

Obituaries

Jesse Dewaine Griffin, 24

BORGER — Jesse Dewaine Griffin, 24, died June 17, 2006, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Grace Fellowship Church with the Revs. Robert Griffin, Ricky Griffin, and A.J. Griffin, pastor of Liberty Full Gospel Fellowship of Borger, officiating.

Burial will be in Stinnett Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors in Borger.

Mr. Griffin was a derrick hand for Patterson Drilling Co. He was born Dec. 25,

1981, at Odessa and married Amanda Tate in 2002. He was an Eagle Scout, a volunteer firefighter and a member of Liberty Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda; a son, Dartanian Griffin, of the home; a daughter, Zoe Griffin, of the home; his parents, A.J. and Debbie Griffin of Sanford; a brother, Clayton Griffin of Fort Drum, N.Y.; and a sister, Shaunna Knox of Borger.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South-southeast wind around 20 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. East-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 5

and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South-southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east northeast.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 88.

Waco City Council approves resolution decrying lynchings

WACO (AP) — The City Council has approved a resolution condemning lynchings and the "mob mentality" that led to them in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"We are appalled and grieved by heinous lynchings and other forms of violence that created a culture of fear and injustice," the council said in a resolution read Tuesday by Mayor Virginia DuPuy. "We recognize that past mob actions hurt our city in ways far beyond the brutal murders, as they deprived our commu-

nity of broad citizen participation and created a stigma that we strive to overcome."

The action came a month after the Community Race Relations Coalition asked the city and county to adopt a resolution apologizing for the lynchings, saying it was necessary for the community to heal.

But some locals said leaders and residents should not apologize for something that happened before they were born.

Although the city wrote its

own resolution without the word "apologize," the coalition praised it, saying the council carefully considered what it said. Coalition member Jo Welter said the resolution "very much uses the language of reconciliation."

"The goal is to make sure each person in the community feels valued and loved," she said.

The resolution did not mention specifically the 1916 lynching of Jesse Washington, a black 17-year-old who was cut and burned while hanging from a tree after a jury convicted him of killing a white woman. Some 15,000 people — half the town's population — watched Washington's lynching, one of the few ever photographed in progress.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Seventeen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets and the police department lobby.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Sumner and an unreported location.

Animal complaints were received from the 1200 block of South Hobart and Highway 60 East.

Found property was reported in the 1400 block of Lynn, the police department lobby and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Jordan.

A welfare check was made in the 500 block of West Brown.

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of South Barnes.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2600 block of Navajo, the 900 block of Duncan and the 2100 block of North Williston.

A suspicious person call was received from the 700 block of East 15th.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of South Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 700 block of North Davis.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Duncan.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1800 block of Chestnut.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1000 block of Love.

Violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws was reported in the police department lobby.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Two open doors were checked.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. Two sets of wedding rings and a pair of black and white boots were taken, for an estimated loss of \$300.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Petroleum, 1342 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Two bicycles were taken, resulting in a loss estimated at \$200.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, June 20

Jasmine Melinda Parkinson, 29, of Tucson, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for theft by check.

Tammy J. Pickering, 42, of Pampa turned herself in on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

William Major Johnson, 57, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a grand jury indictment for deadly conduct.

Kyle Ray Roberts, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for violating a protective order.

Anthony Dunn, 22, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest and a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

Wednesday, June 21

Rebecca Lynn Schilling, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of West Somerville by Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana.

Thomas Randall Townsend, 51, of Borger was arrested in the 1000 block of Love by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, no driver's license and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Fire

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

Tuesday, June 20

4:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Price Road on a medical assist.

6:46 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive on a possible grass fire. Nothing was found.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 20

4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Price Road. No transport.

7:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Perry and transported a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

9:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to a branch of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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COP CORNER

I thought this would be a good time to talk about Municipal Court Warrants. I do this because the officers are stepping up traffic enforcement especially on seat belt violations. I wanted to let everyone know the procedure the Municipal Court uses when a warrant is issued.



Courtney

Of course, the procedure begins when someone is issued a citation. The officer writes the citation and, while it is being signed, tells the violator that he or she is actually signing a "promise to appear," not an admission of guilt. In our judicial system everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The promise to appear gives the violator 12 days in which to contact the court. Not contacting the court starts the second step in the procedure. At the end of the 12 days, the court sends the violator a letter, to the address on the citation, asking the violator to come in.

