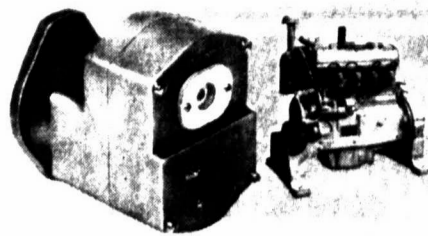


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## Judges address commissioners court

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Discussion of the 2005 Gray County budget continued today in county commissioners' court, Gray County Courthouse, as justices of the peace and a district judge addressed commissioners regarding their proposed funds.  
 Lee Waters, 223rd district judge, asked that his juvenile court supplement be brought in line with that of 31st District Judge Steven Emmert. Emmert currently receives \$8,971 per year from five counties, while Waters gets \$3,600 per year from Gray County, with no other counties in his jurisdiction contributing.

"I would like to be in line with the 31st District salary," Waters told commissioners.  
 "A few years ago, I dropped county insurance because I was getting district coverage. There has been no cost of living increase for Texas judges in the last eight years, and now our insurance and prescription drug benefits have been cut," Waters said, in explanation of the reason for his request.  
 "Aren't you pretty much limited by statute to \$3,600 (concerning the supplement)?" said County Auditor

Elaine Morris.  
 "No. The \$8,971 (received by Emmert) is below the cap," Waters said.  
 The 223rd Judicial District and the juvenile board were both created in 1977, Waters said. Gray County currently pays 60 percent of \$3,600 to Emmert, or \$180 per month, for juvenile-related services, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. Four other counties in Emmert's district provide the additional funds to total \$8,971 annually, Peet said.  
 There are currently 120 juveniles on probation in Gray County, Peet said.

Mary Carpenter, Precinct 4 justice of the peace, briefly discussed with commissioners the proposed budget for her office. Carpenter's proposed 2005 budget of \$50,064 is \$128 more than her 2004 allotted amount of \$49,936.  
 Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman was waiting to address commissioners concerning his office's 2005 budget as of press time today. Curfman had discussed his budget with commissioners during hearings held July 26.  
 Commissioners postponed action on a proposal to hire Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to



Waters

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## Plot targets open warily

WASHINGTON (AP) — Financial institutions identified as targets of a terrorist plot in three cities opened for business Monday under stepped-up security and defiant words from people who said they won't be cowed by the extraordinary intelligence pointing to a potential attack.  
 Police sealed off some streets in New York, put international-finance employees in Washington through extra security checks, and added barricades and a heavy armed presence in Newark, N.J., in response to a heightened terrorism alert aimed specifically at titans of the financial sector.  
 Treasury Secretary John Snow, quick to try to reassure investors and Americans generally, said the nation's financial system operated normally in the first weekday hours of the code-orange alert.  
 "People around the world rightly have confidence in the U.S. financial markets," Snow said. "While we must always remain vigilant against terror, we will not be intimidated and prevented from enjoying our lives and exercising our freedoms."  
 Police checked identity cards as employees filed in to the World Bank headquarters, and

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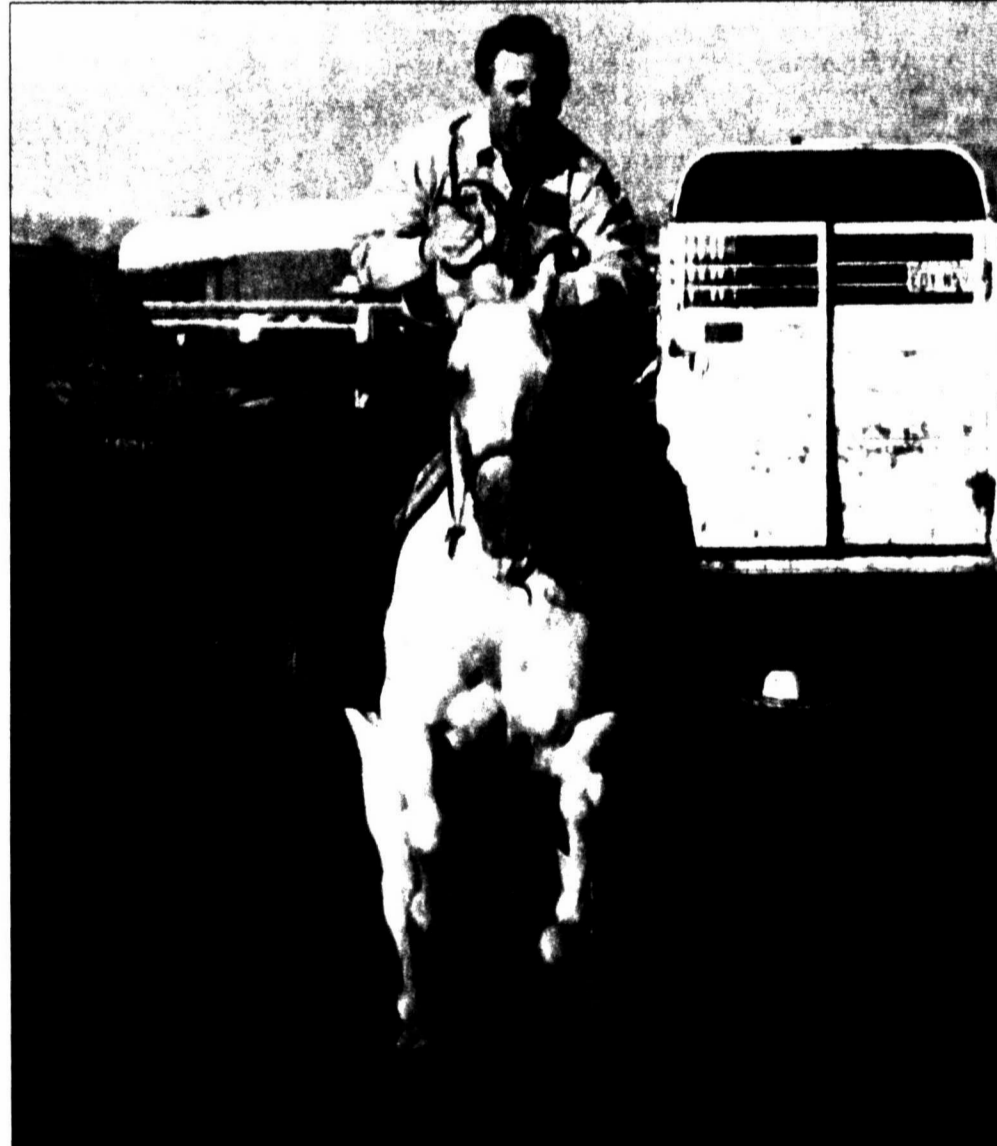
— John Snow  
 U.S. Treasury Secretary



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## Officers seek cat that bit woman

Pampa Animal Control officers ask for the public's help in keeping a Pampa resident from having to endure a series of painful rabies shots.  
 A woman was bitten by a large "mostly black" cat with some white markings about five days ago near the Caprock Apartments, said Officer Monty Montgomery.  
 "The cat frequented the house several times but then, after it bit her, it never came back," Montgomery said. "The lady said she would know the cat if she saw it again."  
 Anyone who sees a cat that matches this description or who knows of the whereabouts of this cat is asked to contact Pampa Animal Control at 669-5775 and leave a message, or call Pampa Police Department at 669-4700.



*Let's rodeo*  
 Bill Lynch, above left, serves Bonita Myers of Samnorwood as Larry James passes out plates at the White Deer Rodeo barbecue Friday night. At right, Michael Craig of Pampa's Top of Texas Rodeo Club leaves his hat in the dirt and his boots out of the stirrups as his horse gallops down the arena in a race against White Deer's team of Artie Sailor and Rusty Armstrong during the White Deer Rodeo Friday night. Despite his efforts, Sailor and Armstrong won the Challenge Pickup Race event.

