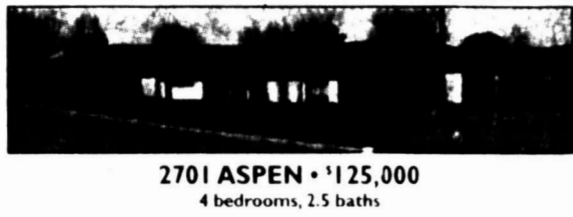
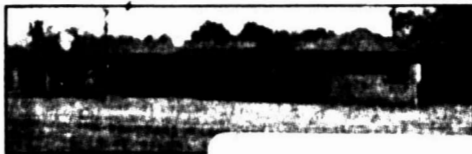


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**P&Z Commissioners give recommendation**

Top priority should be given by the City Commission to building a sewer lift station on the north end of the city to facilitate further development in the proposed annexation area north of the hospital.

That was the unanimous recommendation made during the most recent meeting of members of the Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). The recommendation is tentative until the minutes get final approval.

**Most recent rabies case found south of McLean**

The most recent rabid skunk found in Gray County last week was located south of McLean, according to the Texas Department of Health in Canyon.

Any animal which Pampa Animal Control officers or Dr. Brian Gordzelik, Gray County veterinarian, determine could possibly be rabid are sent to the Austin lab to be tested for the disease.

The turn-around-time from Austin is two to three days. When an animal is determined to be rabid, the agency sending the animal is immediately notified along with the Texas Department of Health.

**DEATHS**

- Hazel Delle Beckworth Clark, 98, homemaker.
- Nicholas Ryan 'Nick' Hopkins, 17, PHS junior.
- Mary Ann Kelley, 87, community leader.
- Lorene C. Rogers, 89, restaurant owner.

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**Dissolution raises questions**

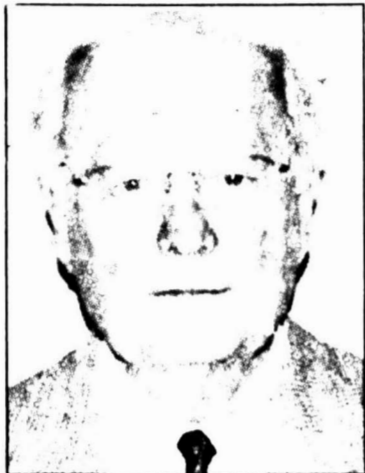
Lane gives resignation as counselor

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Attorney Don Lane will no longer represent the Pampa Economic Development Corporation in legal matters.

A one-sentence resignation was attached to a three-page report on the outcome regarding his representation of the PEDC at a meeting in Austin on March 14.

"I must withdraw as your counsel because of the potential of a conflict of interest in



Don Lane

my capacity as the city attorney and in my legal representation for the PEDC," stated Lane. The report was dated March 18.

PEDC President Dalton (See LANE, Page 2)

**AG could provide some answers**

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Dissolving an economic development corporation is no easy task.

At times Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board members are faced with more questions than answers about how the dissolution of an economic development corporation should take place.

It appears as if Attorney General's opinions may have to answer many questions.

Representing the PEDC, local attorney Don Lane met with Jeff Moore, assistant Attorney General, and Bob

Bearden with the Texas Comptroller's office, to obtain some answers to questions by board members.

Moore is Municipal Affairs Section Chief of the Intergovernmental Relations Division and Bearden works with local government assistance in the Texas Comptroller's office.

Lane traveled to Austin to meet with the men regarding questions which have arisen in the dissolution of the PEDC. Pampa is the first 4A economic development corporation in Texas to vote the entity out of existence.

PEDC technically is still in operation until all debts are

satisfied following the Nov. 6, 2001, election to dissolve the entity. However, the entity cannot recruit any businesses. It must only close out existing business affairs.

An issue arose over whether or not the Pampa City Commission, which established the PEDC, has approval authority of the plan of disposition of the PEDC's assets because of its involuntary dissolution.

Several questions have arisen into the relationship between a municipal government and an EDC in the dissolution process.

Lane said that in the (See QUESTIONS, Page 3)

**Sound bodies**

Pampa already implements elementary-age PE classes

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa Independent School District is ahead of the game when it comes to abiding by a new rule that requires physical education for all Texas grade-schoolers.

In fact, the rule will have little impact here because physical education in the PISD has been a mainstay.

"We have full-time physical education teachers in all our elementary schools and we have a long-standing commitment to physical education in the lower grades," PISD Supt. Dr. Dawson Orr said.

Texas State Board of Education, by a 13 to 2 vote last week, is requiring elementary students to do physical activity for at least 135 minutes a week.

Regular teachers would conduct the gym activity if no gym teacher is available.

Orr said he doesn't know how many elementary schools in the state don't have (See BODIES, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Fourth-grader Dylan Hendrix is all smiles as he finishes up an arm circles exercise as part of a Coach Todd Carnagey's PE class at Wilson Elementary School. Unlike some Texas schools, PISD has physical education in its lower grades thus will have no trouble meeting a new state rule requiring such classes.

**Veteran cop retires to be 'rookie'**

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

On March 31, Charles Love sheds the uniform of Pampa's finest that he has worn for more than three decades.

"I've been here for 30 years and seven months," Love said, leaning back in the comfortable recliner in his living room.

After more than 30 years, this man with kids and grandkids, this man who loves to fish and travel, retires from protecting and serving the people of Pampa as a policeman.

His plans for the future?

He's going to be a cop.

On April 1, Love starts his new job as a patrolman for the City of Littlefield.

"I'm going to a smaller department and work as a rookie," he said with a grin. "I'm drawing a retirement salary here, and I can draw another salary there. I feel like I'm too young to retire."

Earlier this year, Love was debating retirement when Littlefield called and offered him a job.

"They seem to like me, and I like them," he said. "I've met some good people in Littlefield."

It will be only the third job in law enforcement that Love has had, but Littlefield will get a life's worth of law enforcement experience.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Lt. Charles Love retired this month from the Pampa Police Department after more than 30 years of patrolling city streets.

Love said he longs for his early years when he felt he was actually doing police work, before the days officers spent half their shifts sitting at computers, writing reports.

"You actually did police work instead of being a clerk," Love said. "You were out meeting people."

Born Oct. 25, 1943, in Clovis, N.M., Love grew up in Friona. After

high school, he leased a gas station. "I kept it open late at night," Love said.

There was a patrolman there that would come by, and Love would ride with him after closing the station for the night.

"I thought it was an interesting job," Love said.

In 1970, he went to Amarillo and

**Fatal wreck report going to grand jury**

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The decision whether charges will be placed in connection with last week's fatal crash that claimed the life of an 11-year-old Letors boy will be placed in the hands of a Gray County grand jury.

"That case will be moved to the top of the list because a death is involved," 31st District Attorney Rick Roach said today. The next grand jury meets April 27.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Don Cameron said the report will carry the recommendation that criminally negligent homicide charges be brought against Donna Montgomery, 42, McLean. He said the report may go to Roach today.

The case in question involves the March 20, two-pickup-truck wreck on Texas 273 at FM 2473 — commonly known as Nine Mile Crossing — in which Kaid Shaller died. Kaid was the son of David and Irene Shaller of Letors.

According to the DPS, the boy died on his way home from school in (See WRECK, Page 2)

was one of 400 who applied for 18 openings in their police department. Love ended up as one of the 18 selected. In Amarillo, Love was a patrolman on the midnight shift.

"I was there about a year," Love said, "and I decided I wanted to move to a smaller town."

Love ended up in Pampa, hired by then Police Chief Jim Conner.

"He was a good chief," Love said. "I've been through several chiefs of police."

During those 30 plus years, Love has filled just about every job in the Pampa Police Department. He's even been acting police chief at times.

The key element of being a good cop, he said, is treating people like you want to be treated.

"It's your job to investigate and apprehend the criminal," Love said. "It's up to the courts to punish them."

And above all else, Love was known for his investigations. He credited a lot of his success in solving crimes to the people he's known in Pampa.

"The reason I could solve some crimes with no leads was because people would talk to me," Love said. "People knew me. They'd call me. They'd tell me things I needed to know about cases."

Those private conversations led to a (See ROOKIE, Page 3)

## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**BALDRIDGE, Rena Edrie** — 10 a.m., White Deer Church of Christ, White Deer.  
**GREEN, Roxie** — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church Wolfforth, Lubbock.  
**KELLEY, Mary Ann** — 4 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.  
**ROGERS, Lorene C.** — 11 a.m., Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel, Vernon, Texas.

#### NICHOLAS RYAN 'NICK' HOPKINS

1984-2002

Nicholas Ryan "Nick" Hopkins, 17, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 24, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Pallbearers are Benny Baker, Tracy Wilkinson, Joel McKnight, Kyle Schubert, Chris House and Chris Van Houten. The Pampa Harvester Varsity football team will be honorary pallbearers. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Nick was born May 15, 1984, in Pampa. He was a junior at Pampa High School where he played center on the Harvester varsity football team. He had worked at Hansford John Deere Implement for over a year. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene.

He loved to hunt and fish. He was very special and was loved by all who knew him, and he will never be forgotten.

Survivors include his mother, Rene Hopkins

of Borger; a brother, Tristin Hopkins of Borger; his maternal grandmother, Carolyn "Nana" Hopkins of Pampa; his maternal great-grandmother, Farstean Powell of Borger; aunts and uncles, Kim and Joey McKnight of Tulsa, Okla., Andrea and Benny Baker of Panhandle and Carmen Lanier of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandfather, Leon Powell, in 1990.

The family will be at 709 Whittenburg in Borger and requests memorials be to Texas Parks and Wildlife Association or to a favorite charity.



#### LORENE C. ROGERS

1912-2002

**VERNON** — Lorene C. Rogers, 89, died Saturday, March 23, 2002, at a hospital in Vernon, Texas, following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday in Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mrs. Rogers was born June 5, 1912, in Cottle County, Texas, to the late Wade A. and Janie Leona Hays Majors. She married Ernest L. Rogers in 1940 at Elk City, Okla.; he died Feb. 26, 1993.

She had been a Vernon resident since 1948 and formerly owned-operated Suzie Q restaurant and truck stop.

