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PIF stockholders to meet Thursday

A stockholders-only meeting of the Pampa Industrial Foundation is set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Parks Board meeting planned Thursday

Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, in the City Commission Chambers, third floor, City Hall. Agenda items include staff reports from Shane Stokes and Kimberly Lincycomb, water bill donation fund review, skate park information, and new project recommendation.

STATE
Mental hospitals may be closed

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$287.5 million cut at the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation would mean the closing of state facilities, hundreds of layoffs and thousands of Texans going without mental health treatment, budget writers were told Tuesday. The department is asking for \$2 billion in state money for fiscal years 2004-05.

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Perfect profile

PISD board to learn what Pampa wants in a school superintendent

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

Pampa school board members Thursday plan to discover a profile of Pampa's perfect school superintendent compiled from a consulting firm's research.

A lengthy agenda awaits the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education when it meets at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

On that agenda is a report from the Texas Association of School Board Superintendent Search consultants. These consultants, hired by the board Jan. 30, met with teachers, administrators, parents, civic leaders and the general public last week to learn what these groups wanted in the school district's next leader.

The search for someone to replace Dr. Dawson Orr began in earnest with these meetings last Wednesday and Thursday.

At the meeting Thursday, the TASB consultants are scheduled to present their findings which will be used to develop a superintendent profile to assist the board in hiring a new superintendent.

May 3 election matters will also be considered by the board

including Order of Election, and setting time and place to canvass election results.

Monday, Feb. 17, was the first day candidates could file for Places 4 and 5 on the PISD board.

Presently Nancy Coffee holds Place 4 and Board President Lee Porter sits in Place 5.

Interested candidates may file for a place on the ballot from now until 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 19.

Candidates may fill out the application for either of the two board positions by contacting Dr. Tim Powers at the PISD personnel office, 321 W. Albert, during normal office hours.

Board members plan to consider bids for property and casualty insurance coverage, wireless laptop labs for Pampa Middle School and a wireless network for the Community Network Grant. They also will consider an architect for the proposed girls' softball field.

Financial matters on Thursday's agenda include sale of delinquent tax property, January receipts and expenditures and 2002-2003 budget amendment.

The Textbook Selection Committee is scheduled to

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What am I bid?

Local oilman's car collection to be auctioned this weekend

This weekend Pampa will be inundated with classic car enthusiasts from throughout the United States - perhaps even farther.

They'll be converging on Price Road when the estate of local oilman and one-time car dealer J.C. Daniels - including almost 400 vintage Lincolns - hits the auction block with no reserve. In other words, there's no low price limit on the vehicles.

A 1962 Presidential parade-style four-door convertible and a 1938 Lincoln "K" V12 Willoughby limo are expected to be highlights of the auction.

The Lincolns range from rare Continental MK IIs to pre-war Zephyrs. The collection includes 130 four-door Continentals, 47 of the now-rare Continental MK IIs, 33 four-door convertibles, a selection of 42 1950s-era Lincolns, eight from the 1940s, eight Lincoln limousines and six pre-war Lincoln Zephyrs.

Previews of the vehicles, most housed in a specially-built enclosure at 410 S. Price Road, are set for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Actual auction hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

City landfill fees may go up a dollar

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

A hike in the Pampa landfill use fees could be on the horizon.

During a work session earlier this month, the Pampa City Commission discussed the need for a raise in use fees for the landfill.

City staff presented figures indicating that the city landfill fees are relatively low compared to surrounding communities.

The present fee is \$23.50 per

ton. Initially, when the new landfill was opened in 1995, the fee was \$19.50 a ton. It was raised to \$21 a ton in 1997, and to \$23.50 in January 2001.

The city staff proposes a \$1 per ton increase, bringing the fee to \$24.50 per ton.

That is compared to \$30 per ton for Lubbock, \$21 per ton for Amarillo and \$41 per ton for Plainview.

"There are economies of scale here," said Richard Morris, director of public works for Pampa.



(Courtesy photo)

Evelyn Roberts Johnson of New Zealand, center, looks over the AFS scrapbook with her former host parents Dr. Joe and Johnnie Donaldson of Pampa. Johnson, an AFS exchange student at Pampa High School 40 years ago, returned to Pampa recently for a visit with her host parents.

After 40 years ... Exchange student returns to Pampa

By DARLENE BIRKES
 FOR THE NEWS

It has been 40 years since Evelyn Roberts Johnson of New Zealand walked into Pampa High School to begin her school year as an AFS exchange student. She recently spent several days with her former host parents Dr. Joe and Johnnie Donaldson and also checking in with her former history teacher, Howard Graham, and his wife Betty Tom.

That year in Pampa as an exchange student began Johnson's quest for travel.

"I wanted to see the 'other side of the world.' My mother always encouraged the seven of us to learn about the world," said Johnson, who added that her mother is now 98 and is still interested in world events. It was her mother who saw a tiny ad in the newspaper about AFS, a study program for high school students, and encouraged her to apply.

"That year changed my life," said Johnson.

She learned many new things about North America and about herself. She learned to ski at Red River when the Donaldsons took her to their mountain cabin. Now she skis regularly on the only mountain in New Zealand's northern island where there is skiing.

She didn't mind the blustery cold "norther" that greeted her in Pampa because she had just come from a week of skiing with her New Zealand ski club in Canada, a decided break from the summer weather back home. Johnson manages a trip to North America about every two years and always includes a visit with her former host parents in Pampa.

"They are a fabulous family," said Johnson. "I still have the Christmas stockings Johnnie made for my children and the alphabet holder - with a toy for each letter, and it is still just

beautiful. My daughter was the Donaldson's first 'grandchild.' Johnnie always wrote to me every week, just as she did her own daughters," she added.

"I did the lot at Pampa High," recalled Johnson. She was active in New Zealand and was president of what was equivalent to our Student Council. "My friends here were involved, and so I joined the Key Club, played tennis and volleyball, was in the choir and sang in the 'Music Man,' the choir musical, and participated in the graduation services."

Her country accepted the PHS diploma, so she began college when she returned home.

She remembers giving several programs in Pampa. At a Rotary Club program, she was questioned on the number of cows per acre in New Zealand.

"One member came up to me afterwards and said I was wrong. I pulled out my card and showed him that I was right," she said, grinning. "At least I was right that time!"

She said American audiences were fabulous; they always looked attentive and asked questions afterwards. In New Zealand, they are polite but never ask questions unless it is one-to-one after the talk.

Johnson was a volunteer over 30 years for the AFS exchange program, and her two daughters were AFS students, one going to Alaska and the other to Holland. Her sister went to Minnesota in 1955 as an AFS student. The Johnson family hosted four AFS exchange students, two American students and one Thai and one Japanese. She has managed to keep up with all four.

Johnson is an information analyst for an accounting firm in Auckland. She was formerly head of a Polytechnical College in Hawkes

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Administration may test U.N. one more time

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is again challenging the United Nations to threaten to use force against Iraq if it does not disclose and destroy its weapons of mass destruction.

"If the United Nations can't enforce its own resolutions — a resolution which, by the way, has been around for 12 years — it says something about its utility as we head into the future," Bush said Tuesday.

"I think it's in our country's interest that it be effective," Bush said as U.S. and British diplomats tried to work out a resolution that was tough and could also clear the U.N. Security Council. "We'll see whether or not it's got the capacity to be effective."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday that work was continuing on such a resolution. "The president is committed to moving forward. I'm not going to spec-

ulate on the timing," he said. Fleischer, pointing to North Korea, said unstable regimes with weapons of mass destruction were paying close attention to how the Security Council deals with Iraq. "There is no question that nations like North Korea...would like to see a feckless Security Council," he said.

Turkey and the United States failed again Wednesday to agree on the size of an economic aid package that would open the way for Turkey's parliament to approve the deployment of tens of thousands of U.S. combat soldiers there.

