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Decision-Making meeting set May 5

Pampa Independent School District is hosting a district site-based decision-making team meeting on Monday, May 5, at 5 p.m., in the Carver Center Board Room, 321 W. Albert.

All parents, community members, organizations, law enforcement agencies, mental health agencies, and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Pampa ISD staff will be discussing federal programs and current issues for the various campuses in the district.

DEATHS

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

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Police seek suspect in murder

Three arrested, two wanted for 'deadly conduct'

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Pampa police have issued a murder warrant for a Lawton, Okla., man after ballistic test results gave them a much-needed break in the investigation of the fatal shooting April 3 of Tracy Rena Williams.

Police today continue to search for Jimmy "Slim" Gawan Young, 21, of Lawton, Okla., said Det. Donny Brown. Brown confirmed that he traveled to Lawton several days ago in hopes of locating the suspect, but said a person held by authorities there turned out to be the wrong man.

Three persons have also been arrested on felony warrants alleging deadly conduct with a firearm in connection with the incident, Brown said, and officers are on the look-out for two others wanted on the deadly conduct charges as well.

The break came on Thursday, April 24, when PPD officials received the results of a ballistics test performed on one of the firearms collected as evidence in the murder investigation, police said today.

As a result, the murder warrant naming Young and five deadly conduct warrants were issued for Jelani Rashod McNeal, 25, 1016 Huff Rd.; Ongel Kwane

Roland, 25, 1308 Garland; Curtis Lee Wine, 30, 1013 Neel Rd., and Nathan Williams, 25, and Paul Andre Brown, 30, both of Pampa.

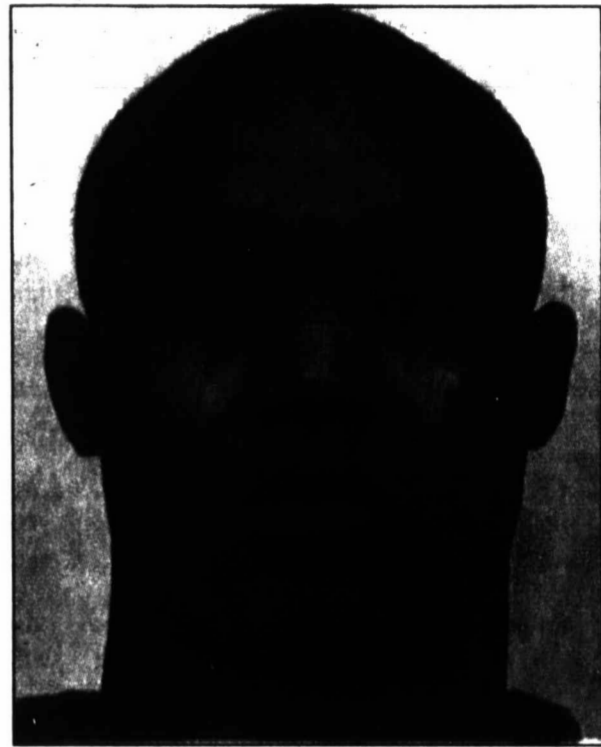
McNeal and Roland were arrested Friday, April 25, by Gray County Sheriff's deputies and placed in Gray County Jail, according to police and sheriff's reports. The charge was filed against Wine, also, who was in Gray County Jail on a warrant for violating parole, Chief Jailer David Potter said today.

On Sunday, April 26, McNeal was released on a \$7,500 bond set for Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez. Roland's bond was set by Martinez at \$5,000. He was also charged for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. That bond was set at \$2,000. Roland remains in jail on a warrant for parole violation, however, Potter said.

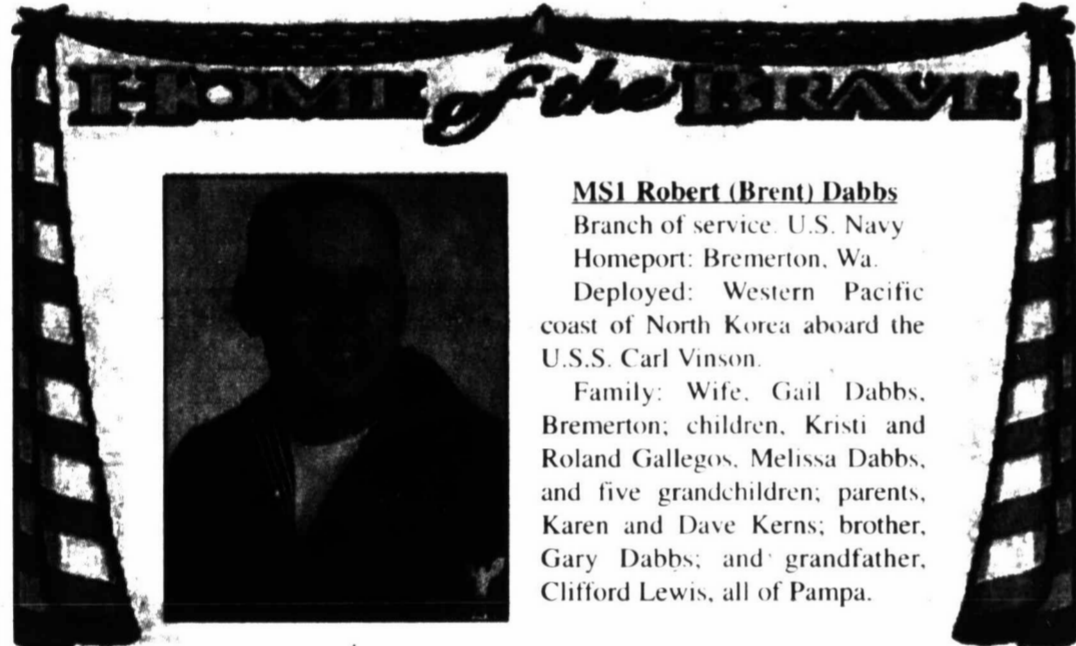
Williams and Brown had not been arrested by press time today. One of the men had been arrested by Amarillo authorities on unrelated charges, Brown said, but the man was released before they knew of the Pampa warrant.

