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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrest and incidents.

#### Monday, June 7

A bicycle was reported stolen in the 500 block of 17th Street.

#### Tuesday, June 8

Resisting arrest was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

A bicycle was found near a business in the 1800 block

of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Miami. A purse and contents, unknown value, was stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Starkweather. A purse and contents, estimated value of \$60, was reported stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee. Vehicle tires were flattened.

Angel Rose Moore, a.k.a. Tina Williams, 25, 117 N. Sumner, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

### GCSO

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

#### Tuesday, June 8

Joshua Cook, 18, 1916 Beech, was arrested for

aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

#### Tuesday, June 8

7:21 p.m. A 1995 GMC Yukon driven by Susana Gonzalez Esquivel, 30, 1141 Prairie Dr., and a 1995 Lincoln Mark 8 driven by Jennifer Michelle Sullins,

24, 713 Deane Dr., collided at Cuyler and Foster streets. Esquivel was cited for no driver's license.

### Ambulance

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

#### Tuesday, June 8

1:16 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Reid and transport-

ed a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:02 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:08 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Panhandle airport for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

11:59 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to 800 block of Scott and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

## Obituaries

### Riley Bill McClure, 53

SAPULPA — Riley Bill McClure, 53, of Sapulpa, died Monday, June 7, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Ridgeway Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Hamilton officiating. Interment will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Sapulpa.

Mr. McClure was born

April 19, 1951, at Pampa and had lived in Sapulpa since 1980, moving there from Tulsa. He worked for Zeeo in Broken Arrow, Okla., as a welder and was a member of Ridgeway Baptist Church.

Mr. McClure was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam Conflict. He was also an avid fisherman and a motorcycleist.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son, Kyle McClure.

Survivors include his wife, Patty, of the home; a daughter, Amanda Marshall of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Phil Lovelady of San Antonio; two sisters, Carolyn Lambright of Sand Springs and Georgia Word of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

### Carlos Nidiffer, 80

TEXOLA, Okla. — Carlos Nidiffer, 80, of Texola, died Monday, June 7, 2004. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Texola Baptist Church with Charlie Floyd and Norman Rushing officiating.

Burial will be in Texola Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home of Erick, Okla.

Mr. Nidiffer was born May 13, 1924, at Texola

where he grew up and graduated from high school. He married Ruth Hunt on April 3, 1944, at Texola. The couple moved to Borger, and Mr. Nidiffer worked at the defense plant there.

Prior to relocating to Texola permanently, the Nidiffers returned to Texola in 1945 then moved back to Borger in 1946.

Mr. Nidiffer worked for Beckham County District 3 for 32 years and was a mem-

ber, deacon, Sunday school teacher and treasurer at Texola Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, James Bret Prather.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; three daughters, Tommye Beck and Gimmye Rushing, both of Pampa, and Jerrye Prather of Panhandle; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

### Tom Stringer, 89

Tom Stringer, 89, of Pampa, died Monday, June 7, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating.

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

Mr. Stringer was born Oct. 2, 1914, at Rice. He married Catherine Norton on Nov. 11, 1933, at Groesbeck, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1965

and worked for IRI as a salesman, retiring after 40 years of service.

Mr. Stringer was a member of Kilgore Masonic Lodge #101 AF&AM and First Christian Church. He was a former member of Associated Oilfield Service Contractors organization.

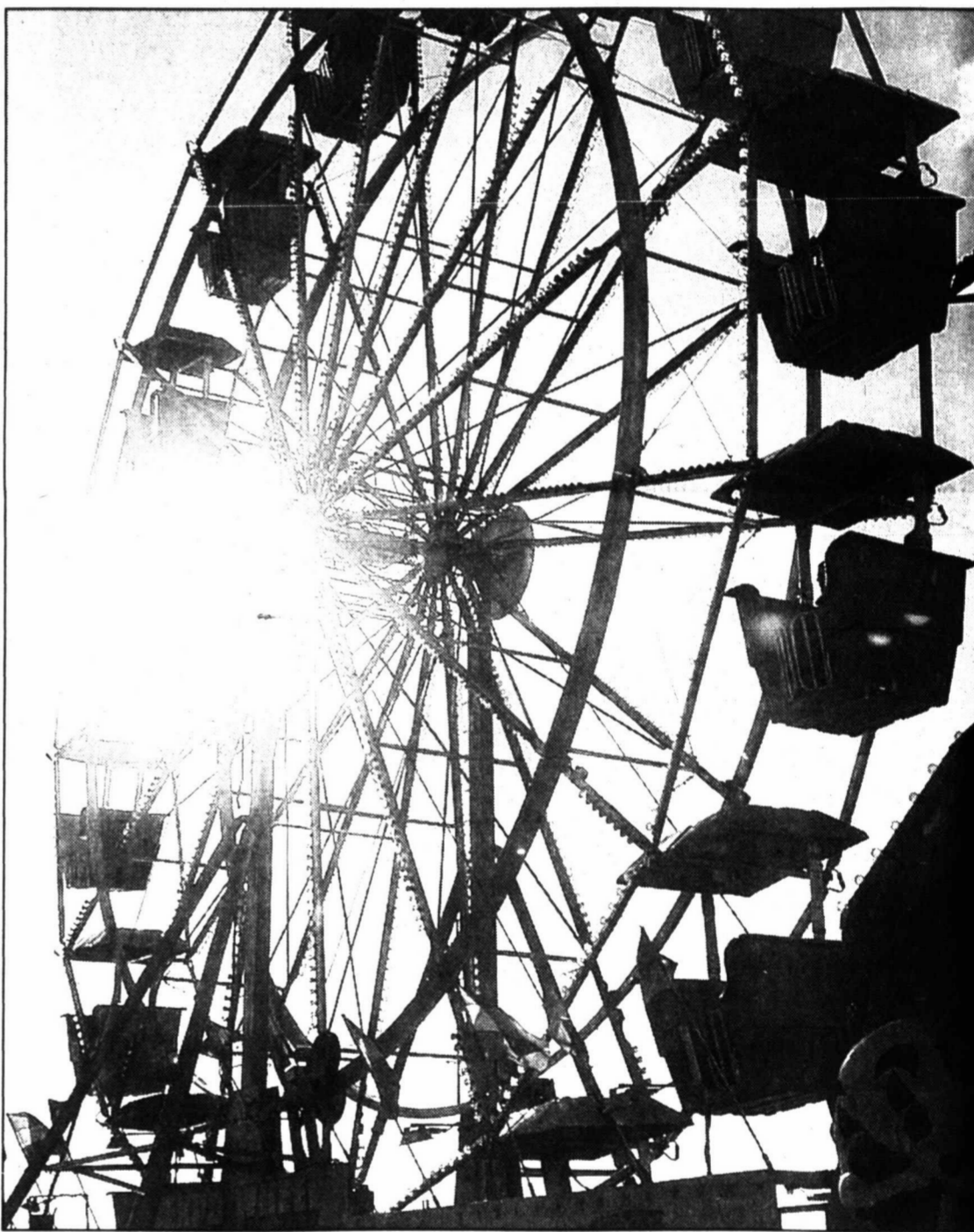
He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Belle Canney; and a brother, William Stringer.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine, of the home; two sons, Joe Thomas Stringer of Pampa and

Howard Glen Stringer of Mustang, Okla.; three sisters, Mary Jo Osborne of Comanche, Betty Lynn Anderson of Chicago, Ill., and Jamie Ruth Stringer of San Angelo; a brother, David Phillip Stringer of Keller; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

The setting sun peeks through the spokes of the ferris wheel at the Pride of Pampa Band Carnival Tuesday evening.

## Gray County Weather



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Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am.

## Services tomorrow

McCLURE, Riley Bill — 10 a.m., Ridgeway Baptist Church, Sapulpa, Okla.

NIDIFFER, Carlos — 10:30 a.m., Texola Baptist Church, Texola, Okla.

## Houston police officer shot, expected to live

HOUSTON (AP) — A police officer was hospitalized after being shot four times Wednesday while trying to make an arrest.

Houston police spokesman John Cannon said the officer, who started with the department in September 1994, was hit by

bullets in both legs, his hip and his side.

"The one in the side was deflected by his bulletproof vest," Cannon said. "He was breathing and conscious at the scene."

The officer was being treated at Memorial Hermann Hospital, where

his condition wasn't immediately known. The officer's identity also was being withheld until his family could be notified.

Cannon said two suspects were being held as material witnesses and police were continuing to search for the assailant.

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## DNA clears man jailed for 18 months

FORT WORTH (AP) — Clothing and other evidence that could have exonerated a man jailed on sexual assault charges sat untested in a police department property room for 1 1/2 years before he was finally cleared by DNA testing — three days before he was to go on trial.