Turkey has delayed a vote on the troops, saying a multi-billion-dollar aid package must first be approved that would compensate Ankara for any losses during a war with Iraq.

Fleischer said the United States has made its final offer. "I think either an agreement will be reached, or no agreement will be reached," he said.

"There comes a moment when plans must be made, decisions must be made, and cannot stretch on indefinitely."

- Ari Fleischer
White House spokesman

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Dozens of countries have lined up to object to war with Iraq and to declare they detected willingness by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to cooperate with weapons inspectors.

"The inspection process in Iraq is working and Iraq is showing clear signs of cooperating more proactively with the inspectors," South Africa's U.N. Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo said.

The appeals for extended inspections mirrored the stand taken last Friday by most nations on the council, who

stiffly resisted Secretary of State Colin Powell's assertion that Iraq still was not cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Over the weekend, protesters took to the streets around the world in anti-war demonstrations that rivaled those of the Vietnam war era.

Declaring that America's security should not be dictated by protesters, Bush said Tuesday he would not be swayed from compelling Saddam to disarm. "We will deal with him," Bush said.

"War is my last choice," Bush said at the White House. "But the risk of doing nothing is even a worse option as far as I am concerned."

Standing firmly against skeptical allies as well as the demonstrators, Bush said: "I owe it to the American people to secure this country. I will do so."

Administration officials in Washington and at the United Nations in New York were discussing the possible gains as well as the risk of a diplomatic defeat if the United States proposed a new resolution to the Security Council to endorse force as an option to disarm Iraq.

One U.S. official said Tuesday there was no decision on a text or even on whether to go ahead, though Fleischer, the White House spokesman, said, "I think it will be a simple and rather straightforward resolution."

Bush said a second resolution "would be useful," although "we don't need a second resolution. It's clear this guy could even care less about the first resolution. He's in

total defiance." In Rome, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Iraq had to "move very fast" to heed the call of the international community and cooperate with U.N. inspectors. But he said it was up to the Security Council to decide if the inspections had gone on long enough.

France, with support from Russia and China, does not accept the U.S. view that the Security Council effectively endorsed force as an option to disarm Iraq in an earlier resolution that warned of "serious consequences" if Saddam persisted in defying U.N. demands.

France, China and Russia all have the power to kill any resolution with a veto or to threaten a veto to try to force the United States and Britain to soften their approach.

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PROFILE

present its recommendation for 2003-2004 school year at the meeting, also.

Other reports to be heard Thursday include ninth and third grade success initiatives, homeless student policy, balanced literacy report, PHS campus planning report, 2001-2002 Academic Excellence Indicator System annual performance report, '01-'02 Safe School and Drug Free evaluation, 2003-2004 budget and ADA report, and '03-'04 calendar and staff development report.

Plane diverted to Amarillo for baby's birth

AMARILLO (AP) — For the newest child of a 39-year-old woman, birth was helped by special delivery — courtesy of a passenger plane's crew.

Nadia Khader was traveling from Jordan via Chicago to Albuquerque, N.M., with son Tawfiq Musleh, 6, aboard American Airlines Flight 607 on Sunday when she began to feel labor pains.

"I didn't know it was serious until the flight attendant saw me," Khader told the Amarillo Globe-News in Wednesday's editions. "She said she knew from my face."

While passengers moved from first class to coach so that Khader could relocate to a roomier, more private front area, Khader was examined by two onboard physicians who determined she needed a hospital as soon as possible.

Albuquerque was still a half-hour away, said Warren Hoyer, general manager for American Eagle, Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines' regional affiliate.

The captain, upon doctors' recommendation, rerouted the plane and landed it in Amarillo at 9:38 p.m.

Ibrahim Musleh was born at 2:31 p.m. the next day at Northwest Texas Healthcare System in the Panhandle city.

Khader said Tuesday from her hospital bed that she had planned to give birth to the boy in Albuquerque sometime during the next two weeks. She had carried all five of her other sons to term.

"The baby needed to have some help, so it was probably a good thing they got her here when they did," said Jennifer Siess, labor and delivery coordinator, adding that Khader had high blood pressure.

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AFS

Bay where she also taught tourism and communication.

Following her husband's death, she decided on a career change that would not be as demanding, and she wanted to live nearer her daughters. She also took off for seven months and toured Europe.

"I saw the places I had always wanted to visit," she said.

Her brothers were on the Olympic yachting teams several years. One brother is an international yachting judge with worldwide contacts. This helped her in her travels, and she managed to go sailing in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and even Italy, in addition to the train rides.

She visited her roots — Ireland, the country her great-grandparents left in 1865 during the potato famine. She has visited South Africa through friends she met in New Zealand, and her next goal is Japan.

Our visit touched on 9-11, and Johnson reported that her sister was in the states at that time and took numerous pictures of all the flags, instead of the usual flower gardens and scenery, and she was "so struck by the unity shown in this country."

Many refugees are going to New Zealand now, and they are more accepted there than in Australia, she noted. Just recently New Zealand passed a regulation that those entering had to pass an English test because so many were Afghans and Muslims who did not speak English.

"The test is too hard, and they are going to have to redo it," she said.

The influx of refugees has put a burden on their socialized medicine system, and it just can't cope, she added.

The energetic visitor from "down under" gave a hearty goodbye and rushed on to the Graham home to help with their e-mail, so they could get news of Pampa to her in New Zealand.

AFS student exchange has scholarships to about 50 countries for six-week summer service, language or home stays or one semester to a year of study programs abroad. The 56-year-old exchange is now placing students who will be arriving in August for the next school year.

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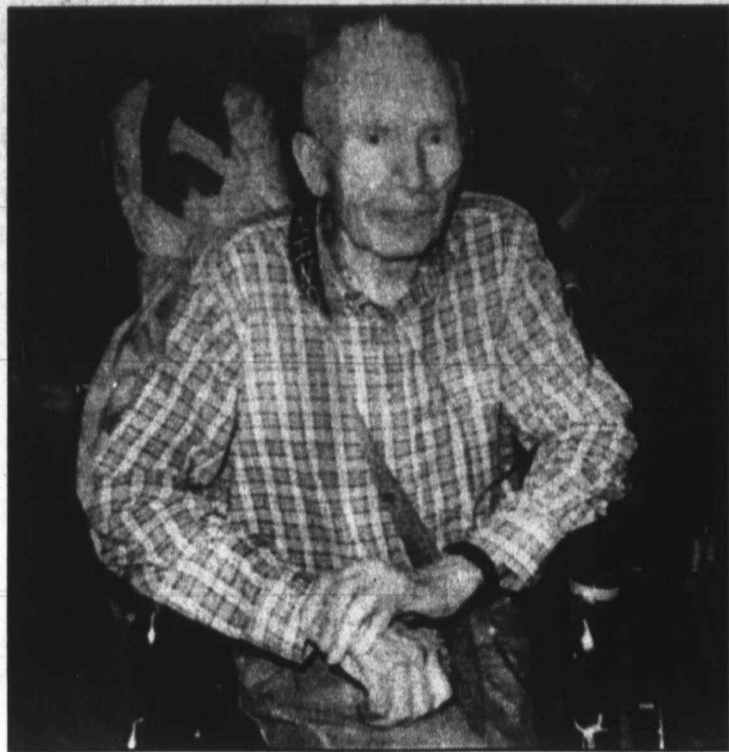
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Valentine winners



(Courtesy photo)

Eloise Brister was voted Valentine Queen of Pampa Nursing Center and Thomas Loter was voted King.



(Courtesy photo)

Bill Nabors, of Pampa Nursing Center, was voted "Kindest Resident" recently during a Valentine's Day party at the center.



(Courtesy photo)

Avis Smith, of Pampa Nursing Center, was voted "Most Helpful Resident" during a Valentine's Day party recently at PNC.

Families of South Koreans killed in subway fire bristle at delays

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — A man accused of igniting the fire that engulfed two South Korean subway trains and killed at least 125 people was attempting to commit suicide, police said Wednesday.