"Pampa Police Department would like to encourage anyone that has seen these individuals or know of their whereabouts contact your local law enforce-

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(Pampa Police Department photo)
Law enforcement officers are looking for Jimmy "Slim" Young, 21, of Lawton, Okla., shown here, in connection with the murder of Tracy Rena Williams on April 3.



MS1 Robert (Brent) Dabbs

Branch of service: U.S. Navy
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Deployed: Western Pacific coast of North Korea aboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson.

Family: Wife, Gail Dabbs, Bremerton; children, Kristi and Roland Gallegos, Melissa Dabbs, and five grandchildren; parents, Karen and Dave Kerns; brother, Gary Dabbs; and grandfather, Clifford Lewis, all of Pampa.

Rumsfeld praises troops

Iraqis meet with U.S. administrator for talks

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Stressing unity in a divided land, more than 200 delegates from inside and outside Iraq haggled Monday over Iraq's future, meeting in Saddam Hussein's elaborate convention hall under the protection of a ring of U.S. tanks.

Clear differences among the delegates emerged on the United States' involvement, with exiles generally seeking a diminished role for Washington.

Elsewhere, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld visited Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar, thanking U.S. troops for removing Saddam: "You protected our country from a gathering danger and liberated the Iraqi people."

In the north, Kurdish paramilitary forces in Mosul began complying with U.S. Army orders to stop armed patrols at checkpoints to relieve tensions there between Arabs and Kurds, U.S. officials said.

The meeting in Baghdad coincided with Saddam's 66th birthday. For years, April 28 was a national holiday filled with official celebration and enforced adulation of the authoritarian leader, who was "unanimously" endorsed by voters over the years in unopposed "elections."

After an opening reading from the Quran, the 250 delegates, including a few women,

were welcomed by the U.S. civil administrator for Iraq.

"Today, on the birthday of Saddam Hussein, let us start the democratic process for the children of Iraq," retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Jay Garner told the delegates.

Shiite and Sunni Muslim clerics in robes, Kurds from the north, tribal chiefs in Arab headdresses and Westernized exiles in expensive suits assembled for the one-day political conference, second in a series expected to extend well into May.

"We hope we can form a unified government, one that reflects the entire spectrum of Iraq," said Ahmad Jaber al-Awadi, a representative of the newly formed Iraqi Independent Democrats Movement.

One prominent exile, Saad al-Bazzaz, said many delegates had discussed the possibility of a presidential council rather than naming a single leader for Iraq.

"I'm not expecting one person as president. I'm expecting a presidential council" of three to six members, he said. "We have been discussing this, many of us."

But many focused on the immediate need for security in a country where the ouster of the Saddam government three weeks ago touched off a rampage of looting, arson and general lawlessness.

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Mesa Water causing stir

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

MIAMI - Rumors are flying as Mesa Water, Inc., withdraws its petition for a fresh water supply district in Roberts County and the head of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority talks to the Pampa City Commission about purchasing more water rights.

Robert Stilwell, a lawyer for Mesa Water, said their decision to suspend the effort to form a fresh water supply district in Roberts County was made because of recent progress in finding a buyer for their water.

The Dallas attorney said that the North Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group has added Mesa to their list of potential water management strategies and that the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group has added Mesa to their list of wholesale water providers.

While neither of these developments are new, Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, is talking to member cities about buying more water rights. He appeared before the Pampa City Commission during their Tuesday night work session last week to discuss the matter.

Satterwhite said that he has been encouraged by his talks with the 11 cities, including Pampa, that are CRMWA members.

"Frankly," Stilwell said, "I think we have more water than they probably need."

Stilwell said that when Mesa was first formed, they had offered their water to CRMWA, Lubbock and Amarillo but were rebuffed. Stilwell said that left Mesa with no other choice but to go elsewhere to find a buyer for the water.

In the time since Mesa and CRMWA last talked about the sale of water, Stilwell said Mesa has attracted more landowners and more water. Mesa has also invested, Stilwell said, \$6 million and three years on other prospects.

"The lay of the land has changed considerably in this intervening period," Stilwell said. "We don't really know what CRMWA has in mind. Obviously, we will listen to anybody who wants to make an offer, but we feel we have more water than they're interested in."

Stilwell said that one possibility is to sell smaller amounts of water to CRMWA in the Texas Panhandle and sell larger amounts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"That might serve everybody's purposes," Stilwell said.

If CRMWA's position on future water needs has not changed, it has evolved.

When CRMWA first purchased some 42,000 acres of water rights in Roberts County, it was the only entity planning on pumping large amounts of water from the county. Now the City of Amarillo has about 75,000

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Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th & 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. Two players per team. \$65.00 fee per golfer. \$20.00 cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

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IRAQ

"The lack of security threatens our newborn democracy. Security must be restored for this experience to survive," Saadoun Dulaimi, a returned exiled politician, told fellow delegates.

In a sign of new cooperation, the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an Iran-based group of Shiite Muslim exiles, sent a low-level delegation to the Baghdad conference. The council had boycotted the first meeting on April 15, and high-ranking members refused to attend Monday's conference in protest of its U.S. sponsorship, said Hamid al-Bayati, a London spokesman for the group.

Those from outside the country generally said only Iraqis should rule Iraq.

