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Students to 'Drop Everything & Read'

On Friday, March 7, Lamar Elementary School will celebrate D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) morning. At approximately 8 a.m., students will see a story book character fashion show. Guest readers, local citizens and school district personnel, will be reading in classrooms throughout the morning.

STATE

Insurance rate bill close to compromise

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that could give the state insurance commissioner more power over homeowners rates may come before a Senate committee as early as Thursday, a key lawmaker said. Under compromise legislation being worked out between Democrats and Republicans, consumers are likely to see a rate reduction. Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, also said the bill is likely to require that companies seek approval from the insurance commissioner for any proposed rate increase.

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

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Tensions increase

North Korea intercepting U.S. plane may be pressure tactic

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The interception of a U.S. reconnaissance plane by North Korean fighter jets heightens tension on the Korean Peninsula amid fears that the North could make nuclear bombs within months.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said four North Korean fighter jets approached the U.S. plane over the Sea of Japan on Sunday, coming as close as 50 feet. One used its radar to identify the plane as a target, but there was no hostile fire, he said.

Davis said it was the first such incident since April 1969 when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 surveillance plane, killing all 31 Americans aboard.

In an interview with 14 U.S. newspapers, President Bush repeated the U.S. stance that the situation can be resolved with diplomacy. According to The Baltimore Sun, Bush said that while the military option has not been taken off the table, it would be a last resort in dealing with the country's moves toward nuclear weapons production.

Asked how successful diplomatic efforts have been, Bush said: "It's in process. If they don't work diplomatically, they'll have to work militarily. And military option is our last choice. Options are on the table, but I believe we can deal with this diplomatically. I truly do."

The interception fit a pat-

tern of recent North Korean actions that could be an effort to pressure the United States into negotiations on chief Northern aims: a nonaggression treaty and aid for its dilapidated economy.

"Ever since the nuclear issue surfaced, North Korea has been taking steps to increase tension and to show its hostility," said Lee Suk-soo, a military studies professor at the National Defense College in Seoul.

"The reckless move is a signal to the United States at a time when Washington pays little attention to North Korea's repeated demand for direct dialogue," he said.

North Korea did not comment on the plane incident. Its state-run media instead criticized annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises that began Tuesday, saying they were preparation for an attack. The "Fool Eagle" exercise, which has been held since 1961, ends April 2.

"This Fool Eagle exercise is escalating the danger of armed clashes on the Korean Peninsula," said Minju Josen, a North Korean newspaper.

"If the eagle swoops down on us, a nuclear war will break out and it is clear that the whole Korean nation will not escape nuclear holocaust," said the report, which was monitored by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

North Korea officials have

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Last PAAF hangar destined for Utah

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

The last hangar at the old Pampa Army Air Field is being torn down. Lumber from the building will be used to construct cabins in Utah.

Tim Cowan, whose father Sherman Cowan was mayor of Pampa in the mid-1980s, is disassembling the hangar at Moody Farms Feed Lot about 12 miles east of Pampa. The feedyard was built after World War II on the site of the former military air field.

Cowan plans to use the heavy beams from the building for cabins at his guest ranch near Cedar City, Utah, about 230 miles south of Salt Lake City on Interstate 15.

"We've got a guide and outfitting business," Cowan said, "and we're building more cabins up on the North Fork Ranch, up there where they used to film all the John Wayne movies."

After school, Cowan went to work in the oil field, and then began guiding and outfitting hunters. That in turn has led to providing several cabins

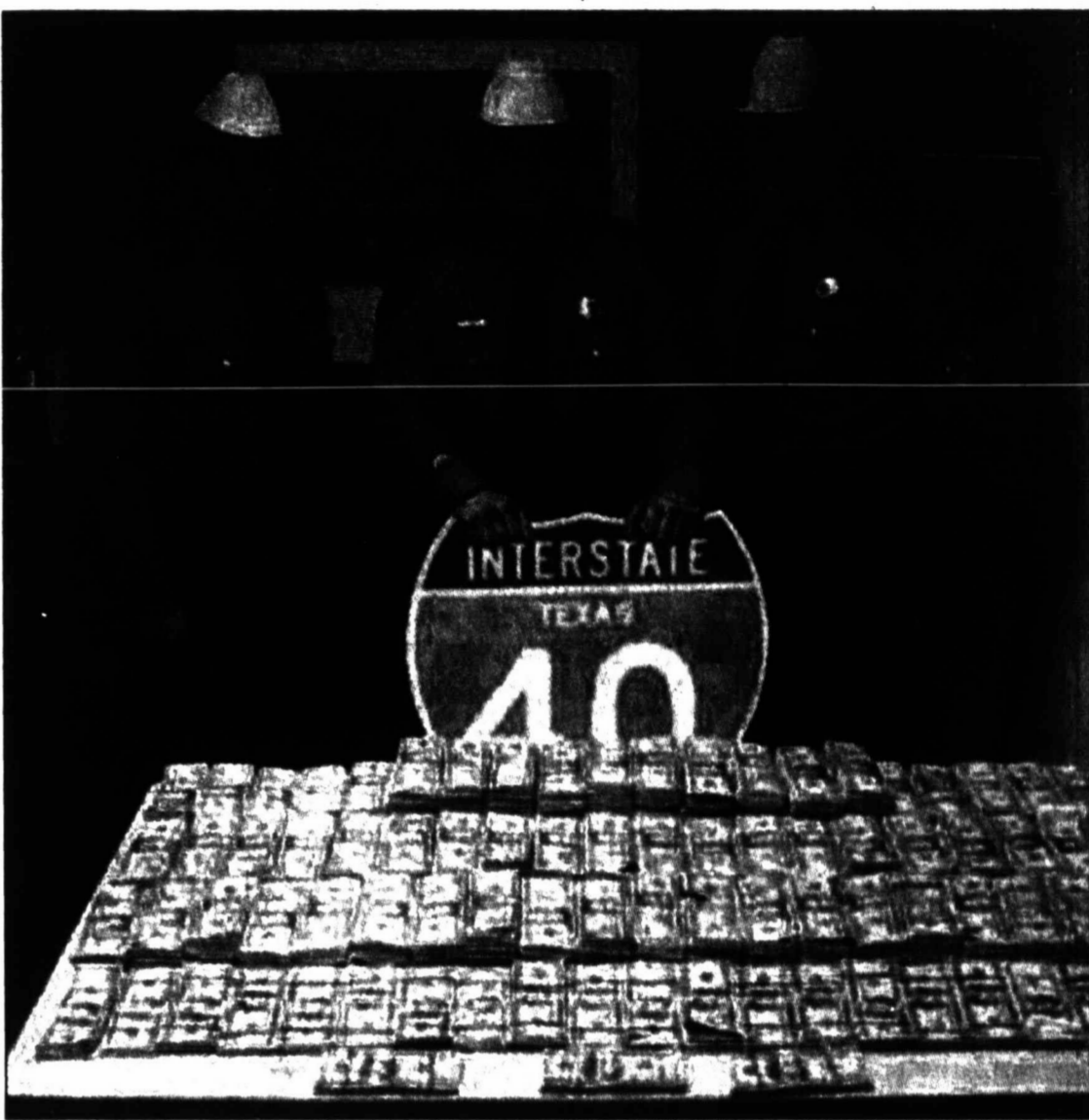


(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Tim Cowan, right, is using lumber from an old Pampa Army Air Field hangar to build cabins in the mountains of Utah, but first he and Jim Turner, left, have to disassemble the hangar.

for guests that proved so popular, Cowan's planning more.

