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AG opines against trailer tax refunds

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa Independent School District will not have to refund taxes paid by travel trailer owners for 2002 and 2003, according to an opinion by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

School board members plan to discuss and possibly take action on the opinion at a meeting beginning at 6

p.m., Thursday, June 24, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

In an opinion dated May 26, Attorney General Greg Abbott said in his summary that "while the retroactive exemption may benefit persons who have not yet paid school district taxes on travel trailers for 2002 and 2003, there is no express or implied statutory authority for school districts that collected property tax on travel

trailers in the 2002 and 2003 tax years to make refunds."

State Rep. David Swinford had asked the AG whether a school district is required to refund such taxes after the law requiring ad valorem taxes on travel trailers was repealed. James A. Farren, Randall County Attorney, had asked what the procedures for refunding taxes would be. Abbott responded to both inquiries in

the opinion.

In response to whether a school district may elect to refund taxes, Abbott wrote: "The voluntary payment rule and the statutes on refunding ad valorem taxes relate to taxes that were illegal when paid. School districts were required by the constitution and statutory law to tax travel

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City to recover costs of rescue

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission has taken the first steps to contract with a private company to collect insurance fees for commercial fire and rescue services.

The commission voted unanimously Tuesday afternoon to accept on first reading an ordinance that would pave the way for Revenue Rescue to collect insurance money on commercial fires, vehicle accidents and hazardous material incidents.

The ordinance sets a fee schedule that Revenue Rescue can use in pursuing insurance claims. If passed on the second and final reading, the commission can then consider a contract with the

private company.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell told the commission that the city presently bills insurance carriers in hazardous waste accidents, but that the city is not set up to follow up on collections. Revenue Rescue, a company used by about two dozen cities and counties in Texas, keeps 20 percent of what it collects.

Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant estimates that the city will gain between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year for the general fund.

Commissioners also voted unanimously on the second and final reading to amend the city's budget to pay \$137,000 to repair the roof on M.K. Brown Auditorium

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Pool play

Shawn O'Neill is pulled under at the city pool by his sister, Tyler, and Trendy Tally. The three are participating in the Texas Rodeo Bible Camp at Top O' Texas Rodeo Grounds. The annual event ends today with a participant rodeo.

Iran frees British sailors

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran released eight British sailors it had detained for illegally entering Iranian waters, but said Wednesday it was keeping their three military patrol boats.

A team of British diplomats was sent to the southwestern Iranian port city of Abadan to receive the handover of the released men, the Foreign Office in London said.

"The eight British sailors, including six soldiers and two ranking military officials, have been released," a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman told The Associated Press. She said that while they were no longer detained, the sailors had not yet been handed over to British authorities. She gave no other details.

State-run TV reported that the sailors, who were detained Monday, would leave Iran without the boats and some unspecified equipment.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said Iranian officials "have told us they will release them to our custody today ... We have got a team of three from our British embassy down there (to Abadan) and that will be the conduit."

The men were detained in the Shatt al-Arab waterway, which runs along the Iran-Iraq border as they were delivering a patrol boat for the new Iraqi river patrol service. The waterway is known in Iran as the Arvand River.

A top military official said the sailors were being released because their intrusion into Iran's waters was apparently a mistake.

The sailors were shown on Iranian television blindfolded and seated cross-legged on the ground.

"My name is Sgt. Thomas Harkins from

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A.M. arson

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens looks inside a house in the 200 block of North Faulkner, the site of a suspicious fire shortly after 3 a.m. today. Stevens said the blaze, which began inside the vacant structure, was not large but had been deliberately set. He said he is investigating the incident as an arson. Five fire vehicles and nine firefighters responded to the early morning blaze.



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, June 21

Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of North Somerville. The incident involved a payroll check valued at \$100.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Harlem. Tools valued at approximately \$600 were taken.

Lost property was reported in the 700 block of West Brown. A cell phone valued at approximately \$150 was reported lost.

Violation of a protective

order was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Tuesday, June 22

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of West Foster. A computer monitor, keyboard and mouse were taken, for an estimated loss of \$330.

Bradley Lynn Larson, 43, 919 E. Francis, was arrested in the 800 block of North Russell for a probation violation on a charge of violation of a protective order.

Courtney Heiskell, 18, 1207 E. Kingsmill, was arrested for capias pro fines for expired driver's license, expired motor vehicle inspection and open container.

Judah Benjamin Hart, 21,

1342 Coffee #1, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for kidnapping.

Wednesday, June 23

A citation was issued for possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1000 block of West Crawford.

A structure fire was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner. Amount of damage is unknown.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, June 22

Clifford Gene Barcheer, 24, 1204 Garland, was arrested by Texas

Department of Public Safety for theft by check.

Jesse Ocon Jr., 32, Odessa, was arrested on a bond surrender for a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Tuesday, June 22

11:21 a.m. One unit and three firefighters responded to the 800 block of Bradley to bring a ladder for the city and state fire marshals as they investigated the cause of a fire. City Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the June

13 fire appeared to be accidental, but officials could not pinpoint exactly what caused it.

3:09 p.m. One unit and two firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the 100 block of Warren. Firefighters could not find an unusual odor or hazard.

6:36 p.m. One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1700 block of Coffee.

10:26 p.m. One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas odor in the 300 block of North Somerville. No problem was found.

Wednesday, June 23

3:18 a.m. Five units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 200

block of Faulkner. City Fire Marshal continued investigating the fire this morning.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 22

1:12 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:34 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Obituaries

Florence Stroud, 79

Florence Stroud, 79, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June

22, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of

Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Toxic pollution rose in 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toxic chemical releases into the environment rose 5 percent in 2002, marking only the second such increase reported by the Environmental Protection Agency in nearly two decades, and the first since 1997.

Figures also show that Houston area refineries and petrochemical plants release three times more toxic air pollution than they report to the federal government.

Nationwide, some 4.79 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were released in 2002, the latest for which figures are available, not including releases from metal mining, the EPA reports. The agency stopped including that data because of a recent court decision in an industry challenge.

The increase reversed a recent trend, and was a big turnaround from last year's report by EPA that chemical releases in 2001 had declined 13 percent from a year earlier.

Kimberly Terese Nelson, the EPA's chief information officer, blamed the "extraordinarily large change" on the 1999 shutdown of BHP Copper Co.'s San Manuel plant in Tucson, Ariz., where 2,000 people worked. Dismantling a plant turns components and product into waste.

"If we were take that one facility out we would see a 3 percent decrease," Nelson said Tuesday of the releases of 650 chemicals by 24,379 facilities that EPA tracks. Last year, 25,388 facilities reported their findings.

EPA spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman said EPA's annual Toxics Release Inventory begun under a 1986 law wasn't meant to be all-inclusive of all types of emissions and chemicals. She called it "one of just several tools" for informing the public on that pollution.