The suspect, Kim Dae-han, 56, has a history of mental illness and has told police that "he decided to die with others in a crowded place, rather than die by himself," said Police Lieutenant Cho Doo-won.

The disclosure of a possible motive in Tuesday's attack came as criticism of the official response to the tragedy mounted. Grieving relatives of victims complained of delays in body identification, and critics said the attack showed flaws in security measures.

"The government is not hurrying up with the investigation," Kang Mee-ja, whose mother died in the attack, cried

as she and other family members on Wednesday looked on the remains of burned subway cars. "As her daughter, I just want to bury her quickly."

Investigators on Wednesday were still gauging the human toll of the blaze in Daegu, 200 miles southeast of Seoul. Only 44 of the dead had been identified, and officials feared that more of the 145 hurt could still die of their injuries.

Authorities counted 314 people as still reported missing, but they said the number was greatly inflated by double reports and the enduring confusion over the identities of the dead.

Attention on Wednesday focused on the actions of subway officials, who were being interrogated by police. Many asked why a second train was permitted to arrive at the station minutes after the first train erupted in flames.

One officer, who spoke on condition

of anonymity, said the fire crippled the subway communication system, and authorities apparently could not warn the second train.

Critics said the tragedy revealed holes in the nation's emergency response system and a potential vulnerability to terrorist attacks.

"We call for a thorough investigation of whether subway authorities failed to respond quickly and properly when the fire first broke out," the JoongAng Ilbo newspaper said, urging the government to tighten security in the subway system.

The system carries 6.5 million passengers a day.

Subway officials in Seoul, the capital, said on Wednesday that they would install emergency lighting, increase the number of exit signs, make car interiors flame resistant and heighten security in

the wake of Tuesday's accident.

President Kim Dae-jung designated Daegu a "special disaster area" on Wednesday, giving tax breaks and financial assistance to victims and businesses hurt by the attack.

As forensic experts began the grim task of gathering scorched bodies and blackened bones for identification, sobbing family members of the victims complained of delays and scuffled with police as Prime Minister Kim Suk-soo visited the blaze site.

Family members of the missing were permitted to look at the wreckage, which had been towed to a train depot on the outskirts of Daegu. Near the attack site, others piled bouquets of funeral chrysanthemums on a makeshift shrine being built to the victims.

Teams made a final search for sur-

vivors in the subway station where the attack happened.

"Because people could have hidden to escape the smoke, last night we did a final search but we have found nothing," Daegu Mayor Cho Hae-nyoung told reporters early Wednesday.

By late Wednesday, the provisional death toll was 125 — 53 confirmed dead and an estimated 72 bodies found on one of the destroyed trains.

Firefighters said many bodies were found on the subway stairs, where people apparently suffocated as they tried to escape. On the platform and in the trains were the ash bones of those trapped in the flames.

Witnesses said Kim Dae-han, 56, boarded the train with a carton of flammable liquid and used a cigarette lighter to light it. Some passengers tried in vain to stop him.

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NATO sending weapons to defend Turkey in case of war

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Days after breaking a stalemate over planning in case of war with Iraq, NATO on Wednesday approved the urgent deployment of AWACS radar aircraft, Patriot missile systems and chemical-biological response units to Turkey.

The decision was made by the same Defense Planning Committee that convened Sunday to approve the start of military planning to defend Turkey, the only NATO ally bordering Iraq. The committee excludes France, which opposed the move.

"Alliance solidarity has prevailed," said U.S. Ambassador

Nicholas Burns. "By taking this step, NATO has lived up to its core responsibility ... to respond to an ally in a time of threat."

NATO officials said the 18 ambassadors took less than 15 minutes to back a recommendation from alliance military experts to "implement defensive measures as a matter of urgency."

It was unclear when the AWACS would leave their base in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Officials said it would take only two or three days for the multinational crews to prepare and fly down to Turkey once the orders came.

Three batteries of Dutch Patriot

missile defense systems left for Turkey by sea this week and are expected to take three weeks to arrive. The anti-missile rockets, supplied by Germany, will be operated by 370 Dutch Air Force troops.

Deployment of the biochemical units will wait until the Turkish military presents a detailed list of what exactly it needs to fill shortfalls in its defenses. NATO's military headquarters will then ask allies for specific units to move to Turkey.

Turkish officials at NATO headquarters expressed satisfaction at the speed with which the alliance

was now moving. "We have waited long enough," said one diplomat. "Now things are moving quickly."

The United States requested in mid-January that NATO begin contingency planning to protect Turkey in case of war. But France, joined by Germany and Belgium, had blocked any action, arguing such a move was premature and would undermine U.N. efforts to settle the Iraq crisis peacefully.

On Sunday, NATO convened the little-used defense committee to break the stalemate. Paris left NATO's military command structure in 1966 and participates only in political consultations.

Germany and Belgium then dropped their veto in exchange for a statement underlining that the allies continued "to support efforts in the United Nations to find a peaceful solution to the crisis."

The three original holdouts later issued a joint statement stressing their determination to honor their obligations to NATO, but also their desire to disarm Iraq without force.

NATO officials have said that while they would have preferred to have the decision made by all 19 allies, it was important to end the delay that threatened to undermine the credibility and solidarity of the 53-year-old trans-Atlantic pact.

Eleven Palestinians casualties of clash with Israeli forces in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli tanks and soldiers battled Palestinian militants in the streets of Gaza City before dawn Wednesday in violence that left 11 Palestinians dead, including a suicide bomber who tried to blow up a tank, Palestinians said.

The Israeli forces said they were targeting Palestinian metal workshops that manufacture mortars and rockets. However, Israeli troops also

destroyed several homes and damaged a school.

Twenty-five Palestinians were wounded, and electricity was cut to much of Gaza City, the largest Palestinian city with some 300,000 residents.

The fighting began as 40 tanks charged into the city's Shajaiyeh neighborhood late Tuesday. The forces withdrew six hours later.

Army spokeswoman Capt. Sharon Feingold called it a "pre-emptive, pinpoint, target-

ed operation against a Hamas stronghold."

Hamas' spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, said "the Israeli enemy has lost its mind. They are like an angry bull ... We have to make (Israel) pay the price sooner or later, and our people are capable of resisting."

In the more than two years of Mideast fighting, Israel has largely refrained from large-scale military incursions in Gaza. The crowded towns make it difficult and dangerous

for Israeli troops to operate. In addition, the territory is fenced off from Israel, which keeps the militants pinned in, and has largely limited their attacks to Israeli troops and Jewish settlers already inside Gaza.

However, Israeli leaders promised a crackdown on Hamas after the group blew up an Israeli tank on Saturday, killing four soldiers. The raid was the second in Gaza City since that attack, and the third in the past month.

The Israeli media have predicted the army will carry out a series of operations aimed at Hamas, though it is not expected to reoccupy the coastal territory, where more than 1 million Palestinians and about 7,000 Jewish settlers live.

Seven of the Palestinians killed in the overnight fighting were militants or members of the security forces, and four were civilians, according to Palestinian hospitals. It was the highest death toll in a single Israeli operation since Jan. 26, when 12 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli invasion in another part of Gaza City.

In addition, 25 Palestinians were wounded, all but two of them militants or security force members, the hospitals said.

The Israeli army said it targeted only armed Palestinians, and that it had no information on Palestinian casualties.

The Israeli tanks, accompanied by attack helicopters, entered the Shajaiyeh neighborhood late Tuesday from three directions, residents said, and several tanks also surrounded an elementary school

run by Hamas in the nearby Tufah area.

The Israeli military said soldiers blew up four metal workshops used for manufacturing weapons and exchanged fire with gunmen, and there were no Israeli casualties.

In one instance, three civilians, including two brothers were killed. After the Israelis blew up a workshop on the ground floor of a three-story building, the troops left and the three Palestinian men entered. Palestinian witnesses said. Then came a second explosion, which brought down much of the building, crushing the three men to death, including brothers Said al-Helo, 21, and Ala al-Helo, 26, according to the building's owner Mohammed al-Kataa.

