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## Charley storms Cuba; Florida next

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Charley roared across Cuba on Friday and set a path for Florida's west coast, where officials urged almost 2 million people to flee and fears grew that water would swamp parts of this city's downtown and neighboring areas.

As it approached the coast at mid-

morning, Charley had winds of 110 mph, and the storm was expected to strengthen and hit the Tampa Bay area later in the day, dumping heavy rain and possibly spawning tornadoes. Many streets there were deserted Friday morning as workers were told to stay home.

Officials worried that a massive

storm surge could devastate the heavily populated Gulf Coast region, with waterfront condominium towers and vulnerable mobile homes in danger.

Charley's outer bands were dropping rain on southwestern Florida, a few hours after bringing occasionally heavy wind and rain to the lower

Keys as the storm's center passed to the west. Only minor damage was immediately reported.

Shortly before noon, Gov. Jeb Bush urged residents who hadn't left home yet to stay put.

"This is not the time to be getting

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## Texas Army Guard calls up 3,000 troops

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Army National Guard is preparing to send 3,000 troops to Iraq early in 2005.

The Army Guard personnel picked for deployment as the 56th Brigade Combat Team are required to report for duty by Monday.

"We hope they will be back in a year, but they are subject to being gone up to two years," Lt. Col. John Stanford, Texas National Guard spokesman, told the San Antonio Express-News for a Thursday story.

Representatives from the 22 Guard units involved will attend a Sunday mobilization ceremony at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth.

The troops will be trained at Fort Hood before departing for Iraq in January.

The deployment will be the largest combat mobilization of Texas Army Guard troops since World War II.

Stanford said the 56th Brigade troops will perform a range of offensive and defensive duties in Iraq, including providing security for convoys.

Derriek Palmer, a 34-year-old widower from San Antonio who saw action in the first Gulf War as an active-duty soldier, will be among those reporting for duty at the National Guard Army in Hondo on Sunday.

"It will be my second combat tour, so it's no big deal," said Palmer, the readi-

*'We hope they will be back in a year, but they are subject to being gone two years.'*

— Lt. Col. John Stanford  
 TNG spokesman

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**HOME of the BRAVE**

### Ceremony signals activation of local National Guard

An activation ceremony for Company B, 2-142 Infantry Battalion, 56 Brigade, 36 Division of the National Guard will be held Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Wellington Fairgrounds.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., and the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

Company B is split between Wellington and Pampa. Half of the group has been activated to go to Iraq and participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

For more information, call 1SG Vincent LaCario at (806) 447-5855.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

### Entertainment to boot

Firefighter Tim Kirkwood, right, entertains a skeptical Braley Long, left, while waiting to take a donation from Braley's grandmother, Jana Gregory, during the annual Fill the Boot campaign to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Pampa firefighters, boots in hand, have been manning street corners this week to help with the annual fundraising event.

## Shiite cleric hurt; negotiations start

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi officials and aides to a radical Shiite cleric negotiated Friday to end fighting that has raged in Najaf for nine days, after American forces suspended an offensive against Muqtada al-Sadr's militia.

Al-Sadr's aides said he was wounded by shrapnel, but Iraqi officials said the cleric was involved in the talks.

In the southern city of Basra, gunmen briefly seized a British journalist and threatened to kill him unless coalition forces withdrew from Najaf, but they let him go after al-Sadr's aides intervened.

With negotiations under way, the U.S. military said it suspended offensive operations against al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militiamen, who are holed up in the city's vast cemetery and the Imam Ali shrine, one of the

holiest sites to Shiite Muslims.

"We are allowed to engage the enemy only in self-defense and long enough to break contact," said Maj. Bob Pizzitola, executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

"That was a blanket order for everybody."

He said the militia appeared to have stopped most attacks as well, and the city appeared quieter just one day after the U.S. military launched a major offensive.

"Hopefully, the talks will go well and everything will be resolved peacefully," Pizzitola said.

Despite the suspension of the offensive, he said, U.S. troops were maintaining a cordon around the shrine, the cemetery and Najaf's old

*'Hopefully, the talks will go well and everything will be resolved peacefully.'*

— Maj. Bob Pizzitola  
 1st Cavalry officer

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**Obituaries**

**Willis N. Clark, 96**

MIAMI — Willis N. Clark, 96, of Miami, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at Miami. There are no services scheduled. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Clark was born June 24, 1908, in Iowa Park, Texas, to Charles Haley and Ida Smith Clark. He moved to Wichita Falls in 1916 where he graduated from high school in 1926. He graduated from Wichita Falls Junior College in 1928, he entered Southern Methodist University in the School of Engineering.

He received his pilot's license in 1929 at Dallas Love Field when it was a grass strip with three barbed-wire fences, and he continued to fly until 1995. In 1930, he bought a portion of the Roberts County

Ranch, and, in 1931, he took over the job as ranch foreman for the next 16 years.

He married Adelia Sue Cowan on Dec. 25, 1932, in Ennis. She preceded him in death in December of 1992.

He served as Roberts County Commissioner in both Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 for a number of years.

He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Southern Methodist University, the Texas State Aviation Association, the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers, and the UFO's — United Flying Octogenarians.

He was a member of the First United Methodist

Church in Miami.

Survivors include three sons, Robert A. Clark, Charles Clark, and William H. Clark, all of Miami; one daughter, Susan Keese of Miami; three sisters, Martha Barron of Albuquerque, N.M., and twins, Grace Fender of Amarillo and Ruth Pryor of Dallas; one nephew, Gene Clark of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Roberts County Museum, P.O. Box 306, Miami, TX 79059, or STAND, 7105 W. 34th, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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



Clark



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Stakes hold up the heavy heads of sunflowers in a yard on Zimmers Street as the seeds begin to ripen in the late summer sun.

**Gray County Weather**

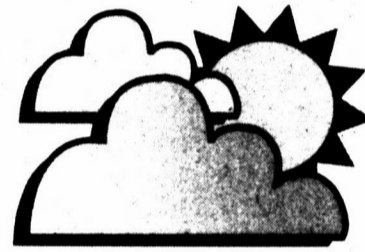
Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 4 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 78. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 62. South southeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent



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chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 86.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91.

chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent

**Catherine Virginia Harvey, 88**

Catherine Virginia Harvey, 88, of Pampa, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Harvey was born March 11, 1916, at St. Joseph, Mo. She grew up in Roberts County and graduated from Pampa High School in 1934. She attended St. Joseph's College in St. Joseph, Mo., and Texas Tech University, both for two years, and married

Lloyd R. Harvey on Sept. 24, 1938, on the family farm in Gray County.

Mrs. Harvey moved to Pampa in 1944 and was a member of Roberts Co. Home Extension Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She also belonged to United Methodist Church in Miami since 1927 and taught Sunday school there for many years.

Mrs. Harvey was preceded in death by two brothers, John Henry Nelson and Harry Nelson, Jr.; and her parents, Harry Alfred

Nelson and Catherine Potter Nelson.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd R. Harvey, of the home; two daughters, Jeannine Johnson of Houston and Mary Ann Melvain of Victoria; two sons, Lloyd E. Harvey of Pampa and Drew Harvey of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister, Mary Guilmette of St. Joseph; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059.

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



Harvey

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11**

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.

Timothy Joe Broadbent, 24, 719 N. Zimmers, was arrested for failure to stop and render aid, speeding, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

**Thursday, Aug. 12**

Domestic simple assault

was reported in the 900 block of South Banks. The incident involved pushing and arguing. No injuries were reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A wallet and cell phone were taken. No estimated value of loss was reported.

Theft of license plates and a registration sticker were reported in the 300 block of Lowry. No estimated value of loss was reported.

A missing person was

reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Theft of a purse was reported in the 700 block of North West. No estimated value of loss was reported.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3000 N. Perryton Pkwy. Building materials ranging from sheet rock to studs, as well as several tools, were taken, for an estimated loss of over \$5,000.

Identity theft was reported in the lobby of the police department.

A stolen dog was reported in the 500 block of Foster. Estimated value of the mixed breed dog was \$75.

Travis Berryman, 21, and Christina Berryman, 20, both of 410 N. Cuyler, were arrested in the 300 block of North Cuyler for making a false report to a police officer.

**Friday, Aug. 13**

An unattended death was reported in the 1900 block of Mary Ellen.

**Accidents**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

**Thursday, Aug. 12**

5:05 p.m. - A 1994 Chevrolet 1500, driven by William Elmer Robinson, 62, 216 S. Tignor, and a 1978 Ford LTD, driven by Marcia Ilene Bullick, 49, 742 Malone, collided in the 600 block of East Frederic. No injuries were reported. Bullick was cited for failure to yield right of way during a left turn.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following

calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Thursday, Aug. 12**

7:10 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of Beryl.

