



**OBITUARIES**

**WILLIAM BARTON**  
1921-2002

William Barton, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Barton was born Oct. 26, 1921, at Stella, Okla. He was a graduate of McLoud High School and attended Montana State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, participating in five major campaigns. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1957.

He worked for Lane-Wells Co., Cabot Corporation, and IRI, retiring in 1983.

He married Thelma Summers on March 25, 1943, at Harrah, Okla. She died May 5, 1996. He later married Geneva Dalton on March 22, 1997, in Amarillo.

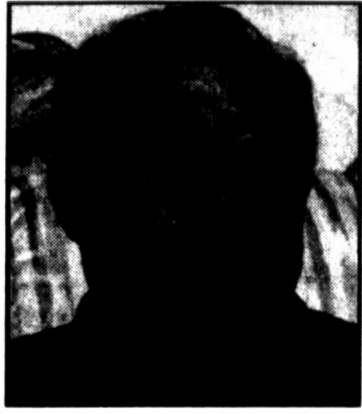
He was a lifetime member of the NRA and past president of the Texas Panhandle Travel Club.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva, of the home; two sons, Larry Barton of Amarillo and Randal Barton of Piedmont, Okla.; a daughter, Joanie Lovelace of Mustang, Okla.; a

stepson, Robert Dalton of San Angelo; a stepdaughter, Patricia Winkleblack of Pampa; two brothers, Russell Barton of Newalla, Okla., and Jim Barton of Newcastle, Okla.; a sister, Mildred Capps of McLoud, Okla.; five grandchildren, Sheila Barton of Amarillo, Jamie Lovelace, Tammy Lovelace, Kristen Barton, and Melissa Barton, all of Mustang, Okla.; and seven step-grandchildren, Paula Winkleblack, Tommy Winkleblack, Shona Rose, all of Amarillo, Mandy Mitchell of Panama City, Fla., Robert Dalton Jr., Robyn Swift, and Ryan Dalton, all of San Angelo.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens.



**Saddam Hussein's stepson arrested on immigration charge**  
**He'd enrolled in Florida flight school**

MIAMI (AP) — Saddam Hussein's stepson has been arrested on immigration charges after enrolling in a flight school that had been used by one of the Sept. 11 hijackers, federal authorities said.

Mohammed Nour al-Din Saffi, a citizen of New Zealand who has worked in commercial aviation, planned to attend classes at Aeroservice Aviation Center, said James Goldman, an INS assistant director for investigations.

FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said one of the Sept. 11 hijackers trained at the flight school. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel identified the hijacker as Ziad Jarrah, who is believed to have commandeered the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Iraqi leader's stepson was traveling as a tourist and had not applied for a student visa that would have allowed him to take courses.

There was no evidence that Saffi was connected to any terrorist group.

Goldman said Saffi was seeking recertification training at the flight school. The FBI said he was employed by an airline in New Zealand.

Saffi, 36, also failed to tell customs agents of his intent to take courses when he arrived Tuesday in Los Angeles on a flight from New Zealand, Goldman said.

Phone calls to Aeroservice Aviation Center seeking comment were not answered.

Orihuela, the FBI spokeswoman, said Saffi was tracked Wednesday as he flew from Los Angeles to Miami International Airport. He was taken into custody at a motel shortly after he arrived.

Saffi was at Krome Detention Center in Miami-Dade County and is being processed for deportation to New Zealand, Goldman said.

The Weekend Herald, a newspaper in New Zealand, reported in December that Saffi was employed by Air New Zealand as an engineer and had lived in the country six years.

They said officials in New Zealand had investigated Saffi after Sept. 11 when they learned he was Saddam's stepson. No action was taken, the paper said.

Saffi had declined to discuss his relationship with the Iraqi leader when asked by the paper. The Miami Herald reported that Saffi denied any family tie to the Iraqi leader and denied it to federal agents.

Air New Zealand declined comment, citing privacy concerns.

Mohammed Saffi is the eldest son of Samira al-Shahbandar, Saddam's second wife. His father is Nour al-Din Saffi, an aviation engineer and former head of the Iraqi Airways.

According to well-placed sources in Baghdad and in Iraqi exile circles, Saddam forced Nour al-Din Saffi to divorce al-Shahbandar in the late 1970s before Saddam married her. He has since married again.

Mohammed Saffi is believed to have left Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War — first to neighboring Jordan and then to New Zealand — following an argument with his mother. The reason for the argument was not clear, but according to rumors in Baghdad, he and his father were afraid of Saddam's wrath. The father is believed to be living in exile in Jordan since Saddam fired him from his airline post.

**ON RECORD**

**SHERIFF**

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, July 3**

Pete Vargas, 23, no address listed, Pampa, harassment.

**POLICE**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, July 3**

Clinton Paul Smilie, 23, 1221 Duncan, issuance of a bad check/Hemphill County, disregarding a flashing light/Hemphill County and four counts issuance of a bad check/Gray County.

**Thursday, July 4**

Michael Dennis, 41, 704 E. Denver, criminal trespass of a habitation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**AMBULANCE**

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

**Wednesday, July 3**

9:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

1:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

1:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

**FIRE**

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, July 3**

10:47 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 2500 block of Aspen.

**\$29 million tire case verdict**

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — An Orange County jury awarded a Bryan family \$29 million Wednesday night in a lawsuit over a fatal rollover involving a sport utility vehicle with a Bridgestone/Firestone tire.

The jury assessed 35 percent of the damages against Sears Roebuck & Co. and 65 percent against Bridgestone/Firestone. The family previously reached a settlement with Bridgestone/Firestone.

The lawsuit was filed against Sears Roebuck & Co., which sold the Dueler APT tire and later patched it after a nail caused a hole, and the tire maker.

Family attorney Richard W. Mithoff said the amount to be awarded will ultimately be determined by the judge. He said the amount to be recovered from Sears would be reduced because of the prior settlement with Bridgestone/Firestone.

Jan Drummond, director of media relations for Sears, said Wednesday night that the company strongly disagrees with the verdict.

"We have believed and continue to believe that Sears' handling of this tire and the repair that was made to it was proper and appropriate," she said.

She said the company is

considering its options, including an appeal.

The lawsuit, filed in Orange County because Bridgestone/Firestone has a plant there, involved the Sept. 25, 2000, death of Terry Tripp, 35.

Tripp died when a tire blew out on the SUV in which he was riding. Joe Greenwood, the owner of the vehicle, testified that the blowout caused the vehicle to pull to the left, and the truck rolled when he veered to the right to avoid oncoming traffic.

**City Briefs**

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**BEST KEPT** Secrets will be closed July 4-6 for the Holiday.

**FOSTER ST.** Farmer's Market, Sat. 6th, 7-11 a.m.

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**Penry's reprieve short; jury says he's not retarded**

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Supreme Court edict banning execution of the retarded that supporters expected to save Johnny Paul Penry turned out not to help him at all.

Penry, 46, had over the past decade become the face of mentally impaired killers across the country.

A jury Wednesday evening determined Penry, who twice won death penalty reversals from the nation's high court that changed the way judges instruct juries on death cases, was not retarded and sentenced him to die for the 1979 rape-slaying of an East Texas woman.

"All you've got to do is read the confession," Jim Moseley, brother of 22-year-old victim Pamela Moseley Carpenter, said after the verdict. "A mentally retarded person couldn't come up with that."

Shortly after his arrest on Oct. 25, 1979, hours after Carpenter described her attacker as she laying dying from a stab wound to the chest, Penry gave a detailed confession of his

premeditated break-in, beating, rape and stabbing of the woman in her Livingston home.

"I knew if I went over to the chick's house and raped her I would have to kill her," Penry told authorities. He also admitted casing out the block and making sure Carpenter's husband was away, then said he got scared after the stabbing and decided to "boogie" out of the house.

Before each of his first two trials, a competency jury decided he was able to stand trial. In each trial, he was convicted and sentenced to die.

