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Two constable runoffs set for April

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 STAFF WRITER

The only two local races involving more than one candidate remain undecided after yesterday's primary election.

The offices of constable for Precincts 2 and 4 will be the subject of a runoff election April 13, according to Susan Winborne, county clerk. None of the candidates in either race garnered a simple majority of votes, or 50 percent or more of votes cast. As a result, the two candidates in each race who received the most votes will be on the April 13 runoff ballot.

All constable candidates were on the Republican ballot; no Democrats entered any of the local races.

Three candidates were on



Chris Didway

yesterday's ballot for Precinct 2 constable. Of the 197 votes cast, 11 (5.58 percent) did not vote for any of the three. Manny Holden, who ran on a platform of abolishing the office if elected, received 44 votes, or 22.33 percent. Chris Didway garnered 51 votes, or 25.88 percent, and incumbent Chris Lockridge got 91 votes, or 46.19 percent.



Chris Lockridge

Precinct 4 voters chose from five constable candidates. Of 545 votes cast, 25 voters, or 4.58 percent of those voting, did not vote for any of the five candidates. Don Fletcher, who ran on a platform of abolishing the office if elected, received 143 votes, or 26.23 percent. Frank William Sparling, the incumbent, earned 106 votes, or 19.44 per-



Don Fletcher

cent. Johnnie Carpenter received 99 votes, or 18.16 percent; Michael "Mike" Nicholson got 90 votes, or 16.51 percent; and Randy Stubblefield received 82 votes, or 15.04 percent. The April 13 primary runoff election will involve Lockridge and Didway as candidates for Precinct 2 constable, and Fletcher and Sparling



Frank Sparling

for the Precinct 4 constable seat.

Other local results in yesterday's Republican primary are as follows:

U.S. President - George W. Bush, 1,117 (92.08 percent); uncommitted, 65 (5.35 percent); no vote cast, 31 (2.55 percent).

U.S. Representative, (See ELECTION, Page 3)

City hears landscape ordinance appeal

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 EDITOR

Pampa City Commission Tuesday agreed to relax a strict landscaping ordinance for a local businessman who wants to erect a new office building on his property.

Greg Boyd of Doug Boyd Motor Co. appealed an earlier decision by the city's building inspector, Danny Winborne. Earlier, Winborne denied a permit for the proposed offices because the blueprints did not include landscaping required by city law.

According to a letter of appeal from Boyd's attorney, the law required Boyd to provide 2,400 square feet of landscaping and plant nine trees.

Boyd expressed his willingness to beautify the area around the new building, but said he could not comply exactly with the ordinance for several reasons. First, the entire property has been covered in asphalt that would have to be removed before landscaping

and water lines could be installed. Second, the proposed trees and bushes could provide cover for burglars and vandals and the tree sap could drip and ruin the paint on the vehicles.

He said the premises are kept clean and attractive and a decorative fence had been installed around the car lot.

On a motion by Commissioner Faustina Curry who has been a driving force behind the landscaping laws, the commission agreed unanimously to allow the building inspector and Boyd to create a written agreement on landscaping and allow the building permit to be issued. A provision in the ordinance allows for such action, city officials confirmed.

After a 30-minute session behind closed doors, the commission took no action on a proposed gift of the former Marie Foundations building from Pampa Industrial Foundation or a lease agreement with McCarty-Hull for the former U.S. Bus building. Both properties are located in the vicinity of East

Foster Street.

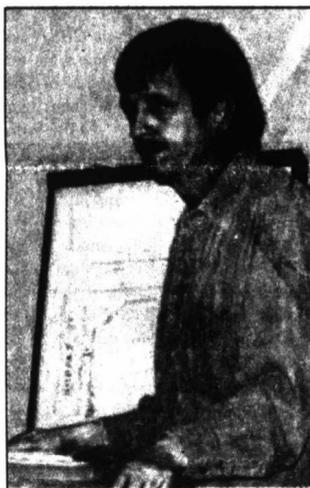
In a 4-1 decision, the commission adopted a resolution setting their meeting time to 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Commissioner Robert Dixon voted against the change.

The new meeting time was set to help with an apparent conflict for Commissioner Jeff Andrews who had missed or been late for several meetings because of his job.

John East and Martin Stevens were re-appointed to the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board for terms ending in September 2005. O.K. Lee and Oscar Sargent were appointed to vacant terms ending September 2004 and September 2005, respectively.

In other action Tuesday, the city commission approved the following:

- Accepted a \$200 bid from James Stone for delinquent tax property at 825 S. Talley;
 - Allowed \$3,900 from water donations.
- (See APPEAL, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo)
Pampa businessman Greg Boyd presents an appeal of the landscape ordinance restrictions to City Commissioners.

Tort reform, redistricting hurt incumbents

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporting the new Republican leadership and its agenda proved to be poison for the political careers of several Democratic legislators.

Seven Democrats, including longtime Houston Rep. Ron Wilson, were defeated in Tuesday's primary or headed for runoffs. Five were tied directly to support for GOP-backed legislation and Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Wilson specifically was targeted by Democrats for his support of Craddick and redistricting, the bitterly partisan issue that sparked two Democratic boycotts, lawsuits and three special sessions in 2003. Craddick later thanked Wilson for his support by attending Wilson fund-raisers.

State Board of Education member Alma Allen defeated

Rep. Ron Wilson, D. Houston, was targeted by Democrats for his support of the Republican-led redistricting plan.

Wilson, ousting him from a seat he held for 26 years.

"I think our people wanted professionalism and they got it," Allen said. "I offer them me as a change agent to make things happen differently from the way things are happening now."

Wilson could not immediately be reached for comment. Before the primary, Wilson accused Democrats of being

racist. Wilson, like Allen, is black.

"Because I didn't do what the white, liberal, extremist Democratic leaders wanted me to do, they're trying to punish me," Wilson told the Houston Chronicle last week. "It's a racist attitude."

Glenn Lewis of Fort Worth, another Democrat who was part of Craddick's leadership team, lost his bid for another term to Marc Veasey.

Another issue that ruffled Democrats was a civil lawsuit liability bill which capped lawsuit awards for pain and suffering. Known as the "tort reform" bill, it was one of the most contentious issues of the 2003 session.

Former Rep. Tracy King defeated Rep. Timoteo Garza of Eagle Pass, who won the seat from King two years ago. Garza originally had voted against tort reform but ultimately supported the final version.

