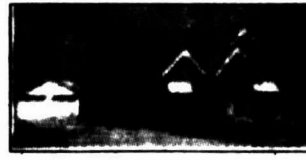


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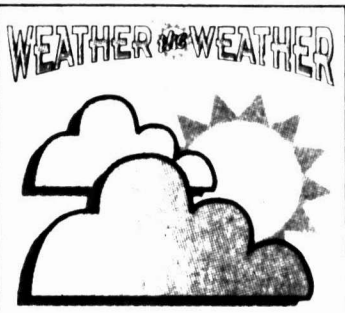
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LOCAL

Alanreed kicks off homecoming events

ALANREED — Alanreed Homecoming will kick-off with registration at 10 a.m., followed by the program at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 9, at Alanreed Community Gymnasium in Alanreed. The town of Alanreed was established in the late 1800s. Mildred Hill, historian, has prepared records of births, deaths, pictorials, stories, and other memorabilia for the event which is open to former residents, families, and friends of the community. Potluck lunch planned.

STATE

Texas senators split on counterterrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Texas delegation's participation in the 71-22 roll call by which the Senate voted Friday to approve a counterterrorism bill with a "yes" vote. Voting "yes" were 44 Democrats, 26 Republicans and 1 independent. Voting "no" were 2 Democrats and 20 Republicans. Texas: Gramm (R) No, Hutchison (R) Yes.

DEATHS

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

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Girl's missing clothes found

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

"It's sloppy police work ... and I was lied to." That's what the grieving mother of Ashley Roe said about the discovery, 18 months after the girl's death, of unprocessed evidence (clothing) found inside a former city police detective's squad car. The clothes were found in a plastic bag on the back floorboard as were other items cleaned out of the car by firefighters who were going to use it to travel to a fire training academy. Police Chief Charlie Morris said. The bag was not marked. Ashley, 15, died on Nov. 30, 2000, some five days after she fell unconscious from apparently experiencing a seizure. She was visiting at the home of friends in the 900 block of

Evidence in teen's death discovered in squad car

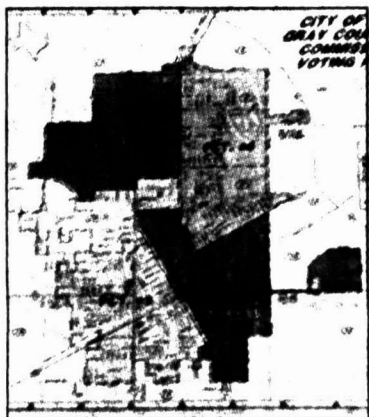
Cinderella at the time. The case began as a medical call, not a possible crime, thus police did not collect evidence at the scene. According to the autopsy report, Ashley reportedly had been smoking marijuana dipped in formaldehyde and traces of marijuana and formic acid, a metabolite of formaldehyde, were found through toxicology testing. Ashley's mother, Lenore Heller, doesn't believe that scenario, instead saying she thinks her daughter was "drugged" and may have been raped based upon "bruises on her inner thighs." She thinks if Ashley was going to "do drugs" she would have the night before and not shortly before her mother was to come pick her up. Heller has made public pleas for the youths who were present "to tell what happened" but she said the youngsters have refused to talk to police. The matter has been taken before a Gray County Jury and no action was taken on the case, she said. Heller said ambulance personnel gave her "a plastic bag" which contained some of Ashley's clothes, a pair of underwear and the khaki slacks she had been wearing. Her bra and blouse were never returned. Heller told *The Pampa News* she gave the bag, as evidence, to then Det. David Conner in August 2001, in hopes the clothes would be useful in solving the mystery. Heller said that Ashley had urinated on the clothing when she had the seizure. About two months later, Heller said she was at the police station to talk about Ashley's death when she asked Conner about the processing of the clothes. She said Conner told her the clothing had been sent to a lab and that no evidence had been found. "I asked about the clothes," Heller said. "He (Conner) said they all came back okay." Heller says she has Conner's statement to that effect on tape. It's a tape (See CLOTHES, Page 3)

Constable question

Is this elected position still needed?

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Controversy has surrounded the position of constable in some Texas counties in recent years. Some county residents question whether or not the position is really needed. Three Gray County constables — Frank Sparling, James Lewis, and Chris Lockridge — serve the people of the county. All three elected officials are proud of the jobs they do. Each one says the position is necessary.



(Pampa News photo) This map details the boundary lines of the Gray County constable precincts.

Established by the Texas Constitution more than 150 years ago, the position has been abolished in three of Texas' 254 counties in recent years. Legislation was passed to eliminate the position in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties. The powers, duties, and records of the office have been transferred to the sheriff in those counties. "The Texas Constitution has been in the process for 150 years," said James Lewis, constable of Gray County Precincts 1 and 3.

"We're probably the only law enforcement officer who can arrest the sheriff if needed besides a Texas Ranger," he said. "We can do anything in law enforcement." He said the constable provides all law enforcement functions. "We help the sheriff's department when they need it, and we help the police department," he said. "We have to keep certified," he added. "We must be certified peace officers. If

someone is elected to the position who isn't, they are allowed 270 days to be certified." Lewis said constables are the chief process server of the Justice of the Peace courts. He said he often serves as bailiff in the county court and can serve in the district courts. "We do a lot of things," he said. "We work together, too. We can issue speeding tickets or stop someone for driving while intoxicated, too." Each of the men head their respective departments. Elected by the voters who live in the precinct which they serve, the constables are autonomous. The county commission supervises the budgets for their offices just as they do all elected officials, said County Judge Richard Peet. Constables are over their own offices, though. Precinct 4 Constable Frank Sparling, who works closely with Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter, said the duties he performs in the McLean are different than (See CONSTABLE, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Gray County Constable James Lewis, elected by the voters in Precincts 1 and 3, says he gets great satisfaction from helping people in his work.

Knight line-up



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate) Fans wait patiently in line while Texas Tech head basketball coach Bobby Knight autographs his book, "Knight: My Story" for Frank McCullough Thursday night at the Pampa Country Club. Knight came to Pampa to play a round of golf and speak at a fund-raising dinner for the Tech Red Raider Club.

Back to normal

Powdery substance found in coin wrap tests negative for anthrax, officials say

Operations are back to normal today in the City of Pampa's Central Cash Collections office after a scare prompted by an unknown substance found in a roll of coins Thursday caused the office's drive-in window to be closed temporarily. Police Det. Connie Lockridge took the material to Lubbock Thursday afternoon for testing which showed the substance was negative for anthrax. "We know what it wasn't and that's the important thing," Fire Chief Kim Powell said this morning. "It will take another couple of days to find out exactly what it was." The coins, Powell said, came from a local bank where the collections office had purchased change. The collections office is in the basement of City Hall. In tracing the origin of the change, Powell said the bank had taken in a bag of change from J&J Food Mart at Ballard and Browning and staff recalled it was change from there that was given to the city department. The fire chief said a check with J&J employees revealed they had "no knowledge" of the substance.

Lefors school board meets June 11

LEFORS — Teacher interviews and principal's report given by Suzanne Law. After the call to order, there will be the open forum for citizens to speak. Other agenda items include a discussion of the current billings, the cash position of the district and the tax collection report. Also planned are reports to be given by the superintendent, Allen Law, and the principal.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, June 6

Randall Leighton Williams, 46, 1925 N. Wells, public intoxication.

Joseph Wayne Davis, 22, Rt. 1 Box 317, arrested by the DPS for theft by check for Randall County.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.68	KMI	41.26	+0.11
Milo	3.16	XCEL	20.48	+0.03
Corn	3.64	Kerr Mc Gee	56.15	+0.22
Soybeans	4.23	Limited	19.97	-0.13
		Williams	8.50	-0.43

The following stock prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	29.73	+0.07
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	48.70	-0.36
Celanese	23.74	NC
Cabot Corp	28.31	+4.47
Coca Cola	54.42	+0.27
Vici	36.65	+0.01

Halliburton	17.67	+0.05
Truist Hospitals	44.57	-0.03
NOI	23.70	+0.47
Exxon Mobil	39.36	-0.17
Atmos	21.42	+0.17
Pioneer Nat	22.90	-0.02
Penney's	23.10	+0.50
Phillips	56.29	+0.35
Schlumberger	49.06	+0.19
Tenneco	6.05	-0.01
CVX	87.05	+1.09
Wal Mart	54.59	+0.49
OKI	20.49	+0.16
SS Group	7.67	-0.13

New York Gold	325.15
Silver	4.98
West Texas Crude	24.79

POLICE

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

Wednesday, May 29

A credit card scam was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Tuesday, June 4

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of Anne. Unknown entry. Stolen items include a TV, VCR, microwave, and jewelry.