However, the Supreme Court overturned his entire conviction in 1989 and, in 2001, overturned his sentence but left the conviction intact.

Defense experts noted Penry's IQ consistently tested below 70, the retardation standard, and he remains very childlike in his abilities.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs around 80, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph, and areal coverage of precipitation is 40 percent. Tonight should be cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows around 70, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph, and a 40 percent chance of precipitation. Friday should be mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Saturday, mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Saturday evening, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Sunday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs around 90. Monday, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the middle 80s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Highs in the lower 90s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Highs in the middle 90s.

**STATEWIDE**

A persistent storm system that has brought

deadly flooding to South Central Texas loosened its grip on the state Thursday, allowing the weather to begin clearing out for the July 4 holiday.

Cloudy skies prevailed over the western part of North Texas overnight, with moderate to heavy rain showers west of a line from Vernon to Lampasas.

Abilene picked up 1.03 inches of rain. Scattered showers and thunderstorms were in West Texas, with greatest activity in the Edwards Plateau. A flash flood watch was in effect there.

Early-morning temperatures were in the 60s and 70s. Extremes included 62 degrees at Guadalupe Pass and 75 at Temple, Dallas, Love Field, Fort Worth Meacham Field and Killeen.

Other readings included 72 degrees at Wink and 69 at Abilene.

Winds were southeast at 5 to 15 mph, except for variable conditions in Southwest Texas and light easterly winds in the north.

The National Weather Service forecast called for a good chance of showers and thunderstorms through Friday.

Daytime highs should range from the 80s to 90s, with around 103 along the Rio Grande and near 100 at El Paso.

Lows overnight were mainly in the 60s and 70s.

**FAA takes licenses of pair**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration revoked the licenses of the two America West pilots accused of trying to fly a jetliner from Miami while drunk.

The federal agency announced Thursday that emergency orders taking away the licenses are effective immediately. Federal regulations prohibit pilots from operating an aircraft or performing other safety sensitive functions within eight hours of consuming alcohol or if they have an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher, said FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown. America West's policy is 12 hours.

Both pilots had blood-alcohol levels above the legal limit of 0.08 after they were ordered to return their Phoenix-bound plane, carrying 124 passengers, back to the gate Monday.

A security screener alerted authorities after noticing that Thomas Porter Cloyd, 44, and co-pilot Christopher Hughes, 41, smelled of alcohol.

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## LETTERS

Pieper-Voshell said Pampa residents' requests for the motion to overturn go to the general counsel of the TNRC at that state agency.

She said any motion to overturn is a request for the commission to review the TNRC executive director's approval of the registration. She said any motion must explain why the commission should review the TNRC's executive director's action.

"The general counsel will decide whether to put it (the requests) on the agenda to discuss it," she said.

Commissioners do not have to take action on the request, she explained.

In a letter dated June 10 announcing Saitas' approval, Chief Clerk LaDonna Castunuela said if the commission has not taken any action within 45 days after the date of the letter, then the requested motion to overturn shall be deemed overruled.

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## JURY

in Canadian to arrest Britton on warrants charging Britton with assault, stalking and making a false report to police.

Law enforcement officers said Graham was gunned down as he stepped from his pickup truck.

Britton was arrested later that afternoon at a pond on a farm east of Canadian and charged with the crime.

Lawyers for both sides took care while interviewing prospective jurors to explain that a defendant in a capital murder case can be sentenced to life imprisonment if the jury so desires, and that under state law, a life sentence would mean 40 years in prison with no time off for good behavior before the defendant would be eligible for parole.

The lawyers also closely questioned the prospective jurors about their views concerning an insanity defense.

Britton, dressed in a yellow shirt, brown slacks and a western style tan sports coat, appeared to closely watch the prospective jurors Wednesday, occasionally making notes on a legal pad.

Two of the prospective jurors were excused by agreement among the lawyers Wednesday and two were challenged for cause.

The state's attorneys used a preemptory challenge to excuse the final prospective juror of the day.

Testimony in the case is expected to begin July 29 in the visiting courtroom of the Potter County Courthouse.

The trial was moved from Canadian to Amarillo on a change of venue.

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## FIREWORKS

cial spot where picnics, blankets and lawn chairs are welcomed, he said. They'll be some before show music provided by Calvary Baptist Church.

Because there are no food vendors, Hildebrandt said food and beverage is welcome with one big exception - no glass containers are allowed in the park.

"Lots of kids play in the park and stepping on broken glass isn't good and we don't want

the ducks eating it either," he said.

Although it's impossible to get an accurate head count, Hildebrandt said the show proves to be popular year after year and draws citizens from around the area.

Because fireworks are illegal in the city and in the county can only be fired off on private land with permission - roads are off limits - Hildebrandt suggests getting a fireworks fix at Recreation Park instead.

"It's going to be a great show."

## Julia Roberts weds cameraman in midnight ceremony in N.M.

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — Academy Award-winning actress Julia Roberts married her cameraman boyfriend Daniel Moder early Thursday at her 40-acre estate outside Taos.

The wedding marks Roberts' second trip down the aisle. The star of "Runaway Bride" and "My Best Friend's Wedding" was married for 21 months to country and western singer Lyle Lovett.

The darkness of the cool New Mexico morning concealed the details of Roberts' wedding but provided the perfect backdrop for the midnight ceremony.

"Julia Roberts and Daniel Moder married during a midnight ceremony before family and friends at their home in New Mexico," Roberts' publicist, Marcy Engelman, told The Associated Press about an hour after the ceremony.

Engelman declined to give any details about the couple's nuptials, the bride's attire or the guest list, saying, "This is all we're going to release at this time."

A big white tent was seen on Roberts' estate Wednesday afternoon and the town was crowded with photographers and reporters, some of whom camped outside her gate.

A pitch-black sky was dotted with millions of sparkling stars as music and laughter could be heard coming from Roberts' home into the early morning hours.

The rumors heated up this week when The Daily Mail of London reported that 50 guests were being flown from Los Angeles to New Mexico for some sort of celebration at Roberts' estate. The paper said George Clooney, Roberts' co-star on "Ocean's 11," was to be among them and that invitees were to wear white linen.

"Pretty Woman" (1990) remains Roberts' biggest hit, with a domestic gross of \$178.4 million. Her other \$100 million hits include "Notting Hill," and "Erin Brockovich," for which she received a best-actress Oscar in 2001.

Roberts' love life has been tabloid fodder for years. She broke up with actor Benjamin Bratt last year after dating him for nearly four years. He went on to marry actress Talisa Soto in April.

Roberts broke up with Kiefer Sutherland in 1991 on the eve of their wedding. She also was linked to Jason Patric, Dylan McDermott, Matthew Perry and Liam Neeson.

## Wal-Mart mandates gun sales policy to exceed U.S. guidelines

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart, the nation's largest gun seller, has implemented a rule requiring customers to be approved in a background check before they can buy rifles and shotguns, in a policy that exceeds federal guidelines and represents a victory for gun-safety advocates.

After the retail giant's own research showed that weapons it sold were being used in crimes, the company began requiring background clearance for all gun buyers, no matter how long it takes.

The new policy applies to rifles and shotguns sold at Wal-Mart; the retail chain does not sell handguns.

Under current federal law, background checks through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System are required for anyone attempting to purchase a gun. If the results are not returned within three business days, the dealer may complete the sale.

"When we looked into this, we found that the statistics show that a high proportion of the applications not approved within three business days would have been denied," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser Eldred said. "We wanted to make sure we were doing our part to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not be getting them."

Most background checks are completed within minutes, and 95 percent are done in two hours or less. Gun-safety advocates said the remaining five percent should not be given guns until a background check has been completed.

Nine states have standards that exceed federal guidelines for purchasing firearms, though Arkansas, where Wal-Mart is based, is not among them.

Details of the Wal-Mart policy are set forth

in an internal memo from the Bentonville-based retailer obtained by The Associated Press. Eldred confirmed that the memo had been sent out last month to all 2,600 American stores and that the new policy is now in effect.