5:03 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Barnes and U.S. Highway 60.

6:31 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Charles.

9:23 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

**Friday, Aug. 13**

4:53 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Mary Ellen.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Thursday, Aug. 12**

10:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Carr and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of South Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

**Friday, Aug. 13**

4:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.



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### Road work ahead

A sign reflected in a rain puddle warns drivers of the roadwork being done up ahead by Israel Ulloa, heavy equipment operator, on Hobart. Ulloa is filling in holes in the road and preparing it for resurfacing.

## Storm

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on the interstate. It is time to seek a safe place to be with family and friends inside of your region," Bush said.

Bush said he had sought a federal disaster declaration from President George W. Bush, his brother.

In the morning's earliest hours, the storm roared across Cuba, ripping apart roofs, downing power lines and yanking up huge palm

trees and battering Havana with high wind and heavy rain. There were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage.

The hurricane was arriving a day after Tropical Storm Bonnie came ashore in the Florida Panhandle and quickly moved north. Three people, including a child, were killed and 29 injured Friday when a tornado hit a North Carolina trailer park.

About 6.5 million of Florida's 17 million residents were in Charley's projected path, including about

700,000 elderly people, officials said.

By 8 a.m., a shelter at Sickles High School in northwestern Tampa was full to its capacity of 500. Windows had been reinforced with screens and tarps to prepare for the storm.

"I'm scared that we're going to go home and nothing is going to be there," 20-year-old Amanda Kellogg said as she played blackjack with four friends, their suitcases, bedding and other possessions piled beside them.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

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Corn	3.95
Soybeans	6.12

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

OXY	49.98	+0.32
BP PLC ADR	54.01	+0.11
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Cabot Oil Gas	40.50	+0.57

Coca Cola	43.96	+0.12
ALG	67.13	+2.01
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Trud	32.15	-0.09
NOI	29.16	+0.10
KMI	59.35	+0.20
XCEL	17.28	+0.02
Kerr McGee	51.08	+0.58
XOM	44.94	+0.38
Limited	18.86	+0.04
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MCD	25.87	+0.02
Atmos	25.22	+0.29
Pioneer Nat	31.95	+0.55

JCP	37.50	-0.26
COP	73.42	+0.85
SLB	59.73	-0.22
Tenneco	13.16	+0.27
CVX	95.09	+0.72
Wal-Mart	53.19	+0.54
OKE	22.57	+0.10
NS Grp	16.05	+0.44

New York Gold	393.75
Silver	6.52
West Texas Crude	45.50

military had no immediate comment, but U.S. forces have fought with militants holed up in that Sunni Muslim city for months.

One of Iraq's most senior Shiite religious leaders called for an end to the Najaf battle, as Iraqis took to the streets across the country to protest the fighting.

"What is going on in Najaf and the rest of the Iraqi cities is a violation of sanctities, an aggression on holy sites and shedding of innocent blood that could lead to a vicious civil war," Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Taqi al-

Modaresi said during Friday prayers in Karbala.

"I call on everyone to shun violence, stop all military operations and for the immediate withdrawal of the troops from the cities."

Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi said negotiations were being held between officials of Iraq's interim government and al-Sadr's representatives, without participation by U.S. officials. National Security Adviser Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie and Defense Minister Hazem Shalan were both in Najaf, Iraqi officials said.

Army Guard's readiness officer in Fredericksburg, dreaded informing 17 of his troops that they were becoming full-time soldiers.

"It was hard, knowing the

guys, to call and say, 'It's your turn,'" said Ottmers, 42. "But the guys took it so well. A couple of them said, 'If I go over there, then somebody else can come back.'"

## Najaf

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city, where the militants have taken refuge.

The U.S. Defense Department said about 2,200 Marines, along with 500 to 1,000 soldiers and an undisclosed number of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops, were involved in Thursday's offensive.

Also Friday, U.S. airstrikes hit Fallujah, witnesses said. There were no immediate reports of injuries. The U.S.

## Troops

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ness officer for the Hondo unit. "I have two kids I have to make sure are squared away. They're going to stay with my brother."

About 102,000 reservists, or 29 percent of all guard troops nationwide, are now mobilized, said Maj. John Tonioli of the National Guard Bureau.

He said the deployments include 37,000 Army National Guard troops in Iraq and more than 6,000 in Afghanistan.

Rodney Ottmers, the

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# Viewpoints

## If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck

We've had a full moon, a blue moon, and now, a Friday the 13th in less than two weeks.

I've not thought about superstitions lately, been too busy with work and other endeavors — have a full plate, and I've tried to push myself away from the table called life, but when I bumped my head on a rung as I walked under a ladder today, I could not avoid the line in the sidewalk.

Talk about having my bell rung. Rubbing the growing tomo on my scalp and looking back over my shoulder at the painter laughing at me, I literally tripped over the biggest black cat I've ever seen. No, this wasn't a

cat, it had to be a black panther, but not the radical type, for the claw marks it left on my shin had to be two inches apart. I know that for a fact.

While I was bent over treating those claw marks in front of a mirror, I blacked out from lack of oxygen and fell into the mirror. I awakened all asprawl in shards of glass. Took me almost two hours to arise from that sharp mess and I have the band-aids to prove it.

Later on, I suffered through a friend's wedding only to slip on all the rice covering the steps of the church — must have been three thousand steps to that church — I guess the fellow-

ship wants to be close to heaven when the Rapture starts. Who wouldn't?

When I awakened in the emergency room from the concussion due to falling down 3,000 steps, my lawyer said I was very lucky not to break anything. I would have a noticeable limp for a few years, but the money I would receive would be worth the pain. While recovering at mater and pater's abode, mater asked me to fetch some taters from the cellar. While picking out some

spuds, I found a toad that had to be the size of Jabba the Hut. Mammy's mashed potatoes had to wait, I had to get that toad carefully out of the cellar, for that's really bad luck.



**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist

What did that ingrate toad do, why he let out the loudest croak heard this side of a Louisiana swamp.

The reverberation of that croak cracked the ol' water pipes in the cellar and water came cascading down. With all the mirror shards in me and the limp from the fall down the 3,000 steps, the

water made it difficult to climb the cellar's steps. So I grabbed an old umbrella to ward off all the water while ascending the steps — barely made it out of that cellar with the toad, but all mater had to do was let the spuds float to her.

Pater was not happy with the plumber's bill, nor was I when pap presented the bill to me. Why, I was so upset with all the bad luck, I stormed out of the house clutching that ingrate toad — saved him from drowning, I did — and what did I do but step on an earthworm — bad luck all day it is. Got the warts to prove it.

What a day I've experienced. What with the bad

luck, I'd have no luck at all. Wouldn't you know it, swallowing so much water gave me hiccups (hiccoughs, for you perfectionists) and there's nary a paper sack to cover my head, just plastic. I didn't want to suffocate, just cure those miserable hiccups.

If I had a four-leafed clover in my pocket, none of these transgressions would have happened at all! Knock on wood and cross my fingers, I'll get through this 13th. The Praying Mantis skulking on the sunflower next to my window should help, too.

Happy Friday the 13th, readers, and remember this, it's just another day.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 13, the 226th day of 2004. There are 140 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors in order to halt the flight of refugees.

### On this date:

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.

In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces over French and Bavarian soldiers.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice-chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

## Our readers write

### Art makes life worthwhile

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This letter was written in response to Charley Reese's column "Base hard choices on hard science," in the Aug. 11 issue of *The Pampa News*.

Dear Mr. Reese,

It saddens me to read your column on art and the state of the environment.

