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**County Commission to open bids April 4**

A special meeting of the Gray County Commission is scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursday at the temporary County Courtroom at the former SPS Building, 315 N. Ballard, to open bids for the Courthouse Restoration project.

The first phase of the \$5.3 million project began during the summer of 2001. Courthouse employees moved from the courthouse offices into temporary locations until the restoration of the historic building is completed.

Officials have estimated the project will be completed at the end of 2002 or the beginning of 2003.

**Lefors ISD hires new coach, teacher**

LEFORS — Craig Summers, a former Whiteface coach, was hired Monday night by the Lefors Independent School District to be Head Girls basketball coach for the 2002-2003 school year, according to Superintendent Allen Law.

Summers will also be in charge of all girls' sports in Lefors ISD. He is currently living in New Mexico.

Also hired during the special meeting was Jessica Whitney of Pampa. She will teach junior high science during the upcoming school year, said Law.

**DEATHS**

Catherine Belt, 76, nurse.  
Hester Lou Hilton, 72, restaurant-owner.

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**Ogallala – cause for concern?**

Some experts think so

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Robert Clark of Miami, center, a director on the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board, visits with Hank Ernst, left, with the Kansas Water Office, and Ric Jensen, right, with the Texas Water Resources Institute, during an air and water symposium in Amarillo.

AMARILLO — While the State of Texas begins its second round of regional water planning, Kansas officials are beginning to worry about the giant Ogallala Aquifer where it lies beneath their state.

The Ogallala Aquifer, which stretches from the Midland-Odessa area north across the Great Plains to South Dakota, covers an area of 174,000 square miles in eight states. Nebraska encompasses the greatest area and volume of the aquifer, but much of it lies beneath western Kansas.

Dr. Bill Hargrove, with Kansas State University and director of the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment, said Tuesday during the opening session of the Great Plains Foundation Symposium this

week, that the Governor of Kansas only recently set a goal of reaching a sustainable yield of water from the Ogallala Aquifer by the year 2020, something many Kansas water officials say will be difficult, if not impossible.

The saturated thickness, the thickness of water bearing sands in the aquifer, varies from one foot to 1,300 feet. It averages about 200 feet. In Kansas and Texas, it ranges from 50 to 200 feet, Hargrove said.

The major problem with the aquifer is that most of it is located in a region across the western Great Plains that gets less than 20 inches of rainfall a year, the Kansas State University professor said. Consequently, the recharge rate is low.

In most areas, the aquifer is recharged at a rate of less than (See OGALLALA, Page 3)

**Police short four officers, seeking certified recruits**

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa Police Department is four officers short and while recruiting efforts continue, the department is using what Chief Charlie Morris calls "creative scheduling" to make sure minimum street patrol requirements are met.

Some of that creativity has included Morris donning a uniform to work the streets and answer routine calls, he said. That's something he said recently that's been "eye opening" and a good way to "stay in touch."

Detectives are also filling



Chief Charlie Morris

the patrol ranks when necessary, the chief said.

"We're recruiting certified officers right now," Morris said, because those with state

certification are ready to go on the streets.

Otherwise, Morris said raw recruits must go through a detailed hiring process, including a background check and testing, and must complete the police academy which can take almost five months. That's followed by state certification testing.

Rookie officers must then spend 16 weeks working with an experienced officer in the department's field training program.

"It's a very competitive market," he said of police hiring. "All you have to do is (See POLICE, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Pampa's police department is operating with an officer shortage right now as recruiting efforts continue in an effort to fill the ranks. Even the chief has donned a uniform and hit the streets to help.

**White Deer plans first "Earth Day" celebration**

Cielo Wind Power, L.L.C., the development company affiliated with Texas Wind Power Company, will sponsor the First Annual Earth Day Celebration in White Deer on Monday, April 22, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Texas Wind Power office at 300 S. Main Street.

The Earth Day Celebration will feature food, entertainment, and fun activities for the entire family, organizers say.

Exhibitors — including Cielo Wind Power, Texas Wind Power, Excel Energy, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Keep White

Deer Beautiful, and Shell Renewables — will have information available for the public.

Student artwork from the Cielo Wind Power Earth Day Art Competition will be on display. At 6 p.m., the winners of the Art and Essay Competitions will be announced.

Keep White Deer Beautiful will be inducted as a member chapter of the national Keep America Beautiful organization at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to enjoying the Earth Day activities downtown, the public is invited to participate in a site tour of the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch at

White Deer.

More than 430 students from Skellytown Elementary, White Deer Elementary, White Deer Junior High, and White Deer High School will participate in tours during school hours.

Public tours will take place every hour between 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please register in advance for the public tours by contacting Linda Kay Rapsone at the Texas Wind Power office at 883-2300.

"We're glad to be doing business in the White Deer area," said Walter Hornaday, president of Cielo Wind Power.

"The site tours are a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day and learn more about wind power and its potential in Texas."

Cielo Wind Power, L.L.C. is a privately held company with offices in White Deer, McCamey, and Austin. Cielo began operations as a service provider for small wind turbine generators for farmers and ranchers primarily in the Panhandle.

Cielo now has the largest utility-grade wind power development and professional staff in the Southwest.

For additional information, go to [www.cielowind.com](http://www.cielowind.com).

**Pampa Nursing Ctr. passes inspection**

Pampa Nursing Center has received a clean bill of health from the state after a special third inspection found no deficiencies at the facility at 1321 West Kentucky.

That puts a stop to what would have been the April 8 termination of receipt of Medicare and Medicaid funds by the skilled nursing facility, said Rosemary Patterson, public information officer for the Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care - Regulatory.

The nursing home received sanctions from the state human services department following an inspection

of the facility in January.

Both patient care and physical environment problems were cited in a 28-page report, Patterson said at the time.

The facility was then re-inspected twice and after the second visit some problems with the building remained uncorrected, Patterson said.

While the state will normally only perform two re-inspections, a third one was granted after the nursing home made an appeal to the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), Patterson said.

**Veteran seminar outlines changes in state benefits**

WHEELER — A free veteran's seminar on improved state benefits is scheduled for 6 p.m., April 9, at the Wheeler County Courthouse.

Among the changes to be discussed are a new low-interest VLB home loan of up to \$150,000, and the opening of long-term care, skilled nursing facilities for Texas veterans.

The free seminar will be at the Wheeler County Courthouse, 2nd floor courtroom, 100 S. Oklahoma, in Wheeler, and will focus on VLB home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans.

In addition, information will be available about Texas State Veterans Homes, which are now open in various regions of the state and accepting

applications from veterans needing long-term care, skilled nursing.

Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. presentation and a question-and-answer period.

Another new program offers the VLB's lowest home loan rates to veterans who agree to become or remain teachers, and to current teachers who are spouses of veterans.

Another program cuts interest rates on VLB home loans for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

For more information, call (800) 252-VETS for loan details and eligibility requirements.

Detailed information is also available at the Texas General Land Office Web site at [www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb).

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## OBITUARIES SERVICES TOMORROW

**HILTON, Hester Lou** — 2:30 p.m., Church of Christ, Beaver, Okla.

### HESTER LOU HILTON 1929-2002

BEAVER, Okla. — Hester Lou Hilton, 72, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Carlville, Ill. Services will be at 2:30 p.m., Thursday in Beaver Church of Christ with David Glascock officiating. Interment will be in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Service of Beaver.

Mrs. Hilton was born May 20, 1929, at Hedley, Texas, to Andrew Jackson and Claudine Sluder Phelps. A graduate of Atoka

High School, she was a restaurant-owner and a waitress.

She married J.P. Hilton on March 9, 1948, at Sherman, Texas; he died May 10, 1977.

She attended Beaver Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Rodger Hilton of Ulysses, Kan., and Jimmy Hilton of Beaver; a daughter, Mary Cox of Carlville; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### CATHERINE BELT 1925-2002

DENTON — Catherine Belt, 76, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Lake Forest Good Samaritan in Denton. Services will be at 2 p.m. in Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home Chapel with Mack Tomlinson, chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park under the direction of Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home of Denton.

Mrs. Belt was born Nov. 12, 1925, at Altus, Ark., to James M. and Sally Bowles Howe. She was a nurse and worked in Dallas for 15 years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a grandson,

Jerry Don Belt, in 1991.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Mohrenweiser and Carolyn Sue Leavitt, both of Denton, and Patsy Greenlee of Corinth; two sons, Jerry Donald Belt of Midland and James M. Belt of Nocona; a sister, Gelene Williams of Sun Valley, Nev.; 14 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m., Thursday at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Corinth "Building Fund," 3033 Meadowview Dr., Corinth, TX 76210.

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly sunny with highs 55 to 60 and south to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with lows around 40 and south winds 10 to 20 mph, occasionally gusty. Thursday, partly sunny. Highs around 70. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 45. Friday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Friday evening, partly cloudy. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday. Lows in the mid-40s. Highs 70 to 75. Monday and Tuesday, mostly clear. Lows around 45. Highs around 75.

### STATEWIDE

Over Texas today it will be cool, breezy and dry, with partly cloudy skies over North and West Texas and mostly cloudy skies in South Texas.

Unseasonably cold temperatures and windy conditions are forecast for North Texas today.

Temperatures over the past 24 hours ranged from 23 degrees last night in Dalhart to 94 degrees yesterday afternoon at Cotulla.

In North Texas today, gusty north winds are forecast between 20 and 35 mph, decreasing tonight. Clouds will increase today except in northernmost parts. Highs will range from the lower 50s in the northwest to the lower 60s in the southeast.

Tonight, it will be partly cloudy and cold,

with lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s. Thursday it will be cloudy and warmer, with highs in the 60s. Thursday night, a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms will exist northwest, with lows reaching 45 to 50.

On Friday, it will be cloudy with a chance of rain, particularly in the northwest, with highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s. Saturday and Sunday, it will be partly to mostly cloudy with rain likely Saturday in the northwest and north central areas, and a chance of rain elsewhere.

In West Texas, it will be partly to mostly cloudy today, with highs in the 50s and 60s except for the 70s along the Rio Grande. Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s except in the lower 50s in the far west.

Partly cloudy skies are forecast Thursday with highs in the 60s and 70s except near 90 degrees in the Big Bend. Cool spring temperatures and cloudy skies will continue through the weekend, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms all weekend in the panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin. It will be clear and warm in the far west this weekend.

In South Texas, it will be cooler, mostly cloudy and breezy today, with highs ranging from the upper 50s in the Hill Country to near 80 in the deep south. Lows tonight will range from the low 40s in the Hill Country to 65 deep south.

Cloudy and cool conditions will continue on Thursday. Friday through Sunday, it will be mostly cloudy and slightly warmer, with a chance of showers in all but the deep south.

## Prominent attorney sued by former clients

HOUSTON (AP) — A prominent personal injury lawyer is targeted in a lawsuit by former clients who argue that he mishandled a settlement over claimed chemical contamination in their neighborhood.