"Selling one gun to somebody who should not be buying it was one too many for us," she said.

In April, the Americans for Gun Safety Foundation sent a letter to Wal-Mart and other firearms sellers — including Big 5, Gart Sports, Sports Authority and Kmart — asking them to adopt the so-called "don't know, don't sell" policy.

Recent research showed that, during an 18-month period, more than 10,000 criminals nationwide obtained guns through licensed dealers because their background checks could not be completed within three days, according to the foundation.

"People who have been convicted of felonies, people under restraining orders ... are all supposed to be stopped by these background checks, but they're not stopped," foundation president Matthew Bennett said.

Bennett applauded Wal-Mart's new policy and said other large retailers may follow suit. "It's absolutely a step in the right direction," he said. "Wal-Mart is by far the biggest retailer of guns."

Officials at the National Instant Criminal Background Check System support the policy as an extra layer of protection against criminals obtaining guns.

Gary Wick, the system's assistant operations manager, said the policy adopted by Wal-Mart and other gun dealers can help prevent potentially dangerous situations.

But National Rifle Association spokesman

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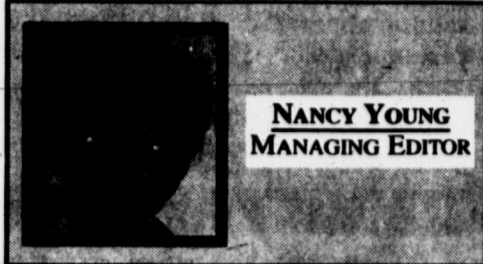
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NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

"School's out, school's out. Teacher let the mules out." Do you remember that phrase? I wonder if any youngsters still shout that phrase at the end of the school year.

While classrooms are closed for instruction this summer, there is still much going on around the schools. Summer maintenance is in full swing on these physical plants while the children are oblivious to all the work being done to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

Swimming, going to camp, roller blading, playing baseball, going on vacations, just hanging out — they're mostly having fun.

However, while the youngsters are not in actual classes, the subject of school is still primarily in people's minds.

Schools in Texas are in a crisis situation! School finance is on everyone's mind. Legislators, school boards, teachers, school administrators and taxpayers are all closely watching the situation.

It doesn't matter if a school district is classified as property poor or property wealthy — they're all having financial problems.

The Robin Hood bill which was enacted in Texas in the early 90s has changed the atmosphere of the school finance situation.

Chapter 41 schools (property wealthy schools) cannot use all their tax money in their school district. They are required to send money to the state to fund the poorer school districts who have a low tax base.

The declining population in rural areas — such as the Texas Panhandle — is hitting both rich and poor school districts

extremely hard.

Of the top 15 counties in the panhandle, 10 of those counties reported a decline in population when the Census 2000 figures were reported. When the population declines, then the school enrollment declines as parents of younger children move to larger communities to seek jobs.

Five counties experienced growth during the previous decade. Dallam's population increased 13.9 percent; Sherman, 11.5 percent; Hartley, 52.4 percent; Moore, 12.6 percent; and Potter, 16 percent.

Declining were Hansford, 8.2 percent; Ochiltree, 1.3 percent; Lipscomb, 2.7 percent; Hemphill, 9.9 percent; Roberts, 13.5 percent; Hutchinson, 7.1 percent; Carson, .9 percent; Gray, 5.1 percent and Wheeler, 10.1 percent.

Schools in all those counties are providing top instruction in all phases — especially high technology.

Taxpayers want their children to have top educations and have been willing to foot the bill.

These districts are providing high-dollar technological instruction for their students to go out into the world.

Many are opting to further their education in either degreed programs or receive vocational training.

Then ... These native sons and daughters have to leave their hometowns to go to larger metropolitan areas to get jobs in the fields they so choose.

Taxpayers pay for the best education possible for the young people, but they don't return home because of lack of jobs. The cycle continues.

In our area the population decline is changing a way of life for many people.

Financial considerations have caused White Deer to close the Skellytown-based campus. During the 2002-2003 school year, all Skellytown students will be bussed to White Deer.

Groom has had to phase out several programs in their district, and cut teaching staff.

Chapter 41 schools, such as Miami, are sending half or more of their tax dollars to the state for the poor districts. Some have even had to increase taxes because they have to send more money to the state.

Our state legislators are going to have to deal with this issue in the next legislative session. It is serious — very serious.

At the end of a four-part series, the Dallas Morning News last Sunday recommended a comprehensive tax reform to the school districts. They recommended a public education tax, and a state income tax.

Another recommendation is to equalize business taxes, considering the franchise tax a civic assessment. Hiking the sales and sin taxes was another recommendation.

We'll see what the legislature does, but it certainly bears watching. The decision the legislators make will definitely affect our future and our children.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Let's be positive & move on

I have been a resident of Pampa for close to two years, and of all of the towns I've lived in, I have never before seen a larger group of embittered and negative people.

The whole ordeal with the PEDC and NPD has definitely brought out the worst in everyone. Instead of everyone complaining about what has already happened, why doesn't everyone try to work together to better the future with a positive attitude instead of focusing on the events of the past. An even better idea is to work together to try to improve the existing businesses, or possibly finding ways to develop the decaying real estate that exists over much of the city.

By dissolving the PEDC, you have basically ruined the chances of Pampa progressing. This is the future of families you're dealing with. Better yet, with the "Concerned Citizens" basically crowding the disillusioning meetings and breathing down the necks of the involved parties, you are making the process that much harder.

Granted, a pig farm might not be the ideal business Pampa would want. However, I will reiterate that citizens should at least try to look at the situation objectively. A pig farm might create unpleasant odors, however the natural gas industry that exists in much of the Texas Panhandle creates odors just as unpleasant, and pollute the environment just as much, if not more than a pig farm.

Decisions that these selected few are making for the "good of the community" are making a great impact on the future of the younger generation of the city. These are decisions that we will have to live with for many years to come. The PEDC was dissolved, so be it. The "Concerned Citizens" group needs to let the issue be resolved in a professional and graceful manner, rather than throwing accusations, spreading wild rumors, and pouring salt in an opened wound.

Between the dissolving of the PEDC and the ongoing issue of the pig farm, it seems like all we have been hearing about for the last year is bickering, complaining, and finger pointing. Instead, why not channel that energy towards the future good of the community. I am divided on the issue of the pig farm, however I feel that doing away with the PEDC was not a wise decision, and we will greatly regret it in time. For goodness sakes, people, think positively and try to move on.

Doug Palmittier  
Pampa

#### Publishing expenses good idea

At the last PEDC meeting, two of our City Commissioners (McCormick and Dixon) demanded that the EDC publish in the newspaper a detailed list of its expenses.

I think this is a great idea! Their premise being that this is taxpayer money and the taxpayers should know how our money is being spent.

I think the City Commission should do the same thing. The PEDC has roughly \$2.5 million in debt that will take several years to retire. The City spends roughly \$14 million per year. This is also taxpayer money. I think the taxpayer should know where this money is going also. I think a detailed list of City expenses on a monthly basis should be published in *The Pampa News* so we will all know where our money went.

It would be nice if the County would follow suit. This is also taxpayer money.

Don Reed  
Pampa

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



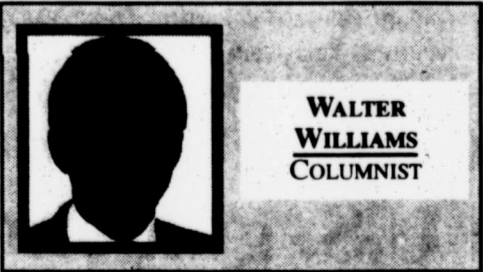
## Which is worse: WorldCom or Congress?

President Bush said he was "deeply concerned" about some of the accounting practices in corporate America and called "outrageous" the disclosure that WorldCom, which is \$32 billion in debt, had hidden \$3.8 billion in expenses.

The president added, "We will fully investigate and hold people accountable for misleading not only shareholders but also employees."