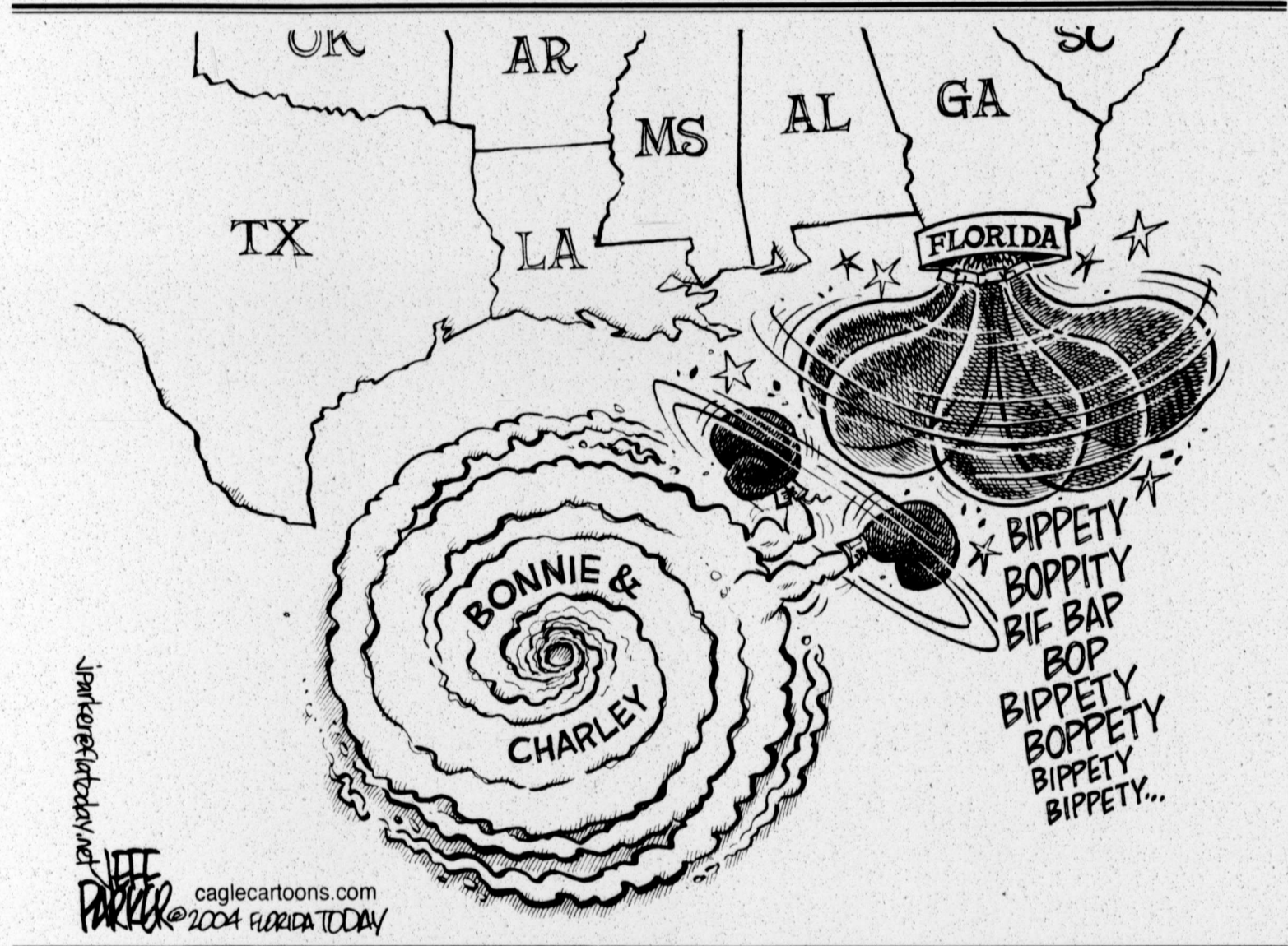
Aside from being labeled by you as a mindless rat, simply eating and defecating continuously, I also object to the implication that art is nothing more than mere pleasurable decoration.

You are obviously confusing the human impulse to create art, the joy of creation, and the appreciation of beauty with some concept of Art (with a capital "A") as an industry that has made its mission to alienate and confuse you.

The study of art throughout the ages is the study of man's attempt to understand his reason for being here and to celebrate the creative spirit within us, which is truly a divine gift. To suggest that we reduce the educated appreciation of art to the pursuit of a pleasurable sensation, as you do, is to bring us all to our lowest aesthetic level.

Obviously we must be

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## Partisan politics punish people

It is hard to believe, but recent polling by the Fox News Channel suggests that more than a third of American voters believe that the Bush administration is manipulating the terror warnings for political advantage. This ridiculous suspicion is the Democratic equivalent of those Republicans who labeled Bill Clinton's rocket attacks in Afghanistan in the hopes of killing Osama bin Laden a wagging of the dog.

America is not helped, and is badly hurt, when our partisans do not observe common sense and the paramount necessity of defending the national interest in

their political rhetoric. Words have consequences, and the excessive partisanship now — like the vitriolic Republican partisanship in the Clinton years — harms the national interest in clear and apparent ways.

Besieged by critics who claimed that it was raising the terror threat to staunch Kerry's momentum as he emerged from his convention, the Bush people felt obliged to release the fact

that the British and Pakistanis had arrested al Qaeda computer guru Mohammed Nasin Noor Khan in Pakistan on July 13.

This unfortunate release of information reportedly crippled ongoing British efforts to use Khan — or at least his computer and e-mail — to communicate with, and therefore identify, his al Qaeda colleagues.

Once the terrorists read in the newspaper or saw on CNN that Khan was in

Western custody, his usefulness to our intelligence services was fatally compromised. One British intelligence figure explained, in classic understatement, "It made our task more difficult."

Why did the Bush administration feel obliged to reveal the source of the intelligence that impelled it to ratchet up the terror alert? Because the Michael Moores of the world would not respect the terror warning without proof — even if this evidence compromised efforts to get more intelligence.

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**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



## Literary reading in state of decline

Austin American-Statesman on decline in literary reading:

If you're reading this, then there's a pretty good bet that you've read other things over the past 12 months, including a novel, short story, poem or play.

And that puts you in a shrinking group of Americans: literary readers. According to a survey done for the National Endowment for the Arts, called "Reading at Risk," the percentage of Americans who read literary works is in free fall.

Only 47 percent of American adults read a novel or short story in the past year, the survey said, a

double-digit decline from the 57 percent who did so in 1982. Among the youngest age groups (18-24 years old), literary reading dropped 28 percent over the past two decades.

Many dire predictions have been spun from the report released last month, including an advance obituary for the eventual Death of Literature. More worrisome to the folks at the NEA, though, was the social fallout from a nation abandoning literary works of art. "As

more Americans lose this capability, our nation becomes less informed, active and independent minded," NEA Chairman Dana Gioia said. "These are not qualities that a free, innovative or productive society can afford to lose."

NEA's survey was skewed because it did not include nonfiction books, such as former President Clinton's "My Life," which hit nearly a million sales in its first week. But well-written biography and history can be as

literary as the latest Harry Potter novel (5 million sales in one day).

Still, the decline in literary reading isn't a promising trend. But is it any surprise? People now have so many more options for entertainment and information than they had in 1982: From 500 television channels to picture phones, from the Internet to blogs. "Moby Dick" just can't compete.

Reading for enjoyment has to muscle its way into busy lives, work, TV and all the rest of the demands on our attention. And reading literature doesn't seem as

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**California in San**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — California Supreme Court justices on Friday agreed to hear a case that could likely spur a wave of whether California weddings.

The seven-member panel led by Mayor Gavin Newsom, who has argued that the licenses he issued violated a 1996 state law that bans same-sex marriage as a public policy.

The justices will vote on whether to allow the state to sue Newsom for the 2002 vote to nullify the licenses. The case was formed between Newsom and the county of San Francisco.

The court's decision could resolve whether the state would permit Newsom to sue the county. The question will be whether the county's suits and contracts are valid.

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responsible for our environment survive, and we must.

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Faced with the prospect of curtailing a key building program and British citizenship administration could have to explain acting and revenue of how it found plans.

This tragedy in the last Republican administration was Clinton was a foreign policy attention from the grand jury launching the Sudan and Africa.

We now know it was important to bin Laden. Even the 9/11 commission bemoaned Clinton to approve operations that to kill the terrorist.

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**California Supreme Court voids gay marriages in San Francisco, says mayor exceeded authority**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court voided the nearly 4,000 same-sex marriages sanctioned in San Francisco earlier this year, a move that will likely spur a new round of litigation about whether California's Constitution allows the weddings.

The seven justices on Thursday all said Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision to issue the licenses and perform the ceremonies violated a 1977 state law that defines marriage as a union between a man and woman.

The justices separately decided with a 5-2 vote to nullify the 3,995 marriages performed between Feb. 12 and March 11, when the court halted the weddings.

The court focused its ruling on the limits of local government authority, and did not resolve whether the California Constitution would permit a same-sex marriage. That question will have to wait as a flurry of lawsuits and countersuits over the gay wed-

dings rise through the state's courts.

Chief Justice Ronald George, writing for the majority, noted that Thursday's ruling doesn't address "the substantive legal rights of same sex couples." Instead, it insists that local officials can't legislate state law from city halls or county government centers.

About a dozen gay and lesbian couples, some wearing wedding dresses and tuxedos, waited on the steps of the Supreme Court building, and some cried when the decision was read.

While the same-sex marriages had virtually no legal value, their nullification dismayed Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license in San Francisco.

"Del is 83 years old and I am 79," Lyon said. "After being together for more than 50 years, it is a terrible blow to have the rights and protections of marriage taken away from us."

*Calendar items*

• **Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society** is offering a sample copy of its quarterly stamp and coin journal, *The Trumpeter*. Collectors should send 45 in U.S. currency, mint U.S. postage stamps or five international reply coupons to: The Trumpeter, P.O. box 696, Fritch-at-Lake Meredith, TX 79036-0696. For more information, e-mail ou812@arn.net.

