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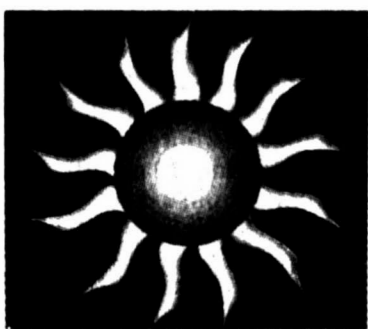
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PANHANDLE — A Pantex Public Meeting is slated from 4-7 p.m. Monday, April 10 at Square House Museum in Panhandle. The meeting is part of a continuing series of discussions on groundwater at Pantex co-hosted by the Department of Energy and the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission. The draft special report to the secretary of energy on the Pantex groundwater issue will be available for comment on Thursday, April 6. It will be available at www.pantex.com, on the Internet; from Carson County Library, the AC Lynn Library 4th Floor DOE Special Collection room, Pantex Bldg. 16-12; or by calling Brenda Finley at 477-3120. Comments will be accepted at the meeting. Deadline for comment is Friday, April 21.

HOUSTON (AP) — Computers in the Houston area may be threatened by a virus that crashes hard drives and makes bogus 911 calls, according to the FBI. The virus targets computers set up for file and print sharing, a function that can leave systems vulnerable to outsiders if not turned off. It scanned thousands of computers using Internet service providers America Online, AT&T, MCI and Netzero. Emergency call centers were first warned of the virus Monday morning, said Sonya Lopez, spokeswoman.

- W. Bee Burgess, 91, retired barber.
- Jon Williams Fuller, 92, former Pampa teacher.
- Vernon N. Graham, 73, retired from U.S. Air Force.
- Jerry G. Pearce, 43, fuel delivery truck driver.
- Jay T. Wallis, 68, rancher, cowboy.

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Revenue drops prompt budget cuts

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

City revenue declines and stagnation are the driving force behind a plan that will permanently reduce the City of Pampa's annual general fund budget by about \$400,000.

The plan was unveiled for city commissioners at a weekend work session in which projections and needs for the next five years were reviewed.

The general fund is the largest of the budget categories and includes most operating expenses including fire, police, parks, streets, library and administration. The water, sewer and sanitation departments are not a part of the general fund as they are financed by a fee-driven enterprise fund.

There was no official vote but the consensus of the commission is to work some of the changes in during the last half of

- ### Highlights
- 11 Personnel reductions through attrition and retirement
 - Permanent annual general expense cuts of \$84,745
 - Allocate to the general fund five cents of the tax rate that will be available in 2002/03

this budget year and have the rest implemented in the new budget which takes effect Oct. 1.

The plan to reduce spending was achieved after "many hours and many days" of review and study by a manage-

ment team that included City Manager Bob Eskridge, City Finance Director John Horst, Police Chief Charlie Morris, Fire Chief Kim Powell, Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt, Public Works Director Richard Morris and Human

Resources Director Phyllis Jeffers.

Eskridge said the group "went through every function in every department" in seeking to make a "reasonable and realistic plan."

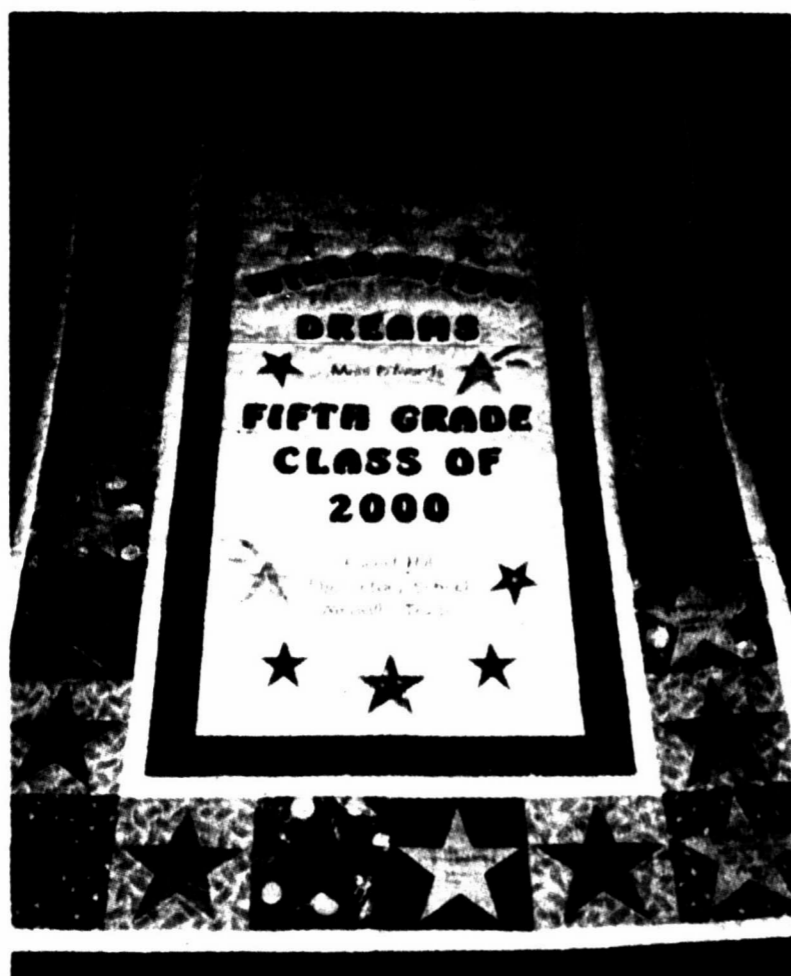
If the city opted to do nothing, Eskridge said by budget year 2004/05 the general fund will be \$1.9 million in the hole.

This budget year the city started with a \$1 million cash reserve but Eskridge told commissioners that stash will be consumed during the next few years.

"We are currently, and will continue to be for some time, quite limited on methods at our disposal that can increase our city revenues," the city manager said. "We recently raised most user fees available to us. Those fees left will increase in the near future to fund specific programs or projects. We could raise the property tax — something we have not done since 1995 — however, this is always unpopu-

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Quite a quilt ...



(Community Camera photo by Kathy Gist)

Pampa quilter Suzie Edwards created this "millennium quilt" for her daughter's fifth grade class at Forest Hill Elementary School in Amarillo. Amy Edward's students listed their dreams for the new millennium such as "stop hunger," "no more war in this world," "stop gang violence," and "stop polluting," which were then incorporated into stars on the quilt. Students names are placed in a pot each time they earn a good behavior point. A drawing at the end of the year will determine which of Miss Edward's students take the quilt home. Suzie Edwards is a member of the Panhandle Piecemaker's Quilt Guild.

Laramore joins News staff

The Pampa News this week welcomed Dee Dee Laramore of Pampa to its news department where she will be a staff writer.

Laramore is no stranger to the local newspaper. She returns after an eight-year hiatus during which time she was public relations/education manager for Hospice of the Panhandle and later coordinator of Olivia's Angels at Baptist-St. Anthony Hospice in Amarillo. Hospice of the Panhandle merged with BSA-Hospice in January 1999.

Laramore was a reporter/editor for The Pampa News from 1979 until 1992. She edited wire

and local copy, laid out pages and filled in as managing editor when needed. She also wrote feature, news and investigative articles and took photographs.

She is an award-winning journalist having won at both the state and regional levels for layout and design, news writing and feature writing.

"We are very excited to have Dee Dee join our staff," said editor Kate B. Dickson. "Her knowledge of Pampa and Gray County and its people should serve the newspaper and its readers well."

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Dee Dee Laramore

Beating trial set for July

The trial for a Pampa man accused of brutally attacking a convenience store clerk has been postponed until July. The trial for Dewayne Gordon Hickman, 32, had been scheduled to start today.

Judge Steven Emmert denied a motion Monday that had been filed by Hickman's attorney to suppress evidence in the case.

Hickman, charged with aggravated assault, is accused of attacking a convenience store clerk during the early morning hours of Oct. 21, 1997.

Police said it appears that a burglar who had broken into the Minute Mart at 1106 Alcock was

The dog hair evidence involves a new procedure that uses mitochondrial DNA, according to District Attorney John Mann. He said it would be the first use of such procedures in a criminal case.

surprised by the early arrival of the 46-year-old clerk. Officers said she arrived earlier than normal.

(See BEATING, Page 2)

Judge mulls evidence decision

A Pampa judge is expected to rule in the next few weeks on a motion to suppress evidence in a year-old drug case.

Judge Lee Waters heard arguments on the motion Monday in 223rd District Court.

Julio Altonso Ramirez, 32, of 321 S. Henry, is free on \$75,000 bond today on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture and deliver.

Authorities said Ramirez was arrested after

officers from the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, armed with a search warrant, raided his Pampa home about 7 p.m., Jan. 12, 1999.

Officers said they found what they believed to be about 5.5 grams of cocaine when they searched his home.

In his motion to suppress the evidence gathered in the raid, Ramirez claimed the search warrant used to search his home was not complete.

Quite frankly...

"How do you feel about the Panhandle's ground water being sold to San Antonio?"



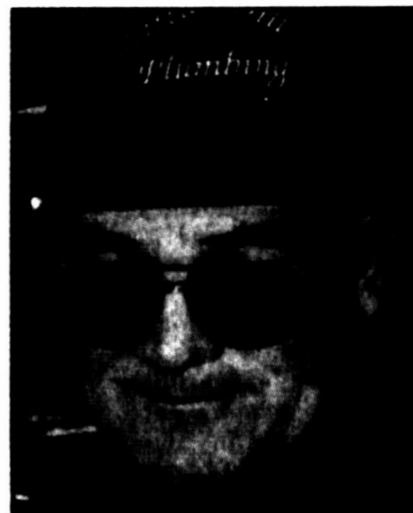
"I don't think we should be sending it down there. It ought to stay here."

— T.I. Loter



"I wouldn't want to get rid of nothing we got."

— Bill Baldrige



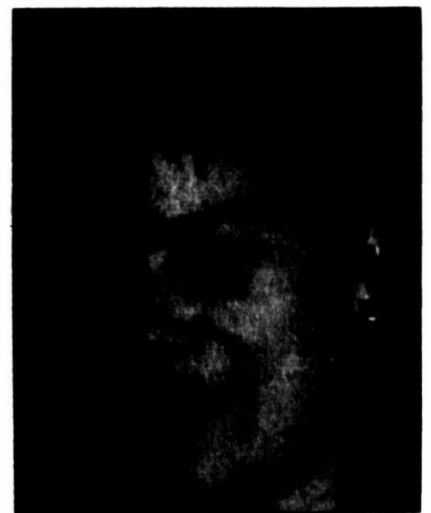
"I think it stinks! I've got a water well at my house. It could affect that."