EPA figures show 1997 was the only other year with an increase, 6 percent, in the several billion pounds of pollution allowed yearly into the air, water and ground in the

United States.

Even so, a study by two environmental groups said EPA was underreporting the air pollution portion of releases of chemicals and emissions by 330 million pounds a year. They cast the inventory as particularly soft on refineries and chemical plants, keeping as much as 16 percent of the nation's air pollution "off the books."

"It's time that the EPA and the states deal with the problem of inaccurate and flawed reporting of toxic releases," said Kelly Haragan of the Rockefeller Family Fund's Environmental Integrity Project, which joined with Texas-based Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention in doing the study.

Using calculations developed by the state's own environmental agency, the report estimates that 102 refineries in the Houston area released 116 million pounds of pollution in 2001, 79 million pounds more than they reported.

The groups found that, applying that same formula throughout Texas and to refineries and chemical plants nationwide, the state would rank first in releases of 10 toxic air pollutants, rather than third, as was reported in the last year's Toxics Release Inventory, a federal database compiled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

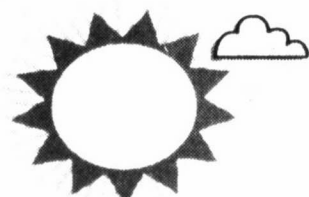
"We are using the Texas numbers because that's all we had," Haragan told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions. "But just applying the Texas data should set off alarms."

The National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, however, described the groups' conclusions as misleading, because other EPA data shows some decreases in nationwide air toxics emissions. It said the refining industry helped lower pollution through improved technology and management and cleaner gasolines.



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Gray County Weather



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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance

of showers and thunderstorms between 7pm and midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Liver transplant fund set up

An account for donations to help pay for a liver transplant for Alejandra Ramirez, a 10-year-old Pampa child, has been set up at National

Bank of Commerce, 1224 N. Hobart. Persons wishing to contribute to the fund may bring their donations to Marilyn Howell at NBC.

Fund set up for Mike Towry family

The Mike Towry medical fund has been set up at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill. Donations will be used to help defray

family expenses while Mr. Towry undergoes treatment. To contribute, go to FirstBank Southwest and ask for Lynette.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antebay Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.41	
Milo	4.14	
Corn	4.83	
Soybeans	8.11	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	48.84	+0.58
BP	53.80	+0.16
Cabot Corp.	39.15	+0.35
Cabot Oil Gas	41.02	+0.13
Coca Cola	50.81	+0.21
VLO	72.60	+1.17
HAL	30.26	+0.21
Triad	34.40	+0.59
NOI	30.62	+0.06
KMI	59.49	+0.09
XCEL	17.01	-0.04
Kerr McGee	53.79	+0.57
XOM	44.98	+0.08
Limited	18.61	+0.05
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Amnis	24.70	-0.05
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Auditorium lighting workshop set

A lighting/staging workshop for M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium is set for 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday, June 24.

Persons who plan to use the auditorium stage and lighting system are encouraged to complete the workshop, officials said.

The workshop will be conducted at the auditorium, beginning at 1 p.m. A dinner break is planned at 5 p.m., and the workshop will continue at 6 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring a paper and pen, work gloves and an eight-inch crescent wrench with tether.

For more information, contact Glennette Goode at 665-9432 or e-mail at "goodeof-fice@centramedia.net."

Refunds

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trailers in the 2002 and 2003 tax years. ... The tax on travel trailers that school districts collected in 2002 and 2003 were not illegal at that time. The cases and statutes on tax refunds do not address a tax that was legally collected, but later became subject to a retroactive exemption. This body of law does not provide a present remedy for persons who paid on travel trailers to school districts in 2002 and 2003.

"No statute expressly authorizes a school district's

governing body to refund taxes collected on travel trailers in 2002 and 2003, and we find no basis for concluding that school district governing bodies have implied authority to make such refunds," Abbott concluded.

Other items to be considered at the meeting Thursday include the 2004-2005 salary schedule. The board is being asked to approve a 2.5 percent increase in salaries for school employees for the 2004-2005 year. Pampa ISD staff received a 3 percent raise in 2003-2004 and the district's salaries are in the mid-range in comparison to area schools, according to information provided in

Thursday's agenda.

The superintendent's compensation is also listed on the agenda.

A budget report and May financial report are scheduled to be heard. Board members will consider bids on delinquent tax properties at 1019 Ripley, 920 S. Sumner, 219 Gillespie, and acreage on West 23rd, east of Price Road.

Discussion of Texas Association of School Board/ Texas Association of School Administrators convention and appointment of a delegate is planned, as well.

A public comment period has been set for 7 p.m.

Costs

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and \$12,500 to repair the roof of the pro shop at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The money for the pro shop will come from an insurance settlement already in the bank, said John Horst, director of finances for the city.

The storm that moved

through Pampa Monday night, he said, may have inadvertently helped repair the auditorium's roof. Since the building is insured, there may be some insurance money available to help repair or replace the roof at the civic center.

In other business, the commission appointed Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman as municipal judge for the City of Pampa. Curfman will hold both posi-

tions concurrently.

The commission also appointed Willie Nickleberry to the unexpired term of Ray Boring on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Boring was appointed to the city commission when former commissioner Jeff Andrews resigned earlier this year. Boring was elected to the commission this spring.

Sailors

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the British Royal Marines. I do apologize for entering Iranian territorial waters,"

one said on Al-Alam, an Arabic-language station, reading from a prepared text.

The broadcast also showed the patrol boats and weapons it said had been confiscated from the sailors. Iran had earlier said the

men would be prosecuted.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told AP that Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi played a key role in resolving the minor border incident.

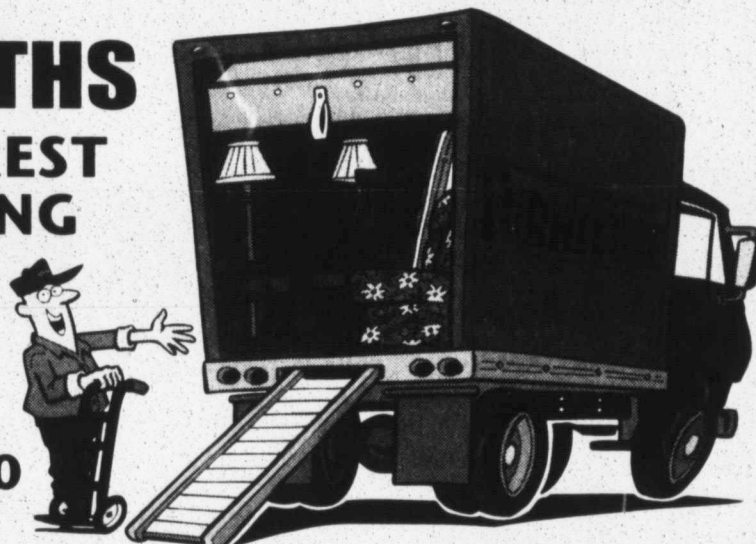
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Viewpoints

Key to Kerry's success is his stealth strategy

Senator John Kerry is becoming the first modern dark-horse candidate — in an old sense of the term.