A civil lawsuit liability bill known as a 'tort reform' bill provided another contentious issue for Democrats in the state.

In Hidalgo County, incumbent Rep. Roberto Gutierrez of McAllen fell into a runoff with Veronica Gonzales. Gutierrez had supported the tort reform bill.

"Voters saw through the tort reform issue and made their voices heard," Democratic Party spokesman Mike Lavigne said. "You

can't buddy up with Craddick then come back to your district and expect your voters to support you."

Some tort reform backers survived.

In Southeast Texas, Rep. Allan Ritter, a Nederland Democrat who backed tort reform, easily defeated former state legislator David Bersen. Trial lawyers contributed heavily to Bersen's campaign.

Ritter said Bersen and other Democrats waged campaigns of retribution against those who didn't vote the party line.

"That's kind of a sad thing to happen," Ritter said. "We knew this was going to be an ugly and negative campaign."

Another defeated Democrat, Rep. Jaime Capelo, of Corpus Christi, also supported tort reform, but his primary fight focused on a different kind of money issue.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

PHS Class of 1959 seeks former classmates

Pampa High School Class of 1959 reunion committee met recently at Briarwood Full Gospel Church to discuss plans for its 45th class reunion, slated Oct. 1-2 in the Knights of Columbus Hall at Pampa.

The group has chosen "The Howdy Party Week" as its theme.

Committee members are currently seeking outside help in updating their "Memorial

List of Fallen Classmates" as follows — Glenda Edna Anderson, Robert Michael Boyles, Bonnie Ruth Bryan, Cathryne Ann Folwer, Norman Carey Galloway, Wanda Mae Huff, Gillem "Gil" Ingerton, Melva Mullins and Larry Williams.

For more information or if you have details on any of these classmates, call 665-8077 or 665-5488.

Storm spotter training features NWS speaker

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will host a severe storm spotter training program on Thursday, March 11, at the Hoover VFD Station, 2 Price Road and the Borger Highway.

Guest speaker will be Steve Drillette, warning coordinator and meteorologist for the National Weather Service of Amarillo.

The training is geared for serious storm spotters and beginners from rural Gray and Roberts counties. For more information, call 669-8297.

Community CPR class set for March 13

A Community CPR class, sponsored by the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is set for Saturday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church.

The class meets from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. that Saturday in the FUMC basement with a 30-minute lunch period. Cost of the course is \$10 and includes a book. CPR for adults, children and infants will be taught.

Participants are asked to RSVP to the local Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, or call 669-1721 or 1-800-297-2270, by Thursday, March 11.

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APPEAL

tions to be used to trim trees at Priest Park. The amount equals half the total cost of \$7,800 to trim 120 trees.

Declared as surplus and authorized the sale of six city vehicles and a forms burster. The vehicles were described as a 1988 Chevrolet sedan, a 1983 Chevrolet ambulance, a 1996 Chevrolet sedan, a 1996 Ford sedan, a 1983 Ford extended van, and a 1986 Humvee.

Excused Andrews absence from the Feb. 24 meeting and accepted the minutes from that meeting.

City Manager Mitch Grant presented a slide program on CivicPlus, an organization that prepares and hosts web sites for municipalities. The cost for the first year, including set-up and training, would be approximately \$4,000 and approximately \$3,000 annually.

A drawback to the plan, however, Commissioner Curry pointed out, is that the proposed plan takes 18 months to complete and Pampa is already on the threshold for its budgeting process for the 2004-2005 year.

Commissioners also heard reports and discussed, but took no action on, alley repairs throughout the city and updating the city's book of ordinances.

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Sharon, Qureia set summit for next week

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers have rescheduled a much-delayed first summit meeting for next week and will take up issues ranging from Israel's planned pullout from Gaza to attempts to restart a U.S.-backed peace plan, both sides said Wednesday.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia denied a date had been set.

Also Wednesday, Israeli undercover units killed five Palestinians in a raid in the West Bank town of Jenin, Palestinians said.

The militants were members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, Palestinians said. The identity of the fifth person wasn't immediately known.

The Israeli army said it had entered the town to arrest a number of Palestinian militants and shot four armed figures who had taken aim at the soldiers. The army did not immediately know the conditions of the four and could not confirm whether they had been the targets of the operation.

The militants were killed in a brief firefight, witnesses said. Their car was riddled with bullets, and the troops immediately left the area after the shootout, they said.

The long-delayed summit was scheduled for Tuesday, a senior Palestinian

official said, but both sides emphasized that plans remained tentative.

Speaking in Norway Qureia said: "The date is not fixed yet. There will be a meeting between the delegations."

He said Israeli and Palestinian delegations would meet next week to discuss an agenda and whether the likely outcome of a summit makes it worth having one.

Hassan Abu Libdeh, an adviser to Qureia, said a summit would depend on the outcome of a preparatory session Sunday between the leaders' aides.

"We are discussing various issues and if we agree on these issues then there will be no obstacles to a meeting," Abu Libdeh said.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said "there are discussions about possibly holding a meeting on this date, but it cannot be confirmed."

A key Israel adviser on Israel's West Bank separation barrier, told the Haaretz daily that the government had decided against building a section that would encircle Palestinians, another sign Israel is backing down on its original plans for the project.

Dany Tirza, Sharon's top adviser on the barrier, told Haaretz the government had decided against putting up a fence in the Jordan Valley on the eastern section of the West Bank "because of the diplo-

matic damage" it would cause.

Tirza said there would be a 1.43-mile "hole" in the barrier being built around Jerusalem, so as not to leave the 32,000 residents who live in the Jewish settlement of Maale Adumim on the West Bank side of the barrier.

Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Ramallah on Wednesday to discuss the plan. Egypt fears a power vacuum in Gaza following an Israeli withdrawal could lead to chaos and anarchy in the coastal strip on its border.

Suleiman secretly met Sharon earlier in the week, ahead of a planned meeting Thursday between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. The meeting in Cairo will be the highest-level Israeli-Egyptian meeting since Sharon took office three years ago.

Three U.S. envoys were to arrive in Jerusalem Thursday for another round of talks on Sharon's "disengagement plan." Israeli officials traveled to Washington last week to discuss the proposal with Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

After those meetings, Israeli officials said the sides needed to hold further discussions before a possible meeting between Sharon and President Bush.