— Bill Bridgeman



"I don't think it would hurt as long as we watch the depletion rate ... It boils down to this — people need help. Are we willing to help them?"

— Les Weatherly



My first take is we all live in the same state, so it's okay. If it was a different state, that might be different.

— Pamela Ayres



Retail Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 A. M.
At The Chamber Office

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BURGESS, W. Bee - 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.
PEARCE, Jerry G. - Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

W. BEE BURGESS
W. Bee Burgess, 91, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 2, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Reginald Bridges, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
Mr. Burgess was born Aug. 26, 1908, in Gray County. He married Viva Willis on Aug. 26, 1937, at Pampa. He enrolled in barber school at 16 and worked at the barber shop on South Cuyler prior to working for Phillips in 1942. He continued to cut hair on Saturdays and retired from Phillips in 1973. Following retirement, he worked at Crowson Barber Shop until his illness.
He belonged to First Baptist Church and Everyman's Bible Class.
Survivors include his wife, Viva, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Margo and Jerry Stanley of Pampa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Pat Mason of Arapaho, Okla., and Harold and Roberta Burgess of Corpus Christi; a sister, Yvonne Huddleston of Black Eagle, Mont.; two brothers, Keith Burgess of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Erless Burgess of Homer, Alaska; seven grandchildren, Norman Lee Mason, Chris Burgess, Teracia Burgess, Clinton Stanley, Suzie Gatlin, William Stanley and Matthew Stanley; and seven great-grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to Mobeetie Cemetery Association.

JERRY G. PEARCE

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Jerry G. Pearce, 43, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 2, 2000. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing.
Mr. Pearce was born June 23, 1956, at Paris, Texas. He grew up at Groom, attending school there. He moved to White Deer in 1981 and to Pampa in 1991. He married Sharon Adams in 1985 at White Deer. He was a fuel delivery driver over most of the panhandle for many years and was a Baptist.
Survivors include his wife, Sharon, of the home; a son, Tim Fort of Lamar, Colo.; a twin brother, Perry Pearce of Spearman; and two grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association.

JAY T. WALLIS

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MOBEETIE - Jay T. Wallis, 68, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at Chama, N.M. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.
Mr. Wallis was born Jan. 27, 1932, to J.T. and Bertie Wallis. He was a rancher and a cowboy, working on the Britt Ranch in Wheeler, the Webb Ranch north of McLean and the Theis Ranch near Chama.
He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War as a corporal. He enjoyed woodworking, leather and metal art and made belt buckles from elk horns.
Mr. Wallis was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; his parents; and a sister, Margie Banks.
Survivors include two daughters, Jaylene Fairless and Donna Wallis, both of Amarillo; a son, Larry Wallis of McLean; two brothers, Wayne Wallis of Amarillo and Autry of Mesquite; three sisters, Marvella of Port Charles, La., Vondell of Mesquite and June of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

- Ambulance.....911
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
Energas.....665-5777
Fire.....911
Police (emergency).....911
Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

Police report

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

Monday, April 3

A simple assault and domestic violence was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.
A child in need of supervision was reported in the 700 block of Bruno.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 3

Brent J. Bradford, 37, Amarillo, was arrested on a probation violation involving forgery.
Ellen Sue Chavez-Crawford, 30, Amarillo, was arrested on a warrant charging her with tampering with government documents.
Amy Rae Burke, 22, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and domestic simple assault.

Accidents

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

Monday, April 3

A 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by David L. Simmons, 45, was in collision with a 1998 Buick LeSabre driven by Donna Lynette Hild, 51, in the 1000 block of Banks. Simmons was backing out of a private driveway at the time. Simmons was cited for backing without safety.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance made the following calls during the 3-day period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 2

6:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West Francis and transported one patient to Pampa Medical Center.

8:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Bradley and transported one patient to Pampa Medical Center.

Monday, April 3

7:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Wynne on a medical assist and transported one patient to Pampa Medical Center.

11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill and transported one patient to Pampa Medical Center.

1:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one patient to Pampa Medical Center.

2:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Medical Center and transported one patient to BSA Hospital - West, Amarillo.

4:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Williston and transported one patient to BSA Hospital - West, Amarillo.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to one call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
6:10 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of 21st and Hobart streets.

Stocks

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Price, and Change. Lists various commodities like grain, metals, and stocks with their current prices and daily changes.

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BUDGET

Each month about 40 percent of the meters read are for inactive accounts. By changing how often these are read, the job will take less time.
Centralized cash collections. Utility billing, municipal court and building permits issuance will be combined into one central area under one supervisor thus allowing customers to conduct any business with the city in a central location.
Move the safety and risk management function from personnel to Ken Hall in emergency management.
The payroll function will move from finance into the personnel office. One employee will transfer to centralized cash collection from finance.
Cross training is a part of the plan and incentive pay will be available for those learning new skills.
The personnel cuts will save \$320,000 a year.

General expense reductions
Nine cell phones and eight pagers will be eliminated at a \$4,000 savings.
(Coffee service will be eliminated at an \$8,000 savings.
Employee Christmas party, picnic and other events' budgets will be reduced at a savings of \$6,000.
Turkey and ham holiday giveaways will be eliminated at a savings of \$2,900.
The volunteer thank-you banquet will be eliminated at a savings of \$2,100.
Travel and training budgets will be reduced at a savings of \$11,000.
Reduce the city fleet by 11 vehicles and one side-loader truck at a savings of \$50,745.
The total annual savings by general expense reductions total \$84,745.

Allocate five cents of the tax rate to operations in 2002/03
Ten cents of the tax rate will be freed up by budget year 2001/03 due to city debt payoffs. The plan calls for allocating five cents to operations. The plan does not address the remaining five cents.

Personnel reduction highlights
Five of the 11 positions to be eliminated are currently budgeted but are now vacant.
(There will be no layoffs and a retirement incentive package will be offered.
The street and parks departments will be combined under a single department head which will come after the elimination of the parks department head position.
A solid waste crew leader will be eliminated due to a reorganization of truck routes based upon the city's population drop.
Three police officers will be eliminated. These positions are now vacant.
Eliminate the fire secretary. This position is now vacant.
Eliminate the buyer's position.
Eliminate two mechanics and one service technician which will result in the closing of the garage and the contracting out of maintenance/repair.
Eliminate one utility billing service technician.

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LARAMORE

In the next few weeks Laramore will be re-establishing old contacts and making new ones, Dickson said. "We encourage those of you who enjoyed working with Dee Dee in the past to call her or drop by the paper and welcome her back."
"I once wrote a column titled 'You can't go home again.' Coming back to The Pampa News reminds me that although many things change and will never be the same, the spirit of a place remains," Laramore said. "My spirit and The Pampa News is somehow linked. When I stepped through the front door and smelled the distinctive odor of newspaper and ink, I felt like I had, indeed, come home again."

BEATING

Authorities said the attack on the woman was particularly brutal. She suffered two broken arms and numerous gashes to her head and body.
Last week, Judge Emmert denied a motion by Harold Comer, Hickman's attorney, to exclude testimony by veterinarian M.S. Ketchum concerning DNA evidence, but asked for legal briefs from the state and defense on the motion to suppress evidence concerning dog hair that had been taken from Hickman's dog. The hair was taken in an effort to match a dog hair found on a duffel bag, authorities said.
After reviewing the briefs, Judge Emmert denied the motion, ruling that prosecutors could use the evidence in their case.
The dog hair evidence involves a new procedure that uses mitochondrial DNA, according to District Attorney John Mann. He said it would be the first use of such procedures in a criminal case.

Helms diagnosed with neurological problems; treated

Sen. Jesse Helms says a neurological disease has forced him to use a cane but it is not causing him serious trouble.
Helms, 78, has been diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and received treatment last fall at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center.
The disease affects the nerves that run from the brain or the spine to the arms, hands, legs and feet by breaking down the sheath that covers and protects nerve endings. The exposed nerves become inflamed, interrupting their ability to conduct brain signals to the extremities.
The disease has multiple causes and no certain permanent cure.
"People have a numbness or a no-feeling situation in an extremity," the North Carolina Republican told The News & Observer of Raleigh in an interview last week. "I happen to have it in my feet. But it doesn't bother me at all."
The numbness causes difficulty with balance and forces him to use a cane, Helms said.

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District Attorney John Mann. He said it would be the first use of such procedures in a criminal case.
In allowing the use of the dog hair evidence, however, Judge Emmert agreed to delay the trial to give the defense enough time to review the evidence. In the past the case has been delayed due to the testing of other evidence.
In October, 1998, M. Kent Sims, then 31st District Judge, ruled in a pretrial hearing that video taped testimony by the victim given while under hypnosis could be used in the prosecutor's case against Hickman.
Hickman remained in Gray County jail today. He is also being held for parole violation in connection with accusations of escaping from a halfway house in Dallas following a previous conviction.

City Briefs

- AROUND THE CLOCK Bail Bonds. 24 hr. confidential jail release. Call 665-3553.
HIGH SCHOOL student, will mow lawns. Call Ryan 669-6327.
BOYD'S SPECIAL Event, Bear Stone, April 8th, choice pieces sold this day only, at All Its Charm.
MIKE YOUNG now at Crownson Barber Shop, Comb-Worley bldg, on Wed. - Sat. Latest styles/hairstyles. 669-6721
NORTH HOBART Business Area Assoc. monthly meeting, Thurs., April 6th, 9 a.m. This month we are meeting at Best Kept Secrets, 1925 N. Hobart. For more info. call 665-1841.
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Judge denies evidence request

A 49-year-old Pampa man was in Gray County jail today after the courts denied his motion to suppress evidence in his drug case.
Feliciano Sandoval, 49, 408 N. Dwight, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$15,000 bond on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture and deliver.
Monday, Judge Lee Waters of the 223rd District Court denied Sandoval's motion to suppress evidence taken at the time of his arrest on June 16, 1999.
Authorities said that officers knocked at

Sandoval's home shortly before midnight June 16, 1999, and were admitted by Sandoval.
They knocked three times," Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale said, "and three times, they were told to 'come in.'"
Once inside, the officers saw a small amount of what appeared to be marijuana lying in open view on the coffee table. Based on that, they arrested Sandoval and were able to obtain a search warrant.
A search of the house turned up a small amount of what appeared to be cocaine beneath a phone book on a shelf in the coffee table, officers said.