The letter will also say that at the end of another 12 days a warrant will be issued. This will be the only notification a violator will get concerning the issuance of a warrant. The court usually issues warrants on Thursday of each week.

When the next Thursday, following your second 12 days, rolls around the warrant is issued. The actual warrant is then given to

Pampa Central Dispatch. Law enforcement can then check for warrants through dispatch. Dispatch will not give out this information to people that call in.

There is a silver lining to the warrant process. Even if you have a warrant and come to the court, then the court will usually take your plea on the citation and work out the terms of the plea. Even though there is a silver lining in this cloud, some thunder and lightning lingers.

Once a warrant is issued for the original charge, a "Fail to Appear" warrant is added to it. This FTA warrant amount is about \$341.00. That is a hefty sum for anyone.

The main point of this week's Cop Corner is the court really doesn't like to issue arrest warrants and generally works with a violator to bring closure to a citation, but it's up to the violator to start the process.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

Firefighters battle blaze in Arizona canyon

SEDONA, Ariz. (AP) — Firefighters struggled today to stop a 2,450-acre wildfire from jumping a highway in scenic Oak Creek Canyon and roaring into an area of evacuated homes and resorts.

Nearly 600 firefighters were on the lines

Wednesday, backed by at least a dozen aircraft and nearly three-dozen fire trucks, but the blaze was only 5 percent contained in the steep, rugged terrain.

Flames approached the canyon's two-lane highway in places during the night but crews were able to light

backfires to remove fuel from its path, officials said Wednesday morning.

"That's really good news," said Bill Watt, a fire information officer for the team fighting the fire.

The fire was approaching the area of Slide Rock State Park, a popular recreation spot that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors a year.

If it jumps the highway "then it's a whole new ball game for trying to catch the fire," said Larry Sears, a fire crew supervisor. Officials said the fire could be drawn up the other side of the canyon and into thick wilderness.

The fire started Sunday as a campfire and spread quickly, forcing the evacuation of about 400 homes and businesses in the canyon more than 90 miles north of Phoenix.

Water

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the Ogallala in the Texas Panhandle run from a quarter inch a year to two-and-a-half inches a year.

"If we're getting a quarter of an inch of recharge a year, that's about 6,000 acre-feet of water a year of recharge. If we're getting two-and-a-half inches, now you're talking about 52,000 acre-feet of recharge."

To put that in perspective, he said, CRMWA is permitted to pump 40,000 acre-feet a year.

"Our capacity is 69,000 acre-feet," Satterwhite said.

When the lake recovers, he said, they hope to cut pumping of groundwater to about 20,000 to 30,000 acre-feet.

Satterwhite said there are a lot of variables in CRMWA's projections.

With zero recharge and projecting population growth doubling, CRMWA expects to run out of water in the year 2185, almost 200 years from now, but if there is two-and-a-half inches of recharge per year, the water is sustainable with the current pipeline capacity, according to

CRMWA's projections.

There has been talk of adding a second pipeline and selling water to as many as 42 other cities on the South Plains. If that happens, CRMWA may need to expand its supply of water.

Recharge could be critical to what has become known as CRMWA II, the additional proposed pipeline.

The problem, Satterwhite said, is that there is no information available on recharge in the region where CRMWA has its water rights.

"There's a lot of unknowns about all this," Satterwhite said. "There really hasn't been any studies done on the Ogallala recharge in the Canadian River breaks area."

He said there's a lot of good sandy soil in there. Research needs to be done, he said, to figure out how much water CRMWA needs and how much it has.

"We think we have about 15 million acre-feet of water in place," Satterwhite said.

The recharge could be a huge part of that, he added.

"We just think it's critical to learn more about that," Satterwhite said.

Trees

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in the Pampa office, in May 2004 at a Lions Club meeting in Canadian.

The plan sparked protests, and TxDOT reacted by asking mayors and county judges in the targeted counties to submit names to make up a 20-member citizens committee to provide input.

The committee subsequently separated itself from TxDOT for several reasons, including to avoid any possible dismantling by that agency. Committee members have held meetings and have had dialogue with TxDOT concerning the tree issue.