Another civilian, a nurse, was shot and killed when he left his house to help his sick neighbor, Palestinians said.

The Palestinian dead also included three security officers, shot by an Israeli attack helicopter that fired on a checkpoint they were checking, Palestinians said.

High Point country club manager takes stand, tosses wines

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — A country club manager says if France and Germany aren't going to support the U.S. in its potential war with Iraq, he won't be selling their wines any time soon.

Last Wednesday, Joe Carter, general manager of High Point Country Club at Emerywood and Willow Creek, ordered all French and German wines be removed from both clubs' wine lists.

"It was my decision (based on) the fact that the French and Germans aren't supporting our troops," he said. "If they're not

going to do that, we don't see any reason to sell their country's products."

Carter e-mailed six other managers about his plan. In a couple of days, Carter said he received supportive e-mails from Texas to Alexandria, Va.

"People were just jumping on the idea of doing the same thing and passing it on to people," he said. "I know a lot of clubs have jumped on the bandwagon."

Carter said the clubs' wine lists had offered 18 to 20 French and German wines out of about 70. The boycott, he said, will

continue until the French and Germans change their position.

"I'm sure, eventually, they'll change," he said. "This is just a way to try to make me and our members feel like we can be a part of this, and we can do something to support our troops."

Carolyn Kearns, a member at High Point Country Club, said as much as the U.S. has done for France and Germany over the years, the least they could do is give support.

"Since they're not willing to do that, I think we ought to boycott them in every way possi-

ble," she said.

Carter said Bermuda Run Country Club in Winston-Salem had been planning a French wine dinner before he contacted them about the boycott. Bermuda Run abruptly changed it to an Australian wine dinner.

A restaurant in Beaufort no longer lists french fries on its menu, but instead is selling customers "freedom fries" in response to the reluctance of France and Germany to back the U.S.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Of Military Man Is Hurt When His Parents Ignore Her

DEAR ABBY: For the two years I've been married to "John," I have known his parents wished he had married someone other than me. They have never accepted me or tried to get to know me as a daughter-in-law. Family is important to me. All I ever hoped was that they'd give me half a chance.

I've told John how I feel. He has yet to stand up for me. What upsets me is his mom and dad are nice to my face and in John's presence, but when he isn't around they ignore me. It's like I'm invisible.

My husband is in the military. During the past year he has been away on active duty, his parents have never once invited me to spend a holiday or any other time with them. I am always the one to reach out. John is due home next month, and I know my in-laws will try to "make nice" with me for his benefit — but it's all fake.

If they truly wanted to get to know me, they would have tried while I was alone. (I live less than a mile from them.) I am sad, hurt and angry about the way I've been treated in my husband's absence. I love him more than anything, but my biggest fear is that when we're reunited, my feelings toward his folks will have a spillover effect on our marriage. What can be done, Abby? MISERABLE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR MISERABLE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: When your husband returns, impress upon him the fact that his parents never

called or invited you to join them in his absence. It's a shame to have to put him in the middle, but these are his parents and if they'll listen to anybody, it's most likely him.

In the meantime, develop other emotional resources with other military families. When a loved one goes on active duty, it's not unusual that those left behind are on an emotional roller-coaster. Other wives (and husbands) can appreciate how you feel. Perhaps you can support each other.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Harvey," and I became engaged over the holidays. We are beginning to plan our wedding. Harvey was raised Jewish, I was raised Catholic. We envisioned a ceremony with both a priest and a rabbi.

However, Harvey's parents have informed us that they will not attend if a priest is present. One solution might be to be married by a justice of the peace, but my parents want a "man of God" to preside.

Harvey and I are willing to do whatever it takes to please our parents, but we are having a difficult time reaching a compromise. Also, my parents are paying for the entire wedding, so I'm not sure if that gives them more "say" in the matter or not. Please help. MARRIAGE BOUND AND IN A BIND

DEAR MARRIAGE BOUND: Before you and Harvey make any more plans, it might be

helpful for both sets of parents to get together socially. If there is no "meeting of the minds," I urge you and your fiancé to get premarital counseling — preferably from a nondenominational counselor. The problems you have encountered with Harvey's parents are just the beginning. You and he must come to a clear understanding now about how your children will be raised. If it's anything other than Jewish, I see major family problems and conflicts ahead for you because of his parents' stance.

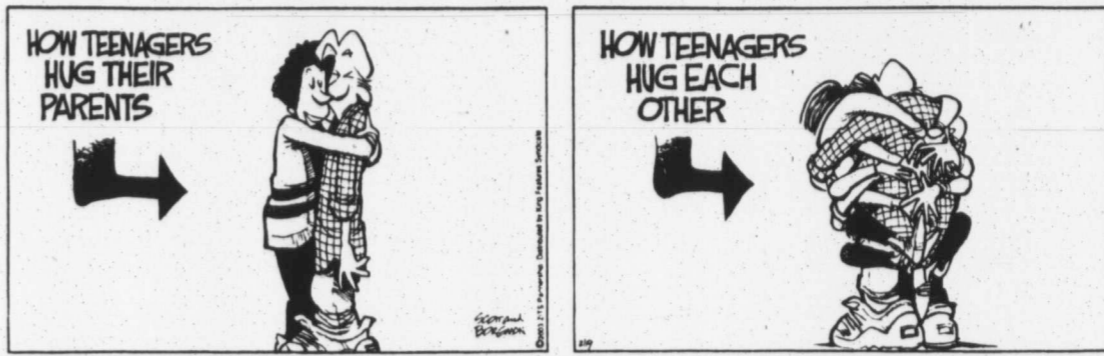
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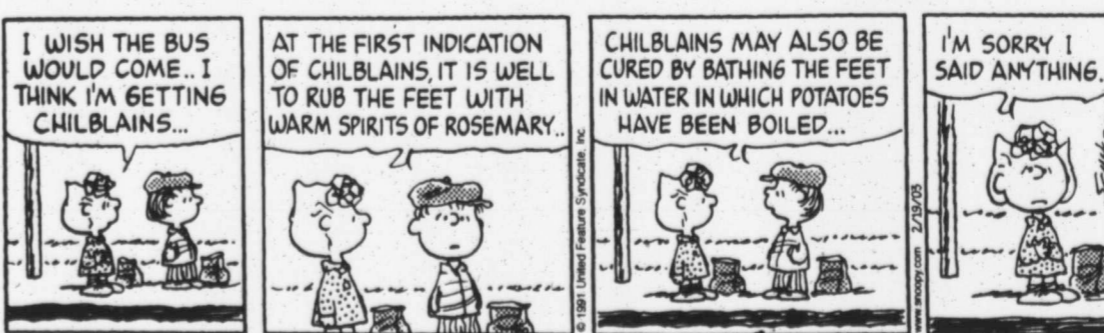
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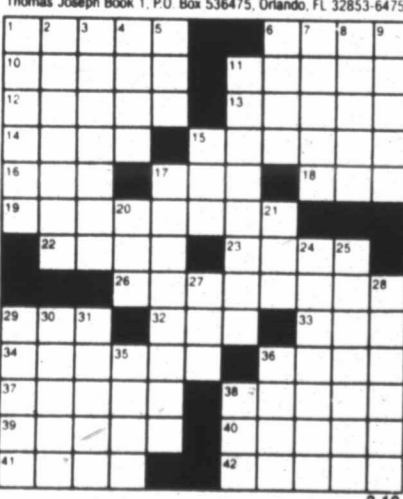
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SPORTS

Harvesters win bi-district thriller

PLAINVIEW — It's onto the next round for the Pampa Harvesters.

Pampa survived a scary fourth quarter to edge Levelland 74-73 Tuesday night for the bi-district title in WBU's Hutcherson Center.