A detective had requested that the Police Department crime lab test the 9-year-old victim's clothing and Jonathan Byner's defense

attorney said she also asked prosecutors repeatedly to push for the tests.

Last month, after another plea from the defense attorney, prosecutors Mitch Poe and Dixie Bersano asked the crime lab to forward the evidence to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office to test for DNA.

"We had the case dismissed within 30 minutes of getting the test results," Poe told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Wednesday's

editions. "It's a terrible shame that this man has been sitting in jail for a crime that he did not commit. I wish that this truth had been found earlier."

The test results available Friday showed that a semen stain on the girl's pant leg did not belong to Byner.

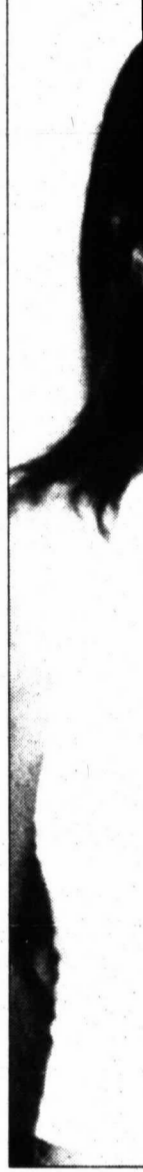
The 25-year-old man had been charged with abducting the girl as she walked to school, driving her to a park and sexually assaulting her on Dec. 3, 2002.

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# Sept. 11 commission draft harshly critical of FBI, CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to avoid partisan attacks, the Sept. 11 commission has drafted a final report that avoids placing blame on individuals in the Bush or Clinton administrations but sharply criticizes the FBI and intelligence agencies for missteps prior to the catastrophe. The 10-member panel has been reviewing portions of the draft, the bulk of which is a factual accounting of events, including intelligence failures that could lead readers to con-

clude the attacks were preventable, four commissioners told The Associated Press in separate interviews. A separate section detailing the panel's recommendations remains under intense review, with no agreement yet on the widespread measures needed to shore up the communications breakdowns that allowed the hijackers to succeed, the commissioners said. "There's broad consensus that major changes are needed. This is not just a question

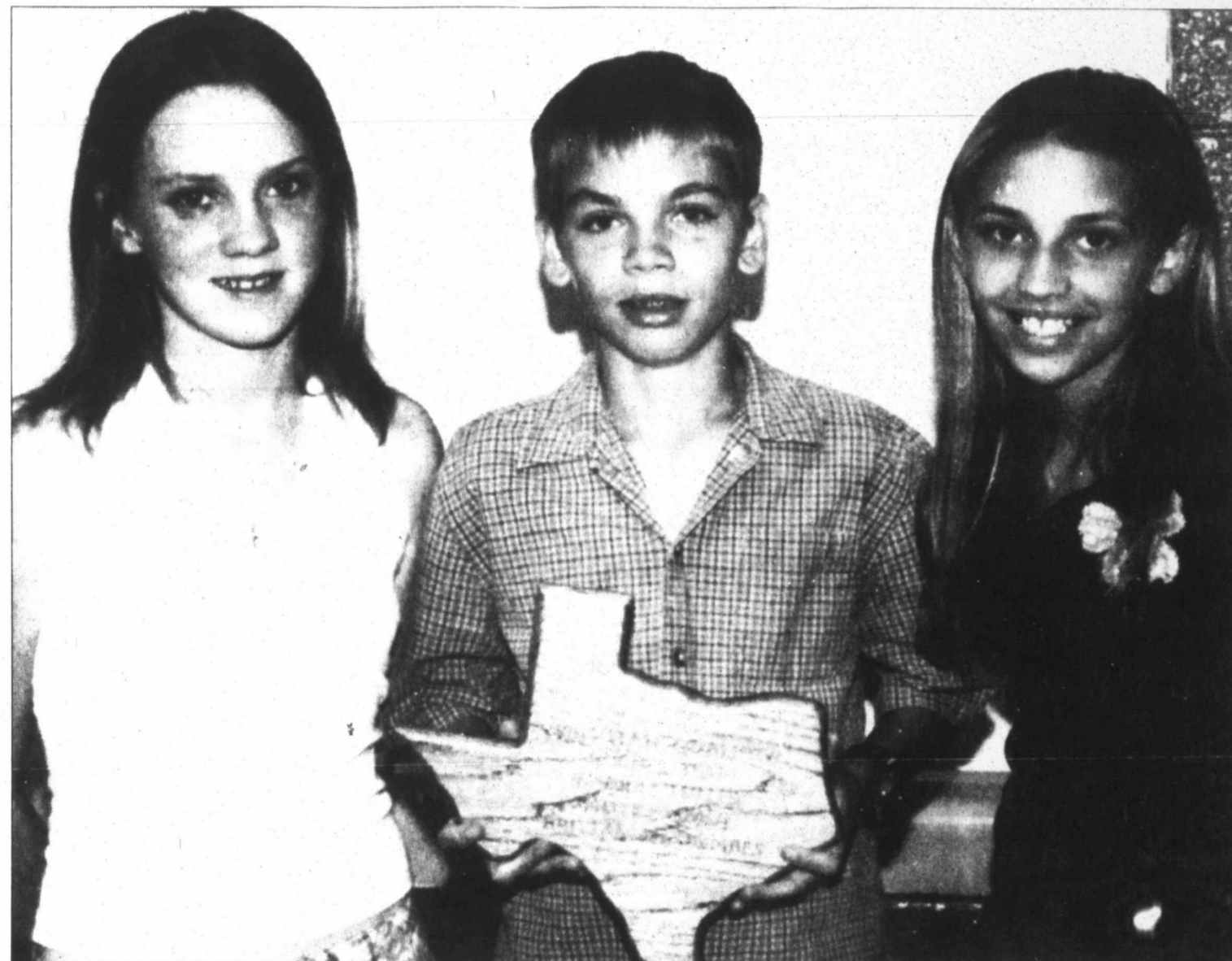
of running faster, jumping higher," said Republican commissioner John Lehman, a former secretary of the Navy. "We need to ensure the fusion and sharing of all intelligence that could have helped us to avoid 9/11." Among the ideas under consideration is a domestic intelligence agency modeled after Britain's MI5. Democratic commissioner Timothy Roemer said FBI Director Robert Mueller's recent proposal to improve

domestic surveillance by creating an intelligence service within the bureau is another option under review by the panel but might not be enough. "Certainly there's consensus the FBI has not done a good job prior to 9/11, and they have a long way to go," said Roemer, a former Indiana congressman. The commission was established by Congress in 2002 to investigate government mistakes before the

attacks and recommend ways to improve the nation's protection against terrorists. It has interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, including President Bush, and reviewed more than 2 million documents. The bipartisan panel's final report is due July 26. However, portions of it, dealing with factual findings leading up to and including the attacks, already have been drafted and sent to the White House for vetting and declassi-

fication, commissioners said. CIA Director George Tenet, who has submitted his resignation effective next month, former FBI Director Louis Freeh and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice have been harshly criticized by some lawmakers and relatives of Sept. 11 victims for not doing more to combat the threat of terrorism.

## End of year awards



Lefors Junior High Schoolers, from left, Misty Pairsh, Gabriel Miller and Brittney Coombes were recently recognized for receiving several awards at LJHS. Pairsh received the One-Act Play Award, COMVP Tennis award, and qualified for state science. Miller received keyboarding and reading awards in seventh grade and qualified for state science. Coombes received COMVP Tennis award, an AB Honor Roll award and qualified for state science.

## Japan lifts ban on U.S. poultry imports; Texas ban remains

TOKYO (AP) — Japan lifted a four-month ban on American poultry imports from all but six U.S. states, saying Wednesday that it was satisfied that earlier bird flu cases in the United States hadn't spread to other states.

In February, Tokyo temporarily suspended all imports of poultry from the United States — Japan's fourth-biggest supplier — as a "precautionary measure" after Washington confirmed several avian influenza outbreaks.

The Agriculture Ministry said Japan would only keep the ban on poultry from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and Texas, where infected birds recently have been found.

Although tests have confirmed that the bird flu in those states isn't fatal to humans, U.S. officials haven't said whether the outbreaks are under control, the ministry said on its Web site.

A more lethal strain had swept Asia earlier this year, killing 16 people in Vietnam and eight in Thailand and prompting authorities across the region to cull millions of birds.

