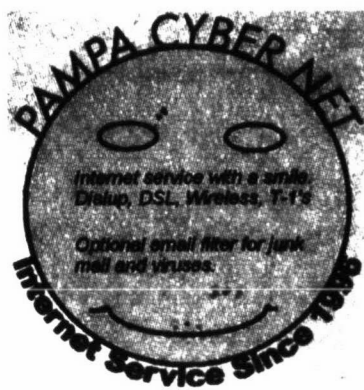


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**Disaster seminar set**

AMARILLO - Free seminars and information booths on practical approaches to emergency preparedness for families will be offered to the public at 2101 N. Coulter, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, March 8.

Speakers include representatives of City of Amarillo Emergency Management, American Red Cross and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Primary focus will be preparation of 72-hour emergency preparedness kits. Topics include practical solutions for survival, food and water storage, heat, bulk food preparation, canning, and gardening.

**LOTTERY**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-7-27-52-53 Estimated jackpot: \$15 million.

Number matching six of six: none. Matching five of six: 53. Prize: \$2,819. Matching four of six: 3,325. Prize: \$111. Matching three of six: 71,387. Prize: \$5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night. Estimated jackpot: \$19 million.

**DEATHS**

Lucille Birdie Smith, 84, business woman.

Mary Ruth Stevens, 66, homemaker.

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**Burglary, robbery keep PPD busy**

*Three in jail; officers seek two suspects*

By NANCY YOUNG  
 MANAGING EDITOR

Three Pampa men landed in jail Wednesday after a reported burglary of a habitation in the 500 block of Magnolia and city police continue to search for two suspects in a robbery which occurred in the 900 block of Murphy.

Arrested for burglary of a

habitation and retaliation in the incident in the 500 block of Magnolia was Luis Andres Cano, 18, 514 Warren. Kelly Dean Brown, 17, 524 Lefors, and Michael Robert Carver, 17, 420 N. Wells, were arrested for burglary of a habitation.

Cano allegedly threatened the owner of the property, according to a police official.

According to the report, the three men took a stereo and speakers from the residence, but threw the speakers to the ground in the backyard of the residence. They were charged with taking the stereo, said officials.

All three men remained in

the Gray County Jail in lieu of bond set by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

A bond of \$5,000 was set on Cano for burglary of a habitation and \$4,000 for the retaliation.

A \$5,000 bond on burglary of a habitation was set on Carver. He also was arrested on two capias pro fines. Capias bonds were set at \$270 on an offense of open container and \$350 for minor in possession.

Brown was also assessed a \$5,000 bond in connection with the reported burglary.

In the incident occurring in the 900 block of Murphy, James

Brown reported that he was robbed and attacked in the living room of his home.

According to a press release from the Pampa Police Department, Brown reported that two unidentified males entered the residence and attacked him in the living room and took his wallet.

Brown said the men both wore ski-type full face masks at the time of the offense.

He reported the persons took approximately \$700 in cash, a checkbook on his bank account, and wrist watch.

According to the release, he said one of the subjects wielded

a knife while the other had a gun. Brown received only minor injuries. He said both men left the property without further incident.

Pampa Police Department would like to remind residents to not open their doors to strangers, said Officer Donny Brown.

"If you see something suspicious in the neighborhood, call police immediately. Call your local law enforcement agency and get involved in a neighborhood watch program," he said, explaining the program is neighbors watching out for neighbors.

**Outage sparks rumors**

By NANCY YOUNG  
 MANAGING EDITOR

An electrical outage at Celanese Wednesday sparked rumors in town that the company was shutting down its operations in Pampa.

Company officials assured *The Pampa News* that was not the case.

"We had an electrical problem today," said Joe Mullenax of the Human

Resources division at the local plant. He said the outage resulted in a few operational delays at the facility, but things were "moving right along" late Wednesday afternoon.

"We are here to stay," said Mullenax. "We (Pampa Celanese) have a lot of support from our upper company management. Our plant is very viable and the demand for the products we produce continues to be high."

**Sexual assault unrelated to earlier case, police say**

By NANCY YOUNG  
 MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa police today say there's no link between the reported aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl on Wednesday and an assault of a local woman in her home on Feb. 20.

"There is no connection to the cases," said Officer Donny Brown of the Pampa Police Department.

Officers are investigating the aggravated sexual assault of the 13-year-old female reported Wednesday. Officials said there would be no additional infor-

mation released to the media at this time regarding the incident, but were quick to say there was no connection to the incident which occurred two weeks ago.

No arrests have been made in the Feb. 20 assault which occurred in one of the city's northeast neighborhoods.

Police issued a statement last week that the male was dressed in a black ski mask, black shirt and pants. The only description of the male given was that he was possibly white, tall and had a thin but muscular build.

Police urge residents to be aware of

(See ASSAULT, Page 3)

**Porch project**



(Courtesy photo)

John Wagner, Atmos operations supervisor; Mrs. Osby, Gail Nabors, meter reader; Gaylan Murphy, crew foreman; Benny Baker, town operator; and Bob Cummings, distribution operator, gather on Mrs. Osby's new porch. Nabors' husband, a local handyman, noticed the porch was unsafe while doing work at the residence. Twice Mrs. Osby had fallen or slipped off the porch, requiring knee surgery both times. Nabors mentioned the problem to Wagner. A group of volunteers including the Nabors and several Atmos employees met one Saturday and built a new porch for Mrs. Osby. "It is very gratifying for me to have participated in a project of this nature with our employees," Wagner said. "They did a fantastic job and really reached out and touched a needy citizen in our community."



(Courtesy photo)

All-State Band members Shelley Smith and Travis Leever recently traveled to San Antonio for Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention.

**PHS band students earn All-State spot**

Two members of "Pride of Pampa" High School Band have been selected as members of Texas All-State Band.

Travis Leever and Shelley Smith, along with Pride of Pampa band directors Bruce Collins and Jason Jones, traveled to San Antonio recently for Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention.

While in San Antonio, the all-state students participated in section rehearsals and spent many hours in preparation for a concert given at the convention. The students also had the opportunity to attend college night and to visit hundreds of exhibits.

Collins and Jones attended concerts, clinics and served in the band division office while at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) event.

Collins currently serves as Band Division chairman of Region I and sat in on meetings concerning issues bands are facing statewide.

Leever and Smith began the audition process in August, working on three etudes of varying tempo and style. They participated in a combined region/area try-out before a panel of five judges later in the fall and advanced to area auditions at

Permian High School in Odessa where they earned placement in All-State Band.

While at San Antonio, they participated in 4A All-State Band under the direction of Dr. Thomas Fraschillo of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Shelley Smith, a junior at PHS, plays clarinet. She is a second-year member of All-State Band. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: All-Region Band (five years); All-Area Band (three years); first division ratings in solos and ensembles since the seventh grade; University of Texas band camp "Honor Wind Ensemble"; Pride of Pampa Band Outstanding Freshman; 2002 Outstanding Pride of Pampa Symphonic Band Member; junior drum major-Pride of Pampa Band; and Latin Club.

Smith, daughter of Duane and Evan Smith, is currently first-chair in Pride of Pampa Band, a position she has held for two consecutive years. She takes private lessons from Janet Dubois of Canyon and participates in the orchestra at First Baptist Church where she is a member.

Leever, son of David and Kathy

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, March 5

Terri Ferguson, 29, of Lefors, was arrested on municipal warrants for two offenses of possession of drug paraphernalia, one offense of parking with wheel over 18 inches from the curb, one of parking on a roadway and one of failure to appear.

Beverly Nichole Howard, 18, 613 N. Magnolia, was arrested for forging a prescription at a pharmacy in the 900 block of North Hobart.

Kelly Dean Brown, 17, 524 Lefors, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

Michael Robert Carver, 17, 420 N. Wells, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

Luis Andres Cano, 18, 514 Warren, was arrested for burglary of a habitation and retaliation.

An aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old female was reported to PD.

Theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 500 block of Harlem. Several pieces of welding equipment were reported taken. Estimate of loss was \$800.

A Pampa resident reported a theft of identity occurring in Burleson.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia. A stereo valued at \$200 was reported taken. Entry was gained through the back door which had been kicked in, according to the police report.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Yeager. Several windows were reported broken as well as damage to walls and doors. No estimate of damage was available.

A theft of beer was reported at a convenience store in the 600 block of Frederic.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, March 5

Diane Bichel Gasaway, 53, of White Deer, was arrested on a warrant out of Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman's office on 12 offenses of non-payment of court costs and fines, and one offense of theft of property by check.

Jose Andres Felix, 50, 1003 S. Sumner, was arrested for public intoxication.

Brandi Badia, 30, 1005 Kiowa, was arrested on four *capias pro fine* warrants out of Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez's office. She was also arrested on three Department of Public Safety warrants.

Janet Williams, 49, 1201 E. Frederic, was arrested on an Ochiltree County warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 29, 706 N. Frost, was arrested for evading arrest and theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Howell Ted Campbell, 70, of Moscow, Kan., was arrested on two grand jury indictments. They were for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense-enhanced and aggravated assault-enhanced.

CORRECTION

In a photo that ran Wednesday announcing the winners of Travis Elementary School's recent spelling bee, the headline above the photo should have read "Travis spelling bee."

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 5

8 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 22nd and Hobart streets.

10:45 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 900 block of North Somerville. A small amount of the gas was coming from an open face heater. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, March 6

1:32 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision with a train at Gray County Rd. 1 and U.S. 60. Firefighters cleaned up hazardous material from the wreck.

2:03 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Wednesday, March 5

Citations for failure to yield right-of-way at a stop sign and no proof of financial responsibility were issued to Diana Lynn Glass, 39, 1149 Huff, when she failed to yield right-of-way from a stop sign in the 900 block of West 22nd at 2100 N. Hobart. Glass was the driver of a 1986 Ford Tempo which struck a 1991 Chevrolet Beretta driven by Dianeth Beatrice Sanchez, 20. No address was available.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.24
Milo	3.90
Corn	4.38
Soybeans	4.88
Triad Hospitals	25.19
NOI	22.54
KMI	44.37
XCEL	11.20
Kerr McGee	41.43
Limited	11.67
Williams	3.94
McDonalds	12.76
Exxon Mobil	34.76
Atmos	21.59
Pioneer Nat	27.03
Penney's	19.00
COP	51.09
Schlumberger	40.24
Tenneco	2.14
CVX	65.65
Wal-Mart	48.43
OKE	17.69
SS Group	7.86

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

Occidental	29.95	+0.09
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	
BP	39.39	+0.12
Celanese	18.05	-0.60
Cabot Corp	21.04	-0.09
Cabot Oil Gas	24.52	+0.08
Coca Cola	37.60	+0.05
VLO	41.06	+0.36
New York Gold	353.55	
Silver	4.64	
West Texas Crude	36.69	

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 5

11:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

1:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Reid; one patient was transported to PRMC.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

the 100 block of South Russell; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Scott; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Murphy; no patient was transported.