The phrase was used to describe 19th century presidential candidates whose principle virtue was their absence of a national image. And that's been the key to Kerry's success so far.

When the brickbats were being hurled at Howard Dean, Kerry was quite content to keep his head down and minimize his visibility. He wisely avoided getting in the way as Dean self-destructed. Kerry became known as the un-Dean, a liberal alternative who did not have foot-in-mouth disease.

Dean had dominated the

national stage from August 2003 until January 2004, and the resulting public attention proved more than he could handle. After beating Dean in Iowa and New Hampshire, the Massachusetts senator had only to run a short four-week February sprint to the finish line in the front-loaded nomination calendar.

This brief time in the limelight was dominated by a sense of Kerry's inevitable triumph, permitting none of the scrutiny of a normal nominating process. He won the nomination with his dark-horse status intact.

As soon as the nomination was his, Kerry retired to the ski slopes of Aspen and his

elective surgery bed, avoiding the public scrutiny a newly minted nominee usually attracts.

Luck always helps: Just as Bush's negative ads threatened to out the Massachusetts senator and show his liberalism for all to see, first the 9/11 Commission and then the war in Iraq flared up, again distracting scrutiny from Kerry.

The man who had won his party's nomination by stepping aside and letting Dean destroy himself, now sought to repeat the act as President

Dick Morris
columnist

Bush wrestled with al Qaeda and the Baathists in Iraq and with Richard Clarke closer to home.

Just when the cacophony of foreign wars and domestic finger-pointing over 9/11 seemed ready to die down, Ronald Reagan died, monopolizing the spotlight in death as he had in life.

Now it's Bill Clinton's turn. With the nation fixated on his orgy of self-indulgent navel-pondering, Kerry can't get a word in edgewise

as the former president opines about Monica, Ken Starr, Whitewater and all the controversies of his White House years.

And Clinton seems destined to hog the spotlight for more weeks on end, probably stretching right up to the verge of the Democratic Convention at the end of July.

Will the real John Kerry emerge from the shadows then? Don't bet on it. The senator's canned appearances at his party convention are not likely to improve our knowledge of his credentials, character or political ideology.

So until August, at the earliest, the Democratic

Party will be represented by a man few of us know.

If this is his strategy, Kerry's being wise. Modern politics is a lot like modern warfare, where precision-guided munitions never miss. The best way to avoid being killed is to avoid being seen.

As Dean found out between November and January, and Bush learned in April and May, when you are the center of attention, your risk of political mortality is very high.

Only the stealth candidate — the modern dark horse, who hides in the shadows of his opponent — can make it

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Today in History

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, June 23, the 175th day of 2004. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 23rd, 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief U.S. justice by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

On this date:

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."

In 1892, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated former President Cleveland on the first ballot.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings in Glassboro, N.J.

In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

Our readers write

Let's talk politics

To the editor,

A lot of time that I would like to discuss some issue, people say they "never discuss politics." I don't understand that remark. The only way I learn about issues is to read about it, experience it, or listen to someone share opinions on the subject. Most things that determine the way we live is a decision made by politics. Even the air we breathe and the safety of our food is political. Study shows thousands of dollars were given to politicians for a "hands-off" policy on food safety. The FDA leader is appointed by the administration in office.

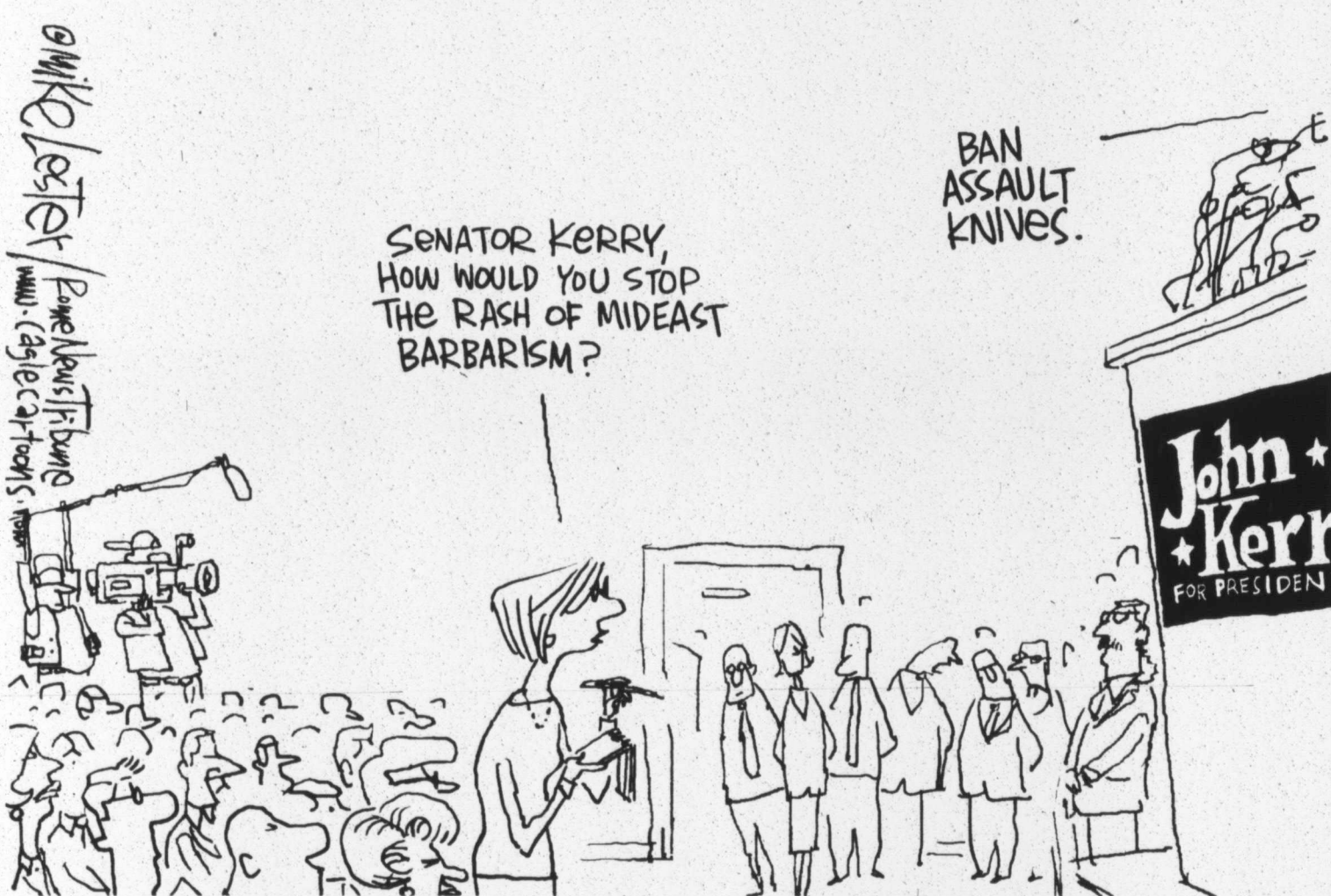
The preacher we listen to on Sunday is decided by

church politics through committees and voting.