Survivors include a son, Jim Hughes of Vernon; two daughters, Ernestine Nelson of French Morocco and Sue Bringham of Eules; three sisters, Arlewe Williams of Turkey, Betty Buckingham of Pampa and Shirley Townsend of Grapevine; three brothers, Jim Majors of Turkey, O.H. Majors of Lubbock and Neleon Majors of Lorenzo; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7-8 p.m., today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Boys and Girls Club of Vernon.

#### MARY ANN KELLEY

1914-2002

Mary Ann Kelley, 87, of Pampa, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 4 p.m., Wednesday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kelley was born June 17, 1914, in Oil City, Pa., to John and Minna Lou Moyer. She grew up in the Midwest, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Montana and Texas. She came with her family to Pampa in 1930. Two of her high school years were attending Gulfport in Gulfport, Miss. Her senior year was spent in Pampa, and she graduated from Pampa High School in 1933.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado in 1938. While there, she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical fraternity.

She married Dr. Frank W. Kelley Dec. 2, 1939, in Fort Worth.

She completed a certification in medical technology at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. After World War II, she settled with her husband in Pampa, where she worked as a medical technician for her husband and father-in-law at the Kelley Clinic.

After the birth of her second child, she devoted herself full-time to her family, church and community.

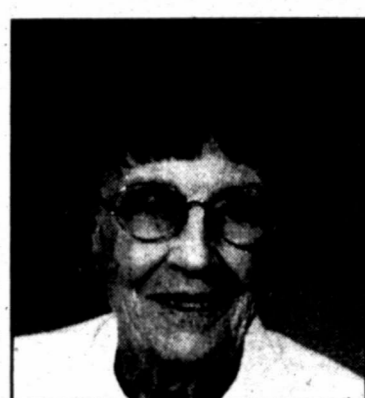
She was a member of the Twentieth Century Forum, the Lovett Memorial Library board, a sponsor for 4-H, a leader in Girl Scouts and Cub

Scouts, a volunteer for Red Cross swimming, a member of the Texas Medical Association Women's Auxiliary, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was also involved with Bible Study Fellowship.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Frank W. Kelley, of the home; three daughters, Dr. Mary Ann Wyss of Fredericksburg, Martha Lou Schakel of Pampa and Patsy Smith and husband Kenny of Mancos, Colo.; a son, Frank W. Kelley, Jr., of Houston; a sister, Emma Womack of West Columbia; a brother, Col. John Moyer of Waldport, Ore.; and seven grandchildren, Matthew Kelley of Houston, Wyatt Smith of College Station, Kelley Smith and Clayton Smith, both of Mancos, Colo., Brett Schakel and wife Nori of Tucson, Ariz., Shannon Schakel of Golden, Colo., and Brandon Schakel of Fort Collins, Colo.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, or to a charity of choice.



#### HAZEL DELLE BECKWORTH CLARK

1904-2002

Hazel Delle Beckworth Clark, 98, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 23, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Clark was born Feb. 7, 1904, at Mount Sylvan, Texas, and grew up at Stephenville. She married John F. Clark on July 11, 1925, at Stephenville; he died Oct. 28, 1988.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1931.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Beckworth, Paul Beckworth and Earl Beckworth.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie Clark

and Jack Clark, both of Pampa; a daughter, Louise Tribble of Liberal, Kan.; a brother, Afton Beckworth of Amarillo; a sister, Louise Massey of Odessa; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Lottie Moon Mission Offering in care of First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.



## ON RECORD

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Mon., March 25**  
 Kathy Easter, 45, 913 Murphy, theft by check.  
 Michele Cox, 32, Lefors, four counts of issuance of a bad check.

### STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.39
Milo	3.12
Corn	3.46
Soybeans	3.73

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	28.45	+0.31
Fidelity Mageln	101.44	-1.51
Puritan	17.77	-0.14

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

BP	52.29	+0.64
Celanese	21.88	NC
Cabot Corp.	35.89	+0.72
Cabot Oil Gas	24.03	+0.06
Coca Cola	52.42	+0.67
VLO	48.09	+0.40
Halliburton	16.16	+0.16
Trad Hospitals	33.69	-0.13
NOI	23.25	-0.34
KMI	48.04	+0.19
XCEL	25.05	-1.16
Kerr McGee	61.54	-0.06
Limited	17.92	+0.22
Williams	23.61	+0.16
McDonald's	27.69	+0.41
Exxon Mobil	43.44	+0.59
Atmos	23.08	+0.05
Pioneer Nat.	21.26	+0.01
Penney's	20.60	-0.12
Phillips	61.31	+0.21
SLB	56.35	-0.42
Tenneco	3.70	-0.05
CVX	89.31	+0.09
Wal-Mart	62.20	+0.92
OKE	20.37	+0.25
New York Gold	298.45	
Silver	4.59	
West Texas Crude	24.31	

### ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

**Friday, March 22**  
 A 1978 International school bus driven by Todd William Carnagey, 39, 1017 Terry Road, collided with an illegally parked 1998 Plymouth van driven by Amanda Dawn Whinery, 23, 1164 Terrace. The van was parked in a yellow no parking zone in the loading area at 801 E. Browning. There were no injuries.

### POLICE

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

**Monday, March 25**  
 Harassment/ verbal threats were reported in the 1900 block of North Hamilton.  
 Simple assault involving a juvenile was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway. No injuries.  
 A \$16 gas drive off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 2101 N. Hobart.  
 Car tires and wheels valued at \$2,350 were removed from a vehicle in a driveway in the 300 block of South West.  
**Tuesday, March 26**  
 A bundle of Daily Oklahoman newspapers was taken from the Minute Mart, 1106 W. Alcock. The loss was valued at \$32.25.  
 A \$5 gas drive off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

### FIRE

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

**Monday, March 25**  
 12:18 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 400 block of North Nelson. Smoke from cooking on the stove had set off the alarm. Firefighters ventilated the house.  
 1:21 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 2100 block of Dogwood.  
 4:56 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 2100 block of North Summer. A plastic ashtray outside caught on fire, burning the grass and the eave of the garage.  
 8:31 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. The alarm was cancelled before the firefighters arrived.

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### LANE

Lewis said he received the report on Lane's Austin trip with the resignation on March 20 in the mail.

Lane told *The Pampa News* today that his primary legal representation was for the City of Pampa.

The PEDC is under the direction of the City of Pampa. All board members who serve on the PEDC are appointed by the City Commission and all actions must be approved by the commission.

"I just felt there could be a potential conflict of representation and it would be better for me to withdraw as counsel," said Lane.

Asked if a legal question has developed between the PEDC and City of Pampa which would pose a legal conflict of interest between the two entities, Lane said, "No."

"I told the PEDC from the beginning that my primary representation is the City of Pampa," said Lane. "An attorney just can't be involved in any potential conflict of representation."

PEDC board members met in executive session regarding the resignation of Lane during their regular meeting Monday.

Board members Steve Phillips and Doug Locke were appointed to poll all local attorneys concerning their interest in serving as legal counsel for the PEDC. A report will be given at the next meeting.

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### WRECK

McLean when the flatbed pickup his father was driving was struck by a pickup driven by Montgomery. She was on her way home from work at the Jordan Unit east of Pampa.

Cameron said the accident happened when Montgomery

fell asleep at the wheel and Shaller took evasive action in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid being hit. The Shaller vehicle sustained primary damage on the right front and passenger side.

After the wreck, Cameron said Montgomery told investigators "she thought she went to sleep." Physical evidence

at the scene, he said previously, backed up this scenario.

An element in a criminally negligent homicide charge includes allegations there are circumstances surrounding the conduct that ought to make one aware of substantial dangers. Roach said. Another element involves risk and a gross deviation to the standard of care an ordinary person would exercise.

In addition to the conclusion by the DPS that Montgomery fell asleep, Cameron said, "There are other aspects to this case that I am not at liberty to discuss at this time ... those will go to the DA."

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly sunny with highs near 60 and north winds 5 to 10 mph becoming south late this morning. Tonight, clear. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 10 mph. Wednesday, sunny, warmer and breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night, clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Thursday evening, mostly clear. Friday, increasing cloudiness and windy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday, cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the upper 40s and highs in the upper 50s. Sunday, cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderstorms.

The scattered storms were occurring along the state line northeast of Beaumont. Skies were cloudy across the eastern third of the state as well across South Texas and the Gulf coast. Clear conditions prevailed in West Texas under the influence of the high-pressure system that followed the latest cold front. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the teens in the panhandle to mid-50s in South Texas. Extremes included 16 near Dalhart and 41 at El Paso.

Winds were variable at 5 to 10 mph in West Texas and northerly at 15 to 25 mph over the rest of the state. The National Weather Service forecast called for clear to partly cloudy conditions through Wednesday. A slight warming trend was forecast. Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 60s, except for lower 70s in the far west and from near 80 to 90 in the Big Bend. Lows overnight were expected in the 30s and 40s.

## City Briefs

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## QUESTIONS

Development Corporation Act of 1979, Section 4A(k), is the provision which specifically relates to an involuntary dissolution by a vote of the registered voters.

He said it provides, in part: "If a majority of voters voting on the issue approve the dissolution, the corporation shall continue operations only as necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, its bonds and to meet obligations incurred before the date of the election and, to the extent practicable, shall dispose of its assets and apply the proceeds to satisfy those obligations."

Section 21 provides that the unit (which is defined as the city in the act) will approve all programs and expenditures of the corporation and annually review any financial statements of the corporation, and at all time will have access to the books and records of the corporation, said Lane.

Lane said another section examined by the

men was one that the directors serve "at the pleasure of the governing body of the City, and that the directors may be removed with or without cause at any time."

Another section discussed with Bearden and Moore was, who is responsible for the proper discharge of the duties of the dissolution — the city or the PEDC.

According to the PEDC by-laws, the City Commission shall require that the Pampa Economic Development Corporation be responsible to it for the proper discharge of its duties.

Bearden and Moore recommended an Attorney General's opinion be requested.

"Neither the PEDC nor the City has authority to request an opinion from the AG's office," said Lane. "Among those are our state senator, state representative, county attorney, and district attorney."

He reported the property which was donated by Celanese to the PEDC for economic development use could not be given back to the

company.

"I explained to Bearden and Moore the background on how this property was acquired by the PEDC and the requests made by Celanese, first, to return the property to it, and a later request that it be transferred in some way to the Pampa Industrial Foundation," said Lane.