Thursday, March 6

1:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Gray 1; no patient was transported.

1:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; one patient was transported to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

MARY RUTH STEVENS  
1936-2003

Mary Ruth Stevens, 66, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stevens was born Oct. 3, 1936, in Amarillo. She had been a lifelong resident of Gray County. She married Hershel Leon Stevens on Nov. 7, 1963, in Gray County. He preceded her in death in 1992.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Dorinda Hayes of Pampa; a son, Martin Stevens of

Pampa; her mother, Lorraine Travis of White Deer; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Stevens of Pampa; two sisters, Vivian Ballard of White Deer and Teresa Gann of Houston; two granddaughters, Dawn Stevens of Panhandle and Meesha Stevens of Pampa; a grandson, David Wayne Stevens, II, of Pampa; and special friend, Connie Smith of Pampa. She was preceded in death by a son, David Stevens, in 2003; her parents; and a sister, Carlo White.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

LUCILLE BIRDIE SMITH  
1918-2003

Lucille Birdie Smith, 84, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 6, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born April 24, 1918, at Perryton, Mrs. Smith had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married Tony Smith on Dec. 28, 1935, at Pampa; he died in 1993.

She had been a secretary at KHHH Radio and a cashier for Tigret Oil Company. She held membership in Pythian Sisters, United Methodist Women, VFW Ladies Auxiliary (life member), American Business Women's Association and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Tony Smith, Jr., of Tucson, Ariz., and Michael Smith of Pampa; two sisters, Kay Brownlow of Pampa; two sisters, Eleanor Tyre and Marie Boyd, both of Pampa; three brothers, John Hutchens and Wayne Hutchens, both of Amarillo, and Lee Hutchens of Philadelphia, Pa.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures with highs in the mid 60s and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear and warmer with lows in the upper 30s and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

STATEWIDE

The state will see warmer temperatures and decreasing clouds today, and the good weather will continue over the state this weekend, with no precipitation forecast Friday and Saturday and only a slight chance in Southeast Texas on Sunday.

A slight chance of showers is forecast this afternoon in the Coastal Bend and Southeast Texas coast. Temperature extremes Wednesday ranged from 80 degrees at both Harlingen and Del Rio to an overnight low of 13 degrees at Dalhart.

West Texas will be sunny today and Friday, partly cloudy this weekend. High temperatures through Monday will be in the 60s in the north and 70s in the south.

The Permian Basin, Trans Pecos and far west will see highs in the 60s and 70s today, warming slightly beginning Friday. No precipitation is forecast through the weekend.

South Texas will be foggy this morning in the deep south. The only precipitation in the forecast through Saturday is a slight chance of showers today in the Coastal Bend, Rio Grande Plains and Southeast Texas coast.

Highs today will continue cool: around 60 southeast, 60s and 70s north and central, and mid 50s in the deep south. Beginning Friday the region should see highs in the 70s through the weekend. Friday will be sunny.

On Saturday clouds will increase. Sunday will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain forecast in Southeast Texas. Monday will be cloudy with a slight chance of rain across South Texas.

North Texas should see great weather through the weekend, with warming temperatures and no rain in the forecast. It will be mostly clear and warmer today with highs ranging from the mid 50s northeast to lower 70s west.

Friday and Saturday will warm up more, with Friday highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s, near 80 Saturday in some areas.

Clouds should increase some Sunday, with slightly cooler highs ranging from the mid 60s northwest to mid 70s southeast. These temperatures will continue Monday, with a slight chance of showers in the forecast central and east.

At another store, a man used the check to buy about \$30 worth of personal hygiene products, store director Steve Stockton said. Stockton said the man showed him Dale's bracelet ID and a work release paper.

"He told me he had just been released," Stockton said. "I thought he had already paid his time. Little did I know he was running."

The county employee's vehicle was found at the second store. Alexander said correction officers didn't know the checks had been stolen until Wednesday, when another inmate told officials he had seen Dale steal them Monday.

A short time after Dale left, a man attempt-

Houston couple loses adoption case

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal immigration judge has ruled that a baby brought to the United States by a Houston couple will go back to Mexico to live with a great uncle.

Judge Clarence Rankin Yates handed down the ruling Wednesday based on a recommendation made by an appointed attorney.

The couple, Nick and Patricia Skafi, in June 2002 arranged to have the baby boy, Aldo Guadarrama, brought to Texas illegally. They argued that the baby was malnourished and they thought their action was necessary to save him.

In August, a judge ruled that the couple could not adopt the baby, known as either Aldo or Fabian, because he couldn't "condone smuggling."

A court-appointed attorney selected the great uncle as a possible caretaker after a government-appointed psychologist determined the child's mother, Griselda Guadarrama, was not fit to care for him.

The U.S. and Mexican governments contended that Guadarrama wanted to keep the baby, but she said she supported the Skafis' desire to adopt him.

According to court testimony, Aldo is her fourth child. Of her other three, two died in her

custody and the third was put up for adoption.

The baby, 14 months old, has spent more than nine months in a foster home in Harlingen under contract with the government agency now known as the Department of Homeland Security.

The judge granted the child baby "voluntary departure," which means Aldo will return to Mexico rather than face deportation proceedings. The decision was made on behalf

of the child baby by his latest attorney, Laura Bachman, along with social worker Robert Barker.

Both U.S. law and United Nations standards mandate that an abandoned child should be placed with a relative if possible, Barker said. In this case, a great-uncle and his wife in Mexico have volunteered.

The Skafis say the decision is not in the child's best interest.

City Briefs

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# Powell seeks backing for using force to disarm Iraq

By **BARRY SCHWEID**  
AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell, heading into high-stakes talks with fellow U.N. Security Council envoys, said Thursday the Iraqi threat must be dealt with now, not after the another mass murder of innocent people.

Testifying before a Senate subcommittee before traveling to New York, Powell said, "The moment we find ourselves in is a critical moment. We are being tested, the Security Council of the United Nations and the international community are being tested."

He asked whether individuals such as Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein should be allowed to continue to develop weapons of mass destruction.

"This is the time we have to deal with this kind of threat,

not after we have seen thousands of people die as a result of the use of some of these horrible weapons," he said.

In New York, Powell will try to overcome U.N. resistance to using force to disarm Iraq, warning that holding back would send a "terrible message" to tyrants everywhere.

On Wednesday, he said that if Security Council does not act, the United States and its coalition partners are prepared to disarm Iraq by force and take responsibility for Iraq's future after a war.

In more intensified activity against Iraq, the United States ordered two U.N.-based Iraqi diplomats to leave the country and asked 60 countries to expel alleged Iraqi agents who could attack American interests overseas.

The government has identified 300 Iraqis in the 60 coun-

tries, said the U.S. officials, asking not to be identified. Some are operating as diplomats out of Iraqi embassies, and foreign governments are expected to comply with the U.S. request, the officials said.

President Bush scheduled a prime-time news conference Thursday as part of his effort to prepare the nation for the prospect of war.

Spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush's opening statement in the East Room would address "the successes in the war against terror as well as the importance of disarming Saddam Hussein." He said Bush has not decided whether to wage war.

During his fourth trip to the United Nations in less than two months, Powell is scheduled Friday to make what could be a final speech to the council urging approval of a U.S.-British-Spanish resolution supporting

the use of force.

In advance of the speech, Powell arranged for meetings beginning later Thursday with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, Qatari Foreign Minister Sheik Hamad bin Jassem Al Thani and Spanish foreign minister Ana Palacio.

Powell will speak Friday after chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix reports to the council on Iraq's cooperation in the search for illegal chemical and biological weapons.

Blix said Wednesday that Iraq is now providing "a great deal more" cooperation and painted a more positive picture of Iraq's disarmament efforts than he did a week ago. He said he would welcome the continuation of U.N. inspections for several more months and mapped out plans well into the summer.

Meanwhile, Sen. Carl

Levin, D-Mich., the top Democrat on Senate Armed Services Committee, said that U.S. intelligence agencies have shared only a small fraction of the sites Iraq identified as highly suspicious for weapons of mass destruction. That information contradicts public statements by CIA Director George Tenet that all such information has been shared with U.N. inspectors, he said.

"If we have not shared the suspect sites, we undermine our own case at the Security Council," Levin said. He said it would be a "nightmare scenario" if Iraq were to use biological or chemical weapons hidden at one of the sites that had not been shared.

With a vote on the new U.N. resolution expected next week, the foreign ministers of France, Germany and Russia said they would block any

attempt to get U.N. approval for war with Iraq. Either France or Russia could kill the resolution with a veto. Other council members normally allied with the United States have said more time should be allowed for weapons inspections.

Council diplomats said Wednesday that Britain was preparing an amendment that would extend the time for inspections. There was no immediate indication whether that would be acceptable to the United States.

Powell has said repeatedly that the inspections were futile, and that Iraq's intelligence agency in late January had taken chemical and biological agents "to areas far away from Baghdad near the Syrian and Turkish borders in order to conceal them."

CONT. FROM PG. 1

# NASA managers, shuttle experts headline first hearing

By **PAUL RECER**  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

HOUSTON (AP) — The director of the Johnson Space Center opened the first public hearing of the shuttle investigation board Thursday, saying he was concerned about the mix of contractors and civil servants working on the space shuttle program.

Jefferson Davis Howell Jr. said that only 3,000 of the 10,000 people at the space center were civil servants, while the rest worked for aerospace contractors who perform many of the key tasks in the shuttle program.

That heavy dependence on contractor employees has come under criticism in some safety studies of the NASA programs.

The hearing, the first in a series planned by the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, was sparsely attended, with fewer than 100 observers seated in the 500-seat auditorium at the Clear Lake campus of the University of Houston.

Among the four witnesses also expected to testify was an engineer whose team of experts found flaws in the safety and operations of the space shuttle program.

Henry McDonald, the former head of the Ames Research Center, was expected to speak about his team's 2000 report conclusions that budget and staffing cuts had forced NASA to turn over too much of its safety oversight to outside contractors — and that safety was being superseded by schedule and cost-cutting.

In the report by McDonald and his team, the experts said far more than half of the jobs in preparing shuttles for launch and monitoring the missions are performed by contractors.

In Washington on Thursday, NASA's Administrator Sean O'Keefe spoke to a Senate subcommittee hearing and warned lawmakers that NASA faces dangerous staff shortages because of looming retirements and fewer college graduates with the skills NASA needs. The agency has been lobbying for employment changes, including higher pay, for more than a year.

