convention of Texas.

The program is the culmination of a study by Texas Baptists. The report cited U.S. Census figures that show more than 31 percent of Hispanic adults 25 years or older in Texas received less than a ninth-grade education. About 51 percent of Texas Hispanics do not have a high school diploma.

"We know there are GED centers around Texas. We want to bring those

centers to the people," said Suzi Paynter, director of the Christian Life Commission, the denomination's public policy arm.

Denominational officials said the program is only costing them about \$650 per participating church and will be open to participants regardless of religious affiliation.

The Dallas-based Baptist General Convention of Texas has about 2.3 million members.

## Schieffer says he has vision to be governor

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — He's the former Texas Rangers baseball team president who later was appointed as a U.S. ambassador.

Many know him as the younger brother of CBS newsman Bob Schieffer. Others remember him as the popular and studious teen who was elected student-body president after giving Kennedy-esque speeches.

Now Tom Schieffer is traveling across the state, introducing himself to Texans as a Democratic candidate for governor.

"It's been a long time since we had any vision in this state, and I want to do something about that," said Schieffer, 61. "This spirit of Texas is still alive. This is the election. This is the day. This is the hour to decide to change Texas again."

Schieffer said he is running because the state must improve its education system and stop the high dropout rate, develop a better energy regulatory system, improve the health care system and focus more on the environment.

Schieffer said he can win the 2010 election no matter who survives the brutal Republican primary — Gov. Rick Perry or Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"To win, this campaign

must become a cause," he said.

Schieffer, who also has a sister, grew up in Fort Worth and always was a leader, said former classmate Katherine Miller.

Although he was mostly serious, he could be funny and play practical jokes, so he was well-liked, she said. He was known for helping others and even started a school program to help welcome new students, she said.

Schieffer admired President John F. Kennedy and seemed to emulate his speaking style, she said.

"He was interested in running for office when nobody else was in those days," said Miller, now a Houston attorney. "He would start talking and he would hold a crowd. I was surprised that someone our age could talk in such a serious way."

Schieffer served three terms as a Democratic state representative, first elected at age 25 in 1972.

Schieffer, an attorney, later became a business partner with George W. Bush and they bought the Texas Rangers baseball team. He was the club's longtime president and succeeded Bush as general partner after Bush became governor in 1995.

After Bush was elected to the White House, he

appointed Schieffer as U.S. ambassador to Australia in 2001 and to Japan in 2005.

Although Schieffer is a Democrat, his past ties to Bush are not necessarily a bad thing, said Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

"You've got to have a candidate to attract independent voters and siphon off Republican voters ... while holding onto the more liberal wing, which is a question mark, but nonetheless they may hold their noses and vote for Schieffer," Polinard said. "If he has Perry as an opponent, he can isolate him as a far right-wing candidate. And it's not like he'd be running against a person who's enjoyed overwhelming support."

Still, any Democratic gubernatorial candidate faces an uphill battle in Texas, where no Democrat has won statewide office since 1994, Polinard said.

As a moderate and conservative Democrat, Schieffer could benefit if the GOP emerges fractured and bitter from its primary, Polinard said.

Schieffer, who has said he had no regrets about supporting Bush, said he's a lifelong Democrat but can rise above partisanship.

## Fire

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The department was busy over the weekend, responding to another fire at a home Saturday about 5:30 p.m. near the 400 block of Purviance. Smoking materials caused a fire on a deck at that home. Luckily a passerby saw smoke

and made the call to 911. Sunday, firefighters were called to the 1700 block of Grape, where papers too near a burner caused a small fire.

Firefighters also responded to two small grass fires Sunday evening.

## Party

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down in March. No one was hurt, but the photos, music and autographs on the building's ceiling were totally destroyed along with Eudell's guitar.

The guitar, Eudell's first new guitar, had been a birthday present from his brother four years ago.

Friends took up a collection and replaced the guitar, and on Saturday afternoon Eudell Gifford,

surrounded by Bill Burt, Wayne Tolbert, Rodney Hale, Bobby Light and Eddie Maxwell, filled the neighborhood with the harmony of guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dobro and banjo.

A cake with a photo of a much younger Eudell Gifford in his Navy uniform and a photo of Eudell and Mary Ann Gifford started the guitar picker on his 79th year.