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## Girl Scouts invite community to 'Little House' open house

The Girl Scouts of Pampa invite the public to view their Little House located at 720 E. Kingsmill, on Sunday, June 13, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Girl Scout troops in the Pampa have been meeting at the Little House for more than 50 years. Currently, 16 troops from the Pampa area use the Little House facilities.

"We would like the people of Pampa to view the facility and enjoy cookies and punch with our girls. These girls are the future of this community. Hope to see you there," said Letha Anderson, local Girl Scout representative. For more information, call Denise Dodson at 665-7336, Lynn DiTirro at 665-4838, Or Mary Green at 874-3372.

## City

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division of the city's services.

Commissioners also authorized Grant to negotiate with United Medcorp for billing in connection with the ambulance service.

Because of the short time frame before Rural Metro shuts down, the city commission passed an ordinance on an emergency basis Tuesday to fund the emergency medical service.

The commission also amended the city's budget to fund roof repairs to M.K. Brown Auditorium and Hidden Hills Golf Pro Shop. Repairs at M.K. Brown Auditorium are expected to cost \$137,000. Repairs at the golf course are expected to

cost \$12,500. John Horst, Pampa's finance director, said the city received a \$12,500 insurance claim for hail damage three years ago at the pro shop. He said that money was still in the golf course account.

In other business, the commission adopted a resolution supporting a grant application by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission that would lay claim to money left unused by the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

The task force was dissolved effective June 1, following its involvement in a drug sting gone bad in Tulia.

Commissioner Bob Dixon, who also serves on the PRPC board, said there is a considerable amount of money available.

"We lost \$720,000 because the task force is

leaving," Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the commission. "We're trying to keep some of that in the panhandle."

Despite any loss of funding, he said, the problem is not going away.

The money, which would be split among some 30 Panhandle towns that were once members of the drug task force, would be used primarily for training, Dixon said.

The commission also approved the sale of tax delinquent property, a vacant lot at 436 Warren, to Robert Cain for \$250.

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## Source: FCC agrees to record settlement with Clear Channel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have reached a record settlement with the nation's largest radio chain to resolve a number of indecency complaints against Howard Stern and other radio personalities, according to a source familiar with the deal.

The Federal Communications Commission's settlement with Clear Channel Communications is estimated at \$1.75 million, according to the source, who requested anonymity in the absence of a formal announcement. That was expected as early as Wednesday.

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# Viewpoints

## United Nations getting a breath of new life

New life is being breathed into the United Nations. The organization that is the world's best hope for a lasting peace seems to be relevant again, having been consigned to irrelevancy a year and a half ago by George Bush and much of our media. In Bush's flip-flop on the need for U.N. help in getting Iraq on the road to democracy, the United States has asked the world organization to do exactly what its founders intended it to do — help bridge mistrust and antagonisms between nations and peoples that threaten further violence.

The United Nations now is also involved in self-renewal, following Secretary-General Kofi

Annan's call last September for "radical reform" of the U.N. system. That's important, because the organization has not only been damaged by the hostility of the White House, it also has been hurt by its own shortcomings in the face of humanitarian disasters such as Rwanda, Srebrenica and Liberia.

During the past eight months, U.N. officials and members of nongovernmental organizations have worked to improve the credibility and effectiveness of the United Nations, and to expand democracy within the organization itself. U.S. groups such as Citizens for Global Solutions and Oxfam America, together with U.N.

personnel, have been holding meetings, seminars and retreats to develop ideas for change.

Two fundamental ideas seem to be emerging from all the talk. One is called the "Responsibility to Protect."

It would establish a rule that would make member nations responsible for protecting the human rights of their citizens, and when they fail to do so, it will be the responsibility of the United Nations to do it. One of the nongovernmental organizations pushing this idea is Citizens

for Global Solutions. The organizations propose a "U.N. Emergency Peace Service," under the authority of the Security Council. It would be a quick-reaction force with both military and police components. It could, if necessary, call for military or financial assistance from member states.



Walter Cronkite  
Columnist

The second idea is more profound, more far-reaching. This is the concept of "democracy deficits" — bureaucratism for a lack of democracy. Each of the 191 member states has a single vote on the issues before the

General Assembly. Some of those states are both authoritarian and infamous abusers of human rights. Consequently, the interests and desires of their people are not really represented at the United Nations. Indeed, the presence of dictatorships such as Liberia and Cuba on panels such as the Human Rights Commission has long been an international scandal. Those with a "democracy deficit" might be barred from such commissions.

Also, whether democracies or not, many countries are quite small, yet they have the same vote in the General Assembly as large nations. Tonga's 110,000 people have the same electoral weight as the United States'

288,889,610 or China's 1,303,775,785.

What has evolved from these ideas is the concept of a weighted vote. Each nation would get a number of votes based on factors that are still being discussed. But they might be things such as a nation's population, its size, its gross national product and its record on human rights. Democracies would be favored, dictatorships penalized. Dictatorships would become the light-weights of the system.

Ideas for reforming the system also include the Security Council — both its representation and the possession by five of its members of veto power. This

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### Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 9, the 161st day of 2004. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on June 9, 1954, in one of the most dramatic confrontations of the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch denounced Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's attack on a member of Welch's law firm, Frederick G. Fisher. Said Welch to McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?"

On this date:

In A.D. 68, the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide. In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Godshill, England.

In 1940, Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II.

In 1953, about 100 people died when a tornado struck Worcester, Mass.

In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

### Our readers write

#### The media and Reagan

To the editor:  
A good man died. He was one of the better former presidents. The man is yet to be tendered to earth's fast and last embrace and the electronic media like buzzards at a road kill are debating the man's biases and are using their air time to inform those whom he led of his worth or lack of it.

Dead presidents of this country must lie in state by established protocol. Our politicians may lie in or out of state depending upon the political exigencies of the moment. Had the electronic media existed during World Wars I and II, their use of

communication facilities would have been considered treasonous.

Their current lack of support for our military is shameful. The daily polls of the media trolls are more tiresome than informative. Their man-on-the-street approach for answers to current activities is far more subject to error than military intelligence has been found to be. They have attempted to emulate the activist judges in this country who want to make law from the bench rather than interpret it.

The electronic media want to make the news rather than objectively report it.

Bill Reeves  
McLean



## Terrorists hope Kerry will win

Osama bin Laden could have made a good living as a political consultant if he did not choose to kill babies instead. The al Qaeda/Ba'ath Party strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan is, at core, a political one. They seek not just to pull Iraq into chaos, but to defeat President Bush as well.

Every bomb, terror attack, suicide raid or urban guerilla offensive is aimed squarely at ending Bush's political career. Ironically, the real test of American resolve will not be our willingness to stay in Iraq, but our desire to keep Bush in office.

The history of terrorists messing around with the political systems of their victim countries is a long one.

The Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Tet Offensive in January 1968 set in motion a chain of events that led to Sen. Eugene McCarthy's excellent showing in that year's New Hampshire primary. Robert F. Kennedy's entry into the presidential race and, finally, Lyndon Johnson's withdrawal from the contest.

In 1994, when Yasser Arafat wanted to defeat the moderate Labor Party in Israel so he could posture himself in opposition to the hard-liners, he resorted to terror attacks in Israel right

before the election. The carnage so shocked Israeli voters that they turned against the frontrunner — Labor candidate Shimon Peres — and elected Likud hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu instead.

In March of this year, al Qaeda turned the Spanish election on its head with its railroad bombing and defeated the favored candidate from the party of pro-Iraq war President Jose Maria Aznar and elected an anti-war socialist instead.

But to fathom the al Qaeda/Ba'ath strategy, we

need to remember how the Iranian militants manipulated the hostage crisis in 1979 and 1980 to defeat their *bete noire*, President Jimmy Carter. By dangling and then retracting the hope of releasing their hostages, they made Carter look weak and overmatched. Once Reagan won, they quietly let the hostages go. As he was sworn in, they were flying home and Carter was frantically handling the wire transfers of funds to pay their ransom.

Al Qaeda and the Ba'ath Party want to defeat Bush to avenge his tough stance against them after the 9/11 attacks. They know that John

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## Americans don't have a choice

Once more, Americans will be forced to vote for a man instead of a policy. It doesn't say much for self-government that the American people are almost never given a chance to vote on major policy issues.

The trouble is that Sen. John Kerry, as his campaign has developed, is saying essentially this: I support the same goals as President Bush, but I can pull them off better than he can.

What about those Americans who don't share President Bush's goals? What about those who don't think we should have a policy of pre-emptive war?

What about those who think we should just pull out of Iraq now? What about those who think free trade is a fraud? What about those who think America's borders should be sealed?