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### Time for school supplies

Renell Cloud, center, registers Ryan Campbell, 10, left, and Mindy Campbell, 14, for school supplies at Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner. Harvest House Outreach, a ministry of the church, will provide essential school supplies for qualified applicants for children Grades K-12. Registration is mandatory and will be conducted today through Friday, Aug. 6. Registrants are asked to bring a birth certificate or social security number. For more information about registering, contact Harvest House at 665-4042 or Trinity Fellowship at 665-3255.

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help develop a county road map.

Texas Transportation Code Section 258 insures each county's right to expend funds on county roads, and to adopt a county road map to show all roads on which the county claims the existence of a public interest. Adoption of a county road map "is conclusive evidence of the public's right of access of a road included on the map and of the county's authority to spend public money to maintain a road included on the map," according to information provided to county commissioners by the PRPC.

The PRPC offer to assist in the creation of the county road map grew out of the regional agency's rural 911 address campaign, in which residents on county roads are assigned street-type addresses so that emergency personnel can more readily and quickly locate them.

The PRPC helped Hartley, Armstrong, Deaf Smith and Carson counties with their

county road maps last year, free of charge, said a representative of PRPC who attended this morning's commissioners' meeting. State officials in Austin decided that the assistance could no longer be free of charge, in case 911 funds were improperly being used for the county road map project, so PRPC is now charging \$700 plus expenses per county for help with the maps, the representative said.

An alternative would be for a county to hire a legal firm to create the map, the PRPC representative said. Estimated cost for this type of help is a minimum of \$20,000, he said. Last year, Ochiltree County was one of two Panhandle counties which hired a law firm to develop their county road map.

Counties have until Dec. 1, 2009, to complete the mapping, printing and distribution. Citizens would be noti-

fied of public hearings concerning county roads, followed by a public review. Any disagreements may be resolved by a specially appointed committee.

Action by commissioners on the development of a county road map was postponed until their next regular meeting on Aug. 16.

In other business, commissioners approved an internal audit report by County Auditor Elaine Morris, five line item budget transfers, continuation of the county vehicle registration fee for 2005, and a tax bid of \$50 for Lots 7-9, Block 64, Original Town, McLean.

The City of Pampa's request to retain ownership of tax delinquent property in the Wilcox Addition, Lots 5-13, or 825 Talley St., for drainage purposes was approved, as was payment of a \$4,046.33 bill from the city which represents the county's share of costs for demolition of condemned structures between July 1, 2003 and

June 30, 2004. The amount represents approximately 25 structures, Peet said, with Pampa Independent School District's share of the demolitions at \$12,687, and the City of Pampa's share at \$5,674.

Commissioners had discussed but had not voted on any action concerning county retirement rates and the supplemental death benefits fund as of press time. They approved a \$2,000 expenditure for implementation consultation and training for GASB 34, regarding accounting practices.

*"I would like to be in line with the 31st District salary."*

— Lee Waters  
223rd District Judge

*"We are a nation in danger."*

— President Bush

## Targets

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guards at its sister institution across the street, the International Monetary Fund, swept the underside of cars with detecting devices as they entered the garage.

Authorities were more visible, although not in large numbers, in a capital that has already fortified key buildings against terrorism. "I'm concerned but we have to carry on as normal," said Shirley Davies of Britain, who has worked at the IMF for seven years. The bank and the fund are among largest employers in Washington, with more than 10,000 people in both buildings, two blocks from the White House.

Along with the international institutions, authorities placed the Citigroup Center building in New

York, the New York Stock Exchange and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J., under heavy scrutiny after unusually detailed information identified those buildings as terrorism targets, and prompted the government to raise its terrorism alert.

"We are a nation in danger," President Bush said as he met with reporters at the White House to embrace the concept of a new national intelligence czar. "We are doing everything in our power to confront the danger." He called the alert a "solemn reminder of the threat we continue to face" and said all institutions of government must be prepared against terrorism well into the future.

New York police closed several streets in midtown Manhattan and banned trucks from bridges and tunnels leading to Wall Street. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki rang the opening bell at the stock exchange in a show of confidence in the city's precautions.

"America and New Yorkers are pulling together here, and they're not going to be cowed," Bloomberg said. In Newark, Prudential employees threaded through police and concrete barriers into their offices. "I'm a little nervous given the 9/11 situation, but I'm confident Prudential's doing everything they can to ensure our safety," said Tracy Swistak, 27, an analyst in the international finance department.

## Probe

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make sure they had not left anything that might endanger the plane. Law enforcement officials met the musicians at the airport, questioned them extensively and checked their names against terrorist watch lists.

Not all well as it should have. Passengers are not supposed to congregate in groups on airliners, according to a government advisory issued in December.

Jacobsen said seven of the men stood up and went to the lavatories as the plane was preparing to land and the flight attendants were strapped in their seats. "They seemed to be more in charge of the aircraft than

the flight attendants," Jacobsen said.

Northwest declined comment on the flight attendants' actions.

Congress focused on a different potential problem: When the FBI questioned the men after the plane landed, it is not clear the agent examined the musicians' immigration status or checked whether their visas had expired.

## Three injured in A&M housing complex blaze

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A Texas A&M University graduate student and three of her relatives were hospitalized after a weekend fire at a campus apartment complex.

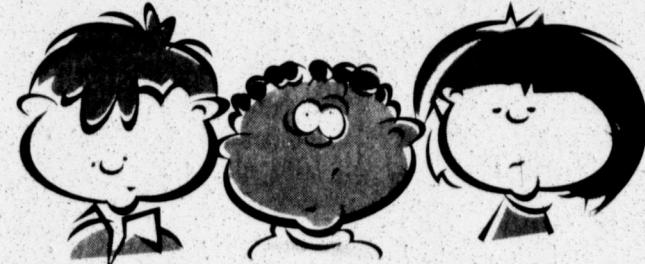
Many of the graduate students and married students who live in the complex were displaced by the fire and stayed in hotel rooms after the Saturday blaze.

"A&M is doing everything

it can to tend not only to the victims and their families, but those that are living there as well," A&M spokeswoman Cindy Lawson told The Bryan-College Station Eagle in Monday's editions.

Lawson declined to identify the injured student. Her daughter and in-laws also were receiving treatment at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

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# Viewpoints

## Tax proposals hit small business on the chin

It looks like small business is taking it on the chin again.

The state senator from Plano is proposing a combination of business, sales and tobacco taxes to buy down local school property taxes.

I don't know about anybody else, but as a former small businessman (and I do mean small), I hated being a tax collector for the state.

On the other hand, I don't smoke cigarettes so I have no objection to the proposed increase on a pack of smokes. If that extends to cigars, we could have a problem.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, set forth a plan in July combining increased taxes

on business, sales and tobacco to raise money for education. It's the first plan in the school finance mess that includes a business tax that hasn't been attacked by the governor.

Gov. Rick Perry has opposed proposed business activity taxes, gross receipt taxes and payroll taxes in the past. He is said to be considering Shapiro's proposal.

Of course, if there was the political will, the state could increase the size of the property tax cut by approving slot machines in the Lone Star State.

I wouldn't have a problem with that. Gambling is not one of my many vices. We should tax that.

Personally, I think we should raise taxes on beer, but lower them on bourbon.

Supposedly, none of the lobbyists or business groups have attacked Shapiro's proposal. It may be because they are still studying it, or it may be that no details have been released.

Those who track such things say there's nothing new in Shapiro's plan. It's just been cobbled together from other plans presented earlier this year. One from Column A. One from Column B.

Her business license fee suggestion, according to the bean counters, would raise \$3.5 billion for state coffers. That's in addition to the \$1.9 billion raised by the business franchise tax.



**David Bowser**  
Staff Writer

Shapiro is also proposing a modified tax on business gross receipts. She would use the business tax to cut local school property taxes.

Shapiro is also proposing to raise \$1.2 billion by increasing sales and motor vehicle tax rates from 6.25 percent to 6.75 percent.