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed fraud charges against the nation's No. 2 long-distance telephone company, as the company slid toward bankruptcy. WorldCom is being called the biggest case of crooked accounting in U.S. history, where it hid nearly \$4 billion worth of expenses from investors in order to make its bottom line look good. But is WorldCom really America's biggest case of accounting gimmickery and deception? I don't think so.

Ask the president or any congressman: How much debt does the federal government owe? Nine will get you 10 that they'll tell you that it's \$3.5 trillion. If they had just a tad of sophistication or honesty, they might add intragovernmental debt that'd bring the "total debt" to slightly more than \$6 trillion. Even that figure represents a level of creative accounting, deception and lies that make the actions of Enron and WorldCom seem like child's play.



WALTER WILLIAMS  
COLUMNIST

Washington's deception about federal debt can be found in a report by Andrew J. Rettenmaier, a senior fellow at the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis, titled, "How Big Is the Government's Debt?" Rettenmaier says that, as of 2001, the accumulated federal obligations to all people who've earned Social Security and Medicare benefits are \$12.9 trillion for Social Security and \$16.9 trillion for Medicare. Combined with the public and intragovernmental debt, the total federal debt burden is an unimaginable \$35 trillion.

That amounts to roughly \$120,000 for every man, woman and child in America. It will be impossible for the government to pay that kind of debt. Washington will do what all governments do when it cannot make good on its debt. Congress will repudiate agreements with creditors by refusing to pay on agreed-upon terms or choose government's traditional method of repudiation — inflating the currency.

There's no question that both Enron and WorldCom engaged in deceptive and dishonest practices — in a word, fraud. Here on Earth, there'll never be the end to deceptive and dishonest practices, notwithstanding supposed protection by the SEC. We're going have to wait until we get to heaven for total honesty. But let's compare what happens when deceptive accounting practices are discovered in private industry versus when they're discovered in government.

Without the SEC, the supposed guarantor against corporate hanky-panky, lifting one finger, the market has exacted high penalties. Enron and WorldCom shares of stock and their reputations are virtually worthless. Heads have rolled.

By contrast, what happens when Congress cooks the books and deceives Americans into believing that government debt is \$3.5 trillion or \$6 trillion, when it's really \$35 trillion? Absolutely nothing.

I bet that if you brought this up to one of our Washington politicians, he'd say: "That Williams guy doesn't know what he's talking about. What we owe to Social Security and Medicare recipients is not debt."

Of course, Enron and WorldCom might get out of their troubles by redefining what debt is as well — but the economic arena, unlike the political arena, doesn't play that.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

<b>BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS</b>	Independence.	both died.	matician Charles L.
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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**Proudest Winners Of Cub Derby Used Their Own Elbow Grease**

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Proud Mom in Ohio," who was upset about the Cub Scout derby races, I recalled our solution to the problem of overly helpful parents. In the U.S. Air Force, we had a real problem with actual rocket scientists and aerodynamic engineers. Some of the entries were so near perfection that we Cub pack leaders came up with the solution of classes of competition: beauty, speed, uniqueness, and the obvious "car completely built by the Cub Scout himself." The last category became the most coveted prize at the event. Because members of the military are often subject to unplanned absences, we instituted a system whereby other fathers would fill in and assist a boy without a dad. When I supervised, I always insisted on "elbow grease" that resulted in a good job even by those young boys. My sons complained that I was overly enthusiastic when a youngster I assisted beat them. Their comment: "Did you have to help him so good?"

LARRY KRUGER, MAJOR, USAF  
 Ret., VICTORVILLE, CALIF.

committee and suggest changes in the way the derby is run to ensure that it is done fairly. I have volunteered at all levels of the Boy Scout program, from den mother to assistant scoutmaster. The Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs need parents like "Proud Mom in Ohio," and I know her comments would be greatly appreciated.

JO-ANNE CAMMORATA,  
 HANOVER, MASS.

DEAR JO-ANNE: You're right. Change has to come from within.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom who raised my son alone. I had him

join Cub Scouts so he could spend time with other boys and become involved in activities such as race car derbies. My father, a retiree, supervised while my son worked for hours on his car. At the derby, the boys lined their cars up on a table. I could tell my son was embarrassed by his entry in comparison to the others. It was obvious that some of them had been made by the fathers. My heart went out to my son when his name was called and he picked up his crude-looking race car.

DEAR NEVER SO PROUD: I understand why. It was his first major victory. Something tells me it won't be his last.

DEAR ABBY: That mother should do what we did on derby day. After watching the overly enthusiastic adults at the event, I suggested that the following year we offer them the chance to participate in their own race with their own cars. It worked like a charm! The grown-ups had a chance to strut their stuff, and it alleviated the need to take over their sons' project.

FORMER SCOUT LEADER,  
 DANVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR FORMER LEADER: You deserve a trophy for a clever solution.

NOT CONFIDENTIAL: Happy 84th birthday to the matchless "Sioux City Twins" — my mother, Pauline, in LA, and Aunt Eppie in Chicago.

LOVE, JEANNE

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

NEVER SO PROUD,  
 JERMYN, PA.

Crossword Puzzle

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Window and part Kennedy
  - 5 Sub entry
  - 10 Wields
  - 12 Not oblivious
  - 13 Wash cycle
  - 14 Less strict
  - 15 See 2-Down
  - 16 1942 Abbott & Costello film
  - 18 City on the Rhone
  - 20 "East of Eden" brother
  - 21 Harangue
  - 23 Linking word
  - 24 Comparison word
  - 26 Burgles
  - 28 Cry of insight
  - 29 January event
  - 31 Architect Maya
  - 32 Key
  - 36 These words, for example Old salt
  - 39 Old salt
  - 40 Climber's spike
  - 41 Bring to mind
  - 43 Mermaid's home
  - 44 "Hamlet" extras
  - 45 Looks after
- DOWN**
- 1 Parsley serving
  - 2 With 15-
  - 3 Sheet material
  - 4 French article
  - 5 Head light?
  - 6 "What if they gave — and nobody came?"
  - 7 Fare carrier
  - 8 Subjects of King Minos
  - 9 Announce
  - 11 Domestic tankard
  - 17 Actor McKellen
  - 19 Pitching stat
  - 22 Threw away
  - 24 It's dangerous to be on
  - 25 Do a surf feat
  - 27 Wise flier
  - 28 Old
  - 30 Towel word
  - 33 Make amends
  - 34 In the buff
  - 35 Attire
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  - 38 Hostels
  - 42 Tub

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 GASP TOSCA  
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 AIL LAM OLD  
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 ACRE ASPIRE  
 NETS PESETA

**Yesterday's answer**

- 8 Subjects of King Minos
- 9 Announce
- 11 Domestic tankard
- 17 Actor McKellen
- 19 Pitching stat
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- 24 It's dangerous to be on
- 25 Do a surf feat
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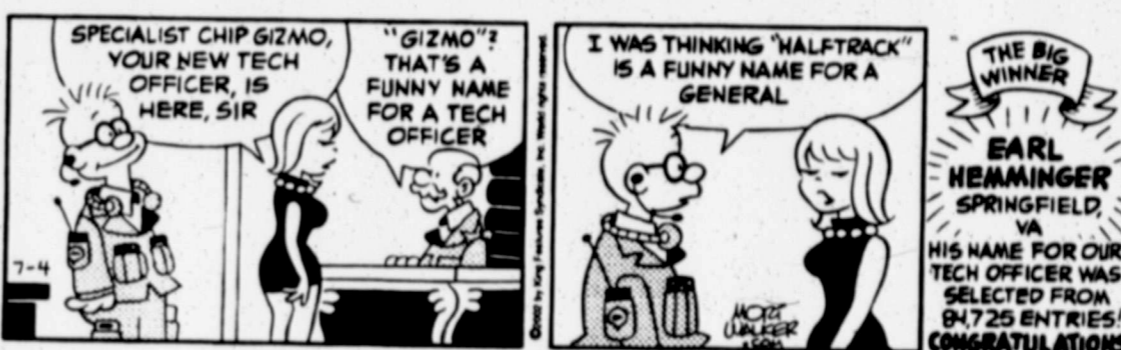
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# SPORTS

## 13 All-Stars



(Courtesy photo)

Named to the Pampa Optimist 13-year-old All-Star Team this summer were (front row, l-r) Matthew Trusty, Jarron Clark, Jake Diggs, Marcos Campos, Jonathon Carr, Robbie Dixon and Blake Nusser; (back row, l-r) coach Jon Clark, coach Jeff Clark, James Coffee, Kyle Irvin, Sameer Kelley, Brett Ferrell, Bradley Johnson and coach Clyde Coffee. Not pictured is coach Maury Willis.