He said it was the conclusion of Bearden and Moore that the PEDC may not give the property away.

"The property must be disposed of with sale at fair market value," said Lane.

Lane said there was no hesitation from Bearden or Moore about the status.

"They did inquire if there had been a reversionary provision in the deed or in the contract between Celanese and the PEDC and I told them there was not," said Lane.

"There was also discussion of the City's desire to have the water rights. Again, this involved the relationship between an EDC and the municipality which created it. The discus-

sion also involved the board's responsibility to realize as much income from the assets as possible in order to pay on debts to shorten the time that the sales tax would have to be collection," he said. "It was their opinion that fair market value would have to be paid by the City or any other party for any interest in this property."

The land is located in Section 53, Block 3 of the I&GN Ry. Co. Survey, Gray County Texas.

At the request of PEDC board member, Lane asked the two men in Austin if it would be possible for them to travel to Pampa to meet with the PEDC board members locally. He said they told him their work schedules nor a funding request for such a trip would be approved to meet with a single board.

He also said that economic board members and directors will be required to attain a certain number of hours to be on the board. He said it would apply to Pampa's EDC board even though it is in the process of phasing out the entity.

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## ROOKIE

lot arrests and prosecutions.

The times Love remembered in Pampa were not days on a calendar. They were the cases he's worked.

Times like the pizza delivery rapist about 10 years ago.

"We cleared it up in just a few hours," he said, "and really had very few leads to start with."

The description of the man's car was the first step.

"He tried to rape one girl, but she was able to talk him out of it and got away from him," Love said.

It was during the day. The man went to a house where he had a few days earlier delivered a pizza and told the woman there that he was supposed to work on the plumbing. The lady of the house that he'd gone back to rape wasn't there, but another girl was.

Once he got into the house, he tried to attack the woman. She was able to fend him off and escape. The woman was able to give police a description of the man and his car.

Perhaps, the reason it's a case of which Love is proud is because it was solved, not by flashy technology or luck, but by old fashioned police work.

Love's criminal investigative division got out and started knocking on doors and finding more and more information.

"It was basic police work," Love said.

The system worked like it was supposed to.

"The description of the car was the key," Love said. "We started working from there."

Another reason it might be a case of which Love is proud is because it got the man off the street before he was able to attack anyone else.

"He had a list of names," Love said. "It looked like he was getting ready to do some real harm."

Apparently, Love said, he noted the names and addresses of women to whom he was attracted when he delivered a pizza and made plans to go back and rape them.

When they arrested him, officers found a brief case containing a list of names in a book, a stun gun and handcuffs.

The man broke down and confessed, when Love confronted him with the evidence, "He went to the penitentiary," Love said. "I don't know if he's still there or not."

There have been traffic stops and drug arrests along the way and several murders.

"I busted a guy with six pounds of marijuana one time," Love said. "He then took me down to Lefors and showed me a ranch down there. He claimed he had \$3 million worth of pot growing on it."

Love and Connie Lockridge with the Pampa Police Department and District Attorney investigator Bill McMinn worked on and solved the Richard Proctor murder case. Proctor was shot in the head in southeast Pampa as he and two friends rode around town on New Year's Eve several years ago.

The hard evidence turned out to be the bullet that killed the Pampa High School senior.

"We got a subject out of jail, and he took us down to where he said the pistol used in the shooting had been fired before," Love said. "We dug around and found some slugs that matched the one that ended Proctor's life. That made the case."

Love's seen the best and the

worst Pampa's had to offer.

"There's a lot of good people here, but there's some bad influences," Love said. "I've seen it all."

When he first came to Pampa, it was an oil field town.

"There was hardly a shift went by that you didn't get into a big fight," Love said.

The fine at that time wasn't a lot of money, so nobody thought much about hitting an officer.

"It was only \$27.50 to whip a cop back then, so everybody would save their money up for Saturday night," Love laughed.

While the boom times were wild, when boom turned to bust, the crime rate rose.

"We had more criminal activity during the busts," Love said. "People were out of money. Some of them had to steal to eat. We even had a guy go out here to Horse Alley one time and cut the hams off a hog right there in the pen. I'm sure he needed the food, or he wouldn't have done that."

Over the years, Love has been named Pampa's Employee of the Year and he's had the police Team of the Year. He's earned a number of commendations, including several for apprehending armed people even though he himself was unarmed.

Love was in the Pampa Sears store one dark and stormy night in 1982 when he captured a burglar.

Off duty, Love was serving as a security guard in the store since the alarm system had failed during the storm. He pulled his car into one of the automotive bays, but not anticipating any trouble as the storm raged outside, he left his pistol in the car.

Love was in another part of the store when he heard the crash of a concrete block going through a window. Following the sound through the darkened department store, he found where a burglar had entered the building. Then he heard someone in the electronics department. The burglar was between Love and his sidearm.

Undeterred, Love headed through the shadows toward

the noise. Confronting a large man in the dark carrying a television and some electronic equipment, Love ordered him to freeze. Love identified himself as a police officer.

The man froze. Love walked up to him, poked his finger like a gun barrel in the man's ribs and ordered him toward the automotive bay where his patrol car was parked. Once at the car, Love picked up his pistol and handcuffed the burglar.

Later, when officers questioning the burglar told him that Love was unarmed, the burglar insisted that Love had a pistol when he stopped the man in the store, but changed guns when they got to the car.

Then there was the time Love was running errands one evening and a call went out concerning a man with a gun near his location.

A rookie patrolman answered the call, but there was no one nearby to back up the responding officer. Even though he was unarmed, Love called in to say he would back the officer up until some one else could arrive.

"The rookie got lost," Love shrugged.

Love got there first and found a drunk with a shotgun. Identifying himself as a police officer, Love, unarmed, walked up to the man and took the shotgun away from him.

There's also the shoot out at city hall when a man who had gotten a ticket earlier in the day broke into Pampa City Hall, jumped an officer and took his revolver away from him.

A gun battle ensued in the darkened building. One of the officers wounded the man, but the assailant got away in the night. Love tried to follow the

trail of blood, but the man doubled back on him. A few hours later, the man was arrested in South Pampa — carrying an empty .357 magnum pistol.

Love said, that while he has many memories of his days in Pampa, he's looking forward to the slower pace of a smaller town on the South Plains.

Of course, on the day of his retirement party at the Pampa Police Department this month, there was a bank robbery, high speed chase and shoot out in Littlefield.

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## BODIES

PE classes but says he's heard other educators, especially from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, discuss not having PE facilities or staff.

"We may have to expand our class time in some cases," Orr said with regard to the 135-minutes-per-week requirement.

And physical education classes aren't the only way local elementary students get exercise, Orr said.

Music classes given in grades K-3 also include physical exercise because of the "movement and rhythm" activities involved.

He said Pampa school officials believe in the adage of "a sound mind and a sound body."

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Family needs help to find closure in Ashley's death

It's been 16 months since I lost my granddaughter Ashley (Roe) — the most painful months I've ever gotten through. Sometimes I wondered if I would make it.

Ashley died under such suspicious circumstances and yet nothing's been done.

How can the parents of the young people that were present when whatever happened to Ashley — how can you live with yourselves? You know when you won't let your kids come forward and tell what happened, you're as much as telling them a human life doesn't mean anything.

And you young people that were there when Ashley stopped breathing — why don't you come forward and tell us what happened so maybe we can have some closure and mabe find a little peace?

Barbra Estep  
 Pampa



### Capitol Comment

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON  
 U.S. SENATOR

In March 2002, eight soldiers were killed while carrying out Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. Observers noted the eerie similarities between this tragedy and the 1993 battle in Somalia portrayed in the recent movie *Blackhawk Down*, in which 18 Army Rangers lost their lives.

In both cases, U.S. special operations forces entered hostile territory by helicopter. The missions proceeded smoothly until several of the aircraft were hit by enemy fire. A U.S. soldier fell from his aircraft in both instances, and in the ensuing fighting, the casualties mounted. The battles left hundreds of the enemy dead, but at the cost of the lives of some of America's finest.

The comparisons between these two military operations are chilling indeed. Perhaps the greatest parallel, as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld pointed out, was the tremendous bravery of the soldiers involved.

However, there are key distinctions. The fundamental difference was the lack of a national security objective in the 1993 conflict. Our mission in Somalia was vague. Americans did not understand why our soldiers were placed in harm's way. The impact of this uncertainty became clear to me soon after the tragedy, when a man walked up to me on an airplane from Washington, D.C., to Dallas. He said, "Hi Senator. My name is Larry Joyce. I'm your constituent."

I asked what had brought him to the capital.  
 "I was burying my son in Arlington National Cemetery," he told me. "Senator, I am a military man. I had two tours of duty in Vietnam. My only son, Casey, was on his very first mission as an Army Ranger in Somalia, and he is never coming home. And Senator, I can't tell you why."

I vowed that day that I would never face a parent like Colonel Joyce again and not be able to tell him why his son or daughter died.

Later, at Senate Congressional hearings about the events in Somalia, I met Larry Joyce again, and we spoke of his son's death. Colonel Joyce feared that Casey had died in vain in Mogadishu. I assured him that if our nation learned the appropriate lessons from Somalia, and never again sent military personnel in harm's way without a national security interest at stake, his son and the other heroes killed that day would not have died in vain.

Our soldiers are now engaged in deadly combat in Afghanistan. These young men and women are highly trained, unquestionably professional and singularly brave — just like the soldiers in Somalia. However, the situation for our troops today is far different. They have a clear purpose, vital national interests are at stake, and they have the overwhelming support and resolve of our government and our people. President Bush addressed the nation to explain the importance of the military action before it had even begun. He built an international coalition to prosecute the war, and has made sure that the U.S. military has every available resource for success.

March marked the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks that sparked the war, and the support of the American people has not wavered. We have a President and Congress who are committed to wiping out terrorism against our citizens and protecting freedom for our children.

We have learned this important lesson from Somalia. Sergeant Casey Joyce did not give his life in vain.

Everyone's talking about this year's Academy Awards winners, announced in a four-and-a-half hour program Sunday night.

As usual, I'm a day late and a dollar short because I want to talk about last year's Oscar winner for best motion picture "The Gladiator."