You gotta hand it to those Republicans. They know how to tax.

A similar proposal was killed by legislators earlier this year. Austin pundits said it had a lot to do with looking like taxing income during reelection campaigns.

The Republican leadership of the Texas House of Representatives suggested a payroll tax during one of the special sessions this year. It passed through committee but was shot down by the governor before it went to the floor of the House for a vote.

That was followed by the House killing the governor's proposal.

Politics in Austin are get-

ting to be almost as much fun as when everybody was a Democrat. Ah, the joys of a one-party state.

The House supposedly has decided that if the governor doesn't appreciate their work, they'll just wait for him or the Senate to come up with something else.

Who says Republicans are a dull, boring, monolithic group.

Shapiro's proposal would also tack on a 50-cent increase on each pack of cigarettes sold in the state, yielding another \$427 million. Legislators have been talking about a dollar increase for at least a year.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 2004. There are 151 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1943, during World War II, a Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. (The future president was credited with saving members of the crew; he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism, and also received the Purple Heart for injuries he'd suffered.)

### On this date:

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.

In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: Serbia threatened to cut all aid to the Bosnian Serbs if they didn't approve an international peace plan.

Five years ago: Launching another salvo in a war of nerves with rival Taiwan, China announced it had test-fired a new long-range missile. A train collision in India claimed 286 lives.

*'A man who does not lose his reason over certain things has none to lose.'*

— Gotthold Ephraim Lessing  
German dramatist



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## Choose a president, not a date

Here are some things Americans should consider before deciding whom they will vote for in November. You are not going to sleep with the president, become his best buddy or be his favorite pen pal. Therefore, you do not have to vote for someone you think is likable or handsome or charming.

Statesmen, in fact, are often not likable, as they often have to make unpopular decisions. And America needs a statesman in the White House, because the years ahead are full of dangers, both from human sources and from environ-

ment stresses. It is also impossible to think seriously and smile at the same time. I have always distrusted people who smile perpetually.

America, like any other nation or empire, has the potential to self-destruct. Nations and empires self-destruct when their leaders make a series of bad decisions. If you visit Great Britain, France or Spain today, you would never know from their pres-

ent state that they were once world powers. There is not one single example in world history where any empire ever sustained itself indefinitely.

Leaders make wrong decisions when they are shallow-minded, uninterested in the affairs of state and ignorant of the world outside their borders. They make wrong decisions when they depend on advisers who are driven by ideology. An ideologue is

by definition a person out of touch with reality. Reality is always fluid, complex and changing from moment to moment. The rigid thinking of an ideologue inevitably loses a clash with reality. Its own internal ideologies drove the once-mighty Soviet Union into the ground.

So remember, when it comes to choosing a president, you're not choosing a date, a fishing buddy or someone to spend your vacation with. You will be choosing someone who hopefully

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



## U.S. could use interpretation lesson

Houston Chronicle on U.S. needs interpreters:

Skimming any science magazine around 1957, readers would have found a consistent view of Soviet space science: contempt. Unable to read Russian, most U.S. scientists dismissed their rivals' skills. Until Sputnik, that is. Shocked when the USSR launched history's first artificial satellite, Congress quickly approved the National Defense Education Act, which promoted study of science, technology and the Russian language. It's time to use that strategy again, by increasing study of Middle Eastern languages.

Last week's report by the 9/11 panel showed an unsettling array of national security failures. The desperate shortage of trained linguists, however, was already well-documented. Last year, a joint congressional investigation found that as of 2001, the government had met only 30 percent of its strategic needs for foreign-language specialists. Experts say the figures today are similar, or lower. Though security agencies have hired hundreds of new Arabic speakers and other language

experts, our increased foreign presence has quickly tapped the supply of linguists.

The result? Debacles like the recent espionage case in Guantanamo, where one defendant was an amateur interpreter whose last job had been driving a taxi. Most devastating of all, however, is America's inability to express its values or know its true threats in broad, hostile swathes of the world. "It's really Sputnik all over again," said Kevin Hendzel, a spokesman for

the American Translators Association and a former translator for the presidential hot line to Moscow. America lacks fluent speakers in many strategic languages, among them Farsi, Urdu and Korean. But the most urgent need is for Arabic speakers. The challenge is greater because Arabic is a notoriously difficult language to learn: at a study rate of eight hours a day, a talented linguist needs at least five years to gain professional competency.

This only means, however, that the United States must mobilize at once to

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**Fun for all ages**

White Deer's Rodeo and Kick Back Day Saturday provided fun for all ages. Bill Pickering of Pampa, left photo, takes a break from the food, fun and sun to sit on a bench and watch others enjoy the day. In the photo at right, 20-month old Mallie Williams of Groom, all dressed up in shades and beads, is the picture of "kick-back" as she and her family enjoy the day.

**Bush backs Sept. 11 recommendation to create national intelligence director**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is backing the Sept. 11. commission's recommendation to create a national intelligence director, but not in the White House as the panel had proposed, administration officials said Monday. "He will indicate his support for a national intelligence director and the establishment of a national counterterrorism center outside the executive office of the president," a senior administration official said.

Bush's decision to embrace these two recommendations, with some changes, are the first steps the president is taking to revamp the nation's intelligence-gathering system to help thwart terrorist attacks. The commission's report highlighted lapses in intelligence that left America vulnerable to the 2001 attacks. The subject takes on special currency with the announcement Sunday by authorities that they had uncovered a plot by the al-Qaida terror network to attack five prominent financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J. Currently, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the U.S. intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are in the Defense Department. A national intelligence director would oversee all the agencies.

**Taxes**

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The lieutenant governor's office says a dollar increase would raise \$707 million. The state comptroller's office says it would be closer to \$854 million. Shapiro is basing her figures on the comptroller's figures. After all, the comptroller makes the official revenue estimates for the state.

The Plano senator also wants to dedicate some of the increased moneys from normal revenue growth to buy down property taxes. The gamblers in Austin say shifting local school taxes to the state would happen a lot faster if the legislature would consider allowing slot machines for the

home folks. Shapiro said that, according to her projections, the state could get down to a 75-cent property tax rate by the 2008-2009 school year with her proposal and without approving slot machines. That's assuming, she said, that the legislature passes her plan this month and sticks with it. Both of those conditions are probably long shots.

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will have the brains to keep this country from joining so many others in the ash heap of history. Now, let's look at how people can make a mockery of democracy. You make a mockery of self-government when you choose your candidate strictly on the basis of the party label. Political parties in our country are not based on philosophy. They are merely machines for electing candidates and distributing patronage. The truth is that sometimes the best choice is a Republican; sometimes, a Democrat. It all depends on the human beings, not on the party label. You make a mockery of self-government when you cast your vote based on the candidate's personality. I've already covered that point. You make a mockery of self-government when you vote purely on the basis of your selfish interests. Many Americans make a religion of selfishness, but for self-

government to work and to endure, we must all think of the common interests when it comes to choosing the people who will run the government.

*'You make a mockery of self-government when you vote on the basis of your selfish interests.'*

— Charley Reese  
Columnist

You make a mockery of self-government if you allow demagogues to influence your vote on the basis of phony issues. The real threats facing the United States are not homosexual marriages or even legal abortions. If you allow people to persuade you to cast your vote based on those two issues, you are wasting your vote, because I guarantee that the politicians, regardless of what they say now, will not do anything about

either one of them. These are scarlet fish. Finally, you are making a mockery of self-government if you allow your vote to be influenced by concerns for a foreign country. And yes, I'm directing this to the Israel-first crowd, both Jew and Christian. The election in November is for the president of the United States, not the deputy prime minister of Israel. If you love Israel more than America, then by all means emigrate, join the Israeli Defense Forces and do your part. We need a president who will make his decisions based on the best interests of the United States, not those of Israel (or France, or Japan, or any other country). When one of our Revolutionary forefathers said the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, he meant that liberty is always at risk. It can only be preserved if a sufficient number of Americans care about it enough to take a serious approach to choosing their leaders. This column was inspired in part by some comic quips by Bill Maher. He deserves credit for lighting the spark.