Several stabbed during rap concert

BOSTON (AP)—A fight erupted backstage during a rap concert at the Fleet Center, and at least six people were injured, one critically.
One person was arrested in the Monday night fight.
The approximately 5,000 people in the audience were unaware of the fight while it was happening, police Deputy Superintendent Laurence Robicheau said.
"There was some kind of confrontation between different groups that were either participating in the performance or ... were gathered as VIPs," Robicheau said. The fight broke out before 10 p.m.
The show, sponsored by the Ruff Ryders and Cash

Money record labels, was delayed while police and rescue workers responded to the fracas. Promoters asked everyone to leave around 11 p.m. and the top acts, Eve and DMX, never performed.
Some audience members chanted "We want our money back" as they left.
Five of the victims were stabbed and another was struck on the head with a marble bench. One of the stabbing victims was in critical condition while the other five had injuries that were not life-threatening, said police spokesman Cliff Connolly.
David Smith, 34, of Randolph, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police said he hurled a marble bench.

Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny and warmer today with a high of 75 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Clear tonight with a low in the 50s and winds at 10-20 mph.
Mostly sunny tomorrow with a high in the upper 80s and south-westerly winds at 15-25 mph. Yesterday's high was 49; the overnight low 30.
STATEWIDE - A clear, rather chilly morning was dawning across Texas following the latest cold front's visit.
The upper-level low pressure system spent the weekend wringing out abundant Gulf moisture, with showers and thunderstorms that dumped more than an inch of rain in parts of North Texas.
The front now stretches offshore this morning. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the north and west to 60s in the far south.
It was 35 degrees at Denton and Junction, 44 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 63 at Port Isabel, 30 at Amarillo and Marfa and 45 at El Paso.
Winds were northwesterly to northeasterly in the south at 5 to 20 mph, with gusts along the coastal areas. Wind were southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph over the Panhandle and Permian Basin and light and variable in the far

west, with 10 to 20 mph in Guadalupe Pass.
The National Weather Service forecast called for mostly clear conditions through midweek, when a warming trend was expected.
Daytime highs through Wednesday should be in the mid 60s to the high 80s. Later Wednesday, unseasonably warm conditions were expected with near 90 in the deep south, mid-90s in the Trans Pecos and lower 100s along the Rio Grande.
Lows overnight were expected to range from the 30s in southwestern mountains to mid-40s and low 50s elsewhere.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

CCPC

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer the following continuing education courses: "Bible as Literature," instructor Linda Haynes, 6-7 p.m., March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9; and "Microsoft Access '97," instructor Tex Buckhaults, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more information, call 665-8801.

AMARILLO AREA PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Amarillo Area Panhellenic Council will hold a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at 700 S. Avondale in Amarillo. All senior high women interested in going through Rush should attend the meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short video and discussion will be presented. For more information, call Helen Benton, (806) 353-9139 or (806) 679-5808.

INVESTMENT SERIES

Greg Brown and Richard Russell, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., will present a series of investment topics during the noon hour each Thursday in April in Room #102 of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend the sessions. The series will cover: "Stock Market History and Trivia," April 6; "Mechanics of the Stock Market," April 13; "The Federal Reserve System and the Stock Market," April 20; and "Stock Analysis - Technical vs. Fundamental," April 27.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month (April). For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to major in an agricultural, nutritional or health-related field in college. These scholarships are available to students living in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties. Applications - now available at schools in these counties - must be received by April 28 and should be mailed to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. The winners' schools will be notified in early May prior to graduation.



(Left-right) Bill, Gus and Robert Greene with Grandfather R.W. Yeager.

Robert and Mary Yeager moved to area to be closer to daughters, Lula Greene and Lena McKamy

Robert Walter Yeager, born May 28, 1856, in Kentucky, came to Texas when he was 2-years-old. On Nov. 14, 1877, he married Mary Elizabeth Reasor at Lebanon, Texas. Born Aug. 24, 1860, in Spencer County, Ky., she came to Texas when she was 16-years-old.

Robert and Mary had three daughters: Myrtle, who died in 1902, Lula and Lena. The three daughters were educated at Baylor University at Waco. About 1912, Robert and Mary moved from Frisco in Collin County, Texas, to Pampa so that they could be closer to their daughters, Lula Greene and Lena McKamy.

Robert and Mary built a house at the corner of East Browning and North Starkweather (present park-

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



the Yeagers while they walked to the red brick school building at 309 N. Cuyler. Mary, the only girl among six boys, had to learn to defend herself. When the season was right, the group often had sword fights, using sunflower stalks as weapons.

Robert, known familiarly as "Uncle Bob," died May 10, 1918, after a fall from a horse. A resolution by the Pampa Baptist Church and Sunday School described him as "a cheerful heroic character whose work in the church and community was a mighty factor for good."

Mary, affectionately known as "Aunt Betty," died June 16, 1924. Yeager Street in Pampa was named for Robert and Mary Yeager.

ing lot of the Central Baptist Church). (Later an alley had to go around the brick garage which is still standing. The house is now at 727 Magnolia). The Yeagers bought 60 acres in town and also purchased land east and northeast of Pampa. The property in town extended from East Browning northward to

present East Harvester (the southern edge of Fairview Cemetery). On school days, the Yeager grandchildren, Bob, Guss and Bill Greene and Mary McKamy, with their neighbors, John, Henry and Jim Ayres, rode their horses from their farm homes north of town into Pampa. They left their horses with



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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas: Waco Tribune-Herald on taxing the Internet:

It is fascinating to hear the limp rationale as to why sales on the Internet should go untaxed.

- (1) We want to "keep this new economy rolling."
- (2) These are boom times; states don't need the revenue.

(3) The technology of applying sales taxes through thousands of taxing districts is beyond our ability.

They say bad things come in threes. In this case, they are right. Three bad arguments.

(1) New economy? What about the new retail businesses getting penalized competitively for selling wares over a counter that counter being just one of the overhead factors that puts the average retailer at a cost disadvantage against someone who sells online?

(2) Boom times? Indeed these are, which ought to mean that taxing online sales could help spread the tax burden more thinly lowering sales taxes among those who now shoulder the greatest burden.

(3) An impossible task? The same argument has been used against taxing mail-order sales, but years ago the logistical argument was dismissed. The reason? Computers. We have a system that rings the globe with instant data transfer. Yes, we can apply sales taxes to online sales.

This week, convening in Dallas, the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce recommended a six-year moratorium on sales taxes for online sales. It was an unfortunate call, one which Washington should disregard.

It is unfair for a business to have a sizable tax advantage over another simply because it uses a computer and a mouse rather than a storefront and a door. In every way, the average retailer is at a cost disadvantage against online sales. The average retailer needs more of an in-person presence, people on the floor. The average retailer needs more space for display and inventory.

Yes, the online merchant contributes to the economy generally and pays property taxes. But it is the merchant with the storefront whose sales taxes pay for streets, police and public improvements. And as those sales are eroded by online competition, so are communities.

Of the three arguments, the only one that carries any weight is the ambitious task of applying the sales tax in as many as 30,000 taxing jurisdictions. But it is far from impossible in the microchip age.

If that's not the route Washington wishes to take, it should consider a national online surcharge, revenues from which could be distributed proportionally to states or local governments, which might be able to lower sales taxes.

The same should apply to mail-order sales, which long have put local merchants at a disadvantage.

These issues have particular relevance in Texas, which relies heavily on the sales tax to fund schools and state operations.

The average Texas retailer is paying an awful premium for allowing customers through his or her door.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 4, the 95th day of 2000. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date:
 In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inauguration; the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million dollars in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In 1945, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty, foundation of NATO.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-tripper in Cincinnati.

In 1979, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the deposed prime minister of Pakistan, was hanged after he was convicted of conspiring to murder a political opponent. (His daughter, Benazir, became prime minister in 1988.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State James Baker met in Washington with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, for three days of talks on the Lithuanian crisis and arms control.

How to access foreign-policy initiatives

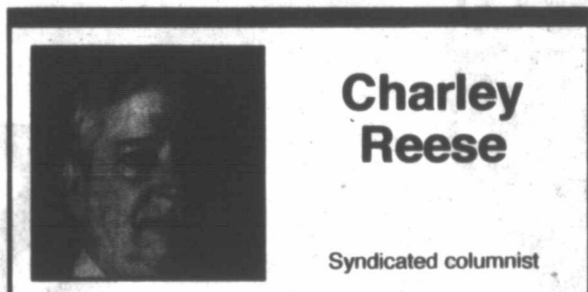
There is an easy way to assess foreign-policy initiatives such as making defense commitments or sending American troops on foreign missions.

First of all, determine the objective. Then ask yourself these two questions: Would I be willing to die to achieve this objective? Would I be content to see my children die to achieve this objective? If the answers are no, then oppose it.

For God's sake, don't be one of those armchair generals who is perfectly willing for other people to die and suffer for his delusions of grandeur. If there is a disgusting spectacle, it is a stay-at-home, pseudo macho character uttering warlike words for other people's sons and daughters to carry out.

Americans have been subjected to a century's worth of imperial bravo sierra. Many are convinced that Americans must solve the world's problems, be the world's policeman and be the world's rich uncle. It's time Americans woke up from this trance and put into office people who will concern themselves with the American nation and the American people. We should have a policy not of "America First" but a policy of "America First, Last and Always."

The great irony is that if America actually did adopt a policy of what the imperialists call isolationism, our stock in the eyes of the world would go up. Our interference in the internal affairs of other sovereign nations breeds only hatred. Our taking sides in disputes between nations breeds



only hatred. Our blustering and threatening and randomly bombing or invading other nations breeds only hatred.

When America did actually follow George Washington's advice — isolationism — Americans could travel the world in safety and hear nothing but good things about their country.

Isolationism really means that America pursues commerce and friendship with all nations, showing no favoritism at all, while refraining from involving itself in the quarrels, external and internal, of foreign nations.

Iranians hate us today for the very sound reason that we, acting through the CIA, overthrew their democratically elected government back in the 1950s, installed an Iranian dictator and for decades backed him in all his repressive measures. Oil companies, banks and weapons makers profited from that deal. The American people did not.

Even today there are people in Washington proposing to turn America into a fascist state in the name of protecting us from terrorism. The only way to protect the American people from terrorism is to halt the policies that create terrorism. It is America's imperialistic foreign policy that creates terrorism. Nothing else.

An imperial government always wants "enemies at the gate" in order to justify its heavy taxation and repression of the rights of its own people. If there are no enemies at the gate, the imperial government will create them.