I rented a DVD of the movie this weekend for no particular reason. I thought it might be interesting because of the historical aspect. My son Dave had mentioned in a recent phone conversation that he had seen it and thought it was good, also. Since he was a theater arts major in college, I respect his opinion (most of the time).

So Friday night I settled into my chair for a couple of hours of entertainment. As soon as the film began, the haunting music drew me into the opening scene — the Roman army preparing to fight the people of Germania.

A dog, intently watching the Roman general (Russell Crowe as Maximus), pulls at his leash.

The general gives the word, "At my signal, unleash Hell." That's exactly what happened. The dog, the soldiers, the Germanians, all plunge forward and meet in a gory melee — the grim, unholy waltz of battle.

After the movie ended, I went to bed but I couldn't sleep for a long time. Even now, I have trouble finding words to explain what I felt.

In 180 A.D., the great city-state of Rome stretched across Europe and into much of North Africa. In the opening scene, Emperor Marcus Aurelius's army had just defeated the Germanians to complete the conquest.

Several lines from the movie keep



DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 EDITOR

ringing in mind, starting with the Roman second-in-command's question to Maximus, "Why don't people know when they're conquered?"

"Would I?" Maximus replied. "Would you?"

After the dying emperor charged him with heading the transfer of Rome's imperial power back to the original republic, Maximus, who only wanted to return home to his farm in Spain, his wife, and 8-year-old son, struggled with the decision.

His manservant Cyrilus provided the answer he sought: "Sometimes I do what I want. Most of the time, I do what I have to."

Though he never sought it, Maximus' innate sense of morality inspired respect in everyone who knew him — soldier, slave, senator, gladiator. He lived by his bywords — "strength and honor."

Though these events occurred almost 2,000 years ago, its social commentary applies today.

To incur the favor of the people, Emperor Comedus, who murdered his father before Maximus could fulfill the wise old man's last wishes, instituted 150 days of "games" in the Coliseum, leaving only 110 days per year to work.

"I am their father, they are my children," he told his sister. "I will hold them closely to my breast." (The same way he

smothered his father.)

Most of us know those "games" included throwing Christians to the lions, public executions, and bloody fights to the death. Persons attending the games received free food and free prizes — all provided by the imperial Roman government and paid for through the sale of the Roman grain reserves set aside for times of famine.

"They get free bread now," Lucilla, the emperor's sister observed. "In two years, they'll be starving."

Because of his generosity, Comedus remained popular with the people — "the mob," one senator called them — for a time, but only for a time.

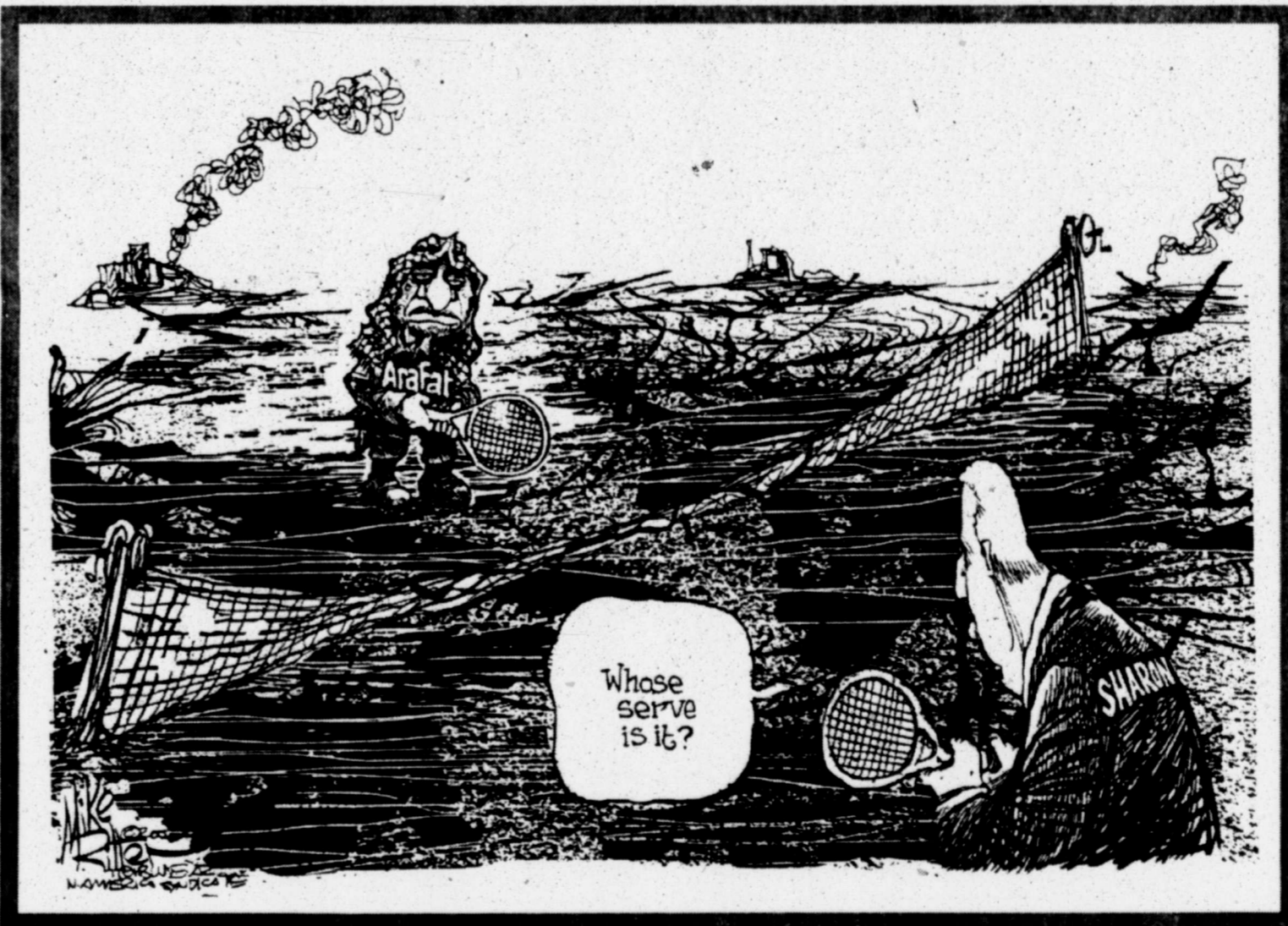
Through the ultra-clear lens of hindsight, we know that eventually Rome fell, partly as a result of the people becoming too dependent on the government and because of the steady erosion of personal responsibility.

This movie touched me so profoundly because of the way it dealt with issues I feel we, as a nation, face today. The bloodlust of the Coliseum mimics our own fascination for extreme pastimes. Our heroes, like the Romans' gladiators, are sports figures and entertainers.

We seem to spend more time trying to get out of work than the time it would take to do the job. And we seem to rely far too heavily on the government to take care of us — even to the point of giving up our own freedoms.

In "The Gladiator," Maximus choose to do what he felt was morally right. As a result of this decision, he lost everything — his family, his land, his freedom and, in the end, his life.

Yet he emerged as the winner. Would I? Would you?



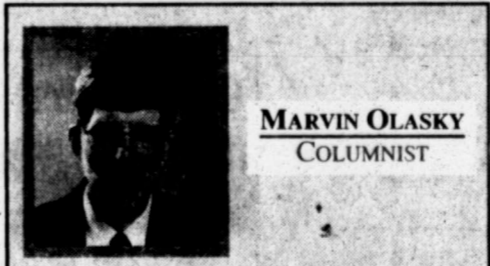
## Ode to sports and grace unearned

This last day of March and the first day of April this year bring Easter, the NCAA basketball championship game and the opening of the Major League Baseball season all in a two-day period. Let's discuss those three holidays in ascending order of significance.

The NCAA men's roundball tournament, aka March Madness, starts with upsets by underdogs and ends with the television playing of basketball's signature tune, "One Shining Moment." We can muse on teams achieving transient glory, then disappearing, and one more year of life gone. "All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field," Isaiah tells us in his 40th chapter.

Ah, but the beginning of the Major League Baseball season beckons. I first met Boston's Fenway Park, an old urban ballpark with cement all around, when I was 10 years old, in 1960. Coming out of an entryway tunnel to overlook the field, I was dazzled by bright sunlight on an enormous patch of green. To continue in Isaiah, "The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it" — but it is beautiful while it lasts.

Buddhists say we should not become attached to baseball fields, or anything, because the grass withers. I asked one thoughtful Buddhist monk recently about Shakespeare's lapidary line, "Better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." He said that if Shakespeare had been a Buddhist, he would not have written it. In Buddhism, the goal is not to be attached to anything, that will one day vanish.



MARVIN OLASKY  
 COLUMNIST

I am attached to impermanence. For 17 straight years now, my wife and I have watched our children's Little League, Pony League and high school baseball games, and we may have eight more years of that to enjoy, God willing. Isaiah notes, "Surely the people are grass," and we know that about both the young players and the old watchers.

Is attachment folly? Fans bonded to players in Montreal and Minneapolis, and perhaps other "small market" cities may have one last season before their teams are eliminated by baseball owners choosing "contraction" rather than revenue-sharing. But why not try a team-sharing that could turn small markets into bigger markets? For example, instead of eliminating either the Florida Marlins, who play in Miami, or the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, combine them into one team — the Florida Marine Animals. Minnesota, Milwaukee and Kansas City could become the Midwest Triplets. San Francisco and Oakland could be the Frisco Bay Athletic Giants, with no out-of-shape sluggers allowed.

Maybe you think this column had suddenly zipped from seriousness to low humor because I've raised serious ques-

tions of impermanence for which I have no answer. Maybe I'm stalling for time. That's what happens most often in our society when we talk about life and death. But Christians don't need escapism because of the third of our converging holidays, one that really is a holy day. Easter commemorates what happened nearly 2,000 years ago, after a man who had said he was permanent was proven on a Friday not to be — proven, that is, to the satisfaction of a mob that jeered him for his purported overreach.

Christians celebrate Easter because astounded eyewitnesses 2,000 years ago learned that this man, Jesus Christ, is permanent. Not only was he resurrected, but he is called the firstborn of many to be resurrected. If we follow Him, we will permanently be able to enjoy "a green thought in a green shade," as Andrew Marvell put it.