A speaker was stolen from an auto. The location where it happened is unknown.

Wednesday, June 5

Assault by threat was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 500 block of East Atchison where \$3,000 in lumber was stolen from a construction project.

Thursday, June 6

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of West Kentucky where a vehicle was hit with an object.

A simple assault involving juveniles was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. No injuries.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Kendra Dianne Mills, 18, 1031 Sumner, arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

Friday, June 7

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

FIRE

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

Thursday, June 6

9:32 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Cuyler and Brown streets.

9:56 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a report of a suspicious package at City of Pampa Water Department, City Hall. (See related story, Page 1.)

10:04 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters went to Ballard and Browning on an investigation connected with the suspicious package report.

10:20 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters went to 300 West Kingsmill on an investigation connected with the suspicious package report.

11:48 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the Water Department and isolated the area.

6:32 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a burning mattress in the alley behind the 600 block of East Frederic. Cause of the fire was not listed on the report.

7:04 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 400 block of East Kingsmill. Residents were having a barbecue.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, June 6

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to a residence in Pampa.

11:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a welfare check; no transport.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Thursday, June 6

Janiece Bowers, 52, HC Box 466C, Pampa, was cited for backing without safety when the 2001 Dodge pickup she was driving in the 100 block of West Francis collided with a 1995 Lincoln driven by Barbara Brooks Chisum, 61, 622 Sloan. No injuries were reported.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 80s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy, with lows in the middle 60s, and southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs around 90. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Sunday evening, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Monday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Highs in the middle 90s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

STATEWIDE

Variable cloudiness and near seasonal temperatures were prevalent in North Texas early

Friday, with showers falling in the southern tip of the state.

Mild conditions also reported elsewhere in Texas.

Skies were partly cloudy Thursday evening, but mid-level and high clouds began to increase after midnight.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s to 70s.

Extremes were 60 degrees at Anton and 75 at Wink.

Winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph in most sections, with light and variable conditions along the coast.

Skies were clear over the mid- and upper coastal regions, but were mostly cloudy for the remainder of the state.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast through Saturday night in the Big Bend and far western mountains.

Highs through Saturday should be in the upper 80s to 90s, except for mid 70s in the mountains.

Lows overnight were expected in the 60s and 70s except for mid-50s in the mountains.

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Southwestern Bell rate increase OK'd by Texas Supreme Court

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has cleared the way for Southwestern Bell to increase local-phone rates in 32 telephone exchanges.

The high court Thursday threw out a legal challenge brought by several cities, including Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin.

Rates for 2.7 million Texas telephone lines will rise by the end of the year as Southwestern Bell and the Public Utility Commission work to implement the ruling.

"Clearly the PUC lost its argument," PUC spokesman Terry Hadley told the Dallas Morning News for its Friday editions. "And it will increase local rates, if only slightly, in some areas."

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Each telephone exchange in Texas is assigned to one of eight rates based on how many telephone lines it has. The Houston exchange has the most lines and has the highest rate of \$11.05.

Bell asked the PUC in December 1997 to reclassify 51 of its 300 telephone exchanges into higher rates because of growth in telephone lines. The commission agreed to do so for 19 exchanges, but denied increases in 32 zones. The commission instead redrew the rate bands so the exchanges could stay at existing rates.

The court ruled Thursday the PUC acted wrongly.

"This is simply another step in a very lengthy process where we have tried to follow the law and classify these exchanges according to the law," said Chris Talley, a spokesman for Bell's corporate parent, SBC Communications Inc.

The reclassification will provide the company up to \$40 million in additional revenue a year.

American hostage dies; wife wounded in Philippine raid

ZAMBOANGA — U.S.-trained commandos freed a Kansas missionary after more than a year in captivity Friday but her American husband and a Filipino nurse were killed during the shootout with their Muslim extremist kidnapers.

Four of the Abu Sayyaf kidnapers were killed and seven soldiers were wounded in the operation by Philippine commandos outfitted by the United States with silencers, night vision equipment and high-tech headsets.

Martin Burnham, 42, was killed by a gunshot, said Gen. Narciso Abaya, the Philippine deputy military chief of staff. It was unclear who shot him. Abu Sayyaf is believed to have links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorism network.

Abaya said-Ediborah Yap, a Filipino nurse kidnapped shortly after the Burnhams, also was shot in the rescue operation and died of her wounds.

Burnham's wife, 43, underwent surgery in the southern city of Zamboanga, said Maj. Gen. Ernesto

Carolina, commander of Philippine forces in the south. Doctors said a bullet passed through her in the thigh.

"I was so happy when I got out of the jungle," Gracia Burnham, 43, told doctors as they treated her. She said she believed her husband's death was part of God's plan.

"That is God's liking. That is probably his destiny," she said.

Gracia Burnham was flown Friday night from Zamboanga to Manila, where the U.S. Embassy will take over arrangements to fly her to the United States, said Maj. Richard Sater, a spokesman for the U.S. forces in Zamboanga.

Yap and the Burnhams were the last remaining captives after the guerrillas kidnapped dozens of people over the past year. Some were beheaded and some escaped or were released.

President Bush said he was assured by Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo that "justice would be done."

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said the military could now pour reinforcements into

the area and unleash its full arsenal "to finish off" the Abu Sayyaf. The group's numbers have dwindled to less than 100 from about 1,000 a year ago.

Despite the deaths of two of three hostages, Reyes defended the mission, saying Philippine soldiers took "every precaution to secure the safe release of the hostages."

The intense fighting Friday started early in the afternoon near the town of Siraway on the main island of Mindanao where the U.S.-trained Philippine troops have been searching for the hostages for weeks. The fighting was still going on after nightfall.

Helicopters piloted by U.S. troops helped evacuate the wounded but no U.S. troops took part in the raid, both Philippine and U.S. military officials said.

U.S. troops also had no hand in planning the raid, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Myers said the training given Filipino troops since mid-February was not aimed at freeing hostages.

"The training was more general. It was not pointed to hostage rescue," Myers told reporters in Brussels, where he is attending a NATO meeting.

Some 1,200 Americans are in the Philippines as part of Bush's global fight against terrorism. The U.S. presence is the largest outside Afghanistan, where an international coalition is pursuing bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio said the Americans — including Green Berets, pilots, military engineers and support staff — were crucial to the mission. Philippine officers credited U.S. surveillance with leading local troops to the hostages.

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she said she recorded with the knowledge of Conner and others in the room including a relative, a friend, Chief Morris, "and maybe Terry Young."

When interviewed Thursday afternoon, Morris said he did not recall having heard Conner say it.

"They lied to me," Helfer said of Conner. "I wonder what else I've been lied to about?"

Conner, who resigned from the police department on Jan. 3, now works the midnight shift for the Dalhart Police Department, a spokesman there said.

Reached at his home this morning, Conner was told the bag containing Ashley's clothing had been found in his old police unit.

"I don't have a clue," Conner said.

Told of Helfer's statement quoting him as saying he'd sent the clothing to a lab and that no evidence was found, the officer said, "I can say that was never said."

Told that Helfer says she has his statement on tape, Conner replied, "OK."

Today, Det. Division Supervisor Stephanie Raymond said she asked Conner, possibly last fall,

about the whereabouts of the clothing because Helfer had told detectives she gave them to Conner.

Raymond said Conner told her that he had never had possession of the clothing.

When told by *The Pampa News* what Raymond had said, Conner said, "I don't recall ever having it (the clothes). I'm not going to talk about it any further."

According to Pampa Fire Chief Kiri Powell, the bag of clothes and other items, including a bluegrass audio tape, some video tapes, tire chains, and a fire extinguisher were taken from the car about three weeks ago when firefighters were getting ready to use the white Chevrolet Caprice.

The items remained at the fire department until May 28 when she said Col. Terry Young came to her office on another matter. When he started to leave, Powell said she remembered the items from the car were there and gave them to Young.

Told then by a reporter who the clothing had belonged to, Powell said, "Oh, no. We had no idea. We just gathered up all the stuff and threw it in a bag and put it in my office."

Now that the clothes have surfaced, Morris said they will be sent today to a DPS lab for analysis. He confirmed

the fact that evidence degradation may have occurred because wet clothing was left inside a plastic bag rather than dried and packaged in paper as it should have been.

Helfer said she found out about the discovery when Det. Connie Lockridge called her and asked her to describe the clothing.

Young said he gave the bag to Lockridge on May 29.

"It came out of a CID car and from the looks of it, the clothing was bagged like you'd get from a hospital so I turned it over to investigators," Young said this morning.

Asked what she thinks about the situation, Helfer said, "I think nobody is doing their job up there (police department). That's what I think. But Connie (Lockridge) has been even with me, I'll say that. But she's trying to work on 200 other cases, too. Since she took over (from Conner) she told me she's not going to lie to me."