• **Educational Merit Foundation**, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization, is seeking host families for high school students from Europe. For more information, call (972) 495-3868 or 1-800-467-8363.

• **Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C.**, is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care

under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848,

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF PAMPA PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2004-2005 City of Pampa Operating Budget. The hearing will be held by the City Commission on the 24th day of August 2004, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas. All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the 2004-2005 proposed budget is on file in the Office of the City Secretary for public review.

Phyllis Jeffers  
City Secretary

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August 13, 2004

**2004 Property Tax Rates in City of Pampa**

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for City of Pampa. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,988,878
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 818,013
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,806,891
Last year's tax base	\$ 403,869,209
Last Year's total tax rate	0.695000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,715,930
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 401,551,515
= This year's effective tax rate	0.676359/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.696649/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,680,279
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 401,551,515
= This year's effective operating rate	0.667481/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.720879/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.195054/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.915933/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.187736/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.728197/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Pampa adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.676359 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$85,811.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be paid from Property Taxes		Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes		Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1995 G.O.	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 600	\$ 600		\$ 53,100
1997 C.O.	\$ 120,000	\$ 18,040	\$ 600	\$ 600		\$ 138,640
2001 G.O. Ref.	\$ 250,000	\$ 88,300	\$ 600	\$ 600		\$ 40,410
2001 C.O.	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,810	\$ 600	\$ 600		\$ 40,410
1999 C.O.	\$ 85,000	\$ 128,080	\$ 600	\$ 600		\$ 213,680
Total Required For 2004 Debt Service						\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A						\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources						\$ 0
- Excess collections last year						\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004						\$ 784,730
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2004						\$ 0
= Total Debt Levy						\$ 784,730

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$755,286 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 N. Russell, Pampa, TX 79065.

Name of person preparing this notice: Gay Whitehead RTA  
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Date Prepared: August 6, 2004

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responsible caretakers of our environment if we are to survive, and we should all be

taught to treat the Earth with respect. But your knee-jerk reaction blaming government funding of the arts for the lack of progress on environmental issues lacks any logical clarity and clearly misses the big picture.

The pursuit, practice, education and philosophy of art is intrinsically human and is one of the things that makes our daily struggle worthwhile.

Christine Alexander  
Pampa

**Partisan**

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Faced with the necessity of curtailing access to several key buildings in American and British cities, the administration could not just act, it had to explain why it was acting and reveal the secret of how it found out the terror plans.

This tragedy has its precedent in the loud cries of the Republican partisans that Clinton was manipulating foreign policy to distract attention from his impending grand jury testimony by launching missile strikes in Sudan and Afghanistan.

We now understand how important it was to try to kill bin Laden. Ever so politely, the 9/11 commission has bemoaned Clinton's failure to approve other military operations that had a chance to kill the terrorist leader.

But could Clinton have done so? Could he have sent U.S. troops to Afghanistan to find bin Laden while he was on the impeachment griddle? As a practical matter, he could not. The Republicans were so suspicious of even the limited steps he did take that they persuaded many Americans that he was intervening to save his skin from the accusations related to impeachment.

Both then and now, partisans do a disservice to the American people.

Having worked at the White House, I know the obvious: That it is totally impossible to do something as public as raise a terror

alert just for political purposes. Too many people are involved, and the circle of information is held too widely to get the kind of complicity necessary for so partisan a step. The newspapers would soon find out that the alert had no basis in intelligence and the resulting

outrage would dwarf any which we have heard thus far.

If raising the terror alert helped Bush's chances in November, it is because we do, in fact, live in a dangerous world and that if people trust Bush better to handle it, then

they should vote for him. This political reality, not any artifice on the part of the administration, is what is at work in the days after the Democratic convention.

*'... it is totally impossible to do something as public as raise a terror alert just for political*

— Dick Morris  
Columnist

**Read**

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vital to life as it once did. We no longer have to read a book to enjoy Tom Sawyer's adventures, suffer with Jay Gatsby, live with Rabbit Angstrom or stagger through Sherman McCoy's vain universe. All that and more is there for us in other forms, including books on tape or CDs.

The reading habit is atrophying because it requires sustained concentration. Modern life is moving too fast for such a self-indulgent pastime, and many Americans now get the great stories in other ways.

But literary works that speak to people about society, ideas, truth and the human condition will survive. Literature won't die out altogether because it alone allows people to exercise their imaginations, lets

them see the author's work through their own mind's eye, not someone else's. And there will always be those who read out of love and appreciation for the written word.

Is it possible that the

hunger for literary fiction could reawaken in Americans so attuned to other forms of entertainment?

Maybe not, but if it does, great works old and new will be there for them.

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# Religion

## True salvation brings rejoicing

My neighbor told me that a certain incident (had occurred) before the man got saved. I replied, "I had not heard that he had been saved." "Oh, yes," was the reply, "and you don't have to be around him very long until he will tell you about it."

I rejoiced over such good news, that another soul got such a heart-changing experience of salvation, that it brought rejoicing and gladness to the person. (Luke 15:10)

Years ago, a minister of conversion in his congregation, said, "The man was hooked on alcohol, but he got the most glorious experience in Christ that I have ever seen. It made such a difference in the man that the community around knew the difference." The minister further stated that when the man got blessed in worship service, "he had a holy laugh."

That kind of experience in Christ is my blessing, also. However, I never had the sin of alcoholism to get delivered from. I am so thankful that God kept me from alcohol and tobacco. It must be such a horrible addiction.

At this point, my mind goes back to the late 1920s and early 1930s when the general public cast a frown on women who smoked. Then First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt came out smoking a cigarette. Tobacco companies made their millions as the ladies thought this was an open door for them to become equal to the men. I have a dear sister who is living a life of regret for the years, and the money, she spent ruining her lungs.

People, especially young people, will you please heed my warning and find deliverance in Christ? Christ will be so honored to have you seek Him for help. Don't think of church membership or water baptism to get you loose from such addiction. Go to Christ in desperate prayer. If you need help, find a minister that knows about this kind of

deliverance. If you need me, I am easy to find.

Smith Wigglesworth tells of a man so deeply devoted to the working of Satan until the non-Christians did not want his friendship. Then a young man told that man about a glorious experience of salvation.

That wicked man prayed so hard for four hours that God would forgive him. The family cat that always scampered from the room when the wicked man came home was no longer afraid and slept on the man's lap. The wife and two boys found Christ that night in the home. The man went on and became a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ for many years. Where sin did abound, grace did much more abound. (Romans 5:20)

**The Rev. Archie Cooper**

Pentecostal Holiness



My critics will say, "Foolishness. God is more anxious to save us than we are to get saved."

Praying changes a person as well as convincing God of the person's sincerity. I am a personal witness to a glorious experience of fellowship with Christ after repenting and confessing, as well as dedicating my life and service to Him. No I am in love with Him.

A couple in my church once told of their daughter's engagement to be married. Please allow me to use the name James. The parents said, "In conversation we had James for Breakfast and James for dinner and James for supper and in between meals."

Their daughter was in love with James. How often do you, my reader, get excited about your love for Christ? How often does the name of

Jesus just pop into your conversation?

St. Peter said it about like this, "Though we do not now see Christ, yet believing in Him we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (1 Peter 1:8)

I am past 91 years old, a widower for more than six years, a Christian for nearly 72 years and I am getting excited about the wedding of the bride, united with the Groom, the Lamb of God.

This time around God's Son will be the groom and I'll be one of those who make up His bride. Yes, I am thrilled and I talk about my fiancé more than three times a day. Whatever it takes to keep oil in my vessel with my lamp, and to keep my robe white in the blood of the Lamb, I am striving for, because Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." To strive is stronger than just a wishful desire to go to heaven. (Luke 13:24)

Not every Christian has moved into that positive and blessed assurance that is available to them. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. (Luke 3:16) In the Holy Ghost is where we get the blessed and positive assurance. Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4:13)

If the Holy Ghost abides in you and you want a thrill, read Revelations 19: 7-8: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, can and white for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."

Can you see where I get my thrill? St. Paul said, "I have espoused you to one husband."

Thank you, Paul, for I don't want another and another and another. Amen.

### DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Remember:

- Hell's Hot
- Life's Short
- Death's Sure
- Eternity's Long
- and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

**NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE**

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than believing. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. By believing as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by believing only. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is always believe.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man believeth (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of believing John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise. **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus knew that this man believed in Him; that this man believed that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or anything first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with believing, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, believe. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: believe. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," believe. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

<sup>1</sup> All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge) 1769.

### Religion in Brief

#### White House faith-based director vows to fight restrictive local government

FALMOUTH, Maine (AP) — The head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives says he'll fight local governments that block federal funding of religious groups.