## Celanese plans benefit "Skins" golf scramble

PAMPA — A four-man "Skins" scramble to benefit Celanese Community Care will be held Saturday, July 13 at Pamcel Golf Course.

There will be a team handicap of 40 with two players under nine.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. Entry deadline is July 11.

To enter, call or e-mail Julie Bruer at 665-3823, or [julie@pampa.com](mailto:julie@pampa.com); Derek Bigham at 663-4937, or [dsbigham.pampa@celanese.com](mailto:dsbigham.pampa@celanese.com)

Golfer must sign up by 5:45 p.m. with the scramble scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. There will be a blind draw with handicap required.

Entry fee is five dollars for members. Entry fee for non-members is seven dollars. Carts will be available to rent at four dollars per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 50 paid entries. The next scramble will be held July 23.

For more information, contact Derek Bigham at 663-4937, Don Alexander at 663-4942 or Marcus Schock at 663-4137.

## IRL president upholds Helio Castroneves as Indy winner

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Five weeks after the checkered flag fell, another Indianapolis 500 victory finally goes to Spiderman.

Indy Racing League president Tony George said Wednesday he had rejected an appeal of the disputed finish between Helio Castroneves and Paul Tracy and declared the Brazilian known as Spiderman the race winner.

Castroneves celebrated his second straight Indy win by scaling the fences at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway twice — once after the race ended and again when the results were made official.

Until George spoke, though, nothing was final.

George said the split-second decision by IRL vice president Brian Barnhart — that Tracy's pass of the Brazilian driver occurred after the yellow caution flag flew — was unappealable and that even if it was, Barnhart still made the right call.

"The evidence reviewed was based on Brian's determination," George said during the news conference. "If he had called the race the other way, I would have had to stand by the rule the way it is written."

George said several of the caution signals — including trackside and dashboard lights, a radio announcement and a flag closing the pits — were displayed before Tracy's pass.

He also cited IRL rule 11.2, which prohibits appeal of a decision under the yellow flag. But George said he heard the case anyway because of the significance of the Indianapolis 500 and because he "wanted the process to go forward."

Tracy's car owner, Barry Green, wasn't pleased.

"I believe we presented a compelling case in support of our belief that Paul Tracy was ahead of Helio Castroneves when the caution lights first

came on around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Lap 199." Green said in a statement. "No one has proved to me that we finished second and frankly if, as Tony says, everything comes down to a judgment call and that call is not subject to appeal, then what's the use in even having a rule book?"

## Bio controversies continue on college scene

By The Associated Press

From simple clerical errors to half-truths and long-forgotten lies, some coaches and athletic administrators aren't always what they say they are.

College degrees were worked on but not completed. Letters claimed to be earned in a sport were never received. Awards are made to sound better than they really were.

"I hope most of them are just honest mistakes, not an ethical problem," said Wally Groff, the athletic director at Texas A&M. "I'd like to believe that."

Last December, George O'Leary left Notre Dame in disgrace after admitting he'd lied about his academic and athletic credentials. Since then, resumes and biographical sketches have been scrutinized as never before, and at least a half-dozen coaches and athletic directors — even the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee — have lost their jobs.

Everyone is suspect. Athletic directors as well as graduate assistants. And at universities around the country, the once-informal process of updating existing bios now often comes with official forms to be kept on file.

"I guess we just have to appreciate it comes with the territory," said John Heisler, associate athletic director at Notre Dame. "You would have to

have your head in the sand to not understand why there are questions being asked."

In athletics, practical experience has always mattered more than fancy credentials. A resume was something to be passed around at the introductory news conference and then forgotten.

When biographical information was put together, most sports information departments would simply pass out last year's bios, ask coaches and staff to read them over and let them know if any changes were needed. Some read them carefully, others gave them only a passing glance.

"We've gone on the honor system that, 'Yes, you looked at this and yes, it's accurate,'" said Pete Moore, associate director of athletic communications at Syracuse and the president of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

"What has happened has caused all of us to re-evaluate and take a look at how we acquire and maintain that information."

The challenge now for schools and organizations is avoiding becoming the next headline. At the annual convention of sports information directors earlier this week, one seminar was called "The Resume Crisis."

Most schools now have

coaches sign forms acknowledging they've read their biographical sketches and that the information was accurate. The forms will be kept on file.

"It's not a legal form," said Scott Reed, the sports information director at DePaul. "(But) we don't want people to say, 'When he was at DePaul he did this, this and this.' This way, we have it in the file that the coach signed off on this before the 2002 academic year."

Within days of being hired as Notre Dame's head coach, O'Leary admitted he'd lied on his resume. He'd never lettered in football at New Hampshire as he claimed, and he didn't earn a master's degree from New York University.

O'Leary, now an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings, won't comment on the matter anymore, a Vikings spokesman said.

If it had happened at any other school, it might not have sparked such a furor. But this was Notre Dame, where the spotlight is bright and far reaching.

Within weeks, inaccuracies were discovered in information for Georgia basketball assistant Jim Harrick Jr. and Charlie Partridge, the director of football operations at Iowa State. At Georgia Tech, where O'Leary had worked for seven years before leaving for Notre Dame, two assistants hired by new

coach Chan Gailey were found to have misleading bios.

One of the assistants was forced to resign and director of communications Mike Stamus was demoted.

"While we do have an obligation to get our facts straight, there's a debate out there as to who should actually be checking those facts or checking those backgrounds," Stamus said.

"I certainly don't want to have false things in anything we produce," he added. "That's where I'm responsible. It doesn't matter what the source is."

While newspapers throughout the country scrambled to examine the resumes of the coaches they cover, many athletic directors told their coaches and staffs to reread their bios — and this time, do it closely.

"Mistakes can be made and we don't catch them," said Texas A&M's Groff. "I said, 'read what you've got and make sure it's accurate. Just don't get caught in the same traps others have gotten caught in.'"

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# Round Rock fans make minor league feel like major league

By MARK PASSWATERS  
The Huntsville Item

HOUSTON — On a recent Tuesday night, Kirk Saarloos made his major league debut on the mound for the Houston Astros.

For most Astros fans, the common response was, Kirk who?

Saarloos name was not unfamiliar to the people of Round Rock, home of the Round Rock Express. For them, Saarloos was merely the latest of their boys to take his proper place with the Astros.

The entire history of the Express reads like a baseball fairy tale.

Round Rock won the Texas League championship in 2000 as it shattered the all-time Double-A attendance record for a season. It also was named Baseball Americas minor league franchise of the year.

Since then, the Express has been the 2001 Western Division champion and won the first half of the 2002 season. Ten Express alumni have spent time with the Astros (another, Travis Smith, pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals earlier this year) and two former coaches are on manager Jimmy Williams' staff in Houston.

Not only that, former Round Rock players liked playing there.

"I had a great time," said Roy Oswalt, who pitched in Round Rock in 2000. "The people were always behind you there. It was a great baseball town."

"It's a wonderful place to play," said Morgan Ensborg, the opening day third baseman for Round Rock in 2000 and Houston this year. "I had an absolute blast there. It was special; they made you feel like part of the community."

For some guys, it was the big leagues.

