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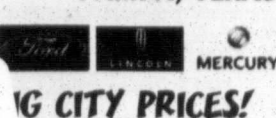
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Prosecution rests in drug trial

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

The prosecution rested shortly before noon today in the drug trial of Cobbie Harris. The jury was given a long lunch break while the defense gathered its witnesses.

Testimony is expected to run into the evening today.

Harris is charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, with intent to deliver in connection with a police raid Nov. 11, 2003, on a house at 1145 S. Varnon.

Today's testimony began with Gary Henderson, a former Texas Ranger who worked as an investigator for the 31st District Attorney's office before being elected Hemphill County Sheriff.

Henderson testified that he had given Anita Graham, who testified Thursday afternoon, several chances to change a statement she gave police the night of a raid in which she said the drugs that were found in the front bedroom belonged to Harris.

"It's not true," Anita Graham, 37,

said from the stand.

On the witness stand Wednesday, Graham recanted the statement she gave law enforcement officers in the wee hours of Nov. 12, 2003, concerning Harris.

In Graham's handwritten statement, given a few hours after Pampa police officers and Gray County deputies served a search warrant shortly after 10 p.m., Nov. 11, 2003, she said that she had seen Harris sell drugs and that Harris lived in the front bedroom of the house officers raided.

"He didn't reside there," Graham said from the witness stand Wednesday afternoon.

Franklin McDonough, assistant district attorney, read part of Graham's statement from November, 2003.

"I've been dating Cobbie Harris for almost a year, and he has been selling drugs such as crack cocaine the whole time I've been with him," Graham wrote.

Wednesday, on the witness stand,

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City of Pampa fogging targets mosquitoes

The City of Pampa has begun its second round of fogging residential areas for "day feeder" mosquitoes, and is fogging for the fourth time this season for "night feeders," according to a press release by Kim Lincycomb, public service superintendent.

'Citizens should be encouraged to keep their grass and weeds cut and empty any containers of water around their property and in the alleys.'

— Kim Lincycomb
Public service superintendent

Serotype H-14.

A herbicide, Roundup Pro & Pendiflex, is being applied to grass on the streets, Lincycomb said.

"Citizens should be encouraged to keep their grass and weeds cut and empty any containers of water around their property and in the alleys. Stagnant water and high grass and weed areas are where mosquitoes breed," she said. Mosquitoes will breed in stagnant water such as that contained in old tires.

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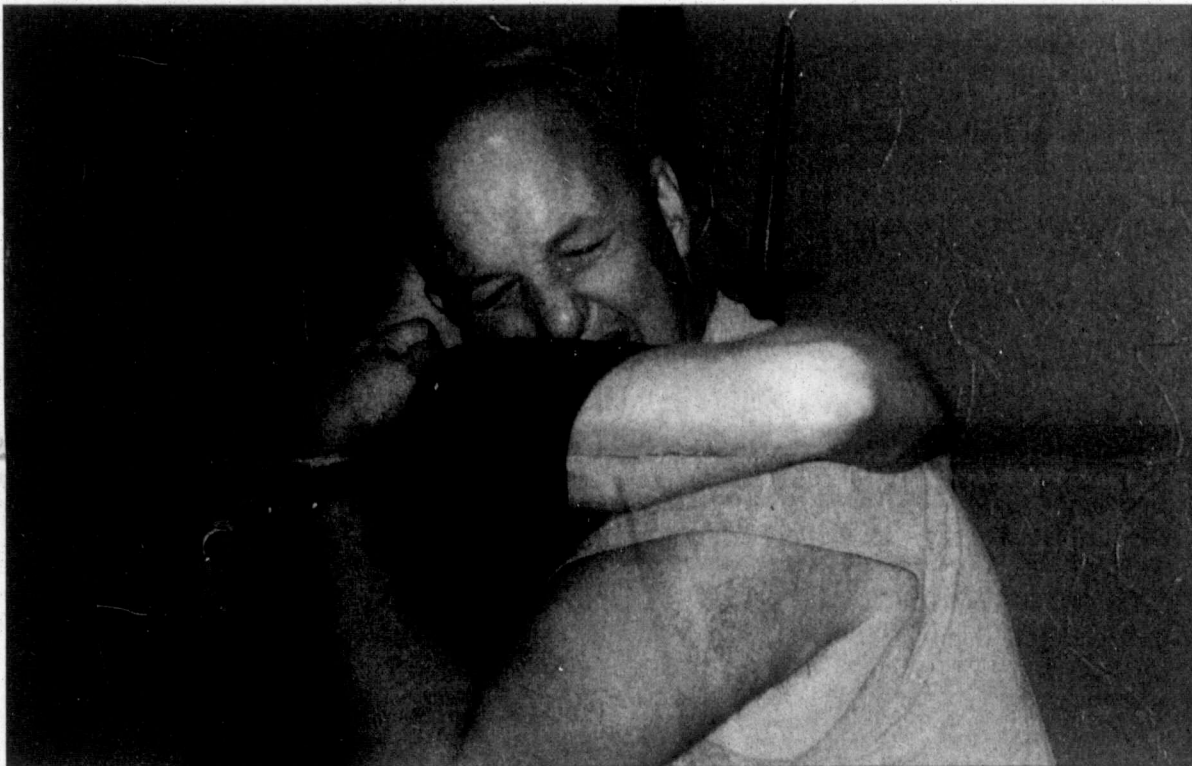
Drug trafficking

Troopers seize marijuana in stop

AMARILLO — Department of Public Safety troopers stopped a 2000 Mazda traveling east-bound on I-40 for a traffic violation, according to a stop just west of Amarillo. At 9 a.m. Tuesday, Texas

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Ricky Conner of Pampa, right, succumbs to tears as he hugs his son, Sgt. Ricky Conner II, left, Wednesday at Dos Caballeros Restaurant. Sgt. Conner arrived in Pampa yesterday on leave from his second tour of duty in Iraq, to the surprise of his parents.

Soldier surprises parents at party

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Ricky and Diane Conner of Pampa thought they were going to a luncheon to celebrate their wedding anniversary at a local restaurant yesterday.

The so-called anniversary celebration turned into a family reunion, however, when their son, a U.S. soldier serving in Iraq, walked up to their table.

"We thought it wasn't until next month" that Sgt. Ricky Conner II would be able to come home for a visit, Diane said.

"He wasn't supposed to be home 'till August,"

Ricky said.

"We last saw him in March. We hadn't heard from him. He hadn't written to us or called us. It was just a shock," Diane said.

Both parents' reactions included tears and smiles as they hugged their son, who will be here until July 7, when he is scheduled to return to Iraq.

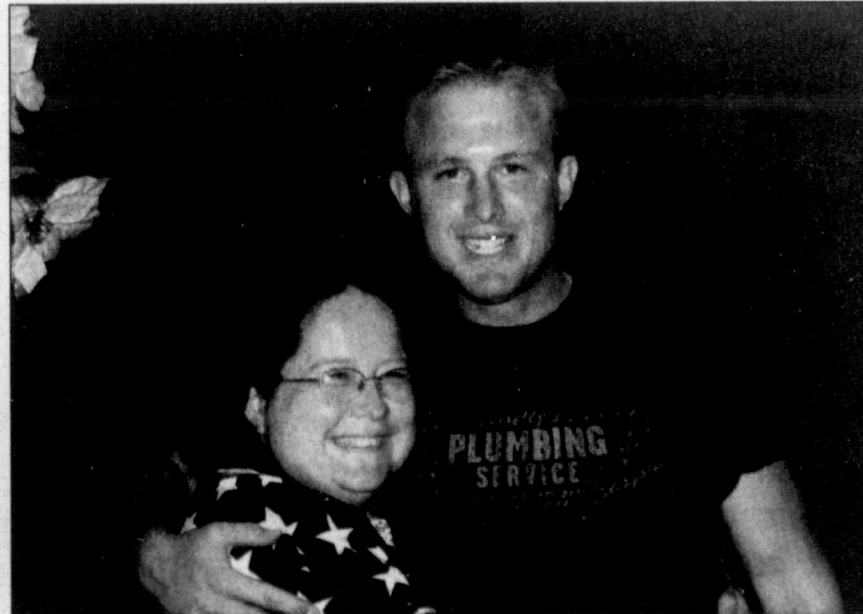
Sgt. Conner's grandmother, Frances Conner, planned the

surprise event.

Sgt. Conner, 24, is the oldest of three and the only son. His sisters are Samantha Conner, 19, and Kimberly Davis, 21.

"He joined up just after 9/11. He wanted to go to school, and he had been thinking about joining for a long time. He decided that was what he wanted to do," Diane said.

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Obituaries

James O. Evans, 82

GEORGETOWN — James O. Evans, 82, of Georgetown, formerly of Pampa, died June 20, 2005, at Temple.

Memorial services were scheduled at 4 p.m. today in The Worship Place in Sun City (Georgetown) with Pastor Al Cummins officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of The Gabriels Funeral Chapel in Georgetown.

Mr. Evans was born Aug. 20, 1922, at Haynesville, La., to S.C. "Tex" and Mora Allen Evans. On June



Evans

7, 1997, he married Joelene Penn Evans. The couple moved to Sun City (Georgetown) where Mr. Evans belonged to The Worship Place, the Sun City Singers and the Lions Club.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II, and held a bachelor of science degree in business from The University of Texas.

He was a retired independent oil and gas producer.

Survivors include his wife, Joelene; a daughter, Anne Heslet of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Donald Evans of Pampa; and a brother, Clinton Evans of Bozeman, Mont.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to The Worship Place in Mr. Evans' name.

Norma Jean Ward, 75

Norma Jean Ward, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ward was born Nov. 9, 1929, to Coy and Martha Jennings in Tishomingo, Okla. She graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1947 and moved to Pampa, where she worked as a checker for Ward Grocery and Buddy's Super Market.

She later worked as a bookkeeper for Tom Rose Motors before entering the real estate business. She purchased the Hugh Peoples Realty in 1978 and it became the Norma Ward Realty at that time.

She was very active in the real estate business, having served many terms as a director for the Pampa Board of Realtors. She was a very successful business woman, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a friend to her beloved dog "Buffy."

She was a former member of Altrusa International. She was loved by many



Ward

friends who will always miss her and remember her for her kindness to others.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Ward, of the home; two sons, Mike Ward and wife Tanya and Terry Ward and wife Vicky, all of Pampa; one daughter, Pam Little and husband Phil of Brentwood, Tenn.; one brother, Don Michaels of Granbury; one sister, Evelyn Wessel and husband Ralph of Cayucos, Calif.; one sister by choice, Irvine Riphahn of Pampa; grandchildren, Jenifer Whiddon and husband Shawn, Leslie Ward, Kyle Ward, Zack Ward and wife Tabby, Aubrea Ziegelgruber and husband Chad, Dane Ward and wife April, Amanda Little, Trent Little, Kimberly Baldwin and husband Lee, and Mark Oler; great-grandchildren, Emily Whiddon, Gavin Ward, Zane Ward, Alissa Baldwin, Tate Baldwin and Cameron Oler; one niece, Sharron Feese; one nephew, Bryce Michaels; one great-niece, Kerri Feese; and one great-nephew, Brensen Feese.

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

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Services tomorrow

WEBSTER, Colette J. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.01
Milo	3.46
Corn	4.22
Soybeans	6.45

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

Oxy	79.14	+0.28
BP PLC ADR	63.62	+0.11

Cabot Corp	31.93	-0.35
Cabot Oil Gas	35.00	-0.27
Coca Cola	43.35	-0.08
VLO	79.79	-0.67
HAL	47.88	+0.48
TRI	55.61	-0.44
KMI	82.75	+0.13
XCEL	19.46	+0.04
Kerr McGee	76.01	+0.26
XOM	59.67	NC
Limited	21.53	-0.08
Williams	18.87	-0.01
MCD	28.97	-0.05
Atmos	28.53	-0.08

Pioneer Nat	42.02	-0.11
JCP	52.71	-0.42
COP	58.66	+0.25
SLB	76.30	-0.16
Tenneco	16.77	+0.02
CVX	59.10	+0.83
Wal-Mart	48.67	-0.12
OKE	31.87	+0.07
NS Grp	31.94	-0.95
New York Gold	438.27	
Silver	7.24	
West Texas Crude	58.09	

Party

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"He went into the Army on Nov. 15, 2001. That (9/11) pretty much made up his mind," Ricky said.