Whether we have good streets or nice parks is decided by the people we elect. Most important is the work for companies such as Wal-Mart or fast food places. Most work for minimum wages of \$5.50 per hour. The very people who would benefit the most don't bother to vote for state and national representatives who are responsible for setting minimum wages and taxes. Most of them do not vote at all.

The people who depended most on economic growth — business people and laborers — took very little part in the decision for our community to have real

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President George W. not Reagan

Some journalists have tried to draw parallels between George W. Bush and the late Ronald Reagan. It's a futile effort. President Bush is to President Reagan as a minnow is to a whale.

Every human being is unique, thanks to the miracle of creation, but Reagan was a most exceptional man. What made him exceptional was not his policy positions.

Lots of people shared those. It was his personal qualities. A combination of genes and environment — an environment, by the way, that no longer exists — created this man whom no one

can duplicate.

We have the testimony of those who knew him longest and most intimately that he never changed. He was the same man before he ran for governor as he was after two successful terms. He was the same man after eight years of being president. It is an exceptional man indeed who can win such victories, receive such accolades and survive such criticism and

Charley Reese
columnist

crises without allowing any of it to change him.

He also had no ego, a most exceptional characteristic among politicians. His modesty was genuine. Another exceptional quality was that he treated all men the same — king or groundskeeper, prime minister or janitor, Reagan treated every human being he met with the same courtesy, respect and kindness.

Finally, there was that physical energy. For a man to run for president at 69 is remarkable; to run for reelection at 73 is even more so. Former California Gov. Pat Brown, whom Reagan defeated, once complained that Reagan's hairline and waistline never seemed to change.

In short, Reagan was a man sure of himself, sure of his own masculinity and courage, and he never felt the need to prove anything to anybody. That kind of man is exceptional in these more

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Border murders cry out for justice

From the El Paso Times on Mexican police incompetence, abuse:

Mexican federal officials say they have discovered proof that there is widespread police incompetence and abuse in the cases involving murders of Mexican women.

Well, that's half the battle. The other half is doing something about it.

The statistics themselves are pretty staggering. In the first 50 files released to the Mexican feds by Chihuahua state police, the special federal prosecutor, 81 Juarez police officers were identified as having possibly com-

mitted criminal or administrative violations.

That number includes 17 detectives.

This latest report serves to underline and reinforce conclusions already reached by other groups, such as Amnesty International and the Mexican Human Rights Commission.

And it once again brings on anxiety on both sides of the border about getting these murders solved.

Esther Chavez Cano,

director of Casa Amiga, a Juarez rape-crisis center, could have been speaking for most everyone when she said, "We all know that the police did not do their job in these cases. I guess it's nice that the federal gov-

ernment is now saying it. But we want to know who the killers are."

Precisely. Find the killers, bring them to justice, end this string of wanton murders.

Clean up and clean out Juarez and Chihuahua state

law-enforcement agencies if allegations of incompetence, corruption and even involvement prove true.

Who can even predict what other transgressions will come to light when other files are studied?

This isn't just a small local problem. The 10-year string of women's murders has generated worldwide outcry and demands for justice.

They must be heeded.

Or must everyone wait another 10 years while the rusting wheels of Mexican justice grind along even more slowly — or not at all?

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Meeting with Pres. Reagan

After President Ronald Reagan's recent death, Bill Arrington of Pampa realized he'd had the opportunity to meet with the famous statesman not once, but three times, twice in his role as a director of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. In the top photo, Arrington and his wife Greta are pictured together in 1989 when Reagan was inducted into the museum's Hall of Fame for Great Western Movie Performers. In the bottom photo at right, Arrington and Reagan pose together at Reagan's office in Los Angeles in 1993 with an oil painting of Reagan commissioned for the museum. The painting now hangs in the Hall of Fame there. Arrington recalls that at the unveiling, one of Reagan's aides kept reminding him of his next appointment. After several reminders, Reagan told the aide, "These are my friends and I want to spend some time with them." He invited the group into his office and talked with them for about an hour. "The one thing I remember was the way he would talk. No matter who he was talking to, he would talk so that they could understand perfectly," Arrington said. "He had a great gift of communication."



To Bill & Greta Arrington
With Best Wishes — Ronald Reagan



Frontier Regiment planning commemorative events

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 26, Frontier Regiment of the High Plains will conduct a short memorial at Barren Mesa battlefield site at Adobe Walls in honor of Army Scout Billy Dixon, a brave medal of honor recipient buried at Adobe Walls, the site commemorated as the first battle of the 1874 Red River War.

The public is invited to a short program on the 26th at Adobe Walls, located northeast of Stinnett.

This will be the first of a series of Red River War events scheduled in honor of the 1874 military campaign by Frontier Regiment of the High Plains, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the region.

Members continue to present living history programs for educational purposes.

The regiment's mission is to preserve the region's 19th Century her-

itage for current and future generations. Members' uniforms, horse tack and weapons are as authentic as possible and help educate the public on the history of soldiers who helped civilize the Texas Panhandle.

For more information about this event or this series of events, contact Hutchinson County Museum in Borger at (806) 273-0130. For more information about the regiment, call (806) 353-4996 or (806) 622-1289.

Community happenings

• **Mommy 'N' Me** is a support group for nursing mothers and women needing information on breastfeeding that meets at 10 a.m., the first Monday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan. For more information, call 664-2459.

• A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more.

For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

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Reagan

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feminine times.

President Bush, on the other hand, despite his cocky front, seems as insecure as an elephant on a tightrope. He's defensive, sometimes paranoid and often irritable. It's pathetic and sadly funny that he keeps trying to compare his war on terrorism to World War II and to the Cold War. That's like climbing the monkey bars on a playground and boasting that it's the same as climbing Mount Everest.

Unlike Osama bin Laden hiding in his cave and send-

ing misguided young men out to set off bombs or crash airplanes, Adolf Hitler conquered all of Europe and most of North Africa and drove to within 18 miles of Moscow. Western civilization was literally at risk. Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill led an alliance in a war that killed 55 million people.