Ryan Zemanek scored 27 points and Max Simon added 10 to lead Pampa's offense, but it was an all-around team effort by the Harvesters that led to the victory.

Levelland stayed in front the entire first half and led by as many as nine, but Pampa trimmed the lead to one (28-27) at intermission, and came on strong in the third quarter to climb ahead by as many as 12 points in the second half.

Pampa led by 10 (49-39) after three quarters, but Levelland went on a fourth-quarter surge, forcing the Harvesters to make some clutch plays near the end to come out on top.

The Lobos regained the lead (65-64) at the 2:05 mark, but Zemanek's 3-pointer put the Harvesters right back on top (67-65). Levelland's Tyrone Lockett responded with a trey for a 68-67 lead. Then Simon put the Harvesters ahead for the last time on a jumpet in the lane.

The 6-3 senior was fouled on the play and converted from the free throw for a 70-68 advantage with 1:10 to go.

After a Levelland miss, Zemanek rebounded and fired a long pass to Chance Bowers, who connected to put Pampa up by four.

Levelland wasn't quite through yet, however, as Mark Romero scored on a close-in basket with nine seconds to go. Levelland was forced to foul and Pampa sophomore Clayton Hall calmly sank two free throws to put Pampa ahead by four again, 74-70.

Levelland's last gasp was a three-pointer by Lockett in the closing seconds.

Pampa had survived seven lead changes in the second half.

Levelland's Romero led all scorers with 28 points.

James Silva was the third Harvester in double figures with 10 points. His six points in the first quarter helped keep the Harvesters close when Levelland had built an 8-point advantage, 19-11.

Zemanek, a 6-3 senior, canned five 3-point goals and also came up with five steals. Simon had three treys and five rebounds, while holding

Levelland's 6-5 Cale Bridges to nine points.

Pampa's foul shooting helped the cause as the Harvesters hit 12 of 17 attempts (70.5%). The Lobos didn't make the most of their free throw opportunities, con-

necting on just 3 of 8 attempts (37.5%).

Pampa meets El Paso Chapin in the area round. The date and site hasn't been determined yet.

Pampa	11	27	49	74
Levelland	19	28	39	73

P. Ryan Zemanek 27, Max Simon 19, James Silva 10, Chance Bowers 6, Collin Bowers 6, Clayton Hall 3, Jed Martin 2, Britton East 1. Three-point goals: Zemanek 5, Simon 3.

L. Mark Romero 28, Tyrone Lockett 12, Nathan Luna 10, Tony Johnson 10, Cale Bridges 9, Chris Evans 4. Three-point goals: Lockhart 4, Romero 3, Luna 2, Bridges 1.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

BORGER — Fort Elliott had an explosive second half to defeat Texline 51-35 in a Class 1A bi-district boys game Tuesday night.

Jason Hathaway led the Fort Elliott attack with 16 points.

The Cougars led by only two (25-23), but pulled away to a 10-point bulge (39-29) after three quarters.

Jason Smith was high scorer for Texline with 13 points.

Junior Newman and Larry Lee Horn added 7 points each for Fort Elliott.

SOCCER

RANDALL — Pampa fell to Randall 5-1 in a District 3-4A girls soccer match Monday.

Stefani Goldsmith scored Pampa's goal in the second half.

Randall won the boys match by the score of 3-1.

BOXING

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — First Mike Tyson changed his mind. Now Clifford Etienne has changed his, too.

Etienne agreed Wednesday to fight Tyson as planned, marking another twist in the soap opera-like saga that has enveloped the heavyweight fight for days.

"He called me this morning and said he's fighting," Etienne's manager, Les Bonano said. "In this wacky world of boxing what can you say."

Etienne had been unhappy that Tyson was dictating terms of the fight, and vowed a day earlier to give up nearly \$1 million and the chance of a lifetime to take on the once fearsome former heavyweight champion.

"I think he's going to win and fight for the heavyweight title," Bonano said.

Although Tyson was said to have flulike symptoms over the weekend, his recent run of odd behavior began a week ago, when he went out and got a large tattoo on his left temple, a design with a tribal motif that almost encircles his left eye. He then missed three straight sparring sessions, leaving trainer Freddie Roach waiting at the gym without explanation.

Tyson, who will reportedly earn more than \$5 million for the fight, reversed course Tuesday and boarded a chartered jet to Memphis, to prepare for the bout.

"Mike told me he wants to fight, and we're here to fight," Roach said after the plane landed.

Earlier in the day, Roach said he told Tyson that he didn't think he was ready for the fight but would stand behind him. After landing, Roach sounded more confident despite the time Tyson has missed in the ring.

Lakers turn back Rockets in two overtimes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was painful at times to watch Kobe Bryant as he hobbled around the Staples Center court. It turned out to be truly agonizing for the Houston Rockets.

Hampered by tendinitis in his right knee, Bryant scored a season-high 52 points in a career-high 54 minutes Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers outlasted the Houston Rockets 106-99 in double overtime.

Bryant extended his streaks of scoring 35 or more points in 10 consecutive games and 40 or more in six straight.

Both are franchise records. He also had eight rebounds and seven assists.

"There's nothing more to say," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said when asked about Bryant's latest masterpiece. "It was a great effort, it was almost too much."

Bryant had all nine of his team's points in the first overtime and eight in the second extra period, leaving him one shy of the NBA season-high of 53 scored by New York's Allan Houston in a 117-110 victory over the Lakers on

Sunday night.

Bryant shot 19-of-38 including 3-of-9 from 3-point range, and made all 11 of his free throws. He is averaging 42.9 points in the last 10 games — eight of them Laker victories.

"Hurting," he said when asked how his knee felt. "Oh, it was killing me. I play around it. I just try to be a little creative."

When asked how much gas he had left in his tank, Bryant smiled and replied: "Not much. I stole a lot of energy somewhere."

The game was supposed to be Shaq-Yao II., but Shaquille O'Neal didn't play because of an injured left knee and right big toe.

Rockets rookie Yao Ming didn't disappoint, getting 24 points and 14 rebounds before fouling out with 29 seconds left in the first overtime.

But Bryant was the show on this night.

"He must not have been hurting that bad," Houston's Curtino Mobley said. "I don't know. Some people just have the will to win and he had it."

Of O'Neal's absence, Yao said through an interpreter: "I

figured we could be a little more relaxed without him on the court. Maybe next time Kobe won't play."

That drew a laugh from reporters.

Mark Madsen's dunk with 3:57 left put the Lakers ahead for good, and Bryant added another dunk with 2:46 remaining to make it 97-94.

Derek Fisher scored the next five points to give the Lakers an eight-point lead with 1:49 to play, and the Rockets were unable to pose a serious threat after that.

By winning, the Lakers moved into a tie with the Rockets for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot. Both teams have 27-25 records with 30 remaining.

Houston would have clinched the tiebreaker with a victory.

"Phil said this morning that this is the biggest game of the year," Bryant said. "That is a challenge I can respond to. The fact that it was the biggest game of the year meant a lot to me and a lot to

us."

O'Neal will also miss Wednesday night's game in Utah.

"We think he'll be ready Friday," Jackson said before the game.

The three-time defending NBA champions are 23-15 with O'Neal and 4-10 without him.

Rick Fox added 15 points and Fisher scored 13 for the Lakers.

Steve Francis shot 4-of-19 while scoring 17 points for the Rockets.

Spurs on nine-game win streak

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gregg Popovich didn't sound like a coach whose team just won its ninth straight game.

"I'm sure they felt good about the road trip, but there's a lot of games to play and things to improve on to be ready down the stretch," the San Antonio coach said after the Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets 101-76 on Tuesday night.

Bruce Bowen scored 18 points as the Spurs played their first home game in 23 days. San Antonio had won

the final eight games of a nine-game road trip that concluded Sunday at Sacramento.

The Spurs pulled within four games of Midwest Division-leading Dallas. San Antonio and the Mavericks play on Thursday in Dallas.