"Really, I thought it would be special when it was put together, but it's exceeded my expectations," Astros general manager Jerry Hunsicker said of Round Rock. "It's just tremendous."

The Express were moved to Round Rock from Jackson, Miss., by new owner Nolan Ryan before the 2000 season. The people of Round

Rock took to their new team quickly, drawing 11,000 people to the inaugural game and averaging 10,000 fans a game for the entire season nearly tripling the second-best Texas League teams total.

Ensborg and second baseman Keith Ginter, who has had two stints with the Astros, quickly became fan favorites, as the Express spent most of the first half of the 2000 season chasing the San Antonio Missions, then an affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

On May 15, Round Rock was forced to call up a pitcher from Single-A Kissimmee (Fla.) to make an emergency start. The emergency pitcher was Oswalt, who threw a one-hit shutout and struck out 15 San Antonio hitters.

In spite of having a round-trip ticket in his hand, Oswalt never returned to Kissimmee.

**"You draw 9,500 to 9,600 people a game, and that's pretty awesome. It shows there's a hunger for baseball there."**

— Burt Hooten, Astros pitching coach

"It was supposed to be that one start and that was it," he said. "I got there and people were backing me from the first pitch."

After Oswalt's arrival, the Express caught fire. They passed the Missions to win the Texas League Western Division. Reliever Jason Green became the first Express player to make it to the majors, making several appearances as the Astros suffered through an injury-filled summer.

Oswalt, for his part, went from an afterthought to the teams ace. He established himself as the leagues premier pitcher, compiling a 11-4 record, a 1.94 ERA. By late summer, Oswalt had a spot on the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic baseball team.

Though he was playing for national pride and glory against some of the

world's best, Oswalt still found himself paying attention to what was happening in an Austin suburb.

"I kept up with them the whole time I was over there in Australia," he said. "We'd get up in the middle of the night and go check the Internet and see what was going on."

While Oswalt was experiencing great personal success, many Round Rock fans despaired his loss would prevent the Express from defeating the Wichita Wranglers to win the Texas League championship. His spot in the rotation was taken by another Kissimmee callup: Tim Redding, who went 5-0 in the playoffs.

"I wasn't Roy, but I helped us win some games," Redding recalled.

The Express won the series in five games. During the celebration, the delirious crowd was informed Ensborg and Ginter had been pro-

moted to the majors.

"It was special; I don't know if you could have scripted it better," Ensborg said.

"It was fairy-tale type stuff. It was a magical year. It wasn't a matter of if you'd win, but how bad you'd win," Oswalt said.

At the start of the 2001 season, Ensborg, Ginter and Oswalt had all moved on to AAA New Orleans. Redding, who had been in AA for all of one month, was considered the ace of the staff. He did not disappoint, compiling an Oswalt-esque 10-2 record with a 2.15 ERA before being called up to New Orleans.

Reddings performance was somewhat expected, but many were surprised by a short left-handed pitcher from Venezuela and a 25-year-old side-armed reliever supposedly on his way out of baseball. Carlos

Hernandez and Brandon Puffer teamed with Redding and Texas League MVP outfielder Jason Lane to help Round Rock cruise to the first half title.

By the end of the Express season; cut short by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Hernandez, who won 12 games and broke Oswalt and Reddings single game strikeout record with 16, was in the Astros rotation with Redding and Oswalt.

Puffer parlayed his 6-1 record as Express closer into a big-league callup in early 2002.

"(Playing in Round Rock) was a dream come true for me," said Puffer, who now makes his home in Round Rock. "It's an awesome place to play. It felt like the big leagues."

"I went to spring training just hoping to show people I could pitch at the Double-A level, Hernandez said. "When they said I was going to Double-A, I was very happy. I thought it would be different, but I never expected it would be like that. I'd never played before 8,000, 9,000 people before."

Though they may play before 40,000 a night with the Astros, the Express alumni expressed their continued amazement at the size of the Round Rock crowds.

"You draw 9,500, 9,600 people a game, and that's pretty awesome," said Astros pitching coach Burt Hooten, who was Round Rock's pitching coach in 2000. "It shows there's a hunger for baseball there. College ball like UT or A&M is OK, but ends in May, so what are you going to do?"

"They say the biggest thing about playing in the majors is the fans, but they had 10,000 people there every night," Oswalt said. "It's a big plus playing in front of those folks."

Oswalt recounted a story of his first major league start on the road, in Montreal.

"There were 7,000 people there," Oswalt said with a laugh. "Somebody came up to me and asked if I was nervous. I looked at them and said, 'There's more people in Round Rock tonight.'

"The people, the fans, I never expected that," Hernandez said. "It helped me become a major league pitcher. It helped me to get there because it helped me not to be nervous."

"They'd cheer for you from the first pitch," he said.

"It makes us feel important. You'd hit the field, and there'd be eight-to-ten thousand people there," Redding said. "It was there night in and night out. If we didn't have that support, (the winning) wouldn't have happened."

Redding spoke of how Round Rock fans would pass the hat and give the players money after they hit home runs, with totals sometimes surpassing \$1,000.

"That doesn't happen anywhere else," he said. "They'd do that, the fans would cheer for both sides if they did well, and they'd yell at the (other teams) third base coach to get back in the (coaches) box. It was great."

The players also had words of praise for Round Rock Manager Jackie Moore, Baseball Americas minor league manager of the year for each of the past two seasons.

"By far, he's one of the best guys I've ever known, not just as a coach, but as a person," Redding said of his former skipper.

"He's amazing," Puffer said. "It's awesome to play for him. He cares for his players and their families."

Round Rock fans savor the continued big-league successes of players they once cheered for. Many fans, considering themselves grizzled veterans after two years of watching games at the Dell Diamond, compare the current players to Roy, Morgan, and Timmy.

"It's always great to see those guys do well," said Phil Brewer of Round Rock, who has had season tickets directly behind the home dugout since the clubs inception. "But they can come back here and play anytime they want. Then we'd really be sure to win."

# Marlin forgetting Daytona 500, focusing on future

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In one brief moment, Sterling Marlin went from leading at Daytona to standing on the track trying desperately to pull crumpled sheet metal away from his tire.

Marlin's gaffe in the season-opening Daytona 500 will forever be part of NASCAR's lore, with some saying his illegal attempt to fix his car under a red-flag stoppage cost him a victory in the biggest race of the year.

"I wouldn't hesitate to do it again," Marlin said. "Well, maybe I wouldn't try to pull on the fender, but I'd get out of the car and try something."

And so Marlin returns to Daytona International Speedway for Saturday night's Pepsi 400 expecting the usual barrage of questions about his quick stunt as a mechanic. He's grown rather used to the inquiries and learned to ignore the jokes and the fans' homemade signs that read "Sterling, stay in your car."

To Marlin, anyone who doesn't understand why he got out of his car simply doesn't understand racing.

"People who wonder what I was doing, well, I guess they don't know what they are talking about," Marlin said. "We had to do something and we didn't have nothing to lose."

Marlin had just taken the lead in the 500 by bumping his way past Jeff Gordon with six laps to go. It sent Gordon into a spin and crumpled Marlin's right-front fender, pushing the metal against the tire.

When NASCAR stopped the race to clean up an accident that happened behind the leaders, Marlin unhooked his seat belts and got out of his car to inspect the damage. That's when he began tugging on the sheet metal.

Since NASCAR rules clearly state no work can be done to a car during a red flag, an official climbed out of the pace car and informed Marlin he had to stop.

He had to pit when the race resumed to fix the damage and was ultimately sent to the back of the lead pack as punishment for working on the car. Marlin finished eighth and has heard about it at almost every appearance he makes.

"I had to do something because the tire was probably going to blow out anyway," Marlin said. "If I had waited for it to blow, I probably would have wrecked myself and (eventual winner) Ward Burton."

"But NASCAR also could've brought us in before that when the tire started smoking. No matter how you look at it,

we weren't going to win the race with that damage, so I did the only thing I could have to give us a chance."