Reasons for the negative reactions to the proposed tree removal include damage to wildlife and bird habitats, the fact that some of the trees are part of a national historic site, adverse effects on tourism including the annual fall foliage festival in Canadian, and aesthetic reasons.

TxDOT's reason for plans to cut down the 93 trees is safety of motorists.

"We look at every highway on a routine basis for

crash occurrences. These two came up for the number of fatality crashes," said Mark Tomlinson, a TxDOT engineer in the department's Amarillo office, after the June 27, 2005, meeting, concerning Highways 60 and 83.

Of eight single-vehicle fatalities from 1992 to 2001 along those highways, seven involved trees, Tomlinson said.

All interested residents are invited to attend Thursday's meeting. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested by TxDOT. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Mark Tomlinson, P.E., Amarillo District Engineer, P.O. Box 7368, Amarillo, TX 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than 10 days after the hearing, or July 2, in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Tour

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The Texas Panhandle

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room school house was donated to the Old Mobeetie Texas Association and moved next to the jail museum in Old Mobeetie when the Allison school system consolidated with Fort Elliott.

The town of Cataline is thought to have been named for the Roman politician Cataline by Lucy Alexander, although she misspelled it. One historian claims it was named for a Kansas land developer named Cataline.

Founded in 1890, the community failed around 1912 when the railroad changed plans to build tracks through the town.

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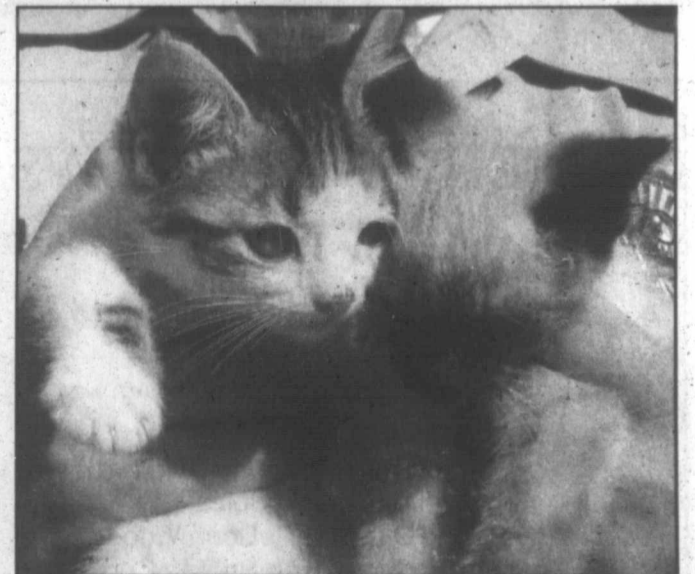
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Viewpoints

Texans share their thoughts on foreign affairs

A distinguishing trait of Texans is our determination. We do not shy away from our responsibilities, and we are resolute in the face of challenges. My recent Listening Post survey concerning our country's foreign affairs agenda revealed as much. A comment indicative of the overall response said, "Freedom should not just be limited to the U.S."

Texans support our effort to help bring freedom to Iraq. Most agree that our presence there is critical to the long-term security of the United States and are against the notion of withdrawing our troops now.

One constituent wrote, "A free and democratic Iraq is essential now more than ever since we have a huge threat from Iran." Another said, "We have planted the seeds not only of democracy but of

morality, justice and freedom for the people."

Some support our mission without approving of military action. "I do not like the fact that our military is in a foreign country fighting and dying." Another said, "I do not support the decision or the reasoning for our commitment."

Many comments indicated a preference to have military leaders, not elected officials, determine when our troops should start coming home. A sampling of these comments include: "Let our generals decide on when the job is done so we can withdraw our troops," and, "Those with the intelligence should decide when we withdraw."

Texans are concerned with the threat of a violent civil war in Iraq following any withdrawal of our troops. Sixty-four percent of respondents agree that a free, dem-

ocratic Iraq is essential to long-term stability in the Middle East. "Similar to the way our presence in West Germany after World War II kept the USSR in check, I believe our presence in Iraq will deter further terrorist regimes in the Middle East."