"These will go up on Cedar Mountain in the Dixie National Forest," Cowan said. He heard about the timber



(Courtesy photo)

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson, center, poses with almost three-quarters of a million dollars he discovered in a vehicle he stopped for speeding last week. With Henderson are Trooper Jerome Ingle, left, and DPS Sgt. Chad Grange, right who assisted him with counting and transporting the seized cash to a local bank.

Troopers seize \$723,790 found in I-40 traffic stop

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

McLEAN - A speeding Lincoln caught Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson's eye last Wednesday, but instead of a ticket this traffic stop netted almost three-quarters of a million in drug money.

Tipped off by conflicting stories given by the Lincoln's two occupants, Henderson searched the vehicle and discovered \$220,000 hidden in an electronically-controlled false compartment which was reported last week.

About four and a half hours later, further searching produced two more secret compartments and even more hidden cash - \$503,790,

in fact, officials say, for a total of \$723,790.

"There were three very complex false compartments," Henderson said. "I found the \$220,000 in the first one. The second one was empty and there was \$503,790 in the third one."

Two persons in the car, the driver Kim Vernell Williams, 43, and passenger Brian Ronell Garrett, 35, were arrested and charged with felony money laundering on Wednesday, Henderson said today. The pair were released on bond Saturday, he said.

In addition to the money, DPS authorities also seized the 1998 Lincoln Mark 8 in which

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"I've got to take all this and make it look good," Cowan said, standing between what is left of the hangar and the stack of lumber he and Jim Turner of Pampa have pulled from it.

"There were four hangars here when I came here in the 1950s," McAnelly said.

A tornado blew one away. Two were torn down. High winds damaged the one that Cowan is demolishing.

Pampa Army Airfield was built in 1942, with timber shipped in from Washington and Oregon.

"When those things came in here," McAnelly said, "they were all cut and ready to put together. They had numbers on all these pieces of wood. It was just like a jigsaw puzzle. You just put it together."

The timbers were bolted together. While the timbers remained strong, the bolts rusted and proved to be difficult to remove.

"They were just about bomb proof," Cowan said of the hangar. "It's one of the hardest things I ever tore apart."

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GOP lawmakers consider pulling money from DA's unit

AUSTIN (AP) — Some House Republicans are talking about pulling state funding from a unit of the Travis County district attorney's office that is investigating campaign ads by a GOP-friendly business association. Republicans say the discussion of moving duties of the public integrity unit from Travis County district attorney's office to the state attorney general's office is preliminary and based on whether the move would save money, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's office is investigating whether the Texas Association of Business violated state law by purchas-

ing \$2 million in ads that TAB has touted as a factor in electing the state House's first Republican majority. Donations from TAB's corporate members helped fund the ads. State ethics law prohibits corporations from donating directly to political candidates, but corporations can fund ads on political issues. The business association contends its ads were intended to educate voters about business issues in last fall's campaigns. The group's ad campaign also is the subject of civil lawsuits. Earle's public integrity unit enforces state ethics laws, but its largest duty is to prosecute

tax fraud cases for the state comptroller. Talk of moving the duties to Attorney General Greg Abbott's office is serious enough that House Speaker Tom Craddick mentioned it to Abbott. Abbott spokeswoman Angela Hale said the attorney general told Craddick that he had no position on the move. Craddick said he also is neutral. He said he mentioned it to Abbott because he had been approached by several House members, including Rep. Jack Stick, R-Austin. "Jack Stick brought it up in appropriations. Then he came by and mentioned it to me, and two or three other members have mentioned it to me,"

Craddick told the Chronicle. "One other person who mentioned it to me wondered if it would be cheaper since they already have attorneys over in the attorney general's office," the speaker said, without naming the other member. Stick, one of the House Republicans whose campaigns benefited from the Texas Association of Business advertising, at first denied talking to Craddick about a move.

"I've never talked to the speaker about moving it over," Stick said before pausing and shifting positions. "I am sure that I mentioned the idea to him, but in the context of whether or not it would effectuate a cost savings." Stick, a former prosecutor in Earle's office, said he was not pushing for the move and said he only brought up questions about the budget during an appropriations subcommittee meeting. The public integrity unit

has a two-year budget of about \$900,000 in state funding, plus another \$1 million in other funding. Earle is a Democrat, while Abbott and all other statewide elected officials are Republicans. Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, chairman of the subcommittee handling Earle's budget, said no cuts are going to occur, and he is convinced the public integrity unit's duties will not be moved to Abbott.

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the cash was found. Trooper Jerome Ingle and DPS Sgt. Chad Grange helped Henderson count the money and transported to a Pampa bank where it was counted again and placed in a

special account for seized funds. "We've found several hidden compartments in vehicle before, just not quite so complex," Henderson said. "The money, we believe,

was on its way to Pasadena, Calif., to pay for drugs," he said. "We like getting the drugs, but we also like getting the money," he said. "That get's 'em where it hurts."

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It takes about half a day to tear one of the sections apart, he said. "We grind the bolts out and take bars and pry them apart," Cowan said. He said the lumber is in

good shape. "It was the best lumber they had when they built it," Cowan said. McAnelly said he couldn't find a problem with any of

the beams. "There's not a knot in them," McAnelly said. "You can't find a knot anywhere. Those boards, you can't even buy them like that now."

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repeatedly condemned the exercises with strong rhetoric. North Korea on Tuesday reiterated its demand for a nonaggression pact, saying through Radio Pyongyang that it was "to remove unreasonable U.S. threat, not to gain something." The radio was monitored by Yonhap. U.S. military officials say the annual maneuver is "defense-oriented" and is not related to the nuclear dispute. Washington, which is preparing for a possible war against Iraq, says it will not be blackmailed into concessions and that North Korea's efforts to develop nuclear weapons are a multilateral issue. The U.N. Security Council is expected to debate the matter. North Korea test-fired a missile into the sea off its east coast on the eve of South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun's inauguration last week. On Feb. 20, a North Korean MiG-19 warplane crossed over the South's western sea border, but quickly retreated after South Korean jets flew to the area. Last week, U.S. officials said North Korea had restarted a nuclear reactor that is at

the center of a suspected weapons program. The 5-megawatt reactor could yield enough plutonium for an atomic bomb in about a year, experts say. North Korea, which has warned that a U.S. attack on its nuclear facilities at Yongbyon would trigger war, could also decide to reactivate a reprocessing facility near the reactor. Such a move could allow it to make several nuclear bombs within months, according to defense analysts. The United States believes the North already has one or two nuclear bombs. In the Sunday incident, Davis said, the four North Korean planes "shadowed" the unarmed American plane over international waters for about 20 minutes before breaking off. Two North Korean MiG-29 fighters and two other aircraft that Davis said appeared to be MiG-23 fighters intercepted the U.S. Air Force RC-135S reconnaissance plane, which Davis said was about 150 miles off North Korea's coast. The closest the fighters came was about 50 feet, Davis said. He did not know how many crew members

were aboard the RC-135, although the standard number is 17, including two pilots. The U.S. plane broke off its mission and returned to its home station at Kadena Air Base in Japan, Davis said. North Korean complaints about reconnaissance flights by U.S. planes had grown more frequent before the incident. On Saturday, the North said a U.S. RC-135 reconnaissance plane had intruded into its airspace off the east coast daily for a week. RC-135 planes are modified Boeing 707s. The type of plane that was intercepted is loaded with electronic receivers and features large circular windows in the fuselage for the photography of foreign ballistic-missile tests at long range. The current nuclear dispute began in October when U.S. officials said the North acknowledged it had a secret nuclear program in violation of a 1994 agreement. Washington and its allies suspended oil shipments and North Korea responded by moving to reactivate frozen nuclear facilities and withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Mardi Gras revelers unconcerned about sour economy, war prospect