"We lost some individuals with skills we couldn't afford to lose" during the past decade, O'Keefe said, "and now these skills need to be replaced. Through downsizing and the normal attrition process, we lost key areas of our institutional knowledge base."

The public hearing in Houston was the first of a series called by retired Adm. Harold Gehman, chairman of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board. Gehman said the board would have public hearings twice a week for two out of every three weeks until the probe is concluded.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore also has been called as witness before the board. Dittmore became a well-known figure while giving daily televised news conferences during the first week following the Feb. 1 Columbia accident. His appearances stopped when the Gehman board took control of the

investigation.

The board also was to hear from Keith Chong, an engineer for Boeing in Huntington Beach, Calif., one of the major space shuttle contractors. Chong is an expert on foam insulation used on the external tank of the space shuttle.

"We're going to get a little bit of the theory of foam before we start going into who did what to whom and whether it was done correctly," Gehman said.

One theory of the accident is that Columbia's left wing was damaged during its Jan. 16 launch when pieces of foam insulation peeled off the external tank as the shuttle streaked toward orbit. A group of Boeing engineers later evaluated the possible damage to Columbia's thermal protection from the insulation and concluded, while the spacecraft was still in orbit, any tile damage caused by the insulation did not endanger the shuttle.

Columbia broke apart during re-entry, killing its seven crew members. Experts say it appears likely that searing plasma, air heated to more than 2,500 degrees by the friction of re-entry, somehow penetrated the wing's interior and caused aluminum supports to soften and fail. In theory, broken thermal tiles could allow re-entry heat to get inside the wing. Board officials said some recovered tiles bear sooty deposits of melted aluminum.

The hearing Thursday was set for a 500-seat auditorium at the University of Houston at Clear Lake, near the Johnson Space Center. It continues the

board pattern of holding public events near, but not on, NASA grounds, an apparent demonstration of the board's independence of the space agency. Other hearings are expected near the Kennedy Space Center and in Washington.

Gehman's announcement about the frequency of the planned public hearings surprised even those on the board support staff.

"He wants his process to be open to the public," explained the Federal Aviation Administration's Laura Brown, the board's spokeswoman.

On the Net:

Columbia accident investigation board: [www.caib.us](http://www.caib.us)

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## ALL-STATE

Leever, is also a second-year All-State Band member. His honors, activities and accomplishments include: All-Region Band (five years); All-Region Band first chair; All-Area Band (four years); All-Region Jazz Band (two years); first division ratings on solos and ensembles; first chair-Pride of Pampa Band; basketball/jazz band; drill instructor/soloist-PHS Marching Band; West Texas A&M University Band Camp (two years); WTAMU Band Camp Symphonic Band; and D-FY-IT.

Leever plans to attend the University of North Texas after he has earned his diploma from high school.

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Anyone with information on the Feb. 20 incident is asked to contact Det. Connie Lockridge with the Pampa PD Criminal Investigation Division at 669-5700.

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## Air Algerie plane crashes

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An Air Algerie jet crashed shortly after takeoff from an airport deep in the Sahara Desert on Thursday, killing 102 people on board, the airline said. One person survived.

The crash of the Boeing 737 occurred minutes after the plane left the Algerian town of Tamanrasset bound for the capital, Algiers, nearly 1,000 miles to the north.

"There was a mechanical problem on takeoff," said a spokesman for the airline, Hamid Hamdi. He said he had no other information about the cause of the crash. "Unfortunately, we know only of one survivor," he said.

There were 97 passengers on the plane and six crew members, airline officials said.

Hamdi said there was "no element that leads us to think there was a terrorist attack."

After Thursday's crash, Prime Minister Ali Benflis convened emergency crisis

units at the airports in Algiers and Tamanrasset to deal with the crash, thought to be the first in the history of Algerian commercial aviation.

Interior Minister Yazid Zerhouni and Transportation Minister Abdelmalek Sellal were headed to the scene.

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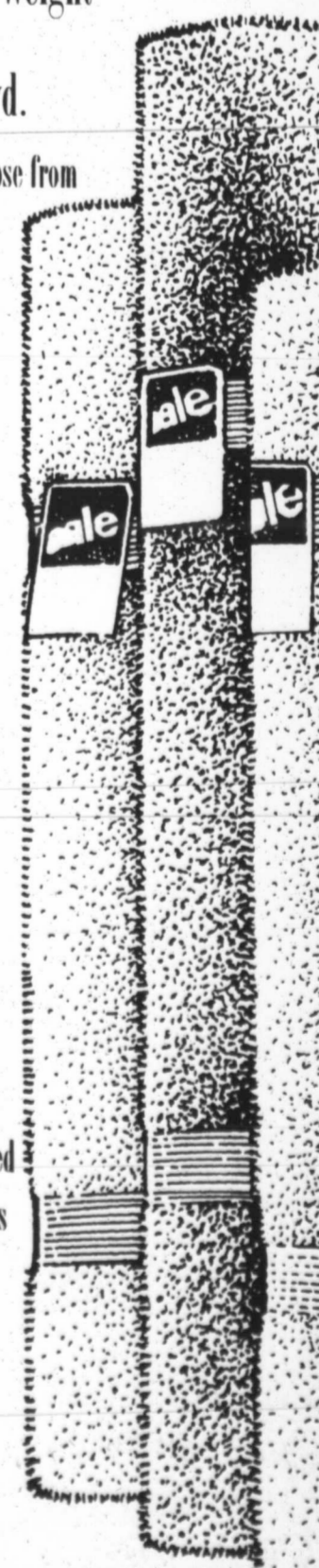
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Lent through a child's eyes

As the Lenten season began yesterday with Ash Wednesday, I was still pondering what sacrifice I would make for the next 40 days.

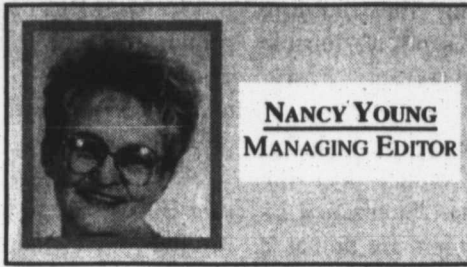
Sitting in the Ash Wednesday service last night with Peyton, 8; Christian, 6; and Paige, 4, I began to think the sacrifice had already begun.

These three were attending their first Ash Wednesday service and were they ever full of questions! Their mother and I had begun explaining to them several days ago about the service because we knew putting the sign of the cross on their forehead with ashes would definitely be something different to them.

They still had numerous questions, and Paige was especially fidgety.

Why do we do this? What is the page number of that song, Nana? I can't see. What is Father doing? What is going on up there? Why are there so many people here? Why do we have to go to the front two times? Who is that man and woman who said hi to us and knew our names?

Driving up to the church, Paige asked, "Are we going to have 'church school' tonight like we do Sunday mornings?" I explained this was a special event. "But why," she asked. "Just because," I responded. "But I want to go to church school," she said. Just about that time her "church school" teacher arrived and parked near us. She was satisfied.



NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Christian is grumbling as we go in. "But I don't want to go to Mask," he said. Older sister Peyton said, "Christian, it's not Mask- it's Mass." He responded, "Whatever."

Once inside they knew they had to be quiet. Now they knew it, but Paige doesn't always do what she knows she's supposed to do. She is a very "social" child. (I learned many years ago when their aunt was in school that is teacher-talk for talking too much.) She immediately made friends with a little girl sitting behind us and didn't want to turn around.

A well-dressed man I had never seen before was sitting next to her and I wondered how he was going to handle being seated next to an active 4-year-old. As I stole glances at him, he showed no signs of being ready to offer her up as a sacrifice. I was relieved.

Towards the end of the service when the parishoners were offering peace to each other, she really got into that. She was quite happy with being able to acceptably talk. That is a part of the service she always enjoys.

Peyton and Christian were looking to me throughout the service as if to say, "Nana, do something with her."

Trying to break eye-contact with them, I visually scanned the crowd and saw many teens and young adults I had watched growing up. I remembered them as 4-year-olds and, deciding this is only temporary, realized someday I would long for this day again. I've done that with my children.

About that time Paige burst into tears. I asked what was wrong and she told me Christian had hit her. He said, "She hit me first." So much for "Peace be with you."

As we exited the church, the strange man told me how sweet Paige was. Peyton and Christian looked at him, then me, as if he was an escaped mental patient.

The children now had the first Ash Wednesday behind them and they felt they knew all about it.

Early this morning as we left home, I saw a cotton tail rabbit scampering across the yard. "Look," I said. "There's one of Peter Rabbit's kids. See they're getting ready for Easter, too." Peyton asked how I knew which rabbits were related to Peter Rabbit. "That's something that you'll know when you are a grandmother," I told her.

And you are teaching your grandchildren, too, I thought. I hope she remembers these times with fondness.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Where does the money go?

To the Editor:  
RE: the article in Tuesday's Pampa News where DPS Troopers Jason Henderson, Chad Grange and Jerome Ingle confiscated \$723,790 dollars on I-40 and brought it to a Pampa bank: Hey, let's give some of that to the PEDC so they can stop limping along and do what they promised to do (shut down the PEDC) and the rest (along with a few more arrests like this) and Pampa/Gray County stop paying or worrying about tax income! Over the years I have read I don't know how many stories like this in the paper. Where does all this money go to? Where does it disappear to? Why cannot laws or ordinances be passed that this money would go to the county in which it was "recovered"? And not to office expansion (and thus more taxes needed in the end), but to existing budgetary needs of the county? For the life of me I don't understand it. I know there is some rule covering this, but it ought to be changed. I don't understand how it has not been changed before this. OK, I said my two cents worth (pun intended).

Dave Schlewitz  
Pampa

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, March 6, the 65th day of 2003. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

On this date:

In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In 1857, in its "Dred Scott" decision, the Supreme Court held that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on Berlin during World War II.

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported being gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern called Big Dan's; four men were later convicted in the attack.

In 1987, 189 people died when the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Ten years ago: As a standoff at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended its first week, authorities appealed publicly to David Koresh and his followers to give themselves up.