This is Sgt. Conner's second tour of duty in Iraq. He came home from the first tour in March 2004. He left for his second tour on March 5 of this year.

He is with the 43rd Army Engineers out of Fort Carson, Colo. His training includes sniper work, and he has also performed such duties as dismantling land mines.

He has one year to go on a two-year

re-enlistment, his father said.

"We want to express appreciation to everyone who has sent him cards, letters, and packages, including friends, relatives, and Girl Scouts," Diane said.

This is the second time in two weeks that excitement has surrounded the Conner family concerning one of their children.

On June 11, the same day that tornadoes were threatening Amarillo and the surrounding area, the family was in Palo Duro Canyon for the wedding of their older daughter, Kimberly.

"There was rain and hail and lightning," Diane said of the event, in which the participants were dressed in costumes representing the Old West.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, June 22

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 2300 block of Navajo.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal complaints were received from the 100 block of North Faulkner and the 300 block of North Sumner.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 700 block of Davis and the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of East Foster.

One business alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

A welfare check was requested in the police department lobby. A welfare check was made in the 1500 block of Williston.

Suspicious persons were reported on Osage Street and in the 1700 block of Coffee, the 700 block of East 14th, and the 900 block of North Frost.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 700 block of North Banks and the 600 block of Carr.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of North Gray.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of Denver, and at One Medical Plaza.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 500 block of Tignor and the 400 block of Graham.

An offense against family was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Two instances of assault by threat were reported in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of

South Municipal Drive. An automated teller machine card and a credit card were found.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Attempted burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 300 block of Henry. A lawn mower and gas cans were taken, for an estimated loss of \$375.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$8,000.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. A wallet was taken.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of Warren. A window was forced open. Nothing was reported missing.

Robert Leon Snowden, 48, 457 Hughes, was arrested in the 400 block of Hughes for driving while intoxicated.

Journey Starr Mundell, 33, 1230 E. Francis, was arrested in the 500 block of North Frost for animal at large, animal nuisance, and no rabies vaccination.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, June 21

11:10 a.m. — A 1997 Mitsubishi Galant, driven by Robin Michelle Stuck, 21, 2117 N. Dwight, and a 2004 Chevrolet Colorado, driven by Richard Littlefield, 38, 1025 S. Dwight, collided in the 1200 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported. Stuck was cited for unsafe lane change.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

ing arrest today.

Gray County Sheriff's Lt. Joe Hoard and Pampa Police Officer Chad Johnson, who were part of the team that raided the house, also testified they had not seen Harris at the house that night.

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Trial

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Graham denied ever seeing Harris sell drugs.

Earlier witnesses, Amarillo Police Officer Jimmy "Bo" Lake, a Pampa police officer attached to the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force at the time of the raid, and Amarillo College Police Officer Keith "Bart" Morris, a Pampa police officer at the time of the raid, both testified that Graham had been cooperative the night of the raid, identifying the front bedroom of the house where drugs were found as where Harris lived and identifying a block of white powder as cocaine belonging to Harris.

Brandon Conrad with the Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab in Amarillo testified that he had tested the white powder Pampa

police officers had forwarded to him and that it was 18.30 grams of cocaine. He said it was not pure.

Morris described Graham as being very nervous and very cooperative as he talked with her in the kitchen the night of the raid.

"She said three people went out the back door," Morris said.

Morris said she had identified one of the three as Harris.

Lake testified Wednesday morning that a black male standing outside the front door had seen the van with the team of police officers coming down the street and went inside. Lake contended that the man had warned others in the house.

Hemphill County Chief Deputy Sheriff Morse Burroughs, a Gray County deputy at the time of the raid, testified Wednesday that he was covering the back of the house on Varnon

ing arrest today.

Wednesday, June 22
Jamie Theresa Jackson, 29, 1125 Neel Road, was arrested on a warrant for forgery.

Fire

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

Wednesday, June 22
6:34 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the 800 block of East Foster on a call for medical assistance.

7:51 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive where a gas meter had been struck by a vehicle. Firefighters plugged the leak and stood by at the scene until Atmos Energy officials arrived.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, June 22
8 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the rodeo grounds on a stand by.

11:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Alcock and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded north on Highway 70. No transport.

the night officers served the search warrant. Burroughs said he saw one person dart through the back door and into the dark backyard and run through neighboring yards to the north and down the alley.

Burroughs said he chased the figure in his patrol car but didn't catch the man. Nor, he said, could he identify who it was in the dark.

Morris, Burroughs and Lake each testified that they had not seen Harris at the house that night.

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Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 93. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

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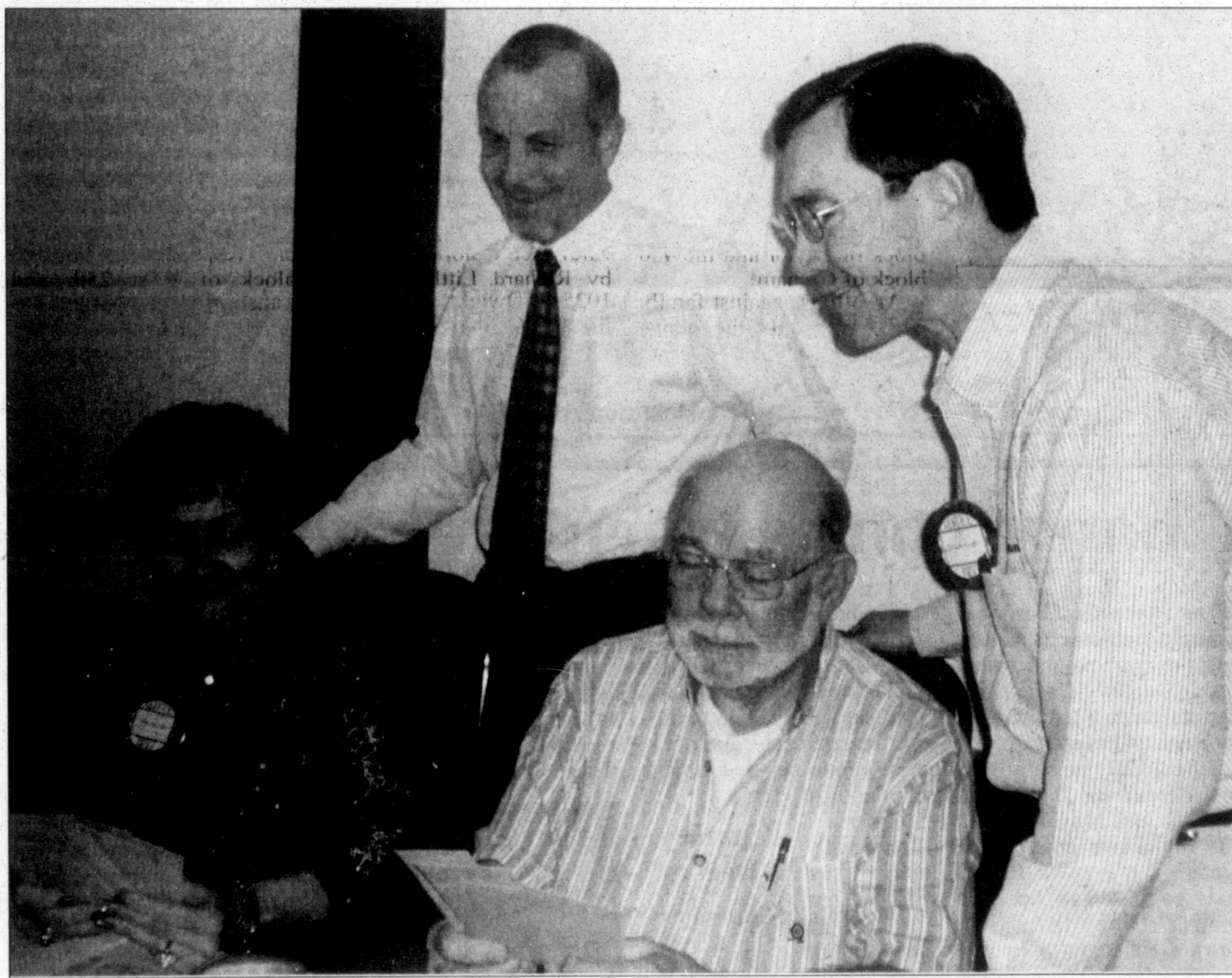
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PFAA Silent Auction



▲ Vonda Higgins shows two watercolors by Richard Steele to be sold during Pampa Fine Arts Association's Silent Auction slated from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at Lovett Memorial Library.



▲ Packets of Four O'Clock seeds are among items to be sold during a silent auction to be staged by Pampa Fine Arts Association from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at Lovett Memorial Library. Trying to get an early jump on the action are (left-right) Katrina Bigham, Randy Watson, Ernie Wilkinson and Duane Harp.

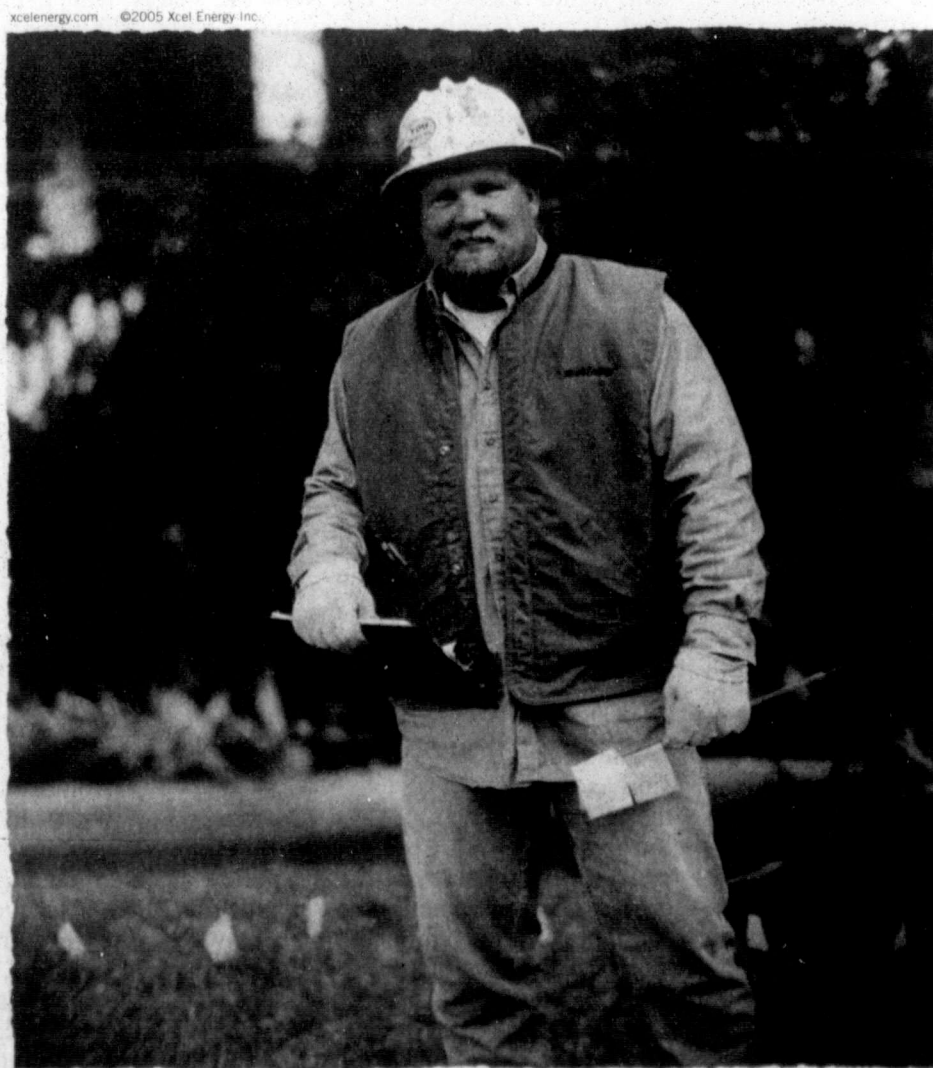
68-year-old pleads innocent to trying to sell bomb

HOUSTON (AP) — A 68-year-old Pennsylvania man pleaded innocent Thursday to trying to build a bomb and sell it to the al-Qaida terrorist group or its affiliates.