Americans need to defend the revolution — our own American Revolution that created a republic, not a centralized, imperialistic government. Empires always collapse because they inevitably overextend themselves. Anyone who thinks that America can rule the world with an over-inflated stock market, a \$5 trillion debt, a 300-ship Navy and a 10-division army had better hit library stacks in the history section.

I would love to see a constitutional amendment forbidding our armed forces from engaging in hostilities without a declaration of war by Congress.

In recent decades, American presidents have treated the armed forces as if they were a bunch of mercenaries. They have even been placed under the command of foreigners, something no American president should ever allow. God restore and save the Republic.

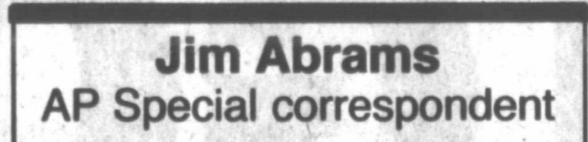
'Devolution revolution' mixed results

Republicans, said Rep. Greg Ganske, a conservative from Iowa, are supposed to be the champions of state power and local control. "Yet here we are today debating a bill that would take crucial power away from state and local governments."

Ganske, in a recent speech on the House floor, was opposing a GOP-backed bill that would make it easier to take property rights cases against local governments to federal courts. He was also pointing out how difficult it has been for his party to live up to its promise to take power away from Washington and restore it to the local level.

Newt Gingrich's Republicans came to power in 1995 dedicated to a "devolution revolution," and they can point to some real successes. Welfare programs have effectively been turned over to the states and an unfunded mandates act is keeping Congress from imposing new regulations on the states unless the federal government pays for them.

Republicans have abandoned earlier attempts to abolish the Education Department, but they have been steadfast in pushing for school vouchers, block grants and other means of giving state and local authorities control over education dollars.



However, in other areas, particularly those dealing with crime and the courts, Republicans often have been as aggressive as their Democratic counterparts in seeking federal action.

Part of the GOP ambiguity, said Roger Pilon, vice president for legal affairs at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, is that "they want to devolve power, but on the other hand they want to be active in solving problems."

The philosophy that Congress can address all problems, Pilon said, is anathema to the constitutional doctrine of reserving to the states those powers not specifically delegated to the federal government.

Republicans, said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, one of Congress' staunchest defenders of states' rights, "like Democrats, are serving a constituency. When it pleases their particular constituency, they nationalize."

Conservatives who backed the property rights bill passed by the House insisted they

were defending a constitutional right against the public taking of private property without just compensation. Property rights take precedence, said Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation. "Those who now claim to be concerned about local government rights are crying crocodile tears."

But Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C., chided Republicans for ignoring their states' rights principles. "They start to backtrack," he said, when "their moneyed constituents, their corporate constituents have a different interest."

Republicans have also backed House-passed bills this session to expand federal judiciary controls over class-action suits and product liability claims against small businesses. They argued that the unpredictable patchwork of state laws has enriched lawyers, produced excessive jury awards to plaintiffs and discouraged economic growth.

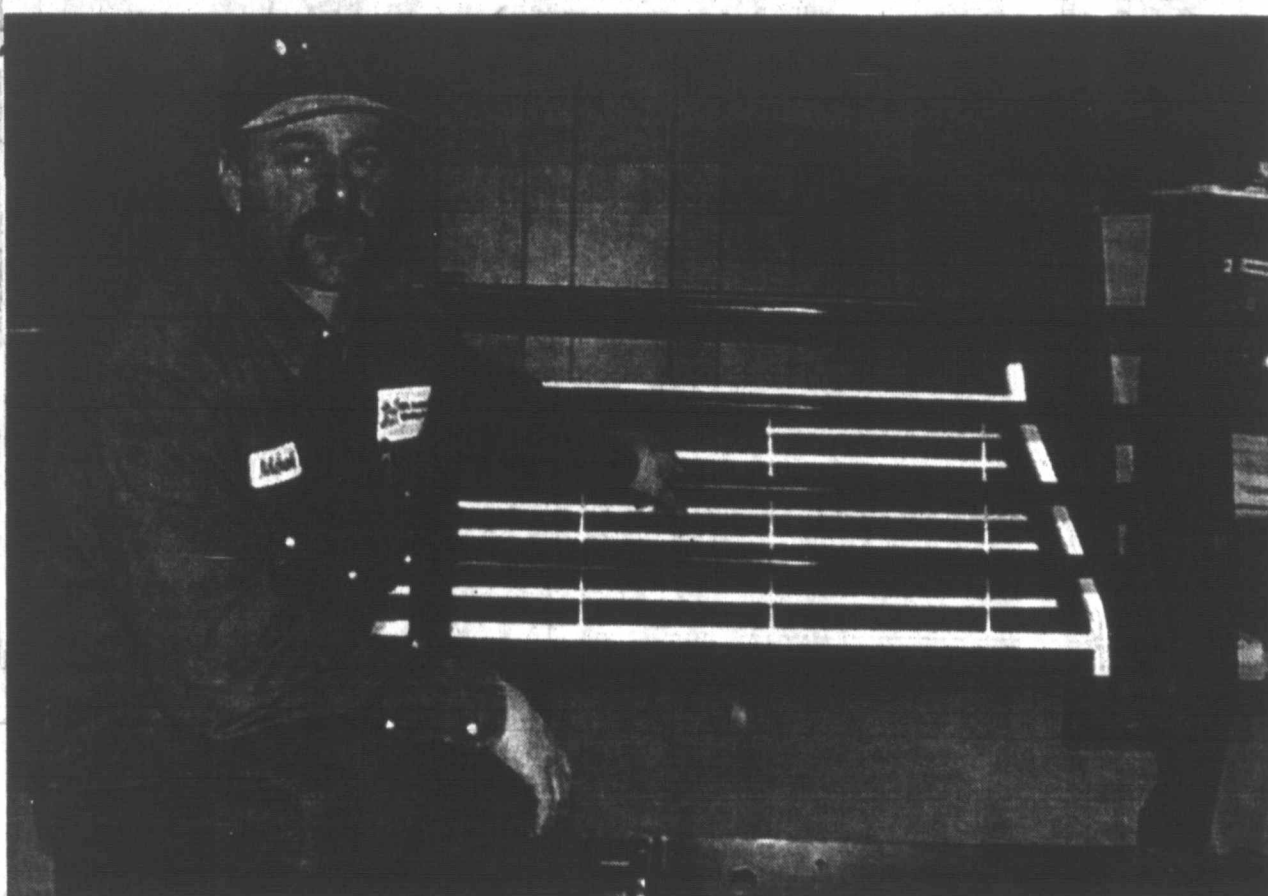
The Clinton administration, in promising a veto, said the class-action bill was a "dramatic break from our federal system's traditional deference to state choices."

Paul, who voted against both bills, said that as a physician, "I can't stand trial lawyers, but I don't want to nationalize tort law. ... I still think that's the responsibility of the states."

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #G-11 S.B. Burnett, 660' from South & West line, Sec. 102.5, 1&GN, PD 3950'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & NORTH HOWE RANCH Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #5 McQuiddy 'H', 488' from North & 1513' from East line, Sec. 6.1, G&M, PD 12400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #4 Humphreys '28', 1100' from North & 700' from West line, Sec. 28.1, G&M, PD 11250'.
HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Strat Land Exploration Co., #5H B.C. Holt, 2450' from South & 1100' from West line, Sec. 52.5-T, T&NO (BHL: 2750' from South & 2672' from West Sec. line) PD 4900'. Horizontal well
Applications to Plug-Back
ROBERTS (CREE FLOWERS Albany Dolomite) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #9074 Flowers Brothers, 2286' from South & 1489' from West line, Sec. 74, C, G&M, Pd 4042'.
Application to Re-Enter & Plug-Back
WHEELER (WILDCAT) Crest Resources, Inc., #1 Bryant #52, 1320' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 52, A-7, H&GN, PD 11100'.
Amended Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Tonkawa) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Lockhart Strip, 234' from North & 1045' from West line, Sec. 1, Robert Moody Survey, PD 11340'. Amended to change Lease Name from Jenny Lou & change PD
Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #1 Humphreys '59', Sec. 59.42, H&TC, elev. 2664 gr, spud 10-17-99, drig. compl 12-6-99, tested 2-10-00, pumped 155 bbl. of 44 grav. oil + 20 bbls. water, GOR 1497, TD 12257', PBTD 10470' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #126 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3158 kb, spud 1-10-00, drig. compl 1-14-00, tested 3-22-00, pumped 14.1 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 64 bbls. water, GOR 15532, TD 3320', PBTD 3310' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #127 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3143 kb, spud 1-17-00, drig. compl 1-21-00, tested 3-17-00, pumped 26.3 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 144 bbls. water, GOR 6654, TD 3393', PBTD 3355' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #128 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3183 kb, spud 1-24-00, drig. compl 1-28-00, tested 3-17-00, pumped 25.5 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 85 bbls. water, GOR 11961, TD 3433', PBTD 3388' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #129 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3168 kb, spud 1-31-00, drig. compl 2-4-00, tested 3-17-00, pumped 34.1 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 183 bbls. water, GOR 7067, TD 3420', PBTD 3376' —
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash K.C.) Chevron USA, Inc., #3 J.W. Young, Sec. 20, L.J.M. Lindsay, elev. 2194 gl, spud 1-8-00, drig. compl 1-28-00, tested 3-2-00, pumped 45 bbls. of 44 grav. oil + 20 bbls. water, GOR 2244, TD 11058', PBTD 10270' — Plug-Back
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) EOG Resources, Inc., #3 Humphreys '46', Sec. 46.1, G&M, elev. 2541 gr, spud 12-11-99, drig. compl 1-7-00, tested 2-25-00, potential 10100 MCF, TD 11650', PBTD 111530' —
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1029 Walker, Sec. 29, A-1, H&GN, elev. 2424 kb, spud 10-17-99, drig. compl 10-27-99, tested 2-22-00, potential 2550 MCF, TD 8250', PBTD 8188' —
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-14 Flowers, Sec. 14.41, H&TC, elev. 2492 kb, spud 1-1-00, drig. compl 1-22-00, tested 3-14-00, potential 16500 MCF, TD 8200', PBTD 8127' —
Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) H&K Plugging & Salvage, Urbanczyk, Sec. 25.4, 1&GN (oil) — for the following wells:
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 #7, spud unknown, plugged 2-25-00, TD 3260' —
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Cecil Pruett, #2 Sanford, 330' from North & 1650' from West Lease line, Sec. 4.3, AB&M, spud 11-16-63, plugged 3-15-99, TD 3159' (oil) — Form 1 in Morrison Oil & Gas

~ Business Review ~



Billy Scribner Welding Supervisor Michael Craig shows off a bumper and grill guard the company makes.