Iran says it will resume uranium enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said Wednesday it would resume uranium enrichment for peaceful purposes once its problems with the International Atomic Energy Agency were resolved.

Iran's defense minister also said its military had built low-level nuclear centrifuges primarily for civilian use.

"It's our legitimate right to enrich uranium," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said after a Cabinet meeting. "We suspended uranium enrichment voluntarily and temporarily. Later, when our relations with the IAEA returns to normal, we will definitely resume enrichment."

He warned European partners Iran could end nuclear cooperation if they fail to support Tehran.

IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei said such a move would hurt Iran's efforts to convince the world its nuclear intentions were peaceful.

"I think suspension is ... a good confidence-building measure, and Iran needs to do everything possible right now to create the confidence required," he said in Vienna, Austria, where the U.N. atomic agency's board of governors was meeting.

The comments by the Iranian ministers came as the IAEA moved closer to agreement Wednesday after the United States and key European powers agreed to praise Tehran's increased openness about its nuclear programs but also criticize it for continuing to hide some suspicious activities.

Undeclared uranium enrichment by Iran was one of the reasons behind an IAEA probe of Iran's nuclear facilities. The United States insists Iran be declared in breach of its international agreements, including uranium enrichment and plutonium processing. U.S. officials say those activities point to a nuclear weapons agenda.

Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani said Iran's military industries, which also build parts and machinery for the civil sector, had produced the relatively unsophisticated P-1 centrifuges, which are used for low-grade uranium enrichment. But he said Iran had not been involved in producing more advanced P-2 models, used in producing weapons-grade enriched uranium.

Shamkhani's comments were the first suggestion by any senior Iranian official that the military has been involved in at least some aspects of the nuclear program.

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ELECTION

District 13 - Mac Thornberry, 1,122 (92.49 percent); no vote cast, 91 (7.5 percent).

Railroad Commissioner - Victor G. Carrillo, 508 (41.87 percent); Robert Butler, 241 (19.86 percent); K. Dale Henry, 150 (12.36 percent); Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, 98 (8.07 percent); no vote cast, 216 (17.8 percent).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 - Harriet O'Neill, 916 (75.51 percent); no vote cast, 297 (24.48 percent).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 - Steven Wayne Smith, 51 (42.04 percent); Paul Green, 451 (37.18 percent); no vote cast, 252 (20.77 percent).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 - Scott Brister, 884 (72.87 percent); no vote cast, 329 (27.12 percent).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 - Guy James Gray, 545 (44.92 percent); Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, 392 (32.31 percent); no vote cast, 276 (22.75 percent).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 - Cheryl Johnson, 561 (46.24 percent); Patricia Noble, 369 (30.42 percent); no vote cast, 283 (23.33 percent).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 - Steven M. Porter, 561 (46.24 percent); Michael E. Keasler, 368 (30.33 percent); no vote cast, 284 (23.41 percent).

State Senator, District 28 - Robert Duncan, 963 (79.38 percent); no vote cast, 250 (20.61 percent).

State Representative, District 88 - Warren Chisum, 1,028 (84.74 percent); no vote cast, 185 (15.25 percent).

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4 - Jim Campbell, 926 (76.33 percent); no vote cast, 287

(23.66 percent). **District Attorney, 31st Judicial District** - Richard J. "Rick" Roach, 948 (78.15 percent); no vote cast, 265 (21.84 percent).

Gray County Attorney - Joshua M. Seabourn, 1,016 (83.75 percent); no vote cast, 197 (16.24 percent).

Gray County Sheriff - Don Copeland, 1,068 (88.04 percent); no vote cast, 145 (11.95 percent).

Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector - Gaye Whitehead, 1,067 (87.96 percent); no vote cast, 146 (12.03 percent).

Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Joe Wheelley, 282 (91.26 percent); no vote cast, 27 (8.73 percent).

Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Gerald Wright, 136 (83.95 percent); no vote cast, 26 (16.04 percent).

Constable, Precincts 1 and 3 - James H. Lewis, 376 (79.83 percent); no vote cast, 95 (20.16 percent).

Republican Party County Chairman - Doug Ware, 970 (79.96 percent); no vote cast, 243 (20.03 percent).

Total Republican Party Ballots Cast in Gray County - 1,213.

Democratic Party voters had a shorter ballot but more Presidential candidates to choose from. Democratic totals, for the 178 party ballots cast yesterday, are as follows:

U.S. President - John F. Kerry, 139 (78.08 percent); John Edwards, 18 (10.11 percent); Howard Dean, 4 (2.24 percent); Dick Gephardt, 3 (1.68 percent); Al Sharpton, 2 (1.12 percent); Randy Crow, Wesley K. Clark, Joe Lieberman and Dennis J. Kucinich, 1 each (.56 percent each); Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., 0; no vote

cast, 8 (4.49 percent).

Railroad Commissioner - Bob Scarborough, 144 (80.89 percent); no vote cast, 34 (19.10 percent).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 - David Van Os, 142 (79.77 percent); no vote cast, 36 (20.22 percent).

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 - J.R. Molina, 138 (77.52 percent); no vote cast, 40 (22.47 percent).

Referendum No. 1 - For, 23 (12.92 percent); Against, 144 (80.89 percent); no vote cast, 11 (6.17 percent).

Referendum No. 2 - For, 93 (52.24 percent); Against, 69 (38.76 percent); no vote cast, 16 (8.98 percent).

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The Pampa News Comics

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Sexual Fantasy Fulfilled Turns Out to be Nightmare

DEAR ABBY: I have heard many men fantasize about hooking up with a nymphomaniac. Speaking as someone with 20/20 hindsight, I advise any man who meets one to run!

I was married to a woman with that problem, and at first I did think I was in heaven. I didn't learn about the downside until much later.

Every day after I left for work, another man spent the day with my wife. And when I went into the military, she disappeared. I later learned that she was frequenting bars, having encounters with anyone and everyone who would, and contracting multiple STDs in the process. At the time I was very angry at her. I now realize she was driven by an addiction over which she had no control.