George Will, in his baseball book "Men at Work," noted that "greatness must be wrested by athletes from the fleeting days of their physical primes. What nature gives, nurture must refine, hone and tune. We speak of such people as 'driven.' It would be better to say they are pulled, because what moves them is in front of them. A great athlete has an image graven on his or her imagination, a picture of an approach to perfection."

God also pulls, but he pulls to perfection. "The grass withers, the flower fades," Isaiah writes, "but the word of our God will stand forever." He pulls us onto an endless expanse of not only grass, but grace.

## Business Review

# Vogue Cleaners installs new machines

New cleaning equipment is in operation at Vogue Cleaners, reported Don Rosenbach, owner of the business with his wife, Dorothy.

A brand-new pants press and finishing board have recently been installed at the local cleaners at 1542 N. Hobart.

Rosenbach said additional new equipment has been ordered and will soon be operating at the business.

Vogue Cleaners offers many services to its customers

that none of its competitors provide, said Dorothy Rosenbach.

Particular cleaning for particular people is the motto at the local business. "We try to do the best that can be done," she said.

Hand pressing shirts is one of the many services provided at the local business. Dorothy said her staff is quite skilled in hand pressing, and the quality is much better than machine pressed.

The business also is the

only cleaning establishment in town to use Smithsonian wedding boxes to preserve wedding dresses for their customers, she said.

Smithsonian Institute Museum uses the special boxes to preserve historical garments and clothing of historical figures at their famous museum in Washington, D.C.

"The late President John F. Kennedy's suit is stored in one of the Smithsonian boxes," said Dorothy. "If those boxes are good enough to preserve

his clothes, it ought to be good enough for the wedding dresses."

Special attention and care is given to the wedding dresses by the staff at the local business. "We are very proud of what we do with the wedding dresses," she said.

Dorothy also said the business will assist in restoring old wedding dresses. She related she and her staff recently restored a 40-year-old wedding dress which had been worn by a local woman and her daughter also wanted to be married in the same dress.

Dorothy said a guest spilled a beverage on the wedding dress 40 years ago at the wedding, but the dress was not cleaned following the wedding.

Four decades later Vogue Cleaners was able to get the stain out, she said. Dorothy spent many long hours beading the dress to cover the rust stains on the lace caused by the long time period the liquid was in the fabric.

She and her staff also made alterations to the dress. "It was a lengthy process, but it was very worthwhile," she said. "It was a gorgeous dress."

Also, Dorothy said Vogue Cleaners is the only cleaners in town to provide petroleum cleaning to the garments and fabrics for its customers.

She said the odor caused by other chemical cleaning agents is not present at Vogue's Cleaners. "We believe in being kind to the clothes and to the bodies which wear them," she said.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

The Rosenbachs are proud of these vintage Vogue hanger covers found at a home in Pampa.

"We send out our customers' leather products to be cleaned, just as do all the other cleaners in town," said Dorothy. "The quality of services provided to the leather cleaners we use is excellent."

She also said the local business sends out western hats to be cleaned and blocked, and said the people provide outstanding quality of work.

The Rosenbach's have been in business in Pampa since June, 1983.

"We provide a drapery service to our customers in which we will take down the drapes, clean them and rehang them," she said. She said the local business also has a special drapery machine.

She also mends sweaters and provides beading to garments. "We try our ultimate for all our customers," she said. Quilts and comforter cleaning are also a specialty of the business as well as antique linens.

"We also have reweaving of sweaters available," she said, as she said Vogue has contracted with the profes-

sional reweaver for many years. "We send the garment off, and it takes awhile, but the quality of work is superb."

The local business provides all kinds of window treatments for the home. Not only do they cleaning the window coverings and sell custom made drapes, but they sell blinds and all types of covering for the windows.

The cleaners also has a 24-hour drop box for the customers. Customers may simply drop the fabric in the box with their name and any instructions attached. Also, Vogue has a drive-up door for customer convenience.

"We try to do the best that can be done," she said.

Dorothy is very proud of her staff. "All employees are experienced," she said. "And we have the best alteration lady in town. We try the ultimate for our customers."

Hours for the local business are 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

The couple welcomes all old and new customers.



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Don Rosenbach keeps a close watch on the affairs of Vogue Cleaners, 1542 N. Hobart. He and his wife Dorothy have been in business here since June 1983.

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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Teaching As Second Career May Hold Hidden Penalties

DEAR ABBY: I thoroughly agree with you and "Veteran School Secretary" regarding the critical importance of teachers in our country. It is vital to our future that we recruit and retain the best of the best for our children, and it doesn't matter if they come straight to teaching from a university or they pursue another career first. The point is to get them together with our kids.

There is one point that needs to be made, however, regarding those who come to teaching from other employment. In 14 states, those who begin to teach after earning Social Security retirement benefits will be penalized upon retirement. Their Social Security benefits will be reduced solely because they have paid into another retirement system, such as the California State Teachers' Retirement System. Paying into Social Security and to CalSTRS are both requirements of employment, therefore, to penalize a retiring teacher by reducing an earned benefit is grossly unfair. Moreover, the Social Security system does not warn educators of this penalty before retirement; educators retire expecting the amount predicted by Social Security, only to find it reduced by up to 60 percent.

Educators in Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Nevada, Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, Maine and Texas are affected by this inequity.

Our association and others throughout the country are working to change this unfair and discriminatory practice. Companion bills

SB1523 and HR 2638 would correct this problem, and I would urge people to write to their representatives asking their support. Until there is change, those contemplating a second career in education should be made aware that they may be punished for their interest in the youth of America.

**SUSAN GOFF,**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CALIFORNIA  
RETIRED TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION

DEAR SUSAN: Thank you for the warning. I, too, would urge concerned parents of school-age children to let their representatives know how they feel about this inequity. We need the best people teaching our children, and nothing should stand in their way.

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced when I was in elementary school. My father remarried seven years later. By then I was in high school. My stepmother and I were not close, but she was good to Dad and that was the most important thing.

My father passed away two years ago at the age of 76, after 26 years of marriage. Although my stepmother and I had limited contact in the months that followed, we don't anymore. I have even stopped sending her birthday and Mother's Day cards.

Can you enlighten me on the proper etiquette for sending her cards or letters on her special days? I

should mention she has children of her own from a previous marriage. Please guide me in the right direction on this.

**OUT OF TOUCH IN CLEVELAND**

**DEAR OUT OF TOUCH:** The safest advice I can offer regarding sending cards or letters on her special days is this: Follow your heart. She made your father happy, and you are obviously aware of the special occasions. Send her good wishes and you'll never feel guilty.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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#### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Illinois city
  - 1 Like
  - 5 Solomon
  - 5 Diving gear
  - 10 Matinee stars
  - 12 Uses a VCR
  - 13 Dashiell Hammett sleuth
  - 15 Cole Porter's "Love You?"
  - 16 Greedy one
  - 17 Gorilla or gibbon
  - 18 Flower part
  - 20 Proof-reading mark
  - 21 Sportscastr feature
  - 22 Towel word
  - 23 Bard's creation
  - 25 It's about a foot
  - 28 Book of maps
  - 31 Swindles
  - 32 Deodorant type
  - 34 Have debts
  - 35 Roof feature
  - 36 Sticky stuff
  - 37 Dashiell Hammett sleuth
- DOWN**
- 1 Breezes
  - 2 Lunkheads
  - 3 Gregarious
  - 4 Moose's cousin
  - 5 Without a date
  - 6 Train unit
  - 7 Watching Conan O'Brien perhaps
  - 8 Paging device
  - 9 Good qualities
  - 11 Design of 2000
  - 14 Speakers' payments
  - 19 Chess native turns
  - 20 Egg holder
  - 24 Clog
  - 25 Teacakes
  - 26 C. Thomas of The Outsiders' vessel
  - 27 Nervous
  - 29 Candidate
  - 30 Oklahoma
  - 33 Dame
  - 35 Cluckers
  - 38 Auction action
  - 39 Bar

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#### Wildwood

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OH, I DO...  
THAT'S WHY I LINED IT WITH MR. TINFOIL!

#### For Better or For Worse

THERE'S A CAB PULLING UP TO THE APARTMENT! I BET I CAN GET DOWN TO THE ARENA BEFORE ERIC DISCOVERS HE'S FORGOTTEN HIS SKATES!  
TAXI!  
JASON! TELL ERIC I'VE GOT HIS SKATES!  
WHAT? HE SAID HE HAD A PRACTICE. I HE SAID THERE WAS A GAME COMING UP!  
IF ERIC'S PLAYING GAMES, LIZ... IT ISN'T HOCKEY.

#### Zits

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE ALIVE BACK WHEN THEY LANDED ON THE MOON!  
OH, COME ON.  
JEREMY, THE FIRST MOON LANDING WAS IN 1969!  
THAT WAS ONLY...  
THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO.  
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING! YOU'RE AN HISTORICAL ARTIFACT!

#### Garfield

DON'T BLINK  
TOL' JA

#### Beetle Bailey

YOU BOUGHT SARGE A BEER?  
YEAH.  
AFTER THE WAY HE TREATED YOU TODAY?  
YEAH.  
I'M VERY FORGIVING

#### Marvin

PERHAPS MARVIN'S HEARING HAS BEEN DAMAGED.  
HAS HE BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED TO ANY PAINFULLY LOUD NOISE?  
YEAH... HIS OWN CRYING

#### B.C.

WHATCHA READING?  
A DO-IT-YOURSELF BOOK.  
LOOK! I'VE GOT A CHART OF INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BUILD A PYRAMID!  
LET ME SEE THAT.  
WHATCHA YA THINK, CURLS?  
I SAY, LET'S DO IT!  
YEAH! WHOOPS... FORGET IT. IT SAYS "SLAVES NOT INCLUDED."

#### Hagar The Horrible

WE'VE HAD OUR TROUBLES...  
BUT I WOULDN'T TRADE OUR LIVES FOR ANYTHING...  
SWEETHEART??  
YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WILLING TO TRADE??

#### Peanuts

"AFTERNOON DOG BREAK!"  
YES, MA'AM, FOR "AFTERNOON DOG BREAK" THE OWNER RUSHES HOME, GIVES HIS DOG A SNACK, HOLDS HIM IN HIS LAP AND PETS HIM FOR TEN MINUTES...  
YOU'RE RIGHT, MA'AM... IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO "MORNING DOG BREAK"

#### Blonde

SO MR. OTHERS WAS ON YOUR CASE ALL DAY LONG?  
HE DIDN'T LET UP ON ME FOR ONE MINUTE!  
I'LL HAVE THE ROAST LAMB  
FORGET THE LAMB! GET THE DUCK!