"We are having healthy discussions between people inside Iraq and who were outside Iraq," said Mustapha Qazwin, a sheikh and doctor who lives in the United States. "This is a democratic process, and we are still debating the best route forward."

Non-exiles generally want the Americans to have a direct role in the interim period to prepare for elections. "We are not ready to handle this yet," said Suheil al-Suheil, a Baghdad lawyer. "Saddam's orphans are still alive."

Garner's office said a third conference will be held in northern Iraq soon. Delegates said it would likely be in Mosul in two to three weeks.

Coming home after years abroad, Iraqis hugged and kissed as the gathering began. "In Baghdad?" one delegate asked another in disbelief. "Yes, in Baghdad," the other replied.

In the streets, thousands of demonstrators marched through the sun-baked capital calling for unity of Shiite and Sunni Muslims, of Iraqi Arabs and Iraqi Kurds.

disorganization and communications problems that have plagued the U.S. occupation, dozens of delegates couldn't reach the hall immediately. Instead, they drove in circles around traffic-choked central Baghdad, repeatedly blocked by Army checkpoints. The opening was delayed by two hours.

On a downtown street, an Iraqi air force colonel, Hussein al-Khafaji, took note of how different Saddam's birthday was this year.

"Whenever we had those elections for president, everyone voted for him 100 percent," he told a reporter. "And today nothing will happen, and this will prove that none of us liked him, not a one."

On central Saddoun Street, a ragged man carried a placard aloft depicting Saddam with horns and a noose around his neck. "This is your birthday. Shame on you," it read.

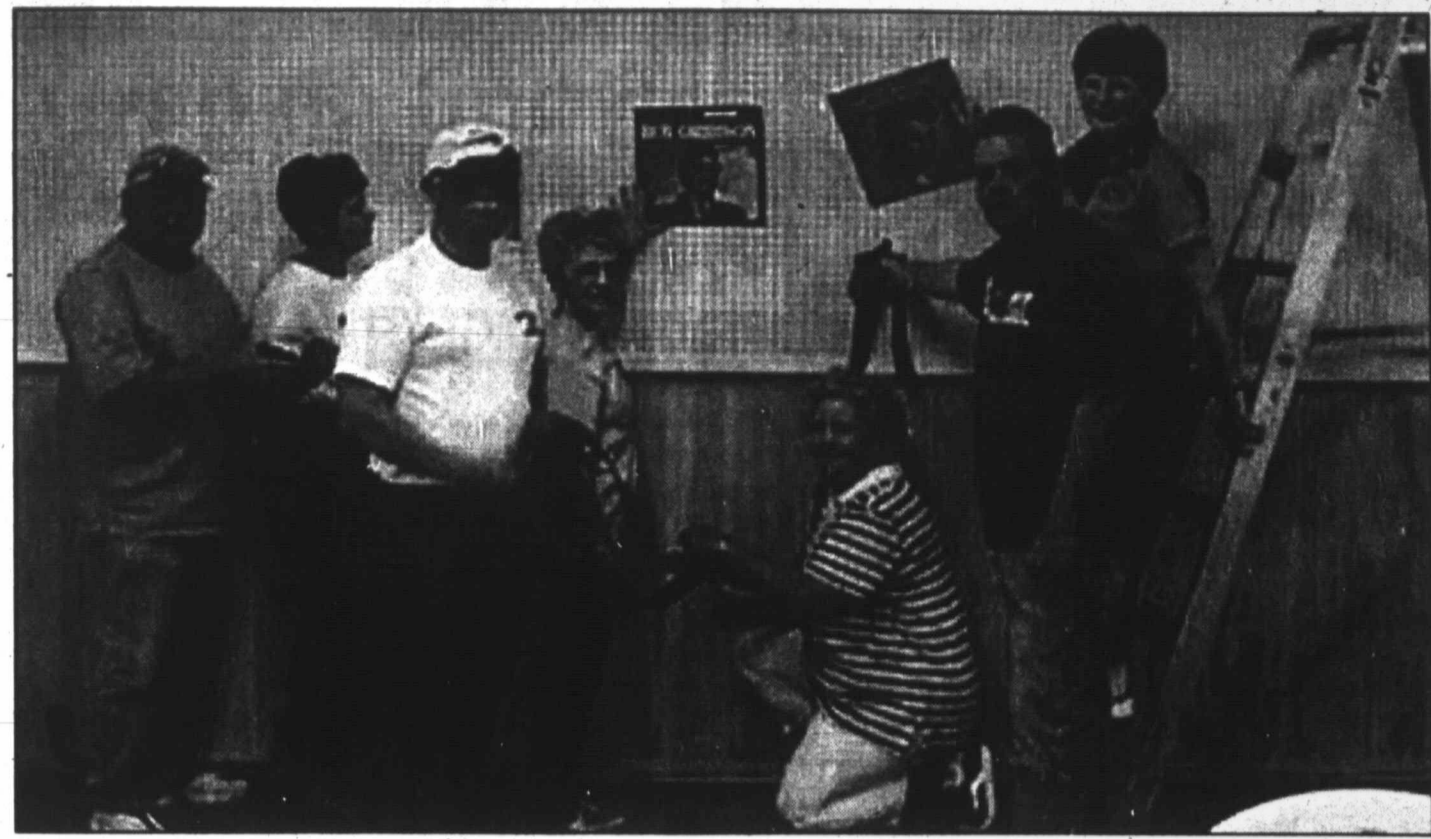
In southern Iraq, on the main road north out of Basra, about 50 marchers appeared bearing an effigy of Saddam fashioned from rags. As a crowd gathered, they threw the effigy to the ground, stomped on it and set it on fire.

"No, no, Saddam. Yes, yes, Islam," shouted members of the group.