In the Cold War, Reagan faced an enemy with the capacity to wipe the United States off the map in 30 minutes. It was not a question of some guy leaving a bomb in a shopping mall. If the Soviets had pressed the button, 150 million Americans would have died instantly and most of the rest later

from radiation and nuclear winter. The Earth itself would have been wounded, perhaps mortally. If any did survive, they would surely have envied the dead.

If the president wishes to compare himself to someone, he might compare himself to Eliot Ness going after Al Capone, the Chicago gangster in the 1920s and 1930s. Terrorists are essentially criminal gangs too weak to do anything but stage an occasional sneak attack. At no time in human history has terrorism ever destroyed a government, not even the government of a small country such as Israel.

It is unbecoming for the president to go about swat-

ting flies while pretending that he is shooting elephants or Cape buffalo. That's all that al-Qaida, the Taliban and Saddam Hussein amount to. They are flies on the great

man of humanity. Unlike Reagan, President Bush has an ego that is bigger than either his enemies or his victories.

Strategy

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all the way to the finish line intact.

The lesson for Bush is that he must force Kerry out of the shadows. But how? His \$80 million of negative ads

have trimmed the Democrat's favorable/unfavorable ratio from 58-33 in March to 50-41 now, but have yet to cut into the half of the electorate that voted for Gore and remains positive to Kerry.

The key is to lower the volume of the other news so that Kerry can stand out on his own. Iraq must be paci-

fied. No more torture photos or suicide killings of Americans. The 9/11 Commission must pass from center stage.

Then, and only then, will Americans look closely at the man who might be their president. And when they do, they won't like what they see.

Politics

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manufacturing jobs. As far as I know, we have had zero chance of attracting new manufacturing jobs since

Pampans voted to do away with our economic development board. We have some new retail stores opening up soon. I hope this helps Pampa and not create more empty buildings in Pampa and surrounding towns.

I understand our sales tax is up significantly. I hope

this is an indication of growth and not just how our prices have gone up in the past three years. Again, politics covers all our daily lives, so come on, guys let's talk politics.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm being married in three months, and through pure coincidence it turns out that one of my cousins is being married the same day. We're not close, as she was very competitive with me while we were growing up.

Her wedding will take place in the morning. I'm having an afternoon wedding with an evening reception. I assumed she wouldn't be able to make it to my reception because she'd be exhausted and want to spend time with her new husband.

Well, I just received an e-mail from her saying she wants to attend. Ordinarily, that would thrill me. However, the catch is, she says there won't be enough time to change, so she wants to wear her bridal gown to my reception.

I think this is terribly rude. I mean, how long does it take to change? Am I being petty, and if not, what can I say to her?

— FRUSTRATED BRIDE IN TEXAS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Although the rules regarding proper attire for wedding guests have become more flexible in recent years, it is still unacceptable for a guest to wear a bridal gown to someone else's reception. Tell your cousin that you will "understand" if she's a few minutes late to your reception, so she can change, and that she and her new husband should quietly seat themselves when they arrive.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 31, divorced and female. My marriage ended four years ago. I haven't dated much since.

When I least expected it, a wonderful man I'll call Tony walked into my life. He was everything I wanted and more. He treated me the way I deserved to be treated and seemed to like me a lot. I fell for him hard.

A short time later, he told me he didn't want a serious relationship. I was crushed but continued to see him. We dated for about two years and there were still no serious feelings on his part. Then, all of a sudden, he hit me with the news that he had fallen in love with someone else. I was floored! He had said he didn't want a serious relationship.

I can't seem to get over him. Every time I try, Tony calls me and wants to hook up. His new girlfriend will be moving here soon from another state, yet he still calls and wants to hook up with me. How can I let go and move on? I still love him.

— CAN'T LET GO

DEAR CAN'T: Let me explain something. When Tony said he didn't want a serious relationship, he meant with YOU. Wake up and smell the coffee. You are being used. The sooner you can recognize that fact, the sooner you'll be able to let go and say no.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been having some problems. He has this female friend who wants him to date her. I told her no, it isn't going to happen, but she won't leave him alone. We're trying to plan our wedding, but she keeps getting in our way. What should I do?

— SPITTING NAILS IN WHITEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR SPITTING NAILS: Nothing. The female friend isn't getting the message because the wrong person is doing the talking. If your boyfriend is serious about marrying you, HE should be the one to inform her that his feelings for her are strictly platonic. Please suggest it.

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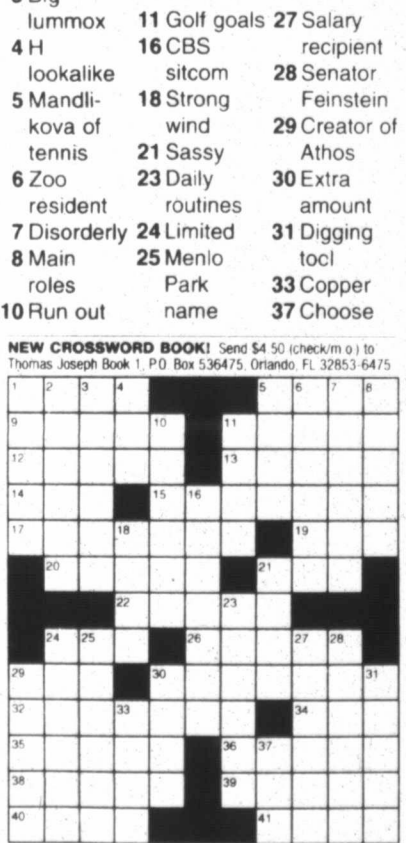
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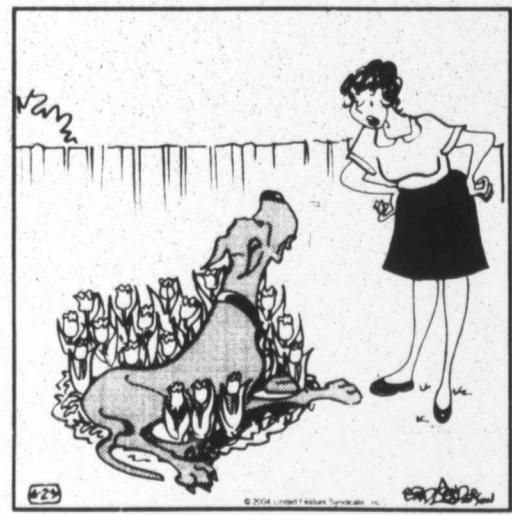
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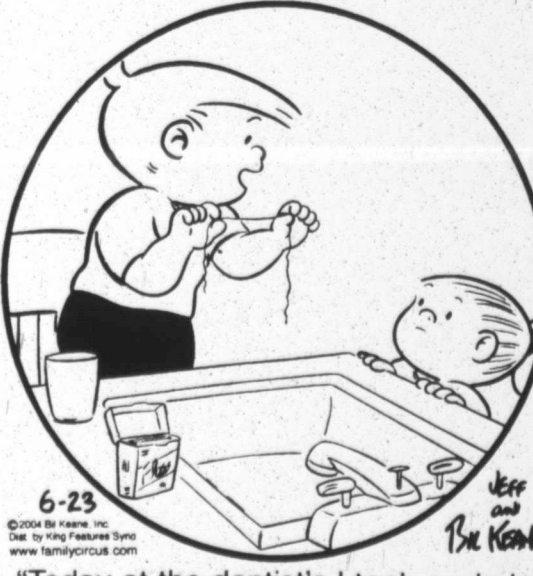


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Sports Day

Cubs making up ground; Devil Rays get 12 in a row

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National League

The Chicago Cubs are closing too fast for the rest of the NL Central to keep up.