What about those who believe we should be fair-minded in dealing with the Israeli-Palestinian issue instead of giving Israel a blank check? What about those who believe that outsourcing American jobs should be brought to an abrupt halt?

Well, too bad. You can stay home. Once more, the Democratic Party is proving that it is not really a party of opposition, but rather a tweedledee to the Republican tweedledum. I had some hope and faith in

Howard Dean, but unfortunately Kerry has decided to run on the platform "I am not Bush."

That might be OK for fanatic partisans who hate Bush personally and lust to get their hands on all of the presidential patronage. It is,

however, a slap in the face to true self-government. The American people are entitled to decide the major policy issues of the day via elections. When both candidates are virtually interchangeable, the people are denied this opportunity, and for all practical purposes, we no longer have a truly democratic country.

In regard to the Iraq War, Kerry has put himself in the position of a prosecutor who says to a murderer, "Well, now that you've already killed this guy, we have no choice but to make sure you

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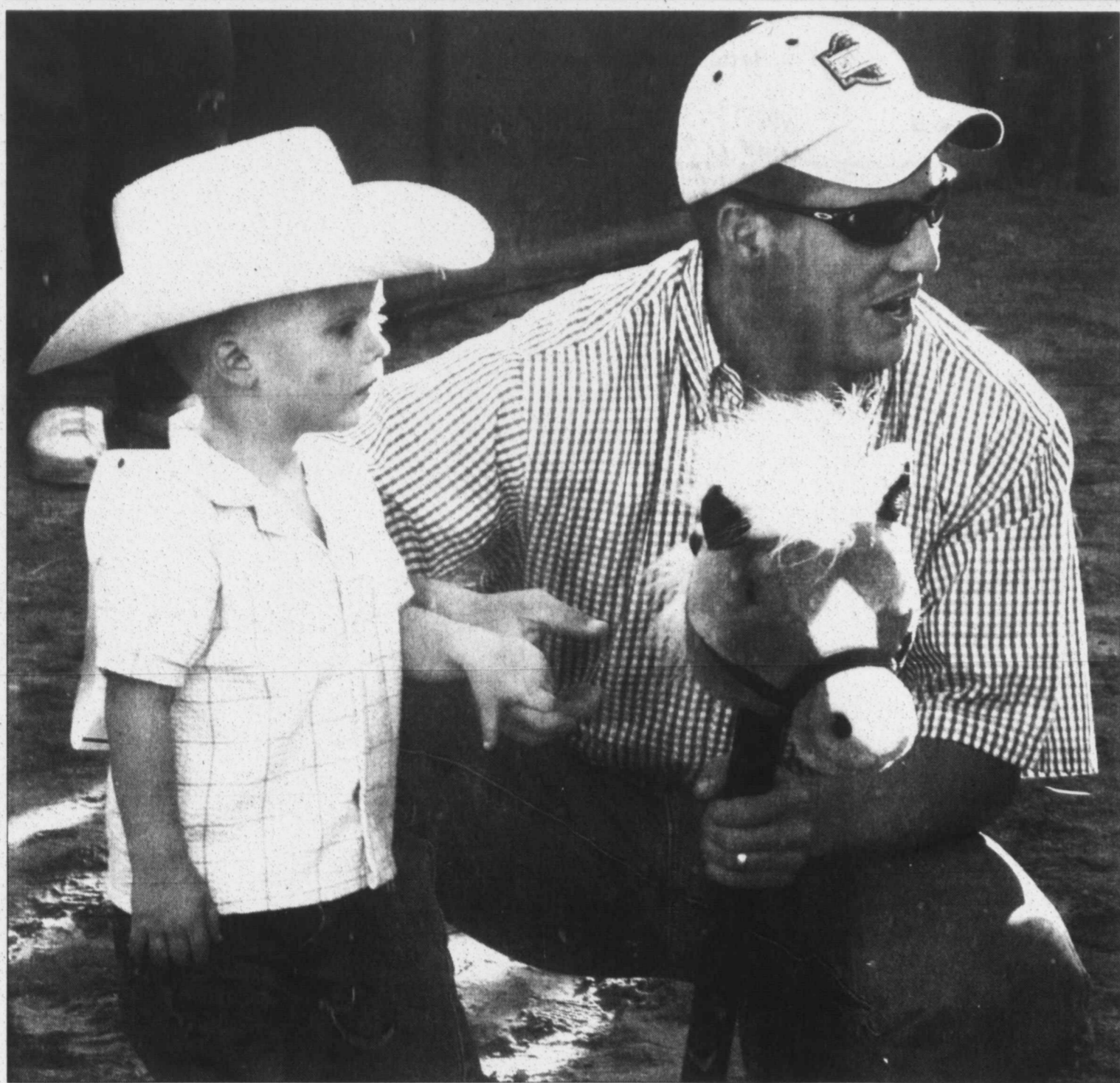
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### Fatherly advice

Robert Benson holds the hand of his son Dustin, 2 1/2, and offers some fatherly advice prior to Dustin's ride on his Stick Pony in the Kid Pony Show at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena Monday night.

## Choice

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get away with it." Kerry says the method of going to war were wrong, but since we went to war we have to continue the occupation. To keep jobs in America, he wants to give tax breaks to corporations that already pay far, far less than their fair share of the tax burden.

Kerry says the Europeans will like him better than they do Bush. Well, as often as I have criticized Bush for his blunders, I really don't give a hoot whether the Europeans like our choice of presidents or not. It's none of their business. If we wish to elect a party boy who would no doubt get lost on a guided tour of Europe, that's still our choice to make, not theirs.

I'm disappointed in Kerry. He is making the mistake intellectuals often make. He thinks he can win with laborious explanations of the nuances of differences he has with Bush not over

policy, but over the implementation of that policy. Somebody in his campaign had better tell him quick that the American voting population is not into nuances. They want a choice between bourbon and scotch, not a choice between brands of scotch.

At the present, his message is muddled. He seems to be hoping that Bush will defeat himself or be defeated by events. That is a shaky basis for a presidential campaign. God knows he needs a new speechwriter. He has a tendency, like most senators, to drone on and on long past the time his audience's eyes have glazed over. In the meantime, the Bush campaign is spending about 75 percent of its ample funds on attack ads, most of them composed of lies or deliberate distortions.

But politics is not based on truth or on facts. It is based on perceptions. Lies take their toll. It is said that Kerry is a strong closer and a good debater. Maybe so. We'll have to wait and see.

Right now, except for the Bush haters, he's not giving us much reason to vote.

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might be the harder nut to crack, as none of the "big five" intends to give up that power or see it modified — at least not right now. But this will have to be the subject of another column.

In the meantime, the organization founded in San Francisco 55 years ago has proven itself still alive and getting well. For the past three years, it has been shadowed, blocked from the sun by America's new unilateralism. Now that the Bush administration has done its Iraqi somersault, the United Nations seems back in the sunlight.

# Census report: Spending, debt up for public schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debt for the nation's school districts rose 12 percent to \$226 billion in the 2001-02 school year, according to Census Bureau data released Tuesday.

The increase came when communities — many still paying off huge debts from the school construction boom of the 1990s — encountered mounting budget woes as the U.S. economy worsened.

In turn, schools struggled to meet the sobering challenges of hiring more teachers, reducing class sizes, fixing older facilities and meeting stricter educational quality guidelines, some advocacy groups say.

The Census Bureau figures, although the latest available, are two years old, and therefore don't account for the bulk of costs asso-

ciated with the No Child Left Behind Act, the sweeping education reforms pushed by President Bush and signed into law in 2002.

"You've got enormous costs on the horizon for most school districts," said Daniel Kaufman, spokesman for the National Education Association.

Collectively, spending for public elementary and secondary school systems, rose about 6 percent to \$435 billion.

Districts spent just over \$7,700 per pupil, not accounting for costs related to construction or capital needs. That's up from \$7,284 the previous year.

There were wide variations among the states, ranging from the over \$10,000 spent per pupil in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia; to five

states that spent less than \$6,000 per student — Utah, Mississippi, Arizona, Idaho and Tennessee.

School enrollment in 2002 was just under 47.2 million nationally, down slightly from 2001, although it was impossible to tell if that was a true enrollment decline because of a change in the way the Census Bureau compiled the data.

The report comes as political debate rages over whether federal dollars should foot for more of the expense of federally pushed initiatives. A recent report from the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan group of state lawmakers, said states were paying \$10 billion for improvements in special education and \$9.6 billion for No Child Left Behind.

Most funding for school systems — about 93 percent — comes from state and local tax dollars.

Edward Kealy, executive director of the Committee for Education Funding, said the federal government was shortchanging states and localities. Many communities have made up for shortfalls by increasing classroom sizes or raising local tax dollars, he said.