Kennedy Heights residents who contended their properties were polluted by pits that a chemical company left beneath their land received \$12 million instead of the \$500 million that lawyer John O'Quinn asserted their claims were worth.

O'Quinn, who earned millions of dollars in the state's settlement with tobacco companies, had represented the 20 ex-clients. The homeowners had alleged their properties were polluted by the undisclosed pits that Gulf Oil, now owned by Chevron, left beneath the land.

Chevron, in a settlement reached in 2000, agreed to pay \$12.7 million.

But the residents contend O'Quinn misled them by telling them he would win a substan-

tial award or settlement if they sued Chevron.

In papers filed in the lawsuit Monday, O'Quinn and his law firm of O'Quinn and Laminack had asserted to plaintiffs that after many tests and investigations through 1996, "their claims were worth in excess of \$500 million."

According to the residents, O'Quinn in 1995 "convinced plaintiffs that the soil on which their homes were built and that both the ground and drinking water had been contaminated by toxic chemicals belonging to Chevron and other parties."

The chemicals were responsible for "cancer-causing disorders and other malignancies" that damaged the residents, according to the lawsuit.

But O'Quinn and his firm later told reporters that Kennedy Heights plaintiffs were to be told to settle their cases.

"Defendants further assert-

ed to plaintiffs that the measly sum of \$12 million was all that plaintiffs would receive" in a settlement, the lawsuit stated.

More than 2,000 residents were left to divide about \$7.6 million after subtracting about \$4 million in attorneys' fees, the lawsuit stated.

Residents, in the lawsuit filed by attorney Chuck Portz, are now seeking \$492 million in damages for the loss from the settlement. They are suing for breach of fiduciary duty as well as gross negligence and fraud.

O'Quinn did not return a telephone call to his office early Wednesday from The Associated Press.

But, after a similar lawsuit was filed in 1999 by about 80 former plaintiffs who were Kennedy Heights residents, Quinn said he had advised a settlement because an October 1998 ruling by a Texas appellate court against another oil company severely hurt his clients' chances to prevail.

## ON RECORD

### SHERIFF

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

#### Tuesday, April 2

Donald Ross Haynes, 37, 628 Roberta, possession of a controlled substance.

Melissa Peterman, 28, 207 S. Swift, possession of a controlled substance.

### STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.55	VLO	47.38	-1.38
Milo	3.19	Halliburton	16.65	-0.37
Corn	3.55	Triad Hospitals	34.24	-0.15
Soybeans	3.83	NOI	24.87	-0.98
		KMI	49.15	-0.61
		XCEL	25.49	-0.17
		Kerr McGee	62.35	-0.98
		Limited	16.60	+0.60
		Williams	22.00	-2.17
		McDonald's	27.67	+0.17
		Exxon Mobil	44.13	-0.25
		Atmos	23.95	NC
		Pioneer Nat.	22.69	-0.46
		Penney's	19.60	+0.41
		Phillips	63.07	-0.61
		SLB	55.60	-1.55
		Tenneco	4.05	-0.10
		CVX	89.76	-1.10
		Wal-Mart	59.40	+0.47
		OKE	20.80	-0.16

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

Occidental	29.45	-0.32
Fidelity Magell	101.57	-0.84
Puritan	17.89	-0.01

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

BP	53.87	-0.01
Celanese	21.25	+0.08
Cabot Corp	35.51	-0.17
Cabot Oil Gas	25.05	-0.55
Coca Cola	52.02	-0.26
New York Gold	305.85	
Silver	4.72	
West Texas Crude	27.71	

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Tuesday, April 2

9:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

8:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts; no transport.

#### Wednesday, April 3

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

5:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montagu and transported one to PRMC.

### FIRE

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

#### Tuesday, April 2

8:21 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a request for lifting assistance in the 400 block of Pitts.

### POLICE

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

#### Monday, Feb. 11

Tarpley Music, 117 N. Cuyler, reported a flute valued at \$599 was taken in the 2400 block of Charles.

#### Friday, March 15

Tools valued at \$200 were taken from the seat of a car in the 400 block of North Roberta.

#### Sunday, March 24

Fraudulent use of a credit card was report-

ed in the 2100 block of North Hobart where a complainant said someone charged \$94.35 to a credit card without permission.

#### Monday, April 1

A father and son argument was reported in the 700 block of North Bradley.

#### Tuesday, April 2

A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

Janie M. Wehmere, 28, 1228 S. Faulkner, arrested on warrants for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

## Critics: Bush education efforts misguided and poorly financed

By GREG TOPPO  
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's plan to improve the nation's early childhood education system is being criticized as misguided and insufficient, even as he vows to train thousands of teachers to teach preschoolers to read.

On Wednesday, Bush was scheduled to present a booklet compiled by the first lady, Laura Bush, on early childhood education. Advisers said Bush would concentrate on a "major public awareness campaign" for parents, caregivers and teachers across the country.

Sarah Greene, president and chief executive of the National Head Start Association, said Bush's plan to train 50,000 Head Start teachers in reading techniques may be duplicating what they've already learned.

"Why is the president adding yet another bureaucratic layer?" Greene asked.

She questioned why Bush is tinkering with the 37-year-old federal program when it has proven effective and is constantly being revised.

A major part of former President Johnson's War on Poverty, Head Start and its offshoot, Early Head Start, are designed for the development of children from birth to age 5, pregnant women and their families. Their basic goals are to make poor children as prepared for school as those from more affluent families.

"Making reckless changes to a program that works, rather than directly addressing the shortcomings of the K-12 sys-

tem, makes little sense," Greene said.

She and others also said Bush's proposed \$130 million increase to Head Start won't help its teachers keep up with increased living costs nor help the program expand.

"Unfortunately, the cost of quality child care in this country far exceeds what most working families can truly afford," said Sen. James Jeffords, I-Vt. "The president's is a first good step, but we need to do so much more."

Greene said the Head Start program serves about 42 percent of eligible 3- and 4-year-olds. Her association says the nation's more than 2,400 Head Start programs serve 923,000 children.

Bush's goal to train all Head Start teachers to use one approved approach flouts the tradition that allows local organizations to decide what programs to use.

Margaret Spellings, Bush's domestic policy adviser, told reporters Tuesday that findings of new research on the way the brain learns often are at odds with techniques used in preschools.

Spellings, who helped develop Bush's education plan, said there's "very little connection between Head Start and other early childhood programs and the kindergarten-through-12th grade public school world."

Echoing Bush's approach to K-12 education, Spellings suggested Head Start programs that can't show they're preparing poor students to succeed in school "could theoretically lose their contract."

Greene said testing and assessing young children is "a

very controversial issue," and the administration has discussed no specific proposals with her. She worried that a strict assessment system could penalize programs with especially needy children.

"You have to take the children where they are and build upon that," she said.

Appearing near Philadelphia Tuesday, Bush said he would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to begin training Head Start teachers on the best techniques to teach the rudiments of reading to preschoolers.

Bush said he wants to dedicate \$45 million for research into early literacy programs and practices that work, the same basic goal as another proposal that cropped up Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he and a bipartisan group of colleagues would propose giving \$5 billion in incentive grants to states over five years, to coordinate early childhood programs in Head Start and other preschool programs in public schools, day-care centers and at home.

Bush said he wants every child to start school with standard knowledge such as the letters of the alphabet, an idea of the sounds that signify those letters, the look of written words and the experience seeing their parents and other adults reading.

"Every child must have an equal place at the starting line" he said.

The average preschool teacher makes about \$16,000 a year, according to the Head Start association. Head Start teachers earn about \$21,000.

## City Briefs

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## Narcotics officer under scrutiny, cases to be reviewed

HOUSTON (AP) — State authorities are reviewing every drug case handled by a veteran Texas Department of Public Safety narcotics officer over the last three years following his arrest in an undercover sting.

Sgt. Johnnie Davis was arrested last week for allegedly trying to rob someone he thought was a drug courier, investigators said. He is charged with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Davis remained Wednesday at Harris County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Police said the 12-year DPS veteran had

been under suspicion for about two weeks. Investigators made sure he became aware that \$100,000 in cash and two kilos of cocaine would soon be moving into the area.

Davis stopped the undercover vehicle Thursday night near U.S. 90 and Farm-to-Market Road 2100 in east Harris County and tried to steal the money, authorities told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

Davis' alleged accomplices, Paul J. Tolliver, 23, and Allister J. Cotton, 29, are facing similar charges. They were also held in Harris County Jail on \$500,000 bail each.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water District, presents a plaque to Frank Simms, outgoing president of the district's board of directors during ceremonies Tuesday night at the district offices in White Deer. Simms served on the PGCD board for 17 years. He was elected vice president in 1990 and president in 2000.

## Memos indicate Andersen partner's criticism of Enron deals short-lived

WASHINGTON (AP) — Muscling a critic out of the way, Enron Corp. executives got Arthur Andersen LLP to remove an accountant who objected to some of the deals that eventually sent Enron into bankruptcy, new reports show.

Internal Andersen e-mails detail the strenuous objections of Andersen partner Carl Bass to Enron's financial practices, and handwritten notes by an Andersen executive reveal that Enron silenced him.

"Client sees need to replace Carl," state the notes, dated March 12, 2001. Andersen's management took Bass off the Enron case.

The notes were released Tuesday by the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Some of Bass's most serious objections concerned special purpose entities known as the Raptors which enabled Enron to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off its books.

"I will honestly admit that I have a jaded view of these transactions" involving the Raptors, Bass wrote in a March 4, 2001, e-mail to his boss in Chicago.

"I understood that there was a \$100 million loss on an Internet investment that otherwise should have been reported," Bass wrote of one transaction involving the Raptors, which contributed heavily to Enron's demise last fall. Enron declared bankruptcy on Dec. 2.

Some memos written by the Houston office of Arthur Andersen falsely state that Bass supported the Raptors, when in fact he had serious objections to the entities. The team of auditors

that wrote the incorrect memos amended them last fall with corrected versions that included Bass's objections.

Bass's own memos are scathing. Among his comments to his boss in Chicago about some of Enron's deals:

—"I do not know if he knows how much we cannot support this."

—"This whole deal looks like there is no substance."

—"They should realize no income on this" transaction. "It looks like they have parked the shares there."

According to the documents, Bass questioned the accounting for some of Enron's financial practices in 2000, when Enron wanted to show a \$50 million gain on a transaction with Blockbuster.

"Both you and I had expressed some concern about this deal," Bass recounted in an e-mail to his boss last year. "The client's proposed accounting nonetheless was sustained."

An attorney for David Duncan, the chief auditor on the Enron account in Andersen's Houston office, confirmed that Duncan passed along a complaint from Enron about Bass.

"Mr. Duncan was relaying a request from the client and the decision on how to proceed was made by Andersen management," said attorney Robert Giuffra. The handwritten notes say that Bass's removal was "not Duncan driven."