It was the second straight Daytona 500 marked with controversy for Marlin, who was behind Dale Earnhardt seconds before Earnhardt's fatal crash a year ago.

Many fans blamed Marlin, saying his Dodge made the contact with Earnhardt that started the wreck in the final turn of the last lap. Marlin received threats in the weeks after the accident but persevered through the season and didn't allow it to affect his love of Daytona.

"I love that track — always have, always will," Marlin said. "I feel like I always have a chance to win at Daytona."

If all goes as expected, Marlin should have a solid chance in Saturday night's race.

He's always been successful at Daytona — he's won the 500 twice — and comes into the race with two victories this season and as the leader in the Winston Cup points standings since the second week of the season.

But his Chip Ganassi Racing team has been struggling the last month, causing the points lead Marlin took over in Rockingham, N.C., to shrink into a tight pack of contenders.

Mark Martin only trails Marlin by 62 points and fifth-place Tony Stewart is only 88 points back.

To prepare for the second-half of the season, which is comprised of 20 straight weeks of racing, Marlin and his team spent almost all of last week testing instead of vacationing.

Instead of joining most of his competition on beaches and other exotic getaways, Marlin spent two

days on the track in Chicago, made a stop in Memphis, and closed the off week with two days of work in Kentucky.

The only R&R he got was over the weekend when his family celebrated his 45th birthday Sunday at a North Carolina beach.

"If we want to get to this done, we've got to get better," Marlin said. "The time to play is at the end of the season. If we're serious about winning a championship, we need to work and work hard to do it."

It's proof that for the first time since taking over the points lead, Marlin's team is worried about the competition closing in. It's also proof how focused Marlin is on winning his first-ever championship.

For the first time in his career, he's got a serious shot at the title. If he can hold off bad luck and the pack behind him, he's got as good a chance as any to win it.

"It's going to be a long summer, but it could be a lot of fun," he said. "We just have to hope we don't have no more bad luck, that we used up our share this past few weeks. If we did, then we can get it. And I want it, I'm going after it."

## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 5, 2002.

You'll have many opportunities this year. Knowing which one to pick marks the difference between success and failure.

In the later part of your birthday year, you gain financially. Don't spend funds until you have them. Avoid overindulging monetarily. You have an opportunity to add to your financial security, not destroy it. Network and expand your circle of friends. If you are single, you have probably already met someone very important in your life. If not, open your baby blues over the next few months. If you are attached, your relationship will warm up significantly with focus on a common goal. Entertain more together. TAURUS helps you get what you want.

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)

Take stock of your finances. Pay bills and balance your checkbook. Don't play around with this area of your life. Opt to put in some overtime in the near future if you feel as if you're slipping into the red. Use a natural talent to add to your luck. Tonight: Treating yourself doesn't have to be expensive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Continue with a positive attitude. Confusion surrounds a parent or older relative in relation to plans. Reach out for others who might not be in the same mood as you. Spread good will. Pitch in. Mosey to a favorite spot. Consider options. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take a deep breath. Consider your options carefully. Just because you per-

ceive a situation one way doesn't mean the majority agree with you. Take a chance. Reach out for a loved one at a distance who might be confused.

Tonight: Try something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Realize what is going on with your friends. Join in. Become more of a part of the crowd. Sometimes you feel a lot happier maintaining a distance, but work with the group today, whether it is for a common cause or it just feels right.

Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Recognize your limits with a powerful associate. You might not always be able to have things your way. Relax with this person. Get to know him or her better. A special opportunity heads your way. You don't want to say "no."

Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Read between the lines. Understand others in your immediate circle better. Rather than making judgments, have discussions. Imagine how it feels to be someone else. Schedule a relaxing afternoon with friends, perhaps at a favorite spot or off to the movies.

Tonight: Think about a special trip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Someone you care about makes an offer that might feel too good to be true. Don't stop at go; keep on moving toward this long-desired goal. Make plenty of one-on-one time for a special person in your life. Share your deeper feelings. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Continue deferring to another. You will make more headway if you do. You might have a surprise for a special someone. Start planning one if you don't! Everyone has a child in him- or herself. Work on this premise. Come up with a decision. Tonight: The only spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pace yourself, realizing that you've got the whole weekend ahead of you. You might want to revert to work mode, even to finish a personal project. Get some extra R and R later on, as you will note the tone of the next few days picking up. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're likely to fit in everything you possibly can. A child or loved one delights in your attention and caring. For single Goats, you might be stoking the fires of a new relationship. If attached, add to the warmth and caring that exists. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Just because you believe everything is fine with your family doesn't make it so. Make calls and catch up on a sibling's or cousin's news. You don't need to wander far from your home. Just put your feet up and relax. Don't make anything harder than need be. Tonight: Have a barbecue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Sort through your many possible plans, combining the most you can. Currently, the Fish wants to socialize and enjoy the moment. Whether you're off to the beach or out hiking, the great outdoors appeals to you. Tonight: Try a new

## Capriati's Grand Slam streak ends

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Amelie Mauresmo ended Jennifer Capriati's streak of six consecutive Grand Slam semifinals with a rain-interrupted 6-3, 6-2 victory at Wimbledon.

Serena Williams, meanwhile, continued her easy run through the draw with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Daniela Hantuchova and will meet Mauresmo in the semis. She hasn't dropped a set in five matches and remains on course for a possible meeting with her sister, Venus, in the final.

Top-seeded Venus Williams and No. 6 Justine Henin will meet in the other semifinal Thursday.

And after three days, the men's quarter-final bracket was filled. Richard Krajicek, the only former champion left in the men's

draw, completed a 6-7 (2), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory over Mark Philippoussis in a fourth-round match originally set for Monday.

Martina Navratilova, who has played more matches than anyone at Wimbledon, doesn't think she's finished yet.

Navratilova, teamed with Australian doubles expert Todd Woodbridge, lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Jonas Bjorkman and Anna Kournikova in mixed doubles.

Adding the two matches she and Natasha Zvereva played in the women's doubles before being knocked out, Navratilova has played 293 matches.

The total for the nine-time singles champion puts her ahead of nearest rival Billie Jean King with 265 matches.



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# Woman receives Prozac in mail, sues doctor, pharmacy, drug-maker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Someone sent free boxes of once-a-week Prozac to south Florida depression patients — people who don't take regular Prozac and hadn't even discussed trying the new version with their doctors.

It's not clear how many patients got the unsolicited Prozac, which came to light when one furious recipient filed an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit this week against her doctors, her pharmacy and Prozac maker Eli Lilly & Co. Lilly is investigating and

apologized Wednesday for the incident. The Food and Drug Administration is watching closely.

The case — apparently the first time a powerful prescription drug has been mailed, much like laundry detergent samples are — surprised medical experts who warned that unsolicited drug mailings are dangerous and may be illegal.

"I'm incredulous," said drug safety expert Michael Cohen of the nonprofit Institute for Safe Medication Practices. "It's a dangerous

precedent. You might have (people) other than the patient picking it up out of the mailbox and taking it. It could be a child."

Laws governing prescription-writing and pharmacy practices vary by state. The drugstore chain Walgreens maintains it properly filled prescriptions from doctors' offices and mailed them for free because it had "coupons" from Lilly to provide reimbursement. The Florida woman's doctors aren't talking.

Lilly issued a statement late Wednesday saying it was inappropriate to mail medicine to patients without their request.

"To the extent Lilly personnel may have participated in this program, Lilly apologizes to those patients affected by it," said spokeswoman Debbie Davis. "We are investigating this matter vigorously and if company policies were violated, Lilly will take appropriate action."

The FDA — which regulates prescription medicines, their makers and their marketing — is monitoring the case to see whether it needs to intervene.

"Although the acts of prescribing and providing the drug likely come under state jurisdiction, FDA intends to keep an eye on this case because of the promotion issues it may raise," said spokesman Larry Bachorik.

The Broward County, Fla., woman, identified in court documents only as S.K., this week sued her doctors, Walgreens and Lilly, charging invasion of privacy and improper medical practice.