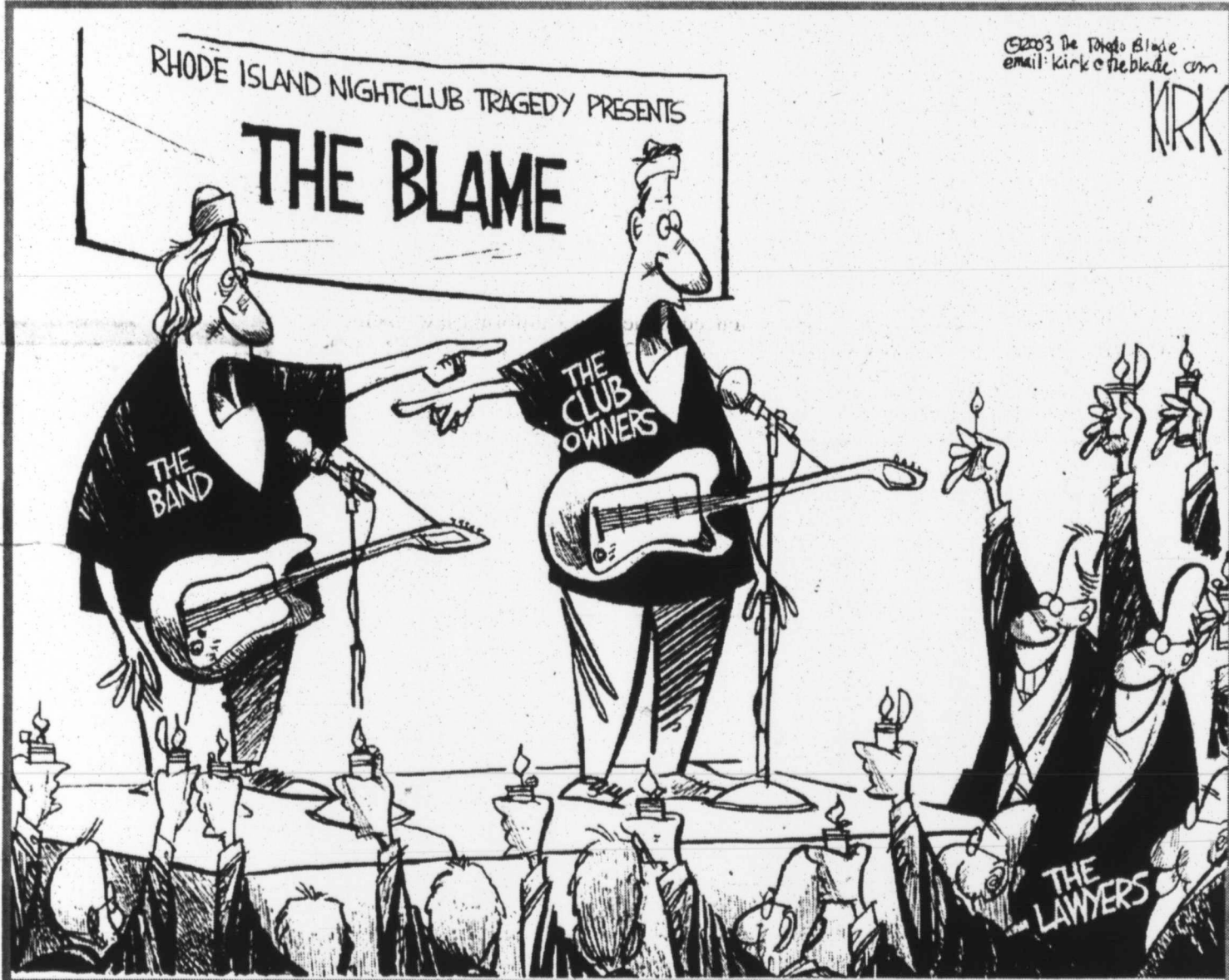
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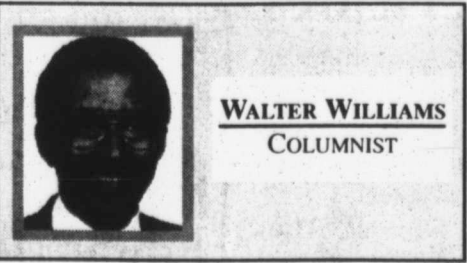
## Different visions, different policy

We're often confronted by the enigma of decent people professing identical goals but advocating polar opposite policies. Sometimes the political alignment is seen as conservative versus liberal where, for example, conservatives fight against minimum wage increases and liberals support those increases.

The enigma is: Why is it that two groups of people, professing concern for low-skilled workers, advocate vastly differing means to help them? I think that part of the answer lies in differing visions of how the world works; but that answer only applies to honest people who don't have a self-interested hidden agenda.

Consider what might have been an argument between two Spaniards in A.D. 1300. One person's initial premise is that the earth is flat, while the other's initial premise is that the earth is round. The person with the flat-earth premise would argue that it's impossible to sail west from Spain and reach India. The person with the round-earth premise would argue the opposite -- while the voyage would be long, one can sail west from Spain and reach India.

The internal logic underlying both arguments, given the initial premises, are flawless. After all, if the world is flat, and India lies to the east of Spain, sailing west from Spain means that somewhere along the way you're going to fall off the



WALTER WILLIAMS  
COLUMNIST

earth. By contrast, with the premise that the earth is round, of course one could sail west and reach India. Here's the point: Given the initial premises, both arguments are flawless, internally consistent and believable to their adherents.

Let's apply this reasoning to the minimum wage debate to see how it might explain how two groups of decent and honest people can reach polar opposite conclusions. If one's initial premise is that employers must employ certain amount of labor, say 10 workers, to get a job done, the logic that higher minimum wage laws would help low-skilled workers is flawless. It simply means higher wages for those 10 workers coming at the expense of the employer's profits.

By contrast, if one's initial premise is that employers are sensitive to labor prices and can substitute capital for labor or move their operation to places where there's cheaper labor, the logic that the minimum wage would hurt at least some low-skilled workers is similarly flawless. After all, a low wage is better than no

wage as a result of having been replaced by machinery or your job has moved overseas.

Competing visions of how the world works enters many areas of our lives and generate polar opposite policies. Another example is gun control. If it's your vision that an inanimate object such as a gun can cause crime, then you'll advocate gun control as a means to reduce crime. The logic is impeccable -- fewer guns means less crime. But, if it's your vision that evil people, not guns, cause crime, you might advocate more gun ownership as a means to reduce crime, namely giving law-abiders greater protection and providing more uncertainty for criminals.

A way out the conundrum of competing visions is to demand that people make their initial premises explicit so they can be challenged. Supporters of higher minimum wage law, as a means to help low-skilled workers, should be required to provide evidence that employers are insensitive to increases in labor prices, and those who argue against should be required to provide evidence employers are sensitive.

Gun-control advocates should be required to provide evidence that guns, not evil people, cause crime, and gun-ownership advocates should be pressed for their evidence that it's evil people, not guns, that cause crime.

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# Israel begins investigation of Jesus inscription on box

By LAURIE COPANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Antiquities Authority began studying an ancient stone box on Wednesday to determine whether it was used to bury a man who some Christians believe was Jesus' brother. If authenticated, the box could be the oldest archaeological link to the biblical figures.

The box arrived in Israel on Wednesday from Toronto, where it had been on display at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Antiquities Authority set up two commissions of archaeologists, geologists and language experts to study the box, which bears the inscription, "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus," and which Israeli and French scholars believe dates to between A.D. 50-70.

The words were engraved on the burial box, or ossuary, which was the form of Jewish burial until about A.D. 70. The New Testament identifies James as Jesus' "brother" and the leader of Jerusalem's early Christians, although different faiths vary on how closely the two were related.

It was unclear where the box was found. Its Israeli owner, Oded Golan said he doesn't remember the name of the antiquities dealer he bought it from for \$200 in the 1970s in Jerusalem's Old City. Golan showed the ossuary to a French scholar, Andre Lemaire, who revealed the finding in November in the Biblical Archaeological Review magazine.

Since then, experts have raised the possibility the inscription did not refer to Jesus of Nazareth or that the phrase about Jesus might have been forged. Israel's Geological Survey

found that the patina on the stone indicates the letters were engraved in ancient times and were not tampered with.

The mention of a brother on ossuaries was very rare and could indicate this particular find was very important, Lemaire believes.

Protestants traditionally read the New Testament as meaning Mary gave birth to Jesus as a virgin and then had James, three other sons and at least two daughters with Joseph.

In accord with church fathers' writings after the New Testament era, the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics teach of Mary's "perpetual virginity," which means she and Joseph never had marital relations.

The Orthodox think Joseph had James by his first wife, and after she died he married Mary — whose only child was the virgin-born Jesus. Thus, James was Jesus' half brother.

Catholics commonly hold that James was merely Jesus' close relative, perhaps the son of Joseph's brother Clopas or a cousin on Mary's side.

Meanwhile, Israel's Antiquities Authority also is trying to obtain an ancient stone tablet detailing repairs to be made to the Jewish Temple of King Solomon that could be an extremely rare confirmation of biblical narrative. The existence of the tablet was disclosed in January.

The unnamed owner of the tablet had given it briefly to the Geological Survey, which dated it back to the 9th century B.C. and said it could have actually been a part of Solomon's Temple, destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The owner of the artifact has since taken it from the institute and police are investigating its whereabouts.

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# Supreme Court upholds long sentences under 3-strikes laws

By ANNE GEARAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said certain repeat offenders may be locked up for long periods for relatively minor crimes, ruling Wednesday that a sentence up to life is not too harsh for a criminal caught swiping three golf clubs.

The court also said a term of 50 years to life is not out of bounds for a small-time thief who shoplifted videotapes from Kmart. The tapes, including "Batman Forever" and "Cinderella," were worth \$153.

Both men were sentenced under California's toughest-in-the-nation law for repeat criminals, known as three-strikes. By votes of 5-4, the court said the law does not necessarily lead to unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

Gary Albert Ewing had more than a dozen prior convictions when a clerk at an El Segundo, Calif., golf shop noticed him trying to make off with golf clubs stuffed down one pant leg. He was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. There is no possibility of parole before 25 years.

"Ewing's sentence is justified by the state's public-safety interest in incapacitating and deterring recidivist felons, and amply supported by his own long, serious criminal record," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the main opinion in that case. O'Connor listed Ewing's earlier convictions, which include theft, battery and burglary.

Like similar laws in 25 other states and the federal government, the California law was intended to shut the revolving prison door for career criminals. The laws typically allow a life prison term or something close to it for someone convicted of a third felony.

In dissent, Justice Stephen Breyer said the Ewing case is a rare example of a sentence that is so out of proportion to the crime that it is unconstitutional. He was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Outside California's three-strikes law, a 25-year prison term is more the norm for someone convicted of first-degree murder, not shoplifting, Breyer wrote.

"Ewing's sentence is, at a minimum, two to three times the length of sentences that other jurisdictions would impose in similar circumstances," he wrote.

Breyer read a summary of his dissent from the bench, a step justices usually reserve for cases in which there is strong,

often ideological, disagreement.

At least 7,000 people have been sentenced under the California law, including more than 300 such as Ewing and Leandro Andrade, the men at the heart of Wednesday's cases. Both received long sentences when the courts treated a relatively minor crime as a third-strike felony.

Andrade will not be eligible for parole until 2046, when he would be 87.