Bass's e-mails point to one of his detractors — Rick Causey, Enron's chief accounting officer, who was fired in February.

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### OGALLALA

two inches per year.

Most of the water from the aquifer goes for agriculture. About 85 percent of the water that is pumped from the Ogallala is used for irrigation, but Robert Clark of Miami and a director for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, is quick to point out that much of the water that goes to urban areas that rely on the Ogallala is used for such simple tasks as watering residential yards.

While Clark said he supports conservation of the water for its agricultural uses, urban areas need to be involved in water conservation as well.

Municipalities account for about 10 percent of the use of water drawn from the Ogallala Aquifer.

In Kansas, like the Texas Panhandle, irrigation accelerated following World War II. It reached its peak in 1975.

Hargrove said the steepest declines have been in western Kansas and on the Texas South Plains. Water in some areas along the eastern side of the aquifer, however, has actually increased.

The average decline in the aquifer has been about 10 feet, Hargrove said, but there are areas that have suffered declines of more than 40 feet and, in western Kansas, have seen average declines of more than 100 feet.

"Some areas of western Kansas," Hargrove said, "have already depleted the usable water for irrigation or have less than 20 years supply at current use rates."

A few areas of the state have better than a 100 years supply, but they tend to be along the eastern side of the aquifer where the rainfall is greater and the amount drawn down not so dramatic.

But Hargrove said that as the aquifer, or parts of it, are drawn down, the quality of the water that's left tends to worsen. There is a higher mineral content. At some point, he said, the cost of pumping water will be higher than the benefit of pulling it from the ground.

"We're going to have to stop pumping well before we run out of water," Hargrove said.

At that point, even though some water will remain, the aquifer will be effectively depleted.

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### POLICE

look at the classified advertising sections of some of the larger newspapers and you see many cities are doing the same thing."

Asked to pick one reason most officers leave the Pampa force, the chief said, "It's for other opportunities ... better economics." Also, those who are from outside Pampa "often want to move back home."

Morris said the Pampa department actually proves to be "a good training ground" for officers because "they answer such a wide range of calls every day." He said in many larger departments that's not the case because there is more specialization.

"We've been this way before," Morris said of the officer shortage, "... but we want to get these positions filled as soon as possible."

One bright spot regarding hiring is that all the cadets employed last year are still on the job and there are plans in the works for another cadet class, he said. The next day police academy class in Amarillo is set for October.

Under that program, recruits are hired and paid a salary to attend the academy, he said. Especially sought are would-be officers who have ties to Pampa and want to live in the community.

### Chemical plant fire sparks order to evacuate businesses

FORT WORTH (AP) — Several businesses were evacuated as a precaution Wednesday as firefighters battled a two-alarm chemical plant fire.

No injuries had been reported from the fire at the Crompton Corp. chemical plant, but up to five people complained of respiratory problems, said Lt. Kent Worley, a fire department spokesman. Initial reports that up to 40 people were being

treated for respiratory problems were not immediately confirmed.

The plant is located about a mile south of the Fort Worth Stockyards.

Worley said a cloud of naphthalene, sulfate was released into the air as a result of the fire. The chemical, used to assist absorption of other chemicals, is a nontoxic irritant, Worley said.

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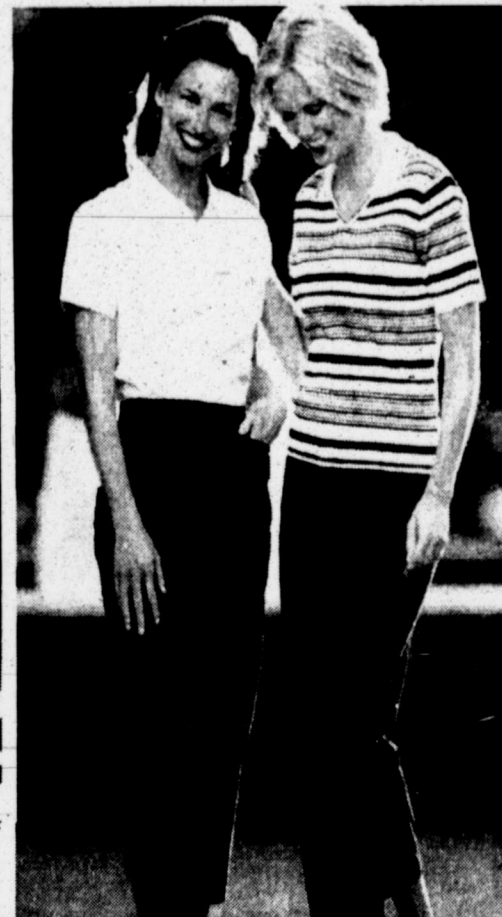
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## Moments that define your life

A book I'm studying right now asked me to list my life-defining moments.

My first thought wasn't of when I held my first child, when I was married, or any of the other occasions one thinks would be "life-defining."

Instead, my memory jumped into speed rewind to an afternoon in late 1972. I remember my heart racing and feeling faint when I heard my name called over the high school intercom system as one of the contestants of the "Miss MHS Darling" pageant.

My second thought was, "Oh no! I must really be a self-centered person if my life-defining moment centers on being voted to be in a beauty pageant."

In fact, it bothered me so much that I didn't finish that part of the study. Until now ...

Last week, my friend from Louisiana e-mailed me a website where I could see a photograph of her daughter who had just won her school's "Apache Princess" pageant.

Sure enough, when I called up the photo there stood a teary-eyed Megan in her stunning evening gown, clutching a bouquet of roses and surrounded by a bevy of equally lovely girls.

Like me, Megan's mother Cindy had also heard her named called as one of the contestants on my life-defining day almost 30 years ago.

Seeing her daughter's photograph dredged up long-forgotten memories of my two beauty pageant experiences, both of which happened my senior year in high school and included my dear friend.

When I lived in the South during the late 1960s and early '70s, I felt like women weren't encouraged to play sports or excel academically. Participating in a beauty



DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

pageant, however, seemed to be considered a laudable undertaking for young women.

Being voted by the student body to compete in the "Miss MHS Darling" pageant meant a lot to me. I admit. Like most teens, my self esteem depended on what I perceived others thought of me. In fact, that brief afternoon was probably the only time I felt pure happiness.

As I remember this feeling, a disturbing question stabs again. Am I that shallow?

Cindy and I went through all the rigmarole of the Miss MHS Darling pageant. We didn't win. We really didn't expect to win. But we had a good time.

After the pageant and a week of fasting, I went out and ate a great big steak dinner with my date/ friend/ and co-chair of the March of Dimes drive - Chuck. Chuck could drive a standard shift with his left hand while he put his right arm around you, an awesome feat, I thought.

Then I found out I had been selected by a women's club in town to compete for Miss Minden. Oh, my gosh! Miss MHS Darling was just a fun high school thing. This is serious beauty pageant business, a preliminary of the Miss Louisiana and Miss America.

Luckily, Cindy had been picked as a contestant, too. We decided early on that there could be no possible way we could win, but no matter - we were going to

have fun.

We were absolutely right. We didn't have what it takes to win - talent, brains, a mom that hires a pageant coach from Shreveport.

That sounds like sour grapes. It is, I confess. My mom chastised me for not smiling and barely applauding when the winner was announced. It wasn't that I was disappointed that I didn't win. I truly didn't expect to win. I just didn't think the girl who won deserved the crown as much as some of the other contestants.

Looking back three decades later, I know why participating in a beauty pageant defined my life.

By having to perform and speak in public, I developed self discipline and self confidence.

Somehow, I also discovered a new sense of power within myself. This is when I began to realize I was in control of my own destiny.

Back stage after Miss Minden, my mom exclaimed, "I was afraid you would win!"

That sounds terrible, so let me explain. Her fear stemmed from the fact that if I had won, it would present a huge set of problems to our family - both logistic and financial.

My dad had just been transferred back to Texas through his job. If I won, I would have to stay in Minden and prepare for the Miss Louisiana pageant that summer.

Most important, we didn't have the money to pay for all that would have been needed to compete at the state level.

No, I didn't do well enough to win, but it has always meant a lot to feel that someone important to me thought I had.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## How about a movie theater?

Summer is fast approaching and we have not heard any rumors pertaining to opening a movie theater in Pampa. Is anyone doing anything about this? It is most unfortunate that families have to drive over 50 miles to watch a movie, with a town of 18,000 plus the addition of area residents.

Darlene Birkes  
Pampa

## It's time we talked about rape

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed the month of April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas to increase public awareness about this important issue. While we frequently hear about sexual assaults in the news, we still like to think rape happens to other people in our communities.

It makes us feel better to blame the victim. If the victim, "asked for it" then we are safe. Rape cannot happen to us.

Rapist do not rape because the victim is dressed a certain way. Sexual predators choose victims who are vulnerable. That is why almost any woman or child is a potential victim. In fact, the majority of rapes are committed against minors and most rapes occur in a home, not in a dark alley, as we believe.

Every hour, approximately six women in Texas are raped. One in five women will be raped in her lifetime and one in four will experience an attempted rape.

Despite these staggering statistics, rape remains a silent crime in our community and throughout Texas. Rape isn't polite. We don't talk about rape. Because we doubt the validity of victims' experiences, rape is the least reported of all crimes. We all know someone who has been a victim of sexual assault, but we may not know it. Victims hide this secret because society blames them. They are afraid they will not be believed and supported.

That is why less than 15 percent of rapes are reported to authorities. And less than two percent of rapists actually serve time in prison.

The wounds of sexual assault are usually not apparent on the outside, but they can be profound emotional wounds. Life may never be the same for a sexual assault victim, whether the rapist was a stranger, date, acquaintance or family member. Thirteen percent of rape victims even attempt suicide.

Tralee Crisis Center sees not only the damage done to survivors, but to those who care about them. As a community, we are damaging ourselves by not talking about it. We continue to place our most vulnerable residents at risk by not supporting victims and not holding perpetrators accountable.

Let us pause and ask ourselves how we can work together to reduce sexual assault and respond to survivors of this violence in a way that enables them to heal and regain control of their lives.

We encourage you to join us this month in our efforts to reach out to survivors to take down their masks and share their secrets. And let us commit to face the reality that rape lives in our own backyards.

If anyone has questions about rape or sexual abuse, our hotline is answered 24 hours a day. Callers can remain anonymous. Our number is 669-1788 or (800) 658-2796.

Barbara Karins-Reed  
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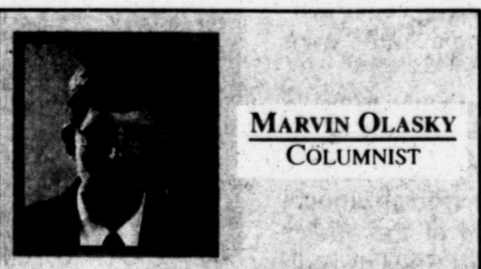
## No beating around for Bush

The Washington Post and other Beltway publications have recently remarked with awe about President Bush's penchant for plain-speaking. The amazement is palpable: Bush praises "Christ" by name and condemns "evil" without doing a song-and-dance about needing to "take into account root causes of terrorist acts." Awesome - or awful, depending on the politics of the observer.