**Lesson**

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build a generation of expert linguists. They need to communicate with foes, attract new allies and simply

hold their own on Arabic TV. It might help potential students and university deans to know that language services are an \$11 billion, growth industry. Houston, never a city to miss the main chance, should embrace this challenge. It has an educated,

supportive Arab-American community, universities with core Arabic programs, and longtime business links to Arab countries. Houston could be a leader in training a much-needed work force and in helping to protect the nation.

**Vice president to stump for GOP candidate in Lubbock**

LUBBOCK (AP) — Dick Cheney's scheduled visit to this predominantly Republican West Texas city in support of a freshman GOP congressman's re-election campaign was expected to shatter national fund-raising and attendance records for a vice presidential visit this year. Cheney was to attend a fund-raiser Monday for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, faces U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, in a hotly contested race for the newly drawn District 19 seat. Stenholm, the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Agriculture has represented District 17 since 1979 but redistricting by Texas legislators last fall placed him in District 19, forcing a race between two incumbents. Cheney's visit is his second in Neugebauer's sprawling district in the past year. He came to Abilene in December, Stenholm's home base, to stump for Neugebauer. The vice presidential visit is sold out, according to event organizers. They said Neugebauer's campaign office sold an estimated 1,000 or more tickets at \$25 apiece.

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## Washington wildfire labeled possible arson

THORP, Wash. (AP) — A wildfire that destroyed two homes and threatened dozens of others appears to be the work of an arsonist who has set 10 other fires in central Washington in the last two months, authorities said Saturday.

A state of emergency was declared in Kittitas County as a wind-swept blaze forced the evacuation of dozens of homes in the Cascade foothills. Helicopters dropped water and planes distributed retardant to prevent the fire's spread.

"We are investigating this fire as arson," Undersheriff Clayton Myers said Saturday. "We believe they are all linked."

Winds up to 25 mph fanned the flames, forcing the evacuation of about 200 mainly seasonal homes in the eastern Cascade foothills Saturday. Myers said the blaze destroyed two homes and a shop as it raced across 300 acres.

None of the previous 10 arsons in Kittitas County damaged buildings.

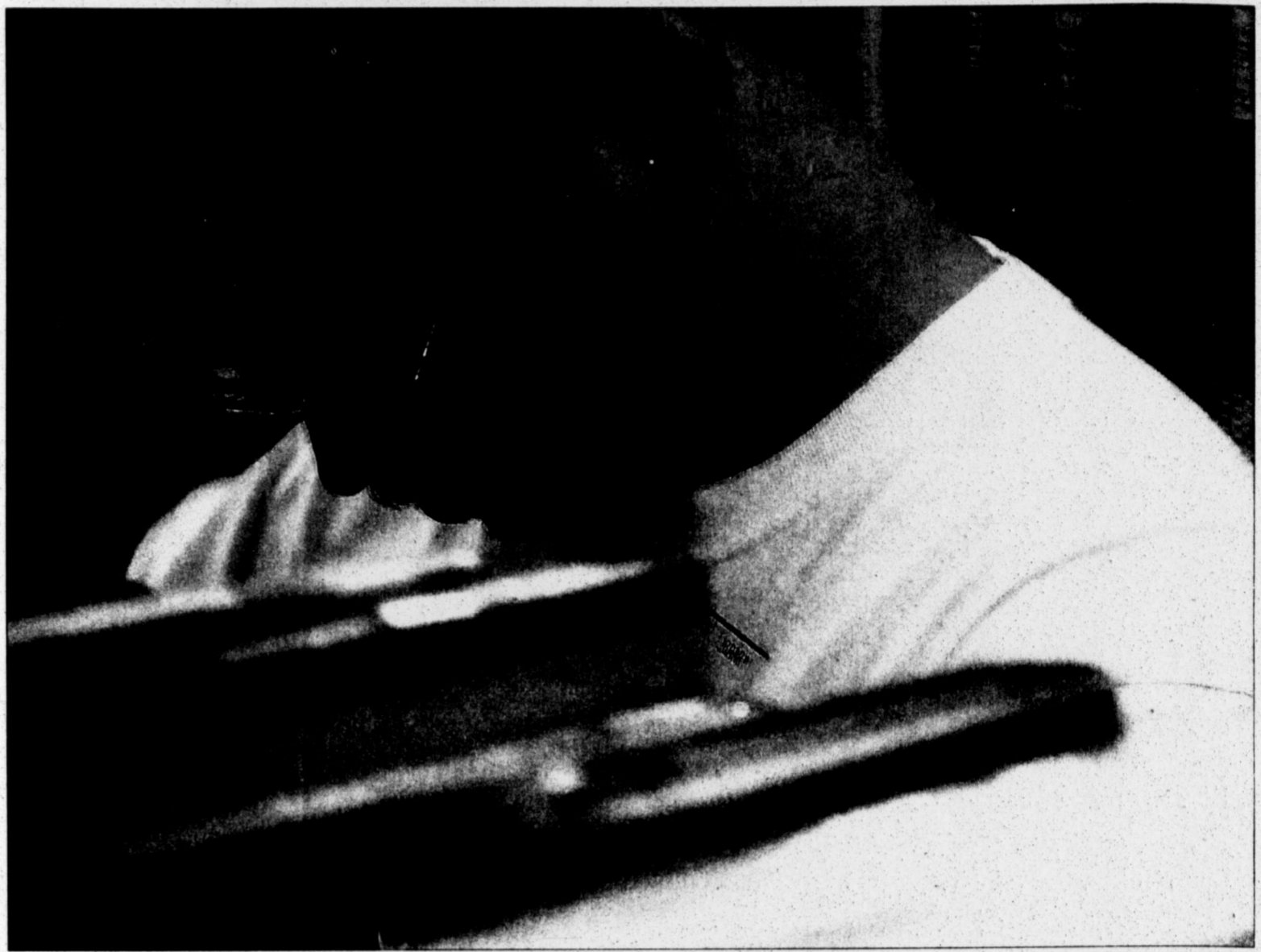
The fire began Friday near Interstate 90 between Cle Elum and Ellensburg. Some of the homes firefighters were able to save had flames lapping at the front door, Myers said.

"It's stressing our resources. In fact, we've moved beyond what our resources can handle," Myers said.

High winds posed a threat as firefighters hoped to channel the fire away from nearby timber, said Dave Johnson, incident commander for Washington state.

"There's a lot of fire still in the trees. Where the wind goes is where it's going to take it," Johnson said.

Most have the recent arsons have been set in the afternoon, in areas with plenty of fuel and near homes by the highway.



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Nathan Taylor, Lovett Memorial Library employee, shelves books in the biography section.

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## First lady christens nuclear-powered submarine

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — First lady Laura Bush christened a \$2.2 billion nuclear-powered attack submarine named after her home state of Texas on Saturday, cracking a bottle of American sparkling wine against the hull on her first try.

"May all who board her be forever blessed and may all who encounter her upon the seas remember, 'Don't mess with Texas,'" she said at the ceremony at the Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard.

With President Bush hitting the campaign trail this weekend in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Laura Bush

said he gave her important advice before the big day: "Laura, whatever you do, don't miss."

"I promised George I would put those years of watching the Texas Rangers to good use today," she said.

The Texas is the first submarine to be christened in Newport News in more than nine years. The private ceremony drew about 5,000 people Saturday, including ship-

yard workers and those from General Dynamics' Electric Boat division, the yard's partner on the sub.

Two years ago, the first lady attended a ceremony in Virginia marking the first milestone in the ship's construction. The Texas is the second submarine in the Virginia class, which eventu-

ally could have 30 ships. Another Texan, keynote speaker Republican Sen.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, said the ship "is another exhibit in our strong national resolve to win the war on terror."