Opponents point to a study by the Congressional Budget Office, Congress' investigative arm, that found that the No Child Left Behind Law and the special education initiatives are voluntary programs, and technically aren't government mandates.

On the Net:  
Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov>

# Democrats question if administration is committed to prisoner torture ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say Justice Department memos contending that a wartime president is not bound by anti-torture principles could have laid the legal groundwork for the prisoner abuses that took place in Iraq and elsewhere.

Rep. Jane Harman of California, senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, on Wednesday released excerpts of one internal Bush administration memo and called its views "antithetical to American laws and values" in arguing that torture may be justified and that the president is above the law in his role as commander-in-chief.

"This memo is shocking in that it appears to justify tor-

turing prisoners in U.S. control," Harman said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, in a letter Tuesday to Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, laid out the administration's legal reasoning on the issue in greater detail than before and denied that the Justice Department was condoning torture.

"The department has done no such thing," Ashcroft said in the letter.

Ashcroft told senators at a Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday that his department will vigorously investigate those accused of it who are outside military jurisdiction.

"This administration rejects torture," Ashcroft

said. Later, he added: "I don't think it's productive, let alone justified."

The attorney general refused to give the committee copies of department memos written in 2002 that Democratic senators said could have laid legal groundwork for abuses that occurred at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and elsewhere in the war on terror.

"I do believe the president has the right to have legal advice from his attorney general and not have that revealed to the whole world," said Ashcroft. Yet the administration was not invoking executive privilege claims to protect the documents, he said.

One of the memos, cited in

a March 2003 Pentagon policy paper, stated that the president's broad wartime national security authority may override anti-torture laws and treaties, including the Geneva Conventions, in certain circumstances.

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## Kerry

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Kerry would usher back the Clinton days of timid U.S. reaction and that the Democrat's likely repeal of vital sections of the Patriot Act would open the door for their terror strikes in America.

The thugs want Bush out and are determined to ratchet up the cost of the Iraq War to bring about his ouster. That's why they will target any

American they can. By having the troops continue their current activist role in Iraq, Bush is sticking to his policies at the risk of committing political suicide.

Turning sovereignty over to Iraq won't stop the terror attacks. They will decline only after Bush is either re-elected or defeated. It is the elections in the United States, not those in Iraq, that the enemy most seeks to influence.

Bush's surrogates should bring to America the message that the terrorists would be overjoyed to see the end

of his presidency.

During the Cold War, American politicians regularly used to campaign as the candidate the Russians wanted to lose. Bush's people should begin to speak of the message a Kerry election and a Bush defeat would send to the terrorists. The Spanish example is worth citing.

It is obvious that Osama and his allies all want Bush out. It might profit Bush's supporters (though not the president himself) to point out this obvious fact to the American people.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Chris," is 14. She'll be graduating from eighth grade in a couple of weeks. Over the last few months, I have been driving her and a group of boys and girls to the movies on Friday nights. This has evolved into a romantic relationship with a 15-year-old boy, "Bob," who lives close by and is in her class. In her junior high school, this is described as "going out."

I know they kiss. They also dance together at a local hangout on Saturday nights. I could refuse to drive them to the movies together, but they would probably meet there anyway.

Chris has a level head on her shoulders. She's a good girl and active in our church. We talk openly together.

Abby, can you guide me in this? I trust my daughter, but I am also aware that 14- and 15-year-olds have a lot of raging hormones. Please advise.

— WISHES KIDS CAME WITH HANDBOOKS

DEAR WISHES: I agree that teenagers have raging hormones, and the most intelligent way to deal with it is to keep the teens occupied. You are already on the right track, keeping the lines of communication open, for which I applaud you.

I see no harm in your daughter being at the movies with this boy and a group of friends on week-ends in light of the fact that you are providing the transportation and they are in a group. But much of her free time should be occupied with constructive pursuits such as sports, volunteer work, music and activities that will give her "service credits" toward college. Develop her interests. Keep her goal-oriented. Encourage her to develop platonic friendships. You can't prevent your daughter from growing up, but you can give her guidelines and make sure her time is well spent.

DEAR ABBY: From fourth to

ninth grade, I attended a small Christian school in Delaware. It was a great experience because the teachers and the students were able to really get to know one another.

One of the teachers, Mr. C., was one of the best a student could ever hope to have. Learning was fun in the subjects he taught, especially U.S. history. Can you imagine taking a class of 20 on an overnight camping trip to Gettysburg?

While talking to my mom, who was a co-teacher with Mr. C., about an upcoming business trip to Asheville, N.C., Mom mentioned that Mr. C. lives there and encouraged me to try to find him. Well, it turned out that Mr. C. was the only Mr. C. in the Asheville phone book.

We spent a wonderful afternoon reminiscing about his days as a teacher and mine as a student. Although I don't remember much about the subjects he taught, I will never forget the time he spent with us -- laughing while we played football on the playground, crying when a classmate passed away. He was always there for us.

One of his favorite lines was: "Don't hurt him! He is the only one we have like him!" Now that I work with children, I find myself using his favorite phrase.

Abby, please encourage your readers to take the time to look back and thank those teachers who made a difference in their lives. They helped to make us who we are today, and it would be rewarding for them to see the fruits of their labors.

— GRATEFUL IN NORTHERN OHIO

DEAR GRATEFUL: I have said it before and I'm pleased to say it again: Everyone wants to know that he or she has made a difference. Teachers don't earn much in the way of salaries; letters and calls of appreciation from former students can be extremely gratifying to former teachers who have helped to shape our lives. So if you've been putting it off, why not do it now?

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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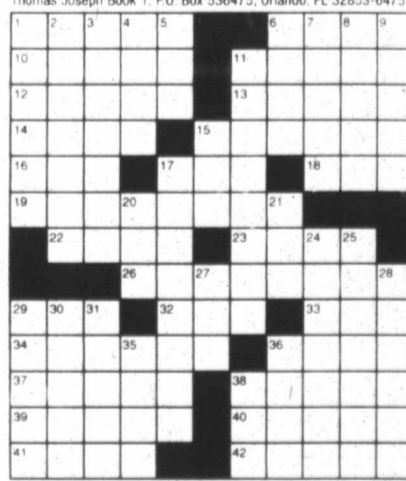
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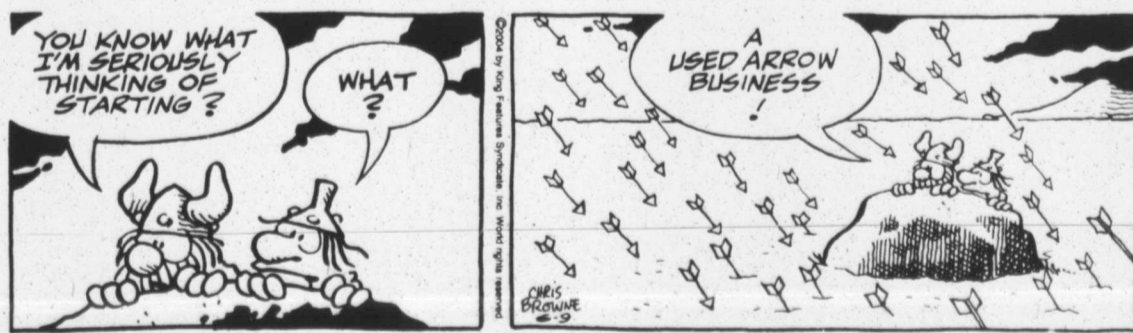
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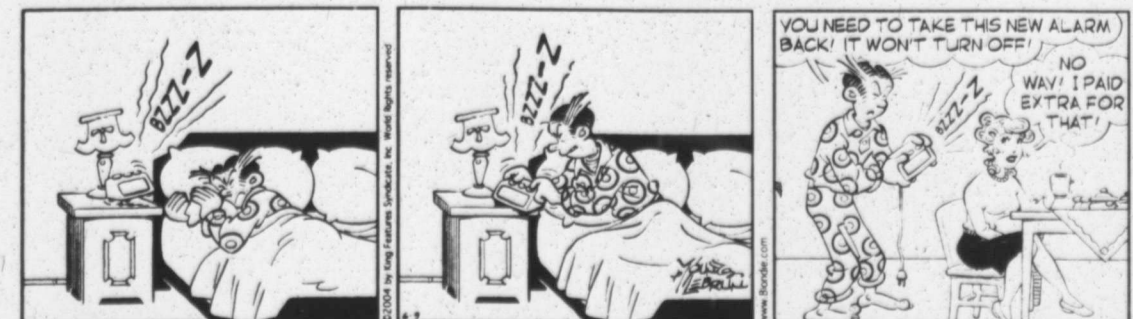
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# Sports Day



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Jerrod Young leans on his friend Coyote last night at Top O' Texas Kid's Pony Show.