So, unless you are prepared to spend every minute of every day with a nymphomaniac, expect to share -- with the world. -- OLDER AND WISER

DEAR OLDER AND WISER: As your letter proves, sometimes there CAN be too much of a good thing. What's the old saying, "Moderation in all things"? It's true.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Kim," is in grade school. She's an only child, and ever since she was little, I have invited kids over so she'd have someone to play with. Most of their parents promise they'll have Kim over for a play-date at their house "soon," but soon never seems to come.

Kim is nice to her classmates and well-behaved in school. Her friends' parents always tell me what a great time their kids have at our house.

Kim never says anything about not being invited to the homes of other children, but I'm starting to feel like a free baby-sitting service.

What should I do the next time a parent says, "Let's get the kids to play together over vacation or the weekend"? -- EVERYONE'S BABY SITTER

DEAR BABY SITTER: Say this: "That's a wonderful idea. Can we do it at your house? I have some things I have to take care of at that time, and your supervising the children would really help me out."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old high school freshman. English is my second language. I was in ESL during junior high school. I not only learned enough English to go into mainstream, but I also have college-prep classes in which I am quite good.

My history teacher told me about a program called "Upward Bound" that holds classes on Saturdays and is very promising. I didn't think my English was good enough, but I applied and was accepted. Now I am afraid to go. I'm worried that people will judge me because of my Colombian accent.

I have received much advice about this issue, but I still need more. Perhaps you will help me. -- WORRIED ABOUT COLOMBIAN ACCENT

DEAR WORRIED: Go to the class! You were accepted, so for heaven's sake, take advantage of the opportunity. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Should anyone be rude enough to comment on your accent, sweetly ask him or her how he or she would do taking classes in YOUR native language.

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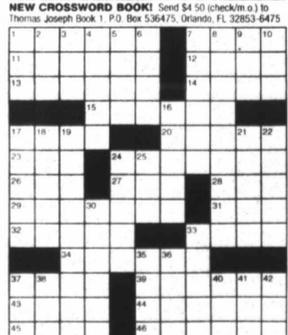
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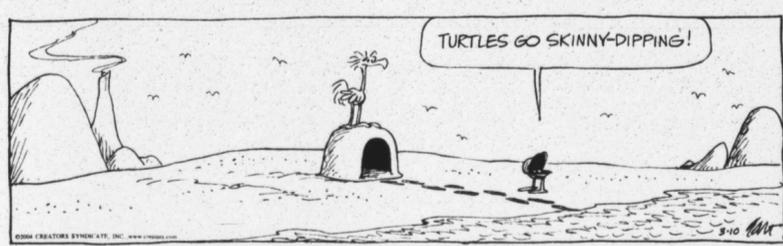
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SPORTS

Lucas named AP Big 12 player of the year

Baylor transfer was perfect fit for Cowboys

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — When John Lucas decided to transfer from scandal-plagued Baylor, he figured it was a second chance to find the happiness and on-court success that eluded him in his first two years of college.

Oklahoma State turned out to be the perfect fit.

Lucas, who never finished better than ninth place in the Big 12 while at Baylor, was the catalyst for an Oklahoma State team picked to finish fifth in both the preseason media and coaches' polls.

The 5-foot-11 point guard, son of former NBA star and coach John Lucas Jr., led the Cowboys to their first Big 12 title and first outright conference championship in nearly 40 years.

"I feel like I was placed here for a reason," Lucas said. "I am just enjoying every minute of it."

For his role in the Cowboys' unlikely ascent to the league title, Lucas was named The Associated Press Big 12 Player of the Year.

"For him to be able to concentrate and focus after what happened at Baylor," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, "it's just been quite a feat."

A 23-member regional panel of sportswriters gave Lucas 14 votes, Oklahoma State teammate Tony Allen four votes and Texas Tech's Andre Emmett five.

The same panel named Sutton the Big 12 Coach of the Year, Iowa State guard Curtis Stinson the freshman of the year and Kansas State forward Jeremiah Massey the newcomer of the year.

In two seasons at Baylor, Lucas averaged 13.2 points and 4.2 assists per game, but never was consistent enough to even merit honorable mention on the All-Big 12 teams.

Tired of playing on mediocre teams and before listless crowds, Lucas started thinking about leaving Baylor after his sophomore year.

The ensuing summer of scandal made the decision to leave

much easier.

Teammate Patrick Dennehy went missing and was found dead about six weeks later; a former teammate, Carlton Dotson was charged in the slaying; serious NCAA violations emerged; and coach Dave Bliss resigned in shame.

Noting the extraordinary circumstances, the NCAA said any player could leave Baylor's crumbling program without having to sit out a season. The Big 12 waived a similar rule, allowing the players to stay in the conference.

Forward Lawrence Roberts went to Mississippi State, where he was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year on Tuesday. Guard Kenny Taylor chose Texas, where he's become a valuable reserve for the nation's 11th-ranked team.

Lucas picked point guard-desperate Oklahoma State.

He quickly became the team's undisputed leader, averaging 14.9 points and a team-high 4.8 assists a game. More importantly, Lucas learned to appreciate the camaraderie among his new teammates.

"I came into this situation having lost a teammate and I really didn't know him like I wanted to

know him," Lucas said. "Here, I wanted to know everyone on my team like a brother. You want to get to know them as much as you can, because ... you never know."

In fact, the only hint of controversy at Oklahoma State this season centered on which teammate should be honored as the Big 12's top player: Lucas or Allen?

Sutton wouldn't choose between the two.

"I'd probably make them co-Players of the Year," he said. "I certainly think Tony Allen could have won the award as well."

Even a popular Web site for Cowboys fans — usually a place where dissent is welcome, even encouraged — couldn't come up with a pick.

"They've both had such an impact," read a posting from someone named "OStateMan." "Thank God they're both Cowboys."

Texas coach Rick Barnes was a little more decisive.

"For anybody not to put Tony Allen as Player of the Year blows my mind," Barnes said. "We don't have an answer for him. No one in this conference does."

Stinson leads Iowa State in

scoring (15.4 points a game), assists (12.3 in 27 games), steals (45) and is tied for second in rebounding (6.1).

The 21-year-old from the Bronx added to the burgeoning legacy of standout Iowa State freshmen, becoming the third to win Big 12 freshman of the year honors. The others were Marcus Fizer in 1998 and Jake Sullivan in 2001.

"I think Curtis has been able to raise the play of our team," Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan said. "That is the signature of a great player. He can play at such a high level that guys on his side want to join him at that level."