"Sometimes you see local governments that bully faith-based organizations and basically tell them that they have to compromise their religious beliefs and tenets if they want to partner with government," said Jim Towey, who met last week with Catholic Charities of Maine.

"That may be their prerogative when it's state and local money," Towey said, "but when it's federal money that raises a whole different set of issues."

Portland's domestic partnership ordinance restricts federal funding to the Roman Catholic nonprofit because it provides no benefits to same-sex partners of employees or unmarried heterosexual partners of staff members. The charity responded by suing the city in March 2003.

Towey said ordinances such as the one in Portland "discriminate against faith-based organizations."

Some objected to Towey's characterization of the law.

"It is not bullying to tell a group that it has to obey the same laws as everyone else," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, based in Washington, D.C. "Mr.

Towey, although he talks about a level playing field, in fact wants to require secular groups to abide by civil rights laws but not religious groups. Frankly, they all should abide by basic principles of fairness and equality that we find in the Constitution, if they get federal funds."

#### U.S. Roman Catholic ordination class older and more educated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men who became American Roman Catholic priests this year were older and better educated than previous ordination classes, and more of them came from other countries, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said.

The percentage who were not from the United States rose from 24 percent to 31 percent between 1998 and this year, and came mainly from Vietnam, Mexico, the Philippines and Poland.

The average age rose from 35 to 37 in the same period.

The share of men without a bachelor's degree before entering the seminary dropped from 30 percent to 22 percent, and the number with a degree beyond a bachelor's rose from 13 percent to 28 percent in the same period.

The survey was conducted by Dean Hoge, a sociologist at the Catholic University of America who has studied the priesthood for three decades. He based his findings on interviews with 336 respondents from dioceses and religious orders.

### Teen band to perform in local park

Teen Challenge Band of Midland will perform at Prairie Village Park on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Hot dogs, lemonade, and cookies will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the music at 7 p.m.

Teen Challenge Band will also be ministering in the morning worship service at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Band members will share their personal testimonies.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: If a gentleman asks a lady to accompany him to a casino and gives her money to gamble, is it proper for him to insist that she split her winnings with him? This happened to me recently.

Even before the \$1,000 credits were finished rolling, my date called out that it was a 50/50 split. Most of my friends felt it was highly inappropriate, and that I should have been entitled to my entire jackpot.

I would have preferred being given the chance to make up my own mind about whether I wished to share my winnings. My friends also pointed out that this man makes four times the money I do and should have been more generous.

Do you think my friends were right? At first I was just a little bit irritated. Now I feel taken advantage of.

— SHORTCHANGED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SHORT-CHANGED: Considering the fact that your date advanced the money that brought your windfall, I'd say you are 100 percent ahead of where you would be had he not been so generous. You may feel offended at his sense of entitlement, but a lady would have offered to share.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old woman who has never been married. My boyfriend, "Mickey," recently proposed and I accepted. We're planning a small wedding in about four months. It's a first marriage for both of us.

I have two small dogs whom I adore. Their names are Melody and Harmony. Mickey insists that I get rid of one of them and that I am immature for wanting to keep both.

I explained that Melody and Harmony were around before he was, and I can't give up

either one. He knew about them before we began dating.

They are not outdoor pets. I keep them very clean and do not see what the problem is. Melody and Harmony both have been through basic dog training and are well-behaved.

I am disturbed that, knowing how much I care for them, he would ask such a thing. We seem unable to reach an agreement about this. I love Mickey dearly and know he loves me, too. How can we resolve this?

— BROKENHEARTED IN PEORIA, ARIZ.

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: What your fiancé is suggesting is a very poor start for a marriage. If you cave in to these demands, you will never forgive yourself — and it will only be the beginning of what he will want you to sacrifice. My advice to you is to postpone the wedding until your fiancé can find enough love in his heart for the three of you, because you are a package deal.

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DEAR ABBY: Please tell people that when shaking hands, not to "squeeze" a person's hand hard. I have arthritis in my hands and it hurts so bad when some people shake my hand. Just a gentle shake is sufficient. Please print this.

— SORE HAND IN PILGRIM, KY.

DEAR SORE: A person can shake your hand only if you extend it. The next time you're in a social situation and someone extends his or her hand — smile, reach out and touch the person on the upper arm and say, "I'd shake your hand, but I can't because I have arthritis."

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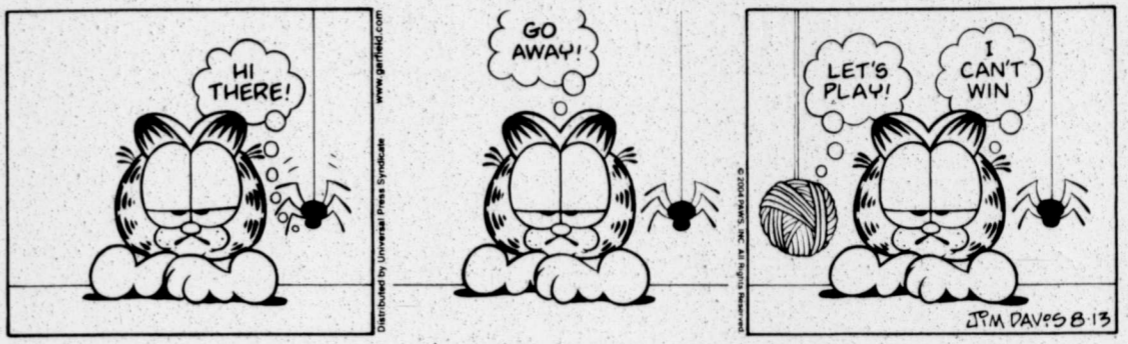
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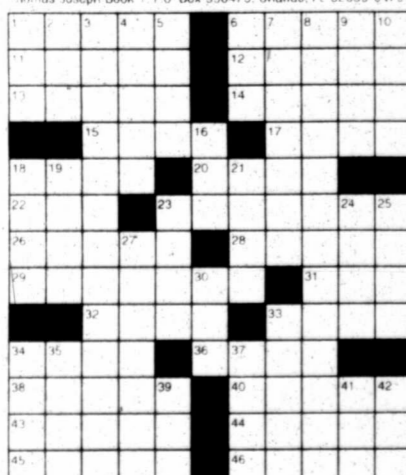
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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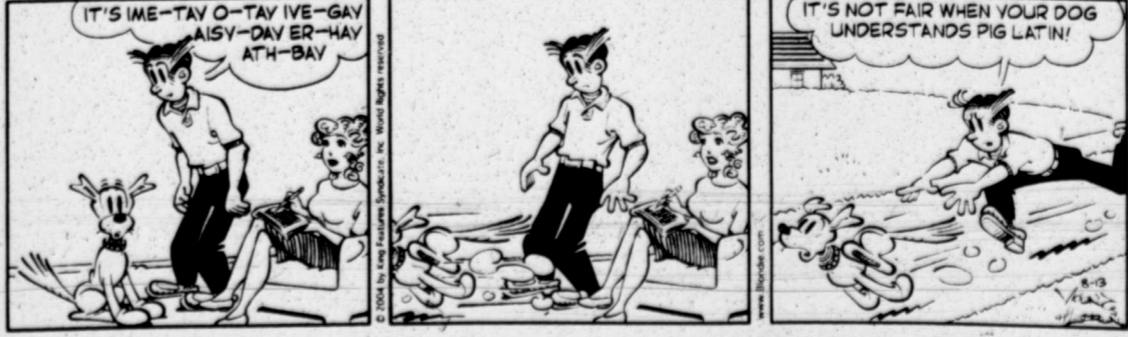
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# Sports Day



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## Court order

Jenny Rogers tells the volleyball team and Head Coach, Shannon Stroud, to keep up the good work at the two-a-days earlier this week.

## Schmidt gets 15, Broussard clubs Grand Slam

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**National League**  
Jason Schmidt made sure the San Francisco Giants never needed to use their bullpen.

That's the way he likes it. Schmidt pitched a four-hitter with 11 strikeouts for his NL-leading 15th win, and the visiting Giants beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-0 Thursday night. It was Schmidt's eighth career shutout and third of the season, accounting for all three of his complete games this year.

"That's your goal when you go out there is to go the whole way," he said.

Schmidt (15-4) walked one against his former team and allowed only four singles — two by Rob Mackowiak. The right-hander struck out at least 10 for the third straight start and ninth time this season. He joined Oakland's Mark Mulder as the only 15-game winners in the majors.

"When (Schmidt is) pitching, we have a feeling we're going to win," Giants manager Felipe Alou said.

*'That's your goal when you go out there is to go the whole way.'*

— Jason Schmidt  
Pitcher, San Francisco Giants

"There aren't very many good pitchers, not like that. I remember when I played for this team, when (Juan) Marichal was pitching, we knew we would win the game.