Ronald Allen Grecula, of Bangor, Pa., entered his plea during a federal court hearing, where his trial date was set for July 29.

The FBI arrested Grecula on May 20. He was indicted last week on a single count of attempting to provide material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. He remains jailed without bond. If convicted, Grecula could get up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The FBI began its investigation in April after a confidential source told authorities Grecula was looking for someone willing to pay him to build a bomb and specifically referenced al-Qaida.



Fogging

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Larvicides are available at local hardware stores and some lumber yards, she said.

A mosquito repellent worn while outdoors may help limit a person's number of mosquito bites, Lincycomb said. Old tires may be hauled to the city landfill, which will accept them for a fee, she said.

"Certain species of mosquitoes can travel up to 10 miles, so people with areas of standing water should begin a larvacide program," Lincycomb said.

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The marijuana is worth an estimated \$45,353.

Isicidro Garnett Drummer, 24, Phoenix, Ariz., and Misty Patrice McKinney, 24, Coolidge, Ariz., were arrested and booked into Potter County Detention Center in connection with the incident.

"Troopers believe this load originated in Phoenix and was headed for Michigan," Beighle said.

news release by Trooper Wayne Beighle of the DPS.

Seven bundles of marijuana packed in large duffle bags was found after consent to search the vehicle was granted, Beighle said.

Man accused of killing while out of jail on work release

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities have accused a man of leaving jail as part of his work-release program, then robbing and killing an ice cream vendor and returning to his cell after the crime.

Adrian Escobedo, 27, faces a capital murder charge in the 2003 slaying of Francisco Badillo, a 28-year-old Mexican immigrant who had been in the United States seven years and was sending money home.

Police had few leads in the case before seeking a capital murder charge against Escobedo this month. Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, a homicide supervisor, declined to discuss exactly what led police to Escobedo.

"We were able to prove that he was involved in this robbery-murder," Kirkpatrick said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Escobedo's wife said she doesn't believe he killed anyone. He remained confined in the Dallas County jail.

Escobedo was supposed to be at his job operating a backhoe in Dallas on the day of the slaying, but his employer said he didn't show up. He came back to the lockup that evening.

Jim Mills, interim director of Dallas County's Community Supervision and Corrections Department, said having a work-release inmate accused of murder is "pretty much worst-case."

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Viewpoints

Hillary's rising popularity shows possible trend

The most recent Fox News survey substantiates the truth of Abraham Lincoln's observation that you can fool some of the people all of the time: Sen. Hillary Clinton's popularity is at an all-time high, having moved up dramatically in the past seven weeks.

She now is seen favorably by 52 percent of the electorate and unfavorably by only 37 percent. In the 4 1/2 years since she left the White House, her favorability rating had never before risen above 47 percent.

These ratings are truly a landmark for her: Only very rarely did her popularity rise to the 50 percent mark dur-

ing her eight years as first lady.

The trend is instructive. On Jan. 10, 2001, one week before she left the White House — and a week after she was sworn in as senator — her favorability rose to 52 percent. Then, amid accusations of the sale of pardons, the theft of the White House china, and her overt solicitation of gifts, Hillary went into free fall. Her favorability dropped to 44 percent that February, and to an all-time low of 39 percent in March.

Then Hillary began, slowly to recover her popularity, rising to 44 percent in November of 2001 and 47 percent on April 25-26 of

this year. Then, suddenly, she jumped to 52 percent in the Fox News poll taken on June 14-15.

Why the surge?

It seems that as the prospect of a presidential candidacy nears, Democrats are rallying around her.

Right after Election Day last year, 40 percent of them wanted her to be the nominee in 2008. Today, 44 percent support her for the nomination. (At the same time, John Kerry has fallen from 21 percent to 17 percent and

John Edwards dropped from 15 percent to 13 percent).

Hillary's move to the center — including her frequent association, in public, with the likes of Newt Gingrich, Bill Frist and Rick Santorum — is clearly paying dividends. It is also likely that Bill Clinton's constant appearances with President Bush Sr. and his highly visible efforts for the tsunami victims are helping rehabilitate his wife's image.

The linkage between Bill's and Hillary's images is

apparent. In the Fox News poll, 38 percent of voters, including the vast bulk of Democrats, said that they would be "enthusiastic" about seeing Bill return to the White House as "first husband." (Of course, 33 percent said they were more frightened by the prospect.)

Hillary's and Bill's surges are largely due to the complexity of leading Republicans in implicitly endorsing her move to the center by appearing with her. President Bush needs to get his father to pull back on his public bobsey-twins identification with Bill and Republicans need to let Gingrich et al know of their

displeasure with his new-found best-buddy relationship with Hillary.

Those who feel that America is not ready to vote for Hillary need to think again. As the prospect of her candidacy nears, her ratings are going up, not down.

However, all is not rosy on the Clinton horizon. The Ed Klein book — with its alleged revelations of Bill's current philandering — puts Hillary in a tough spot. Of course, his lack of fidelity does not bear on her qualifications to be a good president, but with the charges in the political ether, she has to

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Dick Morris
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2005. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

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

In 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first black candidate nominated for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

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

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

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

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

In 1956, Gamal

Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

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

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

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.

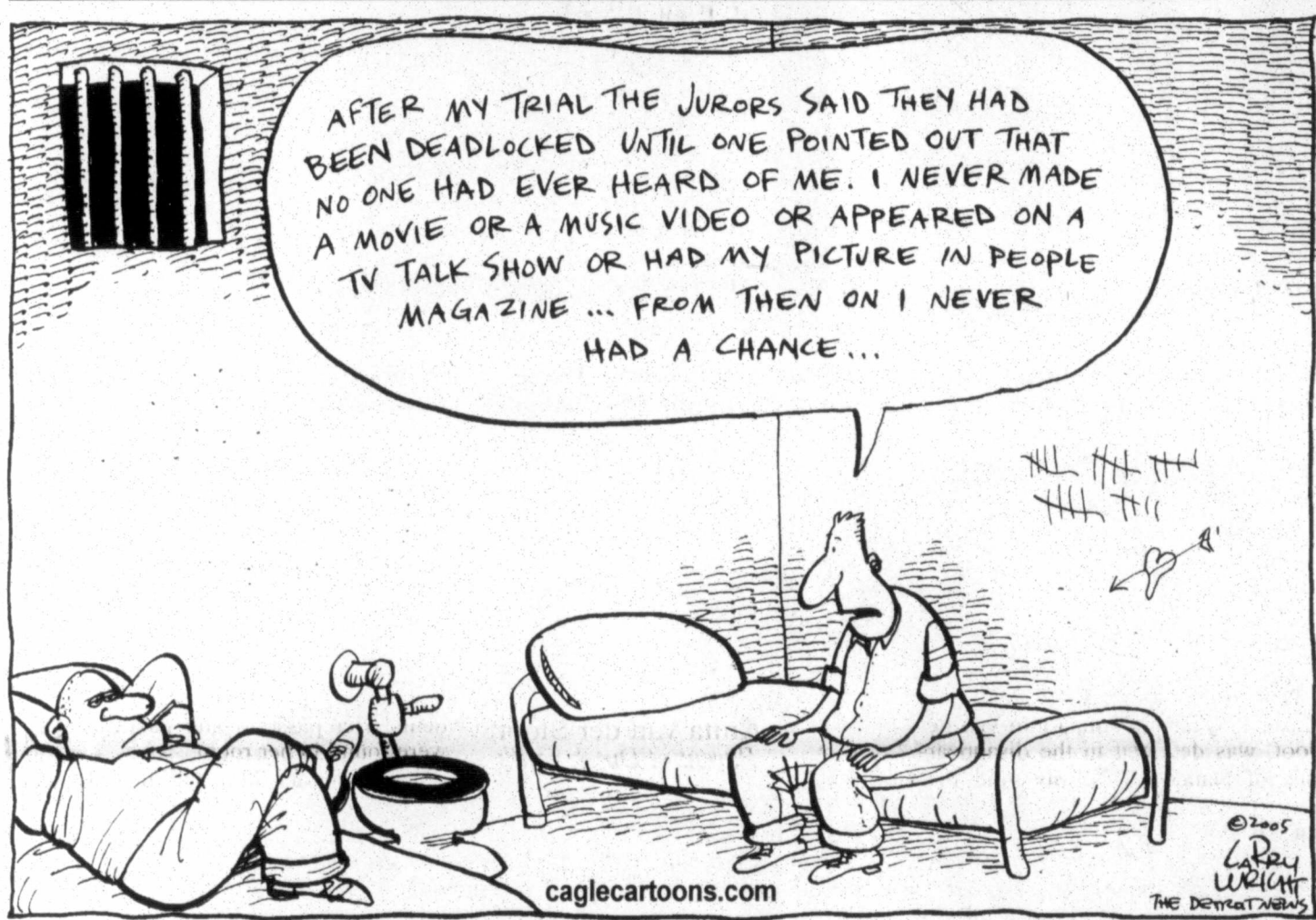
Ten years ago: Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine to halt the crippling rampage of polio, died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 80.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, during a visit to South Korea, said American troops would remain in the country indefinitely to maintain strategic stability in the Pacific area.

One year ago: In a major retreat, the United States abandoned an attempt to win a new exemption for American troops from international prosecution for war crimes — an effort that had faced strong opposition because of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

'Suffering without understanding in this life is a heap worse than suffering when you have at least the grain of an idea what it's all for.'

— Mary Ellen Chase
American author
(1887-1973)



Change comes when oxen get 'gored'

The Democratic Party has a simple problem: Its leaders lack the courage and vision to come up with defensible alternatives to the policies of the Bush administration.

That's really no surprise. I once observed that when Sens. Daniel Moynihan and S.I. Hayakawa entered the Senate, the average IQ for that body went up 200 points. Now that Sen. Edward Kennedy looks like a statesman, people forget that he was always openly acknowledged as the dimmest bulb on the Kennedy Christmas tree.

What is the Democrats' position on the war, which most of them voted for? Well, now that we are there, we have to stay. A young GI sweltering in the heat of Iraq would be justified in saying, "What is this 'we business'?"

What is their solution to

the budget deficit, the trade deficit, the off-shoring of American jobs, the pending bankruptcy of Medicare and Medicaid, monetary inflation, dangerously open borders, young people's doubts

about Social Security and the growing gap between the very rich and the rest of us? If they have any solutions, they have so muddled their message that nobody can figure them out. The truth is, there really isn't a dime's worth of difference between the parties. Both parties are addicted to big money — mostly corporate — and to their respective bases of out-of-the-mainstream groups.

Well, the Democrats are for abortion on demand, gun control and acceptance of homosexuals. None of those is a pressing problem for our republic, or what's left of it. They, like the Republicans,

are adrift on a sea of clichés and canards.

In my checkered past, I once worked as a professional in political campaigns. An absolute necessity in unseating an incumbent is to present the voters with a clear and better alternative. Otherwise, people tend to stay with the devil they know. As of today, the Democrats have no alternative. They will have to wait until the public gets so disillusioned by the Republicans

that it will dump them regardless of the alternative. But even if that happens, it will not solve the problems America faces because Democrats, in power or out, have no solutions.

One of the flaws in democracy that is becoming increasingly apparent is that the general public doesn't give a hoot about the common good. It never has given a hoot about foreign affairs. One reason I like to hang out with recent immigrants is that they are about the only people willing to talk about serious subjects. Most Americans like to talk about TV, Michael Jackson and sports. Until their ox is gored by some bad public policy, most people are content to be complacent.

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Simple concepts not always easy to uphold

San Antonio Express-News on the power of democracy in Mexico:

Throughout history, democracies have shown their respect for human rights by recognizing when those rights are abused.