Massey, a junior college transfer from Oxnard (Calif.) Community College, was one of only five players in the Big 12 to rank among the top 10 in both scoring (15.1) and rebounding (8.0).

The 6-7, 215-pounder was third in the league with 10 20-point games, trailing only unanimous first-teamers Emmett and Wayne Simien of Kansas.

"He's been an outstanding player for us," Kansas State coach Jim Woodridge said. "A little bit of a surprise. He's been our go-to guy."

Baylor-Tech rematch among second-round Big 12 games

DALLAS (AP) — When the Baylor Lady Bears saw the Big 12 tournament bracket, they eyed a second-round matchup with Texas Tech as a chance for revenge.

But first they had to get by Kansas.

Freshman Emily Niemann paced the offense in the first half, then usual leaders Steffanie Blackmon and Sophia Young took over in the second half, carrying the No. 14 Lady Bears to an 86-71 victory on Tuesday.

Niemann and Blackmon both scored 19 points. Niemann had 16 before halftime and Blackmon had 17 after the break. Young finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"I decided to come out in the second half and play with a lot of energy," Blackmon said.

Other first-round games included No. 19 Oklahoma beating Texas A&M 60-47, Missouri beating Oklahoma State 75-52 and Iowa State beating Nebraska 63-52.

The Cyclones' victory was the closest thing to an upset, and that was only a No. 9 seed beating a No. 8.

The cautionary note for all four first-day winners: No team that has played in the opening round has won this tournament.

For Baylor to break the trend, it will have to end its jinx against No. 10 Tech on Wednesday.

The Red Raiders won both regular-season meetings, by a total of four points. Both were decided in the final minute and the Lady Bears still blame a disputed call for the first one.

Had Baylor (23-7) won that game, it would've had a first-

round bye. Instead, Tech did, giving it some much-needed rest and more time for coach Marsha Sharp to set her game plan.

"They are what we hope to be," Lady Bears coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson said. "I look at it as an opportunity to coach against a legend and for our players to play against a great program."

Another intriguing second-round game is No. 8 Kansas State against Missouri. K-State beat Mizzou 93-90 in double-overtime Feb. 22. The Tigers have won four straight since.

Also Wednesday, No. 2 Texas will play Iowa State and No. 13 Colorado will play Oklahoma.

Missouri (17-11) had the next best thing to a bye: a rout.

The Tigers took an early 13-1 lead, made 13 of their first 16 shots and were up by 24 before halftime. They led by at least 20 the rest of the way.

Star Evan Unrau scored a season-low six points (1-of-7 shooting) but tied her career-high with seven assists.

Eliz Gomes led Oklahoma State (8-20) with a career-high 21 points as the Cowgirls closed the season on a 10-game losing streak.

Kansas (9-19) also finished with 10 straight losses. At least the Jayhawks went down fighting. After trailing by 15 early in the second half, they were within six with nine minutes left.

Kansas' season was rocked in late January when longtime coach Marian Washington went on medical leave. Former KU star Lynette Woodard took over and got the job on an interim basis when Washington retired Feb. 27.

HARVESTER LANES		Team Three	1 1/2	2/12
League Standings		Team One	1	3
Celanese Mixed League		Team Six	3	1
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Team Five	6 2	Team Five	1	3
Team Eight	5 3	Team Seven	0	4
D.J.'s	5 3	Team Eight	0	4
Pin Heads	5 3	El Banditos	0	4
Darcy's Team	4 4	The Gutter Balls	0	4
Pin Busters	3 5	Team Thirteen	0	4
Team One	3 5	Bantam Boys		
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Men				
High scratch game: Craig Davis 215; High scratch series: Craig Davis 635; High handicap game: Craig Davis 257; High handicap series: Craig Davis 761.				
Women				
High scratch game: Jennifer Bailey 182; High scratch series: JoAnn Crafton 485; High handicap game: Honey Kempf 248; High handicap series: Honey Kempf 649.				
Roll & Bowl Club (Week 1)				
Team Two	3	1		
Team Four	2 1/2	1/2		

NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department is offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church, Mixed Church.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

The entry deadline is March 17, 2004 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 24 at the Recreation Office, now located in City Hall, 200 West Foster, Room 204.

Play will begin the week of March 29, 2004.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvester Basketball Banquet has been postponed until Wednesday, March 24.

The banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall at 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Janis at 665-6719 or Doretta at 669-3523.

BASEBALL

AMARILLO — Pampa lost to Amarillo High 21-3 in a non-district baseball game Tuesday.

Jed Martin and Nick Story each had a double for the Harvesters, who are now 3-2 for the season.

Amarillo High has a 6-2 record.

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two weeks ago, the Pittsburgh Penguins were in the midst of an 18-game winless streak and wondering if — not when — they might get another victory.

That skid now seems like ancient history.

Jean-Sebastien Aubin made 45 saves for his sixth career shutout Tuesday and the Penguins, who have the NHL's worst record, surprised the surging Dallas Stars 4-0.

Pittsburgh improved to 5-2-1 in the past eight games.

"It's all about our confidence being way up," said Aubin, who broke Joe Daley's 35-year-old Pittsburgh record for saves in a shutout while earning his first blanking since Oct. 12, 2002. "We came out strong, and then in the second period we just kept going."

1991: Oklahoma University golfer Jaxon Brigman shot a four-under-par 280 at Pampa Country Club to win the Top O' Texas Tournament by one stroke over Texas Tech's Brad Ott. Brigman rallied from 11 strokes down going into the final round.

Pampa teams sweep Borger

PAMPA — Pampa pushed its District 3-4A record to 8-1 Tuesday by shutting out Borger 3-0 in boys' soccer action.

The Harvesters jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half on goals by Austin Morgan and Sammy Silva.

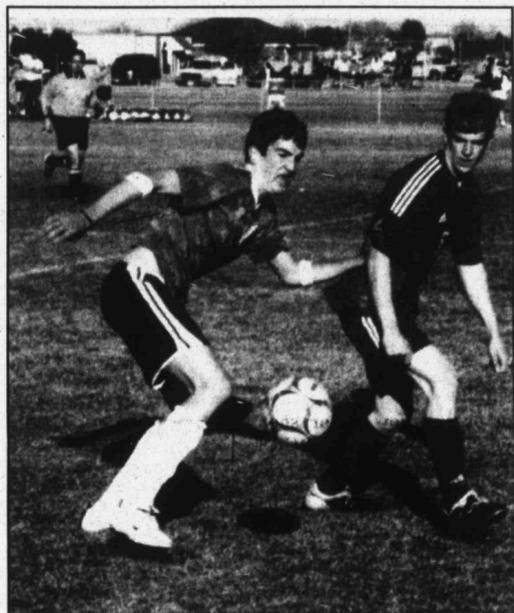
Silva added another goal in the 44th minute of the second half.