The first submarine in the class, named the Virginia, was christened last summer at Electric Boat in Groton, Conn. It will be commissioned into the Navy's fleet in October, while the Texas is expected to be delivered to the Navy in 2005.

Sailors who belong to the Texas crew were excited to witness the christening of the sub, which is about 89 percent complete.

"It's one step closer to taking the boat underway," said Chief Petty Officer Gary Roney.

*'May all who board her be forever blessed and may all who encounter her upon the seas remember, 'Don't mess with Texas.'*

Laura Bush  
First Lady

## Families challenge home schooling oversight

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On any given school day, the five Newborn children might be studying statistics at a local college, learning Spanish from a tutor or watching a procedure at a veterinarian's office.

It's part of a curriculum set by their parents, who home school their children because they consider it a calling from God. It all must be carefully documented in a report each year to their local school superintendent.

In cases being closely watched by home schooling advocates across the country, the Newborns and a second Pennsylvania family have filed lawsuits under the state Religious Freedom Protection Act challenging the state's home school reporting requirements.

The act allows people to challenge any laws they believe impose "substantial burdens upon the free exercise of religion without compelling justification." Similar statutes were passed in 11 other states after a federal religious freedoms law was declared unconstitutional in 1997.

"God is in our math, God is in our science, God is in our history. Yet we have to submit to a government agent for approval," Maryalice Newborn said.

*'God is in our math, God is in our science, God is in our history. Yet we have to submit to a government agent for approval.'*

Maryalice Newborn  
Home school mother

In Pennsylvania, about 25,000 students are home schooled. Nationally, the number has reached nearly one million and is rising, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Pennsylvania's home-schooling regulations are among the most stringent in the nation, requiring detailed record-keeping.

Darren Jones, staff attorney for the Purcellville, Va.-based Home School Legal

Defense Association, who is involved both cases, said Pennsylvania's Religious Freedom act is the perfect vehicle for the lawsuits.

He said parents who choose to home school their children tend to be religious and, have many children, making reporting requirements more cumbersome.

"We have no problem with some sort of registration, although we don't think it's necessary," Jones said. "But the fact is these are parents who are trying to do what's best for their kids."

Marci Hamilton, a church-state scholar at Cardozo Law School at New York City's Yeshiva University, said it will be hard to prove that home schooling regulations create a substantial burden.

"These regulations are not made for religious home-schoolers. They are just regulations where states are concerned about whether the child is being cared for and educated," Hamilton said.

"It's about how best you care for children," she said. State law requires parents to submit notarized affidavits.

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## U.S. military releases five Guantanamo prisoners

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Five Moroccans detained at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were turned over to Moroccan authorities, the country's official news agency reported Monday.

The men, who were arrested during the U.S.-led war that toppled Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime, arrived in the North African kingdom on Sunday, the MAP news agency said.

The five were handed to justice officials.

The prosecutor named the men as Mohamed Ouzar, 24; Mohamed Mazouz, 30; Radouane Chekkouri, 32; Abdellah Tabarak, 49, and Brahim Benchakroun, 24. They will be investigated by Moroccan police working under the prosecutor of the appeals court in Rabat, the capital.

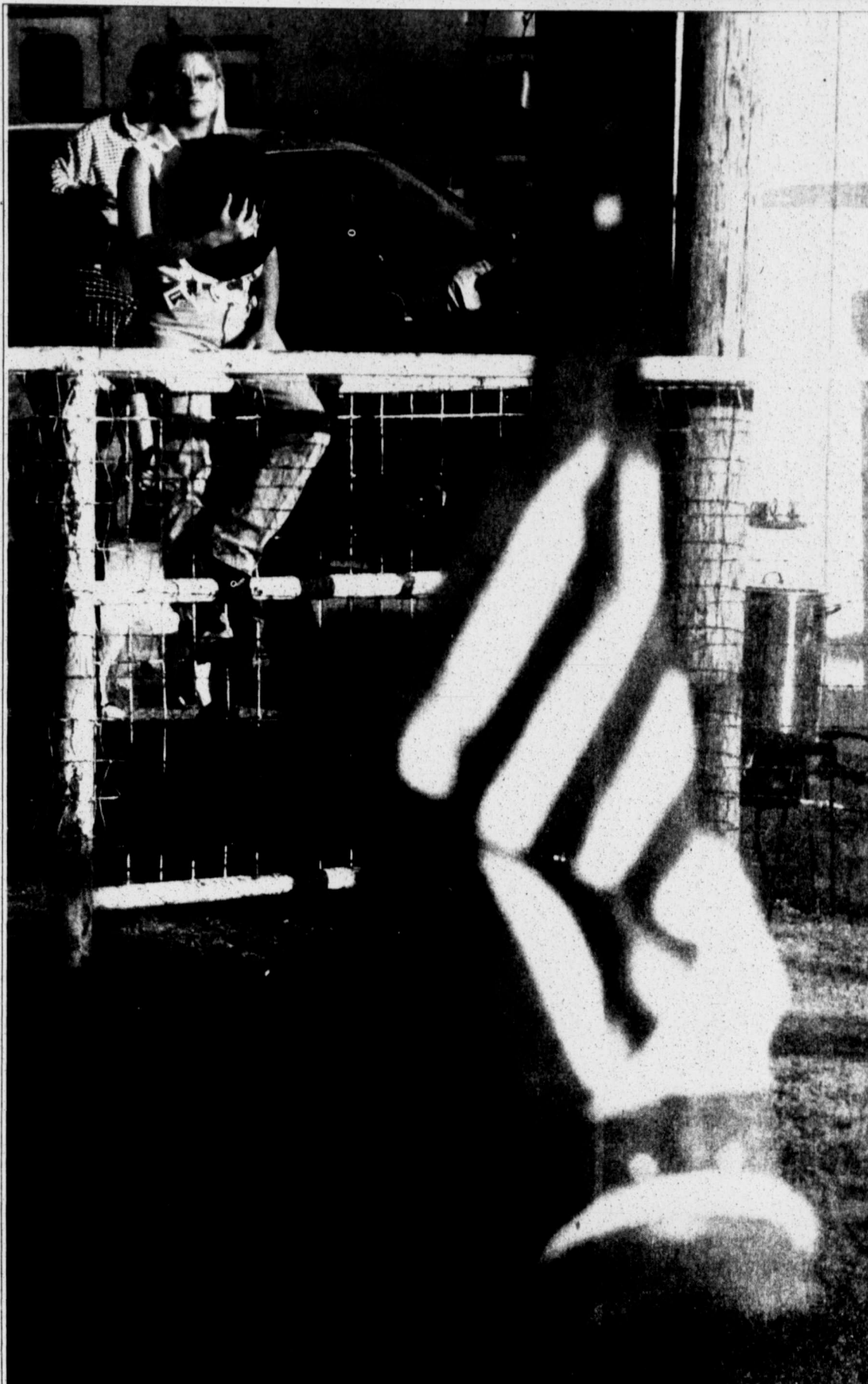
Morocco, which has an active network of Islamic militants, is one of the United States' most important allies in the Muslim world in fighting terror.

Suicide bombings in Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, killed 33 bystanders and a dozen bombers in May 2003.

Most of the suspects charged in the March 11 train bombings that killed 191 people in Madrid were Moroccans.

The kingdom has led a tough crackdown on Islamic radicals since the Casablanca bombings, arresting hundreds of suspects and sending their cases quickly through the judicial system.

The United States has been gradually releasing some prisoners from the Cuban naval base.



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### Paying Tribute

With her hat over her heart, Bana Carnes of White Deer pauses for the National Anthem as Brazos Winters, 5, of Texline rides past with the Stars and Stripes.

## Convicted collaborator killed in his hospital bed

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Five masked men broke into a hospital Monday and shot dead a convicted Palestinian collaborator who had been wounded in a grenade attack in his prison cell just hours earlier.