"We always played better, we always hit better behind a guy like that."

In other NL games, it was: San Diego 5, Chicago 4 in 11 innings; Atlanta 4, Milwaukee 2; Colorado 3, Philadelphia 1; Florida 8, St. Louis 2; Cincinnati 6, Los Angeles 5; Montreal 7, Arizona 5; and New York 2, Houston 1.

**American League**

Ben Broussard is getting used to jogging around the bases after hitting grand slams. The Cleveland Indians' slugger needs to work on his curtain call, though.

"That was my first one and it was awesome, but I had a tough time getting out there," he said. "The guys were all pounding me and I tripped."

Broussard hit his second grand slam in four days, this time as a pinch hitter, leading the Indians over the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 on Thursday night.

"That was as big as anything Ben has done this year," manager Eric Wedge said.

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## Former Baylor coach asks for forgiveness

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Dave Bliss, who resigned as Baylor's coach a year ago after admitting to NCAA violations, said he is ashamed and humiliated by what he did.

Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned Aug. 8, 2003, after Bliss admitted he violated NCAA rules with illegal payments for tuition and expenses for slain basketball player Patrick Dennehy and another player.

"When it was immediately revealed, your reaction is to the fact you were caught," Bliss said in a telephone interview with ESPN.com. "But as time goes on, my humiliation and my remorse are because I can see the true depth and breadth of what I did in relation to what I really tried to stand for over 30 years in coaching."

The NCAA violations were uncovered in an investigation that began following Dennehy's disappearance in June 2003. His body was found July 25, 2003, and a former teammate is awaiting trial on a first-degree murder charge.

A week after Bliss' resignation, tapes were released in which Bliss was heard trying to suggest a coverup.

"I'm asking everybody that I've hurt through this whole

process to forgive me," Bliss told ESPN.com. "People who know me will believe it. For people who don't know me, it's a jump ball. Some will believe it and some won't. My greatest remorse is to my family and to Baylor and to the people who have trusted me. Those are the ones I really care about knowing it."

Bliss initially said last summer that he hadn't violated any NCAA rules.

"I panicked," Bliss said. "I was hoping that I would be able to avoid the situation."

Stanton said he still supports Bliss.

"The thing I wish Dave would have done for Dave is that when he recognized that he was wrong, then he should have owned up day one," he said. "If he had done that, he could have been back in coaching. He made errors in judgment that were unfortunate."

Bliss said he was hoping to escape scrutiny and that he wouldn't have to tell his family the truth.

Bliss said that he has no recollection of anything "other than trying to save me and Baylor" from the time Dennehy disappeared until his resignation. He didn't know an assistant coach was taping some of his conversations.

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*'When it was immediately revealed, your reaction is to the fact you were caught.'*

— Dave Bliss  
Former basketball coach, Baylor University

## New stadium means big profits

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An economic study of a new Dallas Cowboys stadium reportedly shows the city could gain an estimated \$7 billion in benefits over the next 30 years.

Sources who have seen the cost-benefit study commissioned by Arlington city officials told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions that Arlington stands to add \$238 million a year to its economy by helping build a \$650 million Cowboys stadium.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the newspaper that the study by Economics Resources Associates also estimates that Tarrant County would get a \$400 million economic boost.

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said Thursday evening he would vote to ask residents to approve tax increases and new taxes to pay the city's \$325 million share of stadium construction. The measure, if approved by the City Council, would appear on

the Nov. 2 ballot.

"It's a bigger number than what I thought," Cluck said without revealing details. "It does look very positive."

The Cowboys will reimburse Arlington for the \$25,000 cost of the study by the Los Angeles firm, hired in late July. Sources said Arlington's economic benefits would come from stadium naming rights, additional jobs and increased tourism, including hotel and restaurant trade.

Sources close to the deal said Arlington would receive 5 percent from any naming-rights agreement the Cowboys strike if the stadium is built in the city. Also, the sources said the Cowboys would pay Arlington \$2 million a year to lease the retractable-roof stadium.

The deal, according to the sources, also calls for the Cowboys to establish an Arlington charity and contribute \$500,000 to it and other entities.

## Indians release Escobar

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians released Alex Escobar, making the often-injured outfielder a free agent.

Escobar was a key component of the December

2001 trade that sent Roberto Alomar to the New York Mets. But Escobar, at one time considered a five-tool player, was injured in two of his three seasons in the Indians organization.

## Dusters face Stampede

The Amarillo Dusters take a seven game win streak into tomorrow night's home game against the San Angelo Stampede.

Kick off is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The Dusters have already clinched a play-off spot and can retain home-field advantage throughout with a win tomorrow night. The

team is undefeated at home this season.

San Angelo has fallen on hard times in recent weeks. The head coach was banned from the league for life in the aftermath of forfeiting a game July 31, and lineman Patterson Owens collapsed and died just two days later.

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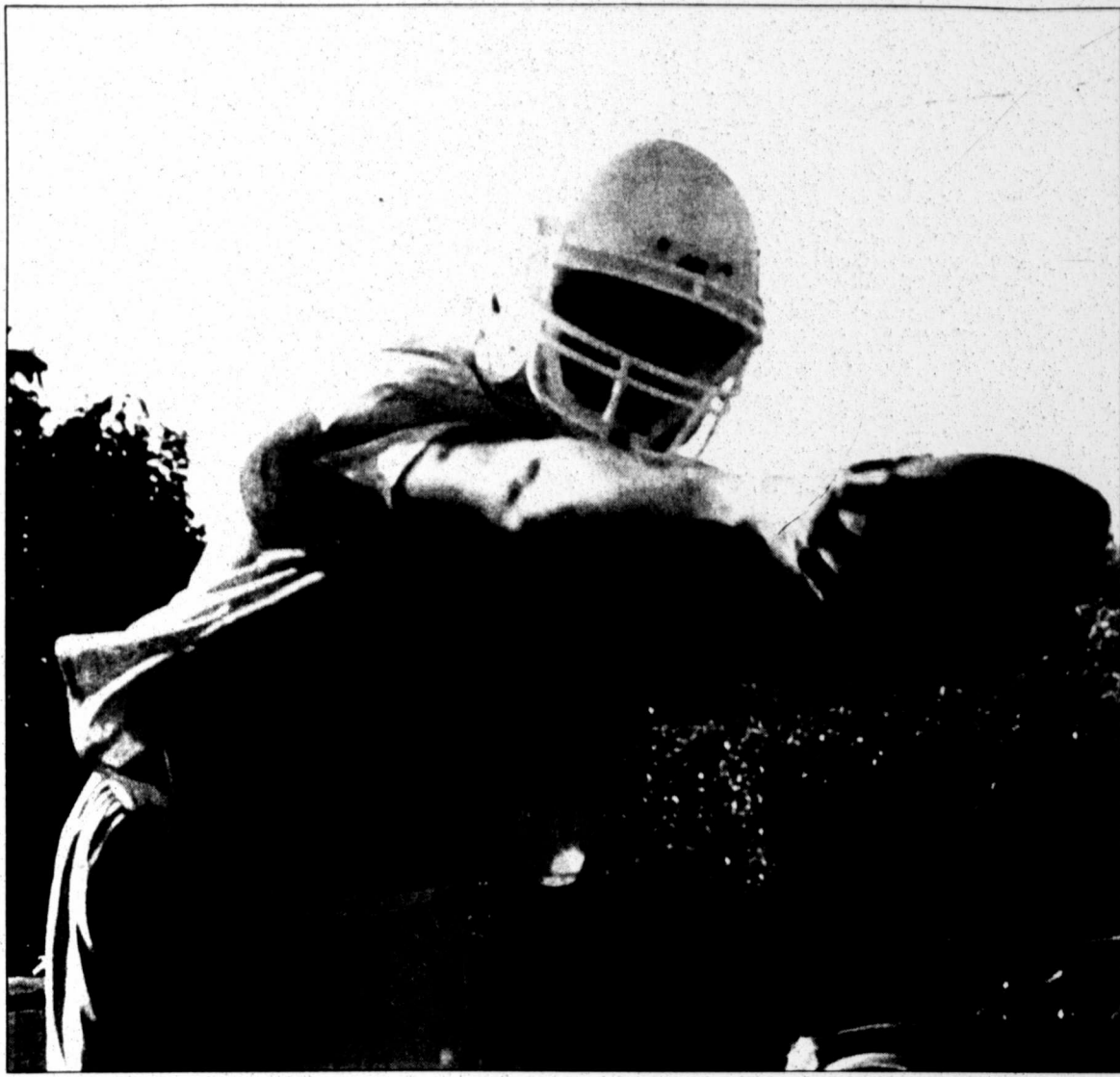
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## Hands on

Craig Crowell catches a ball during a passing drill at the PHS football two-a-days.