In Qatar, Rumsfeld said the U.S.-led war in Iraq was a historic success that will influence military doctrine for decades. "Baghdad was liberated in less than a month, possibly the fastest march on a capital in modern military history," Rumsfeld said.

After talks with the United Arab Emirates' defense minister and chief of staff on Sunday, Rumsfeld and Gen. Tommy Franks said U.S. military forces were not going to leave the region any time soon. Franks, commander of U.S. troops in the region, said he wanted to continue operations at Camp As Sayliyah, which was completed just before the war began.

Doin' up a 'sock hop'



(Courtesy photo)

Helping decorate for the VFW Sock Hop May 10 are Danny Martin, Audrey Meaker, Raymond Swaney, Linda Simmons, Nelda Martin, Denver Bruner and Nancy Broggin. The Sock Hop, a fundraiser for the local VFW Post, is co-sponsored by the VFW Post #1657 and the High Plains Cruisers car club. The dance will be held at the VFW Post, 105 S. Cuyler, on Saturday, May 10. Dinner will be served from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by the dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$7.50 a couple. Kids under 12 can attend the dance with a parent for free - dinner not included.

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MURDER

ment agency," Brown said in a press release issued today. "DO NOT approach these individuals on your own. They are considered to be armed and dangerous."

While not giving specifics of the incident in which Williams died, police said in a news release today that under state law, it is an offense to recklessly engage

in conduct that puts a person or persons in immediate danger of serious bodily injury. This offense is enhanced when a firearm is used and the person discharges it in public without due regard for the safety of others.

On April 3, city police officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Huff Road on report of shots fired and someone being injured. When they arrived,

they discovered Williams, 32, of 1140 Varnon, lying in the driveway at 1040 S. Huff Road, suffering from a single gunshot wound to the chest.

She was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center where she was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. An autopsy conducted in Lubbock confirmed the woman had died of the gunshot wound.

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WATER

acres and Mesa Water holds about 150,000 acres of water rights.

Satterwhite, who has headed CRMWA for the past couple of years, has maintained that buying more water in Roberts County, from Mesa or other landowners, has always been an option.

"I think that if they would get their price right we probably would consider it," Satterwhite said.

Such a move, however, would not happen quickly.

The CRMWA board of directors meet

quarterly, and they aren't scheduled to meet again until July. Satterwhite said he thinks the purchase of water rights will be a topic of conversation at the board's quarterly meeting, but he doubted that any action will be taken on it.

A great many details would have to be worked out and a price would have to be negotiated for the water.

"We're not going to pay more than the water's worth," Satterwhite said.

The Mesa water is not the only water for sale in Roberts County. Satterwhite pointed out. He said that he gets numerous calls from people wanting to sell

their water.

"We will entertain all comers," Satterwhite said.

There now appears to be a willing buyer and a willing seller for Roberts County water. The question is if they can reach an agreement.

"It's an interesting situation," Stilwell said. "Only they know what they have in mind, but we had heard rumors about it before we saw these reports that they had started talking to people in their member cities about the notion of buying more water. We really don't know what they have in mind."

Justice Department broadens investigation of FBI's DNA lab practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — With defense lawyers stepping up challenges to genetic evidence, the Justice Department inspector general is examining the FBI lab unit that analyzes DNA in hundreds of cases a year after a technician was caught failing to follow proper procedure.

The inquiry, expected to last several more months, already has led to changes inside the lab's DNA unit in response to advice from outside scientists brought in by Justice investigators, government officials told The Associated Press.

The inspector general, an independent watchdog, is trying to identify any vulnerabilities in the lab after an FBI technician went undetected for two years as she failed to follow required procedure in analyzing DNA evidence, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

DNA evidence has become increasingly important in criminal cases and in appeals from old convictions before such biological evidence was widely used.

The investigation, coupled

with recent revelations of DNA irregularities in a few local crime labs that work with the FBI, could affect Attorney General John Ashcroft's project to create a national DNA database to help law enforcers identify crime suspects through their genetic fingerprints.

Criminal defense lawyers are planning challenges to the database and to DNA evidence in cases involving the FBI lab technician or the local crime labs accused of wrongdoing.

"All of us are depending on DNA as a gold standard in forensics work — innocence projects, prosecutors and defense lawyers. And now we don't have a gold standard. The gold has been tarnished," said Frederic Whitehurst, a lawyer and former FBI lab employee whose whistle-blower allegations led to major changes in the lab in the mid-1990s.

The AP reported this month that FBI lab technician Jacquelyn Blake quit while under investigation for failing to follow required scientific procedures while analyzing 103 DNA samples over the

past couple of years, and a second lab employee was indicted for allegedly providing false testimony.

Inspector General Glenn Fine expanded the Blake inquiry to examine the FBI lab's broader practices in DNA cases. The FBI has been cooperating, the government officials said.

The officials said the goal of the investigation is to identify vulnerabilities in lab procedure that could affect the quality of the FBI's DNA analyses or permit a rogue employee to go undetected.

FBI Lab Director Dwight Adams, himself a DNA scientist, disclosed the existence of

the wider Justice Department inquiry during recent briefings on Capitol Hill, law enforcement and congressional officials said.

Adams told lawmakers and their staffs the DNA section has put changes in place to deal with issues raised by the outside scientists brought in by the inspector general, the officials said.

"We want correct and unassailable results and objective testimony, and to do that we've got to be open to outside scrutiny and outside review," Adams told the AP.

The investigation is the broadest inspector general's review of the FBI lab since one

concluded in 1997 that scientists in the lab's explosive units engaged in bad science and gave inaccurate testimony. Those findings led to an overhaul of the world-renowned forensics facility.

FBI officials also are facing questions about how to protect the bureau's national DNA database from a growing number of problems at local police crime labs.