## City awards bids for water meters, seal coating

BY BETSY PHILLIPS  
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City of Pampa commissioners awarded two bids during their regular meeting Tuesday, June 23.

A bid for 15 water meters, of various sizes, was awarded to Water Products of Oklahoma, Inc. for \$79,923. A second bid was submitted by Western Industrial Supply for \$150,713.79.

A bid for seal coating of Pampa streets for 2009 was awarded to Lewis Construction for \$269,000. The only other bid was submitted by G. W. James, Inc., was for \$282,750.

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Gaye Whitehead made a report to commissioners regarding the proceed of an auc-

tion held to sell assets of United Medicorps, Inc. to pay taxes owed by the corporation to 10 entities in the county.

Just after noon Monday, Dec. 29, Gray County Sheriff's officials locked the doors on United Medicorps, Inc., 200 N. Cuyler. Those officials were executing a tax warrant issued by District Court Judge Lee Waters.

The warrant was requested by attorneys for the Gray County Tax Office county in an effort to collect taxes owed by UMC for 2007 and 2008.

The total taxes due at the time of the auction was \$18,222.68. The total collected and distributed to the entities owed was \$15,109.96.

## Relay

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said that she was pleased with the turn out, "I had one little boy come up to me and say he had the best time of his life. And that's what it's about, people having fun and fund raising at the same time."

Event organizers did not know how this year's even compared with last year's.



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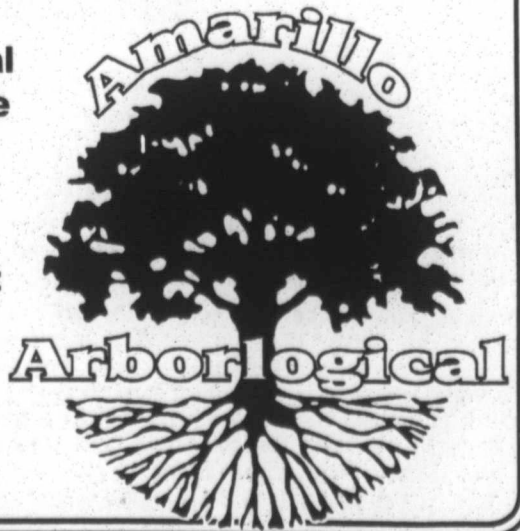
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, June 29, the 180th day of 2009. There are 185 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry was made governor.

**On this date:**  
In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament in 1770 to repeal the duties on all goods, except tea.)

In 1946, authorities in British-ruled Palestine arrested more than 2,700 Jews in an attempt to stamp out extremists.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1959, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously struck down a New York State obscenity ban on exhibiting a French movie version of the D.H. Lawrence novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty as it was being meted out could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld the independent counsel law.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn died in Old Saybrook, Conn., at age 96.

Ten years ago: Urging the biggest expansion in Medicare's history, President Bill Clinton proposed that the government help older Americans pay for prescription drugs. Some 10,000 demonstrators rallied in central Serbia, demanding the resignation of President Slobodan Milosevic. Abdullah Ocalan, leader of Turkey's rebel Kurds, was convicted of treason and sentenced to death. (The sentence was later commuted to life in prison.)

**"These are times in which a Genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed.... Great necessities call out great virtues."**

— Abigail Adams, American First Lady

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Robert Evans is 79. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 69. Actor Gary Busey is 65. Comedian Richard Lewis is 62. Actor-turned-politician-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 61. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 61. Singer Don Dokken is 56. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 56. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 52. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 48. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 45. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 45. Musician Dale Baker is 43. Actress Melora Hardin is 42. Rap DJ Shadow is 37. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 31. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 31.



## Analysis: Obama scores major victory on climate

LIZ SIDOTI, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a rare defeat, President Barack Obama put a big dose of political capital on the line and scored a major victory just when he needed one.

In private telephone conversations and last-minute public appeals, Obama leaned heavily on House Democratic holdouts to support the first energy legislation ever designed to curb global warming. The measure ended up passing in dramatic fashion.

In the end, the president's furious lobbying — coupled with a final push by allies including former Vice President Al Gore — carried much weight. To a certain extent, the victory validated Obama's governing style — and that could bode well for his other top domestic priority, health care. He faces an even more difficult test in shepherding the energy and climate legislation through the Senate.