After the shooting, police questioned one of the suspected gunmen who claimed to be a relative of the victim avenging the shame the collaborator had brought to his family, police said.

It was not clear if the gunman was arrested, and the fate of his four accomplices was not known.

Assassinations like that of Mahmoud al Sharef, accused of helping Israel, are relatively common. But this one came amid growing lawlessness in the Palestinian territories that has highlighted police helplessness to rein in violence.

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## Al-Qaida computer seized in arrest reveals plans to target U.S. and Britain

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani intelligence agents found plans for new attacks against the United States and Britain on a computer seized during the arrest of a senior al-Qaida suspect wanted for the 1998 twin U.S. embassy bombings in East Africa, the information minister said.

The plans were found in e-mails on the computer of Ahmed Khalifan Ghailani, a Tanzanian arrested July 25 after a 12-hour gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press on Monday.

Ahmed would not confirm whether the information from Ghailani is what prompted U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to issue a warning Sunday about a possible al-Qaida attack on financial institutions in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J. However, Ridge specifically thanked Pakistan for its help in the war on terror during his press conference.

"We got a few e-mails from Ghailani's computer about (plans for) attacks in the U.S. and U.K.," Ahmed said, adding that the information has been shared with Pakistan's allies — a reference to the United States.

Ahmed said authorities have also arrested another top suspect believed to be a computer and communications expert, and that that man was cooperating with investigators.

"He is a very wanted man, but I cannot say his name now," Ahmed said. He said the man was a militant, but refused to say if he was part of al-Qaida.

Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat confirmed that Ghailani was sharing "vital" information, but he would

not comment on what it was. "He has given us vital information, but we cannot share specifics," Hayyat said. An intelligence official said the information about a U.S. attack appeared to be centered on New York. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hayyat said Ghailani remains in Pakistani custody. The Home Office in London, which is responsible for policing and security in Britain, had no immediate comment on the computer seizure.

*'We got a few e-mails from Ghailani's computer about (plans for) attacks in the U.S. and U.K.'*

— Ahmed Ghailani  
 Arrested Tanzanian

Two AK-47 rifles, plastic chemicals, two computers, computer diskettes, and a "large amount" of foreign currency were recovered from the home in Gujrat where Ghailani was seized. More than a dozen others, including his wife and several children, were also arrested in that raid.

Officials believe the group was making plans to flee Pakistan on false passports. Gujrat is a center for document forgers and human smugglers in Pakistan.

The intelligence official also confirmed the arrest of a computer engineer who would send messages using code words to al-Qaida suspects. Pakistani television reported that his name was Noor Mohammed, but the

official said that was just an alias.

Ahmed said that Pakistani forces are still acting on the information the computer expert is supplying, and that it is an ongoing investigation.

News of the break comes as police comb through evidence from an assassination attempt against Pakistan's prime minister-designate believed orchestrated by al-Qaida. Police were questioning a tailor they believe made the clothes for the suicide bomber who blew himself up Friday.

The bomber's target, Finance Minister Shaukat Aziz, was unharmed, but nine other people were killed. Aziz has been tapped to take over as prime minister later this year.

A Web site announcement over the weekend claimed responsibility on behalf of al-Qaida and promised more violence. Al-Qaida is also believed to be behind two attempts in December to assassinate President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, one of which killed 17 people.

Musharraf has been a top U.S. ally in the war on terror, infuriating Muslim radicals in Pakistan and elsewhere, and his security services have arrested a number of top al-Qaida-linked figures, most recently Ghailani.

Ahmed said the investigation into Ghailani had revealed that he was training terrorists in Pakistan to commit suicide attacks, though it was not clear if there was a direct connection between him and the attempt on Aziz.

"All these suicide attackers have some link with each other," Ahmed said Sunday. The government has promised a reward of \$175,000 for information about the identity of the suicide bomber.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My dad went to prison in 1989 and was released last November. My sister and I were excited that Dad was coming home, but it has been a nightmare. He is manipulative, whiny and endlessly needy.

He moved in with my sister and she's going crazy. She asked me to take him, but after my husband saw the way Dad behaves, he flat out refused to have him in our home. I agree with him.

Dad keeps making excuses about why he can't live on his own. He claims he doesn't have the money, but then he goes out and buys all kinds of things for himself. He refuses to accept responsibility for his actions and insists that things are everybody else's fault.

My sister feels too guilty to kick him out, and I am at the end of my rope. Dad won't go to counseling because he thinks he doesn't need it. Is this a case for tough love?

NEEDS TO KNOW IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NEEDS: The person who could benefit from counseling is your sister. Until she can emotionally distance herself from Dad, she will continue to be manipulated by his stance as a perpetual victim and his guilt trips. Once your sister has established boundaries, setting a date for Dad to be out of her home and insisting upon it are excellent ideas.

DEAR ABBY: Please advise other divorcees and me about proper funeral etiquette. Because I initiated the divorce from my ex-husband, my former in-laws no longer speak to me. Both of them are in failing health, so I am wondering if I should attend their funerals for the sake of my

children, or stay away. I am willing to endure an awkward, hostile reception to support my children if you think my attendance would be appropriate.

--- WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR WANTS: Funerals are for the living -- in this case that means your former husband, your surviving former in-law and your children. Since you are persona non grata, it might be best if your children attended the funeral with their father. If they need you to be there, then sit in the back and remain as inconspicuous as possible.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Pussyfooting in Nebraska," who gets too many jokes and other e-mails from her mother, I thought I'd offer up my solution.

Most of my e-mails go to my office account. However, I have set up a separate e-mail account specifically for my mother through a free service. Mother sends her e-mails to that account, and that's all that goes into it. Of course, it eventually gets filled up with jokes, etc., and whenever I get a chance (every month or so, or when she lets me know that it is full), I check it, and read and delete all of her e-mails.

I hope this is helpful for "Pussyfooting."  
FAITHFUL READER  
IN L.A.

DEAR FAITHFUL: That sounds like quite a project! However, for someone who doesn't want personal e-mails commingled with business correspondence, your solution may be just the ticket. Thank you for the suggestion.

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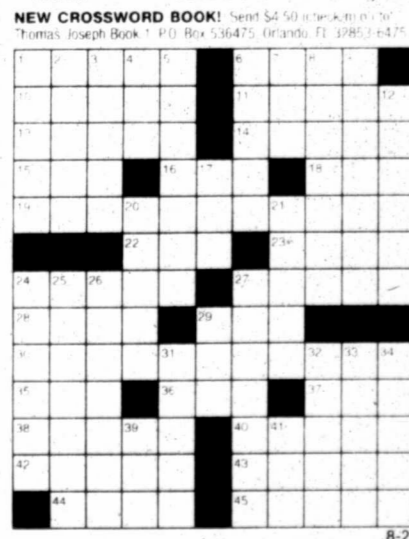
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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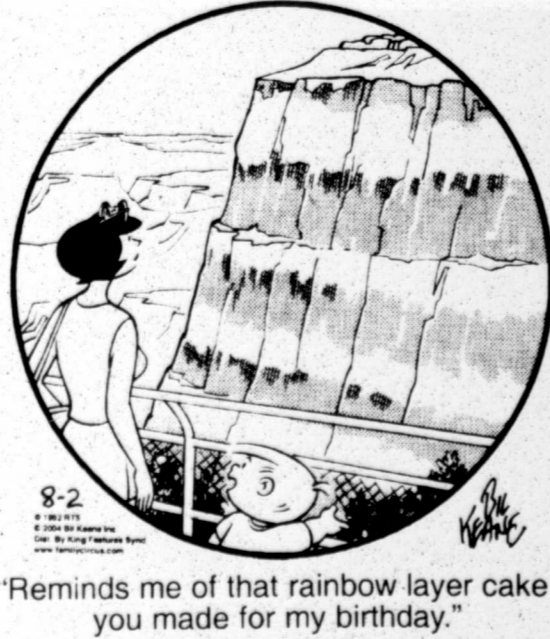
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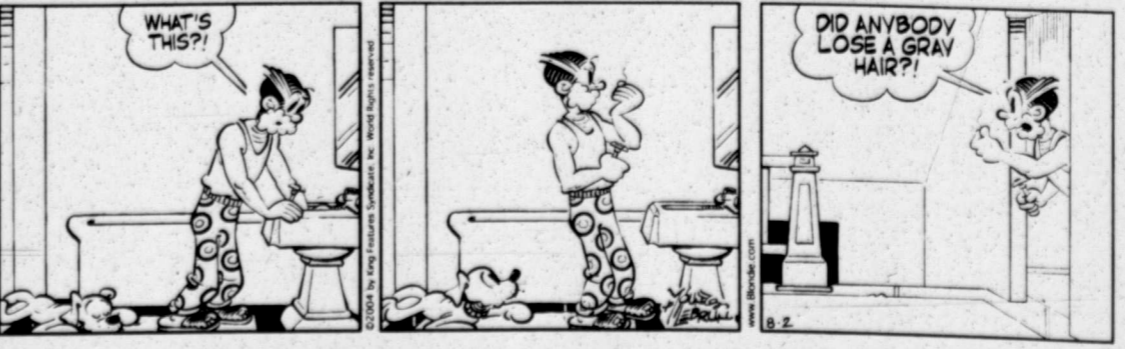
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# Sports Day