Helfer said she has given Lockridge a copy of the tape she made.

Helfer also complained that police did not initially make out a report on the incident.

"You had a healthy 15-year-old girl dead on the floor," the mother said. "And there was no police report. That isn't right, even if it was

a medical call."

While Ashley died five days later when life support was discontinued, Helfer said her daughter "died" at the scene and was "shocked 17 times" by ambulance personnel who "brought her back." She said her daughter was "brought back" another time before she was transferred from PRMC to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Helfer also wonders what happened to an early blood sample taken from Ashley.

She said Conner told her, "the blood had been all used up in testing."

This morning, Lockridge said she was not aware of the blood, that there is no report on it and said none of Ashley's blood is in storage in the evidence room refrigerator.

"All this upsets me to no end," the police chief said this morning. "We are not only concerned about it but we don't want something like this to happen again. We are going to take steps to prevent it."

Meanwhile, Ashley's mother is still trying to find out the circumstances surrounding the death of her daughter, a PHS freshman.

"I don't know what else to do. I've called the FBI, I've called 'America's Most Wanted'," she said. "I've tried everything I can."

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CONSTABLE

the constables located in Pampa.

"I get a lot of calls on gas drive-offs, go out on wrecks in the area, assist the emergency medical services, and have been gathering up meth dealers in the area," he said. "I don't patrol I-40 as much as I used to do. I'm mostly on county roads."

Sparling said he was out on I-40 two years ago during a snow storm. "I was out there for 28 hours trying to help stranded motorists," he said.

He said he tries to be as conservative as possible. "Each budget year I turn money back to the county. It's not my money," he said. "It's the taxpayers'. I don't think I abuse it."

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge works with Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Lockridge said he has been in law enforcement for 24 years.

He said prior to being appointed constable in May 1990, he had worked for the Pampa Police Department and Sheriff Rufe Jordan in Gray County. A licensed law enforcement instructor, he said he has also completed tactical training.

Lockridge has served the longest tenure of the three constables in the county. He's been in office 12 years.

"Whatever needs to be done, we do it," said Lockridge. "If everyone is tied up or needs help, I will respond."

Lockridge cited an example of a motor vehicle accident which wasn't serious. "All the Department of Public Safety troopers were busy," he said. "I responded. Blue forms were given to those involved and everyone was on their way."

"We're our own department," said Lockridge. He explained that those holding constable positions are the same as all other elected county officials — they all answer to the voters.

Lockridge said each office has adopted their own duties. "I do warrants, civil citation, back up other officers and agencies," said Lockridge. "I also do drug interdiction."

Lewis said the reason there has been controversy in some counties regarding the constable position is because the constables weren't doing their jobs.

"Some constables are not doing what they're supposed to do," he said. "They wouldn't get certified or go to school. We have to complete

40 hours of training every two years to keep certified."

Boundaries of the constable precincts are determined by the county commissioners court in which the constables serve.

Constables in Texas are peace officers who are the first link in the county's chain of law enforcement, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

A constable's duties, according to the TAC, are to subpoena witnesses, act as bailiff, execute judgments and service of process.

Lewis said the constables may serve papers in another constable's precinct and perform the duties of the office in those precincts.

Also, he said the constables may go into any county which

borders Gray County to serve papers.

Roberts County to the north of Gray County abolished the constable position through the legislative process, said Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook.

"We got into a mess about eight or 10 years ago," said Cook. "The office had been vacant since the 1920s or possibly even the teens. Then this guy... decided to run for it. He got a few votes and he got the job."

Cook explained the statutes require that the county pay a fair wage.

"We did that and asked him to file reports with us, but he never did. He never did any official duties either," Cook said.

Cook said the county was

in the process of getting the man removed from office when he moved from Roberts County.

"I talked to Rep. Warren Chisum, and he got a constitutional amendment passed to abolish it in this county," said Cook.

"I have no problem with having a constable if we need it, but we didn't need it," he said. "It was just duplicating the sheriff's office in our county."

Sparling, Lewis and Lockridge all view the constable position as a needed one in Gray County.

"People who deal with us know we're busy working for Gray County," said Lewis. "We get a satisfaction of helping. This is not a deadbeat job."

PFAA sets fundraiser

Pampa Fine Arts Association is sponsoring a silent auction and bake sale from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 9, at the Lovett Library Auditorium.

Proceeds from the public auction of PFAA members' art and sale of homemade gourmet goods benefit this year's Summer Arts Program set for June 24-28 at Pampa Middle School.

The items will be displayed at the library auditorium with bidding starting at 3 p.m., Sunday, and continuing every 30 minutes.



(Community Camera photo by Lilith Brainard) Linda Nowell, left, President of Pampa Fine Arts Association (PFAA), and Christine Alexander, board member, prepare for the PFAA's silent auction and bake sale slated from 2p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 9, at Lovett Memorial Library.

Bush admits power struggles inevitable

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday warned Congress against sparking a "turf battle" over his plan to create a Department of Homeland Security, and said he was sending top adviser Tom Ridge to Capitol Hill to promote the terrorist-fighting plan.

"We've got a lot of work to do to get this department implemented. There's going to be a lot of turf protection in the Congress. But I'm convinced that, by working together, that we can do what's right for America," Bush said after a meeting with nearly a dozen Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

The morning after outlining his agency-shuffling plan in a televised address, Bush convened a strategy session in the White House Cabinet Room to survey the opinions of lawmakers. They already had drafted legislation doing essentially what the president has proposed: gathering all the domestic security functions, currently spread among more than 100 federal entities, into a single Cabinet agency.

Because 88 congressional committees and subcommittees have a piece of the domestic-security puzzle, power struggles are inevitable.

"There is nothing wrong with a good turf battle fight and one way to win that argument is calling upon the good services of the affected members of the House and the Senate," Bush said, surveying the room. "That's what this meeting is all about. It's about the beginning of winning the turf battle."

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, co-sponsor of domestic security legislation, agreed with Bush that passage won't be easy.

"We're not kidding ourselves," he said after the White House meeting. "There's going to be some opposition and it probably will be bureaucratic turf protection. There will be a lot of arguments about why we ought not to do this."

Ridge, the president's domestic security adviser, has avoided formal congressional testimony by insisting that precedent shields presidential advisers from the microscope of congressional inquiry.



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Many years ago on a Thursday night I sat by the radio listening to the "Kate Smith Hour". As the program neared its end, Kate Smith burst out into a new song that I had never heard before — "God Bless America". As she came to the close of the song and as I listened, I was thrilled with a new sense of my love for America and gratitude to God for His blessing upon my native land. Since that time I have heard this song sung by many people and in many places.

Why are so many people singing "God Bless America"? Surely it must be that they feel the need of God's blessing upon our country. In a world that is torn to pieces, where it seems that everything good is going down, people are feeling that they want to reach out and touch God's hand, to know that He is standing there in the shadows, that He is watching over us and blessing us and keeping us to the end of the way.

The history of America has been wrapped around with the blessing of God. I believe that we can humbly say that God seems to have a peculiar love for this new land. From the day that she was founded down until this good day, His hand of blessing has been upon America. Surely every true American is proud and grateful to be an American. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself has said, 'This is my own native land?'"

1: American was founded as a Christian nation.

Pericles built a civilization upon culture and it failed. Caesar built a civilization upon power and it failed. Our forefathers founded our nation upon Christian religion and America will live so long as the Lord is our God. They left a land where they were persecuted to find a land where they were free to worship God. When the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock they knelt down upon the shore and thanked God for giving them this new country. The church of Jesus Christ was at the center of every new settlement in this new land. When the Continental Congress, faced with great problems and difficulties, knew not which way to turn, Benjamin Franklin called the members of the Congress to fall upon their knees and pray. Can you imagine what would happen today if our great legislative bodies prayed more and talked less?

2: God has always richly



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blessed America.

God has given us wonderful natural resources. Practically every commodity that man uses can be found in America. In her fields every crop is grown. From trees every fruit and wood is secured. We can go into our mines and find every mineral that man uses. And upon her vast prairies we find every meat that is good for food. God has given all this to America.

God has given us bountiful natural beauty. Every type of scenery that can be found in the world can be found in America. When they talk to us about the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean, we can tell them about the Atlantic coastline and the Pacific and Gulf shores. When they talk to us about the Danube and the beautiful rivers of Europe, we can tell them about the beautiful Ohio, the St. Lawrence, the mighty Mississippi and the Colorado. When they talk to us about the mountains of Switzerland, we can point to the rugged Rockies, to the Allegheny Mountains, to the Adirondacks, and the Smokies. When they talk to us about the interesting spots of the Old World, we can tell them about Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park, the Redwood Forest of California, Carlsbad Caverns and Silver Springs.