Obama recognizes as much.

"Now my call to every senator, as well as to every American, is this: We cannot be afraid of the future. And we must not be prisoners of the past," Obama said in his weekend Internet and radio address. He scrapped his talk on his original topic, health care, and recorded the climate bill speech shortly after the Democratic-controlled House backed the measure on a 219-212 vote late Friday.

It was a win Obama certainly needed. Congress was getting ready for a weeklong holiday break and already health care was hanging in the balance. While his popularity remains strong, Obama's overall ratings have slipped a bit. This restive nation also is wary of some of his proposals, including deficit spending as Obama pumps an enormous amount of money into the economy and elsewhere.

The narrow House vote suggests potential trouble ahead with the Democratic rank-and-file as the White House seeks to tackle more big-ticket issues

in Obama's first year in office; health care tops the list.

As Congress tackles that contentious issue, Obama's left flank is beating up him and his allies over the effort to overhaul the costly and complex U.S. medical system. Moderate Democrats are looking to forge compromises to pass a measure; liberal critics are dug in over elements they want to see in any legislation. Liberal groups are running ads against senators who won't publicly support a government program to compete against private insurers.

Democrats have a comfortable House majority. But the climate legislation pitted Democrats who represent East Coast states that their act against Democrats in the Midwest and other places that rely heavily on coal and industry. They have a longer, more expensive path to meet requirements in the measure.

Senate passage is far from certain, given that Democrats lack the 60 votes needed to cut off a likely filibuster.

Obama's personal touch — and another dose of his political capital — will be required again.

White House senior adviser David Axelrod said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that he didn't expect Senate action until the fall. "We're trying to solve a problem that has languished for a decade," he said.

"I hope it won't pass the Senate," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on "Fox News Sunday," claiming the measure would lead to "significant increases in electricity across America."

On Monday, Obama's top energy adviser, Carol Browner, told a small group of reporters: "I am confident that comprehensive energy legislation will pass the Senate." But she refused to speculate on whether Obama would have legislation sent to his desk by year's end.

In the House, Obama was vindicated — at least for now — with his hands-off approach to accomplishing his legislative goals. He prefers to provide broad policy principles on his priorities, leaving the details to Congress.

Obama acknowledged Sunday that he had reservations about a provision that would penalize trade partners that don't work to curb pollution. "At a time when the economy worldwide is still deep in recession and we've seen a significant drop in global trade, I think we have to be very careful about sending any protectionist signals out there," he told a group of reporters.

Still, he called the bill "an extraordinary first step."

He temporarily may have put to rest concerns — expressed publicly by Republicans and privately by Democrats — that he's trying to do too much: so many policy changes in the midst of a recession and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama has had a string of early successes, the \$787 billion economic stimulus among them.

The climate bill victory was different. It was grander. It had international consequences. It perhaps meant more to Obama than the others.

After ignoring global warming for decades, most leading nations now

agree it's an urgent danger. The U.S. public, too, has come to same conclusion in recent years.

The House measure would, for the first time, limit the pollution blamed for global warming while signaling a new commitment to combating global warming. President George W. Bush gave the matter the short shrift.

Remaking the energy industry and curbing global warming have been hallmarks of Obama's platform since he began his presidential campaign in 2007, if not before that.

Sensing the legislation was in trouble early last week, the White House stepped up its involvement.

First, Obama pressed the House to act during a news conference.

Then, the White House held a hastily arranged Rose Garden event Thursday that raised the stakes. Obama pleaded for votes, acknowledged the changed world view on the subject and stressed the opportunity at hand for the United States.

"The nation that leads in the creation of a clean energy economy will be the nation that leads the 21st century global economy. Now is the time for the United States of America to realize this as well. And now is the time for us to lead," he said.

A day later, after a flurry of phone calls from Obama to recalcitrant Democrats, the House spoke — and said it agreed.

Will the Senate?

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# NFL players put the heavy in metal

DALLAS (AP) — Marc Colombo lowers his bald head and leans his sweaty, 6-foot-8, 318-pound frame toward the microphone, growling to the crowd that the next song will "rip your face off."