Message to Beltway: This is how the best American leaders have talked. Their speech has been robust, direct and Bible-salted. We lost touch with that rich tradition during the talk-is-cheap Clinton years, but GWB has brought it all back in a way that would make predecessors like Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Ronald Reagan smile broadly (in TR's case, very broadly).

Go back 170 years to 1832, when Jackson vetoed a bill to recharter the influence-peddling, economy-centralizing Second Bank of the United States. He wrote, "In the full enjoyment of the gifts of Heaven and the fruit of superior industry, economy and virtue, every man is equally entitled to protection by law." Even when the U.S. Senate censured him, Jackson held firm in his Bible-based understanding - "I will not bow down to the golden calf" - and eventually won.

In the late 19th century, Cleveland fought both political and theological liberalism, maintaining that "the Bible is good enough for me" and that "criticism, or explanations about authorship or origin," was irrelevant. He also argued that aban-



MARVIN OLASKY  
COLUMNIST

donment of the gold standard would lead to inflation and injure "the laborer or workingman, as he sees the money he has received for his toil shrink and shrivel in his hand."

Early in the 20th century, Theodore Roosevelt gave speeches and published articles with explicit titles such as "The Eighth and Ninth Commandments in Politics." He described how any kind of economic preferment because of political ties threatens obedience to "the commandment which, in forbidding theft, certainly by implication forbids the connivance at theft, or the failure to punish it."

He insisted that government-mandated economic redistribution might be politically popular, but the leader who appealed to covetousness "is an enemy of the very people he professes to befriend. ... To break the Tenth Commandment is no more moral now than it has been for the past 30 centuries."

Cynical observers like British writer John Morley found distasteful Roosevelt's combination of whirlygig speaking style and scriptural quotations; he called Roosevelt a combination of "St. Paul and St. Vitus." But Roosevelt insisted on clear and concrete applications of biblical com-

mandments, and often noted: "The Eighth Commandment reads, 'Thou shall not steal.' It does not read, 'Thou shall not steal from the rich man.' It does not read, 'Thou shall not steal from the poor man.' It reads simply and plainly, 'Thou shall not steal.'"

Truman, of course, was plain speech personified, even threatening to punch in the face a music critic who assailed his daughter Margaret's singing. But his directness carried an important foreign policy punch. At a time when his predecessor as vice president, Henry Wallace, favored pandering to the Soviet Union's expansionist interests, Truman drew a line in both action and oratory, and prayed for the nation's safety.

Reagan was similar in his dealings with the evil empire. The moment that could have prolonged the Cold War came in 1986 at Reykjavik. Mikhail Gorbachev had publicly offered major reductions in offensive weapons, but at summit's end sprang a surprise: Reagan had to give up the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Reagan, seeing Gorbachev's attempt to mousetrap him, had enough faith in God's sovereignty to say simply: "The meeting is over. Let's go ... we're leaving."

The Soviet Union could not afford to match the U.S. SDI's efforts, and Soviet leaders soon had to give up their position and their power.

Reagan was perhaps the 20th century's best exemplar of the power of biblical confidence combined with plain but powerful speech. It's early, but President Bush is setting a good standard for the 21st century.

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# Gunmen seek refuge in church as Israel expands offensive

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Scores of Palestinian gunmen were hiding inside one of Christianity's holiest shrines — Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity — on Wednesday, seeking refuge from Israeli troops that invaded the city as part of an offensive aimed at crushing Palestinian militias in the West Bank.

Israeli forces expanded their campaign early Wednesday, taking over the Palestinian towns of Jenin and Salfit, and surrounding the Jenin refugee camp, a militant stronghold. Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships exchanged fire with hundreds of armed men in the camp. Three militiamen and a nurse were killed in the fighting, militia leaders said.

In Bethlehem, the bodies of four gunmen shot in a firefight Tuesday remained sprawled on a sidewalk near the Church of the Nativity, with rescue services unable to reach them because of constant shooting.

A tank was stationed at the edge of Manger Square, adjacent to the church, the army said. Bethlehem Mayor Hana Nasser said soldiers had occupied the municipal building overlooking the square and the church.

At the Church of the Nativity — built over the traditional birthplace of Jesus — priests were

forced to give refuge to Palestinian police and militiamen, who, according to witnesses, shot their way in on Tuesday after running battles with Israeli troops firing from helicopter gunships and from tank-mounted machine guns.

As Israeli soldiers encircled the church, the Palestinians rested in pews and on the stone floor, said Samir, a Palestinian policeman inside the church. "First of all, most of the guys have run out of bullets and secondly, we're completely surrounded," Samir said by telephone.

About 120 armed men were hiding in the church, said Marc Innaro, a correspondent for Italy's RAI-TV, who was trapped in the compound by the fighting, along with five colleagues. Ten of the gunmen were wounded, including one who was in critical condition, said the Palestinian governor of Bethlehem, Mohammed Madani.

Madani, who is in the church, said Wednesday he was trying to negotiate with Israeli officials, requesting medical assistance for the wounded and food for those inside the church. Madani said Israeli officials were not responding to the appeals.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the gunmen "abuse

churches and holy sites in Bethlehem as a refuge and as a place from which they can conduct their attacks on our forces."

Israeli forces have entered Bethlehem several times during the past 18 months of fighting, but they are under orders not to harm holy places, and they have kept their distance from the church.

The West Bank offensive — dubbed "Operation Protective Wall" — seeks to halt a wave of terror attacks against Israelis.

In Jenin, at least 30 tanks rumbled into the town from all sides, exchanging fire with Palestinians at the entrance of a refugee camp. Israeli forces took over several tall buildings that provided views into the camp.

Among the four Palestinians killed in the camp was a 27-year-old nurse and Ziad Amer, local leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group. "We will not surrender," Amer said in a phone interview just before his death. "We will fight until victory or death."

Tanks also took up positions in Salfit. The army said that there were exchanges of fire as troops moved into the town but neither side reported casualties.

In the West Bank commercial center of Ramallah, Arafat remained pinned down by Israeli troops and tanks, his compound now ringed by barbed wire.

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon proposed publicly for the first time that diplomats fly Arafat into exile. Sharon noted that such a move would require Cabinet approval, but Arafat swiftly rejected the offer, saying he would rather be a "martyr" than leave.

"Is it his (Sharon's) homeland or ours?" Arafat said in an interview Tuesday night with the Arab satellite TV station Al Jazeera.

Arafat also criticized Israel's Bethlehem incursion: "Today they attacked Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Can you imagine? They are striking the church of the Virgin Mary."

Israel TV on Tuesday showed footage of military chief Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz urging Sharon to expel Arafat.

During a joint visit to an army base in the West Bank, Mofaz was seen telling Sharon: "We should kick him out." Sharon — apparently unaware his comments were being recorded — replied, "I know." Mofaz continued: "This is an opportunity now that won't return."

## Vancouver man could be serial woman-killer

PORT COQUITLAM, British Columbia (AP) — An "inch-by-inch" search of a pig farm turned up evidence that brought three more first-degree murder charges against a man already charged with killing two of 50 women missing in the Vancouver area.

Robert Pickton, 52, now faces five counts of first-degree murder in the case that raised fears of a serial killer stalking Vancouver's east end, an area populated by prostitutes and drug addicts.

The new charges Tuesday named the victims as Jacqueline McDonnell, who disappeared in January 1999; Heather Bottomley, who went missing a year ago; and Diane Rock, who was last seen in October.

Police said the investigation of the farm outside Vancouver owned by Pickton and his siblings remains in its initial stage, and that hundreds of leads and suspects still must be checked out.

For the first time, though, police officials made clear that the combing of the 10-acre property 20 miles east of Vancouver was yielding results.

"I think we all realize we're there at the site, we're looking for certain things, and I can say we're finding certain things" that help the investigation, Vancouver Det. Scott Driemel told a news conference.

"We are going through the site on a slow, inch-by-inch process," he said. "As we uncover new evidence

that supports additional charges, there will be additional charges."

Pickton learned of the new charges shortly before a brief court appearance Tuesday on the two previous murder charges involving women who disappeared in the past year, said his lawyer, Peter Ritchie.

Appearing by video link from the jail where he is, being held, Pickton looked relaxed and spoke only once, responding "yes" when asked if he could hear what was happening. A slight, balding man with shoulder-length hair, he wore an orange prison-issue shirt and sat with his hands together in his lap.

Ritchie asked for further information about the new charges and also sought the government's assurance it would refrain from listening in on any discussions he has with Pickton.

"In cases like this, frank discussion between counsel and client are constitutionally protected and absolutely necessary," Ritchie said.

When prosecutor Michael Petrie responded he gave Ritchie those assurances outside the courtroom, Ritchie said that was insufficient. Petrie then said Ritchie had no reason to worry about electronic surveillance of his contacts with Pickton.

Another hearing in the case was scheduled for April 9.

Relatives of some of the missing women were angry that Pickton wasn't present at the hearing.

## Hong Kong vows tougher stance on migrants

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's security chief pledged Wednesday to get tough with some 4,300 mainland Chinese migrants who have refused orders to leave Hong Kong, and said almost half will be deported within weeks.

Security Secretary Regina Ip also warned migrants seek-

### Muslims burn in Philippines

AHMADABAD, India (AP) — Rampaging mobs set fire to homes, burning to death five members of a Muslim family in western India, where the worst religious rioting in a decade has killed 815 people over the past five weeks, police said Wednesday.

A Hindu mob burned three houses in Abhasana village, 50 miles south of Ahmadabad, Gujarat state's commercial hub, on Tuesday night. Two men, two women and a child from one family were killed and 42 other Muslims were hospitalized with burns, said Superintendent of Police Vikas Sahay.

Firefighters fought the blazes through the night, and the bodies were recovered Wednesday morning, Sahay said.

In Gujarat's Sabarkantha district, seven houses were set ablaze in the Vadali village Tuesday night. Five people were injured, said police, who did not immediately give the religion of the attackers and victims.

The new violence was reported a day before Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was to visit Gujarat, where the violence began Feb. 27 when a Muslim mob burned a train, killing 60 Hindus.

ing to get legal aid in a last-ditch bid to stay that it won't help them now that Hong Kong's highest court has sided with the government and said they can be kicked out.

"We've worked out an effective plan for removal," Ip said. "We'll be stepping up our removal actions."

Ip declined to elaborate on her new plan to remove about 2,000 migrants soon, besides to say that the removals over the coming weeks will occur in small batches.

The migrants were supposed to have left by Sunday but insist they will stay here with parents and siblings who have residency rights. Many of the migrants claiming residency were left behind on the mainland by their parents who came to find work in this affluent city years ago. The children came

later but were denied residency.