BY BRETT MARTEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mardi Gras revelers hit the streets in force Tuesday, ignoring cold, wet weather and turning aside anxieties over the threat of war with Iraq and the lagging national economy. Jazz musician Pete Fountain, whose Half Fast marching club is traditionally one of the first of the day, lurched toward the French Quarter ahead of the big parades. It was the 43rd year for Fountain, resplendent in a white, orange and green feather headdress as he led actor John Goodman and others in the dancing, bead-throwing tribe. "It never gets old," Fountain said. Although heavy rain nearly washed out Monday's celebration, Tuesday's fog and drizzle, with temperatures in the 50s, failed to dampen spirits. "We weren't going to let the weather stop us, although I had

second, third and fourth thoughts by now," said Donna Lewis of Mandeville. She said she arrived about 2 a.m. to stake out a parade-watching spot along historic St. Charles Avenue, set up a canopy, put out chairs and left two teenagers to guard her group's spot. The annual festival of elaborate parades, street parties and rowdy excess takes hold of New Orleans, Mobile and other Gulf Coast cities before the fasting and penitence of Lent, the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. There seemed to be more costumes than usual. A dozen maskers calling themselves the Krewe of Homeland Security wore plastic drapes and duct tape, with colored dots representing smallpox. Each carried cans of baby powder "anthrax" and handed out Mardi Gras Alerts, declaring the security status as purple, green and gold, the traditional Carnival colors. "We figured if Tom Ridge could keep us safe for the rest of the year, we could keep everyone safe for Mardi Gras," said Jane Gardner April of New Orleans. While the city does not officially release crowd estimates until after Mardi Gras ends, many longtime residents said traffic appeared to be down this year. Antoni Tsatsoulis, 26, said he has spent Mardi Gras at his family's cafe for about the past 20

years and could not recall smaller crowds. "Whatever business we did last year, it had to be about twice as much as this year," he said. Balcony space on Bourbon Street, usually booked about a year in advance, was available in spots right up through Monday because of cancellations. "I think it's because of the threat of war and all the security," said Angelle Blanchard, manager of one business with an open balcony on Monday. But Blanchard said fears that people would stay away may have been overstated. "I don't think there's that much change. People are still making money," Blanchard said. Alfred Groos, president of the Greater New Orleans Hotel-Motel Association, said advance reservations were down but last-minute bookings had helped bolster occupancy of the area's 35,000 hotel rooms. Ed Camblin, 42, and Erik Strankman, 35, from Aurora, Colo., came to their second Mardi Gras dressed in velvet coats, knee-length pants, three-corner hats and white wigs in the style of 18th century French aristocrats. "You've just got to get out and have a good time," Camblin said as passers-by asked him to pose for a photo. "Just be cautious and careful. That's all you can do."

Texas trio accused of formula theft

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Two men and a woman from Texas are accused of stealing more than 400 cans of baby formula, possibly with plans of selling it on the black market in Central America, police said. The three were charged with felony theft after they were caught leaving a local store with 120 cans of baby formula and another 324 cans were found in their vehicle. Allen's Department Store reported the suspected shoplifting incident Friday when employees spotted the trio taking 120 cans of the formula worth an estimated \$1,300, Police Sgt. Dan Losada said. A search of the trio's vehicle by officers led to the discovery of more formula worth an additional \$3,700, Losada said. Police said the three did not have any children with them. Zoila Abigail-Serrusino, 31, Carlos Carbajal, 28, and Jose Ponce, 27, all from Houston, were charged Monday in Adams County Court.

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The Rev. Nix was a member of St. Matthew's and served on its vestry and ordained as deacon in 1975 and priest in 1976. He has served the church in the diocese of Northwest Texas and in the diocese of Fort Worth. He also currently serves as secretary to the executive council of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance of The Episcopal Church USA.

The Rev. Nix will be preaching at the following services

March 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
March 9 at 6:00 p.m.
March 10 at 12:15 p.m.
March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a reception following the Monday evening services to honor Rev. and Mrs. Nix

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2003. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated president, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression. (The start of FDR's first administration brought with it the first woman to serve in the Cabinet: Labor Secretary Frances Perkins.)

On this date:

In 1193, Saladin, the Muslim warrior who opposed the Crusades, died.

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1793, George Washington was sworn in for a second term as president of the United States.

In 1837, the Illinois state legislature granted a city charter to Chicago.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president.

In 1893, Grover Cleveland was inaugurated for his second, non-consecutive term as president.

In 1902, the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago.

In 1952, actors Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist, of violating the civil rights of two black men who were shot to death.

Ten years ago: Authorities announced the arrest of Mohammad Salameh, a suspect in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York. (Salameh was later convicted of playing a key role in the attack.)

Five years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender.

One year ago: Seven American soldiers were killed, 11 wounded, in Afghanistan at the outset of Operation Anaconda against remnant Taliban and al-Qaida forces. European Union's 15 members ratified the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, but did not set pollutant-emission levels to meet the accord's targets.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Miriam Makeba is 71. Actress-singer Barbara McNair is 69. Actress Paula Prentiss is 64. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 62. Singer Bobby Womack is 59. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 55. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 55. Singer Chris Rea is 52. Actor Ronn Moss is 51. Actress Kay Lenz is 50. Musician Emilio Estefan is 50. Movie director Scott Hicks is 50. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 49. Actress Patricia Heaton is 44. Actor Mykelti Williamson is 43. Actor Steven Weber is 42. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 40. Actress Stacy Edwards is 38. Rapper Grand Puba is 37. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 37. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 36. Actress Patsy Kensit is 35. Chastity Bono is 34. Actor Nick Stable is 33. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 32. Country singer Jason Sellers is 32.

LETTERS-TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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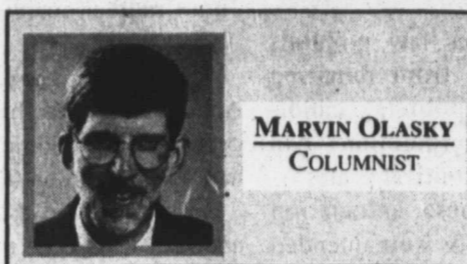
Estrada vs. the neo-marxists

Why are Senate Democrats filibustering against Miguel Estrada? Sure, they want courts that will back abortion and gay marriage. But there's more: Estrada, like Clarence Thomas, infuriates liberal interest groups because he challenges the neo-Marxist ideology that now dominates the campuses that Democrats revere.

Here's a very brief lecture: Marxism, y'all will recall, emphasized class identity. Bourgeoisie (the middle class) and proletariat (the working class) could never see eye to eye. Their consciousness was fundamentally different. Marxists declared. Everyone was stuck in his socioeconomic class identity. (Marxist leaders had a loophole: They often had middle-class backgrounds but somehow claimed an ability to transcend those sordid pasts.)

This notion of class consciousness -- "It's a proletarian thing, you wouldn't understand" -- has now been discredited all over the world, not only by the failure of socialistic practice but by observation of individual beliefs. Attitudes vary widely among workers, as they do among people of any particular race. Marxists tried to account for such variance by saying that some workers identified with their bourgeois oppressors ("false consciousness"), but that game grew old.

So, are we now permitted to see people as individuals? Are we allowed to understand that ideas, not physical characteristics, are the key differences among people? Alas, no: enter neo-Marxism. Just as Marxism emphasized class identity, neo-Marxism emphasizes x, y and z:



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

race, sex and sexual preference. The theory is twisted predestinarian: People think as they do because of their x, y or z and are unable to change, since a specific consciousness goes with membership in a particular group.