Goal keeper Carlos Medina was credited with 15 saves for Pampa.

Borger's district record is 5-4.

Adeena Dallas scored the winning goal as Pampa defeated Borger 3-2 in a District 3-4A girls' match yesterday. It was an unassisted goal.

Jenee Norris and Heather Balay scored Pampa's other goals. They were both assisted by Kori Dunn.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Pampa's Drew Morrison (left) and a Borger player go for the ball in a District 3-4A match yesterday. The Harvesters are at Randall on Friday to close the regular season.

Winning goal



Pampa sophomore Adeena Dallas scored the winning goal against Borger. The Lady Harvesters close the season Friday at Randall.

Browns starting over with Garcia

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Jeff Garcia's only previous experience at replacing an NFL quarterback was when he inherited Steve Young's starting job in San Francisco.

After that, taking over for Tim Couch in Cleveland won't seem so tough.

Garcia signed a four-year, \$25 million contract Tuesday with the Browns, a move that finally ends Cleveland's year-long quarterback controversy, as well as Couch's rocky five-year stint.

Browns coach Butch Davis, who spent the past year waffling between Couch and Kelly

Holcomb as his starter, already handed the job to Garcia.

"I think it's going to be a perfect fit," said Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowler released earlier this month after five seasons with the 49ers. "The Browns showed a real belief that if I came here I would make a difference."

Garcia got a \$5 million signing bonus and will carry a \$500,000 salary in 2004. He'll make \$4.5 million in 2005, and his deal includes two voidable years at the back end in case he or the team wants out of it.

However, the 34-year-old intends to give the Browns a

strong return on their investment.

"I'm thinking about a contract until they drive me out of town," Garcia said. "I want to be here as long as possible."

Couch felt the same way when the expansion Browns selected him with the No. 1 overall draft pick in 1999.

However, it appears his time in Cleveland — five years beset by injuries, a love-hate relationship with Browns fans and Davis — is up.

Davis said it's possible the Browns could keep Garcia and Couch on their roster next season.

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Mayo benefit tourney brings out 40 teams, over 400 players

The Miami Area Youth Organization held the 5th Annual Benefit Basketball Tournament this past weekend in Miami. There were 40 teams and over 400 kids competing in the tournament.

Top honors went to the Pampa Stars 3rd Grade Team coached by Bino Facio, Tad Smith and Ross Allen and Shamrock's 4th Grade Team coached by Lynn Hyman and Jannon Greenwalt.

The teams were presented with the Bill Seuchs and Katie Underwood Memorial Sportsmanship Trophies. These are awarded to the teams whose parents, children and coaches as a whole best represent their communities by showing good sportsmanship.

Other results were:
K-2 Girls
Miami Cheetahs Champions
2nd Place McLean

3rd Place Valley
K-2 Boys
McLean Champions
2nd Place Panhandle
3rd Place Valley
4th Place Cornerstone Christian Academy
3-4 Girls
Pampa Hot Shots Champions
2nd Place Valley
3rd Place Shamrock

3-4 Boys
Pampa Slammers Champions
2nd Place Borger Jayhawks
3rd Place Cheyenne, Ok
Consolation Champs Valley
5-6 Girls
Valley Champions
2nd Place Pampa Sparks
3rd Place Pampa Slammers
Consolation Champs McLean
5-6 Boys

Borger Dawgs Champions
2nd Place Cheyenne OK
3rd Place Pringle Morse

Proceeds from the tournament will help offset expenses related to serious illnesses of 3 Miami residents and their families. They are: Troy Manley, Joe Bill Seuchs and Thomas Bouton. Final tallies are not in on the amount raised, but it looks like it will be about \$14,000-\$15,000.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38 24	.613	—
Boston	29 36	.446	10 1/2
New York	29 36	.446	10 1/2
Miami	28 36	.438	11
Philadelphia	27 38	.415	12 1/2
Washington	20 42	.323	18
Orlando	18 48	.273	22

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	48 16	.750	—
Detroit	41 25	.621	8
Milwaukee	33 30	.524	14 1/2
New Orleans	33 30	.524	14 1/2
Cleveland	28 36	.438	20
Toronto	27 37	.422	21
Atlanta	20 43	.317	27 1/2
Chicago	18 45	.286	29 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	44 19	.698	—
San Antonio	42 22	.656	2 1/2
Dallas	40 23	.635	4
Memphis	40 24	.625	4 1/2
Houston	37 26	.587	7
Denver	34 31	.523	11
Utah	32 32	.500	12 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	46 16	.742	—
L.A. Lakers	41 22	.651	5 1/2
Portland	30 33	.476	16 1/2
Seattle	27 36	.429	19 1/2
L.A. Clippers	26 37	.413	20 1/2
Golden State	25 36	.410	20 1/2
Phoenix	21 43	.328	26

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 97, Milwaukee 92
Cleveland 108, Atlanta 102
Dallas 103, Phoenix 90
Utah 88, L.A. Lakers 83
Tuesday's Games
Denver 117, Washington 87
Indiana 94, Toronto 84, OT
Miami 100, Orlando 89
Boston 87, New York 84
Memphis 94, San Antonio 88
Philadelphia 89, Chicago 81
Houston 90, L.A. Clippers 85
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New Orleans at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	36	17	12	6	90	204
New Jersey	35	21	11	2	83	170
N.Y. Islanders	30	25	10	4	74	192
N.Y. Rangers	25	33	7	5	62	182
Pittsburgh	16	44	6	4	42	154

Northeast Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	38	20	9	3	88	203
Ottawa	37	18	9	5	88	230
Boston	33	16	14	7	87	178
Montreal	37	26	6	2	82	184
Buffalo	30	31	6	1	67	176

Southeast Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Tampa Bay	39	17	8	5	91	205
Florida	24	29	14	3	65	152
Atlanta	27	33	7	3	64	186
Carolina	22	29	13	4	61	131