## Kid Pony Show wraps up tonight

Results are in from the second night of the Top O' Texas Kid's Pony Show. Tonight will be the last night of Kid Pony Show action beginning at 7 p.m. at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena, east of Pampa.

### Calf Riding.

Group III — Mason Price, Perryton, first place; Gatlin Taylor, Pampa, second place; and Cordale Martin, Panhandle, third place. Boys Group IV — Kory McLaughlin, Mobeetie, first place; Brett Johnson, Wheeler, second place; and Gatlin Duncan, Mobeetie, third place.

### Flag Race.

Girls Group III — Kelsey Ham, Fritch, first place; Tierra Lewis, Pampa, second place; and Kirstie Kasch, Skellytown, third place. Boys Group III — Tommy Wilcox, Miami, first place; Mason Price, Perryton, second place; and Joshua Noble, Clarendon, third place. Girls Group IV — Alexis McKee, Borger, first place; Katey Kasch, Skellytown, second place; and Brittany

Beattie, Texhoma, Okla., third place. Boys Group IV — Lane Hall, Pampa, first place; Gavin Valdez, Dalhart, second place; and Skylere Young, Pampa, third place.

### Pole Bending.

Girls Group III — Sage Vincent, Boise City, Okla., first place; Haley Harris, Amarillo, second place; and Kelsey Ham, Fritch, third place. Boys Group III — Tommy Wilcox, Miami, first place; Lane Smith, Perryton, second place; and Aaron McKee, Borger, third place. Girls Group IV — Alexis McKee, Borger, first place; Brittany Beattie, Texhoma, second place; Kayla Brownlee, Borger, third place.

### Goat Undecorating.

Girls Group III — Hailey Harris, Amarillo, first place; Kimber Trolinger, Borger, second place; and Lenzie Loudder, Dimmitt, third place. Girls Group IV — Katey Kasch, Skellytown, first place; Shayley Morriss, Lefors, second place; and Alexis McKee, Borger, third place. Boys Group IV —

Lane Hall, Pampa, first place; Dylan Winkle, Borger, second place; and Hayden Guest, Dalhart, third place.

### Barrel Race.

Girls Group III — Hailey Harris, Amarillo, first place; Kelsey Ham, Fritch, second place; and Kirstie Kasch, Skellytown, third place. Boys Group III — Aaron McKee, Borger, first place; Tommy Wilcox, Miami, second place; and Mason Price, Perryton, third place. Girls Group IV — Brittany Beattie, Texhoma, first place; Katherine Martin, Miami, second place; and Alexis McKee, Borger, third place. Boys Group IV — Hayden Guest, Dalhart, first place; Lane Hall, Pampa, second place; and Gavin Valdez, Dalhart, third place.

All contestants were awarded blue participant ribbons and bandanas compliments of Wrangler.

The final performance of the Kid Pony Show begins at 7 p.m. today at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

## DFB squeaks past Cabot

Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency beat Rotary by a score of 9-8 last Friday night in Optimist baseball action.

Cabot jumped out to an early lead with one run in the second inning after Reid Bradley walked and scored on a double by Steven Botello. DFB would tie the game in the bottom of the second when Zach Doan tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

Cabot would score four runs in the top of the third to put the heat on DFB. Zach Shaw walked and Sam Newman doubled. With runners at second and third bases, a single by Reid Bradley scored Shaw and Newman. After a walk to Kyler Patton, Koby Starnes doubled to score Bradley and Patton.

In the bottom of the third, DFB would scratch back for two runs. Zach Organ walked and advanced to second on a ground out. Braden Hunt then doubled and Organ scored. Hunt would eventually steal third and home on wild pitches.

In the bottom of the fourth, DFB would take the lead by scoring four runs.

Consecutive walks to Cody McIntyre and Olin Boyd put runners at second and third. McIntyre and Boyd would steal second and third on a wild pitch.

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McIntyre would score on a fielding error. Boyd would score on a single by Organ. Zach Murray, who reached on the error, would score on a single by Corbin Clifton, and Organ would score on a single by Zach Doan.

In the top of the fifth, Cabot would score one run after Starnes reached on an error. Chase Ferguson then doubled that scored Starnes. DFB would add two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Hudson Bentley singled, stole second and third and

scored on a fielding error. After five innings, the score was 9-6, DFB.

In the top of the sixth, Cabot would score two runs. A walk to Newman and a single by Bradley put runners at first and second. New man and Bradley moved to second and third on a ground out. Ferguson walked to load the bases with two outs. Botello then hit a double that scored Newman and Bradley and moved Ferguson to third base.

With runners at second and third, Mitch Simon hit a sharp ground ball that was caught by DFB's pitcher Zach Doan who threw to Murray and first for the final out of the game.

Zach Doan picked up the win for DFB by pitching three strong innings. He gave up two runs on five hits. He struck out three and walked four.

Garrett Ericson started on the mound for DFB and pitched two innings, giving up one run on one hit. He struck out four and walked four.

Corbin Clifton pitched one inning, giving up four runs on four hits, striking out two and walking two.

### CAL RIPKIN TITLE

## Glo-Valve wins

Glo-Valve Service struggled with a stubborn D.E. Chase, Inc., team Tuesday but finally prevailed 6-3 to win its 16th league championship in 31 years of being a team in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripkin League. Glo-Valve Service of Enid, Okla., has sponsored the team since 1974.

Craig Conner limited the heavy hitting Glo-Valve team to just seven hits, but all figured in the scoring. He struck out nine and walked three.

Anthony Allen, who relieved starter Tyler Malone in the third inning with the score tied at 1-1, was the winning pitcher. Allen allowed one run and one hit. He struck out two and walked one in two innings of work. Malone struck out four, walked two and hit a batter in two innings. He was touched for one unearned run and one hit. Alex Clendening finished up for Glo-Valve and earned a save. He struck out six, walked three and hit a batter in two innings pitched. He permitted one hit and one run.

Glo-Valve took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an infield single by Clendening. He moved to second on a wild pitch and took third on an infield fly when the base was left uncovered. He scored on a wild pitch.

Chase knotted the score at one in the second inning when Doug Smith walked and came around to score on passed balls. Chase inched into the lead in the third inning on a double by Joseph Mechelay, a wild pitch and a passed ball.

With two out in the fourth inning, Glo-Valve rallied to take the lead. Allen singled. Malone was intentionally passed to get to Evan Meschke. After a double steal, the Glo-Valve cleanup hitter ruined the strategy by slamming a double to deep center to score both runners.

Nursing a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the fifth, Glo-Valve bunched four consecutive singles by Allen, Malone, Meschke and Cody Davis to bring in three runs and increase the lead to 6-2.

Chase refused to go away quietly. A walk, a single by Ramon Jimenez and a hit by pitcher loaded the bases. Dwight Hamlin forced in a run with another walk to put the tying run on first. Glo-Valve reliever Clendening threw seven pitches to the last batter before striking him out, with him swinging to end the game and deliver the championship to Glo-Valve by a one-game margin over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency.

Glo-Valve ended the regular season 12-2-1. DFB was 11-3-1 with two if its losses to Glo-Valve which eliminated the necessity of playing off the ties.

Meschke led Glo-Valve in hitting with a single, double, a run scored and three RPI. Allen had two runs on two hits to add further fuel to Glo-Valve's offense. Mechelay with two doubles and a run scored was the leading hitter for Chase. Jimenez made the other hit for Chase.

The game featured numerous fielding gems by Glo-Valve. In the second inning Clendening went into short center field to make an over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball to end the inning and prevent a score. In the third inning, Meschke followed a wind blown ball in deep center and snagged it for an important out. Later in the inning, Malone, at second base, made a dive to his left to catch a line drive and threw from his knees to Davis at first to complete a double play. In the fourth inning, Malone went behind second to make a difficult catch of a soft pop up.

A City Tournament gets under way today at 5:45 p.m. with a game between Celanese Corporation and Chase. Cabot Corporation and Rotary Club will follow at 7:45 p.m. Thursday will feature the winner of the Celanese-Chase game against Glo-Valve at 5:45 p.m. and the winner of the Cabot-Rotary game playing DFB at 7:45 p.m. Friday will see two games in the loser's bracket. A winners' bracket game will be held Monday. The tournament is scheduled to conclude June 16.