"Our next two games are huge for us," San Antonio's Tim Duncan said. "Facing Dallas and then Indiana coming in here. It's important for us to continue to play hard and just push the momentum in our favor."

Stephen Jackson scored 14

points, while Duncan added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

"We wanted to take control early," said Duncan, who attempted only four field goals, making two. "I thought we did a better job in the second quarter of taking care of the ball, taking shots and cutting down on offensive rebounds. We got a lead and took it from there."

Denver, which lost its sixth straight, was led by Juwan Howard with 21 points, while Vincent Yarbrough and Nene Hilario added 12 apiece.

Smith, Jones begin talks with friendly tone

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Negotiations between Emmitt Smith and Jerry Jones are off to a cordial start.

A long-anticipated meeting to discuss whether the leading rusher in NFL history will remain with the Dallas Cowboys was finally held this week. The only thing settled was that they'll meet again next week.

Some tough decisions must be made.

Do the Cowboys want Smith back? If so, at what price?

Does Smith even want to come back? If so, in what role — and at what price?

The options are so sticky that it makes sense for both sides to proceed slowly. Neither wants to make the wrong move or do anything that would alienate their

fans.

The early indications are that everyone is cooperating.

"The conversation was productive and open. It was a two-way discussion," Smith's agent, Werner Scott, said Wednesday. "We'll have more communications."

Jones called their Monday meeting "very thorough and extensive."

"We will meet again, near the end of next week, at which time we will address the future — in a manner that we believe will serve the best interests of the Dallas Cowboys and Emmitt Smith," Jones said in a statement released Tuesday.

Scott said he "echoed every sentiment" Jones made.

Although Smith is under contract for three more seasons, that deal calls for

Smith getting \$7 million this season, with a salary cap figure of \$9.8 million. That's illogical for someone who will be 34 and is coming off one of his worst seasons.

If he's re-signed for the veteran minimum of \$755,000, Smith would count \$3.5 million against the cap.

If Smith is released before June 1, he would still count \$4.9 million against the upcoming season's cap. That would drop to \$2.8 million now and \$2.1 million the following season if he's released on or after June 1.

The delay in talks is partly because Jones is headed to Indianapolis for the scouting combines. It also could be to give Scott a chance to find a better deal.

To Smith, the best deal probably has more to do

with playing time than a big paycheck.

Problem is, teams are reluctant to hand a starting job to someone his age who last season gained 975 yards, his lowest total since he was a rookie.

While a poor line and unreliable passing game contributed to his struggles, Smith had only two, 100-yard games and averaged 3.8 yards per carry.

After playing on three straight 5-11 teams in Dallas, Smith isn't likely to go to another bad team just to become a starter.

That could leave Smith facing the option of where he wants to be a backup or fighting for playing time. Would he rather do that in Dallas or on a playoff-caliber team?

Retirement also is an



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa senior Ryan Zemanek (35) tossed in 27 points, including five three-point goals against Levelland.

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Spring sports: Stepchild of high school athletics

On several phone calls I asked Dr. Dawson Orr, our former superintendent, one high school sports question which has baffled me for decades.

Why is it when students sign up for baseball, they don't go to the baseball class? Or if they sign up for track, they don't go to the track class?

Instead, they shirk that class and go to off season football class.

How can this be? What is the reasoning?

Orr never would answer. He would not get into any such discussion.

Like a good politician, he skirted the issue. I don't blame him because there is no good reason.

I believe I know the real answer. Football rules. Spring sports are the buck-toothed, red-headed, freckle-faced stepchild of the sports program in high school, at Pampa, and thousands of other schools across the nation.

I have racked up millions of miles traveling the United States on assignments for magazines. Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tampa, Miami, Dallas, Phoenix, San Diego.

You name a metropolitan area in this country and with few exceptions I have had an assignment there.

In the last five years, I have been researching the answer to this question Orr would not answer. I have asked people on planes and at numerous car shows, which is where I go on assignments. People who have not played spring sports in high school are surprised such a system exists.

"You mean you sign up for baseball, but you go to football?"

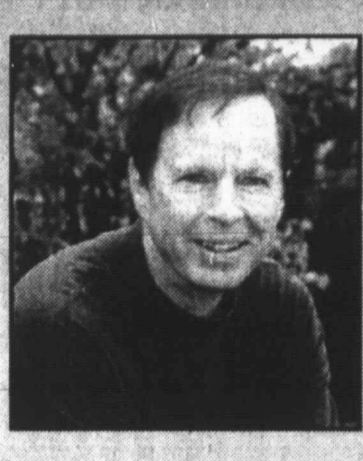
"Yes."

Then, they get this faraway stare in their eyes like either I don't know what I'm talking about or they are in Rod Serling's Twilight Zone. So, I have to explain more.

"Yeah, see, if you go out for baseball, but you will be one of the athletes playing football the following fall...."

At this point I see by the look in their eyes they are trying their best to understand this puzzle.

Then, instead of going to baseball, you go to off season training for football."



By JERRY HEASLEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

"You're not serious", they say, finally getting the gist of my riddle.

The ones who know say things like, "Oh, yeah, that crap goes on where I come from."

Sometimes I hear a good story. Let me tell you one of the best I've ever heard. I was at the Texas Motor Speedway, on assignment for "Mopar Now" magazine, taking pictures and writing copy on PT Cruisers and Prowlers. One guy had a surfboard on top of his PT and I wrote for the magazine how he was waiting for the government to build an ocean in Dallas. My editor in New York likes me to write stuff like that.

I was sitting in one of the buildings in the pits talking with car owners and posed my sports question. A young man from Arlington knew exactly the system of which I spoke. I can remember his story very well, but didn't have my tape rolling so I'll have to paraphrase it for you.

I was getting to the baseball game in the third and fourth innings, and I kept saying, coach, I've got to get to the game. But, he said, no you can't go until you finish your lifting for football. I really wanted to play baseball. I finally just quit football so I wouldn't have to lift and I could get to the game on time. When I quit football they cut me from the baseball team and put me in PE class. The coaches said if I couldn't cooperate with the system, then I couldn't play for them. So now I couldn't play baseball since I wouldn't play football.

In May of 2001, I checked with every school in our 3-4A district to research the interaction of in-season spring baseball with off-season football. I learned a lot from the coach-

es. Unlike Orr, they would get into the subject, unwittingly so.

Have you ever lifted weights and then tried to throw a ball? The tiny sphere feels light enough, but all the zip is out of your arm. The ball comes out of your hand like it weighs fifty pounds. The next throw gets better, but you need a "recovery time" to get the zip back.

Recovery time, coaches explained, was why football practice starts as early in the school day as possible. Decades ago, sports were truly extracurricular, something you did after school. Today, you practice the game after school, but you have your athletic period early in the day, which is when you lift weights. Coaches certainly have made in-roads into the school curriculum, with help from superintendent-types who empower them to do so.

Notice, Pampa High School. Their athletic period is first block, starting at 8:13 am, which is optimum for football. Before you ever see a class, you go to lift weights. This way, you have five to six hours "recovery time". Otherwise, you absolutely could not lift weights on the day of a practice when you toss around the football. The pigskin would feel like throwing a shot put. Plus, bodies are tired. They need to recover to be able to run, block and tackle.

In addition to recovery time, off season football players get a treat at PHS.

They show up at 7:50 am to be ready to go at 8:13 am. They lift and strength train for 60 minutes. Then, the last 30 minutes they and their coaches (about five of them) take a break in the high school cafeteria to

eat breakfast. The rest of the coaches go do other things, such as lift weights on their own. Technically, they should be in a study hall this 30 minutes. Apparently, they did not get up early enough to eat breakfast and now they need sustenance.

My friend at the PT Cruiser meet didn't get either a snack or recovery time for spring baseball when he was in high school. What was more important? This is a multiple choice question-- a) lifting to build muscle mass for football season six months away, or b) playing a fun baseball game which is six minutes away? The answer is, of course, a).