At one point early this month, they were in fourth place. Now the Cubs could leave St. Louis as the division leader.

The Cubs got within a game of the Cardinals on Tuesday night when Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run double off closer Jason Irsinghausen with two outs in the eighth inning to help Chicago to a 5-4 win.

It was the Cubs' ninth win in 10 games, outpacing even the Cardinals, who have won 15 of 21, but lost two straight.

In Tuesday's other NL games, it was New York 7, Cincinnati 4; San Francisco 11, Los Angeles 5; Florida 4, Atlanta 3; Montreal 5, Philadelphia 2; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 2; Houston 5, Pittsburgh 4; and San Diego beat Arizona 2-1 in 10 innings.

Irsinghausen (3-2) was trying for his sixth multi-inning save of the season.

"I was trying to win the game," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He's fresh, it's the heart of the lineup, Izzy's the guy I wanted out there."

Irsinghausen relieved Jason Marquis after the starter allowed a single to Mark Grudzielanek and he was sacrificed over. After a retiring Moises Alou, he walked Sammy Sosa on a full count before Ramirez

doubled.

"He's an RBI guy," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "He's had two 100-RBI years and he's getting better."

Kyle Farnsworth (3-3) pitched out of a jam in the seventh, and retired the heart of the order in the eighth. LaTroy Hawkins finished for his ninth save in 12 chances.

If Chicago can take over first place at Busch Stadium, it will be an accomplishment: It's won just eight times there in 35 games since 2000.

American League

Nomar Garciaparra and Alex Rodriguez carried their teams to victory. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays keep winning without such big stars.

Garciaparra hit a grand slam Tuesday night for his first home run of the season, sending the Boston Red Sox to a 9-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins at Fenway Park.

"It was nice," said Garciaparra, who missed the first 57 games with right Achilles' tendinitis. "We never counted on just one guy. We expect to pick each other up, always."

Rodriguez did most of the damage for the New York Yankees, who beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-4 at Camden Yards. He passed Joe DiMaggio on the career home run list,

connecting twice and driving in five runs.

"Alex was dynamite," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

And the same could be said of the surprising Devil Rays, who extended their franchise-record winning streak to 12 games by beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 at SkyDome behind homers from Julio Lugo and Carl Crawford.

"At the beginning of the season it was terrible. We were just Tampa Bay," Lugo said. "Now everybody is calling us the stinging Rays."

In other AL games, it was Texas 10, Seattle 2; Chicago 11, Cleveland 9 in 10 innings; Kansas City 8, Detroit 1; and Anaheim 6, Oakland 1.

Tampa Bay starter Chad Gaudin was lifted after walking four in the first inning, but four relievers went the rest of the way for a three-hitter.

The Devil Rays (33-34) went 3-19 from April 25 to May 19, but they're a major league-best 23-6 in their last 29 games. They have the longest winning streak in the majors since Arizona won 12 straight last season.

At Baltimore, Mike Mussina (8-4) overcame a rocky start to win his seventh straight decision. In his first game since leaving a

June 11 outing with a groin injury, he lasted just five innings.

"I was trying to make sure that I didn't do anything foolish," Mussina said. "But as it went on, I got a little more loose and a little more comfortable. I could tell it was getting a little tired when we decided that was enough."

Rodriguez had his 35th multihomer game. He hit a three-run shot off Matt Riley (1-3) in the first inning and a two-run drive against Rodrigo Lopez in the seventh to help the Yankees improve to 7-0 against Baltimore this season.

A-Rod's first home run was his 362nd, moving him past DiMaggio into 60th place on the career list. Rodriguez has 18 homers this season, including four in his last seven games.

Derek Jeter also homered for the Yankees, who drew 13 walks.

At Boston, Garciaparra's fifth career slam backed Curt Schilling, 5-1 in his last six starts. David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez also homered for the Red Sox.

"It's like pick your poison," said Johnny Damon, who doubled twice. "We have some of the best 3-4-5 hitters in the league."

Schilling (9-4) is 6-0 at Fenway Park, the first pitcher in the majors to win his first six home decisions this season. He allowed one run, four hits and no walks in seven innings with five strikeouts.

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Miami 9, LSU 5
Sunday, June 20
Arizona 7, Arkansas 2, Arkansas eliminated
Texas 9, Georgia 3
Monday, June 21
South Carolina 15, LSU 4, LSU eliminated
Cal State Fullerton 6, Miami 3
Tuesday, June 22
Georgia 3, Arizona 1, Arizona eliminated
South Carolina 15, Miami 11, Miami eliminated
Wednesday, June 23
Game 11 — Texas (57-13) vs. Georgia (45-22), 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Cal State Fullerton (44-21) vs. South Carolina (52-16), 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 24
Game 13 — Texas vs. Winner Game 11, 1 or 7 p.m., if necessary
Game 14 — Cal State Fullerton vs. Winner Game 12, 7 p.m., if necessary
Note: Game 13 will be 1 p.m. if Game 14 is necessary. If Texas loses Game 11, Game 13 will be necessary. If Texas wins Game 11 it advances to the championship series. If Cal State Fullerton loses Game 12, Game 14 will be necessary. If Cal State Fullerton wins Game 12 it advances to the championship series.

Championship Series

(Best-of-3)
Saturday, June 26
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 27
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner, 3 p.m.
Monday, June 28
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

Safin slams Wimbledon's grass courts

By STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Marat Safin has an aversion to the grass courts at Wimbledon. In fact, he hates them so much he wants no part of the place.

"I give up on Wimbledon," Safin said after losing to fellow Russian Dmitry Tursunov in the first round. "This is definitely not the tournament for me."

Safin's disdain contrasted sharply with the sentiments of Serena Williams, the two-time defending champion, who beat China's Zheng Jie 6-3, 6-1 in her opening match Tuesday on Centre Court.