3: God has given us good government.
We have a free democracy. We talk about dictatorship in America but this can never be. We have tasted freedom throughout the years and we will never surrender that freedom to any one man or group of men.

4: God has given us freedom of speech and press.

I can say anything that I please in my pulpit and there is no law to muzzle me. The editor of our paper can speak his or her mind in tomorrow's editorial and absolute freedom is guaranteed for him or her.

A little while ago I heard over the radio a most caustic criticism of our president. This can happen only in America. If that had happened in Russia, the speaker would have been in prison or dead within 24 hours. Any sissy

can be a dictator for he has everything and everyone on his side, but our president must be tough to take all that is said about him.

America needs God today. We have tried everything else in America. We have pursued pleasures — today we spend more for entertainment than any other country in the world. We have sought knowledge — we hold first place in the matter of inventions and science. We have reached out after wealth — we have become the richest country in the world. But it is only as America turns to God that she finds lasting satisfaction and security. America needs most of all to repent of her sins and to turn back to God. We have gone off the old standard, that is our great difficulty. Our trouble is that many of us have gone off of the God standard.

We are today pushing forward a great program of defense. We are in favor of ships and planes and tanks and armaments but the greatest defense that we can make is a spiritual preparation. (11 Chronicles 7:14) "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

1. America needs God in government.

2. America needs God in business.

3. America needs God in her homes.

4. America needs God in her schools today.

America needs God in her churches. Isn't God in our churches today? I am afraid that sometimes we fill the churches with so many programs and campaigns and drives that He doesn't have a chance with us. And yet the church ought to be the center of our lives. We ought to love it and give it the best that we have.

Oh, Americans, keep your souls safe and, though the world may fall, all will be well with thee forever. God is with us. He always has been and He always will be. If we follow Him, America will go through and we will land at last at a happy destination.

Central Baptist readies for VBS

An exciting week has been planned at Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning, June 10 through June 14, from 9 a.m. until noon.

"Amazon Outfitters, On Expedition With the One True God" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at the church.

Paula Gilreath, preschool division director, invites children who have turned 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2001 thru kindergarten age

and Brenda Palmateer, children's division director, invites children who have completed grades 1 through 6 to a week of Bible activities, crafts, recreation, missions, music and snacks.

Each day will hold a special emphasis related to this year's "Amazon Outfitters" theme. On Friday, a hot dog lunch is planned.

For more information, call 665-1631.

Church sold, now comedy club, 'God, That's Funny'

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP) — To some parishioners, the sale of the local Unitarian Universalist Church to become a comedy club is no laughing matter.

Two local mortgage brokers, now nightclub developers, bought the church building to convert it into an upstairs comedy club called "God, That's Funny" and a downstairs rock club, "Rock Sanctuary," both opening in August.

The Rev. Lucy Ijams and parishioners say they are — at the least — ambivalent about leaving their 108-year-old brownstone, but relieved at finding a buyer willing to pay \$525,000.

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Controversy over faith statement may spread to Baptist missionaries

By ALLEN G. BREED
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Aftershocks from past gatherings of the Southern Baptist Convention — where splits opened between conservatives and moderates — will likely reverberate next week in St. Louis when the denomination holds its annual meeting.

Two years ago, the convention revised the Baptist Faith and Message, the group's doctrinal statement, to forbid women to serve as pastors and assert that the Bible teaches wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands. The denomination's 5,000 foreign missionaries were told to affirm the statement in writing.

Although the vast majority of those missionaries have signed the affirmation, as many as 150 have resisted. And there is talk that a motion will be made at the convention to force the stragglers to sign on — or move on.

"They have every right not to sign it," says the Rev. Jack Graham, pastor of the Prestonwood Baptist Church in suburban Dallas and a nominee for convention president. "But Southern Baptists also have the right ... not to include them in the task force of world missions. I mean, not everybody's a Southern Baptist; we understand that. There are many other wonderful mission organizations that are sharing the gospel."

The issue has special significance because commitment to missions is widely perceived as the glue that holds the network of 42,000

autonomous Southern Baptist churches together.

"I will always believe that missions, as much as anything else, is what really distinguishes us from so many other denominations," outgoing SBC President James Merritt recently told the Baptist Press.

"To fire up conventioners' missionary fervor, Tuesday's session will feature an address by aid workers Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer, who were imprisoned by the Taliban last year for allegedly proselytizing in Afghanistan. Resolutions inspired by such timely topics as the Roman Catholic sex abuse scandal and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict also are likely to hit the floor.

But missions are expected to be the big focus. And nothing has highlighted the growing rift within the nation's largest Protestant denomination more lately than what some perceive as an attempt by the controlling "fundamentalists" to force a creed on missionaries.

"This puts the missionaries into an awkward, a very difficult dilemma," says Phil Strickland, an official with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which has established a \$2 million "transition fund" for missionaries who refuse to sign the affirmation. "They are placed between refusing to sign ... or signing a document that they do not really believe in order to stay where they believe God has called them to minister."

In February, the Rev. Jerry Rankin, president of the SBC's International Mission Board,

wrote an open letter in which he warned missionaries that this issue would likely come up at the annual meeting. He said the best way to repel accusations of "heresy" was to sign.

"Our board of trustees continues to have confidence in you," Rankin wrote. "However, others have voiced suspicions and questions. ... It is time to put this matter behind us and get on with the task of leading Southern Baptists to be on the mission with God."

R. Keith Parks, former head of Southern Baptist foreign missions, responded that the heresy was forcing the missionaries to sign.

"Their beliefs have not changed — the rules have!" he wrote. "It has never been clearer that the Fundamentalists leaders have changed the very nature of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Strickland says his Texas group has been contacted by 150 missionaries who have not signed, and has received direct requests for help from 13. But the Rev. William Merrell, vice president for convention relations and a member of the SBC executive committee, says critics are trying to treat something routine "as though it were some great inquisitorial issue."

"My understanding is that, ultimately, the people who say, 'Look, I don't believe that this represents what I believe,' then I suspect that they — the mission board — will work with them and help them understand the importance of relocating," Merrell says.

The fact that this year's convention is being held in a state where a breakaway Baptist con-

vention recently formed doesn't do much to paint a picture of denominational unity.

In late April, Richard Lionberger, a former board member of the defunct Mainstream Missouri Baptists, was elected president of the new Baptist General Convention of Missouri. Lionberger says the group wants to cooperate with the SBC, although the head of the executive committee has indicated he will recommend against sharing funds with the new convention.

"The focus has gotten to our differences ... and it really has nothing to do with the business of the kingdom of God in our world," says Lionberger, pastor of Savannah First Baptist Church. "It has everything to do with politics, power and influence. And that's sad. It's extremely sad."

The significance of Graham's nomination for SBC president and those of two other Texans to top convention posts — including former federal judge Paul Pressler, an architect of the conservative takeover of the SBC, who has been mentioned for first vice president — was not lost on Lionberger and others. Some see it as a response to the 2000 takeover of the Texas convention by more moderate forces, which prompted the formation of the alternate Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.


"I think it's more than just a coincidence," says Randy Fullerton, pastor of the Fee Fee Baptist Church near St. Louis, where the new Missouri convention was launched. "It looks like an in-your-face thing."

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DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author, and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

Q I've been very careful to be fair with my children and give them no reason to resent one another. Nevertheless, they continue to fight. What can I do?

A The problem may rest in your lack of disciplinary control at home. Sibling rivalry is at its worst when there is an inadequate system of justice among children -- where the "lawbreakers" do not get caught, or if apprehended are set free without standing trial. It is important to understand that laws in a society are established and enforced for the purpose of protecting people from each other. Likewise, a family is a mini society with the same requirements for the protection of human rights.

Suppose that I live in a frontier community where there is no established law. Policemen do not exist and there are no courts of appeal for disagreements. Under those circumstances, my neighbor and I can abuse each other with impunity. He can steal my horses and throw rocks through my windows, while I can raid the apples from his favorite tree and take his plow late at night. This kind of mutual antagonism has a way of escalating day by day, becoming ever more violent with the passage of time. When permitted to run its natural course, as in early American history, the end result can be feudal hatred and murder.

Individual families are similar to societies in their need for law and order. In the absence of justice, "neighboring" siblings begin to assault one another. The older child is bigger and tougher, which allows him to oppress his younger brothers and sisters. But the junior member of the family is not without weapons of his own. He strikes back by breaking the toys and prized possessions of the older sibling and interferes when friends are visiting. Mutual hatred then erupts in angry volcano, spewing its destructive contents on everyone in its path.

In many homes, the parents do not have sufficient disciplinary control to enforce their judgments. In others, they are so exasperated with constant bickering among siblings that they refuse to get involved. In still others, parents require an older child to live with an admitted injustice "because your brother is smaller than you." Thus, they tie his hands and render him utterly defenseless against the mischief of his bratty little brother or sister. Even more common today, mothers and fathers are both working while their children are home busily disassembling each other.