A side issue is how important is it to be fresh for class? Does pumping iron and strength training for football wear athletes out for class? Who knows? Do superintendents with Ph D's know? If they do, they are not telling us.

On Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, I interviewed Dennis Doughty. His baseball players who would be on the football team the following fall were not with him during the baseball athletic period starting at 1:45 pm.

They were in class because they already had their athletic period at 8:13 am in the morning, lifting weights with the football team.

Was he happy about this? Wouldn't he want his full team with him to practice? His answer was, "I feel like the kids that go through off season football and the rigors of that, I just feel like it challenges them at a much higher-- at a very high level. And it helps them to be better baseball players."

So, what about game days? Kids lift for off season football and then have to throw baseballs and swing bats.

Doughty revealed how understanding and magnanimous Athletic Director and head football coach Dennis Cavalier is-- oh, for district games, not for non-district.

"If it's a district game and I ask Coach Cavalier to not work them out, then he doesn't work them out. Most of the time it's not a problem cause they have so much recovery time. If they work out at nine o'clock in the morning and then basically they have six hours of recovery time and that's not a prob-

lem for them. And I really feel like it gives our kids a mental edge. They just feel like they are tougher than kids... Our baseball players feel like they are tougher than any kids around."

And we might have the best blocking and tackling baseball players in the district, except not EVERY single baseball player is so privileged to receive football strength training during their baseball season, poor babies. Plus, every other coach in every other school in the district and in every other school in Texas with off season football is under a similar football-is-first curriculum as Pampa.

Read my exchange with Phil Guerra, head baseball coach (and assistant football coach, of course) at another school in our district,

Dumas, referring to the baseball players in the off season football program: Guerra: Mentally, they are stronger because they've had to endure more.

Does that make sense to you?

Heasley: No.

Guerra: Well, have you ever played football?

Heasley: No.

Guerra: Then, it's hard for me to explain that to you. There's a thing about a kid who has played football. They are just a stronger kid mentally. Because they've had to endure more. They know what it is like. They've been in the quote, unquote trenches.

I could go on and on with other head baseball coaches comments.

They all coach football and they all have the same view of how much tougher and better prepared the kids are who play football compared to the single sport kids who play baseball.

Imagine Babe Ruth trying to make it in this system. Think about the questions that would plague the Sultan of Swat today. A fat guy trying to play sports? Could he run? How much could he lift? Too lazy to play football? He ate how many hot dogs at one sitting?

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Mavs have league's best record

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks made sure their focus was on the game at hand, rather than on their next opponent.

Michael Finley scored 26 points as the Mavericks improved their league-best record to 41-12 with a 105-79 rout of the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night. Dallas takes on San Antonio, which has won nine straight, on Thursday in a Midwest Division showdown.

"We're going to enjoy this win for the night and then it's time to start getting mentally prepared to go to battle against San Antonio," Finley said. "They're playing tremendous team ball. They're one of the hottest teams in basketball, but we have confidence that we can continue to do what we've been doing."

Dallas, which lead San Antonio by four games, had been involved in a series of close games, and Tuesday night's blowout gave Mavericks coach Don Nelson a chance to rest his starters. The Mavericks' six previous games — three losses — had been decided by eight points or fewer.

Reserve Walt Williams added 15 points and reserve Shawn Bradley had 10 as the Mavs took early control and went on to their third straight victory.

"This was a tune-up game," Nelson said. "The

day after tomorrow will be the biggest game of the season, I think. It seems like nobody's going to beat San Antonio."

Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' top scorer and rebounder, finished with only 14 points in 28 minutes against the Hawks after six consecutive games of 25 points or more.

Finley went 10-for-19 from the field, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range.

Dallas opened with a 17-2 run, hitting seven of its first eight shots while Atlanta missed its first nine. The Hawks didn't have a basket over the first 5:52 until Glenn Robinson connected on a short jumper to make it 17-4.

The Hawks were able to narrow the deficit to 28-19 after one quarter, and trailed 49-39 at halftime.

Atlanta was still in it, and that raised the ire of Nelson, who asked his players at halftime to raise their intensity level.

"If anything, we were taking the game too lightly, especially when we got up 17-2," Finley said. "But then we were able to pick it up in the second half."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim's 14 points and Robinson's 13 paced the Hawks, who have lost five of their last six. As Thursday's trading deadline approaches, several Hawks have been the subject of trade rumors.

"Players are used to being

talked about so I'm not sure how much that it bothers them," Hawks coach Terry Stotts said. "I think they expect it this time of year."

Atlanta, which went 25-for-79 from the field for a season-low 31.6 percent, was never able to get closer than eight points in the second half and trailed by as many as 34 in the third quarter. The Hawks went 3-for-19 from 3-point range, while the Mavericks were 9-of-13 on 3-pointers.

The Mavericks finished the third quarter with a 30-12 spurt capped by six straight points from Bradley for an 85-57 advantage entering the final period.

"We lost to a good team on the road," Robinson said. "We didn't have anything going offensively. They're the best team in the West. You've got to give them credit, they've got a good team with a lot of depth."

Notes: Dallas C Evan Eschmeyer got his third start of the season. ... The Hawks have lost nine in a row to the Mavericks. ... Dallas had 27 points off 18 Atlanta turnovers, the Mavericks' most points off turnovers this season. ... Bradley paced the team with a season-high four assists and scored 10 points. ... Dallas made 18 turnovers. ... The Mavericks led the entire game for the ninth time this season.

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Kings Row	14	2		Portland	34	18	.654	1
Pin Peckers	14	2		Phoenix	30	23	.5665	1/2
Peggy's Place	12	4		L.A. Lakers	26	25	.5108	1/2
Lee Ann's Grooming	10	6		Golden State	24	28	.462	11
Ma's Funtime	9	7		Seattle	21	30	.41213	1/2
Cellular Connection	7	9		L.A. Clippers	18	34	.346	17
The Fun Bunch	7	9						
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At A Glance								
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New Jersey	36	18	.667					
Boston	30	23	.5665	1/2				
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	7				
Washington	25	27	.481	10				
Orlando	26	29	.47310	1/2				
New York	23	29	.442	12				
Miami	18	36	.333	18				
Central Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB				
Detroit	36	16	.692					
Indiana	37	17	.685					
Milwaukee	27	24	.5298	1/2				
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Toronto	16	35	.31419	1/2				
Cleveland	10	44	.185	27				
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Dallas	41	12	.774					
San Antonio	37	16	.698	4				
Minnesota	33	21	.6118	1/2				
Utah	32	21	.604	9				
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Houston	27	24	.529	13				
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Denver	12	42	.22229	1/2				
Monday's Games								
Toronto at Washington, ppd. snow								
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Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.								
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Thursday's Games								
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.								
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.								
Boston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.								
TRANSACTIONS								
Tuesday's Sports Transactions								
BASEBALL								
American League								
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jorge Cordova, RHP Oscar Henriquez, LHP Nate Robertson, INF Eric Munson, OF Hiram Bocachica, OF Gene Kingsale and OF George Lombard.								
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Shannon Stewart on a one-year contract.								
National League								
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Andy Pratt, RHP Matt Belisle and INF Adam Laroche on one-year contracts.								
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Middlebrook and RHP P.J. Bevis. Agreed to terms with OF Lyle Mouton and OF Jeff Abbott on minor league contracts.								
BASKETBALL								
National Basketball Association								
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Activated F Glen Rice from the injured list.								
Placed C Jason Collier on the injured list.								
FOOTBALL								
National Football League								
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed WR Jake Soliday to a one-year contract.								
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Everick Rawls and KR Kenyatta Morgan.								
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed WR Aaron Lockett and TE Gabriel Crection. Named Greg McMackin associate head coach and linebackers coach. Retained Jerry Attaway physical development coordinator and Terrell Jones strength development coordinator.								
HOCKEY								
National Hockey League								
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Placed G Byron Dafeo and G Pasi Nurminen on injured reserve. Recalled G Milan Hnilicka from Chicago of the AHL.								
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Don MacLean from injured reserve and assigned him to Syracuse of the AHL.								
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned D Mike Komisarek to Hamilton of the AHL.								
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned G Jan Lasak to Milwaukee of the AHL.								
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Stephen Goulla from Albany of the AHL.								
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned C Jason Spezza to Binghamton of the AHL.								
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Mikko Jokela from Manitoba of the AHL.								
COLLEGE								
APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Paul Stahlschmidt men's soccer coach.								
MARS HILL—Named Scott Ginn women's soccer coach.								
NORTH CAROLINA—Signed Sylvia Hatchell, women's basketball coach, to a six-year contract extension, through the 2007-08 season, active to July 1, 2002.								