"The most special thing is coming back as a champ," Williams said. "Win, lose or draw, it's just a great feeling to be defending champion at Wimbledon. I don't get that feeling at any other Grand Slam. I just get it here at Wimbledon."

Part of the Wimbledon experience is rain — and showers delayed the start of play Wednesday. With organizers already 45 matches behind schedule after two days of delays, heavier rain, strong wind and possibly hail were forecast.

"There is quite a good hope of some play and we're crossing our fingers and just hoping that at least we get all the unfinished matches of yesterday completed today," referee Alan Mills said.

Second-seeded Andy Roddick and No. 3 Guillermo Coria were among those hoping to resume matches that had been suspended Tuesday evening.

Roddick was up 4-2 against Taiwan's Wang Yeu-tzuou on Centre Court. Coria, the French Open runner-up, has already played over two days. He was two points away from victory against Wesley Moodie when play was stopped at 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-7 (3), 5-3.

Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, one of Safin's biggest fans, came to watch him Tuesday on Court 2. He left after Safin lost four straight games to drop the second set.

Things then got only got worse for Safin. He smashed his racket, swore at the umpire and put in little effort near the end of the 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (1) defeat.

"After awhile, I just get bored," he said. "I lost completely motivation, and I give up."

It was a startling admission from a player who is no stranger to controversy. At the French Open last month,

'Win, lose or draw, it's just a great feeling to be defending champion at Wimbledon. I don't get that feeling at any other Grand Slam. I just get it here at Wimbledon.'

— Serena Williams
two-time defending champion

Safin pulled down his shorts during a second-round victory over Felix Mantilla.

Safin, 24, is considered one of the most talented and physically imposing players in the game. He won the U.S. Open and reached No. 1 in the rankings in 2000. He got to the Australian Open final twice (2002 and 2004) and the French Open semis in 2002.

But Wimbledon has always been Safin's least favorite Grand Slam. He reached the quarterfinals in 2001, but failed to advance past the second round in three other appearances. Tuesday's loss marked the first time he's been knocked out in the first round of a Grand Slam event since the 2000 Australian Open.

While the swaggering 6-foot-4 Safin would seem to have the physique and booming shots to win at Wimbledon, he insists he just can't deal with the footwork and low bounces.

"I don't feel like I'm moving," he said. "I cannot move there. Every time, I don't know how it's going to bounce. It's like a real nightmare for me."

Part of the adjustment to grass is mental. "You have to be really focused in your mind, but it's not my territory," Safin said.

Safin didn't say he won't be back at Wimbledon, only that from now on he won't bother showing up early to practice on grass or play in warmup events. Instead, he'll just arrive a couple of days before the tournament.

"I hate this," he said. "I'll just practice a couple of days, then I play. I'm not going to waste my time on that knowing I will not play well."

Yeltsin's presence didn't help some other top Russian players, either.

Also upset in the first round was sixth-seeded Elena Dementieva, the French Open finalist, who lost 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 to Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic. No. 8 Svetlana Kuznetsova was ousted by France's Virginie Razzano in three sets.

Williams, meanwhile, has become so enthralled with her English surroundings she's becoming a booster of the England soccer team and 18-year-old sensation Wayne Rooney. He has scored four goals to lead England to the quarterfinals of the Euro 2004 championship in Portugal.

"I'm a big fan of Rooney now and obviously (Michael) Owen and (David) Beckham, especially Rooney because he really saved the team, so I'm really excited," Williams said. "I can't believe I'm even talking the lingo here!"

BUCCANEERS PITTMAN PENALIZED

Suspended by NFL without pay

TAMPA (AP) — Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Michael Pittman was suspended by the NFL without pay for three games and fined an additional two games' pay Tuesday for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Pittman was indicted last June in Arizona on two counts of aggravated assault for intentionally ramming his sport-utility vehicle into a car carrying his wife, 2-year-old son and the couple's baby sitter.

"Three games is a lot, but it could've been a lot worse," Pittman said, adding that his wife, teammates and coaches are standing behind him.

"But it is a sense of relief because all year long it's been in the back of my mind. ... Last year I had a lot of pressure on me, out there playing and thinking about other things. But right now, I know what I got and what I have to do."

The seven-year pro, one of the star's in Tampa Bay's Super Bowl victory two seasons ago, pleaded guilty March 25 to one count of endangerment in exchange for prosecutors dropping charges of aggravated assault and aggravated domestic violence. The latter charge was filed because of a previous domestic-violence conviction in July 2001.

Pittman was sentenced to 30 days in jail and was released after serving 14 days. The sentence also included three

years of supervised probation and a fine and surcharge totaling \$4,500.

The running back's suspension begins on Sept. 5, when the Bucs open the regular season at Washington. He's eligible to return on Sept. 27, the day after Tampa Bay faces the Oakland Raiders in Week 3.

The announcement came as the Bucs opened a three-day minicamp that Pittman is attending. He is eligible to participate in all preseason practices and games.

"Obviously, it's a blow to our football team," coach Jon Gruden said. "Michael Pittman's going to get an opportunity to serve this suspension and come back, hopefully, a much better man. Hopefully our whole football team, including Michael, will learn from this situation."

Pittman, who started 13 games last season while rushing for 751 yards and no touchdowns, spent four years with the Arizona Cardinals before signing with the Bucs as a free agent in 2002.

This is Pittman's second suspension related to domestic violence. He missed the season opener with the Cardinals in 2001 after he was arrested in a previous case in the Phoenix area.

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BCS delays showing new formula

BOSTON (AP) — The Bowl Championship Series is still crunching numbers for its new formula to determine which teams will play for the national championship, a change prompted by last season's split title.

The BCS had considered unveiling its new math this week at the Collegiate Commissioners Association meetings in Boston.

We're proceeding in a deliberate fashion because ... the poll has been a subject of a lot of controversy and we want to make sure that by making changes we're not creating different types of problems from perhaps what we had in the past," Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said in an interview Tuesday after a day of CCA meetings. "We want to receive some assurance that the changes that we may have in mind are sound from a mathematical standpoint."

Weiberg said the BCS wants to have its new formula in place before conference football media days begin.

"Ideally that means no later than the third week in July," said Weiberg, the incoming BCS coordinator.

This season, the BCS formula will emphasize The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches

polls, while lessening the influence of computer rankings.

Weiberg said the BCS is looking at a formula that would take into account not just where a team ranks in the human

polls, but also how many votes it receives.

Last year, the BCS gave equal weight to the average of two human polls and the average of seven computer rankings. Also, factored in were strength of schedule and total losses, with bonus points awarded for wins against teams in the top 10 of the BCS standings.

The BCS wants a simpler formula with fewer redundancies.

"I think there is a general feeling that those components that have been added over the past four or five years have resulted in more complexity to the poll and its calculation," Weiberg said. "Specifically, that would be the separate strength of schedule component and the quality win component."