I will say it again to parents: One of your most important responsibilities is to establish an equitable system of justice and a balance of power at home. There should be reasonable "laws" that are enforced fairly for each member of the family. Let me list the boundaries and rules that evolved through the years in my own home.

1. Neither child was ever allowed to make fun of the other in a destructive way. Period! This was an inflexible

- rule with no exceptions.
- 2. Each child's room was his or her private territory. There were locks on both doors, and permission to enter was a revocable privilege. (Families with more than one child in each bedroom can allocate available living space for each youngster.)
- 3. The older child was not permitted to tease the younger child.
- 4. The younger child was forbidden to harass the older child.
- 5. The children were not required to play with each other when they preferred to be alone or with other friends.
- 6. We mediated any genuine conflict as quickly as possible, being careful to show impartiality and extreme fairness.

As with any plan of justice, this plan requires: children's respect for leadership of the parent, willingness by the parent to mediate and the occasional enforcement of punishment. When this approach is accomplished with love, the emotional tone of the home can be changed from one of hatred to (at least) tolerance.

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SPORTS

Knight talks basketball with Pampa fans

By L.D. STRATE
SPORTS EDITOR

PAMPA — Pampa sports fans got a close-up look at basketball coaching legend Bobby Knight on Thursday night. Approximately 100 people turned out at the Pampa

Country Club to hear Knight speak at a fund-raising dinner for the Red Raider Club, which helps Texas Tech student-athletes obtain scholarships. Earlier in the day, Knight played 18 holes of golf with several local golfers. Knight regaled the dinner

crowd with basketball yarns both on and off the court, while talking about next season's Texas Tech team.

"We're trying to find kids who will fill our needs. Last year we were just looking for good players. From now on we'll be looking at the team on

a needs basis," Knight said.

Last year, Knight's first at Tech, he guided the Red Raiders to their first NCAA playoff berth in six years. Knight hopes to get his team deeper into the playoffs the coming season.

"We've had 14 prospects visit and 12 wanted to come to Tech. We can be selective about who we can bring in and who can play for us," he noted.

Knight believes the 2002-2003 season will be crucial for the Red Raiders.

"We've got kids coming back that played last year. We've got kids coming in who should make significant contributions for us," he said.

Knight wants to improve on last season's impressive 23-9 record.

"We're going to have a meeting Friday (today) with the players and talk about those nine losses. We're going to look at the reasons why we lost those games and see what we can do to keep those mistakes from happening again," he said.

During a question and answer session, Knight says what he looks for in a player is attentiveness and athletic ability.

"I want a player who listens and pays attention to what I'm telling him. Nobody is going to know more about basketball than I do, and so the player has to do what he's told," he said. "I look for athletic ability. The best athletes play pro basketball." Knight says just because a player is a great athlete in one

sport, it doesn't make him a great overall athlete, pointing out that Tiger Woods is a great golfer, but not a great athlete.

Knight doesn't figure on changing his highly-disciplined, firm-handed approach when dealing with athletes, even though it's brought heated controversy during his career.

"Coaching is the same as teaching. If you think back to your own schooldays, you'll find the most effective teacher was the one who was the most demanding," Knight said. "You knew there would be no fooling around in the classroom."

Before the dinner, Knight spent some time at a book signing for his new autobiography: "Knight" My Story. The book was co-written by Bob Hammel, Knight's long-time friend and former sports editor at the Herald-Times in Bloomington, Ind.

"That book was really something I enjoyed doing," Knight said. "It was on the New York Times best seller list something like seven weeks. To see the book come together and do that well was really a neat thing."

Knight goes into next season as the second winningest coach in Division I men's college basketball history. Only North Carolina's Dean Smith ranks ahead of him.

Knight won three NCAA championships at Indiana with his 1976 team going undefeated.



(Pampa News photo)

Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight (left) shakes hands with Scott White prior to playing a round of golf at the Pampa Country Club. Looking on is David Teichmann.

Nets can do math, and 0-2 would not be a pretty thing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The arithmetic is all too clear to Nets coach Byron Scott.

"If we go back to Jersey 0-2, there's a lot of pressure on us to win all three games at home," he said Thursday. "Against a team like that, this is going to be very tough."

The Nets are intent on avoiding such a scenario. They showed they could stay with the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers in Game 1, although it took about 17 minutes for them to get a handle on the NBA Finals.

Now comes Game 2 on Friday night at Staples Center. The best-of-seven series then moves East for Games 3 and 4 and, if necessary, Game 5.

The Lakers, coming off a draining Western Conference finals against Sacramento, beat the Nets 99-94 on Wednesday night. They bolted to a 42-19 lead before New Jersey responded. The Nets outscored them 75-57 after that — not enough to win but perhaps a psychological boost for a team in its first NBA Finals.

"I know we're going to play a much better game," said New Jersey's Keith Van Horn, who typified his team's effort, shooting 1-of-6 for two points in the first half before scoring 10 in the second half.

"I wouldn't say we were necessarily in awe," Van Horn said. "I think that collectively as a team, we tried to calm ourselves down and tried to get off that high. I think we calmed ourselves down a little too much and sometimes that happens."

"But I thought we responded well after the first quarter, and we're going to respond well the rest of the series."

The Nets are in the playoffs for the first time in four years, and in the NBA Finals after going 26-56 last season — Scott's first as their coach.

The turnaround was keyed by the addition of Jason Kidd, who became the first player to get a triple-double in his first Finals game with 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

"All the pressure's on LA to sweep or, you know, win this series," Kidd said.

The Lakers are playing in the Finals for the 26th time and shooting for their 14th championship. They're also trying to become the fifth team in league history to win three or more consecutive titles.

If all that isn't enough, the Lakers have Shaquille O'Neal, one of the most dominant players in NBA history.

"Shaq is like a modern Wilt Chamberlain. What he does, you don't see anybody else doing in the history of the

game," teammate Kobe Bryant said. "It's ridiculous."

O'Neal had 36 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks in Game 1. With the Nets applying pressure in the fourth quarter, O'Neal had 14 points — all but two on 12-of-21 free throws — and nine rebounds.

For the most part, the Nets defended him with single coverage, using Todd MacCulloch, Aaron Williams and rookie Jason Collins.

All were outmanned, although Scott liked the work of Collins, who played eight minutes in the fourth quarter after sitting out the first three.

"You just have to try to be physical with him, give him different looks," Collins said. "The first time I played against him, I wasn't happy with my performance. I felt I did a better job against him, but you know he's going to score his points. You just don't want him to get dunks."

Scott said he planned to use Collins more in Game 2.

"Shaq and Kobe, if they get their 50 to 55 points, close to 60 points, I can live with that," the Nets' coach said. "My main objective is to make sure the other guys don't hurt us. Rick Fox had 14 (points) and eight (rebounds), that hurt us."

"Shaq is going to score, Kobe is going to score. We've got to make sure we keep their

role players to a minimum."

O'Neal has been at his best in the NBA Finals. Two years ago, he went from scoring 25.9 points in the conference finals against Portland to 38.0 against Indiana. And he went from 27.0 against the Spurs to 33.0 against Philadelphia last year.

This year, O'Neal averaged 30.3 against the Kings in the seven-game conference finals — but picked it up when the Lakers really needed it, scoring 41 points in Game 6 and 35 points in Game 7.

"One thing that's magnified in this team is the effectiveness of Shaquille

O'Neal," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Incredible ability to overmatch and overplay and overdominate the other team's centers."

Jackson knows all about domination, having coached a guy named Jordan in Chicago, where the Bulls won six championships in the 1990s.

Now, Jackson is on the verge of equaling Red Auerbach's record of coaching nine championship teams. He also is three wins short of Pat Riley's record 155 playoff victories as a coach.

And three more wins are precisely what the Lakers need for a third straight title.

Trevino blanks Edinburgh in 4-0 Amarillo victory

AMARILLO — No runs were scored in the first six innings of play between the top two teams in the West Division at the Dilla Villa, but Amarillo turned it on when it mattered, winning 4-0 over Edinburgh.

The Dillas got another outstanding pitching performance with Chris Trevino throwing seven and a third innings of shutout ball. In his last two outings, Trevino has only allowed one earned run. He boosted his record to 3-0.

Juan Santos came through offensively in the bottom of the seventh with an RBI single to

break the scoreless tie.

The score would remain 1-0 in favor of the Dillas until the bottom of the eighth when Santos would single in another run, giving the Dillas a 2-0 lead. One batter later, Nathan Culwell sent a shot to deep left center, scoring the final two runs on a bases-clearing triple.