It's such a simple idea, but concepts that are easy to grasp are sometimes hard to uphold.

This has been the case with Mexico, where corruption has undermined democracy.

For reformers, however, a glimmer of hope arose when the Supreme Court ruled that a special prosecutor could present charges of genocide against former President Luis Echeverria.

The statute of limitations, the court ruled, had not run out because while the alleged crime occurred more than 30 years ago, the clock did not start ticking until he lost immunity when he left office in 1976.

The decision sends the case to a lower court, which must decide if the charges, brought against the former official for his alleged role in a massacre that left scores of students dead or missing in 1971, satisfy the legal definition of genocide.

That may prove problematic. The incident, as horrific as it was, may not constitute what most would see as genocide, the systematic extermination of a people.

There were events of repression, lamentable events, confrontations, what have you, but not a policy of exterminating a population," Juan Velasquez, a lawyer representing Echeverria, told reporters.

The charges stem from the Corpus Christi Massacre, named for a feast celebrated 60 days after Easter, on June

19, 1971. At least 25 students were killed during an anti-government march near the National Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City, gunned down by plainclothes government troops. According to the charges, Echeverria ordered the attack.

The charges of genocide may be hard to prove, but the court ruling represents a triumph for democracy. It shows that government officials are subject to the same laws that apply to the "common" people.

In a country plagued by thugs in high office, that is no small feat.

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Lake field trip

Fifth graders at Lamar Elementary School recently went on a field trip to Lake McClellan. While they were there, Smokey the Bear made a special appearance. Above: Jessica Romero, Jo Jones, Smokey, Maranda Contreras, Lovteisha Dunn, Priscella Hernandez, Ranger Bryan Hajny, and Katelyn Douglas.

California wildfires burn homes, force major evacuation

MORONGO VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The first major wildfire of the summer raced across more than 5,500 acres of desert brush, destroying at least six homes, threatening hundreds of others and forcing residents of this sparsely populated Mojave Desert community to flee.

A wildfire in Arizona swept across 30,000 acres of brush and grass by early Thursday and prompted the evacuation of nearly 300 homes.

At least 10 structures had been lost, but a firefighters' spokesman said it wasn't clear how many of those were homes.

The California fire started when a single home burned and the flames spread to brush and tall grass. Another fire about 35 miles away had burned more than 2,000 acres but did not threaten any structures, authorities said.

The wildfires hopped up and down hillsides and canyons about 100 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

They threatened as many as 700 homes for a time, and hundreds of people fled, some with just a handful of possessions.

As her husband, Tom, hosed down their house, Ann Lee grabbed their birth certificates and medicines and rounded up their six cats. She then turned to him and said, "Let's get out of here, because even if the fire takes everything we own, I don't plan on dying here."

The couple, who headed to an evacuation center in Yucca Valley, had no idea if their home had been spared.

"I'm worried, but it's not going to do me any good throwing a fit or crying," said Lee, 46. "It's in God's hands."

By midnight only a few dozen homes remained under threat, with much of the fire having moved into wilderness.

In Arizona, nearly 300 homes had been evacuated in the area about 20 miles northeast of Phoenix. About 300 firefighters fought the blaze Thursday.

"It was just blowing and going even last night," said Vinnie Picard, a spokesman for the fire crews.

'I'm worried, but it's not going to do me any good throwing a fit or crying. It's in God's hands.'

— Ann Lee
California resident

Missing in Aruba

Van der Sloot proclaims son's innocence

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — The parents of a Dutch youth held in connection with the disappearance of an American teenager say they believe he is innocent, and his arrest has been a "big nightmare."

Paul van der Sloot, a judicial official whose 17-year-old son, Joran van der Sloot, was detained in the disappearance of Natalee Holloway, told Fox News on Wednesday: "I still believe my son. It's all very hard."

Joran van der Sloot is one of four men who have been detained in the case, but none has been charged.

The youth's mother, Anita van der Sloot, told The Associated Press on Thursday that she sympathized with the anguish of Natalee's family, saying the family "needs all the help it can get. They are desperate and I understand that."

Joran van der Sloot and two friends were arrested 10 days after Holloway, 18, disappeared May 30. Police say Joran van der Sloot met Holloway at a casino two days earlier.

They say the three young men testi-

'We are not clever people. We are just normal people trying to live our lives.'

— Anita van der Sloot
Parent of Dutch youth

fied that they took her from a popular restaurant to a beach, where the Dutch boy and Holloway were kissing in the back of the car, then dropped her at her Holiday Inn about 2 a.m.

Holloway's mother, Beth Holloway Twitty, has insisted the three know what happened to her daughter and that police should press them harder to tell the truth. She has asked why the three were initially released after only a couple of hours of questioning, and arrested more than a week later.

Holloway's father, meanwhile, told Associated Press Television News on Wednesday that he was confident the investigation into her disappearance

was close to being resolved. But dozens of searches by officials and volunteers have failed to turn up any trace.

His daughter disappeared on the last day of a five-day trip to celebrate her high school graduation with other students. Her passport and packed bags were found in her room.

Anita van der Sloot said the intense media coverage of the case has been trying for her family, and added that reporters are "trying to trap us."

"We are not clever people," she said in a telephone interview. "We are just normal people trying to live our lives."

She said when she saw her son in jail one night this week, "he still didn't believe it was true. He said 'Mom, the truth will come forward, and I know that I did not do anything to the girl.'"

The fourth man detained in the case, 26-year-old party boat disc jockey Steve Gregory Croes, said he knew one of the two Surinamese brothers arrested with Joran van der Sloot from an Internet cafe, according to his boss, Marcus Wiggins.

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deal with them. If she pretends not to notice, she looks like a fool at best

and a conniving politician who values power more than having a good marriage at worst.

But if she moves away from Bill in public, she loses the stardust he sprinkles on her. The prospect of seeing him return to the White House is clearly a key part of Hillary's current

popularity; she dares not put that in jeopardy.

Eileen McGann contributed to this column. Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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Thomas Jefferson had the most faith in the people, but even he supposed that what he called "an aristocracy of merit" would arise to lead the country. Let's face it: Most humans, including ourselves, are followers, not leaders. Therefore, the fate of all countries rests in the hands of the leaders.

For a while, America did produce an aristocracy of merit. Comparing the debate and speeches of 19th-century America with the debates and speeches of today's politicians is like comparing graduate school with kindergarten. It turns out that the greatest generation produced one of the worst, for the decline in American leadership began about 1960 and accelerated in the 1970s. Since then, it's been all about money and marketing.

The good news is that there is no such thing as an insoluble political problem. Human beings have free will. We can change. We can come up with alternatives. We can revitalize political parties and the political process. We can produce another aristocracy of merit. I believe the day will come when enough oxen get gored that we will reawaken to our responsibilities as citizens.

Fathers were deeply skeptical of democracy, which is why they gave us a republic rather than a parliamentary-style democracy.

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Yahoo pulls chat rooms after some used to promote sex

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Reacting to angry protests from several of its top sponsors, Yahoo Inc. has pulled the plug on perhaps hundreds of chat rooms operating on its site after a media report revealed that some of the rooms were used to promote sex with minors.

Companies such as PepsiCo Inc., State Farm Insurance and Georgia-Pacific Corp. stopped advertising on Yahoo after they were informed that adults were attempting to lure children into sexual encounters within some of Yahoo's user-created chat rooms, according to a report by KPRC-TV in Houston.

KPRC reported that in some cases, men were using Web cameras to send lewd pictures to minors in chat rooms with such titles as "Younger Girls 4 Older Guys" and "Girls 13 And Under for Older Guys."

Yahoo spokeswoman Mary Osako, who declined to say when the service will return or why all the user-created sites were closed, said the Internet portal shuttered the service

for improvements and to ensure "compliance with our terms of service."

Yahoo requires users to agree not to "harm minors in any way" or make available any content that is "unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, tortious, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous, ... or otherwise objectionable."

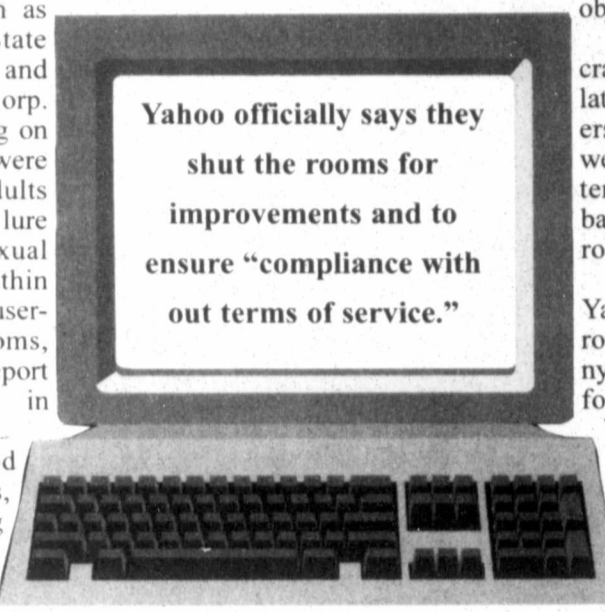
While Yahoo may be cracking down on violators of its terms, others, who presumably were adhering to the terms, have been barred from their chat rooms as well.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo hosts chat rooms that the company created and those founded by users. Yahoo-created chat rooms remain operational.

How long the chat rooms that allegedly promoted sex with minors have operated is unclear. Yahoo does not monitor the content in the chat rooms, but will close a room if it receives complaints, Osako said.

"We encourage users to notify us when they believe content is in violation of our terms of service," Osako said.

Yahoo officially says they shut the rooms for improvements and to ensure "compliance with out terms of service."



Bike winners

Lamar fifth grader Iris Wheat and second grader Jacob Nelson were presented with bicycles from Southwestern Bell Pioneer representatives Helen Kastein and Jean Ladd at a morning assembly held recently in the Lamar Elementary School gym. Names of children with perfect attendance were drawn from a special envelope. In all, 32 children had perfect attendance.

Chinese oil company offers \$18.5 billion for Unocal, trumping Chevron

BEIJING (AP) — China's third-largest oil producer made an unsolicited \$18.5 billion bid Thursday for U.S. oil company Unocal Corp., marking the communist nation's most ambitious attempt yet to acquire a Western company and setting the stage for a possible showdown with U.S. politicians concerned about potential national security issues.

The purchase by state-owned CNOOC Ltd., if completed, would be the biggest yet in a multibillion-dollar wave of foreign acquisitions by Chinese firms try-

ing to secure a place in the top ranks of the corporate world.

It comes amid a flurry of Chinese government efforts to secure foreign energy supplies for the country's booming economy.

Unocal already had agreed to be acquired by Chevron for a lower price of \$16.6 billion, but said it would evaluate the CNOOC offer. Unocal said its board's earlier recommendation to shareholders to accept the Chevron offer remained in place.

Chevron offered in April to acquire El Segundo,

Calif.-based Unocal in a deal that would give Unocal shareholders a choice of \$65 per share in cash or Chevron stock or a mix of stock and cash.

A CNOOC takeover of Unocal would require approval from a U.S. government panel that examines the national security implications of selling American companies to foreigners, according to U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman.

CNOOC
CNOOC said it plans to retain "substantially all employees, including those in the U.S.," noting that Chevron, in contrast, plans layoffs.

It could face opposition in Washington, where even before CNOOC made its bid, two members of Congress appealed to U.S. President George W. Bush last week to

review the deal for possible security threats.

CNOOC Chairman and CEO Fu Chengyu insisted Thursday that national security wasn't an issue.

"This transaction is purely a commercial transaction," he said in a conference call with reporters. "We are confident that the U.S. government will support this project."

Fu called the bid friendly and said it would be superior for Unocal shareholders.

Elsewhere, China has forged oil and gas deals in countries ranging from Sudan to Kazakhstan to

Venezuela. Beijing is competing with Tokyo for access to Russian oil from a planned Siberian pipeline.

China used to meet its own needs from domestic oil fields but became a net importer in the 1990s and now is one of the world's biggest consumers, along with the United States and Japan.