The police lab in Houston is under grand jury investigation for its DNA work. A police lab in Fort Worth, Texas, is facing a criminal inquiry after revelations that a senior forensic analyst ignored proper DNA procedures. Florida is grappling

with a state crime lab worker in Orlando who falsified DNA data.

FBI officials have pulled DNA samples from the Houston lab from its national database and said they will examine the allegations involving Fort Worth and Orlando to determine if any action is required to protect the national DNA registry.

The inspector general has pressed the FBI to conduct regular audits of state and local labs that put DNA evidence into the national registry. An audit in 2001 disclosed half the local labs examined were not in compliance with FBI DNA standards.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Wants To Slow Down Daughter's Rush To Maturity

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter, "Betsy," looks and acts older than her age. She's interested in older guys (17 to 19), and they're interested in her. Even though Betsy is not yet allowed to date or go to teenage clubs in town, it's becoming difficult for me to say no all the time.

How can I slow down my daughter's maturity? I would like Betsy to enjoy her childhood while she can. I realize her dad and I must allow her to grow up — I just don't want it to be this early. And yes, she is aware of sex. We've had "the talk."

WATCHFUL MOM
IN LOUISIANA

DEAR WATCHFUL MOM: Keep your daughter busy. Get her involved in sports, dance, art, theater. But don't count on "slowing down her maturity." Much as you might wish to, you cannot hold back the hands of time.

P.S. I'm pleased you've had "the talk" with your daughter. At 15, she's well on her way to womanhood. Keep the lines of communication open, do not jump to conclusions, give her your unconditional love and listen without being judgmental. You're her mother, not her warden.

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my 32-year-old husband, "Tom," came down with a bad case of chicken pox. He never had it as a kid and couldn't be vaccinated because he is severely allergic to the vaccine. The outbreak left Tom with pockmarks on his face, neck and

back. He hasn't said much about it, but I know my husband. I can tell by the way he now styles his hair and wears his clothes that he's trying to hide the marks on his skin.

Tom is still very handsome, but he acts self-conscious and embarrassed about his appearance. Should I try to get him to talk about it — yes or no? And if I can get him to open up, what should I suggest? Thanks, Abby.

CONCERNED ABOUT HUBBY
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CONCERNED: By all means talk to him. These days, many men avail themselves of cosmetic surgical procedures — and not just in Hollywood. Suggest that he consult a dermatologist about his options for improving the appearance of the scarring. In recent years, tremendous progress has been made in skin resurfacing. However, the procedures should be done only by an experienced, board-certified physician.

DEAR ABBY: Here is a true "he never says he loves me" story. On a beautiful, moonlit night in August of 1935, my future husband, Bill, and I were on our first date. We went swimming in a small lake with a dance pavilion on the shore. From the beach, Bill and I could hear the orchestra.

Suddenly we both got very quiet, listening to a beautiful melody. When the song ended, Bill said, "Gee, that's a pretty song — do you know the name of it?" I answered, "Love Me Forever." Bill took my

hand and said, "Well, that's a long time, but I'd sure like to try!"

Over the years, whenever I told the story about "our song," I liked to tease Bill with, "That was the first and last romantic thing you ever said to me." Not the truth, of course, but it made a good story.

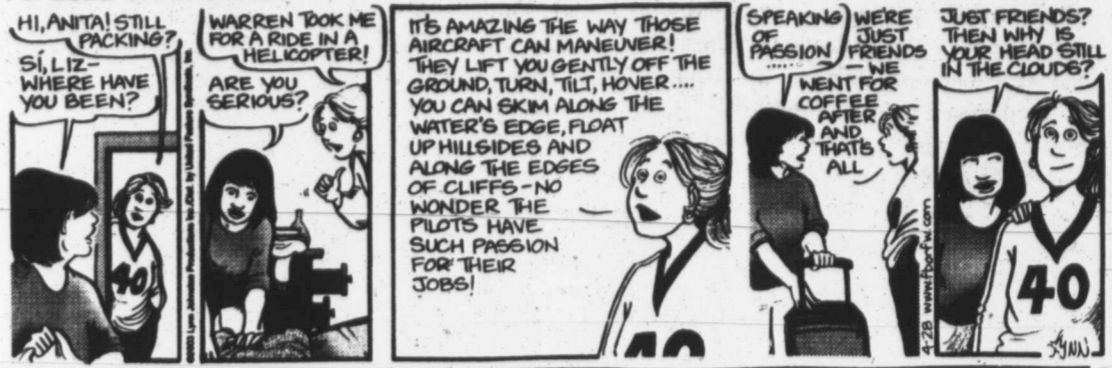
I am now an 86-year-old widow. My Bill died in 1971 — and the "forever" feels as true today as it did that summer night.

VIRGINIA "TOOTS" WEITZEL,
OLEAN, N.Y.

DEAR "TOOTS": It may have been a first date, but your Bill knew a good thing when he saw one — and how to close a sale. Your letter touched me. Thank you for sharing your love story.

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

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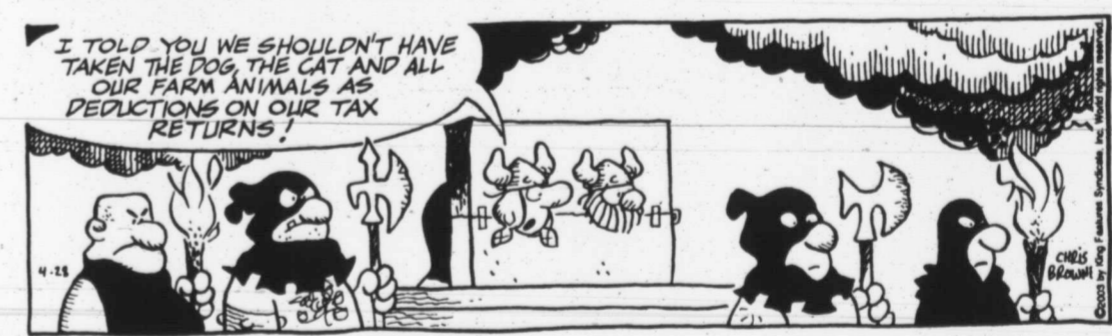
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Cowboys wrap up first draft under Parcels

Kansas State's Newman is first choice for Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) — This time, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones waited until the end to do his trading in the NFL draft, and only then got a running back.