The sometimes scary stage presence of the heavily tattooed guitarist and singer, who is one of three Dallas Cowboys offensive linemen in the heavy metal band Free Reign, is a thing of beauty for the head of the recording company that just signed them.

"They're big guys — big, ugly, mean guys," said John Howarth, owner and CEO of the Australian company Riot Entertainment. "You see the press photos and they look intimidating, and that's the market we want to push into."

The rest of the lineup is bass player Leonard Davis (6-6, 353 pounds), drummer Cory Procter (6-4, 308) and guitarist Justin Chapman (who looks tiny compared to his NFL bandmates but is about 6 feet tall and 235 pounds). In a rock 'n' roll genre where bands snarl and act intimidating while playing thunderously loud guitars, this 1,200-pound band is built for face-ripping.

During their concert at the House of Blues on Saturday — their second major show and the last one before they turn their full attention to football — the band looked more like seasoned metal-heads than jocks toying with a new hobby.

Colombo shouted to the crowd and moved around with lead-singer swagger, rocking his head violently and throwing out the heavy metal salute (fist with pinky and forefinger extended — which former University of Texas alum Davis probably also intends as the "hook 'em horns" sign). Colombo looked perhaps his most heavy metal-ish when bending over, grabbing the microphone with two hands and delivering guttural screams.

"I get up on stage and no nerves or anything," he said. "It's just fun."

Davis didn't move around much, mostly nodding his bald head and looking menacing. Procter didn't look much more gigantic than most drummers because his drum kit is pretty much offensive-lineman sized.

The band says its music is primarily influenced by acts such as Metallica and

Killswitch Engage, but that its sound is unique. "We're heavy. We can lighten it up a bit. We scream a lot," Colombo said.

Free Reign started with a locker-room conversation between Colombo and Procter last season. Colombo, who played in Chicago bands when he was with the Bears, knew Procter played drums and asked him to jam. They liked what they heard and before long recruited Davis and Chapman, who grew up together in the town of Wortham about 80 miles south of Dallas. Chapman, a longtime local musician, is both lead guitarist and heavy metal coach.

As for the name, Procter says it developed out of a lengthy "Spinal Tap"-caliber discussion with Colombo.

"We're always talking about taking over the world and world domination and face-ripping metal and good music and stuff," Procter said. "We were kind of like, we need something to show we're dominating and have free reign over the land. And we just kind of looked at each other and were like, Free Reign."

They're dominating the Cowboys and their fans. About two dozen teammates, including quarterback Tony Romo, showed up for their first big gig. Fans at their shows look more like game-day fans than typical metal customers, with Cowboys hats and jerseys far outnumbering black T-shirts and skull designs.

Cowboys fans fretting that this rock 'n' roll fantasy will detract from the line's job needn't worry, the band says. (Plenty of Cowboys fans — who have blamed the Jessica Simpson distraction for Romo's past on-field failures — posted angry messages about possible inattention when the record deal was announced Tuesday.)

"It's 100 percent football when the season starts," Colombo said. "A lot of these athletes go play golf in the off-season. We play heavy metal music."

Next up is the scheduled October release of their five-song EP and touring after the season. Howarth says he's excited for metal fans to get hold of the EP and see that there's some quality music behind the NFL names.

"I looked at them and said, yeah, sure we're

going to get a lot of pub, but I just heard something in the music that tapped into what the kids are into today," he said.

It all may sound like Free Reign is well on its way to major rock stardom, but the band knows it's still in the heavy metal minor leagues.

While the House of Blues gig was the biggest yet, there were a lot of empty seats in the 1,600-seat venue. The opening act was a handful of groups appearing as part of the Next American Star Regional Finals Tour — basically a talent show. Free Reign members waited out those acts in a tiny green room that smelled a lot like old cold cuts. Once the show was over, they had to load their own gear into their own trucks.

While they hope to one day have roadies, for now they say they'll focus on improving as a band — and enjoying the ride.

"I never really imagined this," Davis said. "I'm kind of amazed."