## PHS practice begins

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Today marks the first day of practice for the 2004 PHS football season.

Players met at the athletic office first thing this morning to checkout equipment. Position meeting will be held this evening with varsity players getting together from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A practice for all players will take place 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Regular practices will get underway tomorrow with varsity and JV players 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. JV and 9th grade practices are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact the athletic office at 669-4830

## Johnson dominates Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart crashed. Kurt Busch had transmission woes. Dale Earnhardt Jr. fought pain and an unruly car.

One by one, drivers in the top 10 in the Nextel Cup standings dropped out Sunday at Pocono Raceway, guaranteeing heated jostling for positions in the next six races.

There were changes everywhere in the standings, but the top.

Jimmie Johnson pulled off a clean sweep at Pocono Raceway, winning the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday for his fourth victory of the season.

"I think we can win more races and be a serious threat for the championship at the end of the year," Johnson said. "A little luck will play in those final 10, but if it comes down to performance, I'll put my guys up against anybody."

Johnson said there was little use complaining about NASCAR's new points system that will leave him fighting for a championship

instead of celebrating one near season's end. He figures the only solution is to keeping winning races.

"You might want to get all your smiles and good photos out of us now, because with 10 to go, it won't be the same," Johnson said.

The "Chase for the Cup" begins at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sept. 19.

Mark Martin was second, 2.138 seconds back. Kasey Kahne was third, followed by Greg Biffle and Jeff Gordon.

While Johnson cruised, many in the top 10 struggled, with Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Labonte and Busch all failing to finish, and Ryan Newman ending up 13th.

Nine spots in the top 10 juggled names.

Harvick fell from ninth overall to 10th after failing to finish a race for the first time since October 2002 in Atlanta. Labonte dropped from seventh to ninth overall, while Newman jumped from 10th to eighth.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

## Saddle soar

The dirt flies as Shannon Martin hangs on to his airborne horse during the White Deer Rodeo this past Friday night.

## Cabrera makes mixed debut, Maddux denied 300

(AP) — American League Orlando Cabrera made a powerful first impression with the Red Sox. The day took a bad turn for Boston's new shortstop just a few hours — and a crucial error — later.

Cabrera, replacing longtime star Nomar Garciaparra, homered in his first at-bat in his Boston debut, but his error in the eighth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score in the Minnesota Twins' 4-3 home victory Sunday.

Cabrera was acquired from Montreal in a four-team deal that sent Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs just before the trade deadline Saturday.

"It could have been played better, but we're dealing with a guy who's been here for an hour," manager Terry Francona said. "It's impossible to go over everything in an hour."

With Minnesota trailing 3-2 in the eighth, Cristian Guzman and Lew Ford singled off Mike Timlin (4-4), then advanced on a double steal with Justin Morneau at the plate.

Morneau hit a 3-2 pitch from Alan Embree to deep center field, where

Gabe Kapler hauled it in. Guzman easily scored the tying run on the sacrifice fly, and Ford scampered home when the Gold Glove shortstop kicked Kapler's relay throw across the infield for an error.

*'It could have been played better, but we're dealing with a guy who's been here for an hour. It's impossible to go over everything in an hour.'*

— Terry Francona  
Manager, Boston Red Sox

Kapler actually overthrew his first relay man, second baseman Mark Bellhorn, but Cabrera — who joined the team during batting practice Sunday morning — didn't realize that a secondary cutoff man — first base-

man David McCarty — was in line to retrieve the errant throw.

"I was thinking he was trying to score," Cabrera said. "We missed the cut and I saw the play as a loose ball. I went after it, and didn't see (McCarty) behind me. I kicked it with my left foot and it got away."

In other AL games, it was: New York 9, Baltimore 7; Oakland 4, Texas 1; Anaheim 3, Seattle 2; Chicago 6, Detroit 4; Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 3; and Kansas City 8, Cleveland 7.

### National League

Greg Maddux has lasted long enough to earn 299 wins. He needed to last at least one more inning for No. 300.

Nomar Garciaparra and the Cubs rallied to take the lead just an inning after Maddux came out Sunday, so he wound up with a no-decision in Chicago's 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I'm just glad we won," Maddux said.

See MLB, Page 10

### UNHAPPY TRAILS

## Biking for bucks

Are you a good ambassador of your city? Before you answer that, take a moment and really think about the question.

While leaving Amarillo this past Saturday morning on my way to my little cubicle here at the newspaper, I happened upon the MS Bike-A-Thon.

Fancying myself a newspaper man, I reached for my trusty camera and made for an exit ramp to snap a couple of shots.

The police officer directing traffic either knew what I was doing or assumed I was somehow connected with the event as he allowed me to stop in a blocked lane of the ramp to take the pictures. As I did, a couple of angry drivers passed to one side of my car, honking and barking out interesting observations. One such observation was, "You guys should be doing this at the park!" That was actually the kindest of the comments I heard.

Pictures taken, I got back on to I-40 and headed towards Pampa. Realizing I might want just a few more shots, I again grabbed an off ramp, took up position in a the parking lot of a truck stop and began photographing riders as they came by. A truck driver yells from his cab, "Hey! You people need to get out of the way, I gotta get out of here." To understand why this just looked funny to me, you need to know he

was parked with his engine off. I looked at him and smiled. I am a firm believer in 'kill'em with kindness'.

He barked something else at me and turned away. I took a couple more shots and moved on. I couldn't have been there more than three minutes. It didn't take the flow of bikers, much longer to pass.

As I got back on I-40, yet another truck driver saw fit to slow down and block me from making a safe merge into traffic. I imagine this was due in part to the car I was driving more than for what I have been doing as I get this a lot. Forgetting the danger this move created, the truck was a local truck. That bugged me.

This was a fund-raising event. People young and not so young-fit and not so fit, took time on a Saturday morning to participate and in the process, raised money as well as awareness for a well respected organization. And all some could do was cast stones. Nothing makes me want to stop and spend a little coin in a city more than residents telling me to leave.

Okay, I doubt the MS Bike-A-Thon brings in much revenue. However, I wonder if the Boston Marathon, Tour de France or other such events could have grown to what they are today if people yelled out, "Hey! Take it to the park why don't you?"



Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor

## Nomar a Cub now

(AP) — In a dizzying flurry of deals, the Boston Red Sox sent star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs in a blockbuster, four-team swap right before Saturday's trade deadline.

Steve Finley, Esteban Loaiza and Orlando Cabrera also switched teams in the eight trades that came less than an hour before the 4 p.m. EDT limit for making deals without waivers.