## Bliss

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"What I went through was a period where all I'm trying to do is find an explanation that will save me and Baylor," Bliss added, "Imagine being taped in your worst moment. That's what I went through."

Of the violations, Bliss said, "There was no booster involvement and no preconceived plan of cheating. There was no seven-year plan. It was one person paying for scholarships."

Bliss said he paid for two players during the 2002-2003 season.

"I was scrambling because I didn't have enough players," Bliss said. "I should have had faith in the system instead of trying to take matters into my own hands."

"My reaction to thinking we wouldn't have a competitive team was a weak one," Bliss said. "When you do something of this 1/8 cheating 3/8 nature, it's a cowardly reaction. I did things I never believed I would do. There was blind ambition."

"During the past year I've tried to look after my family as best I could," Bliss said. "I haven't done anything coaching-wise. I dishonored the profession I care a great deal about."

Bliss said apologizing was important for him.

"Not being able to convey my remorse has kept me from thinking about doing something else. While there will never be closure on what I did, I care a great deal about still trying to do the things God created me to do," he said. "From situations like this, you can get bitter or better. I haven't been bitter because I'm the one who is responsible."

## Thursday's MLB box scores

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay 000 000 000 — 0 6 0  
Boston 102 021 00x — 6 15 0

Hendrickson, L.Carter (5), DBaez (8) and THall; PMartinez and Varitek. W—PMartinez 13-4. L—Hendrickson 8-11. HR—Boston, Youkilis (7).

Detroit 001 102 010 — 5 11 0  
Oakland 100 100 001 — 3 9 0

Maroth, J.Walker (8), Urbina (9) and Inge; THudson, Duchschere (6), Mecir (8), RRincon (9) and DMiller. W—Maroth 9-7. L—Duchschere 4-4. Sv—Urbina (19). HRs—Detroit, RoWhite (17), Monroe (6). Oakland, Kotsay (10), DMiller (9).

Baltimore 200 103 000 — 6 14 0  
Anaheim 000 100 000 — 1 6 0

RLopez, Williams (8), Groom (9) and Machado; Colon, Donnelly (6), Hensley (8) and JMolina. W—RLopez 10-7. L—Colon 11-9. HRs—Baltimore, Mora (21). Anaheim, JGuillen (22).

Toronto 001 010 000 — 2 30  
Cleveland 000 010 50x — 6 7 1

Lilly, Ligtenberg (7), Chulk (7), Frasier (8) and Cash; CILee, Riske (7), Betancourt (8) and Laker. W—Riske 6-2. L—Ligtenberg 1-5. HRs—Toronto, OHudson (8), Cleveland, Crisp (9), Broussard (9).

New York 040 000 010 — 5 10 0  
Texas 100 000 000 — 1 5 1

OHernandez, Gordon (8), Proctor (9), MRivera (9) and Posada; Erickson, Benoit (5), Francisco (8), BShouse (9) and Laird. W—OHernandez 5-0. L—Erickson 0-2. HRs—New York, Olerud (6), Cairo (4).

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston 000 001 000 — 1 2 0  
New York 010 000 10x — 2 8 1

Pettitte, Weathers (6), Harville (8) and Ausmus; Zambrano, Bottalico (8), Stanton (8), Loper (9) and JPhillips, VWilson (7). W—Zambrano 2-0. L—Weathers 6-7. Sv—Looper (23).

Los Angeles 003 020 000 — 5 7 0  
Cincinnati 000 201 03x — 6 11 1

WAlvarez, Carrara (6), Dreifort (8), Brazoban (8) and Mayne; Hancock, PNorton (5), Riedling (7), GWhite (8), Graves (9) and LaRue. W—GWhite 1-1. L—Dreifort 1-3. Sv—Graves (36). HRs—Los Angeles, Grabowski (7), Beltre (32). Cincinnati, WPena (19).

St. Louis 010 100 000 — 2 7 3  
Florida 102 000 50x — 8 11 0

Morris, Simontacchi (7) and YMolina; Burnett, Bump (8), Koch (9) and Lo Duca. W—Burnett 3-5. L—Morris 12-8. HRs—St. Louis, LWalker (7). Florida, Easley (6).

San Diego 000 002 110 01 — 5 15 1  
Chicago 110 000 200 00 — 4 12 1

(11 innings)  
Peavy, Neal (6), Linebrink (7), Otsuka (8), Stone (10), Hoffman (11) and RaHernandez, Ojeda (11); Clement, Leicester (6), Mercker (7), Farnsworth (7), Remlinger (8), Hawkins (9), Dempster (11) and Barrett, Bako (7). W—Stone 2-2. L—Dempster 0-1. Sv—Hoffman (31). HR—Chicago, Garciaparra (2).

San Francisco 100 200 400 — 7 10 0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000 — 0 4 0

Schmidt and Torrealba; Vogelsong, DWilliams (6), WRoberts (7), Meadows (9) and Kendall, Cota (7). W—Schmidt 15-4. L—Vogelsong 3-9.

Milwaukee 010 001 000 — 2 5 0  
Atlanta 000 201 10x — 4 7 1

BSheets and Moeller; JSwright, Reitsma (8), Smoltz (9) and JEstrada. W—JSwright 11-5. L—BSheets 9-9. Sv—Smoltz (28). HRs—Milwaukee, Jenkins (18). Atlanta, JDrew (26), JEstrada (7), AJones (18).



Photo by DENNIS DOUGHTY

## Diamond duo

Jed Martin, left, and Hunter Craig were recently named to the Class 4A Academic All-State Baseball Team for the 2004 season. Martin will attend West Texas A&M this fall while Craig will attend Texas Tech. This honor is awarded by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and is based on GPA, class rank, ACT/SAT scores, as well as baseball ability.

## Iraq 4, Portugal 2

PATRAS, Greece (AP) — In its first Olympic competition since its country was shattered by war, Iraq upset Portugal in a gritty, come-from-behind victory as about 200 chanting fans cheered and jumped wildly.

Portugal went ahead in the 12th minute when Iraqi defender Habar Haidar accidentally kicked the ball into his own net as he tried to clear a pass by Cristiano Ronaldo. Three minutes later, however, Mohammed Emad tied it after picking up a rebound from the goalkeeper, Moreira.

Iraq went ahead 2-1 in the 28th minute when Mohammed Hawar scored on a soft shot after dribbling past the goalkeeper, but Portugal tied it with a minute to go in the first half on a goal by Bosingwa.

Mahmoud Younis put Iraq ahead 3-2 in the 50th minute, and Sadit Salih scored during injury time to seal the victory.

Iraq leads Group D with three points, while Costa Rica and Morocco have one after playing to a scoreless tie.

## MLB

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Broussard has three slams this season, including a shot Monday against the Chicago White Sox. He's the fourth player in major league history with two pinch-hit slams in one season, joining Davey Johnson (1978), Mike Ivie (1978) and Darryl Strawberry (1998).

His first slam came as a pinch hitter was June 23 at Chicago. After entering the season 1-for-12 with the bases loaded, Broussard is 6-for-9 with three homers and 21 RBIs in that situation.

"What a difference a year makes," he said. "Back then, it was, 'Oh, man, I've got to drive this guy in.' Now, I look at getting to pinch hit with the bases loaded as a great situation. It's fun."

Batting for Josh Phelps, Broussard connected off Vinnie Chulk for his ninth homer to highlight a five-run seventh inning.

"I said to myself, 'Just try to get a big hit.' I wasn't thinking home run," Broussard said. "I just relaxed and tried not to swing too hard."

In other AL games, it was: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 0; New York 5, Texas 1; Baltimore 6, Anaheim 1; Detroit 5, Oakland 3; Minnesota 6, Seattle 3; and Chicago 3, Kansas City 2.

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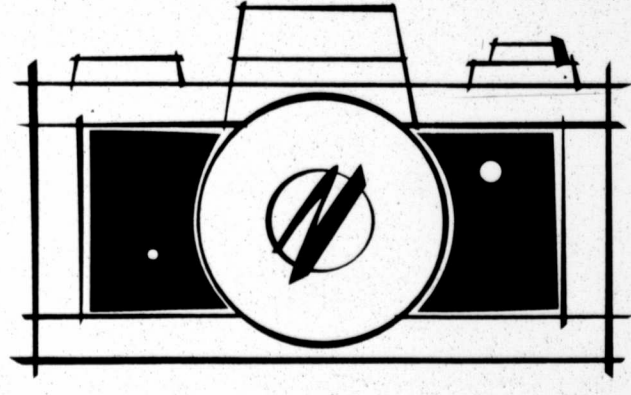
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# Rates on 30-year mortgages falling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rates on 30-year mortgages dipped to the lowest level in nearly four months this week, providing more support for the booming housing market.