In other industries, Chinese companies have made high-profile acquisitions abroad in an effort to establish a global presence.

U.S. appliance maker Maytag says it is considering a \$1.28 billion buyout offer.

EADS picks Alabama site in battle with Boeing for Air Force contract

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — In a multibillion-dollar U.S. Air Force contract battle, the parent of European aircraft maker Airbus chose Mobile on Wednesday for a planned \$600 million aircraft plant.

But the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co.'s drive to win the Defense Department contract to build KC-330 refueling tankers is a cross-Atlantic struggle with rival Boeing.

Mobile, a Gulf port with an established shipping and industrial base, was selected over three other Southern sites in what some viewed as EADS' bid to counter Chicago-based Boeing Co.'s home-country advantage.

The company's first construction will be an engineering center, with 150 jobs in 2006, and EADS said it is a certainty.

"Let's be clear, there is no conditionality with the establishment of this engineering site," said Ralph D. Crosby, chairman and CEO of EADS North America. He said Mobile was chosen because it is "strategically located" on the Gulf of Mexico, with a skilled workforce, airport runways and a deep-water port.

Mobile County Commissioner Sam Jones predicted EADS will compete for other contracts. "The prospect for expansion is great."

If it wins the tanker contract, the first plane could be delivered in 2008 or 2009, with a maximum annual capacity of 20 aircraft.

The plant will be at Brookley Industrial Complex, a former air field that provides 4.5 million square feet of industrial space and a 9,600-foot runway. The company will use 150 acres for its plant.

The financial incentives Alabama offered to EADS were not disclosed. Officials said some were still being worked out.

Boeing lost the refueling tanker deal last year after revelations that it had hired a top Air Force acquisitions official who later admitted giving the company preferential treatment.

The deal would have allowed the Air Force to buy or lease 100 Boeing 767 planes for use as KC-330 refueling tankers, but was killed by Congress in last year's defense authorization bill. The Air Force has said it is likely to reopen the deal to competition, although no formal timeline has been set.

Boeing's supporters took aim at its European rival with the site selection Wednesday.

"I've never seen an Airbus plane that says 'Made in the USA' and I suspect I never will," said U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington. "This is nothing more than a continuation of a slick PR campaign to drum up political support for an effort to steal defense contracts from American workers."

"I've said all along that the contract should go to an American company so that the taxpayers are not subsidizing the French. In the end, I am optimistic that Boeing will win the competition," said U.S. Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Boeing spokesman Dan Beck declined to comment specifically on Wednesday's announcement.

Asked about the overall tanker program, Beck said: "There is not a competition (right now). There is no tanker replacement program, so there is nothing for us to address at this point."

The company picked Mobile over three rival bids from Melbourne, Fla.; Kiln, Miss.; and North Charleston, S.C.

EADS, which is based in France and Germany, has said it plans to offer a tanker version of its Airbus A330 passenger jet for the multi-billion-dollar Air Force contract to produce a new generation of aerial refueling tankers.

The number of jobs in Mobile rides on the size and pace of the Air Force contract, EADS officials said.

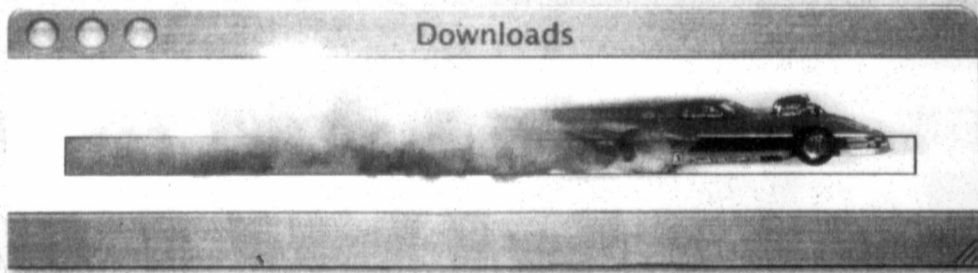
Defense and aerospace consultant John Kenkel, the senior director at Janes Strategic Advisory Services in Alexandria Va., said EADS is the "underdog," but could succeed with the right partnership.

"The biggest thing is it provides competition for Boeing — that's the biggest benefit for the Air Force — in the sense of competition bringing down the price," he said. "I think Boeing obviously has the lead. They are the long-time supplier."

The high-paying jobs include mechanics, electronic specialists, engineers and quality assurance workers. EADS officials will offer grants to universities in Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina to allow students to study at the Mobile engineering center.

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New York legislature passes bill to provide morning-after pill

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — State senators approved legislation that allows girls and women to more easily obtain a morning-after pill from pharmacists, midwives and nurses, despite opposition from lawmakers who likened the emergency contraception to abortion.

The measure — which passed Wednesday 34-27 — would allow girls and women to obtain the medication without a physician's visit or prescription and without parental consent regardless of the patient's age.

"Today, science has triumphed over politics," said Kelli Conlin, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League Pro-Choice New York. "The state Legislature granted the women of New York greater access to birth control and gave them a second chance to prevent unintended pregnancy."

Fast Facts

- The state senators approved legislation that allows the pill to be sold by pharmacists, without a prescription.

- The vote on the issue was 34-27

- If taken within 72 hours after intercourse, the pill can reduce the chance of pregnancy by 89 percent.

The measure now goes to Republican Gov. George Pataki to be signed or vetoed. Pataki will review the bill's specifics before commenting, said spokesman Kevin Quinn. The Democrat-led Assembly passed the measure in January.

Under the legislation, the medication could be provided by any pharmacist, nurse or midwife who gets a blanket prescription — naming no individual patient — from a physician. Seven other states have similar measures.

Current state law requires a physician's visit to receive emergency contraceptives.

The proposal, sponsored by Republican state Sen. Nicholas Spano, split the GOP-dominated chamber during a debate in which some equated the conception-interruption medication to abortion.

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"Abortion is a murder," said Sen. Ruben Diaz Sr., a Democrat. "We have experts and all indications are that this pill might cause abortion."

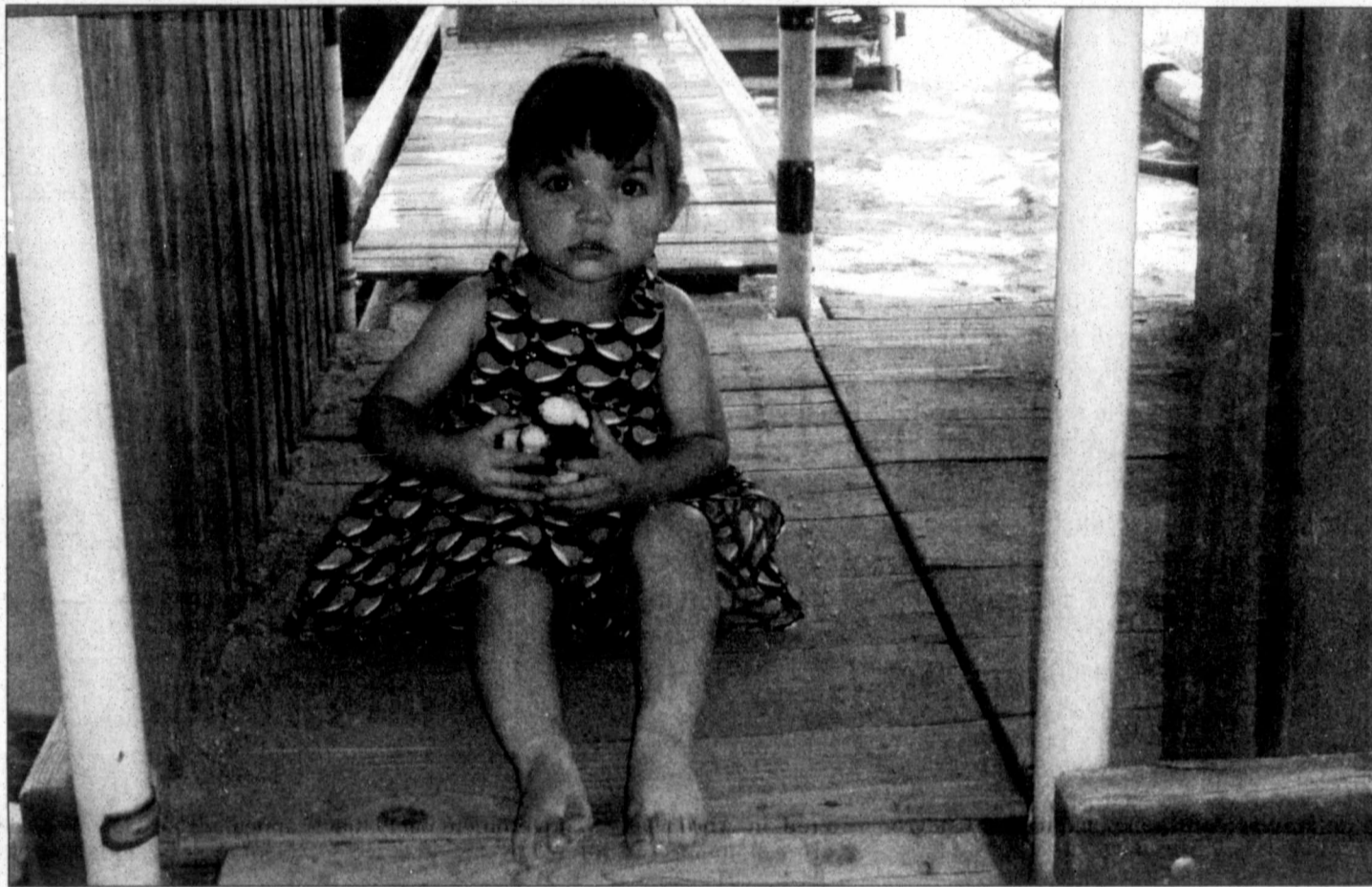
Emergency contraceptives, also known as morning-after pills, are intended to prevent pregnancy by ensuring that an egg does not become fertilized. They can reduce the chance of pregnancy by 89 percent if taken within 72 hours of intercourse. It is different from RU-486 — often called the French abortion pill — which aborts an already attached embryo.

Spano said the legislation bypasses "the frequent difficulties encountered in obtaining medical appointments at offices with limited hours, long waits or inconvenient locations."

The National Abortion Rights Action League Pro-Choice New York seeks full over-the-counter dispensing of the medication, without the need for the so-called blanket prescription provided to a pharmacist, nurse or midwife.

Spano, who is Roman Catholic, called the bill "one of the most difficult bills we've seen in the Senate in decades."

Play time



(Top photo) Rosie Martinez, Leandra Garza, Selena Munguia and Sage Dorn hula hoop recently during a Head Start Field Day hosted by Community Day Care Center. (Bottom) Jayci Carrol takes a break to enjoy an apple.

Rove says Demos didn't understand consequences of Sept. 11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Speaking in a ballroom just a few miles north of ground zero, Karl Rove said the Democratic party did not understand the consequences of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"Liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers," Rove said Wednesday night. "Conservatives saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for war."

Rove, President Bush's chief political adviser, spoke at the state Conservative Party's annual dinner. He praised the conservative movement's success, calling it "the guiding philosophy for the White House, the Senate, the House."

Jim Manley, spokesman for Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, called on Bush to "immediately repudiate Karl Rove's offensive and outrageous comments." Rove, he said, "should also apologize to the people of this country and particularly to the people of New York for his efforts to divide the country."

Rove said the Democratic Party made the mistake of calling for "moderation and restraint" after the terrorist attacks.

"Conservatives saw what happened to us on 9/11 and said we will defeat our enemies. Liberals saw what happened to us and said we must understand our enemies."

"No more needs to be said about the motives of liberals," Rove said.

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Sports Day

Spurs, Pistons wrap epic series tonight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If there's any poetry in the NBA's season finale, the league championship will be decided when Tim Duncan catches a pass on the wing and turns to face Ben Wallace one last time.

That's because Duncan's two-week battle with Wallace and his teammates has been a microcosm of the clashing styles and mentalities at work in the NBA Finals, which transformed from a one-sided romp to a thrilling struggle of wills culminating in Game 7 on Thursday night.