### MVP and beautiful, too

Timbra Overstreet was recently congratulated by Coach Andy Glass for receiving the Most Valuable Player Award at Lefors Junior High School. Overstreet also received the school's Most Beautiful Award.

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# The Rocket is still soaring, helping Houston's cause

SEATTLE (AP) — Roger Clemens had already accomplished more than enough during a career that should put him in the Hall of Fame.

Look at him now, just the same. The Rocket is 9-0 and ranked 14th with 319 victories after beating Seattle 1-0 Tuesday night. Yet he insisted the best thing about this season is that he's helping his hometown Houston Astros win.

"We're not playing well right now, but we're finding our way through certain situations," Clemens said. "That's what we're going to have to do if we're going to take that next step, go to that next level."

The 41-year-old Clemens became the oldest pitcher to win his first nine decisions, allowing three hits in 6 2-3 shutout innings. Dennis Martinez was 40 when he started 9-0 for Cleveland in 1995.

Clemens didn't have his 97 mph fastball but kept the Mariners off balance by mixing in sliders as he outdueled Joel Pineiro (1-8) in a game that was scoreless for six innings.

"Joel pitched great," Clemens said. "His

record doesn't indicate that he's had a lot of success, but he threw the ball great. He was real stingy."

Clemens wasn't flawless, allowing runners leading off three innings.

"He didn't have his 96 and 97 mph stuff, but he had a really good slider," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said.

"He threw more sliders than I've seen in the past. Not as many splits. He threw very, very well."

Clemens, a six-time Cy Young Award winner, struck out seven to boost his career total to 4,187. He walked a season-high five but improved to 23-14 against Seattle, the most wins by a pitcher against the Mariners.

"When I was little, I had a poster of him in my room. Not a bad guy to look up to," Pineiro said.

Morgan Enberg hit a seventh-inning sacrifice fly off Pineiro, allowing Jeff Bagwell to tag up and score on a close play. The win moved Clemens past Phil Niekro on the career list.

Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton are tied for 12th with 324 victories, and it won't be long at this rate before Clemens passes them, too.

"The guys I've tied or passed, it's just icing on the cake for me," said Clemens, who ended a brief retirement over the winter to join the Astros. "I felt anything that happened this year was just a great deal of fun. I never expected to be here."

Clemens has won two straight starts after a skid — by his standards — of three straight games without a decision from May 16-28. He won seven straight starts to open the season.

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— Roger Clemens  
Houston Astros pitcher

"He's been phenomenal this year," teammate Craig Biggio said. "That's 12 solid starts. He tries to stay in there as long as he can, and 12 quality starts is pretty impressive."

The crowd of 34,238 gave Clemens a standing ovation when he left in the seventh, despite the Mariners trailing 1-0.

"It's really nice. I've enjoyed coming to Seattle," Clemens said. "I've had some fun in the old stadium and this stadium. I don't know that you would consider tonight a lot of fun. It wasn't comfortable at any point."

The Astros will get more help when Andy Pettitte comes off the disabled list. Pettitte is still working back from a strained muscle in his left forearm.

Clemens has been outstanding, and he's certain the Astros will be even better with his former Yankees teammate on the field.

"This guy next to me, I want to get him feeling well," Clemens said, motioning to Pettitte's locker. "We're going to need him. We need to get the other guys going on the same cylinders. That's the bottom line."

## Tech AD: Knight agrees to three-year extension

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight agreed to a three-year contract extension that will keep the basketball coach at Texas Tech until 2009.

Athletic director Gerald Myers told The Associated Press on Wednesday the agreement probably will be signed next week. Knight's contract pays him \$250,000 a year and runs through May 2006.

Knight needs 48 victories to overtake Dean Smith (879) as the winningest coach in Division I. He has led Texas Tech to three consecutive seasons of at least 20 wins and taken the Red Raiders to postseason play each year.

"I'm pleased with the direction of our program," Myers said. "He's done a great job turning everything around. I think the future really looks good for us."

Knight is on vacation in Canada and was unavailable to comment Wednesday.

"I look forward to doing this a long time," Knight said in Wednesday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "This is the best possible situation for me as long as I coach."

He will begin his fourth season at Tech — his 39th overall — with 832 wins. He

is the victory leader among active coaches following the retirement of Jimmy Phelan of Mount St. Mary's in 2003.

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Basketball Coach

Knight was hired by Texas Tech in 2001, six months after he was fired by Indiana for what then-school president Myles Brand called his "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

Knight has acknowledged that he is working on his temper, though there have been a couple of incidents. In February, he was reprimand-

ed for a loud public outburst at the university's chancellor. In 2002, Knight and the general manager of the Compaq Center in Houston exchanged words after Knight complained about the facility.

On the court, Knight has led the Red Raiders to three consecutive seasons of at least 20 wins and post-season appearances — a feat never before achieved at the school. Before his arrival, Tech hadn't had a winning season in four years. Tech is 68-33 under Knight.

Knight's current five-year contract is worth \$4.5 million. In addition to the \$250,000 in base pay, he was given \$150,000 in deferred annual income and \$500,000 in guaranteed outside income through May 2006.

Near the end of his second season at Tech, Knight announced he was returning his salary because he hadn't done a very good job, and neither had his team.

He also turned down his salary his first season at Tech but for a different reason. Citing his gratitude for being hired, Knight accepted only the \$15,000 needed to qualify for Tech benefits after offering to work for free.



Moose Lodge's James Thompson, (pitching) prepares to deliver the pitch as 3rd baseman Collin Killgo stays ready. Both players participate in the 9-10 Cal Ripken minor league in Pampa.

## Moose Lodge defeats FBS

Moose Lodge defeated First Bank Southwest 8-7 Sunday afternoon in a makeup game.

Collin Killgo pitched three strong innings for the win. Laketon Harris pitched the last inning to pick up the save. Colten Helfer contributed a two-run single

for the winning team. Killgo also helped his cause with a two-run single. Good patience at the plate also contributed to the win, coaches said.

Corey McCarn, Taylor Woods, and Colin Sutherland played great defense. McCarn made the

hustle play of the game by alertly jetting home after an overthrow from catcher to pitcher.

Moose Lodge is managed by Zach Rogers. Assistant coaches are Dickie McCarn, Kevin Woods and Mike Killgo.

## Cowboys coach reportedly fights with receiver during practice

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Antonio Bryant reportedly fought with coach Bill Parcells during practice and was ejected by club security.

Witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Wednesday's editions that the confrontation began when Bryant complained about his role as the team's third receiver and the number of repetitions he was getting during a drill.

Bryant got into separate arguments with

receivers coach Todd Haley and Keyshawn Johnson. When Parcells told Bryant to stop, the third-year player took off his pads and jersey, slammed them to the ground and began to leave the practice field.

Sources told the Star-Telegram that Parcells picked up the jersey and threw it back at Bryant, who then threw it in the face of the approaching coach.

Bryant was then escorted out of practice by security personnel after several players jumped in to intervene.

Bryant's agent, Lamont Smith, said he was

aware of the incident and "it's being worked out internally with the team."

But the confrontation has clouded the player's future with the team, one day after the conclusion of the team's three-day mini-camp and was part of a series of on-field activities Parcells is conducting until the end of the week.

The Cowboys were scheduled to report to training camp July 30 in Oxnard, Calif.

Although Bryant has often complained about his role in Dallas and had other practice-field and sideline blowups, he was

expected to be a key member of the Cowboys' receiving corps.

Taken in the second round of the 2002 draft, Bryant earned all-rookie honors in 2002 after catching 44 passes for 733 yards and six touchdowns. Bryant caught 39 passes for 550 yards and two touchdowns last year as the third receiver behind Joey Galloway and Terry Glenn.

This year, Bryant was set to be the third receiver behind Glenn and Johnson, who was acquired from Tampa Bay in a trade for Galloway.

## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

### Players arrested for alcohol offenses reinstated to Aggie football team

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Two Texas A&M football players suspended from the team after their arrests for alcohol-related charges have been reinstated.

Geoff Hangartner and Cole Smith also were accused of yelling racial slurs at the passengers in the vehicle in front of them at a drive-through in March. They were suspended from the team a week after their arrests.

"Both young men have done everything required of them by the coaching staff in fine fashion to work toward reinstatement," A&M coach Dennis Franchione wrote on the team's Web site.

At the time of their suspension, Franchione said the players would have to attend a multicultural course, an alcohol awareness program and perform community service.

"These are fine young men who made a mistake, and they understand that," Franchione wrote. "They paid their dues. They could not participate in any activity with the team for over two months. ... Now we need to put this behind us and move on."