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— Amy Crews Cutts  
Economist

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey, said Thursday that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5.85 percent this week. That's down from the average rate of 5.99 percent last week and is the lowest level for 30-year mortgages since early April.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Since then, they have slowly drifted downward, reflecting in part what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has called a "soft patch" in economic

activity in June. Analysts attributed this week's drop to the government report last Friday that the country created only 32,000 jobs in July, far below the 200,000-plus jobs analysts had been expecting.

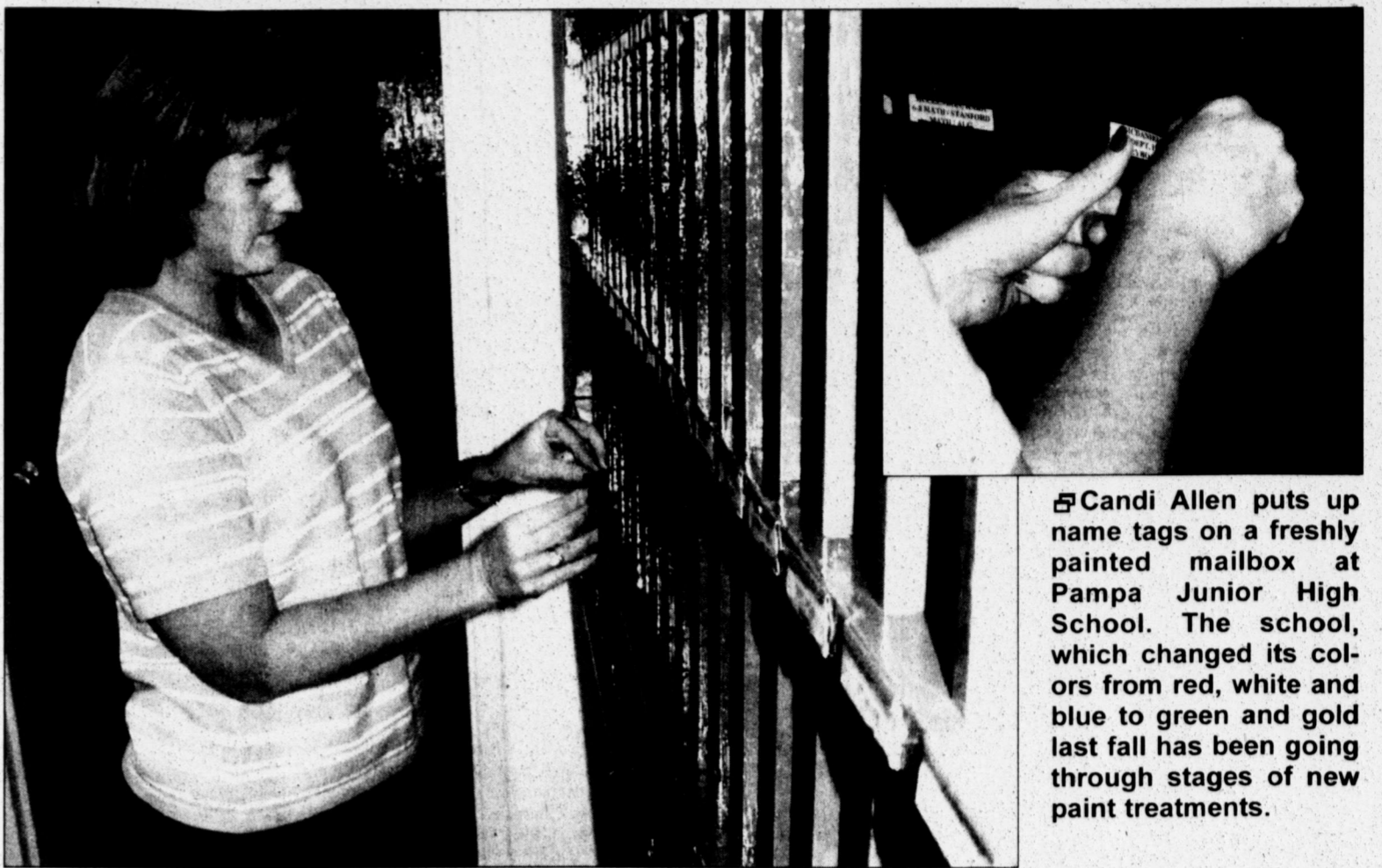
"Last Friday's unexpectedly weak employment report caused interest rates on long-term Treasury bonds and, by extension mortgage rates, to fall as investors worried about the health of the U.S. economy," said Freddie Mac economist Amy Crews Cutts.

She noted that the decline in mortgage rates occurred even though the Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term rate by a quarter-point on Tuesday while at the same time providing an assessment that the current slowdown should be temporary.

"The Fed's cautiously optimistic outlook calmed the market," Cutts said. "As a result, 30-year fixed mortgage rates should stay steady near or just below 6 percent for a while, giving prospective homebuyers another chance to get in with a low rate."

Sales of both existing and new homes are expected to set new records this year.

## New name tags



Candi Allen puts up name tags on a freshly painted mailbox at Pampa Junior High School. The school, which changed its colors from red, white and blue to green and gold last fall has been going through stages of new paint treatments.

Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

# Tickets for Disney ice show go on sale today

AMARILLO — Straight from the city of Monstropolis, one-eyed Mike Wazowski, his furry friend James P. Sullivan — aka Sulley — and the adorable little girl Boo will all be appearing during "Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc.," upcoming ice show in Amarillo.

This comical caper will visit Amarillo from Sept. 23-26 for seven performances at the Amarillo Civic Center. You can save \$4 on opening night tickets (Thursday,

Sept. 23) at the box office. Ticket sales opened today. Any discounts exclude front row and VIP seating.

Mike, Sulley and Boo will bring all of Monstropolis to life in a side-splitting tale sure to spark mega-watt laughter. Hilarious hijinks ensue when Boo ventures into the Monsters, Inc., factory — bringing her infectious giggle and opening the door to an electrifying adventure.

The show will feature an international team of award-

winning figure skaters, thrilling choreography and a fast-paced musical score. State-of-the-art special effects, a monster-sized setting and energized acrobatics will make each audience member feel like a citizen of Monstropolis. Audiences will scream with laughter as this enormous production bursts from the arena with monstrous laughter and excitement.

Tickets for Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc., are available through Panhandletickets at

Amarillo Civic Center Box Office, Randy's Music Mart, WTA&M Event Center, United Supermarkets in Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Dumas, Borger and Dalhart or via phone by dialing (806) 378-3096.

Tickets are regularly \$17 except for front row seats which are \$30 and for VIP seats which are \$25. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday; and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday.

# Typhoon blasts China

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — The death toll from Typhoon Ranim rose to 115 late Friday, after the most powerful storm of the season slammed into the China's southeastern coast, state television reported.

Another 16 people were missing in Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai.

More than 42,000 houses were destroyed and tens of thousands more damaged, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Ranim was the most powerful typhoon to strike China since 1997, the newspaper Qianjiang Evening News said on its Web site.

Authorities reportedly had evacuated 410,000 people from the storm's path, many from rural villages where Xinhua said raging wind and rain destroyed huge swathes of cropland and killed thousands of livestock.

Power in the major city of Taizhou was knocked out and millions of people lost water and phone service, news reports said.

Ranim hit the coastal Chinese city of Wenling at 8 p.m. (1200 GMT) on Thursday after killing one person in Taiwan. Wenling is about 150 kilometers (90 miles) south of Shanghai.

The storm also is expected to help relieve a drought and heat wave affecting much of eastern China.

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where the storm roared ashore late Thursday with winds of more than 160 kph (100 mph), China Central Television said.

The storm injured more than 1,800 people and knocked down thousands of homes, various state media reported.

Ranim weakened to a tropical storm on Friday as it moved west into inland Jiangxi province, bringing heavy rain to China's central lakes region.

## Arts, crafts festival set Aug. 14,15

AMARILLO — The Eight Annual Summer Arts and Crafts Festival is scheduled Aug. 14 and 15 at Amarillo Civic Center. More than 130 artists and crafters from throughout the region will fill the south exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Staci Fraley, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming show will feature a number of newcomers to the Amarillo area.

"First-time exhibitors will offer items such as furniture, potpourri jars, clothing, vests, thermal wraps, jewelry, coasters, scroll saw art, bath salts, homemade

soaps, homemade condiments, candles, goat milk products, candle accessories, and ceramics," Fraley said.

Other items will include candy, hand-crafted wooden crosses, photography, note cards, tole painting, gift baskets, decorative porcelain, jar candles, homemade salsa, metal art, western scenes, lamps, floral art, quilt racks, clothing, chip/dip mixes, handbags, leather items, hair accessories, barnwood furniture, name cutouts and much, much more.

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