The Dillas are now three games up on the Road Runners in the West.

Game two is tonight at 7:05.

The Dillas have a 13-7 record.

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Openings are still available for girls who would like to register for a fastpitch clinic June 11-13 at the Optimist Park softball field.

To sign up or for more information, call 665-6604.

The instructor will be Kaci Clark, a pitcher for the Florida Wahoons of the Women's Professional Softball League. Clark is a former WPSL Most Valuable Player and twice was named the league's Pitcher of the Year. She ranks first all-time in the WPSL in wins, shutouts and strikeouts.

The advanced clinic will be June 11-12 and will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Cost is \$40.

GENERAL

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The Big 12 expects to distribute a record \$82.2 million to member schools this year, Commissioner Kevin Weiberg said Thursday.

Member schools shared \$75.5 million last year.

Weiberg made the announcement at the Big 12 spring meeting of coaches, athletic directors and faculty representatives.

The faculty representatives voted to support NCAA academic reform proposals that would change academic eligibility standards, reporting methods and incentives.

Weiberg said television viewership of Big 12 football likely will rise next season because games carried on Fox Sports Net's Southwest regional channel will also be offered to other Fox regions.

Fox said the other regional channels reach 25 million to 45 million households.

TBS will join three other networks carrying Big 12 football this year. TBS is expected to carry six Big 12 games. ABC and ESPN also carry Big 12 games.

Weiberg said ratings for Big 12 men's basketball on ESPN increased last season. Football ratings on ABC were down slightly in the Big 12's overall region but up in the conference's primary region.

Big 12 representatives decided to put the conference office in charge of hiring and training clock operators for football games.

HORSE RACING

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Quarter horse breeder Dan Churchill testified Thursday that there are substantial price and value disparities between American Quarter Horse Association registered cutting horses and those that aren't registered.

Churchill said horses with registration papers bring four or five times more at sale than horses without registration. He said unregistered horses also don't bring in as much in breeding and stud fees.

"You can't compete in the AQHA world or the buyer and seller world without registration papers," he said.

Churchill testified in the third day of a civil trial brought against the AQHA by several horse breeders, who say that many superiorly bred, embryo-transfer horses, the offspring of AQHA-registered stallions and mares, could not be registered under AQHA rules, the Amarillo Globe-News reported.

The plaintiffs are seeking between \$8 million and \$9 million in damages.

Flashback

1950: Ronnie Mills was high scorer with 11 points as Skellytown defeated Groom 36-12 in a grade school basketball game.

Gerald Hunt added 8 points for the winners.

Sunday Break makes Triple Crown debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Neil Drysdale has been down this path before. It turned into a winning one for him in 1992, and 10 years later he's in position to repeat.

Drysdale will saddle Sunday Break in Saturday's Belmont Stakes, where War Emblem is attempting to become the first Triple Crown winner in 24 years.

Sunday Break is the 6-1 third choice on the morning line. War Emblem is the even-money favorite.

"Everybody says I'm playing spoiler," Drysdale said in a clipped British accent. "My horse is not in there to play spoiler, my horse is in there to try and win a classic race."

It'll be the first Triple Crown race for Sunday Break, whose graded-stakes earnings weren't high enough to qualify for the 20-horse Kentucky Derby field.

Owner Koji Maeda, a Japanese businessman, brought 15 friends to Churchill Downs only to watch the Derby go off without his colt.

Drysdale then decided to skip

the Preakness and head straight for Belmont Park. The 3-year-old bay colt won the Peter Pan Stakes in New York two weeks ago, and has been training at the track since.

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Red Wings even series with 3-1 victory over Hurricanes

DETROIT (AP) — This wasn't how the Detroit Red Wings envisioned the Stanley Cup finals going, not at all.

They lost Game 1 to the underdog Carolina Hurricanes, then found themselves trapped in a Carolina-style game late in the third period of Game 2.

Their \$65 million cast of super-

stars and certifiable Hall of Famers was strangely quiet. Even as they went on power play after power play, they couldn't convert. In a series many predicted them to sweep, there was an ever-growing possibility they would lose the first two games at home.

Talk about being caught in the eye of a storm.

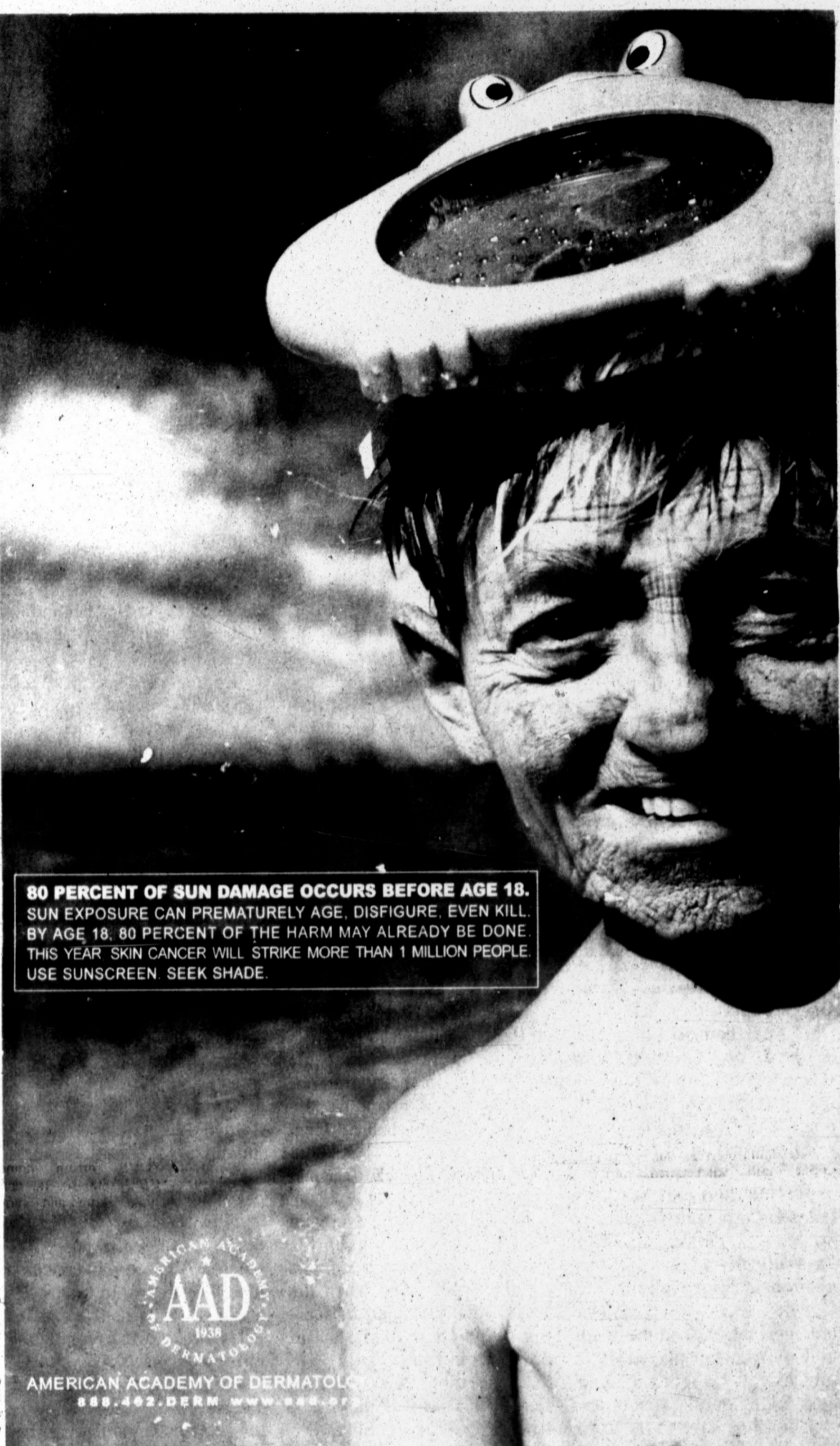
So, desperate to avoid going into an extra period against a team that rarely loses in overtime, the Red Wings generated goals by All-Star defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and Kris Draper 13 seconds apart to beat Carolina 3-1 Thursday night and even the best-of-seven finals.

In a series that so far has been played at Carolina's pace, with the

low-scoring games the Hurricanes prefer and a much-greater emphasis on skill-neutralizing defense than creative offense, it was an explosive reminder of how good the Red Wings can be.

Remarkably, they don't have a goal from three of the game's all-time leading scorers — Brett Hull,

Luc Robitaille and Steve Yzerman. Goalie Dominik Hasek was off his game in Game 1, and was barely challenged in Game 2. But they already have three goals from their so-called Grind Lind, with Kirk Maltby scoring for the second straight game and Kris Draper ending an 18-game streak without a goal by scoring.