Liberals see Hispanics in particular as one of the oppressed peoples of America, so they should automatically link to the left -- but Estrada does not. He's a 42-year-old with a resume ideal for a top judge. Top schools, top grades, top recommendations from those he worked for and from colleagues of many political persuasions. He's prosecuted crooks in New York and argued 15 cases before the Supreme Court. He knows constitutional law. But he doesn't think like Hispanics are supposed to think, according to neo-Marxist ideologues. He's not a liberal. He may even be - the horror! - a man of the right.

Estrada, like Clarence Thomas, sabotages leftist pleasures. The social advantages of neo-Marxism are great. Neo-Marxists can maintain traditional left-wing values by thundering as their Marxist fathers did about oppressed groups of people. Marxist diatribes can be recycled: Just substitute "people of color" for the working class, "angry white

males" for the bourgeoisie and "homophobes" for any other old-time villains. Marxist music also gains new life: Songs about "the wretched of the earth" are relevant as long as they demand, "Arise, ye people of color."

Ludicrous, yes; as Karl Marx wrote in one essay comparing the mid-19th century Napoleon III with the original Bonaparte, what emerges the first time as tragedy may come back years later as farce. But farces can be serious.

For example, "critical race theory" - the view that there are competing and irreconcilable racial views of reality -- played a role in O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, where lawyers successfully swayed a jury to ignore evidence and acquit a man who suddenly became not a murderer but the victim of a racist police force.

"Ethnomathematics" is a new neo-Marxist offensive. The New York Times recently gave star treatment to Marcia Ascher's book "Ethnomathematics: A Multicultural View of Mathematical Ideas." Ascher asks, "Is a square something that has external reality or is it something only in our minds?"

She complains that "much of mathematics education depends upon assumptions of Western culture," and notes that no other culture "need share the categories triangle, right triangle, hypotenuse." And away we go.

Miguel Estrada deserves better than to be caught in an ideological jigsaw. So do the rest of us. Neo-Marxists still bluster and Senate Democrats filibuster, but it's time for both to go to bed.



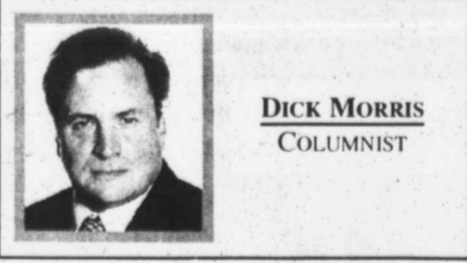
Chirac, Blair? They're triangulating

Most Americans are baffled by Chirac's hostility and thrilled by Blair's support of Administration policy. But few really appreciate the internal political reasons for their positions.

Chirac is a man of the right. Elected by a coalition of Gaullists and neo-Gaullists, he has always cast himself as the adversary of socialism and the apostle of free markets. But, last year, Chirac faced a novel opponent - the extreme rightist LePen. Having defeated Socialist Lionel Jospin in the first round of the presidential elections, he won the votes of every Frenchman and woman to the left of Atila the Hun.

Now, by criticizing U.S. policy in Iraq, Chirac is stealing the position normally identified with his political opponents on the left. He understandably enjoys the support he got on the left in opposing LePen and would like to remain a man with friends on both sides of the political divide. When Chirac opposes American invasion of Iraq, he co-opts the issues of the left just as surely as Bill Clinton did in espousing welfare reform to steal the issues of the right.

Tony Blair, by contrast, makes his home on the left side of the United Kingdom political spectrum. As the leader of Britain's Labor Party, his opponents, the Conservatives, are far more likely to back U.S. military action against



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

Iraq than are the members of his own party.

Blair has made a political career out of triangulating. He proved himself to British voters a decade ago by taming the left wing labor unions that dominated his party and, indeed, had given it their name. His tough stands against crime and support for tougher standards for schools closely paralleled the positions Clinton took in the United States to appeal to swing voters.

But Blair has never faced a more classic confrontation between the left and the right than he does at the moment. By decisively siding with his Conservative opponents, Blair is gambling that he can defang the Tories and win their supporters.

When Blair backs the demands of the right for tough measures against Saddam and Chirac supports the most left wing of his constituents by opposing American plans, each acquires political supporters who come right from the base of their political opponents.

Blair is now facing a drop in his popu-

larity stemming from his backing for Bush. But, in the British parliamentary system, he is confident that his party colleagues won't rebel over Iraq. To overturn Blair on this issue would cost them their majority and lead to new elections with a divided Labor Party.

For his part, Chirac is accustomed to asserting a Gaullist independence from American policy. But to make the case from the left is unusual for him. Typically Gaullist policies echoed the conservative views of Charles de Gaulle's political base - advocating independent French nuclear weaponry and backing strong policies abroad. Now, suddenly Chirac switches sides and comes from the left to attack Bush policies in the Middle East.

Chirac has always clung to a majority by the skin of his political teeth. Before Socialist Jospin finished third and lost the chance to face the Gaullist in the runoff, he and Chirac were neck-and-neck in the opinion polls in a prospective second round. Now, by battling for the left against his traditional allies on the right, Chirac may acquire a traction among socialists and liberals that he has thus far lacked.

Whether Chirac's opposition to American policies or Blair's support plays well or badly abroad, each man's position is rooted in his own domestic political needs, just like the politicians they are.