The high court rulings address only the effects of the California law. But the court's reasoning likely shields other three-strikes laws from similar constitutional challenges.

"This makes it extremely difficult if not impossible to challenge any recidivist sentencing law," said Andrade's lawyer, University of Southern California law professor Erwin Chemerinsky. "If these sentences aren't cruel and unusual punishment, what would be?"

California voters approved the three-strikes law in 1994, largely in response to the killing of schoolgirl Polly Klaas by a paroled repeat criminal.

Wednesday's main ruling noted the popularity of three-strikes laws and the public fears about violent crime that led to them. State legislatures should have leeway to keep career criminals away from the public, O'Connor wrote.

"Throughout the states, legislatures enacting three strikes laws made a deliberate policy choice that individuals who have repeatedly engaged in serious or violent criminal behavior, and whose conduct has not been deterred by more conventional approaches to punishment, must be isolated from society in order to protect the public safety," O'Connor wrote.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Anthony Kennedy fully agreed with O'Connor's reasoning.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas agreed with the outcome, but wrote separately to say they think the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment is not a guarantee against sentences like Ewing's.

A chief author of the law, former California Secretary of State Bill Jones, said the court understood what the state was trying to do.

"Our goal in California is to have no more victims," Jones said in a written statement. "The court's decision today ensures that repeat murderers, robbers, rapists and child molesters will be off our streets as soon as they commit an additional felony."


The cases are Ewing v. California, 01-6978, and Lockyer v. Andrade, 01-1127.

## 'Student Lobby Day'



(Courtesy photo)

Texas Lutheran University students, including Gregory Hartman of Pampa, (back row, second from left), met recently with State Rep. Edmund Kuempel as part of "TEG Student Lobby Day" at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. Hartman and other TLU students were joined by students from other Texas private colleges and universities to support Texas Tuition Equalization Grant program which provides grants to financially needy students who attend an independent college or university in Texas. Hartman, son of Gary and Debra Hartman, is a Pampa High School graduate. Kuempel is the third from the left in the back row.



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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Pregnant Wife Fears She's Lost Husband's Full Attention

**DEAR ABBY:** My fifth wedding anniversary is coming soon. I was looking forward to it until last night. I took my children to visit their daddy at his office. He is usually happy to see us. We found him eating his dinner in the company's break room.

We were enjoying a pleasant conversation when suddenly a female co-worker burst in and began telling a story. This woman, "Carmen," is very voluptuous and extroverted. My husband started laughing like crazy at Carmen's funny story — which I didn't find amusing at all. But it didn't bother me until my husband came home from work and we started getting ready for bed. He began repeating this "funny" story he heard at work. When I told him I was there when Carmen told it, he looked surprised and said, "You were?"

Abby, I was crushed! I had been in that break room for 15 minutes before Carmen came in, and my husband had forgotten all about our visit. I am trying not to let it bother me, but I am 7½ months pregnant and beginning to believe my husband no longer cares for me. What should I do?

**FEELING BIG AND BROKENHEARTED**

**DEAR FEELING BIG AND BROKENHEARTED:** First of all, remember that pregnancy is only temporary, and that many people think there is nothing more beautiful than a pregnant woman. However, somehow you are feeling threatened. Carmen may be bombastic, but if your husband wanted to share her funny

story with you, you should not be threatened by one instance of short-term memory loss.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 15 and in tears as I write this. My parents met in college and married when Mom got pregnant with my older brother. They recently celebrated their 17th anniversary. Lately, it seems all Mom and Dad do is argue. My father's job requires him to work

long hours and travel a lot, so things have been especially stressful.

Last weekend, my brother and I went to visit our aunt and uncle who live a couple of hours away. While I was sitting at their computer e-mailing some friends, I couldn't resist the temptation, so I pulled up an e-mail Mother had sent to my aunt. In it, Mom wrote that she "can't take it any longer" and finally talked to a divorce lawyer. She plans to file for divorce as soon as my brother graduates from high school. She doesn't want us kids to know because my brother needs to keep his grades up so he can get into a good college, and she knows the news would upset us.

But that wasn't the worst part. Mom went on to say she had confessed to our priest that she's been having an affair with a co-worker! Mom reads your column every day, so please give us some good advice. If she reads this letter and your reply, maybe it would help her reconsider what she's doing.

**HOPING TO SAVE MY PARENTS' MARRIAGE IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR HOPING'S MOTHER:** If this scenario seems strangely familiar to you, please know that your plans are no longer a secret and are causing great stress to your daughter.

Before you make any life-altering decisions, end the affair and start marriage counseling with your husband. It wouldn't hurt to begin family counseling as well.

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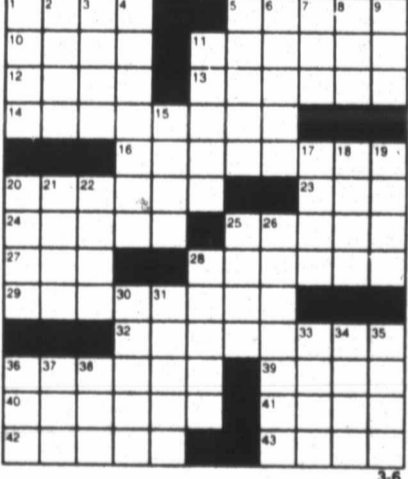
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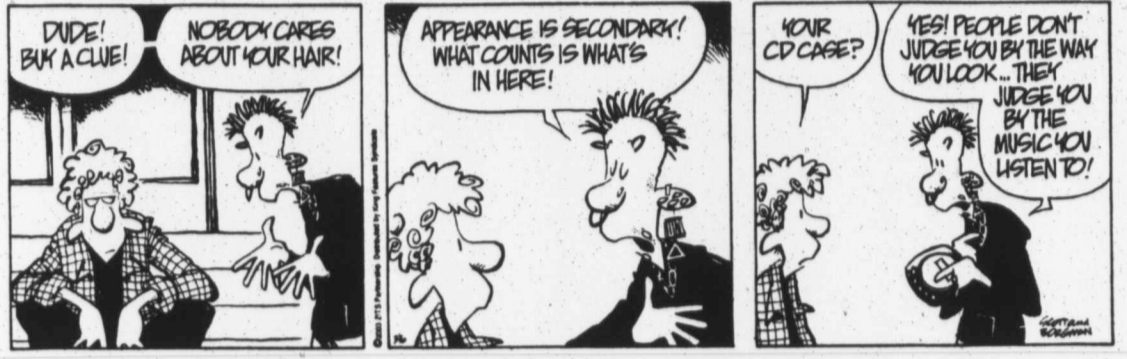
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# SPORTS

## NOTEBOOK

### SOFTBALL

**PAMPA** - Optimist Girls Little League softball signups continue today at the Optimist Club.

Signup times are from 5:30 to 7 at the Optimist Club for girls ages 7 to 15.

All new players and those moving up to a new division must attend two of the three tryouts at the time of sign-ups.

Player's fee is \$35 for 7-9 year-olds and \$45 for 10-15 year-olds.

Please contact Sheri Tice at 665-3505 for more information.

### BASKETBALL

**AMARILLO** — Cade Culver of Canadian has been named to the All-District 6A Basketball Team this season.

Panhandle's Sy Slover was named the district's Most Valuable Player.

**WASHINGTON AP** — Just 24 hours after injuring his back, Michael Jordan played 24 minutes and had 10 points and nine rebounds in the Washington Wizards' 99-80 rout of the Los Angeles Clippers.

### FOOTBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Linebacker Jay Foreman, a key to the Houston Texans' defense last season, signed a five-year contract Tuesday to remain with the team.

Foreman played inside right linebacker on the Texans' 3-4 defense last season and had the best season of his five-year career. He came to the Texans in a trade with the Buffalo Bills and made it clear afterward he didn't want to pursue free agency.

"Re-signing Jay was one of our top off-season priorities," Texans general manager Charley Casserly said. "Jay had a solid first season for us and we think he will continue to flourish in this system."

Terms of the deal were not immediately announced.

Foreman was a key part of the inaugural Texans defense that ranked 16th in the NFL last season in total defense. The Texans listed Foreman with a team-high 193 tackles.

Buffalo free agent linebacker Keith Newman, Foreman's former teammate with the Bills, visited the Texans on Monday.

The Texans also expected a visit on Tuesday from Washington Redskins running back Stephen Davis, released by the Redskins in a salary cap move. The Texans' running game ranked last in the NFL last season with 3.2 yards per carry.

## Zemanek, Simon make first-team All 3-4A District

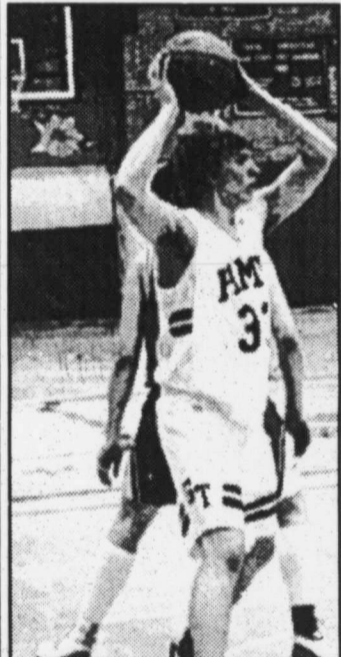
Seniors Ryan Zemanek and Max Simon, Pampa's 6-3 post players, have been named to the first-team All-District 3-4A Basketball Team.

Zemanek averaged 15.3 points and 7.7 rebounds a game while Simon averaged 9.4 points and 9.3 rebounds. Simon led the Harvesters in blocked shots (48), and assists (52). Zemanek led in 3-point field goals (40) and steals (63).

Junior post player Chance Bowers, was a second-team pick. The 6-1 Bowers averaged 13.5 points and was the team leader in total points with 394.

Named honorable mention from Pampa were Clayton Hall, James Silva and Collin Bowers.

Hall, a sophomore point guard, averaged 5.1 ppg and had 34 assists and 56 steals. Silva, a 6-0 senior, averaged 7.2 ppg and led the team in taking charges with 13.



Max Simon

Collin Bowers, Chance's twin, averaged 7.1 points a game.

The Harvesters advanced as far as the regional quarter-finals this season after taking second in the district race.