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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 9, 2002: You will accomplish much this year. Your ideas transform into reality with ease. Use your luck, intellect and inner-strength to zero in on whatever you want. Your finances will be successful and a high priority through July. From August on, you'll feel much more social and extroverted. You will want to communicate and reach out to others. A car or computer might be a big-ticket item you opt to purchase, making "connecting" easier. If you are single, a meaningful relationship will become likely after August. If you are attached, you two naturally seem to get along this year. **GEMINI** is a soul mate.

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) ***** You chat more openly than you have in a while. You also might be convinced that others around you are interested in your opinions. Express your positive energy. Make time for a neighbor who could be out of sorts a bit. Tonight, At a favorite spot. This Week: Monday's eclipse promises changes in your communication in the next six months. Think of what you would like. New computer? New car? **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** Clearly, you're in the mood to indulge another and make more of a special opportunity. You see what few do, especially regarding finances. Check out an investment or purchase with care. Trust yourself to make the correct decision. Tonight: Take a family member out for dinner. This Week: Work on enhancing your finances, and you will see results in the next few months. Network as much as you can from Tuesday on. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ***** Your winning smile draws others. Perhaps it has been awhile since you felt this good. Express your good feelings. Make a phone call to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Share more of yourself with loved ones. Tonight: Whatever you want makes others happy. Now that's a change.

This Week: Just because something is the way it is, doesn't mean it won't change. Get ready for a rocket ship to soar through your life in the next few months. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Step back some. Unexpectedly, you find yourself busy. Use this Sunday to pull back some and regroup. You need on, you'll feel much more social and extroverted. You will want to communicate and reach out to others. A car or computer might be a big-ticket item you opt to purchase, making "connecting" easier. If you are single, a meaningful relationship will become likely after August. If you are attached, you two naturally seem to get along this year. **GEMINI** is a soul mate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Flow with friends, especially someone who has a most appealing perspective or idea. You'll make the most of the day if you join up with pals, no matter what your project might be. Consider what is best for others as well as yourself. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow. Enjoy the here and now. This Week: What you thought was happening could be quite different. Consider opportunities that head your way on Monday and Thursday. Play it low-key. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Another would like some extra time with you. This person might be a parent or, possibly, a boss. Whatever the reason, you decide to go along with the request. A must appearance dominates your thoughts. Tonight: Make that appearance. This Week: Take the lead. Others respect your input. Be careful with a resentful associate who might be out to create trouble. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Pack up your stuff, even if it's only for a day trip. Consider a picnic somewhere, which allows you to get away from it all. Invite a loved one or a dear friend with whom you can relax to join you. Avoid making commitments for now. Tonight: Daydream yourself to sleep. This Week: Reach out for more information before you make a decision. The unexpected occurs. Prepare to regroup and take charge this week. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Deal with an important person in your life. You might not have spent much time with him or her as of late. Resolve a recent discrepancy about

finances. Relax and just enjoy those you love and are close to. Don't make any plans unless you want to. Tonight: Fulfill another's request. This Week: Deal with an impending problem before it hits you hard in several months. Find an expert, if need be. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others invite you to join them. Why not? You might want to think about it, but don't take too long. Make it a pleasure to get out of yourself. Your gregariousness delights in all the people who surround you. Make the most of the moment. Tonight: Where you are, the party is. This Week: How you feel about others could change in the next few months. Don't blurt out any opinions just yet. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** If you think you need a day off, take it. You don't need to do anything, but you might want to clear your desk or reorganize something close to home. Don't be surprised if an associate or co-worker calls you with a request. Practice the word "no." Tonight: Easy does it. This Week: Manage your time carefully on Monday, but honor your energy levels. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your playful side emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. A recent misunderstanding vanishes, and you have reason to celebrate. Take more time off for a loved one. After all, you value friendship, as well as your relationship. Tonight: Kick up your heels. This Week: Stay on top of work, even if your personal life proves to be most distracting, which will be happening more and more. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your family must be your highest priority. Listen to another's woes and help this person feel better. You can cancel plans if need be. A quiet day close to your back yard might be just what the doctor ordered. Learn to relax more. Tonight: Where your friends are. This Week: Your mind is anywhere but on work. Use your ingenuity to get work done, or you could be there much later than you want on Friday.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League					American League						
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
Atlanta	34	26	.567	—	San Diego	25	35	.417	11 1/2		
Florida	30	29	.508	3 1/2	Los Angeles	35	24	.593	1		
Montreal	29	30	.492	4 1/2	San Francisco	34	24	.586	1 1/2		
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Philadelphia	23	34	.404	9 1/2	San Diego	25	35	.417	11 1/2		
Central Division					East Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
Cincinnati	34	24	.586	—	Boston	40	17	.702	—		
St. Louis	32	26	.552	2	New York	38	22	.633	3 1/2		
Pittsburgh	27	32	.458	7 1/2	Baltimore	27	30	.474	13		
Houston	26	32	.448	8	Toronto	23	34	.404	17		
Chicago	23	35	.397	11	Tampa Bay	19	39	.328	21 1/2		
Milwaukee	22	37	.373	12 1/2	Central Division						
West Division					W	L	Pct	GB			
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Wednesday's Games					West Division						
Colorado 8, Los Angeles 6	San Francisco 12, San Diego 2	Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 4	Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 1	Florida 2, Philadelphia 1	St. Louis at Cincinnati, ppd	Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings	Arizona 5, Houston 4, 13 innings	Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 2	Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2	Florida at Philadelphia, ppd., rain	
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Colorado (Hampton 3-6) at Toronto (Halladay 6-2), 7:05 p.m.	N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-5) at Cleveland (Baez 5-4), 7:05 p.m.	Arizona (Bautista 2-3) at Boston (Castillo 4-5), 7:05 p.m.	Los Angeles (Ashby 5-4) at Baltimore (Lopez 5-1), 7:05 p.m.	Milwaukee (Sheets 3-5) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 0-1), 7:05 p.m.	Philadelphia (Padilla 7-4) at Detroit (Weaver 4-7), 7:05 p.m.	San Francisco (L. Hernandez 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 8-2), 7:05 p.m.	San Diego (Lawrence 5-3) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-6), 7:15 p.m.	Atlanta (Moss 2-2) at Texas (Park 2-2), 8:05 p.m.	Florida (Dempster 3-5) at Minnesota (Santana 0-0), 8:05 p.m.	Montreal (Armas Jr. 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-6), 8:05 p.m.	
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Zito wins sixth straight on mound for Oakland

By The Associated Press

Six wins in a row, and Barry Zito isn't comfortable yet.

The Oakland left-hander won his sixth straight decision, and his 13th in a row at home Thursday, pitching 6 1-3 innings as the Athletics beat the Seattle Mariners 10-4.

"I don't really feel locked in per se, like I was last season," Zito said. "I'm still trying to get a feel for the season."

When he does, he's capable of dominating stretches, like his 11-1 finish to last season.

Of course, the roll he's on right now isn't bad, either. Zito (7-2), hasn't lost since April 30 at New York.

In other AL games, it was: Boston 4, Detroit 3; Kansas City 4, Chicago 3; Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 4; Minnesota 8, Cleveland 3; and Texas 9, Anaheim 8. Baltimore at New York was rained out.

Zito gave up a homer to Ichiro Suzuki on the game's first pitch. He fell behind 3-1 in the third on Bret Boone's two-run single, but he held down the Mariners after his team regained the lead in the bottom of the inning.

Suzuki, the reigning AL MVP, chased Zito in the seventh with a single that moved a runner to third with one out. Zito had thrown 119 pitches by then.

Zito walked three and struck out one. His 3.33 ERA puts him seventh among AL starters, and his 77 strikeouts put him third, behind Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens.

Red Sox 4, Tigers 3

Rolando Arrojo pitched seven shutout innings and Boston completed a successful road trip with a victory over Detroit, which lost its third in a row.

The AL East-leading Red Sox went 8-2 on their swing to Toronto, New York and Detroit. Boston begins interleague play Friday night against NL West-leading Arizona at Fenway Park.

Nomar Garciaparra had three hits as the Red Sox sent Detroit seventh loss in eight

games.

The Tigers had not scored in 20 innings until Robert Fick hit a three-run homer off Casey Fossum with one out in the ninth. Ugueth Urbina got two outs for his 18th save in 19 chances.

Detroit's Dmitri Young went 0-for-4, ending his career-high 18-game hitting streak.

Rangers 9, Angels 8

Juan Gonzalez highlighted a seven-run third inning with a three-run homer — his 401st — as Texas ended Anaheim's four-game winning streak.

Gonzalez went 3-for-5, as did Mike Lamb, who also hit a solo homer, helping Texas end a six-game road losing streak and avoid what would have been the Angels' first four-game sweep of the Rangers.