And Jones and new coach Bill Parcels seemed to co-exist well. Both are known to be powerful forces during the draft, and this was their first together.

Instead of trading down on the first day like a year ago, the Cowboys stuck with their No. 5 overall pick and took Kansas State cornerback-returned Terence Newman on Saturday.

Newman's proven ability at cornerback, a position where the team needed help, plus his return skills overshadowed questions about nerve damage in his left shoulder and the fact he'll be 25 when the season begins, about two years older

than the average first-rounder.

On Sunday, the Cowboys traded their last pick, sending their second seventh-round pick (236th overall) to Detroit for running back Aveion Cason. Dallas, which has let NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith go, didn't take a running back with any of its seven picks.

In between Newman's pick and their draft-ending trade, the Cowboys tried to follow the pattern that worked so well a year before in a draft that produced five players that started last season for the Cowboys.

After their three picks Saturday, including potential starters in Wisconsin center Al Johnson in the second round and Tennessee tight end Jason Witten in the third round, the Cowboys added LSU linebacker Bradie James in the

fourth round to start Sunday. "I feel we got significant value with our first four picks. They will have to be in the mix for us to be successful next season," Jones said.

The Cowboys then stuck to their draft board and tried to add depth at several positions.

"Like our draft last year, we wanted find players to address our depth issues with players that have an upside," Jones said.

Dallas didn't have a fifth-round pick but used their final three choices to accomplish that goal. The Cowboys got Wisconsin defensive back B.J. Tucker and Hampton receiver Zuriel Smith in the sixth round and Colorado guard Justin Bates in the seventh round before Jones made his 33rd trade in 15 drafts since buying the team.

Parcels never addressed the media Sunday, but Jones said the two felt good about what they accomplished in the draft for the Cowboys, who are com-

ing off consecutive 5-11 seasons, and worked well together.

"If the two of us had differences, and we didn't have many, there were differences about strategy," Jones said. "But in the long run it wasn't about what Bill wanted or what Jerry wanted. It came down to about what was best for the Dallas Cowboys."

The 6-foot-2, 242-pound James fits Parcels' like for big linebackers. James was an All-American while setting an LSU record with 154 tackles last season.

Jones said the Cowboys had talked with Oakland about moving up into the third round to select James, so they were ecstatic he was still available Sunday.

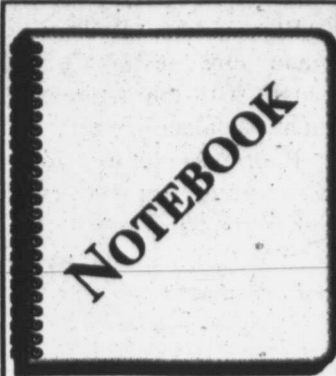
"He's going to have a lot of company at linebacker," Jones said. "But we expect him to come in and contribute significantly. We love his style of play and we had a good evaluation of him."

Jones said the Cowboys had their eye on two running backs for their fourth-round pick. But Kentucky's Artose Pinner and LSU's Domanick Davis were gone by the Cowboys' pick, so they got James.

The Cowboys finally made the late trade to get Cason, who has played for new offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon. Troy Hambrick, Smith's backup, appears to be getting the first shot at being the new starter.

Dallas never addressed a perceived need to add another option at quarterback. For now, the job is between Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter, who both started last year. But the potential of adding another veteran before camp is still there.

"We have keep our options open at quarterback," Jones said. "Chad was ahead based on what he did last year. But Quincy has had a good spring. And they're both have an equal amount of experience."



GOLF

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Fred Couples outdueled Mark Calcavecchia and held off challenges from Stuart Appleby and Hank Kuehne to win for the first time in five years, shooting a 5-under 67 Sunday to take the Houston Open by four strokes.

The 43-year-old Couples led or shared the lead the first three days. He wouldn't let go Sunday, shutting door after shrugging off stumbles midway through his round.

TRACK

SAN ANGELO — Pampa's Greg Wiley placed third in the 110 meter hurdles at the regional 4A track and field meet last weekend.

Wiley's time was 14.67. Scott Bryan of Lubbock Estacado won the event with a time of 14.03. Coby Morrison of Wichita Falls Rider was second at 14.23.

KIDS CLUB

PAMPA — Kids Club signups will be held from 6 p.m. at 7 p.m. tonight and Tuesday at Baker gym.

The club is open to both boys and girls, kindergarten through the 12th grade.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — No NBA team has ever come back after losing the first three games of a best-of-seven series. Bonzi Wells wants his fellow Portland Trail Blazers to forget that fact.

The Trail Blazers took the first step Sunday night, beating the Dallas Mavericks 98-79 to avoid their third straight first-round sweep.

"When you're down 0-3 you just try to get one more. You just try to plug away," Wells said. "We got our one. If we just don't think about the history of being 0-3, I think we can keep going."

The Trail Blazers snapped a 10-game post-season losing streak and coach Maurice Cheeks earned his first playoff victory as a head coach after six unsuccessful tries.