Randy Johnson, however, remained with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The New York Yankees desperately wanted him, and instead wound up trading Jose Contreras to the Chicago White Sox for Loaiza in a swap of starting pitchers.

The Red Sox wound up with Cabrera, Montreal's

Gold Glove shortstop, and Minnesota first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, another Gold Glover.

The Cubs got Garciaparra and minor league outfielder Matt Murton. Montreal acquired Cubs shortstop Alex Gonzalez, pitcher Francis Beltran and infielder Brendan Harris, and the Twins got minor league pitcher Justin Jones.

The NL West-leading Dodgers were active.

After Finley agreed to accept a deal to Los Angeles, the Diamondbacks traded the four-time Gold Glove center fielder with catcher Brent Mayne. Los Angeles then traded center fielder Dave Roberts to Boston for minor league outfielder Henri Stanley.

## George says he has plenty left

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Eddie George took a pitch, got to the outside and sprinted down the sideline. Then he did it again.

While those kind of long runs Sunday during a training camp workout aren't really what the Dallas Cowboys expect from George, he's planning to be more than just a mentor to the team's rookie running back or a backup.

"I didn't come here just

to try to fill in or be a security blanket," George said. "I'll try to do what I can do."

George looks forward to helping Julius Jones, the Cowboys' top draft pick. But he also wants to show that he's still the running back who ran for 10,009 yards while starting all 128 games for the team that drafted him eight years ago.

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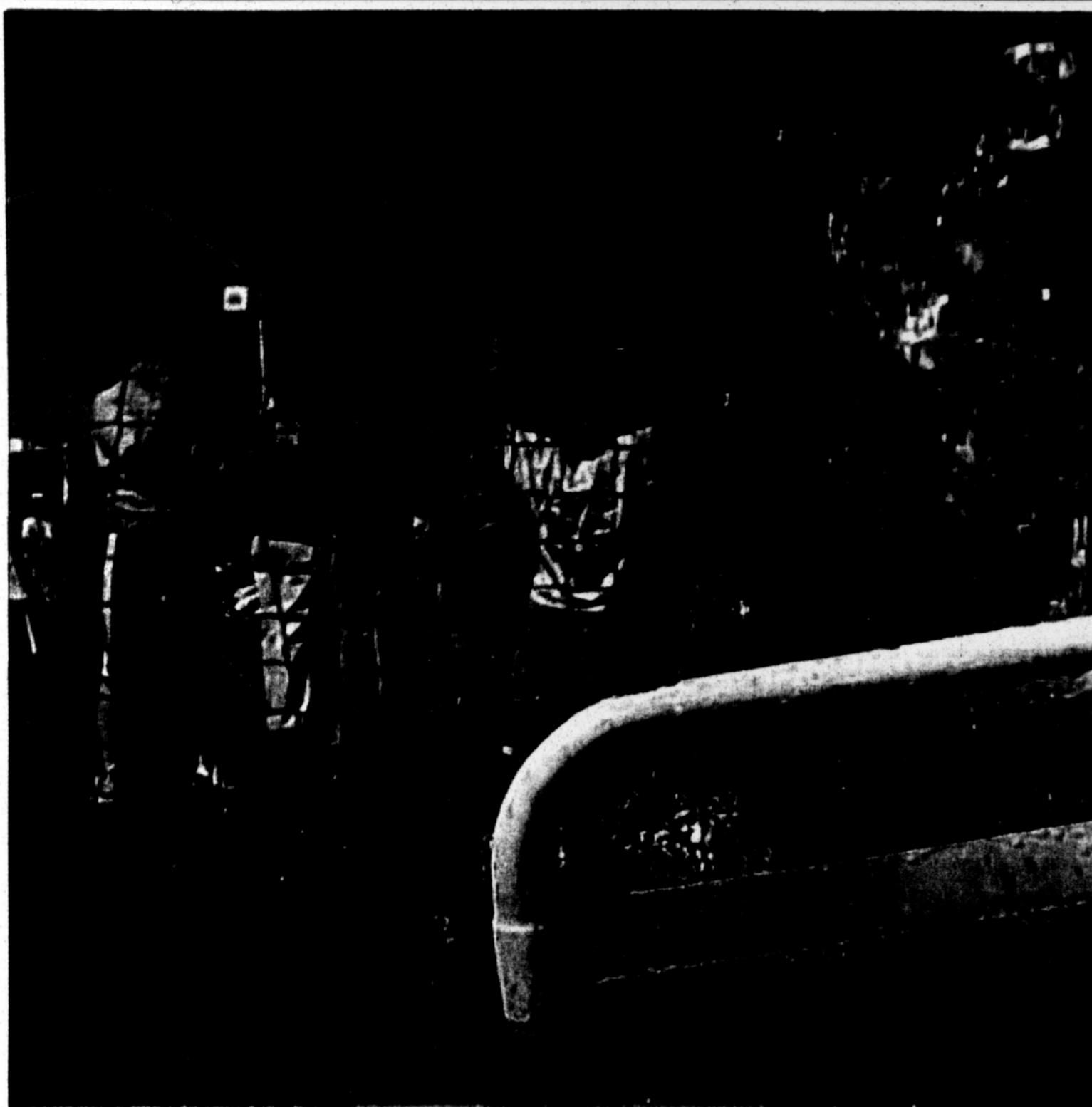
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## One way to cool off

Nine year old Carlos Guseman Jr. of White Deer, unleashes a strike at the Fun Flush game that winds up soaking former White Deer mayor Bart Wyatt during this past weekend's White Deer Rodeo and Kick Back Day.

## Kerry vies for independent vote with talks of faith, guns

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — John Kerry is talking more openly about his personal connection to God and guns as he kicks off the general election campaign asking for support from conservative-leaning independent voters.

As his post-convention bus tour rolls through blue collar and Republican-leaning districts, Kerry has repeatedly described how he began a lifetime of hunting and fishing as a young boy. And lately he's been speaking in more detail about a faith that he and running mate John Edwards share in God.

"We're running to be lay leaders, but there isn't any way that you're not affected by your fundamental values, the faith that brings you to the table," Kerry said Sunday to worshippers at Greater Grace Temple in the heart of the presidential campaign battleground in Ohio.

With his political enemies trying to portray Kerry as an aloof Boston Brahmin, Kerry's campaign is putting a bigger focus on common values that he shares with average Americans — fishing and hunting, family and faith.

"I don't wear my own faith on my sleeve, but faith has given me values and hope to live by, from Vietnam to this day," Kerry said Sunday to Sunday. Kerry said as he accepted the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday.

Kerry didn't mention his interest in hunting in that speech, but he has been describing it on his post-convention bus tour through more conservative areas. In Greensburg, Pa., on Saturday, Kerry pointed out a small group of men wearing bright orange shirts that said "Sportsmen 4 Kerry."

"I've been a fisherman since I was about three years old, four years old," Kerry said. "Flung my first line out with my dad. I've been a hunter since I was about 12 years old, and I went through the whole progression, you know, BB gun to .22s to .30-30, you name it."

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat, said the gun vote could make the difference for Kerry in Pennsylvania.

"He is a hunter. I think, is also very helpful," Rendell said.

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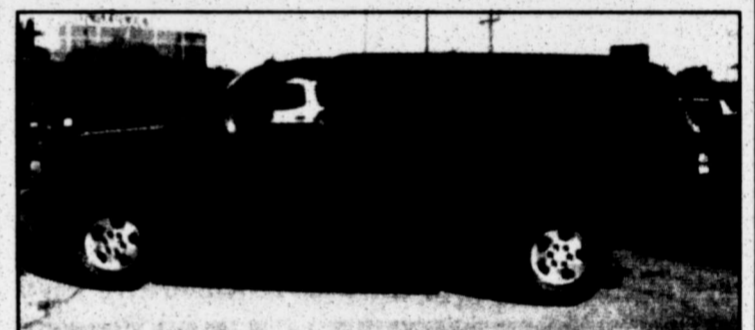
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