Hangartner, a team center who was charged with driving while intoxicated, has denied making any racial slurs. Smith, an offensive lineman who was charged with public intoxi-

cation, hasn't commented on the arrest.

Franchione said both players have shown remorse for the situation, are aware they made a mistake and the situation was not "typical of their character."

Employees at a fast-food restaurant called police March 15 to report two white men in the drive-through shouting racial slurs at black passengers in a vehicle in front of them.

A police officer followed the vehicle the football players were in to a home, where the officer conducted a field sobriety test and arrested Hangartner and Smith.

## World's fastest man, three more may be banned from Olympics

(AP) — The world's fastest human has been told by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency he may have committed drug violations that could bar him from the Athens Olympics.

Tim Montgomery, the world record holder at 100 meters, is one of four U.S. track athletes who received letters informing them of possible cases against them. His lawyer said he has done nothing wrong and that they will fight any attempt to keep him from running.

It's the first formal step in USADA's attempt to punish athletes based on documentary evidence instead of a positive drug test. If found to have committed offenses, the athletes would face a two-year ban.

Marion Jones, winner of five medals at the Sydney Olympics, was not among those notified.

But a representative for Jones, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said USADA sent a letter to the sprinter's attorneys Tuesday asking follow-up questions.

"USADA asked us the same questions they asked us during our previous May 24 meeting with them," the representative said. "We're more than happy to answer the questions that we have knowledge of, but find this to be very

puzzling as we have already answered the questions."

USADA spokesman Rich Wanning said Wednesday he could not comment on the Jones case.

Jones, who placed third in the long jump in a meet Tuesday in the Czech Republic, released a statement defending Montgomery, her boyfriend and the father of her child.

"I support him and believe in him and I have no doubt that if a fair process is applied that Tim will be racing for gold in Athens this August," Jones said.

Neither USADA nor the U.S. Olympic Committee released the names of the four athletes, nor specifics of the accusations.

A source within the U.S. Olympic movement, also speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the others as Alvin Harrison, an Olympic silver medalist in the 400 meters, and sprinters Chryste Gaines and Michelle Collins. Gaines is a two-time Olympic medalist in the 400-meter relay and Collins was the 2003 world indoor champion in the 200.

Montgomery's lawyer, Cristina Arguedas, said her client "has been a willing participant in the drug testing process and he has passed every test he has ever taken."

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might want to hold back some, as others are testy and negative. Pressure builds. Express your thoughts to a family member. Choose your words with care or, instead, you might decide to rearrange your furniture. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You can count on many different opinions and mixed directions. Associates might not be easy, but you could be a bit Bullish and stubborn. Make an effort to bring friends and loved ones together. Release some steam right now. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Holding the reins of the bucking horse is hard. Others in the workplace

act in that exact manner, being head-strong. You might want to pull back some and do what works. Tonight: Buy a favorite nibble on the way home. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have the energy to complete what you want. Use your strong mental capacities to avoid running headlong into a wall. Instead, walk around and don't get into an unnecessary problem. Detach and use your mind. Tonight: Give your mind some candy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Pushing to achieve your goals might have the exact opposite reaction. Others are in control, so let go and watch what happens. You will find the right time to express your thoughts. If you must, choose one person right now to confide in. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might have the best of intentions, but everything goes flying! Realize what you expect from others. Then give it up. You might have a much easier time that way. A male friend could push you very hard about something you want. Tonight: Go along with plans.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Entrench your mind and body in work, as you might not want to deal with others, as zany as they might be. Know that nothing is written in stone! Open up to new ways of thinking. Let go of rigidity. A parent or family member makes demands. Tonight: Work late.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your imagination could cause a series of unbelievable problems and/or reactions. Learn to be independent and discuss what is on your mind. Take a drive or a mini-break if you get

too involved. Activity helps an overactive mind. Tonight: Rent a movie. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others unnerve you, and you can do little. For your own sake, distance yourself to where you can relax and observe. A domestic matter seems to explode from out of nowhere. Talk to another key person who is involved. Tonight: Vanish, please.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Others seek you out, but you might not like the ways they cause in your plans today. Claim your space gracefully, but if you must, slam the door. A partner or associate still weasels his or her way in the door. Tonight: Chat with a friend at a favorite spot.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might be awed by the expenses that come up. You made one assumption but find out otherwise. Don't worry so much about others right now. Do your work and look less to others for approval. A friend is difficult. Tonight: Indulge and buy a favorite snack on the way home.

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Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently installed the following new officers: (left-right) Janice Hubbard, president; Ann Franklin, vice president; Carolyn Smith, recording secretary; Pat Kindle, corresponding secretary; and Carol Carpenter, treasurer.

## Bush seeks wider NATO role in Iraq

SEA ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — President Bush, hoping to build on momentum from a U.N. Security Council victory on Iraq, said Wednesday that he envisions a wider role for NATO in post-occupation Iraq.

Standing alongside his top ally in the war in Iraq, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush noted that many NATO nations already are part of the coalition in Iraq and he hoped to "expand it a bit."

The United States and its biggest allies are proclaiming that Tuesday's unanimous U.N. vote will heal their bitter divisions over Iraq.

Terrorists now "know they have the

whole world against them," Blair said.

Some 15 NATO nations have forces in Iraq.

Asked if he envisioned a larger role for NATO, Bush said he did. "I think NATO ought to stay involved and I think we have a good chance of getting it done," Bush said.

Bush did not elaborate, but administration officials said that the United States would like to see NATO get involved in training the new Iraqi army, in addition to having NATO members currently in Iraq remain there.

Bush and Blair met for a private session before Wednesday's first business session of the Group of Eight major

industrial powers. Bush drove Blair to their meeting at an exclusive resort on Sea Island in a modernistic, electric, golf-cart sized car emblazoned with the red, white and blue colors of the U.S. flag.

Bush was touting the success on Iraq in a one-on-one meeting with the new interim Iraqi president, Ghazi al-Yawer, on the sidelines of the Group of Eight summit.

Bush also said he would tell the Iraqi president that he and Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi "must make wise decisions on behalf of the Iraqi people."

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### Community happenings

• **Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development** in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

• **Boy Scout** leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

• **The Celebration of Lights project** will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

• **Church of the Brethren** hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

• **Clean Pampa, Inc.,** holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• **Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

• **BSA Hospice** will offer "Grief: What to Expect," a one-hour information session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process, from 10-11 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month starting June 9 at the local hospice facility, 800 N. Sumner. The program is offered free of charge. Registration is not required. For more

information, call 665-6677.

• **First United Methodist Church** will hold a free community-wide cookout from 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, June 13, at Central Park.

• **A Beef Bull Seminar** entitled "Getting an Edge - Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be conducted Tuesday, June 15, at R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton. Registration for the free seminar, worth three CEUs, will be from 8-8:30 a.m. on the 15th. Participants must RSVP for the event by June 11. For more information or to sign-up call, (940) 864-3496.

• **Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle** is currently hosting an exhibit by artist David Rindlisbacher, art professor at West Texas A&M University, until the end of June. A reception and presentation will be held from 2:30-4 p.m., Saturday, June 19, at the museum. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

• **Pampa Area Singles Dance** will be from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, June 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Mike Porter. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 669-7059.

• **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., June 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., June 14, City Hall, Canadian. 800-377-4673.

### Television station employee electrocuted

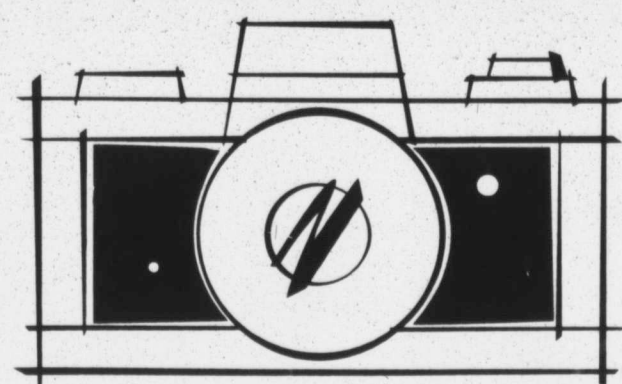
HEARNE, Texas (AP) — A photojournalist for a Bryan-College Station television station was apparently electrocuted Tuesday after the mast of the station's live van came in contact with high voltage wiring while covering a story about a gas

well explosion, the station said.  
 Matt Moore, 23, of Temple, was setting up for a live shot about 6 p.m. in Hearne when he was killed. The KBTX television station employee was dead at the scene, the station said in a

news release. An autopsy has been ordered to determine the cause of death.

Three other people who were covering the story for KBTX were unharmed, but were taken to a hospital for observation. The death is under investigation.

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