### District 3-4A All-District Basketball Team

#### First Team

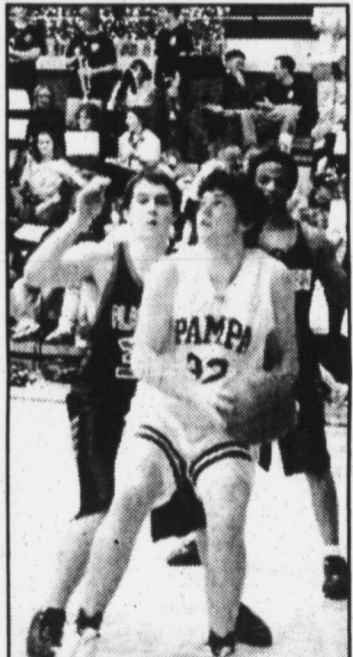
Max Simon, Pampa; Ryan Zemanek, Pampa; Austin Johnson, Palo Duro; Cheston Mitchell, Caprock; Josh Luke, Palo Duro; Xavier Hall, Plainview; Kendall Hall, Randall.

#### Second Team

Chance Bowers, Pampa; Will Mitchell, Caprock; David Hernandez, Caprock; Jake Robinson, Dumas; Parker Hammons, Dumas; Jorge Gonzales, Hereford; Barry Benson, Palo Duro.

**Coach of the Year:** Jeff Evans, Palo Duro.

**Player of the Year:** Austin Johnson, Palo Duro.



Ryan Zemanek

## Lady Harvesters shut out Randall in district opener

**RANDALL** - Pampa broke in Randall's new softball complex in a big way Tuesday, defeating the Lady Raiders in convincing fashion 7-0 to open the District 3-4A season.

Pampa got a leadoff single from Jennie Rogers to open the first, followed by a perfect bunt from Amy Youree to put two runners on. Abbi Covalt walked to load the bases.

Randall starter Karen Taylor struck out the next batter, but Pampa's Haley Bowen reached first on an error to bring in the first run. That would turn out to be the only run needed.

Pampa's Chelsey Davis (1-0, 5-5) pitched the seven-

inning game, working out of trouble in the third and sixth innings. Davis scattered six hits, gave up one walk and struck out five in picking up the victory. The Lady Harvesters had perfect defense behind her, not committing an error.

Pampa's leading hitters were Rogers and Youree with three hits each. Rogers scored two runs and Youree had two bunt singles. Stacey Johnson had two hits and scored two runs.

Others with hits were April Amador (double), Teryn Garner (single), Whitney Roden (double) and Haley Bowen (single).

Defensively, Amador made two outstanding catches of wind-blown flyballs to aid Pampa (1-0 in district, 14-5 overall) in the district win.

For Randall, Brittany LePage and Karen Taylor collected two hits each, but were left stranded both times. Randall's offense would get only two more hits.

This was also Randall's district opener. Pampa had lost to Randall 7-5 at the Berger Winter Classic in mid-February. The Lady Harvesters had seven errors in that game.

Pampa hosts Plainview at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Recreation Park.

## Nets at Frank Erwin Center had no chance as Texas gains share of Big 12 title

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — The nets at the Frank Erwin Center had no chance.

Not after No. 5 Texas had clinched a share of its first Big 12 regular-season title Wednesday night with a 78-66 win over Oklahoma.

With the league trophy in hand, Texas players climbed the ladder to take their cuts at the nets in the arena, where the Longhorns went 15-0 this season.

"Everybody got a piece," said Stacy Stephens, who led the Longhorns with 28 points on 12-of-16 shooting.

Texas hadn't gone unbeaten at home since the 1985-86 season, when the Longhorns became the first women's undefeated national champion.

"Cutting down the net was the greatest feeling I've ever had," said guard Tai Dillard,

one of only two seniors. She scored 10 points and keyed the pivotal run late in the game with back-to-back layups.

"I've always watched it on TV and I finally got to do it," Dillard said.

Heather Schreiber added 16 points for the Longhorns (22-5, 15-1 Big 12), who finished the regular season on a 10-game winning streak.

The Longhorns could win the Big 12 outright if No. 8 Texas Tech beats conference co-leader No. 4 Kansas State on Thursday.

"I don't care," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "The way I feel now is this team has won a share of the championship. I'll just enjoy what they accomplished."

Defending conference champion Oklahoma (18-11, 9-7) was already out of contention, but wasn't about to

concede the title without a fight. Dionnah Jackson led the Sooners with 21 points and Chelsi Welch added 15.

"We're pretty accustomed to doing what they did, and that's cutting down the nets," said Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale.

The Sooners outrebounded Texas 24-10 in the first half and rallied from two nine-point deficits to pull within 33-31 at halftime.

"I was really fearful we would play not to lose, which we kind of did in the first half," Conradt said. "Plus, Oklahoma really took it to us."

"There were a lot of things riding on this game. I could have predicted it would be tight."

Oklahoma briefly took the lead 50-49 on Jackson's layup with 12 minutes left, and her 3-point play made it 53-53.

## Arizona loses Plummer, Boston to free agency

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Football Writer

Arizona's once-dynamic pitch and catch tandem of Jake Plummer to David Boston has been torn apart by free agency.

Plummer, the Cardinals' quarterback for the past six seasons, agreed Wednesday to a seven-year, \$40 million deal with the Denver Broncos. Boston, his favorite target, headed west to San Diego for a seven-year deal worth more than \$6 million a year for the first four seasons.

"When it came down to it, the opportunity to work with (Broncos head coach) Mike Shanahan was the determinant factor," Plummer said. "And also a franchise that has won Super Bowls and is on that same course to do it again, I believe."

"From what they've told me, what they believe I can add to this team, there's no reason we shouldn't be making a push very soon."

After a mediocre 2002 season, the Cardinals were expected to let Plummer leave. Now the Broncos, who gave incumbent Brian Griese permission to seek a trade, have their new quarterback.

At 28, with 82 NFL starts, Plummer could blossom under

the offensive-minded Shanahan. In 1998, Plummer led the Cardinals to their first playoff victory since 1947.

The Broncos also added defensive tackle Daryl Gardener, who started 15 games last year for Washington and had 71 tackles and four sacks. Gardener is expected to replace Chester McGlockton, who was released by the Broncos.

San Diego's young passer, Drew Brees, should be smiling at the prospect of throwing to Boston, the top wide receiver available in free agency. The 6-foot-2, 236-pound Boston, whose father, Byron, is an NFL official, caught 98 passes two years ago for Arizona, which drafted him in the first round in 1999. He led the league with 1,598 yards receiving and was voted to the All-Pro team.

Last year, slowed by a knee injury, Boston had 32 catches. He also pleaded no contest to driving under the influence of drugs.

"This situation seemed to have all the intangibles for me," Boston said. "They're trying to win and that's what I'm trying to do."

He's expected to sign the deal Monday.

"I told our offensive staff, 'This is an outstanding player, don't mess it up,'" coach

Marty Schottenheimer said. "We're delighted to have him."

Also quite happy with a transaction Wednesday was Packers coach Mike Sherman.

Defensive tackle Cletidus Hunt signed a six-year, \$25 million contract with the Packers, who were able to remove the transition designation they assigned to him Feb. 20.

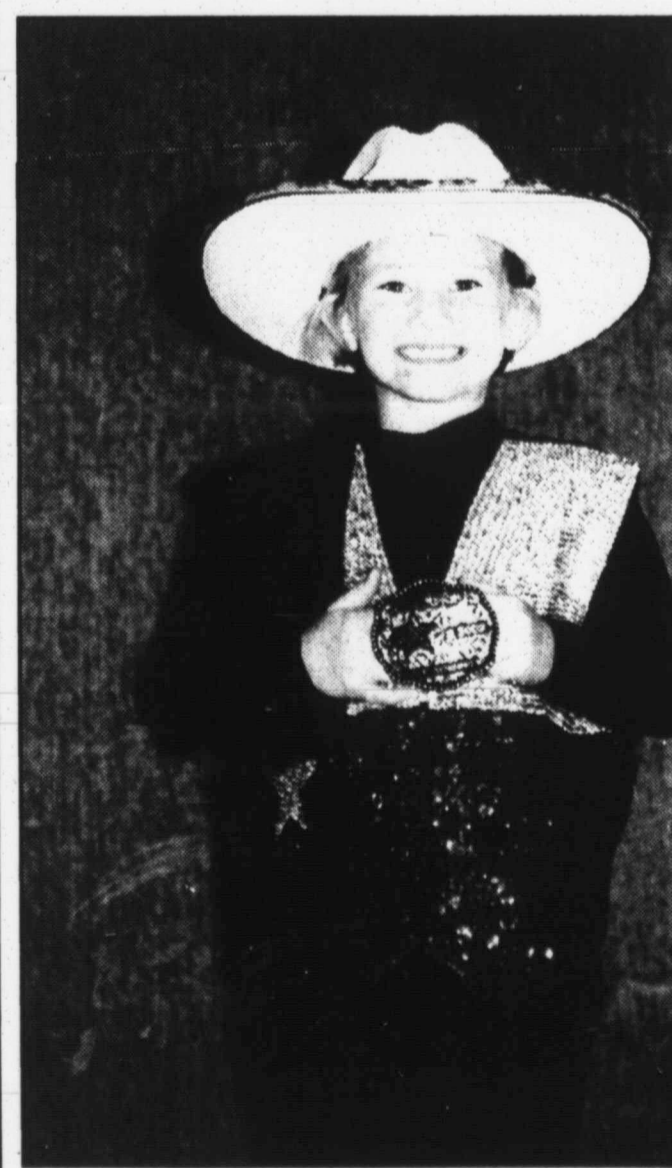
"I think that Cletidus Hunt is at just the tip of the iceberg in regard to what he's capable of doing," Sherman said. "I think he can be a dominant player in this league."

The Carolina Panthers signed former New Orleans backup QB Jake Delhomme and re-signed 37-year-old Rodney Peete, last year's starter, to a three-year deal. Then they cut running back Lamar Smith.

Delhomme, 28, threw just 86 passes during his five years in New Orleans. Carolina believes he could be a late-blossoming quarterback.

"He's a good young quarterback and he's very accurate," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "He seems to bring some veteran leadership skills and some intangibles. He just hasn't had much of a chance yet. But when he's played, we've liked what we've seen."

### Junior rodeo winner



(Courtesy photo)

Krysten Miller, daughter of Kelly and Lana Miller of Pampa, is a participant in the Junior Rodeo Association. She won a buckle and saddle for winning barrels, poles and goats competition in last year's 5-6 age division. Earlier last year, Krysten won a camper trailer valued at \$2,000.

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# Richardson still follows the bouncing basketball

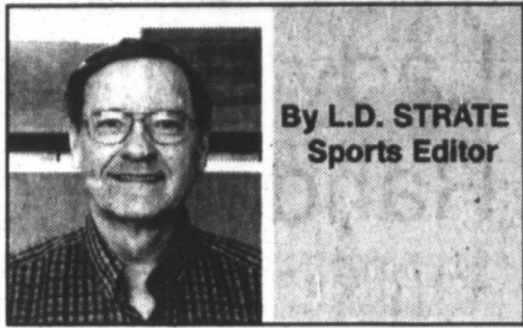
Sharp shooting Kellye Richardson is still following the bouncing basketball. She was Pampa's first female hoops star, at least in the modern era.