"Dear Patient," reads a letter accompanying the pills that was signed by her local doctors. "We are very excited to be able to offer you a more convenient way to take your antidepressant medication."

"For your convenience,

enclosed you will find a FREE one-month trial of Prozac Weekly," the letter continues, before cautioning patients to stop their regular antidepressant one day before starting the once-a-week version.

"It really upset me," S.K. said in a telephone interview arranged by one of her attorneys, Stephen Sheller of Philadelphia.

She said her grandchildren might have opened and swallowed the mailed drug, and anyone seeing her mail would

learn she had depression, which she keeps private. "Then I started to think, 'Wait a minute, how did they know to send them to me?'"

S.K. said her doctor maintains the office physicians signed a blank form letter provided by a Lilly salesman. S.K.'s medical records show no Prozac prescription, said fellow attorney Gary Farmer Jr. of Fort Lauderdale.

Representatives for the doctors' office, Holy Cross Medical Group, did not return calls seeking comment.

## Ad agency with tarnished reputation gets federal contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — An advertising agency criticized for overcharging the government for ineffective anti-drug ads has won a \$152 million contract to run the ad program for at least another year.

New York-based Ogilvy & Mather was awarded the contract Wednesday, beating out four other bidders, the Navy said in a statement. The Navy handles contracting functions for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Ogilvy & Mather agreed to pay a \$1.8 million penalty this year to settle charges it overcharged the drug policy office. Congressional investigators found last year that Ogilvy & Mather billed the government

for millions of dollars of work it did not perform.

The advertising firm took steps to fix the problem and was not banned from getting future contracts, said Tom Riley, a spokesman for the drug policy office. Riley said Navy contract officials decided on their own that Ogilvy & Mather's past problems were not enough to keep it from getting the new contract.

No one was available to speak with a reporter at Ogilvy & Mather's New York offices Wednesday evening, said a security guard who answered the telephone there. A message left with the firm's Washington office on Wednesday was not immediately returned.

Ogilvy & Mather initially

landed the anti-drug contract in 1998 in a deal that would have been worth nearly \$700 million if it had been renewed for all of the contract's five years.

The drug policy office chose last year not to renew the Ogilvy & Mather contract for its final year, 2002.

The latest contract, which also includes four one-year extension options, would be worth \$762 million over the full five years.

John P. Walters, director of the drug policy office, has repeatedly criticized the ad campaign, saying teen-agers were ignoring the ads. In May, he said the office would cancel the campaign if it was not effective.

## CattleWoman donation

Kenny Brdecko, Wheeler County Extension agent, displays a Beef Gift Certificate presented to him recently by Top O' Texas CattleWomen in appreciation of his serving as a judge in the chapter's annual scholarship contest.



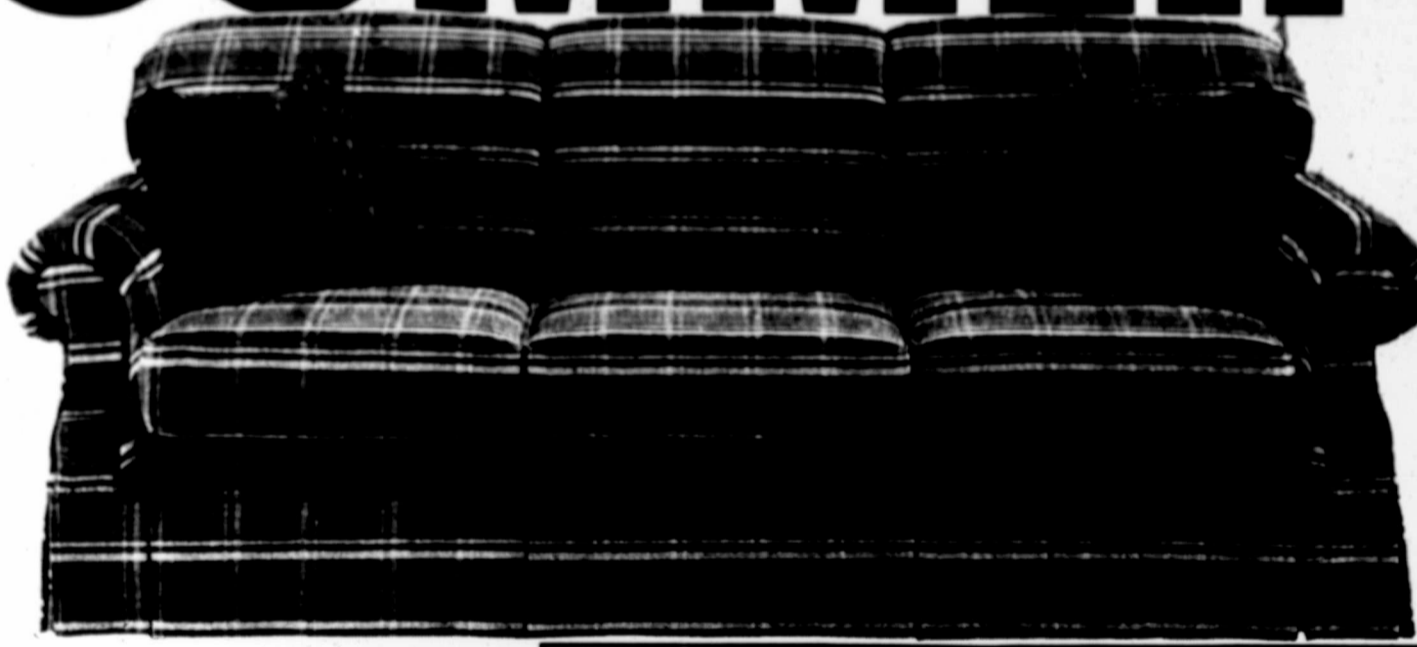
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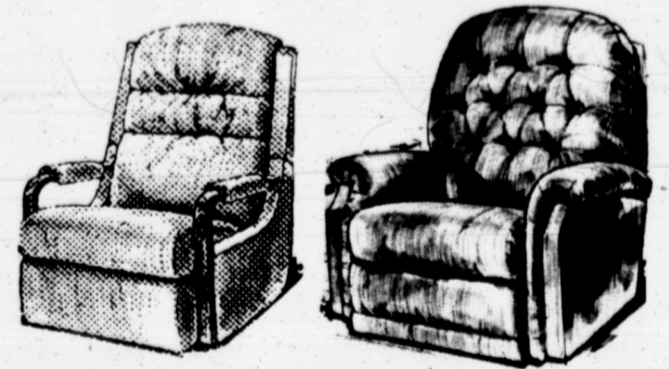
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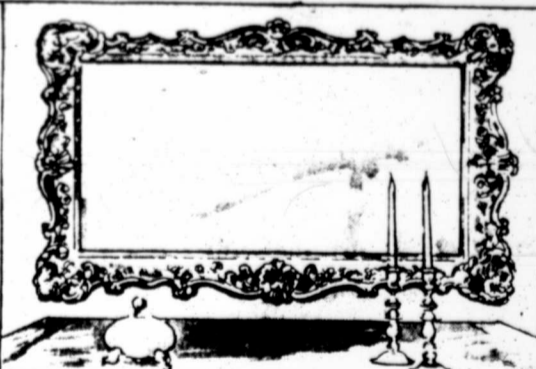
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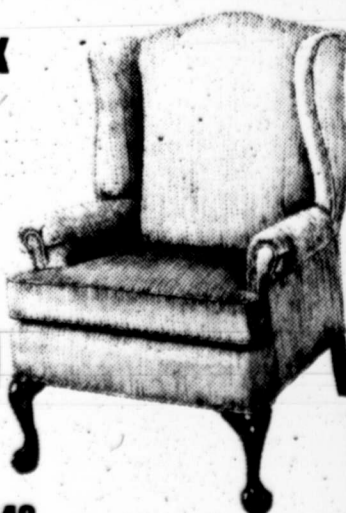
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