Duncan is generally considered basketball's most complete player, and perhaps the most talented power forward ever. But the two-time finals MVP has been maddeningly incomplete in this series, hounded and harassed into perhaps the worst playoff effort of his career.

If great players rise to the occasion of a decisive game, he must shake Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace and the mental blocks that have turned him into just

another good player. Duncan clearly is aware of the stakes. He has been dealing with "a lot of nervous energy," he said Wednesday.

"It seems like too long until the game is going to be here," he added. "I've never been in a Game 7 before, and I'm just excited about it — excited to get to the floor more than anything. I think it will be nerve-racking between now and then."

In most ways, Duncan is the Spurs: prepared, poised and resourceful. He's their best player, with skills unmatched by any big man of his generation, but despite winning two titles with David Robinson by his side, he hasn't achieved any transcendent victories that will go down in history with his name attached.

Standing between Duncan and the basket has been Ben Wallace, who's nothing less than the Pistons' soul: savvy, freakishly athletic and always determined to prove his

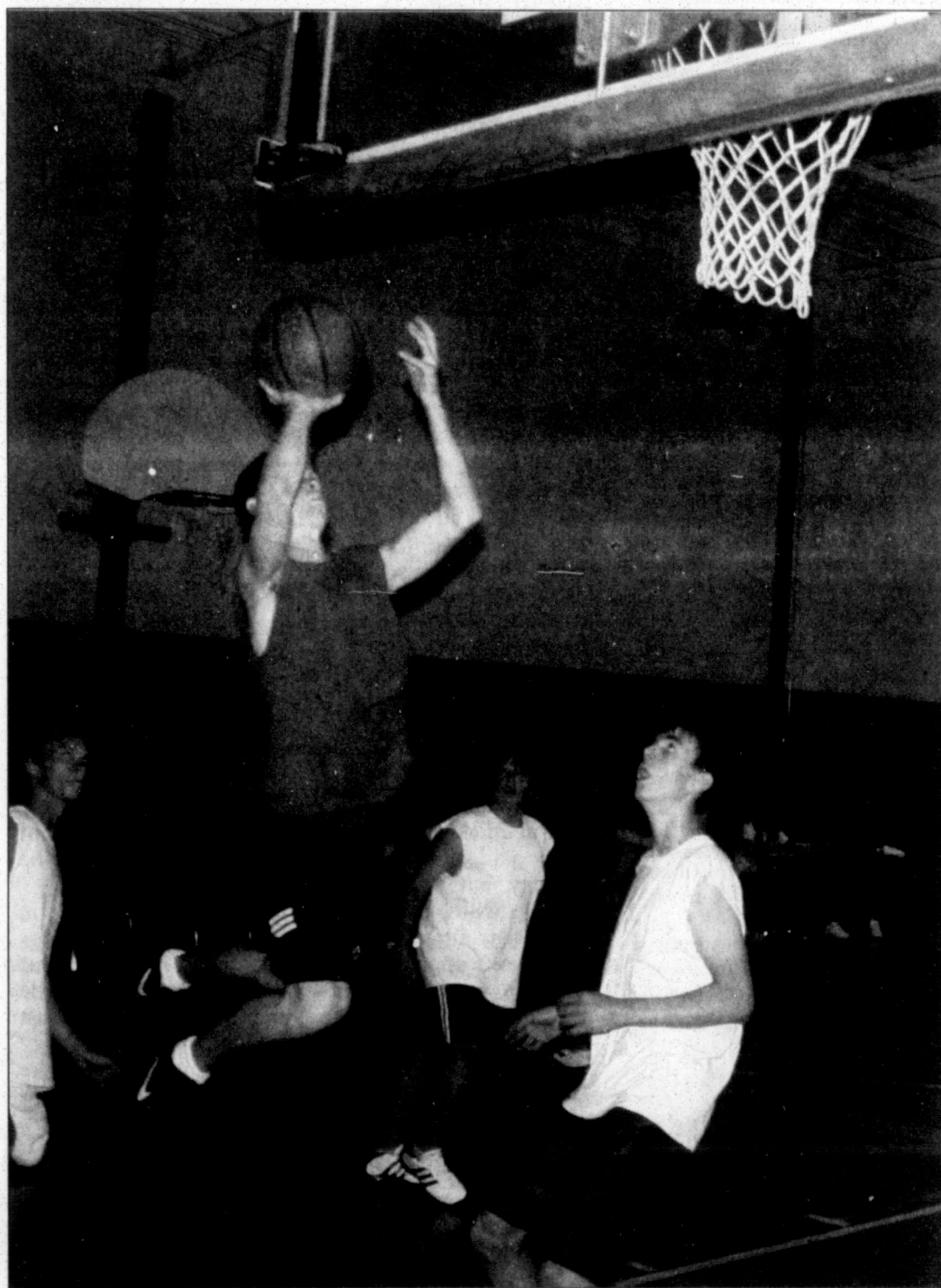
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Picture perfect

Members of the MonCorp Optimist baseball team hold the spoils of their efforts high. The team went 7-0 in the Cal Ripken Division of the Pitching Machine League for 7-8-year-olds. Members are, from left to right, front row- Matthew Ellis, Brandon Sieck, Cade Engle, Austin Hendricks and Tyler Whitson. Back row- Cory Chidester, Zack Hampton, Jonathon Stevens, J.T. Skinner, Trace Leftwich and Sean Skovbo. MonCorp was coached by Chris Engle, Drew Chidester, Greg Harden and Jerry Skinner. Not pictured- Rhett Harden.

Flying high



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Justin Martin takes flight toward the bucket in the MPAC building Tuesday night during the boys' summer league games currently under way on the Pampa High School campus.

THE BEST BASEBALL EVER

CWS elimination games well worth watching

While seeking celestial, astrological and other mystical means of confirming my suspicion that the Michael Jackson verdict and the spate of earthquakes that rocked California within hours of the jury's decision was no coincidence, I found myself in need of a brain break this past Tuesday. I needed to pull off the cranial causeway and seek respite from that which vexed me.

Guess who bought a new thesaurus. Anyhoo, I cranked up the old television and tuned in the college world series. It was elimination day. Win or go home. Little did I know what I was about to watch would be some of the very best baseball ever. I mean, EVER.

The first game between Arizona State and host state representative Nebraska (the CWS is played in Omaha) was not a thing of fundamental beauty. But it was an amazing game played by two teams that simply did not want to go home. It was, by all accounts, an instant classic. Never has the analogy of two heavyweight boxers going toe-to-toe been more fitting for a non-boxing related sport or event. ASU and Nebraska threw everything they had at each other for 11 innings. Both left everything they had on the field before the Sun Devils finally topped the Huskers 8-7. I was worn out. The television announcers were worn out. My pets had a look about them. That look that asks, "Can we just go outside until this over?" What a game.

Certainly this couldn't be topped. Then came the second elimination game between Baylor and Tulane. Frankly, I was surprised to learn Tulane was in an elimination game. But it did not stop me from plopping my derriere back into my corner of the couch and hanging on. Snacks and enough soda to last to the 7th inning stretch at the ready, I settled in.

Unfortunately, Tulane gave this game the early look of a blow-out. By the middle of the match, the Green Wave held a 6-0 lead. Baylor showed signs of fight, but just wasn't able to push a runner across the plate. Disappointed, I got up, went into my office and began to do some work. I left the television on in the living room so I could at least hear the game. Moments later, I caught the announcers painting the verbal picture of a comeback by the Bears.

"They're just trying to beat me so I won't change the channel," I thought to myself. I continued about my office business.

Then the crowd began to roar a little louder. The pitch of the announcer's voices began to rise. So, I pushed my work aside and went back to the living room. Smart move on my part.

Baylor did in fact mount an amazing comeback. Down at one point 7-0, the Bears came back to win 8-7. A fitting end to a great afternoon/evening of baseball.

If you haven't done so already, catch these games whenever they are replayed. Even though you know the outcome, the real treat is watching each team refusing to give up.

Pampa Harvester Baseball News
We should know later this evening, early tomorrow morning, who will take over as skipper of the Pampa High School Baseball program. As the nominee must receive school board approval, it is safe to assume the new coach will come from outside the Pampa area. The school board will meet tonight to render its decision. One name being repeated of late is that of River Road High School baseball coach, Clay Wilson. River Road confirmed yesterday it too is in the process of hiring a new head baseball coach.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Ninth-inning homer sends Longhorns to CWS championship series

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Chance Wheelless' right shoulder hurt so much in the sixth inning that he couldn't even run out a grounder.

Three innings later, the Texas first baseman was able to just jog around the bases.

Wheelless shook off a sore shoulder and homered in the bottom of the ninth to lead the Longhorns to a 4-3 victory over Baylor on Wednesday and into the championship round at the College World Series.

"Every swing I took that I put the bat on the ball, it was just excruciating pain," Wheelless said.

The win sent Texas (54-16) into the best-of-three championship series for the second straight year. The Longhorns, national runners-up to Cal State Fullerton in 2004, will play either Arizona State (42-24) or Florida (47-21).

Arizona State, led by Erik Averill's five-hitter on two days' rest, beat the Gators 6-1 earlier Wednesday. That

forced a game Thursday night to determine which team moves to the championship round that starts Saturday.

Wheelless' homer atoned for his error in the seventh inning, which led to the tying and go-ahead runs for Baylor (46-24). Wheelless lost Kenn Kasperek's throw in the sun after the pitcher fielded Seth Fortenberry's bunt.

One run came home on the play and Fortenberry ended up on third before

scoring on Kevin Sevigny's hit.

The Longhorns tied it at 3 in the eighth when Nick Peoples scored on a play at the plate. Peoples ran into catcher Josh Ford, who was blocking the plate without the ball.

Umpire Mike Conlin ruled obstruction and called Peoples safe. Baylor coach Steve Smith argued unsuccessfully that Peoples intentionally collided with Ford and should have been ejected.

That set the stage for Wheelless in the ninth. Texas coach Augie Garrido told Wheelless that

he was thinking of having Clay Van Hook pinch hit for

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Game 7

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worth to a league that gave up on almost every member of his team at some point in their pasts.

The Pistons have closed on their second straight championship with frightening speed, winning three of the past four games in their quest to become the third team in NBA history to rally from an 0-2 finals deficit.

Following Chauncey Billups' mantra — "If it ain't rough, it ain't right" — Detroit seems eminently capable of becoming the first team to win the last two games of a finals on the road. The Pistons face just as much pressure as the Spurs in Game 7, but don't count on seeing it.

"I don't get nervous," Ben Wallace said, dismissively shaking his head. "Never. My teammates don't get nervous. That's just our team: cool, calm and collected. This situation definitely puts the pressure on them to come out and play a big game. We can just relax and play basketball, because we already know we can do what it takes."

The Pistons have rallied to win three seven-game playoff series when facing elimination during the last three years, including the Eastern Conference finals. Duncan and the Spurs haven't played a winner-take-all playoff game since Game 5 of the first round in 2002 — and their core has never played in a seventh game.

"(The 2002 game) was a big game, but it's nothing compared to the NBA Finals," Parker said. "We had so much energy. We knew we weren't going to lose. (Game 7) is different."

The Spurs didn't practice Wednesday, preferring a day of rest, but their game plan is all about Duncan. Several players repeated the same strategy: get the ball to their star early and often.

"Tim is a two-time MVP in the finals and has seemingly always stepped up in big games," San Antonio's Brent Barry said. "He certainly doesn't need to shoulder any more responsibilities than he already has, but we're going to look to him (Thursday) night."

Meanwhile, Detroit will try to wring one more victory out of the burlier mentality that has carried them to the brink of a title despite losing nine postseason games. If the Pistons triumph, they'll have more playoff losses than any championship team since the 1988 Los Angeles Lakers.