Watching Fox Sports Southwest last weekend, viewers could catch a glimpse of her during the Class 5A girls' championship finals between Duncanville and Georgetown at the Frank Irwin Center in Austin.

Richardson is the No. 1 assistant to head coach Rhonda Farney, who has guided the Georgetown Lady Eagles to high school's final four three times.

Richardson has been the assistant varsity coach and head junior varsity coach at Georgetown for 10 years. She also coaches the cross country team, and is the administrator for all grade school athletic programs in Georgetown.

When big-school girls' basketball was revitalized across the state in the late 1970's, Richardson became one Pampa's early standouts. As a pure shooter who could hit from anywhere on the floor, she was a scoring machine right from the beginning. Two-hand-



By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Editor

ed finger roll layups were a Richardson specialty.

Richardson was named the district's Sophomore of the Year, and earned the league's Most Valuable Player honors as a junior. The 5-10 guard averaged 25 points per game as a senior and won MVP honors at the Golden Spread All-Star Games in Amarillo. She missed by one vote of being district MVP two straight years. That summer following graduation, she was selected to play in the Texas-Kansas High School Girls' All-Star Game. Playing for the East squad, she got that second MVP award denied her as a senior.

One of her biggest fans was dad Kenneth

Richardson, who was caught off-guard by Kellye's sudden success on the hardwood.

"I don't remember Kellye playing much basketball growing up," Richardson said. "She started playing some as a freshman just within the school. They started the basketball program back up around that time and I was surprised at how good she was. I guess she was just a natural. I remember her senior year she had at least five games where she scored over 30 points."

After going over a quarter-century without a girls' basketball program, Pampa High launched the sport again in 1975 playing a sophomore schedule.

Richardson's sophomore season (1976-77) was the first year girls started playing 5 on 5 fullcourt basketball, instead of the traditional 3 on 3 — three players on offense, three on defense. The Lady Harvesters played a junior varsity schedule that first season, then went varsity in the newly-formed District 3-5A.

Stardom was just beginning for Richardson, who went onto play at Amarillo College where she helped lead the Lady

Badgers to the Texas Junior College Tournament title. They advanced to the nationals in Kansas City, winning five of six games.

Richardson spurned college offers from West Texas State, Missouri and Kansas to sign with Marsha Sharp at Texas Tech. She started every game for the Lady Raiders her final two seasons and graduated in 1983.

Kenneth, a retired Cabot supervisor, played basketball at Kelton High and went to Clarendon College on an athletic scholarship.

"I was a pretty good player, but I'd have to say Kellye was a little better," he laughed. "Her grandmother, my mother, was a good player. I guess it's in the genes."

Kellye's grandmother, Vena Clemens-Richardson, played on Pampa High's 1931 girls' basketball team. Vena, who had moved from Kelton to Pampa when she was a senior, wasn't in the starting lineup early in the season.

After going into one game in the second half and scoring 24 points, she was assured of a starting role the rest of the year.

# Barnes' 24 leads Cyclones's emotional victory over Missouri

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By The Associated Press

Iowa State and coach Larry Eustachy put aside their heartache long enough to beat a tough opponent in an emotional game.

Playing just hours after the death of longtime radio announcer Pete Taylor, Iowa State got 24 points from Tim Barnes and big games from several others in beating Missouri 71-55 Wednesday night.

"There were a lot of emotions," Iowa State's Jared Homan said. "We were thinking of him, but we played hard. We wanted to go out and play hard for him and in memory of him."

It was especially emotional for Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy, Taylor, who died after brain surgery at University Hospitals in Iowa City, was an associate athletic director and had been Eustachy's closest friend in the department.

Tears streamed down Eustachy's cheek as he went to shake hands with Missouri coach Quin Snyder after the game. He was still crying when he walked into the interview room.

"Our wives used to kid each other. Judy Taylor and my wife, and say Pete was the brother Larry never had and Larry was the brother Pete never had," Eustachy said. "Nothing is more true."

"I made my peace with Pete over at the hospital. He was not conscious, but I know he heard me."

Iowa State (15-11, 5-10 Big 12) built a 16-point lead 10 minutes into the game and dominated a Missouri team that had won four of five and beat then-No. 3 Oklahoma a week ago.

The Tigers (18-8, 9-6) never got back in it after Iowa State's early surge. Rickey Paulding and Travon

Bryant led Missouri with 18 points each, but 6-foot-9 Arthur Johnson managed only two points and three rebounds.

Johnson had 21 points and 11 rebounds in a 70-60 victory over Iowa State in Columbia on Jan. 21.

"They played great defense on AJ and it was hard for him to find his rhythm," Paulding said. "Give them all the credit in the world."

Homan did the defensive work on Johnson and scored 15 points. Jackson Vroman had 14 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, while Jake Sullivan and Adam Haluska each scored nine points.

Adding to the difficult circumstances for Iowa State, assistant coach Randy Brown resigned Monday after being charged with possession of child pornography and obstruction of justice. And top reserve Marcus Jefferson was unable to get back for the game after visiting his ailing mother in East Chicago, Ind.

"We had the eye of the tiger," Eustachy said. "You think about these guys. Marcus missed his flight because of weather ... nothing's matched this from any game I've been in since I've been here."

In other Big 12 games Wednesday, Colorado upset No. 20 Oklahoma St. 68-56 in Boulder, Colo., and kept its NCAA Tournament hopes alive. Texas A&M also won Wednesday, defeating Baylor 79-60 in College Station, Texas.

Colorado's best run at home has the Buffaloes eyeing their first trip to the NCAA tournament in seven years.

David Harrison had 14 points and 16 rebounds as Colorado beat No. 20 Oklahoma State 68-56 Wednesday

night to set a school record with its 11th straight home win.

"If we don't get selected, I think someone's paid somebody," Harrison said.

Colorado (18-10, 8-7 Big 12) played without leading scorer Michel Morandais because of a sprained ankle, but still improved its home record to 12-1. The Buffaloes are 7-0 in the conference at home, including victories over Texas, Kansas and Missouri.

Stephane Pelle added 14 points and 11 rebounds for Colorado, which has won six of nine overall to improve its chances of reaching the NCAA tournament.

Colorado has one game left, at home against Nebraska on Saturday, before the Big 12 tournament.

"In my mind, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't (go)," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said. "I don't think there's a question."

Oklahoma State (20-8, 9-6) continued its late-season struggles in its first trip to Boulder since 10 members of the program died in a plane crash two years ago.

Two players and eight others were killed after a game against Colorado on Jan. 27, 2001, when one of three planes carrying the team's traveling party crashed in a storm about 40 miles outside Denver.

Oklahoma State shot 32 percent — many were way off the mark — to lose three straight for the first time since 1998-99. Ivan McFarlin had 13 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Cowboys, who have lost seven of 10 following a 17-1 start.

In College Station, Texas, Texas A&M had not been able to stop talking about last season's 97-45 loss to Baylor.

"We were ready to play; it was senior night and the crowd was loud. If you were going to come out and play well, tonight was the night."

The Big 12's all-time leading scorer, Bernard King, scored just three points for A&M but posted 10 assists in what might be his final home game at Reed Arena. A&M's student section wore Burger King hats in tribute of King and the crowd of 5,949 gave him a standing ovation when he checked out with two minutes remaining.

Baylor (13-13, 4-11) proved to be the elixir for A&M's three-game Big 12 losing streak, as the game was never closer than nine in the second half and A&M led by as much as 31.

# Nazareth wins in 3 OTs

AUSTIN (AP) — Nazareth outscored Oakwood 9-0 in the third overtime to win its second consecutive Class 1A Division II state championship Thursday 69-60.

Eric Schilling scored 21 points, Jordy Rowland had 19 and Chase Schulte added 17 — including the shots that sent the game into the first and second overtimes — for Nazareth (27-6).

Cousins Carlious and R.E. Owens combined for 53 points for Oakwood (24-8), which had won just seven games in the previous three seasons before the run to the state tournament.

Oakwood led 50-48 in the final seconds of regulation and was defending against a 3-point shot when Schulte drove into a wide-open lane to send the game into overtime on a layup with 1.4 seconds left.

Schulte saved Nazareth again in

the second extra period. Oakwood led 55-52 after Carlious Owens sank one of two free throws with 8.8 seconds left. Nazareth raced up court and got the ball to Schulte, who swished a 3-pointer from the right wing as time expired.

Schilling hit a turnaround jumper for the first basket of the third overtime. Rowland followed it with a layup and Nazareth hit 4-of-5 free throws down the stretch for the win.

Oakwood had a chance to seal the victory in the first overtime but missed the front end of two 1-and-1 situations and went just 1-of-4 from the line in the final 35 seconds of the period.

The Owens cousins shot 22 of 46 from the floor, but R.E. Owens 2-of-10 from the foul line.

Nazareth advances to Saturday's Texas Cup to play the winner of the 1A Division I title game between Lipan (30-7) and Tenaha (24-7).

# Horry wins it at final buzzer; Lakers edge Pacers, 97-95

By The Associated Press

In an ending that so many Lakers opponents have seen so many times before, Robert Horry knocked down a jumper as the final buzzer sounded.

Horry's buzzer-beating 20-footer gave Los Angeles a 97-95 victory over Indiana on Wednesday night as Kobe Bryant became the youngest player in NBA history to reach 10,000 career points.

After Fisher tied it at 95 with 31 seconds remaining, Bryant appeared to put the Lakers up when he hit a running 30-footer with 2.8 seconds left.

But the basket was waved off because Ron Artest had been called for a foul before Bryant got the shot off.

After a timeout, the Lakers inbounded the ball, then Horry — as he did in the Lakers' dramatic playoff victory over Sacramento last year — was in the right place at the right time, as a pass into Shaquille O'Neal was deflected right to him.

"I'm just very, very blessed. I had good looks on our last three possessions before that," Horry said. "I'd missed two 3s and turned it over, so I was pretty mad at

myself. I just let everything go and focused."

In other games, Sacramento outlasted Minnesota 96-95 in overtime, Phoenix defeated Portland 98-92, Utah downed Seattle 94-83, Washington beat the Los Angeles Clippers 99-80, Orlando topped Milwaukee 111-99, Memphis downed Denver 96-86, Boston defeated New York 97-95, Houston edged Toronto 97-95, and Atlanta defeated Cleveland 111-105.

The Staples Center crowd of 18,997 gave Bryant a standing ovation when he scored his 14th point of the game. At 24 years, 193 days, he supplanted Bob McAdoo as the youngest player to reach that milestone.