Strength of schedule will still be a big part of the BCS standings, Weiberg said.

"First of all it's a very prominent element of all the computer polls," he said. "And I believe it is still considered as part of the human polls as well."

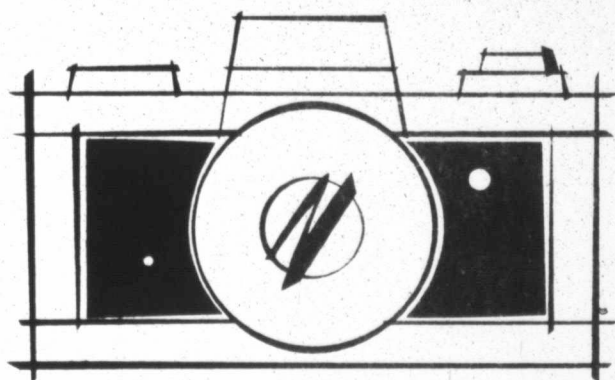
"Who you play is still going to be a very important factor in all of this."

'We want to receive some assurance that the changes that we may have in mind are sound from a mathematical standpoint.'

—Kevin Weiberg
Big 12 commissioner

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Thompson Auto Parts owner Doug Thompson is sandwiched between the smiles of Hunter Hall, far left, and Jonathan Stevens, far right. Thompson holds a shirt presented by the two young ballplayers on behalf of their team which Thompson sponsored.

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Familiar team for Armstrong

By JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Six teammates who helped Lance Armstrong win last year's Tour de France will ride with him again next month when he bids for a record sixth straight title.

Two members of Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service squad are in their first year with the team — Jose Azevedo of Portugal and Benjamin Noval of Spain. They replace Roberto Heras, who will compete against Armstrong this time, and Colombia's Victor Hugo Pena, who was dropped for this Tour.

"Lance is confident he has a strong team and now it's up to him to be ready," U.S. Postal sporting director Johan Bruyneel said. "His form is coming."

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to first win the Tour in 1999, will be competing in the showcase event for the 10th time. Only four other riders have five Tour

victories — Miguel Indurain, Bernard Hinault, Eddy Merckx and Jacques Anquetil.

This year's race starts July 3 in Liege, Belgium, and ends July 25 on Paris' Champs-Elysees. The course covers 2,126 miles, counterclockwise around France.

The crunch for Armstrong, whose win last year was his narrowest yet, most likely will come in the last eight days of the three-week race during mountain stages and time trials.

"The last week looks really tough, the toughest we have ever done," Armstrong said. "It will be much better to have a stronger second half than a strong first half."

Germany's Jan Ullrich, the 1997 winner and five-time runner-up, is a main rival. Other challengers include Heras, who quit Armstrong's team to join the Spanish outfit Liberty Seguros, and Spain's Iban Mayo, who won the Dauphine Libere race in June.

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Kobe wraps

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Attorneys wrapped up closed-door arguments Tuesday over whether the sex life of the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape can be introduced at the NBA star's trial.

More written arguments are due next week. That means Judge Terry Ruckriegle will not make his decision until next month.

Bryant left Colorado after a two-day hearing without learning his trial date. But attorneys said they could be ready for trial by late August.

State court spokeswoman Karen Salaz said 1,000 summonses will be sent to prospective jurors — four times the usual number.

The high number is needed because of the publicity the case has drawn and because of the transient nature of the Eagle County population, home to Vail and other ski resorts.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAUL A. HULM, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original will of the late Paul A. Hulm, deceased, was admitted to probate in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of June, 2004, in Case No. 9058. All persons claiming an interest in the estate of Paul A. Hulm, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims with the County Clerk of Gray County, Texas, on or before the 23rd day of July, 2004. The undersigned, Naomi Hulm, is the executor of the estate of Paul A. Hulm, deceased. My residence is at 1000 N. C. Craig, P.O. Box 1000, Pampa, Texas 79066. My residence phone number is 806-790-0807. My residence fax number is 806-790-0807. DATED this 23rd day of June, 2004.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Be very playful and express your fun-loving personality. Do not stomp on a partner's feelings. You could be so happy and carefree that inadvertently you cause yourself a problem that could occupy a good part of your day. Tonight: Be the sedate Bull.
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★★★★ Avoid all risk-taking, especially when feelings or finances are involved. Know when to bail out. Consider playing it conservatively, as opposed to being flamboyant. In the long run, you will be much happier with the end results. Tonight: Balance your check-book.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You smile, but others could challenge your positive attitude. Others toss a boomerang in your path, and you jump right over it. Your personality melts a natural resistance from another. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Take your time with others. If you act quickly or say something very quickly, you'll get unusual reactions. Others might stonewall you for what you believe is no reason. Be open to looking at your reactions in this realm. Tonight: Schedule private time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Gather others



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Tiger play

Pampa Police Chief Trevyn Pitner and officers Fred Courtney, Jarrett Parsons and Joey Williams with Apollo the tiger and Charlie Azzopardi of Amarillo at the Business Expo held at M.K. Brown Auditorium recently.

Jurors hear from Scott Peterson

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The first detective at the home of Laci Peterson the night she vanished told prosecutors that her husband's behavior made it difficult to eliminate him as a suspect.

In court Tuesday, Detective Allen Brocchini testified he was summoned after several officers who had spoken briefly with Peterson deemed his story "suspicious."

Brocchini described Peterson that day, Christmas Eve 2002, as "calm, cool, relaxed" despite that his

pregnant wife was nowhere to be found. He was set to be cross-examined Wednesday.

Also Tuesday, jurors heard a videotaped police interview of Scott Peterson that had been made Christmas Day. The interview had the tone of an interrogation, and climaxed with police testing his hands for gun powder residue.

Peterson, 31, is accused of murdering Laci in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, then dumping her body into San Francisco Bay. He says he went alone to the bay to fish; the gov-

ernment claims the fishing story is a cover-up.

Defense lawyers assert Laci was abducted and her captor framed Peterson after hearing his widely publicized alibi. They also say police focused too soon on Peterson, which caused them to miss other leads.

Laci Peterson's fetus, a boy the couple planned to name Conner, washed ashore April 13. Laci's body washed up from the bay a day later.

Brocchini said it was his job to rule out Peterson as a suspect — but testified that

it wasn't easy.

At about 6:30 p.m. the day after his wife vanished, Peterson called Brocchini to check on the search.

"He wanted to know if we were using cadaver dogs. I told him we hadn't even considered Laci dead yet," Brocchini said.

On the video, Peterson gave often-muffled responses to Brocchini. The fertilizer salesman told the investigator that he fetched the boat from his warehouse in Modesto where he also e-mailed his boss, then drove to the bay.

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