Billy Scribner Welding

The boss was out of town and couldn't talk about his business but Billy Scribner Welding Inc., Supervisor Michael Craig, 39, wasn't at all shy about talking.

Craig has worked with Scribner "for 25 to 30 years." They've worked pipelines, roustabout, even run cattle together.

"Just about everything," Craig said.

Craig changed hats several times during the. He had as many hats as he had jobs.

You see, Billy Scribner Welding does everything from making heavy pickup grill guards, to fixing pipelines, to fixing oil and gas equipment, to leasing equipment, to building roads and parking lots.

So Supervisor Craig has do it all.

"I push crews, trucks ..." Craig said. He went on. And on. Through the miles of industry jargon, one began to imagine a world intense, constant arc-welding and heavy trucks and sweaty men building and making and fixing the endless miles of metal pipes and factories and roads that make up this working America.

"If it's made out of metal we can fix it, or make it," Craig said.

But why stop there?

"We're not going to stop at welding ... There's nothing we won't bid on," Craig said.

Craig said Scribner Welding has worked for IRI, Kinder Morgan, Williams — a list of the major employers of Gray County.

But Scribner Welding also works with individuals.

"If someone needs a sewer line dug up, or a tree taken out, we can help," Craig said.

Scribner Welding has operated in Pampa for 10 years. It has been at its present location on Highway 60 and Price Road for two years.

Craig said he was "born, raised, and educated," in Pampa. After graduating from PHS Craig went to Scribner for work.

"I didn't know what my title would be, just wanted work," Craig said, "Some people just fol-

low the pipelines around the country, I couldn't do that."

Craig prefers to stay home with his wife Tami. They have a country home "on the county line" in North Gray County.

Craig didn't talk much, not about his family life, anyway, but he had a lot to say about the Pampa economy.

"It's based on oil, and its going to go up or down with oil," Craig said, "If we could diversify more —" he shrugged.

"I can't say I've seen it worse, but it's on the upswing now," Craig said, "It's coming back up."

Craig said early 1999 was a tough time for the company. Scribner Welding went from 57 employees as of Christmas 1998 to 15 employees by March 1, 1999, but with the rise in oil prices, the company is increasing in size.

And with the addition of the two diaries in Gray County, Craig was optimistic for the future.

"We're keeping our trucks busy," Craig said.

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Story Behind Burial Plot May Be Gravely Incomplete

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you printed a letter from "Outraged in the South," whose stepmother, upon her death, will have herself buried between "Outraged's" father and his first wife in the family burial plot.

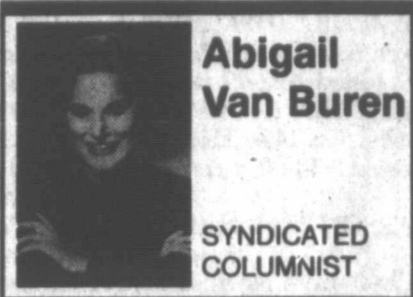
You advised her that it would most likely be useless to try to talk this incredibly insensitive stepmother out of it. However, there is something that "Outraged" and her siblings can do. After the stepmother dies — or, perhaps even better, before she dies — the "children" can go together and have another inscription engraved on the stone underneath the first wife's name.

It could read: "She did it over our dead bodies — Signed, The Children."

DEE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DEE: Your suggestion is a hoot. Not everyone viewed the second wife's intentions as we did. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Outraged in the South," my stomach turned. Perhaps the stepmother should not have moved Dad over — it is pretty gross. However, maybe the dad and stepmother discussed where they would like to be buried, and he chose to be next to her instead of in the middle because he had been married to her for at least 27 years. Over the course of those 27 years, I assume she loved him, cared for him and,



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

most likely, nursed him through his last illness.

The youngest daughter was approximately 17 years old when her father married a much younger woman. He lived to be at least 90 years old. She should be grateful that they had such a long life together and were there for each other.

Give this woman a break. Unless she was a selfish witch, those adult children could use their time more productively. They should console their stepmother, as I am sure she is mourning. She is now approximately 65 years old, and I would expect she could use some "family" around her.

If you print this, please don't use my name. All the relatives live here.

A CALIFORNIAN

DEAR CALIFORNIAN: You're right; there are usually two sides to every story. However, if the matter had been discussed between the father and his second wife, it would have been wise to have shared the burial

plans with the adult children well in advance.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is planning a wedding in July. She would like to use silver and burgundy as her colors. Her soon-to-be mother-in-law said silver is used for second marriages. Is this true? NEEDS YOUR HELP IN UTAH

DEAR NEEDS: If that's true, it's the first time I've heard of it. Second-time brides often wear pastel colors — or white with color in the trim of the garment or their accessories. If your daughter wants to use silver and burgundy for her wedding, the combination sounds fine to me.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with others. Though you might not be able to implement all the changes you want, you will turn the corner with one problem. Balance your checkbook; keep financial limits in mind. You gain through your fiscal intelligence. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

*** Mull over ideas. Think through a decision carefully. Your sense of direction could change because of an important conversation. Do research; take your time. Actions taken in the late afternoon prove unusually successful. An older relative is confused. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

*** Get together with friends. Ask for what you want. Meetings prove to be unusually significant, even though the results might not be immediate. You begin to get through to another. Take time with a friend in the later day. Your input is important. Tonight: Time off.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

*** Your perspective could change because of information from a higher-up. Right now, you can talk yourself blue

without any results. Later in the afternoon, you get the results you want. Attend a meet. Tonight: Where your friends are.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

*** Take an overview. Make calls. Recognize that you don't have to make a decision just yet. Others might not see eye to eye with you. Actions speak louder than words. Move forward with ideas and suggestions. All eyes turn to you. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Your effectiveness is enhanced by one-on-one communication. Refuse to get stuck on nonessentials. Know your limits. Reach out to others. Make calls. Drop by a travel agent and get some brochures. Think about a summer escape. Tonight: Start planning that vacation!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Others are clearly in command, but it might be difficult to get anything launched, even if you defer. Explore alternatives. See what others think. Get together with an important associate or partner in the later day. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You can't make a difference at work today. Take a walk or do something for you. Clean your desk, concentrating on one task at a time. Mull over a decision, but postpone action for now. Schedule a meeting later in the day when your effectiveness rises. Tonight: Be easygoing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Do something frivolous this morning. Your good mood is contagious, and a round of silliness or fun energizes

everyone around you. Work calls later, and it can't be postponed. Be creative. You're more than a paper pusher! Tonight: Easy does it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Listen to your sixth sense with family and those at a distance. You are more grounded than you realize. Let creativity have more play in your decisions. You have great ideas; tune them up by brainstorming with a friend. Tonight: Playtime.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Think about how you convey your message. Your communication skills might need some honing up. Listen carefully to others. Read between the lines if necessary. Make security and domestic matters high priorities. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Expenses could easily careen out of control. Review a situation carefully, deferring decisions until all the facts are in. Asking questions starts the ball rolling. Return calls in the afternoon. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

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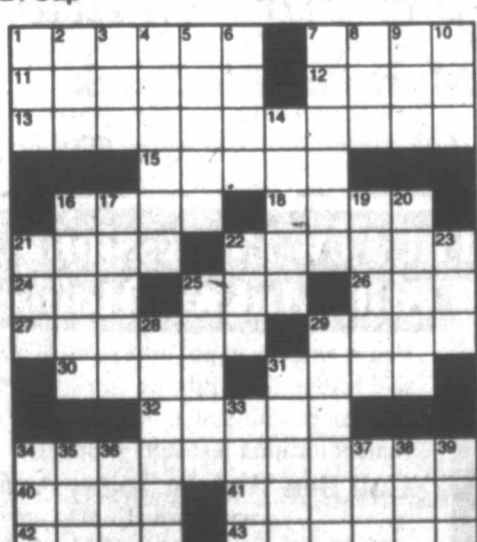
Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Good qualities
- 7 Pleased
- 11 Artist's creation
- 12 Nevada city
- 13 Studio apartment feature
- 15 Got disgusted
- 16 Like the piper
- 18 Schnitzel meat
- 21 "Shane" star
- 22 BB, e.g.
- 24 Rink surface
- 25 Martini base
- 26 Greek letter
- 27 Perfect
- 29 Play group
- 30 Slender
- 31 Shipping city
- 32 Witch town
- 34 Washday site
- 40 Different
- 41 Idea
- 42 Murder
- 43 Stinking drunk
- DOWN
- 1 Invite
- 2 Take to the slopes
- 3 Collection
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- 6 Lean-to
- 7 Hansel's sister
- 8 Rent
- 9 Picnic pest
- 10 Buck's mate
- 14 Actor David
- 16 Walks the floor
- 17 Perfect
- 19 Church feature
- 20 Minimal amount
- 21 Cap
- 22 Bowling target
- 23 "The Boy King"
- 25 Crack up
- 28 Animator
- 29 Awaken
- 31 Candidate
- 33 Telescope part
- 34 "Misérables"
- 35 Everybody
- 36 Can.
- 37 Badge material
- 38 Shoe part
- 39 Finish

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"If you want to avoid your bath, you'll have to hide better than that."

The Family Circus



"Look, Mommy! You have a star on the driveway of fame."

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SPORTS

Spring Fling slated at Gymnastics of Pampa

Notebook

BASEBALL

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Savannah State's baseball team, which thought it set an NCAA record for consecutive victories at 35, finally has undisputed possession of the longest streak.

Savannah State beat Claflin 8-0 and 21-1, extending its streak to 42 and eclipsing the record of 40 claimed by Marietta College of Ohio, a Division II school, last year, but not submitted to the NCAA.

Savannah State is a 2,700-student Division II school that applied for Division I status.

BASKETBALL

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kim Mulkey-Robertson, a Louisiana Tech player and basketball coach for 19 years, has decided to head Baylor's program instead of taking the same job at her own school, a published report says.

According to the Waco Tribune-Herald, Mulkey-Robertson will be named the Lady Bears' head basketball coach today, replacing the coach she played for at Louisiana Tech from 1980-84.

On Monday, Mulkey-Robertson turned down an offer to succeed Leon Barnore as head coach at Louisiana Tech, where she had been an assistant for 15 years, according to the newspaper's editions today.

Mulkey-Robertson, 37, will fly from her Ruston, La., home to Waco today with her husband, Randy, and her two children, Makenzie and Kramer.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Although Brett Hull finally caught his father, Bobby, for ninth place on the NHL's career goal-scoring list, he didn't feel like celebrating.