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator



The notion of standing up as the Iraqis stand down was supported overwhelmingly by readers. One person said, "I am glad our President took the mad man [Saddam Hussein] down. The Iraq people are and will be better off." Iraq is not the only hotspot that

Texans feel our country should be monitoring. Many constituents think that our country should be especially concerned with North Korea's nuclear weapons program, Iran's nuclear ambitions, and the pace of China's increasing economic and military strength. One stressed, "Being concerned should not be confused with forcing our will on other peoples and with trying to undermine the progress of other countries."

Texans agree that international trade boosts our economy by expanding access for American companies to overseas markets and promoting peaceful relations with foreign countries, but there was some disagreement on how to best promote it. While 52 percent of respondents support regulating international trade with tariffs to ensure our overseas competition

observes the same health and labor laws that we do, 47 percent believe that international trade is most successful when the free market is left alone.

There are also conflicting opinions on how to best prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and their delivery systems. Seventy percent of respondents agree that prevention is best addressed by building international consensus on WMD proliferation through diplomacy, while 64 percent think that prevention is dependent upon our willingness to use military force, when necessary.

Thank you for all of your thoughtful responses, and I will soon provide another Capitol Comment, responding to my Listening Post concerning immigration.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2006. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 8:26 a.m. EDT.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 21, 1788, the U.S. Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

On this date: In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1905, French philosopher, author and playwright Jean-Paul Sartre was born in Paris.

In 1932, heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers on Okinawa found the body of the Japanese commander, Lt. Gen. Mitsuru Ushijima, who had committed suicide.

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1964, civil rights workers

Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney disappeared in Philadelphia, Miss.; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later.

In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C., found John Hinckley Jr. innocent by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Reagan and three other men.

In 1985, scientists announced that skeletal remains exhumed in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele.

In 2004, the SpaceShipOne rocket plane punched through Earth's atmosphere, then glided to a landing in California's Mojave Desert in the first privately financed manned spaceflight.

Ten years ago: European leaders agreed to gradually lift a global ban on British beef exports imposed nearly three months earlier following a scare over "mad cow" disease. Pentagon officials said American troops destroyed an Iraqi ammunition depot in March 1991 that may have contained chemical weapons.

Five years ago: A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted 13 Saudis and a Lebanese in the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 American servicemen.

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Spoilers of the 2008 U.S. presidential race

The shape of the 2008 presidential sweepstakes is gradually becoming clearer through the fog of war. There is a surprising and artful symmetry in how each party's contest is shaping up.

Both parties have clear front-runners — Hillary Clinton and John McCain — around whom the race will be formed. In each party, there is a looming presence whose entry into the race could change it completely. And there is an assortment of ideologically more extreme contenders who are trying to break through and challenge the front-runner.

In the Republican primaries, McCain runs far ahead of all other contenders. But the specter of Rudy Giuliani hangs over the nominating process. If Rudy runs, his challenge will most directly affect McCain, who then would have to battle for the moderate side of the party. But if Rudy stays out, the contest will polarize around the Arizona senator.

But since McCain is on the left of the GOP — despite his efforts to court the right — he will inevitably face a runoff in the primaries against the great right hope, a title for which Virginia Sen. George Allen, Massachusetts Gov. Mitt

Romney, Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist are competing.

Dick Morris

Columnist



The problem is that McCain probably can't win the Republican nomination. He is too independent, original, creative and populist for his party. A party that prides itself on regularity and corporate grayness won't take a chance on a maverick who led the fight for tough corporate governance, against big tobacco, for campaign-finance reform, against CIA torture and for tough environmental regulation. So the challenger who emerges from the right-wing miniprimary will probably be the nominee.

On the Democratic side, Hillary is under increasing fire for her failure to move to the left on the Iraq war. In a massive miscalculation, she aimed at

winning the general election by backing the war before she got the nomination, which will be decided by anti-war Democratic primary voters. Her error opens the door for Al Gore, the figure who is the equivalent of Giuliani's looming presence over the Republican primary.

If Gore runs, it will be a dogfight to the end between these two veterans of the Clinton administration.

If Gore runs, there is no room for anybody else. If Gore doesn't go for it, Sen. John Kerry and former Sen. John Edwards will assert their claims, but I think they will be easily pushed aside by Hillary. Both backed the war and are seen as losers in the wake of 2004's disaster.