Hong Kong security officials have said they are already targeting some of the migrants for immediate removal when officials spot them on the streets — but no one has been forcibly sent home since the Sunday deadline passed.

Meanwhile, hundreds of migrants, relatives and supporters have been staging loud but peaceful protests daily.

On Wednesday, thousands of mainland Chinese migrants began trying to obtain legal aid — government assistance in hiring attorneys — saying they were ready for yet another fight with the government to stay.

But Ip said the legal fight was over. Hong Kong's highest court in January rejected the appeals of nearly 5,000 people trying to stay here with

parents who have residency. Several thousand more in similar circumstances were also told to go.

"These abode seekers can't expect to use endless litigation to extend their stay here," she said.

One of the people ready to keep fighting is Kao Ching-sheng, who wants residency rights for his 18-year-old daughter, Kao Lai-sha.

"I want to be compensated for suffering years of mental torture," Kao said in a downtown park where thousands of migrants have been holding daily rallies.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Good Student's Piercing Plea Falls On Deaf Parental Ears

DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in high school and the middle child. I get good grades, do the laundry, and usually don't complain when my parents ask me to do something. Overall, I'm a pretty good kid.

I asked my parents if I could get my tongue pierced if I could get my report card. They won't even consider it. My mom said she would never change her mind. Every time I talk about it, they change the subject and it's really annoying.

I just got my progress report back today and I got all A's. In English and math, I got 100. Most of my friends didn't get straight A's.

Don't you agree my parents are being unfair and unreasonable? My mom is scared of my being rebellious. My dad just thinks they look trashy. Abby, this is how I want to express myself. It is who I am, and I don't think my parents should prevent me. What should I do to convince them?

DEPRESSED IN DECATUR, GA.

DEAR DEPRESSED: Tongue piercing may seem like a terrific way to "express yourself," but it can lead to chipped teeth and a speech impediment, not to mention a nasty infection if you're unlucky. While your parents may seem excessively controlling, they have your best interests at heart. (They probably think you already have enough holes in your head.) Your intelligence is far above average. When you are 18 and out on your own, you can pierce

to your heart's content if you wish. I'm sure you can find a less radical way to express your inner self if you put your mind to it.

DEAR ABBY: How can you make friends understand that they should wait for an invitation before coming to visit? They also need to stay in a motel when they do come. We have friends who invite themselves once a year to spend about five nights in our home.

I have a serious medical condition and have undergone several operations. I make subtle hints about being in pain and not needing company, yet they never seem to understand that I am talking about them. Even though they often take us out to dinner and pick up the tab, I am not up to having them stay with us.

I hate to lose their friendship, but I cannot take another one of their visits. If I tell them they cannot stay, they are going to be very offended.

HURTING AND SOCIABLE IN FLORIDA

DEAR HURTING: The next time the visitors call to tell you they're coming, your husband should say: "Wonderful! We're looking forward to seeing you. Now give me your credit card number because I'm making motel reservations for you. My

wife's doctor has said she's not up to entertaining houseguests this year, but you're such good friends I know you'll understand."

Their response will tell you both how strong that friendship is from their perspective. I hope they don't cancel their annual visit, but don't feel guilty if they do.

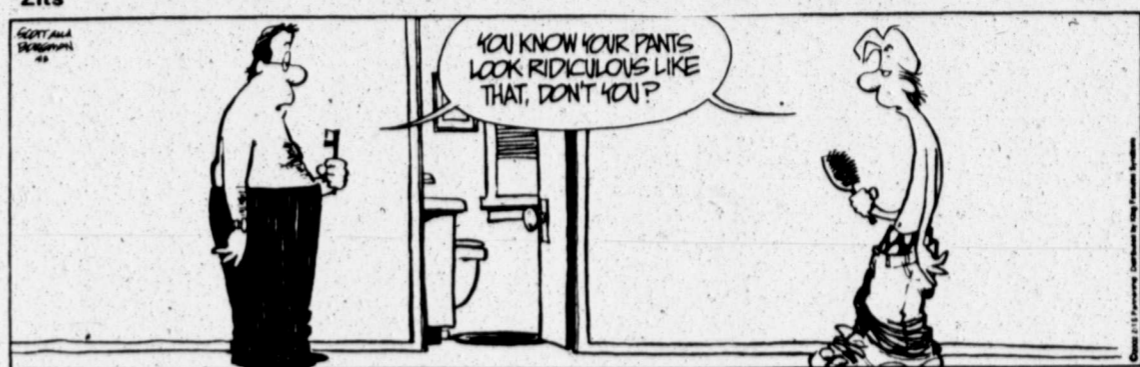
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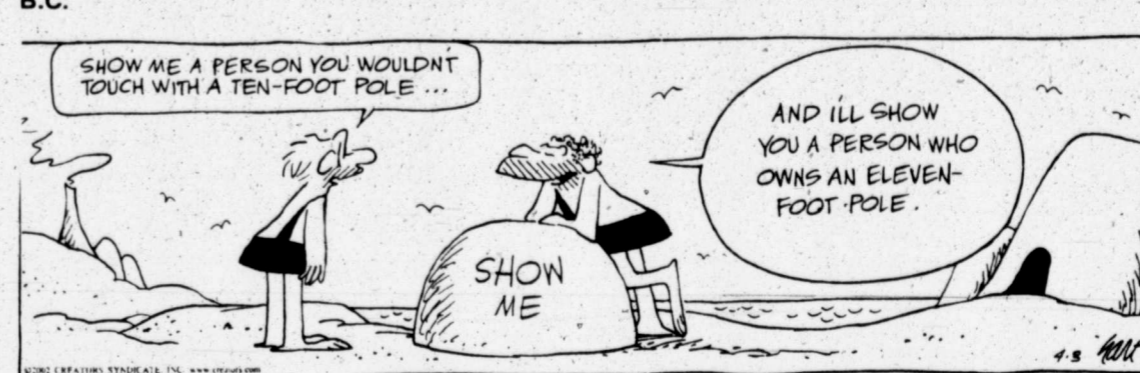
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### Crossword Puzzle

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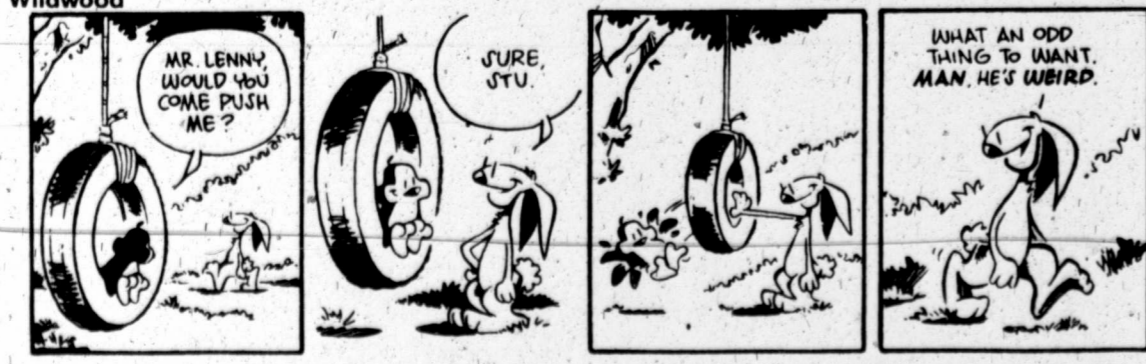
"Just because you're in the car doesn't mean it's going anywhere."

### The Family Circus



"Could somebody make a little room for my coffee on this coffee table?"

### Wildwood



### Blondie



## NOTE

### BASEBALL

PAMPA — outs in the baseball leagues are today through from 5:30 to 7 Park.

Tryout will be 9-10 league, Ca 12 league, 13-1 League in baseball for 11-1 leagues.

Registration ball and softball during the try

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Nicklaus al: from this week' Golf on the Seni

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# SPORTS

## Canyon posts 5-4 win over Pampa

PAMPA — Canyon held off Pampa in the seventh inning for a 5-4 win over the Harvesters here Tuesday afternoon.

Both teams had 3-1 District 3-4A records and were tied for second in the standings going into the game.

Canyon was leading 5-3 going into the bottom of the seventh when Pampa started a one-out rally. The Harvesters loaded the bases on consecutive singles by Wes Martin and Michael Galloway and a walk to Evan Miller. Adam Jones fielded the choice grounder scored Martin to pull Pampa within one. However, Canyon hurler Ben Weston got Kyle Francis on a flyball to end the inning.

Jones started on the mound and recorded 10 strikeouts in going the distance for the

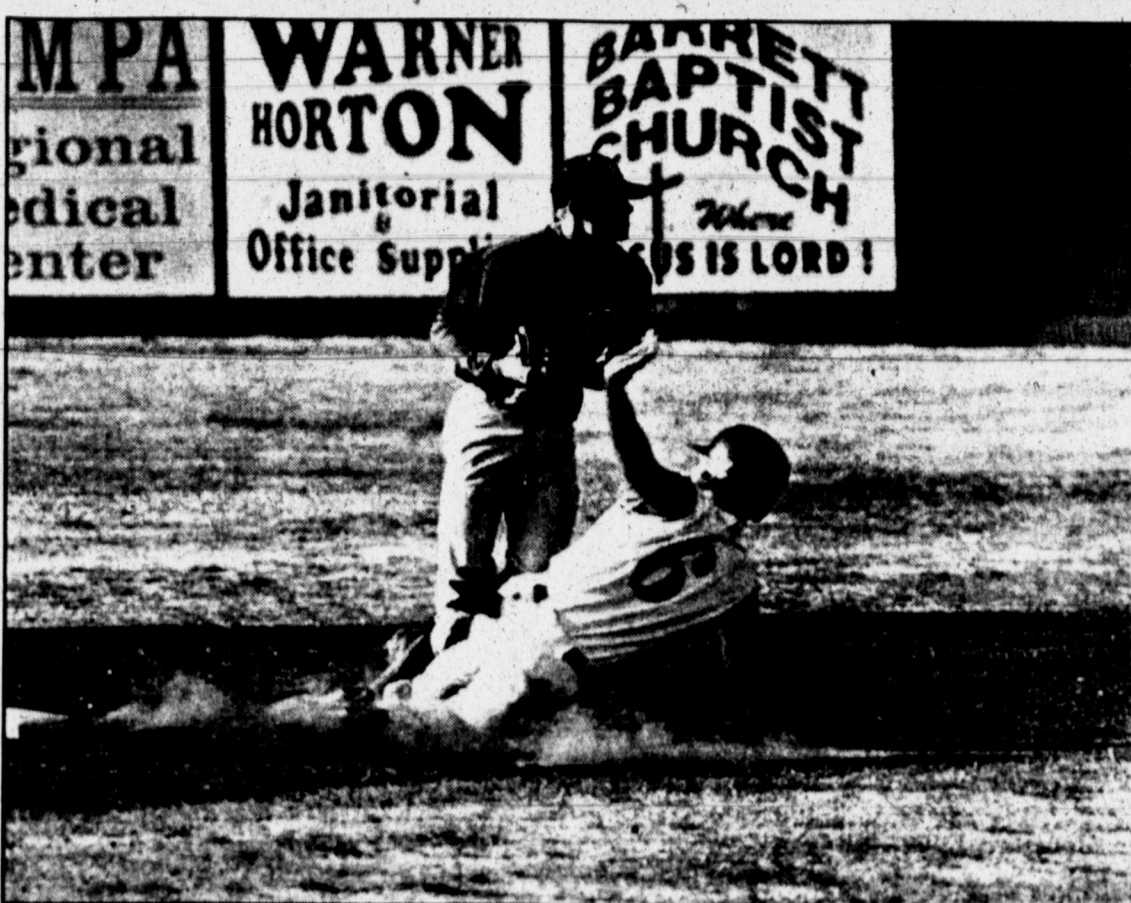
Harvesters. He walked seven and gave up seven hits.