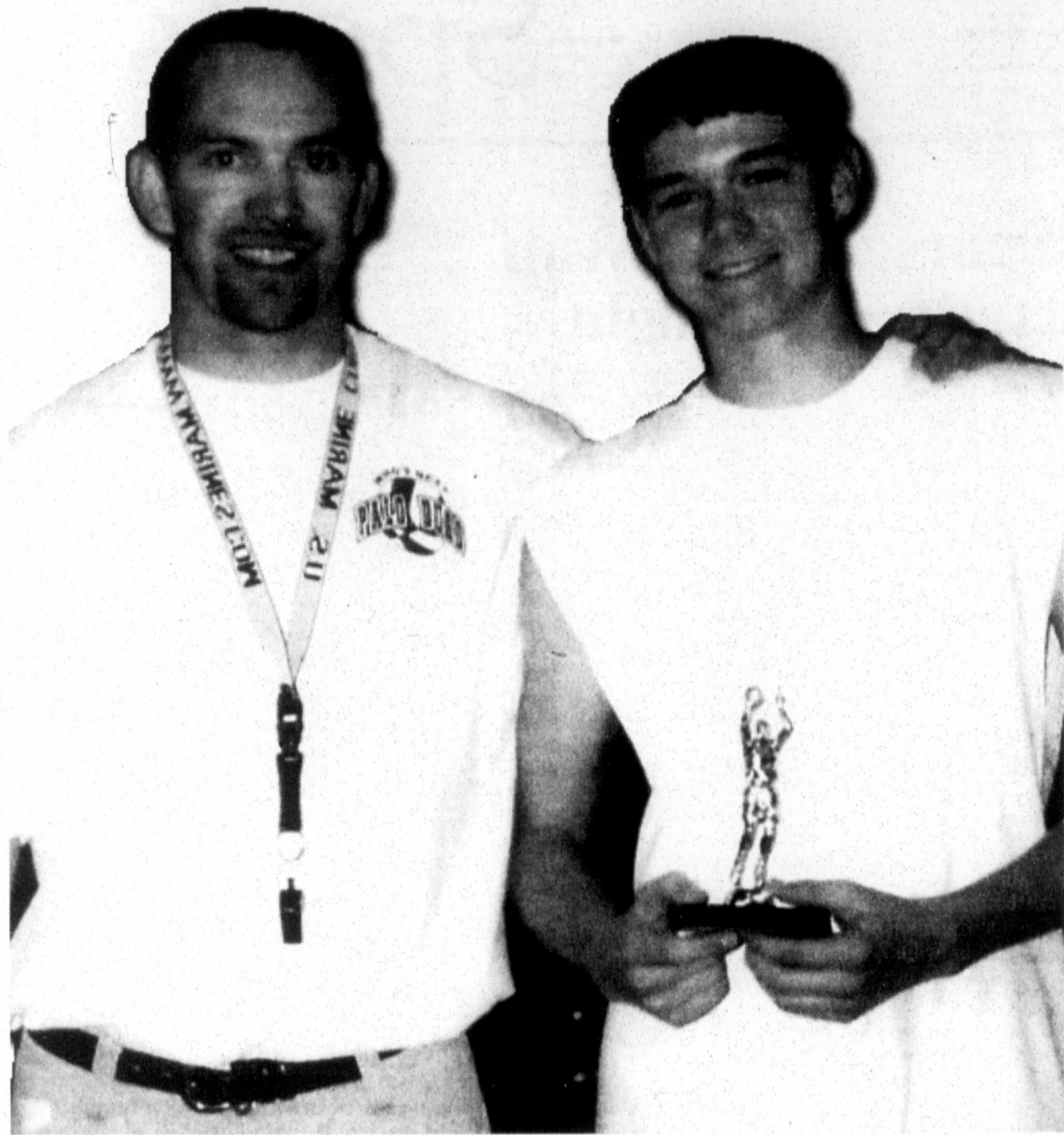
But the road team has won three of the previous 15 seventh games in NBA Finals history, and the Spurs' home crowd at the SBC Center will do everything in its power to overcome the Pistons' seeming mental advantage. Parker, Manu Ginobili and most of the Spurs play better at home, where they're 46-6 this season.

But most participants on both sides expect the game to be decided by Duncan and his defenders.

Duncan is averaging 19.8 points and 14.7 rebounds per game in the series, but has made just 43.1 percent of his shots — and don't ask about his terrible free-throw shooting.

If Duncan rises to the biggest occasion of his career to date, the Spurs will win the most satisfying championship of his career. If not, the Pistons will shock the world one more time.

"It's going to be intense," Detroit's Antonio McDyess said. "I can't wait to see what happens."



Award winner

Pictured with Palo Duro head coach Jeff Evans (left), Pampa Junior High School student Alex Clendening proudly displays the trophy he won in the ACC One-on-One Basketball held at PD May 31-June 3.

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him because of his shoulder injury.

"That first swing when it popped out, I didn't know what was going to happen the rest of the day," Wheelless said.

After talking Garrido into letting him hit, Wheelless sent Ryan LaMotta's 1-1 pitch over the right-field fence for his fifth homer of the season.

Wheelless, 1-for-4 Wednesday and 3-of-12 in the CWS, initially injured his shoulder in Monday's game against Tulane. On a check swing during his last at-bat, he said, the shoulder popped out and back in quickly.

He said he was sore Tuesday, but took batting practice with no problem Wednesday afternoon.

It was apparent the shoulder was hurting during the game. Still, he refused to let Garrido sit him.

"I had a feeling," Wheelless said. "I thought maybe I would get a base hit or something like that. Getting the game-winning hit is just huge."

Garrido said he was glad he gave in to Wheelless' wish.

"All year long, whether it's our coaching staff or other coaching staffs: 'Why doesn't somebody step up and do something? Come on, show a little courage,'" Garrido said. "Now the guy wants to do this, and I go back to the dugout and a couple people in there go, 'Why are you letting him hit? He's got a bad shoulder. He doesn't have a chance.'"

"I said, 'The guy wants to be a hero.'"

Baylor, making its first CWS appearance since 1978, reached Wednesday's game with a thrilling comeback win over Tulane on Tuesday night, rallying from a 7-0 deficit for an 8-7 victory.

J. Brent Cox (8-3) was the winner in relief.

LaMotta (5-2) took the loss.

Arizona State 6, Florida 1

Averill (11-4) threw his five-hitter in 92-degree heat, retiring the last eight batters for his fifth complete game this season.

"He told me before the game, 'I'm going nine.' I listened to him," ASU coach Pat Murphy said.

The Sun Devils, who came into the CWS with the fewest wins of any team in the field, have won three straight after losing

in the first round, and are 5-0 in NCAA tournament elimination games.

Averill's outing was a help to a relief corps that had worked 16 1-3 of ASU's 26 previous innings. The relievers were

allowed to stay back at the team hotel until a half-hour before the game.

"My mind-set going in was to get as many innings as I could because our bullpen has been a little tired," Averill said. "I just tried to put the ball in play and let our defense take care of it."

Averill had thrown 76 pitches in 5 2-3 innings of the Sun Devils' 4-2 win over Tennessee on Sunday. He threw 113 against the Gators, striking out seven and not allowing a walk.

"I was a little tired the first five innings, but then I got a second wind," Averill said. "You never really know how much your body will give you until you ask it."

The game followed Arizona State's dramatic 11-inning win over Nebraska, highlighted by Jeff Larish's CWS record-tying three home runs.

Unlike that game, the Sun Devils led early against the Gators.

Travis Buck homered deep into the right-field seats off Bryan Ball in the first inning for his sixth home run.

Ball (7-5), who hadn't pitched since June 4 in the regional opener against Stetson, went six innings and allowed four hits and four runs.

J. Brent Cox (8-3) was the winner in relief.

Pat Murphy, ASU Head Coach

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 24, 2005:

Others play significant roles in your year. You interact better with individuals than with groups. You have a way of drawing others to you, especially in public. Sometimes you might find those in charge pushy or aggressive. Don't worry; their intentions are good. You also might become more assertive in the public arena. You have a great deal of security. Others back you. If you are single, you will want a special person in your life. He or she could arrive any time after October. You might not find someone as special as this person for 11 more years. If you are attached, romance revives your bond late this fall. Let your sweetie share more of him- or herself. Schedule plenty of downtime together. AQUARIUS understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You can breathe a sigh of relief, partly because it is Friday, but also because the Moon is in your sign, highlighting you. You have the energy and drive to hit a home run. In fact, invite others to get together for a game of ball or just for fun. Tonight: Celebrate the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your instincts serve you well with bosses and those in power. Be careful how hard you push. Are you holding in some anger? Use care then. Your efficiency emerges. As everyone hops into his or her weekend, you might still be working. Tonight: Don't count on an early night.

21 Help Wanted

SIVALLS Inc. is looking for welder fabricators and a paint test service technician. Welding and drug tests req. Benefits: health ins., profit sharing, 401K, 8 paid holidays and 10 days vacation per year. 806-665-7111, Pampa.

LVN Charge Nurse needed. 2-10pm McLean Care Center Call 806-779-2469 ask for Administrator Billy Ray Johnston

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NUSERY Worker needed, First Bapt. Church, McLean. Sun. morning 9:30-12:30. \$25 per service. Children: newborn to 2 yrs. Applicants: Christian, Mature, Exp. female

NEW Pay Scale for Owner-Operators and Co. Drivers. Get home every other week. 2 yrs. OTR. CDL-A w/ HM. NO northeast. Call Southern Freight. 800-708-7795.

FRONT desk, evening & weekends, long term. Apply in person only. NO phone calls, Best Western Northgate Inn.

PETCO Pet is hiring an exp. cable tool operator. Vacation, steady work, 401k, holidays. Must have own transportation. Call 669-3947 for more info.

CHILDCARE Worker wanted for FBC Lefors, Sun. & Wed. (approx. 4.5 hrs. wk) \$8 hr. Must be 21+. Call for application 806-835-2222.

EXP. Maintenance person needed. Call to apply 665-4274 or 806-383-1985.

IMMEDIATE opening, local non-profit seeking mature, dependable woman for relief houseparent. Good opportunity for older single women, working with kids 13-17 yrs. Background check. Drug test & valid drivers license req. Apply Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm. 665-7123.

TURNER Energy Services needs Pump Truck Operators in Canadian, Tx. and Wheeler, Tx. Pay is \$13.50 hr. + monthly safety bonus, uniforms & health ins. after 90 days + 1 wk. paid vacation after 1 yr. Please call Wheeler at 806-826-3522 or Canadian at 806-323-8301, 7 am.-5 pm. Mon.-Fri.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your mind is on distant places and probably some fun happening. If you can, get out of what you are doing as soon as possible. Follow your heart and mind. Others greet you positively. Use your imagination wherever you are. Tonight: Relax to some good music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Deal with a partner, especially if it involves a public or professional commitment. You might want to get feedback from this person more often. You will be coming from a secure place, especially with an investment. Tonight: Say thank you nicely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be surprised at the difference a day can make. Suddenly everyone seeks you out. You get an important call from someone at a distance. Socialize and network. What you say delights others. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ A partner or co-worker has a very strong point of view. Let this person pitch in and help, because you will only clear out more work that way. Your assets and talents merged together could be very powerful. Don't spend money before you get it. Tonight: Buy favorite munchies on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have romance, or at least some special plans, on your mind. Don't let someone's demanding nature toss you into chaos. Claim your power, and don't allow others to push you. You don't always need to be the nice guy. Tonight: Spice up your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want and need to head home as early as you can. If you must

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HEMPHILL County Juvenile Center has an immediate opening for a Program Manager. Desired candidates should have a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree pref., in the social or behavioral sciences, criminal justice / law or related field and a minimum of two years supervisory exp. with a social services agency. Strong problem solving skills, demonstrated leadership, team building and an excellent written and verbal communication skills are critical. This is a start-up, hands-on position where an individual with high energy and multi-task talents would excel. Comp. salary & benefits. Fax resume to: HR 720-895-8000.