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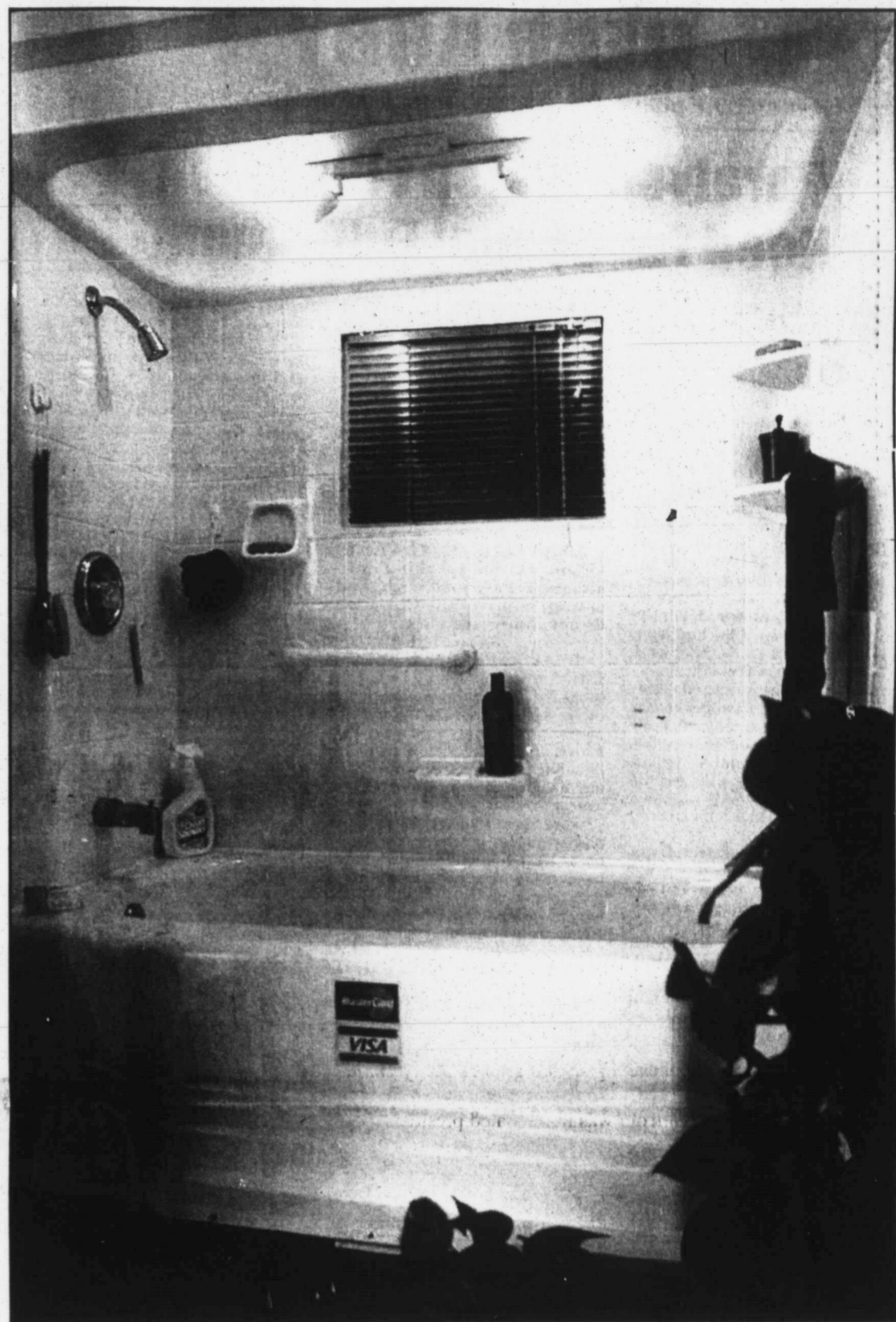
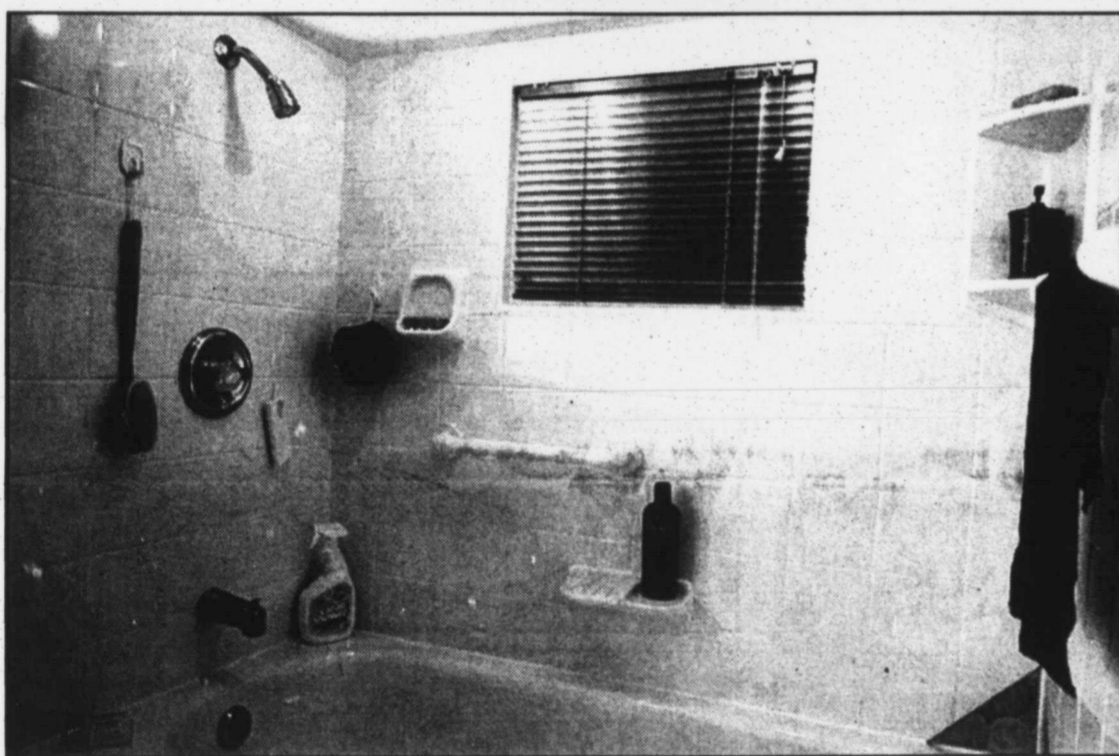
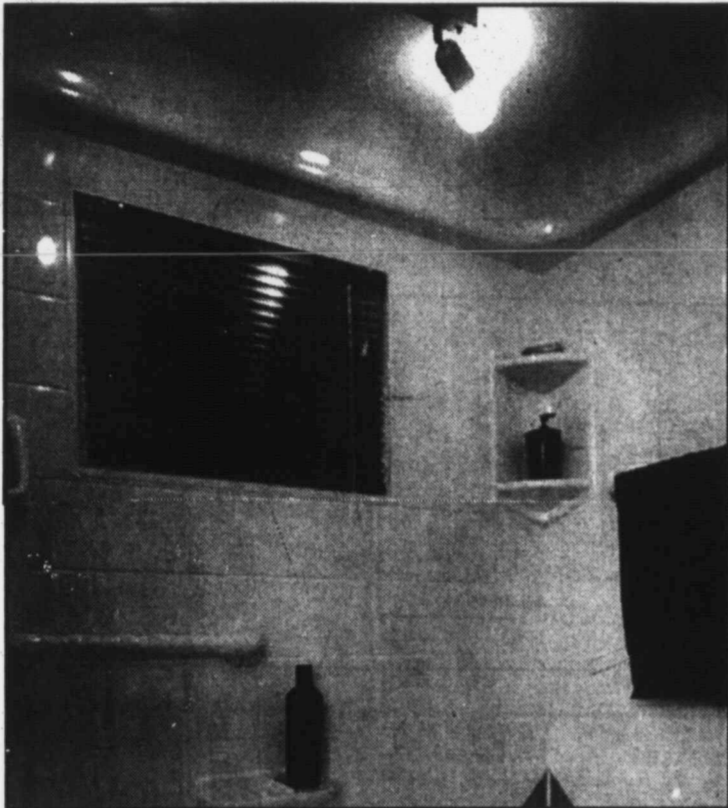
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Paralysis Doesn't Diminish Need For Sexual Fulfillment

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Vic in Graham, N.C.," who arranged a sexual experience for his friend, "Kent," who is 95 percent paralyzed. It's a controversial subject that needed airing. Thank you, too, for your direct and supportive reply in which you confirmed that (a) people with disabilities do have sexual feelings; (b) healthy relationships build self-esteem; (c) projecting personal moral values on an adult who is dependent is wrong; and (d) people with disabilities should be encouraged to live life as fully as possible.

My brother became a paraplegic at 17. This April he turns 47. For the last seven years he has been happily married. I know there were times following his accident when, as a single man, he contacted escort services, and I supported his choice. It not only countered major depression, but restored self-confidence, and also confirmed that while his life had dramatically changed, he was still living.

TOM IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR TOM: The letter from "Vic" touched me so deeply I knew it had to be printed, and the reply came from my heart. The mail I have received regarding that letter has been both moving and educational. People with disabilities have rights — human rights and legal rights — to live life as fully as possible. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I speak as a retired Christian pastor who has seen the hurt that "traditional values" unfairly inflict on people like "Kent" and "Vic." Our society has failed miser-

ably to understand the emotional and sexual needs of people with disabilities. Since we have no institutionally sanctioned means of responding to such needs, I believe "Vic" took the next best alternative.

I hope you will initiate vigorous dialogue on this subject and raise new awareness. Thank you for your sensitive and caring statement.

CONCERNED CLERIC
IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONCERNED CLERIC: Thank you for speaking out — although if my mail is any indication, many other Christians do not share your view.

DEAR ABBY: I know the pain "Kent" is feeling. I have been paralyzed for four years. Women ignore me completely now that I am in a chair. I am lonely and yearn for female attention. People don't realize how normal people in wheelchairs are. I am the same as they are. I just cannot move.