Dallas Cowboys player Corey Procter performs with his band, Free Reign at the House of Blues, Saturday, June 27, 2009, in Dallas. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

TARDY DINNER GUEST GETS A HELPING OF HURT FEELING

DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a friend's home for dinner. When I arrived just a few minutes past the time I was told the meal would be served, I found that everyone had finished eating. I was asked if I'd like something to eat and offered a plate, but refused because I would have felt uncomfortable eating alone while everyone else stood around visiting. I stayed about an hour and left.

The next day, I tried to explain to my friends that I felt like a fool walking in expecting to join them for dinner only to see it was over. I told them I thought it was rude of them to eat before all their guests had arrived. They felt that because everyone else had arrived earlier in the day and the food was ready, that it was OK. They also said I shouldn't have gotten so upset about it.

Now I feel I have caused hard feelings between us and I should have just kept my mouth shut. Was it wrong to tell them how I felt? Am I wrong in thinking you should wait for all your guests to arrive before starting a meal? -- HURT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HURT: If the invitation read, "Come between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m." and you were the last to arrive "a few minutes past the time the meal was to be served," then I can understand why the other guests started without you. However, if you were told that dinner was scheduled for 6 o'clock and when you arrived you were offered their leftovers, then your feelings are understandable.

Should you have spoken up? I think friends should be able to level with each other. And I find it interesting that telling them your feelings put them on the defensive.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Ted," a widower, for two years. Ted has two daughters in their 20s. One is a college student; the other is a professional woman. Both girls still live at home. The problem in our relationship is that Ted allows them to dictate what he can and cannot do.

I have been patient and understanding about the situation. Ted's wife died three years ago, at age 50. The family was close. I feel Ted is leading two lives -- one I am not a part of, which includes his friends, and our life, which includes my friends and family. Ted comes to my place and gets along with my 20-something sons with ease, but when I suggest going to his house, he refuses. He says his girls want nothing to do with me and tell him I'm not welcome.

His daughters have attempted more than once to sabotage our relationship, but I continue to be patient. Ted has said the girls need counseling, but they refuse. I suggested he go and then they could join him. Abby, how can a parent make adult children realize he needs to move on and live a happy, healthy life? -- BIDDING MY TIME IN ROCHESTER

DEAR BIDDING: Ted will not be able to convince his daughters until he accepts that reality himself and makes clear to them that he expects his friends to be treated with the same respect and good manners he treats theirs. However, what I find troubling about your situation is that he has never introduced you to any of his friends, either.

I agree that Ted appears to be living two lives. I also agree that he could benefit from counseling. But the question you should be asking yourself -- not me -- is how long you intend to tolerate the status quo.

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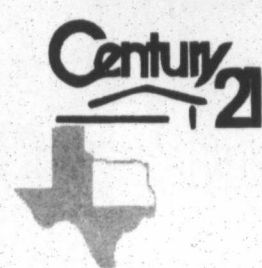
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### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 30, 2009:

This year, a lot happens, and quite quickly at that. Imagine the results if you relax and don't feel pressured. Whether taking up yoga, walking more or doing another favorite stress-buster, you need to reduce nervous energy in order to maximize your power this year. You will make better choices. In relationships in general, you often feel as if you are in a power play or a control game. You feel manipulated. Whether single or attached, you are attracting this experience. Learn that the only way to win is not to play. If you are single, you might notice that you have the same experience over and over. What is happening is that whatever issue you left behind in a past relationship continues in the next. If you are attached, the two of you probably need to agree to disagree. LIBRA can be draining.

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) \*\*\*\* Defer and then defer again. Listen to what others share. They feel empowered as a result, and you have less to do. Learning how to delegate is necessary if you want to climb the professional or community ladder. Tonight: Sort through offers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* An easy, steady pace works right now. Others appreciate your insight, but also your diligence. Opportunity strikes because you are steady at the driver's wheel. An idea might be too vague for now. Tonight: Do for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Let your emotions flow, and stay on top of situations. See what is going on behind the scenes. Don't mitigate circumstances or how someone feels. What is important to you is important to others. Tonight: Ever playful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Listen to the beat, and be aware of what is going on. Your sense of direction remains pivotal when a key associate tosses out ideas. Brainstorm away, and focus on long-term goals. Tonight: Be more open with a trusted friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Keep communication open, even if you might not like the direction a conversation is heading in. Your creativity flourishes in an unprecedented manner. Brainstorm away; check out any ideas that come up. Tonight: Out for dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Expenses could toss your budget into chaos. Listen to the guideposts and signs around this issue. What comes up might be surprising. Once you open up a can of worms, it appears you have a solution handy. Tonight: Do some needed paperwork.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Listen to what is said, and honor a child's or new friend's request. Mutual respect is necessary for all levels of relating to a child. News filters its way to you. Know that the information could be distorted or off. Tonight: Togetherness is the name of the game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Work on clearing out a personal issue that keeps popping up and doesn't seem to go away. As frustrating as that is,