Phil Housley got the tying goal with 6:52 left as the Calgary Flames rallied for a 2-2 tie with the defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars on Monday night.

"When we get a two-goal lead, we try to get fancy instead of going forward," said Hull, who gave the Stars a 2-0 lead in the second period with his 24th goal of the season and 610th of his career. "We got away from what we've been successful with."

Hull blasted a one-timer past Calgary goalie Fred Brathwaite at 7:29 of the second period to match his father's NHL total.

Bobby Hull played for Chicago from 1957-58 to 1971-72, and also played in the NHL with Winnipeg and Hartford in 1979-80. He scored 303 goals with Winnipeg in the World Hockey Association from 1972-73 to 1978-79.

The Hulls are the only father-son combination in league history with at least 600 goals.

Bobby Hull wasn't at the game, but father and son got together recently when the Stars were in Chicago to talk about their accomplishments.

"I never thought it would happen," Brett Hull said. "It was a nice way to get it (on a power play with his signature one-time shot). It's quite an honor. He's a Hall of Fame player. To grow up a part of what he did, and then to accomplish this, it's something I'm very proud of."

Blowing the two-goal lead took some of the luster away from Hull's milestone goal, however. Stars coach Ken Hitchcock wasn't pleased with his team's effort over the final 25 minutes.

"We allowed the game to get tied because we didn't stay with the program," Hitchcock said. "We played a great territorial game the first two periods and then we fell off the wagon. We were our own worst enemy. We had full control of the game and let them back in it."

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa will be hosting the Spring Fling Invitational Gymnastics, Tumbling and Trampoline Meet Friday and Saturday at its facility north of town on Loop 171.

Friday's tumbling and trampoline competition will be for Gymnastics of Pampa students only. Forty-five students are entered in the intra-squad meet that begins at 5 p.m.

Saturday morning's competition will be for Level 2, 3 and non-sanctioned 4 gymnasts and will feature demonstration performances by Level 7 State competitors Alyssa Bromwell and Morgan Meharg. Forty gymnasts are entered in the morning competition that begins at 8:45 a.m. Saturday afternoon's competitors will be Level 5 and 6 gymnasts from Pampa, Amarillo and Midland.

Most recently, Gymnastics of Pampa's competition team traveled to the West Texas Championships in Big Spring. Pampa's Level 5 team dominated the competition as two new team members and two returning gymnasts from the fall season earned the team title for the second year in a row and completing one full year undefeated as a team.

Leading Team Pampa with a championship performance was Brittany Warminski of White Deer, who won the 10 year old Level 5 All-Around title with a personal best 35.25. She also won West Texas Champion titles on vault 8.65, balance beam 8.9 and floor

exercise 9.25. Brittany received the silver medal on uneven bars with an 8.45.

Brittany is the current District 1 All-Around Champion from 1999 and just completed her first year as a Level 5 competitor. All of Brittany's scores counted toward the team total.

Lacie Thompson of Canadian also competed in the 10 year old Level 5's for Team Pampa. Her 32.45 in the All-Around was a personal best score. She won the silver medal on floor exercise with an 8.7 and tied for third on balance beam with a 7.65. She placed fourth on vault 8.1, and fifth on bars 8.0. Lacie finished fourth in the All-Around.

Competing in only her second Level 5 meet, Kelby Doughy improved her All-Around score to a 31.9 and finished fourth in the 7-8 year olds. Her outstanding bar routine earned an 8.3 for the silver medal. She also placed fourth on vault 8.25, a personal best, and 9th on floor exercise 8.35 and 10th on balance beam 7.0. Three of Kelby's event scores counted toward the team total.

Danielle Brown of Borger earned West Texas Championship titles for Team Pampa on floor exercise 8.85 and vault 8.7, a personal best. She finished with the silver medal on uneven bars with an 8.35 and was fourth in the 12 and over age group with a 31.2.

Turning in a personal best performance in the Level 4 All-Around, Brandi Holden was also the highest scoring Level 4 gymnast at the West Texas

Championships. Her 34.15 All-Around score earned a blue ribbon. She also received blue ribbons on floor exercise 9.0, balance beam 9.0 and uneven bars 8.65. Brandi won a red ribbon for her 7.5 on vault. Brandi, along with teammates Brittany Klein and Keisha Crowell, will be competing as a Level 5 for the first time at the Spring Fling meet this weekend.

Kendall Stokes turned in a personal best vault score for the silver medal in the 12 and over age group of Level 6. She scored a 9.05. She also won the silver medal in the All-Around with a 32.1, another personal best at Level 6. Kendall earned the bronze medal on uneven bars 8.0 and fifth place on floor exercise 7.85.

Also competing in Level 6,

Lacie Long earned the silver medal on floor exercise 8.4 and the bronze on uneven bars 7.7. She finished fourth on balance beam 7.15 and fourth in the 11 year All-Around 31.25.

The Team Pampa gymnasts will be competing at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Spring Fling Meet. The public is invited to attend any of the competition sessions.



Team Pampa's Level 5 West Texas champions are (l-r) Kelby Doughy, Lacie Thompson, Brittany Warminski and Danielle Brown.

Harvester golfers take over District 3-4A lead

PAMPA — Pampa golf teams took command of the third round and the overall lead in the District 3-4A Tournament at Comanche Trail.

Pampa shot a 330 in the boys' division Monday to take a 9-stroke lead over Borger A.

Daniel Heuston shot a third-round 81 to lead the Harvesters. His score was the lowest round of the day, giving him a three-stroke lead in the medalist standings with a 232.

Pampa shot a 377 in the girls' division to grab a one-stroke lead over Borger A.

Maggie Cowan led the way for Pampa with an 88.

District 3-4A Tournament

Third Round Boys

Team standings: 1. Pampa A 330-966; 2. Borger A 342-975; 3. (tie) Dumas A 337-981 and Hereford A 345-981; 5. Pampa B 346-990; 6. Borger B 361-1,047; 7. Hereford B 368-1,083; 8. Palo Duro A 376-1,090; 9. Caprock A 384-1,113; 10. Dumas B 397-1,121.

Pampa A scores: Daniel Heuston 81-232; Matt Heasley

82-244; Anthony Tiedt 85-249; Craig Stout 82-239; Ryan Black 88-259.

Pampa B scores: Cory Fowler 83-247; Trevor Stowers 85-248; Shane Story 88-251; Daniel Williams 90-259; Brad Stucker 93-252.

Pampa singles: Patrick Dunigan 91-253; Zach Rogers 93-Will Vise 100.

Girls

Team standings: 1. Pampa A 377-1,099; 2. Borger A 380-1,100; 3. Caprock A 417-1,225; 4. Hereford A 433-1,263; 5. Borger B 429-1,272; 6. Pampa B 442-1,277; 7. Hereford B 462-1,362; 8. Caprock B 502-1,493; 9. Palo Duro A 517-1,544.

Pampa A scores: Cortnie Allison 93-265; Maggie Cowan 88-270; Stefanie Harwood 90-265; Lynsee Hancock 106-299; Annie Sims 108-309.

Pampa B scores: Cortney Locknane 100-293; Jessica Nicolet 99-301; Taryn Fallon 126-342; Michelle Haley 117-346.

Pampa singles: Codi Wisdom 126-364; Megan Shannon 133-298.

Rangers capture opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — No matter what jersey he's wearing, Kenny Rogers keeps winning at home.

Rogers made his return to Texas on Monday and won his 19th straight home game. He allowed just one run over eight innings as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 10-4 in the season opener.

Rogers' streak is the third-longest in major league history. He has accomplished it while playing for four teams since

September 1997 — the New York Yankees, Oakland Athletics, New York Mets and the Rangers, his original team he had been away from four years.

"I know it's there, but I don't focus on it at all," Rogers said. "It's nice that it keeps going, but it's going to end someday. Hopefully, it won't end for a while."

It won't if Rogers keeps getting the offensive support and the double-play grounders he did Monday.

Cleaves carries Spartans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With every basket, every glare, every pump of his fist, Mateen Cleaves carried Michigan State.

So, when it came time to carry away the championship trophy, Cleaves wasn't about to give it up — even with a crutch under each arm.

"He has the heart of a lion," said his coach, Tom Izzo.

Cleaves scored 18 points in the NCAA championship against Florida before tumbling to the court with a grotesquely sprained ankle. After a quick tape job, he returned to play 11 more minutes in his college finale, the Spartans' leader right to the end — even though he was barely able to make it up and down the court.

"It was a lot of pain," Cleaves said. "I had to suck it up and play on it."

Later, he had the perfect painkiller.

Tears were rolling down his cheeks as he hobbled on crutches and his Michigan State teammates cut down the nets after their 89-76 victory Monday night.

They put one of the nets around his neck, and Cleaves then helped carry off the trophy.

The championship came 21 years after Magic Johnson led the Spartans to their first national title. And Magic was on hand to see this one, too.

"I knew that foot wouldn't keep him down," said Johnson, adorned in a green sweatshirt of his alma mater but merely a fan these days.

The victory over Florida certainly wasn't a one-man show.

Morris Peterson finished with 21 points and A.J. Granger had 19. Cleaves was 7-for-11 from the field — including 3-of-4 from

outside the 3-point arc — even though he didn't take a shot after his injury.

Many thought Cleaves would be playing in the NBA this year, following Michigan State's loss to Duke in the Final Four last season.

Instead, he returned for his senior season, delaying the inevitable millions for the chance to win a championship for his school. Even when he missed the first 13 games with a broken right foot, he never second-guessed his decision to come back to the Spartans.

"This is a wonderful message

lost his jacket. Michigan State was up 58-50 by the time the point guard returned 4:29 later.

"I think it took a little bit out of Florida seeing him come back," Chappell said. "We lose Mateen, we build on what we had, and to have him come back to take the reins, I mean, I know if I was on the other side seeing that it would take some of the wind out of my sails."

Even though Cleaves didn't score another point, he helped the Spartans push the lead even higher against the younger, less experienced Gators.

His long pass to Peterson for a layup made it 60-50. Cleaves was leveled while setting a screen a few minutes later, but it was enough to spring Granger for a 3-pointer that started a 16-6 run and put the game away.

"Mateen Cleaves is a great point guard. He showed it tonight," Florida's Mike Miller said. "Senior leader, been through a lot of things. I think he did a good job of running his team and he knocked down shots."

The Spartans' victory in 1979 — Magic vs. Larry Bird — is the one that hooked the nation on the NCAA tournament. This one may not have had the same significance, but it had the drama thanks to Cleaves and his bum ankle.

"I told the trainer they'd have to amputate it to keep me out of this one," he said.