# SPORTS

## Steelers kicker to join Houston Texans

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Todd Peterson signed a three-year, \$2.5 million contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers Monday, meaning free agent Kris Brown — and his league-leading 14 missed field goals — will join the expansion Houston Texans.

Peterson's contract will cost the Steelers about half of what it would have cost to match the four-year, \$4.7 million offer sheet Brown signed with the Texans. The Steelers will instead receive a seventh round draft pick as compensation for Brown.

The Texans included a \$1 million signing bonus that will increase Brown's salary cap value to about \$1.2 million next season and guaranteed \$750,000 of Brown's salary in the last two seasons. Guaranteed contracts, though common in baseball, are rare in football.

Peterson will get a signing bonus of \$450,000 and make about \$650,000 in the first year of his contract — giving him a \$800,000 salary

cap value for next season.

The Steelers considered the Texans' offer too steep for a kicker who made just 30 of 44 field goal attempts last year.

"We are excited to have a kicker of Todd Peterson's quality join our team," coach Bill Cowher said.

"Todd is an established veteran NFL kicker and he wants to be here in Pittsburgh," Cowher said, a not-so-subtle reference to comments Brown made last week. A Texas native, Brown had said he was excited to have the chance to kick in his home state.

What remains to be seen is what caused Brown's sub-par performance last season: his performance or Heinz Field's spongy, sandy natural grass and swirling winds.

Visiting kickers made just 5 of 11 field goals during Heinz Field's inaugural season and Brown made just 14 of 24 attempts there.

Brown, 25, was 16 of 20 on the road last season — much more in

line with the 50-for-59 overall performance he posted over his first two seasons in the league when the Steelers played at Three Rivers Stadium, which had artificial turf.

"I wouldn't want to be an opposing kicker and have to come here and kick," Cowher said, noting with a smile that Houston is on the Steelers' home schedule.

"I'm ecstatic to be here," said Peterson, 32, who has never kicked at Heinz Field but said he was "eagerly awaiting the opportunity" to do so.

"I've played long enough to miss in perfect conditions and made kicks in horrible conditions," Peterson said.

The nine-year veteran made 27 of 35 field goals attempts with the Chiefs last season — consistent with his career rate of 79.8 percent (170 of 213) since entering the league as a seventh round draft pick of the New York Giants in 1993.

Peterson never kicked for the

Giants. He played for the Arizona Cardinals in 1994, before spending five seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, and then the past two with the Chiefs.

## PHS girls second in district golf race

Borger — Pampa placed second to Hereford in the second-round of the District 3-4A Girls Golf Tournament last weekend.

The Lady Harvesters shot a 375, 22 strokes behind Hereford.

Pampa trails Hereford after two rounds of play by 45 strokes in the six-team district. Courtney Locknane shot an 88 last weekend to lead the Lady Harvesters.

Other Pampa scores were shot by Megan Shannon 90, Krissy Holman 94, and Michelle Haley 103.

After two rounds in the medalist standings, Locknane trails district leader Heather Stokes of Hereford by 16 strokes. Locknane currently holds down second place.

## Pampa's Crow wins two events

HEREFORD — Pampa senior Matt Crow won both the 200 and 400-yard dashes at the Deaf Smith Track and Field Invitational last weekend.

Crow's time in the 400 was 51.70. He was clocked at 22.72 in the 200. Teammate Tanner Dyer posted a first-place time in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.47.

Pampa's 400-meter relay captured third place with a time of 45.16.

The Harvesters finished fifth in the team standings with 44 points. Palo Duro won with 170 points.

The Harvesters are entered in the Ranger Relays in Perryton this weekend.

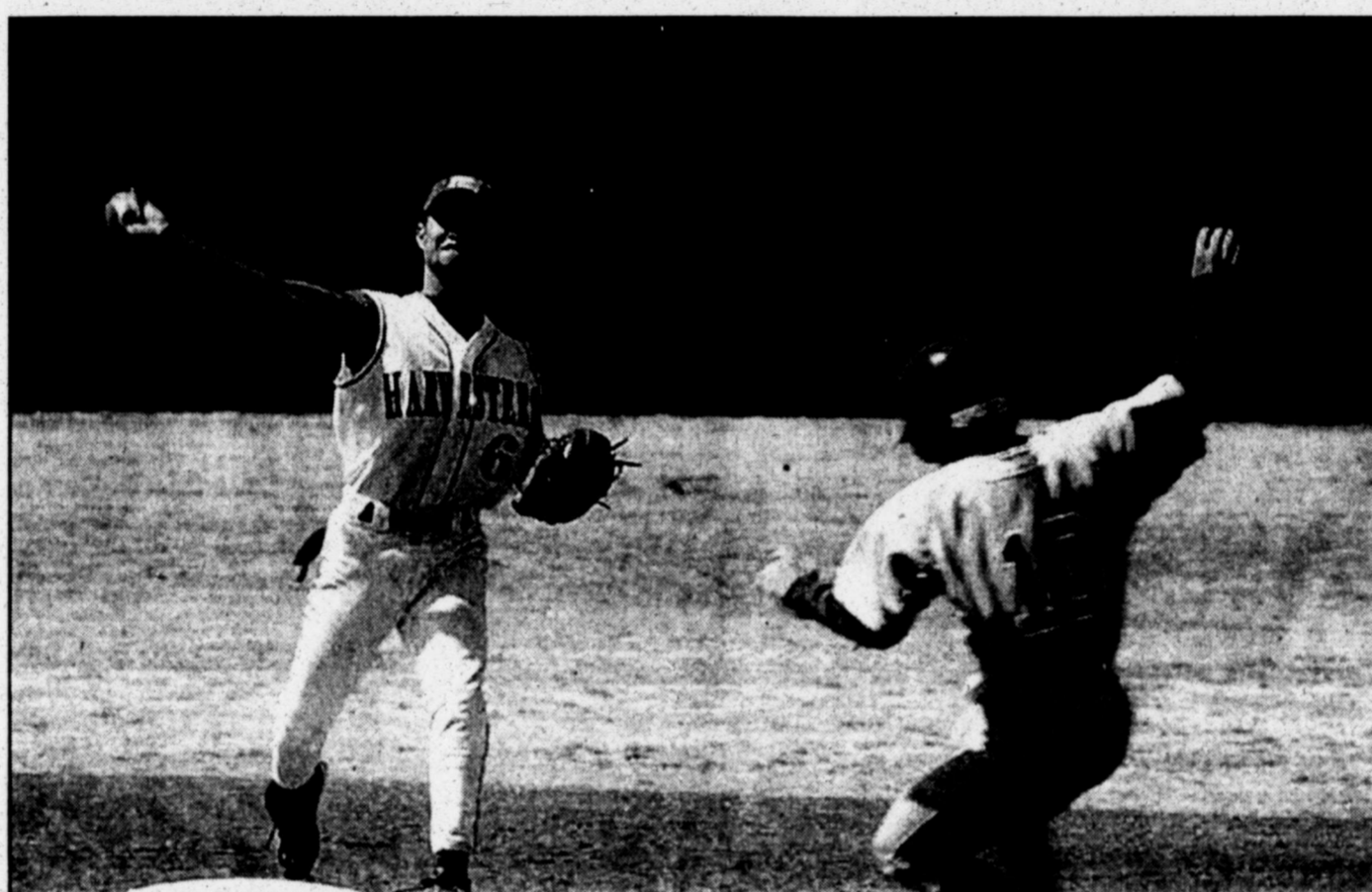
In the girls division, Pampa's Angela Phillips won the shot put with a 39.5 toss and teammate Angie Cornish placed third at 36.8. Phillips placed second in the discus at 117.7.

Teryn Stowers placed second in the triple jump (33-0 3/4) and Abbi Cavalier placed third at 32.7.

The Lady Harvesters finished seventh in the team standings with 51 points. Hereford won with 64 points.

This coming weekend, the Lady Harvesters are entered in the Demonette Relays in Dumas.

## Double play



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa secondbaseman Wes Martin turns a double play in last Saturday's District 3-4A clash with Hereford. The Harvesters host Dumas at 4:30 today in more district action.

## Agreement reached on Tyson-Lewis fight scheduled June 8 in Memphis

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Boxing Writer

Memphis wanted the attention, and Mike Tyson needed a place to fight. It took awhile, but the match was finally made.

Memphis ended up the winner in the bid to land Tyson's fight with heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, getting a fight that Nevada rejected and several other states found objectionable.

One of the biggest fights ever was salvaged when promoters agreed Monday for Tyson and Lewis to meet for the heavyweight title. It's not Las Vegas, but for Memphis it will be the big time.

"It certainly will boost the tourism awareness for that city," said John Wade, Tennessee's tourism commissioner.

A fight that could make more than \$100 million — and pay each fighter more than \$20 million — is now scheduled to take place at the 20,000-seat Pyramid arena, where ringside seats will fetch \$2,500.

And, unlike the New York press conference that caused the fight to be run out of Las Vegas when Tyson threw a punch and then a tantrum, the fighters will not get together for any prefight publicity this time around.

"We're not having any more press conferences with the two

of them together," Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said.

Weeks of trying to keep the fight alive culminated Monday in an agreement for Lewis to defend his IBF and WBC heavyweight titles against the once-feared former champion.

The fight is an intriguing matchup of boxer versus punch-

er, though it might have lost some of its appeal as the two boxers argued for years over whether they should meet, and Tyson has been largely inactive.

"We now have close to 11 weeks before the fight and I believe everything is fine," Finkel said. "Mike is ready to fight."

## Harper, Finsterwald on Class 1A Super Team

AMARILLO — White Deer's Dustin Harper has been named to the Class 1A Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread Boys Basketball Super Team.

Harper, a 6-0 senior, averaged 17 points per game for the district champion Bucks.

In the girls division, Wheeler sophomore Lyndie Finsterwald was named to the Golden Spread Super Team.

The 5-9 guard averaged 25 points per game. If it hadn't been for her knee injury, the Mustangettes probably would have made the playoffs.