As to the election, whoever wins the Democratic nomination in 2008 will get elected president unless:

(A) Either McCain, Giuliani or — my old favorite — Condoleezza Rice gets the GOP nomination, or

(B) McCain runs as an independent, a race he could win, thereby reshaping American politics forever.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Homosexuals and lesbians will always exist

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist may be a good body mechanic (some people call them surgeons), but he is a lousy legislator. Not for the first time, he has made a world-class stupid statement.

In the debate on a constitutional amendment that would ban gay and lesbian marriage, he said the Senate has a "duty to protect marriage." What a load of horse apples. The Senate has no duty and no business involving itself in the question of marriage. Marriage is not a federal issue. He should read his Constitution.

Of course, the amendment failed. It was just a ploy to spark interest in the homophobic Christian right, who are disgusted with President George W. Bush's failed leadership, not to mention the rampant corruption, secrecy, cronyism, fiscal irresponsibility and bungled foreign policy.

Homosexuals and lesbians exist. Whether it's because of nature or nur-

ture, I don't know and don't care. But they exist, and they will continue to exist whether any state recognizes a gay marriage or not.

Charley Reese

Columnist



If homosexuals wish to make the state a third party to their relationship and thus become eligible for the money-hungry divorce lawyers and meddling judges, well, that's their choice. It is an issue that should concern only homosexuals and lesbians. People should be disgusted that politicians have tried to make it a national issue when there are so many legitimate problems in this country that they continue to ignore.

I recognize that several religions condemn homosexuality. Well, that's OK. Preachers, rabbis and priests who adhere to those religions should not perform marriage ceremonies for gay couples. There are civic officials who can do it, and plenty of people in liberal churches and temples who will do it. In Las Vegas, there are people who probably will marry you to a chimpanzee if you have the money to pay them.

As for the homophobes who fear or hate homosexuals, I would merely remind you that most such people are latent homosexuals themselves.

For the rest of us, the whole matter is a waste of time. Let us mind our own business, and if gays wish to get hitched, so what? Are the critics suggesting that promiscuity is a better alternative? I don't think it is, simply from a public-health point of view.

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Sports Day

NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat arrive home with trophy

MIAMI (AP) - After an 18-year pursuit, the Miami Heat have finally brought the NBA championship trophy to South Florida.

The newly crowned world champions arrived home shortly before 7 this morning. Fans gave huge cheers and pressed up against a chain link fence as the players' plane taxied along the runway at Miami International Airport. Fire trucks shot streams of water over the aircraft.

Shaquille O'Neal hoisted the golden trophy with one hand and then cradled it as he walked off the plane, smiling and waving to fans. Most likely remember the promise he made them when he first arrived in Miami two years ago that he would bring a championship to South Florida.

Coach Pat Riley said the team drank 22 bottles of the high-end Cristal champagne on the flight: "We're not sleeping. We'll sleep in the summertime."

"I'm running on fumes right now.

I'm so excited," said center Alonzo Mourning, who has played through 13 seasons, two retirements and a serious kidney ailment for a championship.

The Heat then went to a waiting fleet of limousines and the team left about an hour after landing. Police said the overnight festivities throughout the area had remained peaceful.

Only hours earlier, the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks 95-92 in Game 6 of the NBA finals. Miami won the series 4-2, claiming the first title in franchise history.

Dwyane Wade had 36 points in the title-clinching victory, one that made O'Neal a four-time world champion and gave Pat Riley his fifth ring as a head coach. Afterward, they celebrated in their locker room, spraying champagne in every direction, then moved the festivities to a Dallas hotel before flying home.

And now, the real parties begin: city officials say a victory parade is tentatively scheduled for Thursday after-

noon.

"Thank you for your support, your patience," a champagne-soaked Mourning shouted when asked if he had a message to fans as he stood in the middle of the locker room party in Dallas. "We love you all, and without you, we wouldn't have gotten it done, baby."

The Heat became the third team in NBA history to win the championship after losing the first two games of the final series. And they could not wait to get home afterward.

"Get ready, Miami," Heat guard Gary Payton said before the team left Dallas, a broad smile on his face.

Francisco Sarazia, a 34-year-old Miami biology teacher, started his celebration at American Airlines Arena, where he watched a live broadcast of the game with more than 10,000 other fans. He ran outside the arena after the game to exchange high-fives with people in passing cars, then made his way to the airport to await the team.