try to resolve the issue now, once and for all. Take the day off if you can. Tonight: Much needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want. You cannot underestimate the importance of having supporters cheer you down the path to success. Listen to your sixth sense; it will guide you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Take a stand and be willing to listen to key sources. Your mind, not surprisingly, is focused on making money and not taking a difficult risk. Just don't spend money before it is in your hands. Tonight: Up late.

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## Decision on bond for Stanford to be reviewed

JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) — Texas financier R. Allen Stanford, indicted on charges alleging he swindled investors out of \$7 billion, could find out Monday if he will be freed on a \$500,000 bond or stay locked up until his trial.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner was set to hold a hearing to listen to arguments from federal prosecutors that Stanford, who holds Antiguan citizenship and may have access to hidden vast wealth, is a flight risk.

But Dick DeGuerin, Stanford's attorney, says his client is broke, has never tried to flee and wants to fight the charges against him.

The once high-flying financier and three executives of Houston-based Stanford Financial Group were accused June 18 of orchestrating a massive fraud by misusing most of the \$7 billion they advised clients to invest in certificates of deposit from the Stanford International Bank in the Caribbean island of Antigua.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy granted Stanford's bond last week and also ordered GPS monitoring and home detention.

But Hittner, who is presiding over Stanford's case, granted a prosecution request to delay Stacy's order until he can review the decision and rule on whether Stanford's bond should be revoked.

Court records show the \$100,000 in cash that needed to be given for Stanford's bond had been paid.

The money for the bond came from his family and friends. Stanford was once considered one of the richest men in America with an estimated net worth of more than \$2 billion. But DeGuerin said his client is now broke as authorities have seized all his assets, including his underwear and socks.

Last week Stanford and executives Laura Pendergest-Holt, Gilberto Lopez and Mark Kuhr pleaded not guilty to charges filed in a 21-count indictment.

Jury selection in the trial of Stanford and the others was set for Aug. 25 but will likely be delayed.

Also indicted is Leroy King, the former chief executive officer of Antigua's Financial Services Regulatory Commission. King is free on bond but under house arrest as the Caribbean island processes

a request for his extradition to the United States.

King is accused of accepting more than \$100,000 in bribes to turn a blind eye to irregularities.