The Spartans (32-7), the only top-seeded team to reach the Final Four, finished 33-for-59 from the field (56 percent), the best against Florida's frantic pace in the tournament. The previous best was 43 percent by top-ranked Duke in the regional semifinals.

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for all the kids out there," said Frances Cleaves, his mother.

"Stay in school, stick to your goals, work hard. That will make you a winner."

Cleaves was impressive in the first half, breaking Florida's press with his passing and ball-handling as Michigan State built a 43-32 lead. The margin had been cut to 50-44 when he rolled his right ankle on a drive to the basket with 16:18 to play.

A lot of teams might have folded after losing their leader. Not the Spartans, with a team full of seniors and juniors.

Mike Chappell, taking Cleaves' spot on the floor, immediately hit a 3-pointer, prompting Izzo to take such a vigorous

PHS tennis team wins 4A title at Abilene Invitational

ABILENE — Paced by their No. 1 players, the Pampa Harvester varsity tennis team won the Class 4A championship last weekend at the Abilene Invitational.

Pampa's No. 1 boys and girls doubles teams won their divisions and took third in boys singles and second in girls singles.

"We had a very successful weekend," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles. "We usually enter the 5A division so we can tackle the toughest competition we can find. This weekend, the week before district, I wanted to enter our division (4A) and show our players how much they've improved after playing all the difficult tournaments."

Outstanding play by PHS seniors was a big part of the tournament victory. Senior

Jennifer Muns played her best

tennis of the season in defeating four opponents before falling in the finals to Anna Fincher of Abilene Cooper and placing second in the tournament. Seniors Matt Rains and Ryan Mills also played outstanding and placed second in boys doubles. Playing consistently aggressive in every match, they reached the finals where they fell to Pampa juniors Bryce Jordan and Michael Cornelison 4-6, 6-0, 6-4, who also had an outstanding tournament.

Seniors Emily Curtis and Emily Waters won the girls doubles division, dropping only one set in the semifinals match.

The sophomore doubles team of Ashlei Stucki and Michelle Lee finished second in girls doubles after defeating the tough Brownfield team of Hardy and

Phillips, 7-5, 6-3, in the first round.

Sophomore A.J. Smith saw some of the toughest competition in boys singles. Smith won his first and second round to move into the semifinals. He fell to Chase Key of Coronado 6-2, 6-2.

"The score was certainly not indicative of this hard-fought match," coach Quarles said.

The overall tournament trophy went to Abilene Cooper (35 points). The second place overall team trophy went to Pampa (30) and third place went to Abilene High (27).

Pampa begins district play Friday in Amarillo.

Abilene Invitational Pampa results
Boys Doubles
Michael Cornelison-Bryce

Jordan (first place): def. York-

Plunk, Southwest, 6-1, 6-2; def. Houng-Houng, Clint, 6-2, 6-2; def. Mills-Rains, Pampa, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Matt Rains-Ryan Mills (second place): def. Caryile-Gibson, Cooper, 6-2, 6-1; def. Fought-Isaacs, Brownfield, 6-1, 6-0; def. Baca-Patton, Clint, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Cornelison-Jordan, Pampa, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Girls Doubles

Emily Curtis-Emily Waters (first place): def. Rodriguez-Raymond, Colorado City, 6-1, 6-0; def. Fauerborn-Mays, Cooper, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; def. Stucki-Lee, Pampa, 6-0, 6-0.

Ashlei Stucki-Michelle Lee (second place): def. Hardy-Phillips, Brownfield, 7-5, 6-3; def. Greenlee-Rangel, Abilene High, 6-1, 6-3; lost to Curtis-

Waters, Pampa, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls Singles

Helen Orr (def. Amanda Schonberg, Glenn, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Jennifer Thompson, Coronado, 7-5, 7-6.

Jennifer Muns (second place): def. Lindsey Blake, Southwest, 6-1, 6-0; def. C. Navales, Cooper, 6-1, 6-1; def. Laren Tatum, Abilene, 6-1, 6-1; def. Hilary Hale, Coronado, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; lost to Anna Grace Fincher, Cooper, 6-4, 6-2.

Boys Singles

A.J. Smith (fourth place): def. L. Chacen, Abilene High, 6-0, 3-6, 6-0; def. Justin Clements, Southwest, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Chase Key, Moore, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Ethan Moore, Wylie, 6-2, 6-3.

Matt Cook lost to Reid Levets, Cooper, 6-2, 6-4; lost to D. Reuteria, Clint, 6-0, 6-4.

Topographic Tornadoes



The Topographic Tornadoes placed second in the Under 10 Boys A Division in the High Plains Indoor Soccer League in Amarillo. Team members are (front row, from left) Mitch Kelley, Rusty Snider, Tanner Dyson, Enrique Marquez, Colby Copeland and Ryne Malone; (middle row, from left) Kenny Hightower, Dustin Neef, Lowry Baggett, Chance Reames and Brenden Carpenter. Coaches are (from left) Ed Copeland, Randy Dyson and Cliff Kelley.

Major League Standings

National League					Philadelphia (Ashby 14-10) at Arizona (Johnson 17-9), 10:05 p.m.				
At A Glance					American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—	New York	1	0	1.000	—
Florida	2	1	.667	—	Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	1/2	Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	1/2	Boston	0	0	.000	1/2
Montreal	0	1	.000	1	Baltimore	0	1	.000	1
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	—	Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	1/2	Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	1/2	Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	1/2	Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	1/2	Minnesota	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	1	2	.333	1	West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Texas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—	Seattle	0	0	.000	1/2
Arizona	0	0	.000	1/2	Anaheim	0	1	.000	1
Colorado	0	1	.000	1	Oakland	0	1	.000	1
San Diego	0	1	.000	1					
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1					

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 3, Cincinnati 3, tie, 5 innings, rain
 New York Mets 2, San Diego 1
 Atlanta 2, Colorado 0
 St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 1
 Houston at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
 Florida 6, San Francisco 4
 Los Angeles 10, Montreal 4

Tuesday's Games
 Milwaukee (De Los Santos 0-1) at Cincinnati (Neagle 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Park 13-11) at Montreal (Iraju 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Ortiz 18-9) at Florida (Dempster 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Houston (Reynolds 16-14) at Pittsburgh (Schnitt 13-11), 7:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Arojo 7-12) at Atlanta (Givney 14-11), 7:40 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Texas 10, Chicago White Sox 4
 Cleveland 4, Baltimore 1
 Toronto 5, Kansas City 4
 Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 0
 Detroit 7, Oakland 4
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Anaheim 2

Tuesday's Games
 Kansas City (Whissick 9-12) at Toronto (Halladay 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Pizarro 23-4) at Seattle (Moyer 14-5), 8:35 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Wells 4-1) at Texas (Helling 13-11), 8:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Rupe 8-9) at Minnesota (Milton 7-11), 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Nilkowiak 4-5) at Oakland (Hudson 11-9), 10:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 14-10) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 18-7), 10:05 p.m.

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Big Easy prepares for hard work at Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — With his left foot, Ernie Els brushed the grass as he explained how menacing the neatly trimmed rough can be in the Masters. With his putter, he tapped the concrete path to describe what to expect from the greens.

He had a hard time figuring out which was worse.

"It's a major championship standard," he said Monday afternoon, laughing at himself for making such an obvious assessment.

Now if the 30-year-old South African known as the "Big Easy" can stop being so hard on himself when it comes to the first major of the year.

The qualities that made Els a two-time U.S. Open champion seem to disappear the first full

week in April.

Augusta National seems to be a perfect fit for his game, yet it is the one major where he has never reached the back nine on Sunday with any serious chance of winning. He has charged off the course in anger more often than he has made a charge.

A year ago, he was just three strokes out of the lead going into the final round until a week of average ball-striking caught up with him. In baked, blustery conditions he closed with an 80 and fell off the map.

What makes him think this year will be any different?

For one thing, his father, Nils, came over from South Africa to help Els with his state of mind. He is trying not to get too worked up over the Masters,

and decided against coming to Augusta until this week.

"I've played with a little too much emotion in the past," Els said. "The emotion comes out more than my talent. I'm playing it low-key, taking it as another tournament, although that's impossible to do."

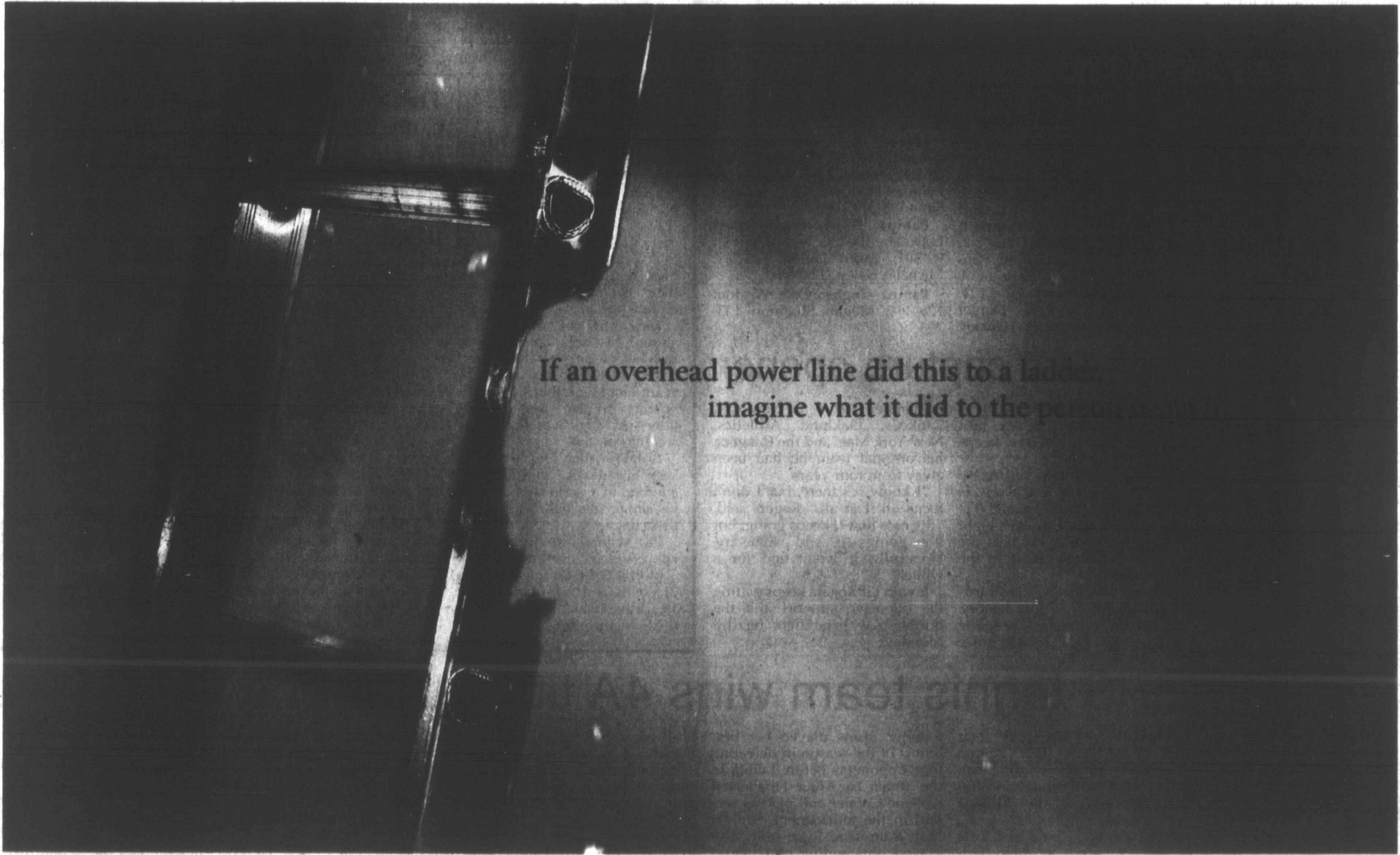
Flashback

1962: White Deer defeated Woodsboro 59-39 to win the Class A basketball championship.