For "Kent's" parents to be so narrow-minded is terrible. He shouldn't be locked up and isolated. Fortunately, my own parents are more understanding, but it is still difficult for them to understand how important female companionship is to me.

BEEN THERE
IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR BEEN THERE: Bless them for putting your happiness first.

DEAR ABBY: I am an adult protective services worker. Providing care for a person does not confer the right to control. In Oregon, isolating adults who are physically disabled

for this or any other reason is a violation of their rights and state law.

"Vic" should call the local disability services office and speak to an adult protective services screener or investigator. The goal is not to "call in the law" on "Kent's" parents or punish them, but to help them gain a clear understanding of the rights of adults no matter what their physical condition or care requirements.

AN APS WORKER IN OREGON

DEAR APS WORKER: Obviously, "Kent's" parents need to gain insight. Education is the answer. More on this important subject tomorrow.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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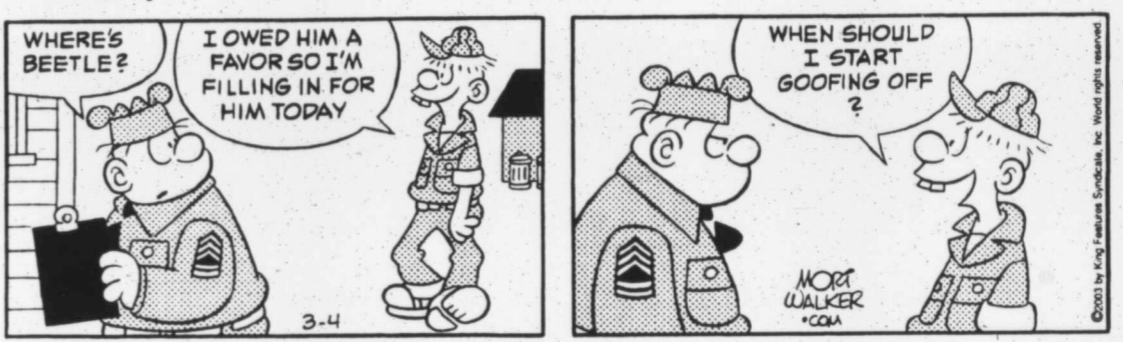
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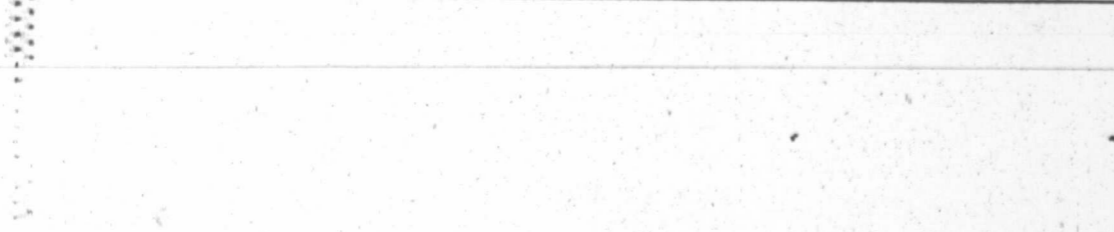
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GOLF

BORGER - Pampa took eighth with a two-round total of 637 at last weekend's Borger Boys' Golf Invitational.

Daniel Williams led Pampa with a 158 (81-77). Gary Utsey shot 159, followed by Weston Teichmann 166, Reid Schindler 160 and Cooper Brazile 161.

Randall had two-round total of 596 to win the tournament, which was made up of both 4A and 3A schools. Palo Duro's Trey Latham was medalist with a 135.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose will meet with a top major league official before the end of spring training to discuss the stringent restrictions under which he would be allowed to return to baseball, the New York Daily News reported Tuesday.

Rose will meet with baseball chief executive officer Bob DuPuy, possibly within the next two weeks, an unidentified high-ranking official at Major League Baseball told the paper.

Rose's application for reinstatement appeared to be slowed by recent reports that he was seen in a Las Vegas casino and sports book and that he owes the IRS more than \$150,000 in back taxes. "The length and conditions of (his probation) will change, but has he disqualified himself? No," an official told the paper.

OLYMPICS

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee has to replace yet another top official.

Chief operating officer Fred Wohlschlaeger resigned Monday night, becoming the second high-ranking member of the USOC in three days to step down from the world's richest and most powerful national Olympic body.

Chief executive Lloyd Ward, who hired Wohlschlaeger a little over a year ago, resigned Saturday after three months of turmoil stemming from conflict-of-interest charges against him.

Eight USOC officials have resigned, including president Marty Mankamy and ethics compliance officer Pat Rodgers, since Ward was investigated for an ethics violation in December.

"I dedicated myself to bettering the operations of the United States Olympic Committee and take great pride in our accomplishments," Wohlschlaeger said in a statement. "It is now time for the USOC to concentrate on addressing the underlying issues with which it is confronted, including governance, organizational structure and the assurance of fair and honest treatment for all."

Interim USOC president Bill Martin said Wohlschlaeger will receive substantially less in severance compensation and other benefits than was called for in provisions of his employment agreement.



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa softball players (l-r) Autumn Darden, Abbi Covalt, Stacey Johnson, Callie Cobb and Jennie Rogers try and keep warm at Burl Hoffman Field in Lubbock.

Pampa wins 6 games in Lubbock tourney

LUBBOCK — If their performance in the Prairie Dog Classic is an indication of things to come, the Pampa Lady Harvesters will be a prime contender for the softball playoffs this season.

Pampa won six of eight games in last week's tournament for a 13-5 overall record going into the District 3-4A season.

In Thursday's first round at Burl Hoffman Field, Pampa took a disappointing 7-1 loss to Midland High in the afternoon game. The Lady Harvesters regrouped to come back from that loss to win six straight Friday and Saturday, and advance to play in the championship game of Division III Saturday afternoon.

With Levelland already clinching a finals spot, Pampa came out of the loser's bracket

needing a win against the same Midland team which defeated them in the first round.

Against Midland, the Lady Harvesters jumped out on top in first with seven runs on five hits and a sacrifice fly. They added two in the second, one more in the third and held off a late Midland rally to defeat them 10-8 in an exciting contest.

In Pampa's fourth game, which was for the championship, the Lady Harvesters faced a well-rested Levelland squad. Pampa played well, but Levelland was able to come away with a 9-4 victory.

Pampa's pitching staff of Dusti Wilson, Chelsey Davis and Teryn Garner all had good outings on the mound. Wilson had four wins, Davis three and Garner one while

holding the opposition to only 31 runs in eight games.

Catcher Jennie Rogers, Pampa's leadoff hitter, reached base 20 times in 30 plate appearances. She had 15 hits with two doubles and two triples.

Shortstop Stacey Johnson was red-hot with the bat, collecting 14 hits. Her extra-base hits included six doubles, two triples and a solo homer.

Pampa opens district play today at Randall with the game starting at 4:30. The junior varsity follows the varsity.

Pampa's district home opener will be Friday at 4:30 against Plainview.

All home games are scheduled to be played at Recreation Park, located on Highway 60 east of Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters are coached by Bobbi Gill.

Gowin signs 5-year contract with Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Former Cowboys punter Toby Gowin is returning to the team, signing a five-year contract Monday.

The deal is worth nearly \$4 million, including a \$500,000 signing bonus, the Cowboys said on their Web site. Gowin will count nearly \$600,000 against the salary cap, an unprecedented expenditure for a Cowboys punter or kicker.

Gowin spent the first three years of his career, 1997-99, with Dallas. He has been with the New Orleans Saints since 2000.