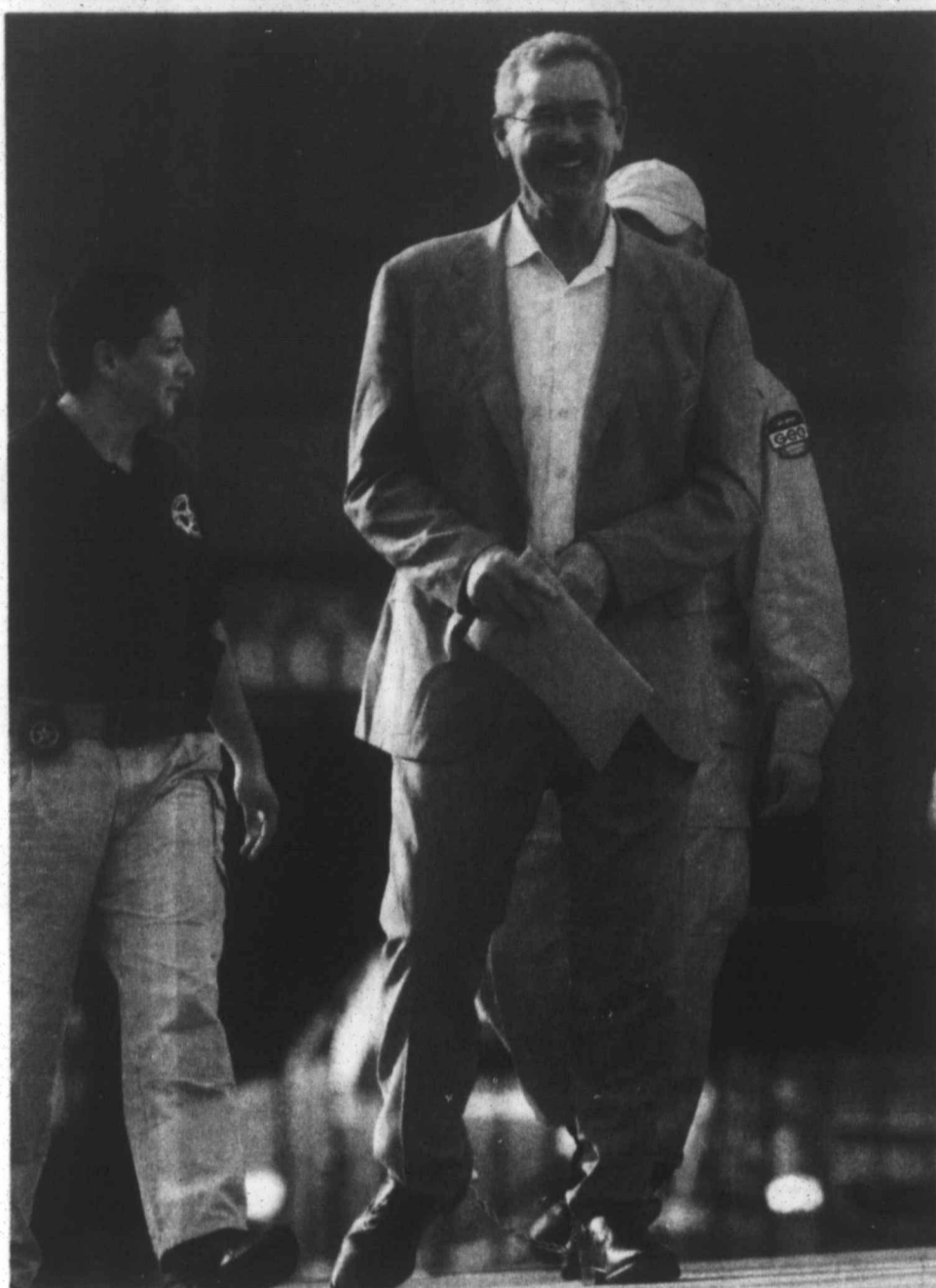
Stanford and his co-defendants are charged with wire fraud, mail fraud, conspiracy to commit mail, wire and securities fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Stanford, Pendergest-Holt and King are also charged with conspiring to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation and obstruction of an SEC investigation.

Investigators say even as Stanford claimed healthy returns for investors, he was secretly diverting more than \$1.6 billion in personal loans to himself.

The indictment also says Stanford and the other executives misrepresented the Antigua island bank's financial condition, its investment strategy and how it was regulated.

The SEC filed a lawsuit in February accusing Stanford and his top executives of committing crimes similar to those in the indictment.



Billionaire R. Allen Stanford is escorted into the federal courthouse Monday, June 29, 2009 in Houston. Stanford, indicted on charges alleging he swindled investors out of \$7 billion, could find out Monday if he will be freed on a \$500,000 bond or stay locked up until his trial, (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

## East Texas man's love of vinyl drives his hobby

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Fred Powell makes his way into a small white room where the walls are covered with 45s.

The place looks like a record store, filled with stacks of 45s, 78s and 33s.

"I've been collecting records for 10 or 15 years," he said, drifting through the room. "I've been doing it a long time."

Powell, known as "The Record Man," collects, sells and trades old vinyls as a hobby.

"It's just fun and I enjoy it, but it's strictly a hobby," he said. "It's not a business. I don't try to make money; and if my hobby will pay for itself, then that's all I care about."

As he dug through an old metal box to find his oldest Elvis record, he rattled off his own favorite artists.

"I've got just about everything by the Light Crust

Doughboys and everything Bob Wills did," he said. "Everybody has their favorites, and another one of mine is The Flatlanders. Those guys have all been to Tyler."

His favorite genres to collect are old country, rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues.