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SEVERAL openings for CNA's w/ great work atmosphere. Inquire at Pampa Nursing Center 1321 W. Kentucky 669-2551

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bring a project home, do so. You also might have a lot to do around the house. Don't worry about a change in routine. Tonight: Make dinner easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone you like or a child could be very assertive about what he or she wants. Respond, but don't rain on this person's parade. Having time with you means more than you realize. Plug your ingenuity into your day, especially your conversations. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Come from a basic point of view. You might need to make an investment or a major repair on a property or your home. Don't forget to check in on an important commitment or project. Your responsibilities call. Tonight: Treat yourself to something special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign energizes you, causing your natural traits to emerge. Be careful how you deal with others. You might be a lot more brash or assertive than you realize. See the big picture. Tonight: Just ask.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Take your time. You might have a strong feeling about what to do financially. Take a risk while honoring your limits. You need to resist overspending. A partner or friend pitches in with an expense. Tonight: Curl up at home.

BORN TODAY

Guitarist Jeff Beck (1944), boxer Jack Dempsey (1895), Peter Weller (1947)

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Licensed Beauty Operator Needed for Pampa Nursing Center • Single On Site Beauty Shop • No Booth Rent • Free water, electricity and towels Inq. at 1321 W. Kentucky 669-2551

KITCHEN Help needed. Must be able to work some mornings and some evenings. Apply in person at Dyer's BBQ.

NTS Communications Sales Support Admin. in Pampa 35 wpm, Word Excel E-mail: hr-jobs@ntsc.com Fax: (806) 788-3397 Ph: (806) 771-5216 5307 West Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79414 EOE

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MATURE caregiver, 24 hr. live in, 7 days on, 7 days off. \$693 to \$819 wk. 866-690-1400.

TRUCK Driver needed. Must have current CDL, pass drug test, DOT physical, good driving record. Apply in person 8 am-5 pm., Mon.-Fri., Bourland Levenich Supply, Hwy. 152 West, Pampa, Tx.

\$500 SIGN ON BONUS LVN, Charge Nurse 2-10 or 10-6 pm. Contact Donna Cox, DON, Wheeler Nursing and Rehab, 1000 S. Kiowa, Wheeler, Tx.

VISION SOURCE Opportunities available in general office and optical tech Computer skills required Fax your resume to 665-3511 or bring your resume to: Drs. Simmons & Simmons 1324 N. Banks

WANTED I need one person to help me with my business in Pampa. If you have a sales personality and desire an above average income, call 669-7605.

CORONADO Healthcare Center needs CNA's for 6-2 and 10-6 shift. Please contact Mary Couch @ 665-5746 or come by for an application.

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FOR sale: 2 end tables with matching lamps, each has mounted quail inside, \$200. 665-1730.

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HEMPHILL County Juvenile Center has immediate openings for Communication Control Workers. Desired candidates should have a high school diploma or equivalent and one year of related work exp. Will monitor, operate & maintain electronic security system & transmit security & safety info. Must possess exc. written and verbal communication skills and be familiar with personal computers. Comp. salary & benefits. Fax resume to: HR 720-895-8000.

TRUCK Driver needed for Wheat Harvest immediately, thru Oct. Class A CDL required. Call 806-930-7350.

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2 Family Garage Sale 2112 N. Wells Fri. & sat. 8-5 p.m.

1820 Lea st., Fri. & Sat. 8-5 pm. Baby bed, rocker, 30 yr. accumulation!

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CLEANED Out Barn, lots of mens & womens clothes & items, air conditioners, computers, tools, tv, classic car dwell meters, etc., piano keyboard w/ MIDI, much misc. Fri. & Sat. 8 am-?? 1532 N. Wells.

FRI. 8am-6pm Sat. 8am-12pm 1831 N. Faulkner. + size clothes, furniture, lawn mower.

4 Family, Boy, girl, womens clothing, and misc. Fri. 7 - 4, 206 W. Brown

FRIDAY ONLY 7:30 - 7 1701 N. Russell

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69a Garage Sales

Dream Catcher Flea Market & Gift Shop 1/2 mile West of Price Rd. on Borger Hwy., Turn left on Western, 1st house on Right! Open Fri.-Sun 10a-6p.

1117 Perry, Fri 9 to 5. Misc and tools.

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1821 Lea, Fri. & Sat. 8 am-5pm. Loveseat, treadmill, 2 new loads of nice items.

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Business

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Barker, Sec. 53,M-1,H&GN, PD 13701', for the following wells:
#3053A, 2269' from North & 1000' from West line of Sec.

#4053A, 974' from North & West line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Irene Dixon, Sec. 48,A-2,H&GN, PD 12900', for the following wells:
#948A, 2000' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.

#1148A, 2400' from South & 467' from West line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1852 John Vise, 1062' from South & 1122' from East line, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, PD 13837'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Peak-Walser, Sec. 29,A-2,H&GN, for the following wells:

#1129, 2339' from South & 1650' from West line of Sec., PD 13104'.

#3029A, 1750' from North & 467' from West line of Sec., PD 13206'.HEMPHILL

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #7006P Brotherton, 2250' from North & 1650' from West line, Sec. 70,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Gordon Taylor Oil Co., L.P., #8 C.S. Carver 'A', 6166' from North & 5955' from West line Lot 32,5, Wm. Heath, PD 3300'. Replacement well

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & ARRINGTON Hunton) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Mark Harvey 'A1172', 337' from North & 412' from N/West line, Sec. 6,N, W.R. Harvey, PD 8250'.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & W.T. COBLE Upper Morrow) Burnett Oil Co., Inc., #1 Coble Suffolk '859', 2913' from North & 1892' from East line, Sec. 16,M-25,TCRR, PD 9000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HODGES Des Moines) Questa Energy Corp., #2039 Hodges, 933' from South & West line, Sec. 39,43,H&TC, PD 8300'. Recompletion

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Cleveland) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Courson Ranch '156', 1950' from North & 2000' from West line, Sec. 156,13,T&NO, PD 7100'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON BRIT 12350') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Jones '31', 785' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 31,RE,R&E, PD 15000'. Replacement well

WHEELER (WILDCAT 7 LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., PD 13600', for the following wells:

#2211 McAllister, 1600' from South & 1239' from East line, Sec. 22,L, J.M. Lindsey.

#0501 Walker, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 5,—, J. Poitevent.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Atoka) BP America Production Co., #1 Lara '54', 1697' from South & 771' from East line, Sec. 54,A-7,H&GN, PD 16900'.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Turner Transportation, #1 Reed, 1876' from South & 2552' from West line, Sec. 70,A-7,H&GN, PD 6000'. Commercial Disposal well

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #2 Reid Trust '18', 467' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 18,RE,R&E, PD 15000'.

CORRECTED Intention to Drill

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Jones Energy, Ltd., #3 Cavins-Jarvis, 755' from South & 2000' from West line, Sec. 15,44, J.T. Pollard, PD 4000'. Corrected to change well location & County. Was shown in HANSFORD CO. on Orig. W-1 (BHL: 500' from South & East line Sec. 16,44,E.C. Hooper) Horizontal

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Tri-Ex Petroleum, L.P., #1232 Harrison, Sec. 232,C,G&MMB&A, spud 8-21-04, drlg. compl 12-26-04, tested 2-25-05, TD 13470', PBD 13210' —

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Oil Producers, Kingsland, Sec. 8,M-21,TCRR — Form 1 in A.E. Herrmann Corp., for the following wells:

#1, 330' from South & East line of Sec., spud 10-8-58, plugged 5-18-05, TD 2995' (oil) —

#2W, 330' from South & 660' from East line of Sec., spud 12-12-58, plugged 5-20-05, TD 3004' (disposal) —

#6, 990' from South & 330' from East line of Sec., spud 1-1-60, plugged 5-16-05, TD 3027' (oil) —

#7, 990' from North & 330' from East line of Sec., spud 5-12-60, plugged 5-26-05, TD 3025' (oil) —

#9, 330' from North & West line of Sec., spud 12-13-60, plugged 5-25-05, TD 3000' (oil) —

#10, 972' from North & 330' from West line of Sec., spud 12-20-60, plugged 5-24-05, TD 3034' (oil) —

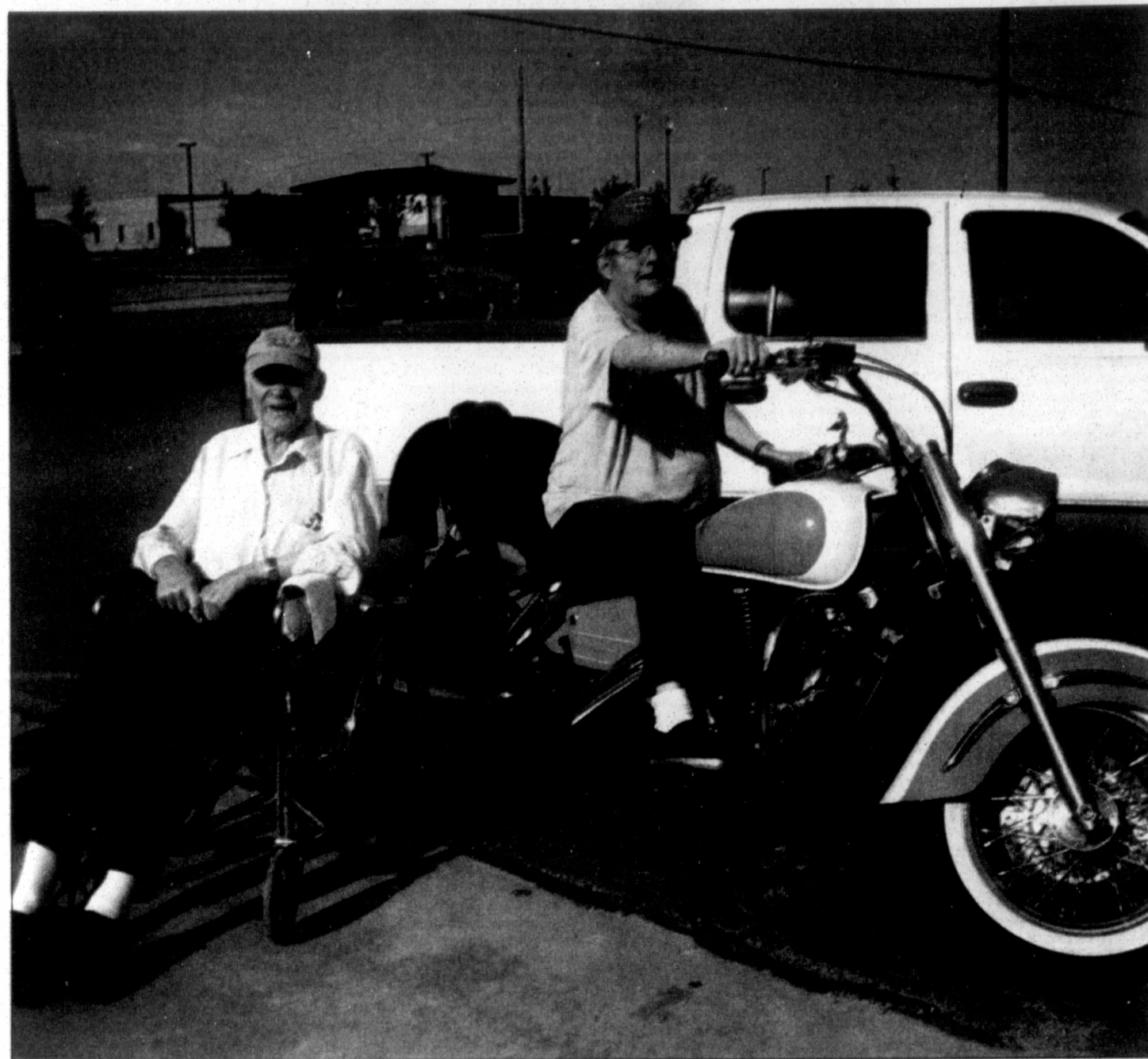
#11, 972' from South & 330' from West line of Sec., spud unknown, plugged 5-31-05, TD 3065' (oil) —

#13, 990' from North & West line of Sec., spud 4-4-62, plugged 5-23-05, TD 3250' (oil) —

#14, 990' from North & East line of Sec., spud 10-10-62, plugged 5-12-05, TD 3090' (oil) —

#15, 990' from South & East line of Sec., spud 10-17-62, plugged 5-17-05, TD 3131' (oil) —

A cool 'ride'



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