Garret Anderson hit a two-run homer in the ninth off reliever Anthony Telford. The Angels put the tying run on third after Tim Salmon doubled and pinch-runner Julio Ramirez advanced on a fielder's choice. Orlando Palmiero grounded out to Telford, who tagged him out for his first AL save.

Twins 8, Indians 3

Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer in a five-run fifth inning to help Minnesota beat Bartolo Colon and Cleveland.

The Twins, who went 5-14 against Cleveland last year, have won five of six at home against their AL Central rival since they were swept in a four-game series at Jacobs Field in April.

Colon had his shortest outing this season, at 4 2-3 innings and lost for the first time in seven starts.

Blue Jays 5, Devil Rays 4

Pinch-hitter Eric Hinske hit an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Toronto over Tampa Bay.

Devil Rays starter Joe Kennedy and manager Hal McRae were ejected in the seventh after a pitch sailed behind Ken Huckaby's head. Huckaby walked toward the mound and had words with Kennedy, and both benches and bullpens cleared, but no punches were thrown.

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 1430 N. Zimmers, Sat. only 8 a.m.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 7

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen-Agers' Risky Habits Frighten Lifelong Friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl and a pretty good student. My problem: I have friends who like to drink and do drugs. While I have no interest in getting caught up in that stuff, I don't want to lose their friendship.

They know I won't hang with them when they're drunk or high on something. I've told them that numerous times, and they know how I feel.

Abby, I've grown up with these kids. They mean a lot to me. Can you please give me some advice so they'll stop these bad habits before it's too late and something really tragic happens?

WORRIED IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR WORRIED: It's painful to see people you care about do risky things, but your friends must decide for themselves about their alcohol and drug use. However, you can get information to help them understand the many serious consequences of substance abuse. The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information has a series of "Tips for Teens" brochures about alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and other free materials. You can call the organization toll-free at (800) 729-6886 or visit the Web site at www.health.org.

Whether your friends are willing to learn and reconsider their current choices is up to them, but you will have offered them sound information to help them make their decision.

You could also send a confidential letter to your school principal suggesting the school sponsor an assembly about drug and alcohol addiction. If possible, the assembly should include personal testimonials and warnings from older teens and young adults who have conquered their habit. I can't imagine a more powerful motivator for your friends and other young people to avoid the pitfalls of addiction.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my late 20s, the eldest of five children. (The youngest is 10.) My parents have been married 35 years.

A few months ago, my younger brother and mother discovered evidence that my father was having an affair. Dad denied everything. My mother is bitter and refuses to get counseling. She makes remarks about my father such as, "I couldn't care less about him, but divorce is out of the question because I need the money." She's also said, "I just wish he would die."

I understand that Mother is hurt and frustrated, but Dad is still my father and Mom's attitude hurts me as well.

Since this happened, I broke my engagement to a wonderful man I was to marry this month. Now I'm wondering if I called it off because of my parents' problems. I feel as though I am the parent to them, Abby.

My family reads your column, so I'm asking you to please advise us. MY PARENTS' PARENT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR PARENTS' PARENT: I cannot advise your parents, because they didn't ask me for advice. However, your life is just beginning, and you must live it for yourself. You need counseling to help you emotionally separate from your parents and their marital problems, which only they can resolve.

Now, pick up the phone and call your former fiancé. It may not be too late to get your relationship back on track.

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

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Crossword Puzzle

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2002

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

39 Losing plans

5 Morse symbol

41 In— (really)

9 Fighting

11 Hale on the golf course

13 Jacket material

14 Play part

15 Due follower

16 Seals of approval

18 Aphids

20 Make doilies

21 Future fern

22 Bible book

23 Peculiar

24 "What was that?"

25 Behind schedule

27 Ceremonies

29 Man-mouse link

30 Travel meccas

32 Brief rests

34 Future fish

35 In the vicinity

36 French spa

38 Deceive

SLOP LACES
TEXAN TROAT
AGILE ACTUP
RID WARSHIP
STEAMS ONE
PASTOR
MUTT APEX
TIN HALE
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DELANEY APE
IRENE HOUSE
EVANS OWNER
DARES LATS

Yesterday's answer

3 Thanks-giving

12 Lairs

17 Reverence

26 Mideast

4 Swindled

19 Programmer's creation

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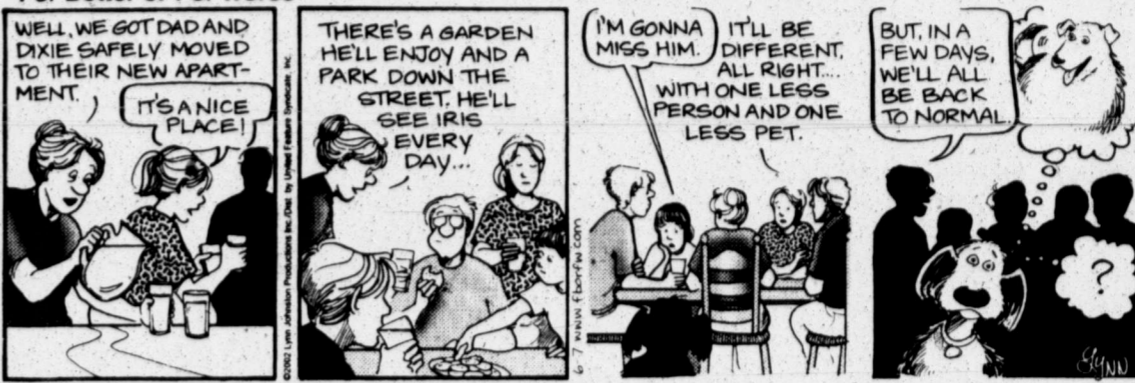
"He had an off day. He barked at the ice cream truck and wagged his tail at the dog catcher."

The Family Circus



"Daddy! Did you see Mommy's new babe-in-suit?"

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



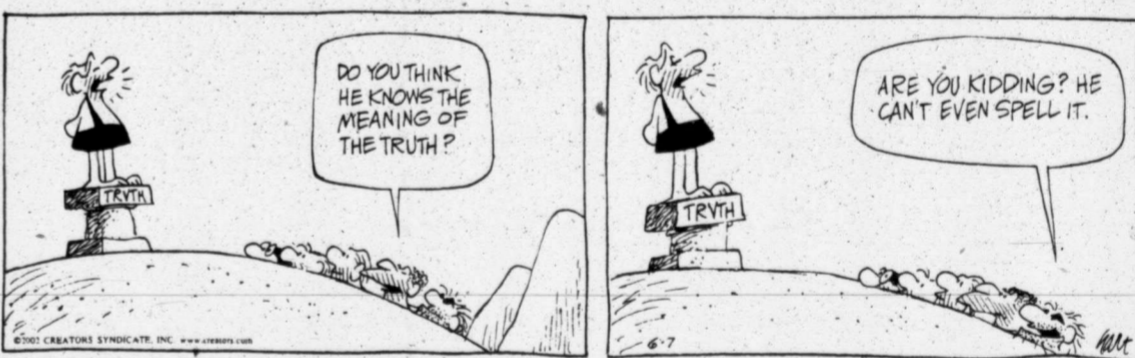
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B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



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Flo & Friends



"Well, Jack, you know you're crossing over when your back goes out more than you do!"

"I might cancel my date tonight. My back is killing me!"

"I'm gonna miss him. It'll be different. All right... with one less person and one less pet."

"But, in a few days, we'll all be back to normal."

"The trouble with the internet is that it's unregulated!"

"Any lunkhead with an opinion and a modem can have a web site!"

"What's that? Your new web site?"

"www.lunkheadwith-anopinion.com?"

"I have a date tonight, Garfield!"

"You know what that means..."

"Sometime today I'll get a huge pimple!"

"A time-honored tradition!"

"Taste this!"

"I'm not going to be a guinea pig for your lousy slop!"

"Help!"

"Okay, hold the guinea pig!"

"Sigh... Juan must've told the guys about my romance with a cat."

"I've been kicked out of the pack."

"Do you think he knows the meaning of the truth?"

"Are you kidding? He can't even spell it."

"Waiter, could you get someone to clear off this table so that we can sit down?"

"Of course, sir..."

"Although why you want to sit on the table, I'll never know!"

"Your stupid dog has my blanket again!"

"How can I get it back without a big fight?"

"Maybe if you gave him a cookie..."

"Chocolate chip or peanut butter...no coconut...each cookie delivered daily to my door at four in the afternoon...not sooner, not later..."

"This is a very elegant dinner that you've ordered for the two of you."

"It has to be special! I'm popping the question that night."

"And here's my bride-to-be."

"I'm sure you realize this will be very expensive."

"Not for me! Her whole family pitched in to pay for it!"