Glo-Valve forfeits; Cabot Corp. edges DFB for right to play in city tourney

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

POYC 11-12 Cal Ripken League

Back-to-back forfeits have taken a talented Glo-Valve club out of the City Tournament picture. Meanwhile, a come-from-behind 9-6 win Tuesday night by Cabot Corp. over Duncan, Frazer & Bridges Insurance moves Cabot into the championship.

Cabot Corp. went undefeated in this week's double-elimination tournament.

Collin Killgo tossed a complete game for Cabot in Tuesday night's win. Zach Murray and Rudy Rodriguez pitched for DFB.

Rotary will play DFB at 5:45 today for the right to play in the City Tournament championship Thursday against Cabot.

A Cabot loss at 5:45 p.m. Thursday would require a second game 30 minutes later.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Disappointed Mavericks fans look for blame

DALLAS (AP) - As the final buzzer sounded, brooding Dallas Mavericks fans looked for reasons why their team failed to win its first NBA title after jumping out to a 2-0 lead against the Miami Heat.

The Heat's 95-92 victory on Tuesday night gave Miami its first NBA championship instead. Miami won the series 4-2 and celebrated the historic win on the Mavericks home court.

"I paid \$1,200 for these tickets, and we did not win," said Ashleigh Adams of Arlington, among dejected Mavericks fans who streamed out of the American Airlines Center and made plans to drown their sorrows at local bars.

"We got the coach. We got the team. We wanted it all this year, though," said Korby Keene. "The Heat aren't that good. The refs gave them the game."

Fan criticism of the referees followed the example provided by the Dallas owner.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban was fined \$250,000 on Tuesday for his outbursts following Game 5 of the NBA finals, and commissioner David Stern said he was becoming weary of off-court antics drawing attention from the series.

Cuban was cited for "several acts of misconduct" committed after Dallas lost 101-100 in overtime to the Heat in Miami on Sunday night. The infractions included Cuban going onto the floor to complain directly to official Joe DeRosa, screaming toward

Stern and a group of league officials.

Stern was booed loudly by the fans that remained in the stands during the postgame trophy presentation on Tuesday night.

"If we believe that the last great conspiracy theory in Dallas was JFK's death, the second greatest conspiracy theory was that David Stern wanted the Miami Heat to win the championship," said Mavericks fan George Graffy, 41.

Three people were arrested on misdemeanor assault charges, and one was treated at the scene after a fight in the arena parking lot. All involved were Mavericks fans. Police said tension from the game contributed to the incident.

At least some fans were not willing to blame the Mavericks' title loss on someone else.

"The game was unbelievable but understandable. If you lose Game Three the way we did, you can't blame it on the refs. The true fan understands that the turning point at Game Three," said Ramon Guajardo, 27.

"I'm bummed, I'm going to go drink heavily. It will not be a good night," said James Jones, 50, who sported a suit, tie and a blue mohawk for the game.

At Frankie's Sports Bar and Grill, the owner, Bill Katz, painted his face in Mavericks colors and waved a large flag when the score got close to exhort the faithful to cheer for the home team.

CWS: OSU sends Miami packing; CSF drops Tigers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The embarrassment of getting blown out by Miami in their College World Series opener was still fresh in the minds of Oregon State's players.

Facing elimination and a long trip home, the Beavers scored early against the Hurricanes and Mike Stutes was masterful on the mound.

"I think, to a man, every one of us told everybody out there that we were a better club than we played on opening day, and we had to prove it," Oregon State coach Pat Casey said. "And tonight, I believe we did."

Stutes allowed one run in six-plus innings and Oregon State scored four times in the third to take control and eliminate Miami 8-1 in the College World Series on Tuesday night. The Beavers lost to Miami 11-1 on Saturday.

"Miami is a really good hitting club also, so we knew we had to go out and get a little revenge because they put it on us the other day," catcher Mitch Canham said. "The offense stepped it up and Mike came out and gave us a great showing on the mound."