Pampa jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Miller boosted his hitting streak to 16 games with a two-run single. Miller, Pampa's senior shortstop, was two for three at the plate. Galloway, Pampa's senior catcher, also had two hits in four at bat.

Canyon tied the score with runs in the third and fourth innings and went ahead in the fifth with a three-run outburst. Evan Parker and Kyle Haymes sparked the fifth with back-to-back doubles for the Eagles.

The Harvesters added a run in the sixth as Francis singled and came home on a throwing error after a base hit by Jered Snelgrooves.

The Harvesters travel to Randall for more district action at 4:30 p.m. Friday.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Wes Martin (6) breaks up a double play bid by the Canyon second baseman in yesterday's District 3-4A game.

NOTEBOOK

### BASEBALL

PAMPA — Optimist tryouts in the baseball and softball leagues are scheduled today through Thursday from 5:30 to 7 at Optimist Park.

Tryout will be held in the 9-10 league, Cal Ripken 11-12 league, 13-15 Babe Ruth League in baseball and girls softball for 11-12 and 13-15 leagues.

Registration in both baseball and softball will continue during the tryouts.

Players who will be on the same Optimist team from last year won't have to try out. Players in other leagues will be assigned to a team using a blind draft.

Players should bring tennis shoes, a glove and a light jacket to the tryouts.

### GOLF

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew from the Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed the Masters. He also skipped in 1999 when he was recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While the 62-year-old Golden Bear has expressed concerns about competing against players half his age on an Augusta National course that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week's Legends of Golf on the Senior PGA Tour.

### BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Francis scored 32 points and Houston's reserves played a major role in a rally for a 100-98 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

The Rockets overcame a triple-double by Seattle guard Gary Payton, who finished with 25 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

The SuperSonics, who led by as many as 13 in the third quarter, were ahead 84-74 with 9:51 to play and the Rockets' backups did not have a point.

But four points each from Mookie Norris and Terence Morris helped fuel a 17-4 run for a 91-88 lead with four minutes to play. In all, the Rockets' reserves contributed 15 of the team's last 23 points.

Cuttino Mobley hit a free throw with 1:13 to play for a 95-92 lead after Payton kicked the ball high into the stands, drawing a technical foul.

Norris made two free throws with 24 seconds to go and two more with 18 seconds remaining to give Houston a 99-94 lead. Morris hit a free throw with 5 seconds left for the Rockets' final point.

Payton scored 25 points and Desmond Mason added 20 as Seattle ended a four-game winning streak.

## Lady Harvesters shock Borger, 4-1

PAMPA — Borger's Lady Bulldogs had run-ruled all six of its District 3-4A opponents going into Tuesday's softball game against the Pampa Lady Harvesters. But this time Pampa ruled the runs at Optimist Park, coming away with a 4-1 victory.

"It was a huge win for us. This was probably the biggest game we've won all year. We played the best team in the panhandle and beat them," said Pampa coach Rod Porter.

Pampa pitcher Stephanie Clark had the Borger hitters off-balance all afternoon, giving up seven hits while striking out eight and walking one in seven innings.

"Stephanie did an unbelievable job," coach Porter said. "I can't say enough about her. Our philosophy was to make them hit her pitches and that's just exactly what happened."

Clark improved her record to 8-9 for the season.

Pampa plated three of its four runs in the first inning. Cali Covalt walked, Abbi Covalt singled and Clark walked to load the bases. Cali Covalt scored on a passed ball and Abbi Covalt crossed home on a single by Ashley Derington. Stacey Johnson dou-

bled home pinch runner Teryn Garner to make the score 3-0.

The Lady Harvesters added another run in the sixth inning. April Amador walked, while Johnson and Jenny Rogers followed with singles to load the bases.

A walk to Cali Covalt brought home Amador to make the score 4-0.

"We left the bases loaded and I was afraid that might come back to haunt us," Porter added.

Borger tried to rally and plated its only run in the seventh. Clark yielded back-to-back singles, but struck out three Borger hitters to complete the upset. Clark struck out McClendon, Borger's leading hitter, for the third out.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 in district play and winners of their last three games. Borger is 6-1 in district.

"Our challenge right now is to keep building on what we've done and keep getting better. We want to give it our best effort every game," Porter added.

Pampa also won the junior varsity game by an 11-10 score with Dusti Wilson getting the win in relief.

## Astros drop baseball opener

HOUSTON (AP) — Ben Sheets had an entire off-season of frustration working behind his 97 mph fastball.

Sheets had a career-high eight strikeouts, and Richie Sexson, Tyler Houston and Jose Hernandez drove in two runs each Tuesday to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a season-opening 9-3 win over the Houston Astros.

Sheets became one of only five major league rookies since 1980 to get 10 victories by the All-Star break in 2001. He finished the season 11-10 and he was determined to prove himself this season.

"Last year left a bad taste in my mouth," Sheets said. "Then, things went sour and I got injured. But good things come to people that work hard and I have worked hard so maybe I can benefit from it."

"When I'm right, I go at it from the beginning. I felt great and I felt strong."

Manager Davey Lopes knew his pitcher was ready to go, but was surprised at his early power.

"Ben was overpowering," Lopes said. "His fastball was clocked at 97. He came out firing in the first inning. He was pumped tonight. It usually takes him three or four innings to get going. Tonight, he was throwing, 94, 95, 96

in the first inning."

Sheets got plenty of offense support with 12 hits off Wade Miller, who beat the Brewers seven straight times.

"There were opening day jitters but our guys came out and banged them early," Sheets said. "I'm pleased with the way things went. I went six innings and I still felt strong. I didn't want to burn up the bullpen in the first week."

Miller left in the fifth after consecutive homers by Sexson and Geoff Jenkins. Alex Ochoa also homered for the Brewers, in the eighth off Scott Linebrink.

"If we can keep doing this we'll be tough," Jenkins said. "Everybody was amped up because it was opening day. We got some early runs and that helped Ben. He controlled the tempo of the game. Ben is just going to get better."

Miller made his first opening day start and manager Jimmy Williams thought that might have been a factor in his performance.

"I think Wade's adrenaline was pretty heavy," Williams said. "His breaking ball was getting away from him. I think that was just the excitement of opening day."

Sheets allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings

and walked none. Last April 5, Sheets lost to Houston in his major league debut.

Miller allowed three or fewer earned runs in 23 of his 32 starts last season but he equaled that in the first. He hit the first two batters, threw a wild pitch, gave up a one-out RBI single to Sexson and a two-run double to Houston.

"I think I was anxious and not really calm," Miller said. "I hope this isn't an ongoing thing with people saying, 'Oh, God, he pitched opening day and he didn't do well.' I think it's just one of those things."

Adam Everett, an Olympic teammate of Sheets, hit an RBI single in the second, but Hernandez hit a two-run double in the third to make it 5-1. Miller allowed seven runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

A sellout crowd of 42,262 attended the game at newly named Astros Field.

Following the collapse of Enron Corp., owner Drayton McLane bought back naming rights to their ballpark from the bankrupt energy company.

The downtown stadium was known as Enron Field during its first two seasons, but it is Astros Field now — until the team finalizes a new naming rights deal.

## Groom girls, Miami boys win Warrior meet

MIAMI — Krisanne Davis won three events to help lead Groom to the team title in the girls division at the Miami Warrior Track Meet.

Davis won the triple jump, 100 hurdles and long jump as the Tigercettes scored 153 points. Second-place Miami had 89 points.

Miami fought off Groom to win the boys division.

Zach McDowell won both the discus and shot put for the Warriors. Teammate Jeffrey Browning was victorious in both the 3200 and 1600.

### Miami Warrior Track Meet Girls

Team standings: 1. Groom, 153; 2. Miami, 89; 3. Hedley, 85; 4. Happy, 80; 5. Follett, 40; 6. Lefors, 36. Discus: 1. Noack, Groom, 90-8; 2. Howard, Hedley, 84-4; 3. Kilcrease, Miami, 77-9. High jump: 1. Williams, Happy, 4-0; 2. Bohr, Groom, 4-8; 3. Pool, Higgins, 4-6. Long jump: 1. Davis, Groom, 16-7; 2. Cates, Follett, 15-5; 3. Daugherty, Lefors, 15-25. Triple jump: 1. Davis, Groom, 43-1 1/4; 2. Davenport,

Miami, 33-1; 3. Spradling, Happy, 32-7. Shot put: 1. Howard, Hedley, 33-3 3/4; 2. Cates, Follett, 31-1; 3. James, Miami, 30-9 1/2.

3200: 1. Crowell, Groom, 15:4.25; 2. Wells, Follett, 14:34.28; 3. Schroeder, Miami, 16:44.16. 400 relay: 1. Groom, 54.23; 2. Happy, 56.10; 3. Hedley, 58.76.

800: 1. Adkins, Happy, 2:42.76; 2. Barnett, Groom, 2:42.79; 3. Spradling, Happy, 2:46.69. 100 hurdles: 1. Davis, Groom, 18.01; 2. Hutchison, Miami, 18.27; 3. Bennett, Hedley, 14.83.

100: 1. Davenport, Miami, 13.94; 2. Cenicerros, Lefors, 14.62; 3. Bennett, Hedley, 14.83. 800 relay: 1. Groom, 15:5.84; 2. Happy, 20:1.27; 3. Hedley, 20:4.88.

400: 1. Miami, Cox, 67.42; 2. Britten, Groom, 68.14; 3. Myers, Adrian, 69.59. Pole vault: 1. Cenicerros, 6-6. 300 hurdles: 1. Hill, Hedley, 53.90; 2. Poole, Higgins, 54.65; 3. Hutchinson, Miami, 55-84.