"I like to collect 60s and back," he said. "I get a lot of the newer stuff, I don't want it, but I get it."

The rows of old country music albums in his collection are more than just a beloved genre to Powell — they're part of his childhood.

"My brother and I went to Louisiana Hayride every night and heard Elvis when he was there," he said. "I was raised country. We'd listen to Grand Ole Opry on a battery-powered radio."

Music is in his blood, and when he's not rifling

through estate sales and garage sales looking for vinyl treasures, he's playing in his own band, the Texas Stringbenders.

"I play back-up and rhythm guitar," he said. "We play in nursing homes or for senior citizens — we just have fun."

Even though he doesn't have a singing voice, Powell loves to write.

"I strictly write cheatin' beer-drinkin' songs," he said with a chuckle.

For Powell, the flexibility of his work gives him time for things like his band, building exhibits at Discovery Science Place and working for Meals on Wheels.

"I sell to dealers only," he said. "They come from all over the country, from Dallas, Fort Worth, Detroit, Oklahoma, Cleveland, St. Louis, and I even had a guy come from Japan. I've

been keeping it that way for years, mainly because it doesn't tie me down. I'm retired; I don't want to be tied down."

With CDs and digital music, it seems strange anyone is still looking for the old vinyls, but the demand is very real.

"You'd be surprised at the younger people who buy them," he said. "People want to play new records again instead of listening to CDs. You can buy record players most anywhere. I don't know what it is about records — it's just something you enjoy listening to. And with the vinyl, you get everything. All the music is done right then, you don't get it scattered. You even get all the mistakes."

The value of a record can range from nothing to thousands of dollars, but their worth isn't always

based on their actual value.

"I had a dealer that bought one from me recently, I had called him up and told him I had some of the old 78s, and he stopped me and asked about a guy I'd never heard of. I had it, and it was a \$10 record, but he said he'd give me \$100 for it. We both knew it wasn't worth \$100, but it was worth that much to him. It's all preference."

For Powell, that one elusive record he's still searching for is a Robert Johnson 78 album.

"Robert Johnson was the guy who sold his soul at the crossroads to the devil," he said, grinning. "I haven't found one yet. I want a Robert Johnson, just so I can say I had a Robert Johnson."

Looking around the room, Powell leaned against his stool, motioning to a small plaque titled

"The Record Man," on the opposite wall.

"My 11-year-old granddaughter made that for me," he chuckled.

The poem perfectly sums up her affection for her grandfather with the words, "Round and round you go, finding music for your friends and foe, round and round you go, bringing kindness and laughter to everyone you know, what comes around goes around, your love and joy will never end."

## Demonstrators protest police raid on gay bar

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Protesters upset with the way police conducted a raid on a gay nightclub rallied in downtown Fort Worth.

Seven people were arrested for public intoxication during the raid on the Rainbow Lounge early Sunday. Protesters said one person was seriously injured and excessive force was used.

Police disputed the accusation of excessive force and said the department would thoroughly investigate any allegations.

The raid was one of three bar checks conducted by police and agents from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Police said two intoxicated individuals made sexually explicit moves toward officers and a third grabbed a TABC agent's groin. Several patrons told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the officers weren't assaulted.

About 100 protesters gathered Sunday night.

Please play it safe with fireworks this holiday.



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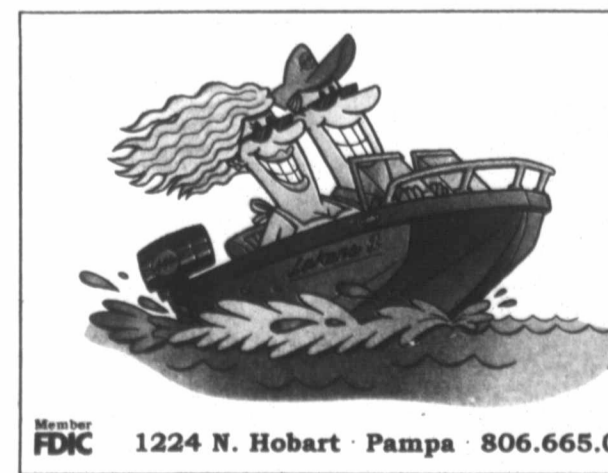
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