**Golden Spread Super Team Boys**

Dustin Harper, 6-0 senior, White Deer

Kade Wilcox, 5-9, senior, Nazareth.

Tucker Crawford, 6-2 senior, Farwell.

Skyler Walden, 6-0 senior, Stratford.

Eric Schilling, 6-5 junior, Nazareth.

Coach of the year: Mike Scarborough, Nazareth.

### Girls

Lyndie Finsterwald, 5-9 sophomore, Wheeler.

Stephanie Thiel, 5-9 senior, Nazareth.

Laura Hill, 5-9 junior, Hedley.

Wendy Black, 5-8 junior, Nazareth.

Kelly Cleavinger, 5-9 senior, Vega.

Coach of the year: Matt Garrett, Nazareth.

## Hoosiers want more

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The Indiana Hoosiers dreamed all season about reaching the Final Four.

That's not good enough in Bloomington anymore.

Now that Indiana has advanced to its first Final Four since 1992, the Hoosiers made it clear Monday that they are expanding their horizons and adjusting their goals.

"We have a chance to win this game and be in the title game," said Dane Fife, one of two seniors on the team.

"We want to be remembered for winning a championship, not getting to the Final Four."

To achieve that, the Hoosiers must first knock off Oklahoma on Saturday — a task that will not be easy.

The Sooners are quick and physical, and if the Hoosiers are without starting point guard Tom Coverdale, who sprained his left ankle in Saturday's 81-69 victory over Kent State, the challenge will only be greater.

Coverdale did not practice Monday and hobbled around campus on crutches.

But while few people expected Indiana to still be playing on the final weekend of the college season, the Hoosiers are viewing the Final Four as an opportunity to show they belong.

"This week is a very good chance to come out and show everyone how we've worked all year," Big Ten player of the year Jared Jeffries said. "I really felt like our team was coming together to make a push in this tournament, and we've done that."

The Hoosiers have been able to succeed in different ways.

Against Duke, Indiana relied on its inside game. Two days later, their outside shooting took care of Kent State.

That was by design. What isn't by design is the fact that they are the lowest remaining seed — a No. 5 — heading to Atlanta. Again, Indiana is the underdog.

"Being the underdog right now is a good thing because we're trying to prove a point," Davis said. "My point is that close is not good. You have to win."

## NOTEBOOK

### BASEBALL

PAMPA — Coaches in the 9-10 year-old Optimist Baseball League will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Optimist Club for an organizational meeting.

Other scheduled meetings are: 7-8 league, 7:30 Wednesday night; 5-6 league, 7:30 Thursday night.

Persons interested in coaching in one of the leagues are urged to attend these meetings.

### SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Canyon at 4:30 today in District 3-4A softball action at Optimist Park.

Pampa also hosts Hereford in a makeup game at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Robinson broke behind the defense, took a lob from Tim Duncan and, in one smooth motion, slammed the ball through the hoop.

That picture-perfect play gave the San Antonio Spurs a four-point lead with 1:46 remaining, and they went on to a 91-85 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

Duncan, Robinson and the Spurs are clicking at a very good time.

The victory ran their winning streak to 13, clinched their 11th playoff berth in 12 years and put them within one game of the Sacramento Kings for the NBA's best regular-season record.

"We're trying to get to a point where we can challenge the Lakers and Kings. We're still jockeying for position, and we really feel like we can get the best record if we continue to play well," said Robinson, who had 19 points to go with Duncan's 33 points and 13 rebounds.

"We've clinched a playoff spot, but we want to keep our streak going," Robinson said of the NBA's longest victory string this season.

The Spurs are 49-21, behind only the Sacramento Kings (49-19) and Los Angeles Lakers (49-20) in the race for the best regular-season record and home-court advantage through the playoffs.

After the Spurs trailed by 13 points four minutes into the third quarter, Duncan scored six consecutive points to start an 18-8 rally over the next six minutes. Playing stifling defense, the Spurs then outscored the Clippers 24-13 in the fourth quarter.

"San Antonio is playing better ball than anybody else in the league right now," the Clippers' Eric Piatkowski said. "They're a very good defensive team. Their defensive rotation is probably better than anybody else in the league."

The Clippers, who have lost 17 of their last 18 against the Spurs, played them close, with the Spurs finally taking the lead for good on Robinson's layup for 84-82 with 3:21 remaining.

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## Basketball champs



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa Sixers 6th grade team had a 10-2 record to win the Optimist Basketball League championship. They placed second in the league tournament. The Sixers placed third in the 5th grade division with a 6-6 record. They were third in the tournament. Sixth grade team members are (standing, from left) Jeremy Martinez, Colden Fortenberry, Tyler Dodson, Dane Howard, Richard Oeader, Kevin Frels and Adam Estrada; Fifth grade team members are (front, from left), A.J. Rodrigez, Cody Bowers, Dustin Mathis, Dylan Cain, Casey Trimble and Chris Jackson. Also pictured is coach Ben Martinez.

## Pampa Bowling Roundup

**Harvester Lanes**  
**League Individual Results**  
**Harvester Women's League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 (Week 26)

High scratch game: Peggy Smith 251; High scratch series: Peggy Smith 610; High handicap game: Peggy Smith 265; High handicap series: Peggy Smith 652.

**Clarendon College Spring League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 (Week 2)

High scratch game: Carlyn Lowry 166; High scratch series: Lee Ann Winton 417; High handicap game: Valerie Malone 254; High handicap series: Valerie Malone 715.

**Men**

High scratch game: Brandon Helms 155; High scratch series: Brandon Helms 388; High handicap game: Brandon Helms 577; High handicap series: Brandon Helms 218.

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 (Week 27)

**Women**

High scratch series: Becky Hall 530; High scratch game: Bettye Sue Clegg 194; High handicap series: April Dewey 627; High handicap game: Shelley Farris 235.

**Men**

High scratch series: Andy Anderson 606; High scratch game: Dan Anderson 223; High handicap series: Roger Hoeltzel 667; High handicap game: Joe Gifford 247.

## Huggins: I'm staying at Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bob Huggins' loyalty to Cincinnati won out over his allegiance to his alma mater.

Huggins decided to stay with the Bearcats on Monday, turning down West Virginia's offer to take over as head basketball coach.

"It was a very hard decision," Huggins told The Associated Press on Monday night. "Both schools have been great to me."

Huggins said that consideration of his family and his players played a part in his decision, but the support of the community and working conditions at Cincinnati also were deciding factors.

"UC is a great place, and the community has been great to me for 13 years," Huggins said.

After being courted by West Virginia, Huggins had a series of meetings with Cincinnati athletic director Bob Goin, the latest on Monday afternoon.

Huggins informed West Virginia officials of

his decision early Monday evening.

"Today we got the feeling things weren't going where we thought we were going with it," West Virginia assistant athletic director Mike Parsons said. "He wished us well and offered to help the university in any way he could."

Huggins said there had been on talk of a contract extension with Cincinnati. Since 1995, the university has paid Huggins \$130,000 per year into a deferred annuity designed to keep him at Cincinnati. His contract allows him to collect it after this season.

Goin said Huggins' connection with his alma mater seemed to be the main issue in the coach's consideration of West Virginia's offer.

"Money was very seldom talked about," he said.

When asked if he would leave Cincinnati to coach in the NBA, Huggins said he had had those types of offers in the past.

## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002  
 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)

Abundance marks an option. You clearly see where you are going, though you might not be sure of yourself. Confusion surrounds work, no matter what you do. Think independently, making firm decisions. Your nerves work overtime. Tonight: Put up your feet.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Your words fall on the right ears. You could make something more important than it really is, though it certainly spells good news. Someone could challenge your creativity and ideas — let him or her. Listen. Tighten up your ideas. Tonight: Focus on a loved one.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Spending money in a foolish manner will backfire, no matter how good your idea might be. Your nerves are unusually jangled. As a result, you could overreact or make a hasty decision. Slow down. Look at the big picture. Tonight: Soak away stress.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

Speak your mind, but don't be surprised if another has a strong reaction. Listen to someone who easily makes a money expenditure. You might want to shake your head and say "no."

Responsibilities challenge the frivolity.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Financial pressure could make you uncomfortable. You have so much to do and so much you would like to do. Ask another, who seems able to do nearly everything he or she wants, for advice. You can learn a lot from this person. Tonight: Your treat.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The power of your personality impacts not only those in your immediate circle, but also a close associate. Brainstorm with others, and you'll come up with remarkable ideas. Allow someone to understand more of what motivates you. Tonight: Let the other party make the call.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Carefully listen to another who sometimes makes you ill at ease. This person might be in your day-to-day life or someone you know from work. Brainstorm with bosses, discussing many potential options. You don't always need to run with the ball. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might understand what is happening. Aim for more of what you want. Your nerves could become frayed when dealing with a child or loved one. News from a distance comes your way, impacting your work choices. Slow down, please. Tonight: Follow the gang.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Recognize another for all that he

or she offers. Abundance and good will lead you in a new direction. Don't allow a skeptic in your life to color your thoughts. Good news follows those who are open and work with opposing facts. Tonight: Talk to an associate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Reach out for more information, especially in the face of conflicting opinions. You might not be sure of someone's logic. In fact, ask more questions and you'll get better answers. Confusion might be the result of too much information, too fast. Tonight: Take in a movie.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Reach out for another at a distance. Though you might be surprised at his or her reaction, you find out what ails this person. Meanwhile, keep a stern eye on your spending. Excess can only get you into trouble right now. Play it conservative. Tonight: Allow your sweetie to have more of what he or she wants.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others might not hear what you say as clearly as you would like. You might be asked to clarify yourself a few times, don't lose your patience. Use your diplomatic style, touched with creativity. Your message gets through. Tonight: Let someone other than you dominate.

**BORN TODAY:**

Singer Mariah Carey (1970), artist and musician Xuxa (1963), actor Michael York (1942)

## SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL

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**EAST REGIONAL**

First Round

Friday, March 15

At Cameron Indoor Stadium

Durham, N.C.

Texas Christian 55, Indiana 45

Duke 95, Norfolk State 48

At The Erwin Special Events Center

Austin, Texas

UC Santa Barbara 57, Louisiana Tech 56

Texas 60, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55

At The Ferrell Center

Waco, Texas

Drake 87, Syracuse 69

Baylor 80, Bucknell 56

Saturday, March 16

At Carolina Coliseum

Columbia, S.C.