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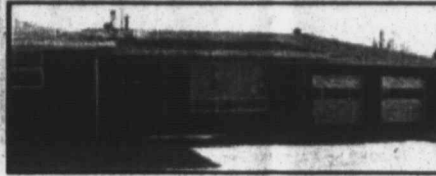
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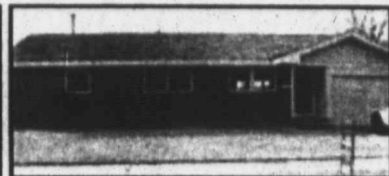
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Others look to you for answers, though you might not be in the mood to take responsibility. You find conflicts brewing in whatever direction you choose to go. Resist coming to quick decisions. Pull back and allow others to figure out more of what ails them. Tonight: Do something spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Think through a personal matter with care. You find that the unexpected does occur with others, especially in laws or different types of people. Reserve judgment, making important decisions happen. Realize your desires. Tonight: Do something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Reach out for others, considering what you want and expect from those around you. Others might need to hear what you're saying, but you'll have difficulty communicating your message. Relax. Wait. Work with timing. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

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Valentine's Day honorees



(Courtesy photo)
James "Jim" Cottom was crowned Valentine King recently at Coronado Healthcare Center. His wife, Mary Cottom, was named Valentine Princess.

Teen receives organs with wrong blood type

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — One of the country's top medical centers is trying to find out how it botched a heart-lung transplant that was supposed to save the life of a 17-year-old girl but instead put her closer to death.

Jessica Santillan was in critical condition early Wednesday at Duke University Hospital after mistakenly being given organs that didn't match her type O-positive blood.

The hospital has acknowledged making the mistake — although it still does not know how it happened. Dr. William Fulkerson, Duke's chief executive officer, said the hospital is investigating the mistake and will determine whether any staff should be disciplined.

The girl was given organs from a donor with type-A blood during an operation Feb. 7. Antibodies in her blood are trying to destroy the organs since their blood type is different.

Family and friends said Jessica suffered a near-fatal heart attack three days after the operation and a seizure Sunday. A machine has been keeping her heart and lungs going.

Family friend Mack Mahoney said supporters believe Jessica's life can be saved if a donor is found in the next few days. He said Jessica is small for her age — 5-foot-2 and 85 pounds — and the donated organs would likely come

from a child.

The teen's mother, Magdalena Santillan, pleaded for anyone facing a child's death to consider donating the organs. "Please help me find the organs that my daughter needs to live," she said.

The organs, flown from Boston to Durham 10 days ago, were sent with paperwork correctly listing the donor's type-A blood, said Sean Fitzpatrick of the New England Organ Bank, which sent the organs.

According to Carolina Donor Services, an organ procurement organization, the heart and lung became available from a donor in New England and were offered by the New England Organ Bank after being matched to two North Carolina patients on a national database.

Two Duke surgeons declined the organs but a third Duke surgeon requested them for Santillan, Carolina Donor Services said in a written statement late Tuesday. The organization did not identify the doctor.

Duke started its organ transplant program in 1965. The hospital performed the first successful heart transplant in North Carolina in 1985 and performs the largest number of lung transplants in the United States.

IRS warns of most common tax schemes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is urging taxpayers not to be taken in this tax season by a "dirty dozen" of common scams.

"With the tax season in full swing, we're seeing the traditional upswing in tax trickery," IRS Acting Commissioner Bob Wenzel said. "Year after year, con artists across the nation try pulling a fast one on honest taxpayers with different types of miracle tax solutions. Don't be fooled by the 'dirty dozen' and other misleading scams. There is no secret way to get out of paying taxes."

Anyone suspecting tax fraud may call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS this week is announcing the 12 most common schemes:

—Offshore transactions. Some people use offshore transactions to avoid paying U.S. income tax. Use of an offshore credit card, trust or other arrangement to hide or under-report income or to claim false deductions on a federal tax return is illegal. Through April 15, the IRS is offering limited amnesty to people involved in such arrangements.

People interested in participating in the program, called the Offshore Voluntary Compliance Initiative, may contact the IRS by calling 215-516-3537.

—Identity theft. In one scam, tax preparers allegedly used information, such as Social Security numbers and financial information, from their clients' tax returns to commit identity theft. In another, scammers sent bank customers fictitious bank correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing personal information.

—Phony tax payment checks. Con artists sell phony checks to pay a tax liability, mortgage or other debts. The false checks, called sight drafts, are worthless and have no financial value. Their use is

illegal.

—Slavery reparations. Thousands of black Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to slavery reparations. There is no provision in the tax law for slavery reparations. Taxpayers could face a \$500 penalty for filing such claims if they are not withdrawn.

—Taxes not withheld from wages. Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax law and have been refuted in court.

—Improper home-based businesses. Promoters claim that taxpayers can deduct most, or all, of their personal expenses as business expenses by setting up a bogus home-based business. But the tax code firmly establishes that a clear business purpose and profit motive must exist to claim allowable business expenses.

—Pay the tax and get a prize. The caller says you've won a prize, and all you have to do to get it is to pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. If a legitimate prize is received, the winner may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS, not the caller.

—Frivolous arguments. Beware of promotions that claim all taxes can be avoided or that urge you to "untax yourself for \$49.95." Such schemes now are on the Internet and are false.

—Social Security tax scheme. A scam offers refunds of all Social Security taxes paid over a lifetime — which isn't legal. The scam works by getting the victim to pay a "paperwork fee" of \$100, plus a percentage of any refund received.

—Promises of a big refund for a fee. Victims are asked to lend their Social Security numbers or a W-2 form with promises that they will get a portion of an unusually large return.

—Share or borrow dependents. Tax preparers share a client's qualifying children with another client to allow both to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, one client may have four children but only needs to list two to get the maximum credit. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and the other two on another client's tax return.

Shuttle answers nearer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Small droplets of melted aluminum. The landing gear door. Floating space junk.

These are some of the clues that members of the board investigating the Columbia disaster said they are examining as they try to determine why the space shuttle broke up Feb. 1 as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere.

The investigation isn't limited to just determining the physical causes of the disaster. Board members said Tuesday they also would be reviewing management practices in the shuttle program, including the effects of cost-cutting in recent years. And they'll have more time: The 60-day deadline set for a final investigation report has been dropped.

In the board's second news conference in as many weeks, the investigators also confirmed that Columbia began losing pieces over the California coast well before it disintegrated over Texas, confirming what astronomers and amateur skywatchers have been saying from the start.

The news conference provided a glimpse into the painstaking task facing investigators as they attempt to solve the shuttle mystery.

Board members said they're not even convinced about the one piece of evidence NASA officials have expressed certainty about — that it was foam that fell off Columbia's external tank during liftoff on Jan. 16. Board members said it could be ice or the much heavier insulating material behind the foam.

"Was it foam? Or was it the ablated material behind the foam? ... Or was it ice?" asked board member James Hallock, a physicist and chief of the Transportation Department's aviation safety division.

Board members hope researchers in Texas or farther west find droplets of melted aluminum that might offer answers.

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