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	17	10	2	90	214
Nashville	33	26	8	2	76	182
St. Louis	32	26	9	2	75	161
Columbus	20	37	8	4	52	147
Chicago	18	35	9	6	51	158

Northwest Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	35	17	12	5	87	208
Vancouver	36	21	8	4	84	199
Calgary	34	26	6	3	77	168
Edmonton	28	27	12	2	70	183
Minnesota	22	26	19	2	65	149

Pacific Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	19	11	6	83	176
Dallas	35	23	11	0	81	160
Los Angeles	26	19	16	7	75	178
Anaheim	25	28	9	8	67	157
Phoenix	20	28	16	5	61	171

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

x-clinched division

Monday's Games

Ottawa 4, Washington 1
Carolina 4, Columbus 1
Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 1, tie
Colorado 9, Vancouver 2
Montreal 5, Anaheim 2

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Dallas 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Atlanta 0
Toronto 5, Florida 0
Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 1
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 11 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

RODEO

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Standings As of March 7

(Rodeos counted towards standings in parentheses)
ALL-AROUND COWBOY

- Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas \$32,428
- Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. \$27,827
- Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$22,531
- Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas \$19,345
- Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas \$16,457
- Cash Myers, Athens, Texas \$15,375
- Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb. \$11,271
- J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo. \$8,079

BAREBACK RIDING

- Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (9) \$21,096
- Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (13) \$19,438
- Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (11) \$17,633
- Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (10) \$15,723
- Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D. (6) \$15,383
- Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo. (13) \$14,185
- Andy Martinez, Roggen, Colo. (9) \$12,424
- Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore. (7) \$12,056
- Jason Havens, Bend, Ore. (9) \$10,705
- Lance Kelly, Denton, Texas (11) \$10,685
- Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D. (6) \$10,041
- Davey Shields Jr., Bashaw, Alberta (10) \$9,864
- Monte Downare, Hartsel, Colo. (8) \$9,581
- Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo. (10) \$8,780
- James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (6) \$8,354
- Tom McFarland, Morristown, Ariz. (10) \$7,454
- Micky Downare, Hartsel, Colo. (8) \$7,392
- Jess Davis, Salem, Utah (10) \$7,079
- Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. (13) \$6,901
- Dustin Murray, Midwest City, Okla. (7) \$6,404

STEER WRESTLING

- Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (8) \$27,695
- Chancey Larson, Manhattan, Kan. (10) \$17,420
- Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (6) \$16,809
- Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. (7) \$16,464
- Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (9) \$15,531
- Matt Gilbert, Ludlow, S.D. (6) \$13,955

7. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. (8) \$13,569

- Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla. (8) \$13,107
- Rope Myers, Van, Texas (11) \$12,309
- Bobby Harter, Aledo, Texas (12) \$10,118
- Sean Mulligan, Aurora, S.D. (7) \$9,407
- Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas (6) \$9,221
- Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D. (6) \$8,724
- Clyde Himes, Stanton, Texas (9) \$8,255
- Tom White, Hugo, Okla. (5) \$8,048
- Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta (5) \$7,795
- Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, Texas (8) \$7,707
- K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. (6) \$7,473
- Baillie Milan, Cochrane, Alberta (5) \$7,375
- Tim Segelke, Snyder, Colo. (6) \$7,068

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

- Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss. (7) \$16,357
- Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (7) \$13,871
- Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (6) \$12,071
- Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. (5) \$11,813
- Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (7) \$9,391
- Teo Woolman, Llano, Texas (5) \$8,924
- Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. (5) \$8,129
- Chris Lawson, Austin, Texas (5) \$7,945
- Trent Cornelius, Nacogdoches, Texas (4) \$7,783
- Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas (5) \$7,624
- David Key, Caldwell, Texas (5) \$7,408
- Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan. (7) \$6,427
- Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (5) \$6,065
- Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif. (5) \$5,465
- Jeremy Smith, Stephenville, Texas (6) \$5,411
- Junior Gonzales, Fulshear, Texas (4) \$4,941
- Marshall Samples, Abilene, Kan. (5) \$4,842
- Shain Sproul, Arlee, MT (7) \$4,660
- Wade Kreutzer, La Veta, Colo. (6) \$4,598
- Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif. (5) \$4,410

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

- Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga. (8) \$16,357
- Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (7) \$13,871
- Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas (6) \$12,071
- Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla. (5) \$11,813
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- Kirt Jones, Piedmont, Okla. (5) \$4,842
- B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash. (7) \$4,660
- Bret Trenary, Salida, Colo. (6) \$4,598
- Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. (7) \$4,421
- Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. (5) \$4,410
- Tooter Flack Jr., Bryan, Texas (4) \$4,033

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

- Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla. (8) \$30,526
- Cody DeMoss, Crowville, La. (10) \$28,243
- Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (10) \$28,147
- Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (8) \$21,437
- Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (7) \$19,830
- Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla. (8) \$15,887
- Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (8) \$12,290
- Bryce Miller, Kaycee, Wyo. (9) \$12,177
- Ryan Mapston, Geysler, Mont. (8) \$11,602
- Bobby Griswold, Geary, Okla. (7) \$10,394
- Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas (10) \$10,239
- Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. (7) \$10,098
- Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas (7) \$8,967
- Tim Edge, Fulton, Miss. (10) \$7,925
- Jeremy Meeks, Batesland, S.D. (14) \$7,780
- Ira Slagowski, Plain City, Utah (8) \$7,607
- Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D. (9) \$7,021
- Justen Washburn, Corona, N.M. (9) \$6,582
- Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta (8) \$6,339
- Rusty Allen, Lehi, Utah (8) \$6,250

TIE-DOWN ROPING

- Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas (9) \$29,199
- Stran Smith, Childress, Texas (8) \$26,954
- Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. (10) \$24,520
- Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (6) \$18,734
- Caddo Lewallen, Morrison, Okla. (9) \$18,306
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- Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas (9) \$14,555
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- Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (7) \$13,037
- Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla. (7) \$13,036
- Scott Kormos, Teague, Texas (7) \$12,277
- Matt Shiozawa, Pocatello, Idaho (8) \$11,339
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- Doug Pharr, Resaca, Ga. (12) \$9,882
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- Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas (4) \$7,975
- Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb. (7) \$7,489

Grizzlies 94, SA Spurs 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis forward Pau Gasol has suffered through two bad years with the Grizzlies, and recognizes that this season is different.