Without injured stars Scottie Pippen, Derek Anderson and Arvydas Sabonis, the Trail Blazers rallied to send the series back to Dallas for Game 5. Zach Randolph had 25 points and 15 rebounds, and Damon Stoudamire had 17 points and 11 assists.

Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks.

Pampa routs Caprock, 16-0

AMARILLO — Pampa closed District 3-4 play Saturday by routing Caprock 16-0 to clinch the No. 1 seed going into the playoffs.

Pampa clinched a share of the district title with Randall with both teams compiling a 10-2 record. The Harvesters beat Randall twice to earn a first-round playoff bye.

Pampa run-ruled the Longhorns after five innings as senior pitcher Ryan Zemanek threw a one-hit shutout. Zemanek also swung a big bat, going 4 for 4 with 6 runs-batted-in, including a grand slam home run in the fourth inning that gave Pampa a 12-0 lead.

Shea Brown had three hits for the Harvesters while Jed Martin, Jered Snelgrooes, Max Simon and Tyson Moree had two each. Hunter Craig and Derek Lewis each had a hit.

Andrew Chavez had Caprock's only hit, a single in the fourth inning.

Zemanek struck out 6 and walked 1 to lift his record to 9-1 for the year.

The Harvesters have an 18-8 record for the year. They are tentatively scheduled to play either El Paso Burges or El Paso Ysleta in Midland. The date and time for the best two of three series hasn't been announced yet.

The Harvesters may be playing one or two practice games this weekend.

District 3-4A Final Standings		
Team	District	Overall
y-Pampa	10-2	18-8
x-Randall	10-2	16-10-1
z-Plainview	8-4	13-15
Caprock	4-8	9-16
Dumas	4-8	13-15-1
Hereford	3-9	5-20
Palo Duro	3-9	6-18
y-clinched district title		
x-Randall	10-2	16-10-1
z-clinched No. 3 seed		

Soccer scholarship winners



Dodge City Community College has signed three Pampa High athletes to soccer scholarships. Signing letters-of-intent last week were (front, l-r) Chance Crain, Stefani Goldsmith and Marc Garza. Their parents are (back, l-r) Mike and LeAnn Crain, Steve and Kim Goldsmith, Diana and Ed Garza.

Texans cap draft with reluctant Henson

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans, a team armed with a \$47 million quarterback and needs at most of the other positions, made their biggest splash in this year's draft by taking a fellow QB who insists he wants to keep playing baseball for a career.

Not exactly a match made in heaven. Then again, Houston officials made it clear Sunday after choosing former Michigan star Drew Henson that they don't envision their sixth-round choice donning a Texan uniform.

In fact, general manager Charley Casserly openly invited Henson to give up baseball, use the Texans as a conduit to find an NFL team interested in his services and help arrange a trade. Casserly won't say what the Texans might expect in return, but he reminded reporters Henson might have been a "top 10, maybe top five" selection had he gone the football route.

"Come to the Texans and

"We might hit a home run here. We might get something good out of this thing."

— **Charlie Casserly, GM**

say, 'Let's try to broker a trade with somebody. Let's try to go to a playoff team, go to a team with a good quarterbacks coach, go to a team where I can sit and learn for two years,'" Casserly figuratively said to Henson, who might have been Houston's No. 1 overall choice last year had he stayed for his senior year and performed well.

The Texans on Sunday assured David Carr, the man they did make their franchise quarterback, that he's still the Texans' man. It's just that Casserly, who admitted he's tinkered with taking a flier on Henson for a year, believed spending a longshot selection was better use of the pick than taking a typical sixth round-caliber player.

right now I'm just trying to finish up April, get into May, and not look too far down the line."

Henson did not reject outright the notion of returning to the gridiron. And there is speculation that Henson is behind in the development the Yankees envisioned when they signed him away from Michigan in 2001 after his junior season with a six-year, \$17 million contract.

Of course, obstacles remain even if he has a change of heart in the next 364 days. Any NFL team that wanted to acquire Henson would have to buy out his baseball deal with the Yankees, come to terms with Henson and reward the Texans in a trade for his rights.

Casserly couldn't resist a baseball metaphor in imagining things going Houston's way.

"We might hit a home run here," Casserly said. "We might get something good out of this thing."

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WHO authorities: SARS past peak

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The World Health Organization said Monday that the worst of the SARS outbreak appears to be over in Singapore, Hong Kong and Canada, while Vietnam has become the first country to contain the highly infectious respiratory disease.

But SARS is spreading in China even as the government takes increasingly aggressive steps to halt the disease, said David Heymann, the chief of communicable diseases for WHO.

Heymann, who is in Bangkok to attend an emergency summit on SARS of Southeast Asian leaders Tuesday, said the situation is worrisome in China.

"In China, as you know, we are receiving more and more reports of cases and it doesn't appear it has peaked as far as spread" of the disease is concerned, Heymann told reporters.

Hong Kong, Singapore, and Toronto are having fewer cases every day and Vietnam has reported no new SARS victims, the WHO said.

"It appears that the outbreak has peaked in those countries," Heymann said.

There were eight new fatalities in China and five in Hong Kong reported on Monday, raising the worldwide death toll for severe acute respiratory syndrome to at least 332, mostly in China and Hong Kong. It has sickened around 5,000 people.

Asian governments kept

up the fight with quarantines and travel restrictions. Taiwan began enforcing a 10-day quarantine for visitors arriving from areas hit hard by SARS, prompting airlines to cancel some flights there, while Malaysia sealed off a hospital in Kuching they fear may be the site of an outbreak.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome has prompted a rare global alert from WHO and travel advisories against affected countries.

But the WHO lifted all travel advisories Monday for Vietnam, which had five deaths from SARS after the virus spread in February through Hanoi's only international hospital.