Cincinnati 76, St. Peter's 63, OT

South Carolina 69, Liberty 61

**Second Round**

Sunday, March 17

At Cameron Indoor Stadium

Durham, N.C.

Duke 76, Texas Christian 66

At The Ferrell Center

Waco, Texas

Drake 76, Baylor 72

At The Erwin Special Events Center

Austin, Texas

Texas 76, UC Santa Barbara 60 Monday, March 18

At Carolina Coliseum

Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina 75, Cincinnati 56

At The Entertainment and Sports Arena

Raleigh, N.C.

**Semifinals**

Saturday, March 23

South Carolina 79, Drake 65

Duke 62, Texas 46

**Championship**

Monday, March 25

Duke 77, South Carolina 68

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**

First Round

Friday, March 15

At Bramlage Coliseum

Manhattan, Kan.

Arkansas 78, Clemson 68

Kansas State 93, Kent State 65

At The Bryce Jordan Center

State College, Pa.

Florida International 73, Creighton 58

Penn State 82, Chattanooga 67

Saturday, March 16

At Gampel Pavilion

Storrs, Conn.

Iowa 69, Virginia 62

Connecticut 86, St. Francis, Pa. 37

At Mackey Arena

West Lafayette, Ind.

Old Dominion 68, Georgia 54

Purdue 80, Austin Peay 49

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At Gampel Pavilion

Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut 86, Iowa 48

At US Cellular Arena

Milwaukee

**Semifinals**

Saturday, March 23

Connecticut 82, Penn State 64

Old Dominion 88, Kansas State 62

**Championship**

Monday, March 25

Connecticut 85, Old Dominion 64

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**

First Round

Friday, March 15

At Thompson-Boling Arena

Knoxville, Tenn.

Notre Dame 58, New Mexico 44

Tennessee 98, Georgia State 68

Saturday, March 16

At Memorial Gymnasium

Nashville, Tenn.

Arizona State 73, Wisconsin 70

Vanderbilt 63, Oakland, Mich. 38

At Carmichael Auditorium

Chapel Hill, N.C.

Minnesota 71, UNLV 54

North Carolina 85, Harvard 58

At James H. Hilton Coliseum

Ames, Iowa

Brigham Young 90, Florida 52

Iowa State 72, Temple 57

**Second Round**

Sunday, March 17

At Thompson-Boling Arena

Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 89, Notre Dame 50

Monday, March 18

At The Smith Center

Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina 72, Minnesota 69

At Memorial Gymnasium

Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt 61, Arizona State 35

At James H. Hilton Coliseum

Ames, Iowa

Brigham Young 75, Iowa State 69

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Ames, Iowa

**Semifinals**

Saturday, March 23

Tennessee 68, Brigham Young 57

Vanderbilt 70, North Carolina 61

**Championship**

Monday, March 25

Tennessee 68, Vanderbilt 63

**WEST REGIONAL**

First Round

Friday, March 15

At United Spirit Arena

Lubbock, Texas

Mississippi State 65, Boston College 59

Texas Tech 84, Stephen F. Austin 65

At The Coors Events Center

Boulder, Colo.

Colorado 88, Southern University 61

LSU 84, Santa Clara 78

Saturday, March 16

At Lloyd Noble Center

Norman, Okla.

Villanova 67, Pepperdine 46

Oklahoma 84, Hartford 52

At The Maples Pavilion

Stanford, Calif.

Tulane 73, Colorado State 69

Stanford 76, Weber State 51

**Second Round**

Sunday, March 17

At United Spirit Arena

Lubbock, Texas

Texas Tech 77, Mississippi State 55

At The Coors Events Center

Boulder, Colo.

Colorado 69, LSU 58

Monday, March 18

At Lloyd Noble Center

Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma 66, Villanova 53

At The Maples Pavilion

Stanford, Calif.

Stanford 77, Tulane 55

At Boise State Pavilion

Boise, Idaho

**Semifinals**

Saturday, March 23

Colorado 62, Stanford 59

Oklahoma 72, Texas Tech 62

**Championship**

Monday, March 25

Oklahoma 94, Colorado 60

**THE FINAL FOUR**

At The Alamodome

San Antonio

**National Semifinals**

Friday, March 29

Duke (31-3) vs. Oklahoma





## ABWA honorees



Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recently honored Eltha Hensley, (photo at left, far right) at its Annual Boss Appreciation Banquet at Lovett Memorial Library. Hensley was named ABWA Woman of the Year. Standing beside her are chapter President Pat



(Courtesy photos)

Winkleblack, far left, and chairman Ellen Malone, middle. Also honored at the banquet was Kit Grice (photo at right, far left). Grice was named ABWA Boss of the Year. Standing beside him are chapter members Anita Grice, middle, and Pat Winkleblack, right.

# China bars American warship from Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Signaling its anger over U.S. dealings with Taiwan, China has blocked a port call by a U.S. warship to Hong Kong and refused Tuesday to say whether Vice President Hu Jintao would go ahead with plans for a U.S. visit.

The U.S. Consulate said Tuesday that Beijing had rejected a request for an April 5-9 visit by the USS Curtis Wilbur, a guided missile destroyer belonging to the U.S. Seventh Fleet based in Yokosuka, Japan.

"No reason was given for the disapproval," said Barbara Zigli, a U.S. Consulate spokeswoman. She declined to speculate on China's motives.

The March 18 rejection came a day before the Chinese government accused Washington of committing a "series of erroneous acts" and spoiling the aura of good relations set during a February visit to Beijing by President Bush.

As often happens, the spat is over Taiwan. Beijing objected to a U.S. decision to let Taiwan's defense minister, Tang Yiau-ming, attend a private defense convention this month in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Since this former British colony reverted to Chinese rule in 1997, Beijing has occasionally protested U.S. actions by barring U.S. warships from visiting Hong Kong, long a popular port of call.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said Tuesday that port calls by foreign warships and aircraft are approved on a "case-by-case basis."

Zhang declined to say whether Vice President Hu Jintao, heir apparent to President and Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin, would go ahead with a visit expected for April or May.

Instead, she demanded that Washington "cease interfering in China's internal affairs by using Taiwan issues and undermining bilateral ties."

"To secure a healthy and smooth development of bilateral ties, the U.S. side should properly handle this ques-

tion," she said during a routine news briefing.

Meeting Tuesday with visiting U.S. senators, Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji cited Tang's trip to Florida as one in "a series of actions that violated" China-U.S. communiqués, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

"The Chinese government

and people feel nothing but strong indignation over the action and firmly oppose the carrying out of any similar acts," Zhu told the senators, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Ted Stevens of Alaska, according to Xinhua.

China and Taiwan split amid a civil war on the mainland in 1949. Beijing says it will attack Taiwan if the

island declares formal independence or delays too long in talks over uniting with the mainland. It has sought to isolate Taiwan diplomatically.

America severed formal ties with Taiwan in 1979 when Washington recognized China. Since then, high-level exchanges and meetings between U.S. and Taiwanese officials have been rare.

## Quake kills as many as 1,800 people

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan, killing about 1,800 people and injuring 2,000, Afghan officials said Tuesday. The Afghan Defense Ministry said 600 bodies were recovered from villages still shaking from aftershocks.

ACTED, a private aid organization, estimated 10,000 people had been left homeless, basing its numbers on reports from staff in the devastated area, near Nahrin, 90 miles north of Kabul on the slopes of the Hindu Kush mountains.

At the scene, regional commander Gen. Aider Khan said as many as 1,500 to 2,000 people were missing. Many of Nahrin's residents spent the night without food or shelter because nearly all of their homes were destroyed.

Officials said many people were at home when the quake struck at 7:26 p.m. Monday, and during the frequent strong aftershocks overnight, accounting for the high death toll.

"People were caught in their homes," said Nigel Fisher, a senior U.N. official in Afghanistan.

Yusuf Nuristani, a spokesman for the interim Afghan administration, said the quake measured magnitude at 6.2, though the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said it was magnitude

5.9 and centered 105 miles north of Kabul. The quake was relatively shallow, just 40 miles below the surface and likely to cause heavy damage.

By early afternoon, 600 bodies had been pulled from the wreckage of collapsed homes, said Defense Ministry official Mira Jan.

"I can say that 90 percent of Nahrin has been destroyed," Jan said. "We asked (peacekeepers) and all other humanitarian non-governmental organizations to help the people there because they lost everything. They need tents, medicines, everything."

By late afternoon, about 400 people had been wrapped in white cotton shrouds and buried in and around Nahrin — some of them in mass graves, said Nurullah, secretary of commander Haider Khan, speaking from Nahrin.

About 200 wounded were taken to Pul-e-Kumri and Baglan by helicopter, bus and trucks, while some 70 people were treated in Nahrin. But Gen. Khalil, a military commander from Pul-e-Kumri, said rescuers didn't have enough helicopters to transport all the wounded. Roads in the area were blocked by rubble and impassable.

"The condition is very terrible," Nurullah told The Associated Press by satellite telephone. "The people are in a very bad condition."

"Everyone is trying to find the members of their families to bring them out of the destroyed walls or collapsed areas," he said. "The earthquake is going on, and each time, the people are very afraid."

Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai canceled a trip to Turkey scheduled Wednesday to manage the disaster, Nuristani said, adding that officials had allocated \$600,000 for immediate aid.

## Hillary meets Irish leaders

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton began a two-day visit to Ireland Tuesday that was designed to build business ties between Ireland and New York, and shore up support among Irish Catholic voters back home.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce invited the New York Democrat and was paying for her trip, which was postponed from November because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

On Tuesday, in a sign of the high status the Clinton name retains in Ireland, she was meeting separately with Irish President Mary McAleese, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and Foreign Minister Brian Cowen — an itinerary normally reserved for visiting premiers and presidents.

"The ties between us are only getting stronger," Clinton said beside the prime minister, whom she thanked "for the extraordinary support that Ireland gave to New York and America following Sept. 11."

She noted Ireland ordered government offices and businesses to close on Sept. 14 as a national day of mourning. This act, she said, "demonstrated to all of us the deep ties between our countries and particularly between New York and Ireland."

Included in the Clinton entourage were about 30 New York business and university leaders. Among them were representatives from defense giant Lockheed Martin, telephone company Verizon Communications, Columbia University, Syracuse University, and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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