200: 1. Davenport, Miami, 29.30; 2. Cenicerros, Lefors, 29.99; 3. Cox, Miami, 30.16. 1200: 1. Shannon, Channing, 6:18.38; 2. Rodriguez, Follett, 6:24.97; 3. Spradling, Happy, 6:38.21.

1600 relay: 1. Groom, 4:36.51; 2. Hedley, 4:56.69; 3. McLean, 50:3.13.

### Boys

Team standings: 1. Miami 119; 2. Groom 93; 3. Hedley 87; 4. Happy 73; 5. Lefors 69; 6. Follett 32.

800: 1. Irlbeck, Happy, 2:20.98; 2. Kale, Hedley, 2:21.35; 3. Pavlovsky, Groom, 2:23.50. 100 hurdles: 1. James, Miami, 17.76; 2. Davenport, Miami, 18.50; 3. Vaughn, Lefors, 19.14.

100: 1. Barth, Follett, 11.79; 2. G. Britten, Groom, 12.13; 3. C. Britten, Groom, 12.50. 400: 1. Ramos, Hollis, 56.38; 2. Horn, Fort Elliott, 57.50; 3. Kale, Hedley, 58.26.

300 hurdles: 1. Vaughn, Lefors, 43.91; 2. James, Miami, 44.80; 3. Davenport, Miami, 44.80. 200: 1. Barth, Follett, 24.21; 2. G. Britten, Groom, 24.37; 3. C.

Britten, Groom, 25.11. 1600: 1. Browning, Miami, 5:06.03; 2. Alvarez, Channing, 5:11.96; 3. Pavlovsky, Groom, 5:37.81.

100 relay: 1. Lefors, 3:47.53; 2. Happy, 3:52.48; 3. Hedley, 3:56.53. Discus: 1. McDowell, Miami, 128-2; 2. Todd, Hedley, 122-7; 3. Davis, Happy, 116-10.

High jump: 1. Bugg, Hedley, 6-0; 2. Davenport, Miami, 6-0; 3. James, Miami, 5-10. Long jump: 1. Parish, Happy, 20-1; 2. Bugg, Hedley, 19-5 1/4; 3. Collins, Hedley, 19-5.

Pole vault: 1. Jackson, Lefors, 11-0; 2. Bivins, Groom, 10-0; 3. Bryant, Fort Elliott, 9-6. Shot put: 1. McDowell, Miami, 45-0; 2. Knowles, Hedley, 40-8 1/2; 3. Manley, Miami, 39-11 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Davis, Happy, 41-8 1/2; 2. Alvarez, Channing, 38-7; 3. James, Miami, 38-0.

3200: 1. Browning, Miami, 11:13.44; 2. Weingartner, Follett, 13:03.24; 3. Hale, Miami, 13:15.18. 400 relay: 1. Groom, 47.07; 2. Happy, 47.18; 3. Fort Elliott, 48.58.

### Track

#### Pampa Middle School Girls Track

#### At Borger Meet

##### 8th Grade

800 relay: 3. Robin Bell, Mariza Scott, Callie Cobb and Amy Youree. Long jump: 6. Amy Youree. 1600 relay: 5. Alexa Silva, Jackie Gerber, Autumn Darden and Krissie Alexander.

Shot put: 5. Adena Dallas. 400 relay: 3. Monica Johnson, Mariza Scott, Callie Cobb and Amy Youree.

Triple jump: 4. Amy Youree. High jump: 1. Kaysha Lee; 4. Jackie Gerber. Discus: 1. Whitney Wichert.

100 hurdles: 2. Nicole Fernui; 5. Jordan Abbracht. 100: 1. Amy Youree; 2. Callie Cobb.

##### 7th Grade

400 relay: 2. Shandale Young, Cassidy Tice, Megan Crain and Logan Winkleman.

Long jump: 1. Logan Winkleman, 15-2; 5. Shandale Young, 15-7.

Shot put: 1. Cassidy Tice, 34-8; 5. McKinsie East, 29-4 1/2. High jump: 1. Logan Winkleman, 4-04.

800 relay: 4. Shandale Young, Cassidy Tice, Megan Crain and Logan Winkleman. Discus: 3. Cassidy Tice, 64-03; 6. Candice Dildy, 61-10.

400: 3. Kelsie Wyatt. 300 hurdles: 4. Britanni Rice.

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(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Hunter Craig, third-baseman for Pampa Green, gets set to put the tag on a Canyon runner in junior varsity action Monday. The runner was out at third after an outfield throw to the shortstop, who then threw to Craig to get the runner.

## Pampa Green wins JV tilt

PAMPA — Pampa Green defeated Canyon 11-4 in a junior varsity baseball game Monday.

Pampa finished the contest with 13 hits. The Green team was led at the plate by Hunter Craig, who collected three hits. Johnny Moore, Derrick Lewis and Seth Foster each had two hits. Jed Martin, Nick Story, Ryan Barnes and Matt Robben each had one hit.

Craig started on the mound for Pampa Green and went four innings, giving up five hits while striking out four and walking one.

Story and Moore also saw action on the mound. Story pitched two-thirds of an inning and didn't allow a hit while striking out one and walking three. Moore pitched two and one-third innings, giving up one hit while striking out three and walking two. Canyon had six hits with

three coming from Dougherty, their leadoff batter.

"We played very hard, but made some mistakes that hurt us. We hit the ball great," said Pampa coach Troy Owens. "We had 17 baserunners and got 11

## A's slip by Rangers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — With a Giambi-like swing of the bat, Carlos Pena solidified his early season status as heir apparent to Oakland's departed star.

Pena hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning Tuesday night, giving the Athletics a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"I really don't think much about replacing Jason Giambi, because he is awesome," Pena said. "You can't replace him."

In other AL games, Seattle beat Chicago 7-4, Anaheim defeated Cleveland 7-5 and

of those in."

Pampa Green's record is 8-4 and they play Friday at River Road. Next home games are 3 p.m. April 6 vs. Berger and April 8 at 4:30 p.m. vs. Palo Duro.

Tampa Bay topped Detroit 9-5. Pena, acquired from the Rangers in an off-season trade, sent a 1-1 pitch from Dan Miceli (0-1) over the American flag on the right-center fence at the 388-foot marker.

Giambi, a lefty who left the A's to take a seven-year, \$120 million deal with the New York Yankees, also used to favor that side of the field.

Afterward, Pena — who has also taken over Giambi's post at first base — was sprayed with shaving cream by A's teammate Eric Chavez.

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#### Monday's Games

- Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 2
- N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 2
- Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 4
- Arizona 2, San Diego 0
- St. Louis 10, Colorado 2

#### Tuesday's Games

- San Francisco 9, Los Angeles 2
- Milwaukee 9, Houston 3
- Montreal 7, Florida 6
- Arizona 9, San Diego 0

- Wednesday's Games
- Pittsburgh (Wells 10-11) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 11-13), 1:10 p.m.
- Florida (Burnett 11-12) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-14), 7:05 p.m.
- Philadelphia (Padilla 3-1) at Atlanta (Millwood 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
- Chicago Cubs (Wood 12-6) at Cincinnati (Dessens 10-14), 7:10 p.m.
- Milwaukee (Quevedo 4-5) at Houston (Oswalt 14-3), 8:05 p.m.
- Colorado (Neagle 9-8) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
- San Diego (Lawrence 5-5) at Arizona (Anderson 4-9), 8:35 p.m.
- San Francisco (Ortiz 17-9) at Los Angeles (Nomo 13-10), 10:10 p.m.
- Thursday's Games
- Pittsburgh (Anderson 9-17) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 9-8), 1:10 p.m.
- Colorado (Thomson 4-5) at St. Louis (Benes 7-7), 1:10 p.m.
- Milwaukee (J. Wright 11-12) at Houston (Reynolds 14-11), 4:05 p.m.
- Florida (Penny 10-10) at Montreal (Pavano 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
- Chicago Cubs (Cruz 3-1) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
- Philadelphia (Adams 12-8) at Atlanta (Marquis 5-6), 7:35 p.m.
- San Francisco (Jensen 1-2) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-8), 10:10 p.m.

### BASEBALL

#### National League

By The Associated Press	
All Times EST	
Atlantic Division	
x-New Jersey	47 27 635 —
Boston	43 32 573 4 1/2
Orlando	40 33 548 6 1/2
Philadelphia 38	35 521 8 1/2
Washington	34 40 459 13
Miami	32 41 438 14 1/2
New York	28 45 384 18 1/2
Central Division	
x-Detroit	45 29 608 —
Charlotte	38 35 521 6 1/2
Milwaukee	38 35 521 6 1/2
Indiana	36 37 493 8 1/2
Toronto	35 38 479 9 1/2
Atlanta	30 44 405 15
Cleveland	26 48 351 19
Chicago	17 56 233 27 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Midwest Division	
x-Dallas	51 22 699 —
x-San Antonio	49 24 671 2
Minnesota	45 28 616 6
Utah	41 32 562 10
Houston	27 46 370 24
Denver	22 50 306 28 1/2
Memphis	19 54 260 32
Pacific Division	
x-Sacramento	54 19 740 —
x-L.A. Lakers	53 21 716 1 1/2
Portland	44 29 603 10
Seattle	43 32 573 12
L.A. Clippers	37 37 500 17 1/2
Phoenix	34 40 459 20 1/2
Golden State	18 55 247 36

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss. x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched conference

#### Monday's Games

- Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 1
- N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 2
- Toronto 5, Detroit 4, OT
- N.Y. Rangers 6, Tampa Bay 4
- Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 0
- Dallas 3, Columbus 1
- Phoenix 5, St. Louis 3
- Colorado 5, Nashville 1

#### Tuesday's Games

- Ottawa 4, Carolina 3
- Boston 4, Philadelphia 2
- Edmonton 2, Minnesota 1, OT
- Calgary 4, Atlanta 2
- Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 4, tie
- San Jose 3, Anaheim 1

#### Wednesday's Games

- Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
- New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
- N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 8 p.m.
- St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.
- Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
- Atlanta at Colorado, 9 p.m.
- Detroit at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
- Thursday's Games
- N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
- Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
- Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
- N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
- Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.
- Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
- Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball Association

### BASEBALL

#### American League

By The Associated Press	
All Times EST	
East Division	
Baltimore	1 0 1.000 —
Tampa Bay	1 0 1.000 —
Toronto	1 0 1.000 —
Boston	0 1 0.000 1
New York	0 1 0.000 1
Central Division	
Minnesota	1 0 1.000 —
Chicago	1 1 1.500 1/2
Cleveland	1 1 1.500 1/2
Detroit	0 1 0.000 1
Kansas City	0 1 0.000 1
West Division	
Oakland	2 0 1.000 —
Anaheim	1 1 1.500 1
Seattle	1 1 1.500 1
Texas	0 2 0.000 2

#### Monday's Games

- Toronto 12, Boston 11
- Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 3
- Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6
- Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 5
- Oakland 8, Texas 3

#### Tuesday's Games

- Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 5
- Oakland 3, Texas 2
- Anaheim 7, Cleveland 5
- Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 4