Last year, Gowin finished

sixth in the NFC with a 41.9-yard gross average and a 36.9 net average.

The Cowboys released punter Micah Knorr last season after he botched a fake field goal and bobbled a good snap on an extra point. He was replaced by rookie Filip Filipovic.

"Toby is a proven commodity who brings a lot to the table in terms of consistency and versatility," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He is a weapon as a punter and kickoff man, and his ability to hold on place kicks is an additional bonus."

Lady Harvesters clinch playoff spot with win over Palo Duro

PAMPA - The Pampa Lady Harvesters clinched a playoff spot by beating Palo Duro 1-0 in a shootout Monday at the high school soccer complex.

Pampa's goal was scored by senior forward Stefani Goldsmith, who was the fourth kicker in the five-player lineup for the shootout.

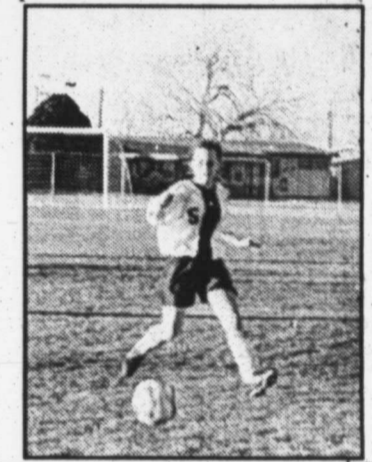
Senior goalie Leslie McWilliams was outstanding, stopping every Palo Duro attempt.

The Lady Harvesters have a 6-2 district record with two regular-season matches remaining. They travel to Borger today and then host Randall on Friday. Randall is the other district

team that has clinched a playoff spot.

Palo Duro falls to 3-4 in district.

Pampa defeated Palo Duro in the boys' match, but no score was available at presstime.



Stefani Goldsmith scored the winning goal in a shootout

Velez, Fisher are all-district

PAMPA — Senior guard Valerie Velez of Pampa has been named to the All-District 3-4A Girls' Basketball Team.

Velez led the Lady Harvesters in scoring (10.1 ppg), free throw percentage (73 percent) and steals (19) in district play. She was second on the team in rebounding (4.1 rpg) and averaged 1.5 assists per game.

Senior forward Casey Fisher made honorable mention for Pampa. Fisher was second on the team in scoring (7.6 ppg), rebounds (4.1 rpg) and steals (18) in district.

Fisher hit 67 percent of her free throws in district. She led the team by making the least turnovers (9) in district.

Rangers' Ludwick overcomes injuries

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Six months ago, Ryan Ludwick couldn't help to think the worst as he hobbled around on crutches after having a screw inserted into his left hip.

"I thought I was done," said the Texas Rangers outfielder.

Ludwick had surgery Aug. 22 to repair a severe stress fracture. As a result, he couldn't walk on his own, much less run the bases or track down fly balls in the outfield.

But on Monday, Ludwick played a game for the Rangers again. His six innings in a 'B' game against Kansas City was a milestone for Ludwick after an off-season of rehabilitation. He played right field and went 0-for-2 with walk and a run scored, but the stats didn't matter.

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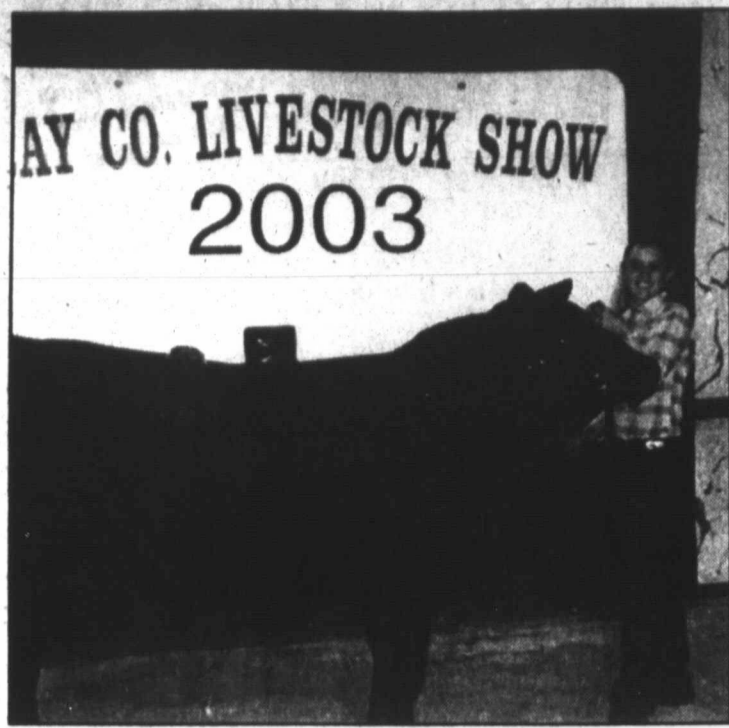
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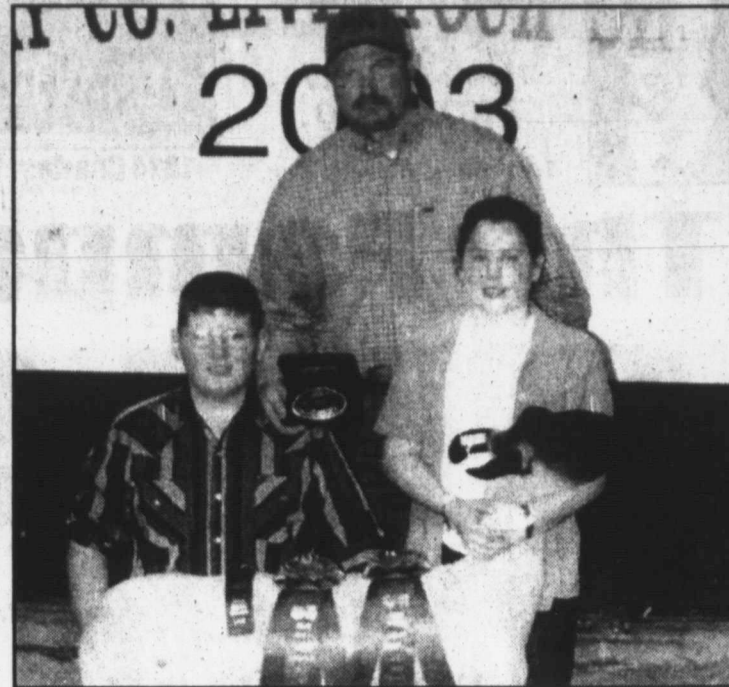
(Courtesy photo)

Ashlee Lucus, Gray County 4-Her, took grand champion honors recently with her steer at the 2003 Gray County Junior Livestock Show.



(Courtesy photo)

Sandi Anderson, McLean FFA, with her grand champion barrow, a title won recently at the 2003 Gray County Junior Livestock Show.



(Courtesy photo)

Dustin Forsyth, Gray County 4-Her, took top honors recently at the 2003 Gray County Junior Livestock Show with his grand champion lamb. Also pictured: Mark Cadra and Rebecka Lawrence.

Livestock show officials post results of county exhibition

Area 4-H and FFA members recently participated in the "2003 Gray County Junior Livestock Show" held at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa.

Judging the event were Matt Wallace, steer and lamb judge, of Hereford, and Kyle Stephens, barrow judge, of Amarillo.

Livestock show officials have released results of 2003 livestock show as follows:

Grand Champions. Dustin Forsyth, Gray 4-H, lamb; Sandi Anderson, McLean FFA, barrow; Ashlee Lucus, Gray 4-H, steer; Lindsey Price, Gray 4-H, heifer.

Reserve Grand Champions. Trent Cadra, McLean FFA, lamb; Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, barrow; Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, steer.