Shea McFeely hit a long home run for Oregon State (46-15), which got its second win in seven CWS games and will play Rice (57-11) tonight. The

Beavers need to beat the Owls twice to advance to the best-of-three championship series this weekend. In the other game Tuesday, Cal State Fullerton eliminated top-seeded Clemson with a 7-6 victory. The Titans (50-14) play North Carolina (52-13) in the early game Wednesday, and need to beat the Tar Heels twice to advance.

Stutes (8-2), a transfer from Santa Clara, cruised through his first six innings and had his legs massaged by the team trainer in between trips to the mound to prevent cramping. He allowed one hit - a single by Eddy Rodriguez in the fifth - before tiring in the seventh.

"I was having a good time," the sophomore right-hander said. "This is the biggest stage it gets for college baseball, and I was just trying to have a good time with it."

Stutes gave up a one-out homer to Dennis Raben that landed five rows from the top of the bleachers in right field to put Miami (42-24) on the scoreboard.

"Mike was outstanding to handcuff Miami for as long as he did," Casey said. "Mike's got a great arm - and location, location, location. And then, when you're throwing at 91, 92 (mph), that location really works out."

United League Standings

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| Edinburg | 24 | 7 | .774 | — |
| San Angelo | 18 | 13 | .581 | 6 |
| Alexandria | 17 | 14 | .548 | 7 |
| Amarillo | 12 | 19 | .387 | 12 |
| Rio Grande Valley | 12 | 19 | .387 | 12 |
| Laredo | 10 | 21 | .323 | 14 |

Tuesday's Games

Laredo 5, Rio Grande Valley 3
Edinburg 10, San Angelo 7

Alexandria 10, Amarillo 8

Wednesday's Games

Alexandria at Amarillo
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo

San Angelo at Edinburg


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Over the last three years, my best friend of 15 years, "Hazel," has engaged in some disturbing Internet dating behavior. Several months ago, she answered a classified ad on the Internet in which a man was looking for women who enjoy "domestic discipline." (In other words, "spanking.") Not only did Hazel go to meet this man in person, but she married him after knowing him for only three weeks! When I met him in person, every alarm God ever gave me as a woman went off at once. He was very aggressive and began making inappropriate comments in front of me about spanking her after knowing me for less than 10 minutes. Hazel keeps pressing for us to "get to know him," but every time I think about it I feel ill. My husband and I are conservative people. We would never associate with someone we knew openly practiced deviant behavior. However, I am concerned for my friend. I'm afraid he may abuse her. I don't want to associate with him, but I don't want to lose Hazel. Can this relationship be salvaged? - **SHOCKED IN TEMPE, ARIZ.**

DEAR SHOCKED: Yes, but it won't be a foursome. It'll be "just the girls" when you can both spare the time -- and I have a hunch he may be keeping your friend pretty busy. You don't have to approve of her lifestyle to make it very clear to her that you are only a phone call away if she needs you -- and that's what I recommend you do.

DEAR ABBY: My heart is aching. How should I tactfully suggest to my husband that we need marriage counseling? I don't want to provoke an argument about it, which I am afraid will happen. We have just grown so far apart, and it's only been eight years. Everything is so negative, and I'm afraid I don't even like him anymore. I

think we would be OK if we could get help. But I don't know where to start. - **FEELING ALONE IN WESTERVILLE, OHIO**

DEAR FEELING ALONE: Tell your husband that you are concerned because HE doesn't seem to be happy. Tell him that you feel you have grown apart, but do not understand what has gone wrong. Tell him that you long for the relationship you had when you were first married, and that you would like for the two of you to get some marriage counseling. If that provokes an argument, stay calm and explain that you aren't being accusatory or saying it to upset him -- just trying to bring the two of you closer again. If he refuses to go, then go without him. Counseling will help you decide the next step to take.

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago, as a Christmas gift, a friend gave me an oil painting that had been painted by her mother. I was recently told that my cancer is terminal, so I have begun "housecleaning." Would it be all right for me to return the painting to my friend with a note expressing my delight in having once owned it? No one in my family has a desire to keep the painting. - **PREPARING TO GO IN DENVER**

DEAR PREPARING TO GO: I am sorry that your prognosis is not what we would have wished. By all means, return the painting to your friend. It may have sentimental value to her -- not only because the painting was created by her mother, but also because it belonged to you. When you do, write her a note and tell her that the painting has brought you a lifetime of happiness, and you only wish you could have enjoyed it longer.

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