- Wednesday's Games
- Toronto (Prokopec 8-7) at Boston (Hermanson 14-13), 6:05 p.m.
- N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 5-7) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-12), 7:05 p.m.
- Detroit (Sparks 14-9) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 8-9), 7:15 p.m.
- Minnesota (Milton 15-7) at Kansas City (Reichert 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
- Texas (Burba 10-10) at Oakland (Zito 17-8), 10:05 p.m.
- Cleveland (Finley 8-7) at Anaheim (Sele 15-5), 10:05 p.m.
- Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-3) at Seattle (Abbott 17-4), 10:05 p.m.
- Thursday's Games
- Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.
- Texas at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
- Minnesota at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
- N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

### HOCKEY

#### National Hockey League

By The Associated Press	
All Times EST	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division	
x-Philadelphia	40 24 9 3 92 223 179
N.Y. Islanders	37 27 7 4 85 219 208
New Jersey	35 28 9 4 83 186 177
N.Y. Rangers	33 36 4 4 74 211 241
Pittsburgh	28 35 7 5 68 184 220
Northeast Division	
x-Boston	42 22 5 7 96 220 183
x-Toronto	39 24 9 4 91 224 194
x-Ottawa	38 24 8 7 91 233 196
Montreal	32 29 12 3 79 191 195
Buffalo	32 34 9 1 74 196 188
Southeast Division	
Carolina	32 25 14 5 83 203 207
Washington	33 32 10 1 77 211 228
Tampa Bay	25 36 10 4 64 162 197
Florida	21 42 7 5 54 163 229
Atlanta	19 45 8 4 50 175 267
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Central Division	
y-Detroit	51 14 8 3 113 239 166
Chicago	39 23 12 1 91 204 188
St. Louis	37 26 8 4 86 203 174

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#### National League

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All Times EST	
Atlantic Division	
x-Dallas	51 22 699 —
x-San Antonio	49 24 671 2
Minnesota	45 28 616 6
Utah	41 32 562 10
Houston	27 46 370 24
Denver	22 50 306 28 1/2
Memphis	19 54 260 32
Pacific Division	
x-Sacramento	54 19 740 —
x-L.A. Lakers	53 21 716 1 1/2
Portland	44 29 603 10
Seattle	43 32 573 12
L.A. Clippers	37 37 500 17 1/2
Phoenix	34 40 459 20 1/2
Golden State	18 55 247 36

#### Monday's Games

- No games scheduled
- Tuesday's Games
- Cleveland 101, Phoenix 96
- Boston 105, Indiana 94
- Atlanta 100, Milwaukee 92
- Detroit 90, Miami 87
- Sacramento 107, Memphis 93
- L.A. Lakers 113, Washington 83
- New York 91, Charlotte 85
- Houston 100, Seattle 98
- Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
- Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
- Wednesday's Games
- Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
- Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
- Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
- Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
- Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
- Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
- L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
- Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
- L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
- Thursday's Games
- Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
- Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
- L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
- San Antonio at Houston, 9 p.m.
- Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
- New York at Portland, 10 p.m.

#### TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL
- NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
- CINCINNATI REDS—Assigned OF Robin Jennings outright to Louisville of the International League.
- LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed C Todd Greene, INF Felix Martinez and OF Scott Pose to minor league contracts.
- BASKETBALL
- NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
- DALLAS MAVERICKS—Placed F Johnny Newman on the injured list. Activated C Evan Eschmeyer from the injured list.
- ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed G Jaren Jackson to a 10-day contract. Placed F Jud Buechler on the injured list.
- FOOTBALL
- NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
- CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with FB Daimon Shelton on a two-year contract.
- DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed G Kerlin Blaise and DT Travis Kirschke. Agreed to terms with S Corey Harris.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DEBT IS LIKE ANY OTHER TRAP, EASY ENOUGH TO GET INTO, BUT HARD ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF. — H.W. SHAW

## UT's Ford is assists champ

AUSTIN (AP) — T.J. Ford's team may have come up short in the NCAA tournament, but he managed to win a national title of his own.

The Texas point guard officially became the first freshman to lead the nation in assists since the NCAA began keeping the statistic in 1983.

"It wasn't that important to me during the season because we were just trying to win games," Ford told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions. "But it became important once the season was over because it's a historical thing, and I always want to be part of history."



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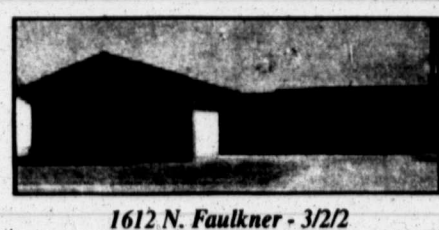


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**Horoscope**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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) \*\*\*\*\* Stay on top of issues rather than getting involved with a problem. Someone might challenge you to become involved in an issue. Say "no," and keep your focus. Be a good manager by maintaining an overview. Touch base with an older relative. Tonight: A business dinner or meeting.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You could be irritated by another's pettiness. Recognize what is going on with a child or loved one rather than becoming triggered. Understanding comes with detachment. Realize that you cannot push someone. Tonight: Burn a CD.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* A key associate or loved one might buck present trends. Are you surprised? Steer clear, understanding more of what you want and expect. You might have to juggle feelings if you want to keep the peace. Think long term, and you'll know which way to go. Tonight: Follow a close friend or loved one's lead.

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# Business group to discuss how to use consumer databases to nab terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top financial companies are working to figure out how to use public and private consumer databases to catch possible terrorists and whether the information banks are up to the task.

The group, holding its first organizational meeting Wednesday, will explore how to use credit reports, marketing databases and other information for domestic security.

"We have to think about how to use information to create profiles about what a bad guy might look like," said Marty Abrams of the Center for Information Policy Leadership at the Atlanta law firm Hunton & Williams.

Representatives of the credit card companies American Express and Visa, investment firms JP Morgan and Fidelity Investments and lender CapitalOne were expected to participate.

Abrams said the consortium was started to combat identity theft but became interested in using the vast amounts of consumer data held by the nation's financial companies to benefit the nation's domestic security.

Information in such consumer databases includes whether an American is a homeowner, has a job, owns a car and subscribes to certain magazines.

The group will not push for particular laws, Abrams said Tuesday, and focuses instead on helping companies agree how best to use data. He wouldn't rule out the idea that companies would lobby on their own.

"This is business folks coming together to talk about how we think about these issues," Abrams said. "If companies go off and do advocacy based on what they learn here, that's how business works."

Abrams said the group will try to figure out how their information can be used in a way that is both reliable and respectful of privacy, then take their findings to government officials in about six months.

While laws such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act govern how much of the information can be used, anti-terrorism laws and other recent legislation is shifting the debate to whether personal information can be used to help thwart attacks.

Privacy advocates question whether consumer databases would be useful.

"The history is that large data aggregation and integration is not done well," said Larry Ponemon of the Privacy Council, a company that counsels companies on protecting privacy.

"If it's used for anything but sending you a catalog, we may not be able to do the things we want to do," he said. Ponemon's firm is part of the Authentication Program group.

James X. Dempsey of the Center for Democracy and Technology said the inaccuracies in marketing data and the small number of terrorists

make the reliability of profiling very limited.

A person who has no house, car or credit history and switches jobs often might raise a red flag, Dempsey said, but more scrutiny would be necessary. The idea needs care, he said.

"I certainly hope that it's not being oversold, or over-bought," he said.

## Former principal serving life sentence ordained as a priest

SANTA ROSA, N.M. (AP) — A former principal serving a life sentence for killing his school superintendent has taken his vows to join the priesthood of a liberal Catholic church.

Osman Charles Fero, 60, was ordained a priest of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, which is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed Tuesday at a chapel in the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility, where Fero is serving his sentence.

"Every ordination is special for a priest, but to do this here and under these conditions — him being in prison — is special," Archbishop Richard Gundry said before the ceremony. Gundry, whose diocese covers much of the Southwest, said he had no doubts about ordaining Fero and encouraging his ministry behind bars.

Fero, who is married, joins 68 other clergy ordained by the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch nationwide — although he is the only one in prison.

Fero will conduct masses and baptisms, distribute communion, hear confession and provide informal spiritual counseling.

Fero was ordained a deacon in August 2001, after completing seminary studies through correspondence courses. He has since been assisting the Rev. Dennis Bryan, the prison chaplain, with communion and other services.

Deputy Warden Tim Hatch said the prison tries to provide all the needed religious and mental health services to the inmates, but that model inmates like Fero also have an impact.

"It's good to have mentors out there — inmates that other inmates can look to," he said.

Fero is confident, his becoming a priest will help others.

"If it can happen in prison and men can be forgiven and be loved and change, then there is no reason the rest of society can't love and be changed," Fero said.

In 1985, Fero, a well-liked high school principal, shot his superintendent, Paul Hanson, at a job evaluation during which he was asked to resign. A jury sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Fero is not eligible for parole and he said his ministry is not focused on his own release, but rather the forgiveness and peace of faith.

# New disease stalks Colorado's deer

CRAIG, Colo. (AP) — State wildlife officials killed 150 deer in northwestern Colorado this week and plan to kill at least 150 more to determine whether a fatal brain disease is spreading.

Chronic wasting disease, which causes animals to grow thin as it destroys their brains, has been confirmed in two deer on a ranch about 200 miles northwest of Denver. A third deer was tested but found not to be infected.

The cases were the first found in wild deer west of the Continental Divide. To the east, the contagious disease has infected elk and deer in parts of the Great Plains and Rockies over the past decade.

Chronic wasting disease is related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease. It is not known to spread from deer and elk to cattle or people, but scientists say that cannot

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be ruled out. Since no reliable method exists to detect the disease in live animals, the Colorado Division of Wildlife must kill the deer to test them.

Ranchers in the valley, most of whom charge elk hunters to hunt on their land in the fall, watched the operation with regret but understanding.

"If (chronic wasting disease) gets away from them, it'll put a lot of people out of business," said rancher Bruce Seeley, 62.

## Altrusa gearing up for style show

Plans are currently under way for Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa's Ninth Annual Style Show and brunch slated at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The theme for this year's event — the 100th anniversary of Gray County — will be reflected in the decorations and the menu for the brunch.

Models will show-off outfits from local stores including Bealls, Dunlaps, Images, V.J.'s Fashions, Wayne's Western Wear, Kid's Stuff and Wal-Mart.

Musical entertainment will be provided and approximately 25 door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets cost \$10 (\$8 is tax deductible) and are currently available from any Altrusa member or may be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

The style show serves as the local chapter's major fundraiser of the year.

Through a variety of community service projects, proceeds benefit various community organizations such as PHS Career Clinic, Tralee Crisis Center, Adult Sheltered Workshop, Adult Vocational Award, Senior Citizens Center, Schneider House, Shining Star Day Care and Salvation Army Angel Tree.

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