"I really can't grasp what it means right now. I had no idea the crowd was going to stand up the way they did. It was a little embarrassing, but it was a good feeling," said Bryant, who finished with 20 points.

**Kings 96, Timberwolves 95, OJ**

At Sacramento, Calif., Chris Webber had 25 points and 11 rebounds and put the Kings ahead of good in overtime.

Webber made a jump hook in the lane over Kevin Garnett, putting the Kings ahead 89-87. Following a shot clock violation by Minnesota, Webber backed Garnett down again and made a similar shot on the left side for a 91-87 lead with 1:24 remaining.

With Webber closely defending Garnett, Troy Hudson missed a long 3-pointer that would have given the Timberwolves a one-point lead. Peja Stojakovic gathered the rebound and made two free throws for a 96-92 lead with 1.7 seconds left before Hudson made a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Garnett scored 27 points and tied his career high with 24 rebounds.

**Suns 98, Trail Blazers 92**

At Phoenix, Stephon Marbury scored 33 points — his second 30-plus effort in as many nights.

Marbury, coming off a 35-point, 48-minute performance in the Suns' 104-97 victory at San Antonio, topped 30 points for the ninth time in 14 games. He was 12-for-22 shooting and 6-for-6 from the foul line in 46 minutes as the Suns snapped Portland's four-game winning streak.

**Jazz 94, SuperSonics 83**  
At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone

scored 23 points to lead Utah in scoring for the ninth straight game as the Jazz snapped the SuperSonics' five-game winning streak.

Andrei Kirilenko scored 11 of his 19 points in the third quarter and pulled down 11 rebounds in his second straight start for Matt Harpring (sprained ankle).

**Wizards 99, Clippers 80**

At Washington, Michael Jordan played just 25 minutes one night after a bout of back spasms, and the Wizards had all five starters in double figures.

Moving gingerly and grimacing at times, Jordan finished with 10 points on 4-for-14 shooting with nine rebounds. He sat for good with 3:05 remaining in the third quarter with the Wizards leading 68-49.

**Magic 111, Bucks 99**

At Orlando, Fla., Tracy McGrady scored 48 points as the Magic won for the seventh time in eight games.

McGrady shot 17-for-34 for his eighth 40-point game of the season. Drew Gooden added a career-high 26 points as Orlando (32-30) climbed two games over .500 for the first time since Jan. 2002.

**Grizzlies 96, Nuggets 86**

At Memphis, Tenn., Stromile Swift scored a season-high 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Grizzlies sent the Nuggets to their 14th consecutive loss.

The Nuggets are in the midst of the franchise's longest losing streak since a 16-game skid in 1998.

**Celtics 97, Knicks 95**

At Boston, Antoine Walker scored 34 points and Tony Battie blocked the potential tying shot in the final seconds as Boston beat the Knicks for the eighth consecutive time.

**Rockets 97, Raptors 95**

At Toronto, Yao Ming scored 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as Houston ended a four-game losing skid. Yao also grabbed nine rebounds before a crowd filled with fans from Toronto's Chinese community.

**Hawks 111, Cavaliers 105**

At Cleveland, Jason Terry scored 24 points with a career-high 14 assists. Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Glenn Robinson added 23 points apiece.

The Cavs lost their fourth straight to drop to an NBA-worst 11-50. It's the club's fourth straight 50-loss season.



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## Boys improving after plane crash; many offer to help

By MICHAEL VIRTANEN  
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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Hundreds of people have offered to take in three orphaned brothers who survived a plane crash on a frigid mountainside and the boys' condition was upgraded Wednesday from critical to serious.

"They're alert. There's no head injuries creating any problems. The prognosis is good," said Leon Smith, the boys' great-uncle.

Offers to provide a home for the Ferris boys — Ryan, 2, Jordan, 5, and Tyler, 10 — were pouring in, but Smith said they will live with relatives in upstate New York once they're well enough to leave the hospital.

Hospital spokesman Greg McGarry said well-wishers were offering money and other assistance. The family urged people simply to keep the boys in their prayers.

The family of seven was returning home to Swanzy, N.H., from a Florida vacation Sunday when their single-engine Piper Cherokee Six slammed into a snow-covered mountain in southwestern Massachusetts.

Tayne Ferris and sons Shawn, 12, and Kyle, 9, died at the scene; the boys' father, Ronald Ferris, died later from

his injuries.

The boys' grandparents, aunt and uncle have stayed with them since they arrived at the hospital, Smith said.

That made "a huge difference in their anxiety levels," said Dr. Thomas Cohen, a pediatric trauma surgeon at Albany Medical Center Hospital. He said the boys are talking and have "captured everybody's hearts" among the 60 to 75 medical staff involved in their care.

Ronald and Tayne Ferris and Shawn and Kyle will be buried in Westmoreland, N.Y., with a graveside service likely in the spring so the boys can be there, Smith said.

A teacher from Jordan's and Kyle's elementary school visited the hospital Tuesday to deliver get-well cards. Students also created a "memory wall" at the school for Kyle.

The boys had severe hypothermia Monday when they were airlifted to the Albany hospital. By Wednesday afternoon, they were no longer listed in critical condition but remained in intensive care.

It may take up to two weeks before doctors know whether the boys will lose extremities or tissue to frostbite, Cohen said.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

## Former forestry worker gets 12-year state sentence

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo. (AP) — A former U.S. Forest Service employee was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years in state prison for starting the biggest wildfire in Colorado history.

Terry Lynn Barton had already been sentenced to six years on federal charges. The state and federal terms will run concurrently.

Barton, 39, blotted her eyes with a tissue as prosecutors showed a video and photographs of the destruction caused by the 138,000-acre blaze. It destroyed 133 homes and one business, causing an estimated \$29.9 million in damage.

A hearing on restitution will be held within 90 days.

Barton's supporters, including three of her former co-workers and a nun, told the judge that Barton could not have started the fire intentionally.

"I feel like this fire would have happened one way or another. It was a tinderbox," said Mother Cassiana, acting superior of a monastery at Lake George, where the fire started.

She asked the judge to consider Barton's 15- and 18-year-old daughters, who were in the courtroom. "They've already been sentenced to six years without their mother," she said.

Barton, whose job included spotting illegal fires, first told authorities she discovered the fire while patrolling a forest June 8. She later said she accidentally started the blaze, despite a fire ban at the time, while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

Barton pleaded guilty to federal arson charges in December and the state arson charge in January.

Last month, a federal judge rejected prosecutors' request to order Barton to make \$14.7 million in restitution, saying he would not sentence her to a life of poverty. At her federal sentencing, Barton apologized for the fire.

## Aetna collecting racial, ethnic data

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Aetna Inc. has begun collecting data on the racial and ethnic backgrounds of its 14 million health plan members in what the insurer says is an effort to narrow the gap in medical treatment between whites and minorities.

Aetna said it hopes to develop programs to narrow the gap, and stressed it will not use the information to limit coverage based on race.

The Hartford-based insurer began the initiative in 13 states in September and will add four states, including Texas and Florida, by the end of the month. It plans eventually to seek the data from all its members.

The company is asking new members or those changing health plans or beneficiaries to voluntarily list their race or eth-

nic status on their applications. About 80 percent of the 64,000 applicants who have been asked for the information so far have given it, Aetna said.

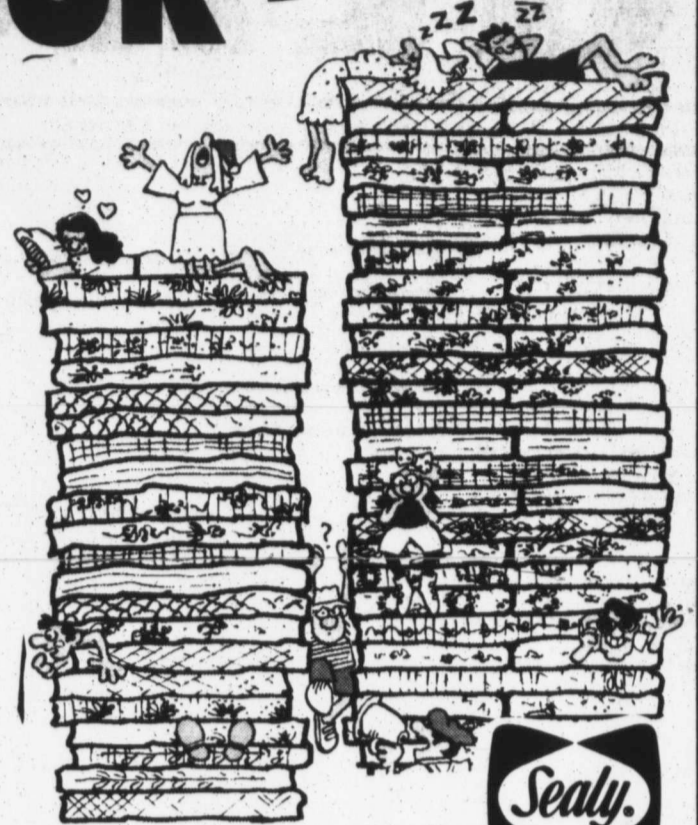
"Reducing the gap in health care among minority populations is one of the most obvious targets for health care improvement in the United States," said John Rowe, Aetna chairman and chief executive.

Federal statistics show minorities, and blacks in particular, suffer significantly more than whites in many health categories. For instance, blacks on average have shorter life spans, have higher rates of low-birth-weight babies, heart disease and AIDS, and are less likely to survive cancer.

Studies also have found that black patients often get less aggressive care than whites for heart attacks.

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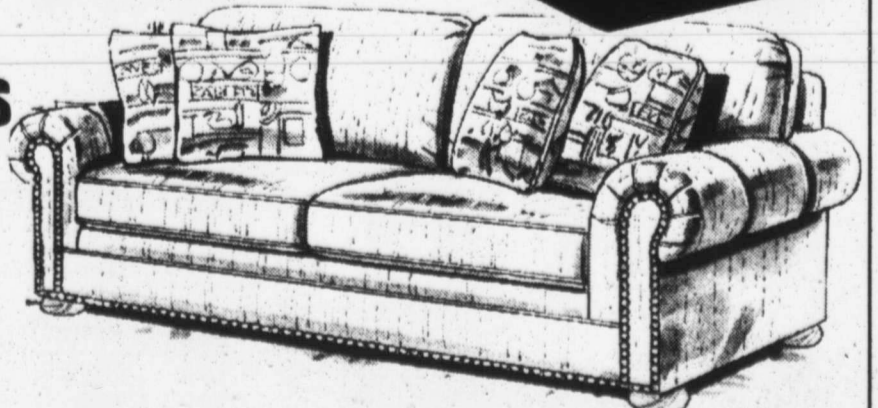
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