SHOWMANSHIP

Steers/Junior Division. Blake Nusser, first place; Garrett Coutts, second place.

Steers/Senior Division. Chance Bowers, first place; Collin Bowers, second place.

Lambs/Jr. Division. Kristen Odom, first place; Tanner Cadra, second place.

Lambs/Sr. Division. Trent Cadra, first place; Nicklas Odom, second place.

Barrows/Jr. Division. Blake Nusser, first place; Lauren Ann Coutts, second place.

Barrows/Sr. Division. Jeremy Pritchett, first place; Ashley Winton, second place.

HEIFERS

Class No. 1-Heifer. Ashley Price, Gray 4-H.

STEERS

Angus. Chance Bowers, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Tyler O'Neal, Gray 4-H, second place, RBC; Trent Cadra, McLean FFA, third place.

Charolais. Ashley Price, first place, BC.

Chianina. Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; RGC; Collin Bowers, Gray 4-H, second place, RBC; Trent Cadra, McLean FFA, third place.

Hereford. Kelby Rucker, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Meredith Coutts, Pampa FFA, second place, RBC; Meagan Crawford, Gray 4-

Judging the event were **Matt Wallace, steer and lamb judge, of Hereford, and Kyle Stephens, barrow judge, of Amarillo.**

H, third place.

Medium Limousine. T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, first place, BC; Taryn Eubank, Gray 4-H, second place.

Heavy Limousine. Jessica Baggerman, Gray 4-H, first place, RBC; Collin Bowers, Gray 4-H, second place.

Medium Weight Maine. Chance Bowers, Gray 4-H, first place, RBC; Lindsey Price, Gray 4-H, second place.

Heavy Weight Maine. Ashlee Lucus, Gray 4-H, first place, GC, BC; Royce O'Neal, Gray 4-H, second place.

Medium Shorthorn. Meagan Crawford, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Courtney Crawford, Gray 4-H, second place.

Heavy Shorthorn. Garrett Coutts, Pampa FFA, first place, RBC; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, second place.

Simmental. Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Meredith Coutts, Pampa FFA, second place, RBC.

LAMBS

Finewool. Chelsie Douglas, Gray 4-H, first place, BC.

Finewool Cross. Trent Cadra, McLean FFA, first place, BC; Tanner Cadra, Gray 4-H, second place, RBC; Nicholas Odom, Gray 4-H, third place.

Light Weight Medium Wool. Gage Zeek, Pampa FFA, first place; Dustin Forsyth, Gray 4-H, second place; Robert Douglas, Gray 4-H, third place; Story Pairsh, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Keisha Childress, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Light Medium Weight Medium Wool. Dustin Forsyth, Gray 4-H, first place, third place, GC, BC; Kaylene Wyant, Pampa FFA,

second place; Ashley Winton, Pampa FFA, fourth place.

Medium Medium Wool. Krista Shults, Gray 4-H, first place; Misty Pairsh, Pampa FFA, second place; Monica Pairsh, Pampa FFA, third place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, fourth place; J.D. Pairsh, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Kaylene Wyant, Pampa FFA, first place; Kristen Odom, Gray 4-H, second place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, third place.

Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Trent Cadra, McLean FFA, first place, RGC, RBC; Nicholas Odom, McLean FFA, second place; Emily Nicklas, Gray 4-H, third place; fifth place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, fourth place.

Southdown. Calee Henley, Gray 4-H, first place; Zachary Odom, Gray 4-H, second place.

BARROWS

Medium Berkshire. Brittney Pritchard, Gray 4-H, first place; Kristen Dunn, Pampa FFA, second place; Kori Dunn, Pampa FFA, third place; Amber Freeman, Pampa FFA, fourth place.

Heavy Berkshire. Jazmine Rose, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, second place; Emilea Greer, Gray 4-H, third place; Kevin Smith, McLean FFA, fourth place.

Chester. Ty Baggerman, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Ashley Winton, Pampa FFA, second place, RBC; Ethan

Greer, Gray 4-H, third place; Lauren Ann Coutts, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Hannah Hopkins, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Light Weight Durocs. Korina Doiron, Gray 4-H, first place; Jeremy Pritchett, Pampa FFA, second place; Austin Pritchett, Pampa FFA, third place; Ashlee Lucus, Gray 4-H, fourth place; K'Leigh Sweeney, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Weight Duroc. Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Jake Hopkins, Pampa FFA, second place; Josh Seymour, McLean FFA, third place; Sandi Anderson, McLean FFA, fourth place; Maggie Hopkins, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Heavy Weight Duroc. Hilary Thomas, Gray 4-H, first place, RBC; Amanda Lawrence, Gray 4-H, second place; Laci Sailor, Gray 4-H, third place; Bill Haley, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Drake Jackson, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Light Hampshire. Tyler O'Neal, Gray 4-H, first place; Monica Pairsh, Pampa FFA, second place; Stephanie Adkins, Pampa FFA, third place; Lindsey Price, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Zachary Seymour, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Light Medium Weight Hampshire. Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, first place; Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, second place; Ty Youree, Gray 4-H, third place; Blake Chisum, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Mitchell Steward, McLean FFA, fifth place.

Medium Hampshire. Ty Baggerman, Gray 4-H, first place; Kevin Smith, McLean FFA, second place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, third place; Courtney Crawford, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Brittany Chisum, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Heavy Weight Hampshire. Sandi

Anderson, McLean FFA, first place, GC, BC; Kutter Anderson, McLean FFA, second place; Ashley Price, Gray 4-H, third place; Ryan McCarley, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Tanner Cochran, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Heavy Hampshire. Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, first place, RGC, RBC; Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, second place; Emilea Greer, Gray 4-H, third place; Maggie Hopkins, Pampa FFA, fourth place; John Luke Covalt, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Weight Spots & Polands. Korina Doiron, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Jessica Baggerman, Gray 4-H, second place; Keisha Childress, Pampa FFA, third place; Krista Shults, Gray 4-H, fourth place.

Heavy Weight Spots & Polands. K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, first place, RBC; Kutter Anderson, McLean FFA, second place; Jaron Clark, Gray 4-H, third place.

Light Weight Yorkshire. Karli Douglas, Pampa FFA, first place, RBC; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, second place; Meredith Coutts, Pampa FFA, third place; Garrett Coutts, Pampa FFA, fourth place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Medium Yorkshire. Rebecka Lawrence, Gray 4-H, first place; Lauren Ann Coutts, Gray 4-H, second place; Jazmine Rose, Gray 4-H, third place; Kelby Rucker, Gray 4-H, fourth place;

Misty Pairsh, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Heavy Yorkshire. Kelby Rucker, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Heather Neider, Pampa FFA, second place; Bill Haley, Gray 4-H, third place; Royce O'Neal, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Lauren Ann Coutts, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Light Weight Cross. Jake Hopkins, Pampa FFA, first place; Tanner Cochran, Pampa FFA, second place; Brittney Pritchard, Gray 4-H, third place; Karli Douglas, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Meagan Crawford, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Weight Cross. Kori Dunn, Pampa FFA, first place; Ashlee Lucus, Gray 4-H, second place; Garrett Coutts, Pampa FFA, third place; Drake Jackson, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Heavy Weight Cross. Tabitha Courter, Gray 4-H, first place, BC; Garrett Kennedy, Pampa FFA, second place, RBC; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, third place; Cody Lee, Pampa FFA, fourth place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, fifth place.

Heavy Weight Cross. Elizabeth Thomas, Gray 4-H, first place; Karli Douglas, Pampa FFA, second place; John Luke Covalt, Gray 4-H, third place; Jeremy Pritchett, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Ty Youree, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

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