Sixty-three people contracted the virus in Vietnam. But the Hanoi French Hospital was cordoned off on March 11, a move credited with slowing the rate of infection and keeping SARS from spreading beyond its doors.

"The WHO would like to congratulate Vietnam on being the first country in the world to contain SARS," Pascale Brudon, the WHO representative in Vietnam, said at a news conference in Hanoi.

No new SARS cases have been reported in Vietnam since April 8. WHO has set a 20-day window — double the disease's incubation period — as the standard for lifting travel advisories and declaring that an outbreak is no longer spreading.

Dance, gymnastics center plans recitals

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will present its 37th annual spring dance recital, entitled this year, "Follies Fever," at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Its spring gymnastics recital will be staged in two segments, one at 6 p.m. and another at 7 p.m., on Friday, May 9, at M.G. Gymnastics Center.

The following students will be appearing in the recital: Lena Dyer, Addison Hinkle, Aspen Sullivan, Indy Sullivan, Olivia Tyler, Alysse Simpson, Jenna Gee, Danna Eppison, Mackenzy Milburn, Mary Grace Little, Gabriella Rodriguez, Sarah Gordzelik, Reia Thomason, Harli Jernigan, Jonah Munsell, Jacie Ketcherside, Cynthia Schepp, Taylin Neff, Jessica Hiberd, Ashley Stark, Abbie Brainard, Hanna Brainard, Kirstin Hood, Edy Brainard, Shauntae Foster, Bethany Strange, Saber Bohlar, Karoley Villarreal.

Jasmine Villarreal, Macey Hendrick, Kylin Sinclair, Kimberly Curtis, Caylee Steward, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Abbey Rios, Allison Cooper, Jenna Munsell, Keziah Nelson, Danielle Zuniga, Elysa Clements, Ashley Williams, Stephanie Roquillo, Mandy Cross, Alyssa Hoelting, Sydney Hoelting, Kallie Marak, Monica Schepp, Jacklyn Cargill, Abby Weaver, Lauren Denney, Heather Wiley, Annie Chumbley, Katie Holmes, Angel Villarreal, JaCee Villarreal, Jade Skinner, Megan Longo, Chelsey Sims, Megan Barber, Leah Wilson, Hayley Burnett, Victoria Bybee, Micah Wilson, Amanda



(Courtesy photo)

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Bennett, Megan Edwards, Emily Ingersoll, Jace Carter, Ciera Little, DeLoach, Erin Parr, Adam Zuniga, Registration for summer dance and Summer Fergunson, Camrynn gymnastics classes will be held from Richardson, Samantha Long, Kaylie 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, May 12, at Evans, Jessica Evans, Evan Free, Tell M.G. Dance and Gymnastics Center.

Edward Gaylord, publisher of The Daily Oklahoman, dies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Edward L. Gaylord, the publisher of The Daily Oklahoman who expanded the media company his father started into a business empire that included Nashville's Opryland, has died. He was 83.

Gaylord died Sunday night from complications from cancer, according to the newspaper.

Gaylord assumed the leadership of The Oklahoma Publishing Co. in 1974 after the death of his father, E.K. Gaylord. By then, the younger Gaylord had already begun diversifying the company.

In the 1970s, he established the Gaylord Production Co., which produced the syndicated TV series "Hee Haw" and the "Glen Campbell Show."

In 1983, the company acquired the Opryland complex in Nashville, Tenn., for \$240 million.

The complex included The Nashville Network (now The

National Network) and Country Music Television (CMT), both of which were later sold; CMT Europe cable networks and the Opryland Music Group.

OPUBCO and Gaylord Entertainment are worth about \$2.5 billion.

Gaylord was born May 28, 1919, in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Stanford University in 1941 and briefly attended Harvard Business School before joining the Army.

While growing up, Gaylord

visited his father at The Oklahoman office, but said his father didn't push him into newspaper work.

"He was hoping I would get into it, but he wanted me to get into whatever I was interested in," Gaylord said in a 1998 supplement celebrating OPUBCO's 95th anniversary. "As the years passed, I became very interested in newspapers."

In 1946, Gaylord went to work full time at OPUBCO, beginning in the circulation department and then advertis-

ing. He became executive vice president, assistant general manager, director and treasurer of OPUBCO by 1948.

His efforts to diversify OPUBCO began in 1962. The company already had purchased WTVT in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1956 and leased KTVT in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. A year later, he created an oil and gas division.

Publisher's Petroleum, and obtained a license in 1965 to build KHTV in Houston.

Pakistani troops capture two men linked to death of two U.S. soldiers

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Pakistani troops working with U.S. soldiers captured two men trying to retrieve the body of a rebel from the scene of a gun battle that also left two U.S. troops, dead, an army spokesman said Monday.

U.S. soldiers backed by A-10 tankbuster fighter planes and Apache helicopter gunships rushed to the area Sunday after men were spotted at the scene of Friday's battle in Shkin in southeastern Afghanistan, Col. Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, the headquarters of U.S. operations in Afghanistan.

In a sign of increasing cooperation with the Pakistani military on the border region, U.S. commanders immediately contacted the Pakistani authorities who agreed to help trap the men at the border, King said.

King did not identify the two captured men.

However, he said that at least one of the rebels killed Friday apparently was a foreign fighter who may have

belonged to the al-Qaida terrorist network. He did not reveal the fighter's nationality.

The deaths happened after U.S. soldiers engaged at least 20 rebels in a brief gunbattle about 1,000 yards from the Pakistani border, King said.

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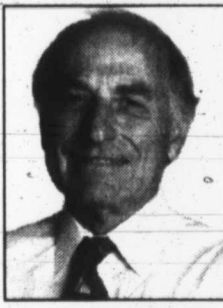
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