Gerald Bichsel had 20 points and Carl McAdams 16 to lead White Deer's scoring attack.

The Bucks finished with a 32-5 record.

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NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF TEXAS VS. GRAY COUNTY BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED MARCH 30, 2000 and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the herein-after numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on March 30, 2000, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the East Door of the Court-house of said County, in the City of Pampa, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of	the defendants is such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray and the State of Texas, to-wit: SUT NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 453 Pampa Independent School District vs. Jackson, Herdis L., Lot 6, Block 5, Prairie Village Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 393, Page 249, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. 454 Pampa Independent School District vs. Jackson, O.L., Being all of lot 16, Block 3, Haggard Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 104, Page 472, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas.	599 City of Pampa vs. Tice, Milton Roy Tract 2, Lots 28 and 29, Block 36, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 42, Page 788, Civil Suits, District Clerk, Gray County, Texas. 827 City of Pampa vs. Mathis, Stanley Lot 23, Block 2, Prairie Village Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 434, Page 312, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. 842 Pampa Independent School District vs. Phillips, Daisy, D.L., Phillips, Agent Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, of the Wood Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 193, Page 521 of the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. 1040 City of Pampa vs. Walker, Charlie	Lots 20, Block 2, Finley-Banks Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 359, Page 278, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. 1160 City of Pampa vs. Smith, Jimmie M. Lots 12, Block 3, Cole Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 484, Page 33, Deed records of Gray County, Texas. 1166 City of Pampa vs. Vargas, John Hernandez & Ignacio Vargas, III All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land out of Parcel "F", Plot 66, Suburbs of Pampa, Being more Particularly described in Volume 458, Page 580, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. 1301 City of Pampa vs. Wheat, James Pat Lots 9, Block 40, of the Talley Addition, City of Pampa, as described in	Volume 515, Page 254 of the Deed records of Gray County, Texas. 1307 City of Pampa vs. Wiseman, Robert J. Lot 13, Block 25, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 468, Page 291, Civil Suits, District Clerk, Gray County, Texas. 1597 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. Columbus Morgan, et al. Tract 9, Lot 8, Block 5, Prairie Village Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 423, page 371, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. Tract 10, Lot 23, Block 5, Prairie Village Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 423, Page 371, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. Tract 11, Lot 24, Block 5, of the re-subdivision of lots 1 thru 14, Block 9, and lots 18 thru 31, Block



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Texas round up

O'Hair suspect scheduled to enter plea

AUSTIN (AP) — A suspect in the disappearance of missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair is scheduled to appear today in court, where his attorney says he will plead innocent to kidnapping, robbery and extortion charges.

Gary Karr, 51, was indicted in December on charges of conspiring with others to carry out a kidnapping and extortion plot leading to the deaths of O'Hair, her son, Jon Garth Murray, and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair.

The three have been missing since 1995. Authorities have said they were killed but their bodies have not been found. The indictment named no other suspects and no murder charges have been filed.

"He is going to plead not guilty," said Karr's attorney, Tom Mills of Dallas.

Karr, a convicted felon who served 20 years in prison, faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Mills said prosecutors have offered a plea bargain for a lighter sentence but with few details.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry Carruth would not comment.

Karr also faces a detention hearing today. Prosecutors have said they'll seek to keep Karr behind bars until trial.

Boy shot near Honduras recuperating

DALLAS (AP) — When the van Tuijl family set sail from their native Netherlands five years ago on a 40-foot sailboat they built with years of hard work and savings, it was to be the trip of a lifetime.

"We wanted to explore the world where there is beautiful nature," Jacco van Tuijl said Monday.

He and his wife, Jannie van Tuijl, and their son Willem had logged 40,000 miles through the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans when pirates suspected of being drug traffickers boarded their sailboat off the coast of Honduras and began shooting last week.

Willem, 13, was shot on March 28 with an AK-47 rifle and paralyzed from the waist down.

The parents radioed for emergency help and eventually found Dr. Jim Hirschman, a Miami doctor and ham radio operator, who guided them in treating the boy until help arrived. Hirschman was on the radio from 7 p.m. Tuesday to 3 a.m. Wednesday.

"It grieved me that we had so many hours to go and no way to relieve the boy's suffering," Hirschman said.

It took 20 hours for the boy to reach a hospital in Honduras, but he needed medical help the hospital could not provide. Radio operators and U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, worked to fly Willem to a Dallas hospital early Saturday.

The parents said several U.S. hospitals would not take him because of concern for payment.

Willem was in fair condition Monday at Children's Medical Center with kidney and spinal cord damage.

Willem said he remains optimistic about his recovery, even though doctors say he may never walk again.

Education is both public and private in Bush, Gore families

AUSTIN (AP) — As a Republican candidate for president, George W. Bush wants taxpayer-funded tuition vouchers to give some parents the option of sending their children to private school. As a parent, the Texas governor has on occasion used the private school option — no vouchers needed.

Bush's twin daughters have attended both public and private schools, and are now seniors at Stephen F. Austin High, a public school about two miles from the Governor's Mansion near downtown.

"We're the oldest tax-supported school in the state of Texas," says Tina Juarez, Austin High's principal, adding that the 2,200-member student body is among the city's most diverse.

Before Bush's 1994 election as governor, he was managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team. Daughters Jenna and Barbara attended a public elementary school and then the private Hockaday School in Dallas, his campaign says.

When he became governor, the girls were in the seventh grade. They entered the private St. Andrews Episcopal School in Austin, which mother Laura described as the best choice to ease a transition that included a new school, a new city and a father who was the new governor.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the school's 2,219 students last year included 1,250 whites, 761 Hispanics, 161 blacks, four Native Americans and 42 Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Bush courts Pennsylvania Republicans on eve of primary

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush courted Pennsylvania Republicans at a series of fund-raisers on the eve of today's primary election, posing for photographs with a small group who paid \$5,000 apiece and signing autographs for a some who paid only \$100.

The cheaper prices were for a dessert reception held by the Dauphin County GOP committee.

Bush put in a full day of campaigning that started in western Pennsylvania, where he announced a plan for cleaning and redeveloping polluted industrial sites. He was introduced everywhere by Gov. Tom Ridge, who is often mentioned as a possible running mate and whose ebullience at the evening fund-raisers made Bush appear almost low-key in comparison.

Bush praised Ridge heartily, calling him "a great governor and a great friend" in Hershey, but gave no signals about whom he will choose as a vice presidential candidate.

Ridge returned the compliment, saying Bush would ensure "a 21st century partnership" between the federal government and the states.

Afterward, the two governors returned to the governor's mansion in Harrisburg, where they spent the night. They planned to head to the Philadelphia area today to campaign as voters went to the polls.

Federal Reserve economist to speak during WTAMU Investment Series

CANYON — W. Michael Cox, senior vice president and chief economist for the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, is scheduled to address the West Texas A&M University Investment Series at a noon luncheon Thursday, April 6 at the Amarillo Club.

Prior to the luncheon meeting, Cox will make a presentation to students in the University's T. Boone Pickens College of Business from 9:30-10:40 a.m. in Room 101 of the Classroom Center on campus.

Cox has been with the Federal Reserve Bank for 15 years and authors the bank's acclaimed series of annual report essays on rising American living standards and the new economy. These reports receive extensive attention from leading publications, including "The Wall Street Journal," "The New York Times," "USA Today," "Los Angeles Times," "Forbes," "Fortune" and "Business Week," reaching an audience of more than 200

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million. He is a regular contributing columnist for Investor's Business Daily and for the Internet-based think tank, IntellectualCapital.com.

"Getting a leading economist whose policies help determine the economics of this country is quite a coup for the Investment Series," Anne Macy, WT assistant professor of finance, said.

Cox's visit to Amarillo and Canyon is being co-sponsored by the First National Bank of Amarillo, with coordinating assistance from WT's Finance Association and Students in Free Enterprise.

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The public is welcome to attend Cox's presentation on campus, although seating is limited. Reservations to attend the luncheon presentation in Amarillo can be made through Betsy Tonne in WTAMU's Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance at (806) 651-2525.

The WTAMU Investment Series features presentations several times a year from professionals in the financial world. Series members pay \$200 annually, which is placed in an investment portfolio managed by the WTAMU Portfolio Management class. Earnings from the portfolio, which has grown from \$50,000 in 1987 to more than \$400,000 today, are used to fund WTAMU scholarships.

Children will testify in dad's murder trial

DALLAS (AP) — Three children who police say witnessed their mother's slaying in their home will testify in their father's murder trial via closed-circuit television, a judge ruled.

Monday's ruling came during a pretrial hearing for Patrick Timothy Richardson, who is accused of attacking his estranged wife, Mary Williams Richardson, with a lamp cord and scissors Sept. 19.

His attorneys said Richardson, who attended Monday's hearing and remains out of jail on \$1

million bond, won't use an insanity defense during his May trial.

State District Judge Henry Wade Jr. ruled that the Richardson children should testify via closed-circuit television from the judge's office rather than face their father in court.

Beth Williams, maternal grandmother of the girl and two boys, who were 8, 6 and 5 at the time of the slaying, testified that the children have expressed fear of being in the same room as their father because they think he might kill them.

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