Gasol scored 27 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, and the Grizzlies defeated the San Antonio Spurs 94-88 on Tuesday night for their 40th win — and third this season over the defending NBA champs.

"It's totally, totally different from having about 18 wins at this time the last two seasons," Gasol said. "It was really tough. Our mentality is different, and the atmosphere is different."

Gasol's two free throws with 8.4 seconds left provided the winning margin in the Grizzlies' sixth consecutive win. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for San Antonio, which hadn't lost since March 1 — also against Memphis.

Spurs star Tim Duncan, the league's reigning MVP, remained on the injured list and missed his sixth game with a leg injury. While Memphis defeated the Spurs in three of four games this season, Duncan was injured for the last two and played only one quarter in another.

Gasol and the Grizzlies dominated the middle, the third-year player from Spain scoring 10 points during a fourth-quarter comeback. Memphis won with its front-line dominance, outscoring San Antonio 56-26 in the paint. The Spurs also were hindered by 26 turnovers, matching a season high.

"I thought we showed them no respect, and it came out in our lackadaisical play," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Gasol connected on 11 of 21 shots, and his 11 rebounds included six on the offensive end. Shane Battier added 16 points, and Stromile Swift had 12.

Tony Parker, who keyed a third-quarter comeback, led the Spurs with 24 points and seven assists. Malik Rose had 19 points and 14 rebounds, Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 points and Rasho Nesterovic finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Spurs, after trailing by 12 in the first half, took the lead in the third quarter. Parker scored 11 straight points for San Antonio, including a trio of 3-pointers. By the time Nesterovic added a 15-footer, the Spurs were on a 24-9 run and eventually led 62-55.

But Memphis, with coach Hubie Brown's rotation coupled with more aggressive play and confidence, has learned how to close games even against the league's best. The Spurs committed seven turnovers and shot 35 percent in the final period.

Gasol said it's all part of the new atmosphere around the Grizzlies, which includes winning, franchise records and talk about the playoffs.

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ALT announces new production

AMARILLO — Amarillo Little Theatre will present a popular new comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods," March 11-21 at its mainstage auditorium at 2019 Civic Circle, Amarillo.

Written by the same man who wrote the book and lyrics for "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," this touching and brilliant new comedy is certain to be a hit for ALT Mainstage audiences of all ages.

Nick is a single Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents have retired and moved to Florida, however, that doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them he's been offered a dream job. Unfortunately, the job is in Seattle! The news doesn't sit too well with his grandparents who firmly believe in the "three f's-family, faith and food." Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around including inviting the lovely and single-Caitlin O'Hare to dinner.

ALT has an all-star cast of performers in this hilarious, new comedy. It includes, Brad McBride as Nick. His grandparents are played by ALT veterans Don Shipman, Anne Lankford and Michael Westmoreland. Rounding out the group of "grandparents" is ALT newcomer Diana James. Finally, the role of Caitlin O'Hare is played by Emily Doerfel.

Artistic director for the production is Allen Shankels. Technical duties will be shared by Gregg Dunlap and David Walsh. Assistant to the directors is Art DeMar.

"Over the River and Through the Woods" is a delightful mix of hilarious dialogue and heart warming relationships.

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may also be reserved online by e-mailing info@amarillolittletheatre.org.

High-profile Palestinian hijacker Abul Abbas dies in U.S. custody

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Abul Abbas, the Palestinian who planned the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro passenger ship in which a wheelchair-bound American tourist was killed and thrown overboard, has died in U.S. custody in Iraq. He was 56.

U.S. officials said Abbas died Monday in Baghdad, where he was captured by U.S. forces in April, nearly two decades after being convicted in absentia by an Italian court and sentenced to life in prison for the hijacking.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Tuesday that Abbas died "apparently ... of natural causes." He said an autopsy would be performed, but he declined to say whether Abbas was being interrogated in the period before his death.

Officials with the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, speaking on condition of anonymity, said efforts were made to revive Abbas, but they were unsuccessful.

The death of Abbas, whose given name was Mohammed Abbas, was initially announced by officials in Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's office, but they gave no cause of death.

Abbas' small Palestine Liberation Front commandeered the Italian cruise ship, demanded the release of 50 Palestinian pris-

oners in Israeli jails and threw an elderly Jewish American tourist, Leon Klinghoffer, overboard after shooting him.

Klinghoffer's daughters, Lisa and Ilsa Klinghoffer, said that Abbas' death deprived them of the right to hold him legally accountable.

"Our hopes were raised last year, when he was captured in Iraq by U.S. troops and arrested," the daughters, who live in New York, said in a statement. "Now, with his death, justice will be denied. The one consolation for us is that Abul Abbas died in captivity, not as a free man."

Abbas was captured on April 15 in a raid in the southern outskirts of Baghdad by U.S. forces and he lived the last 11 months of his life in American custody.

The Palestinian Authority had demanded his release, saying Washington had pledged not to prosecute him as part of a blanket agreement not to press charges against Palestinians who acted against Israel before interim peace accords were signed in the 1990s.

The United States also endorsed a 1995 interim peace deal that grants PLO members immunity for violent acts committed before September 1993, when the two sides signed a mutual recognition agreement.

Optimist Club earns awards at meeting

Pampa Optimist Club garnered several awards for 2002-03 Optimist year during the Second Quarter North Texas District Meeting held recently in Arlington. Judy and John Warner represented Pampa at the meeting.

The Warners each received a framed certificate for being president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of one of 19 Honor Clubs out of 80 clubs in the District. Each was given a paper weight for Pampa's being one of eight Elite Clubs. They were both awarded a framed certificate and a watch because Pampa was declared one of only four Distinguished Clubs. This is the sixth time in the club's 50-year history it has earned Distinguished status.

North Texas District Gov. Rex Allen recognized Judy as Optimist of the Second Quarter for Zone 1. She is in her second year as secretary-treasurer of the club.

Judy has submitted all reports required by Optimist International and by the District on time, has seen that all of the club's dues have been paid on time, has attended the Zone 1 meeting in Amarillo and has attended the First Quarter District Meeting in Odessa and the Second Quarter District Meeting. She has attended nearly every meeting and board meeting for the club and was involved in

the Children's Shopping Tour.

She was nominated for the award by Lt. Gov. Connie Reed of Wichita Falls.

The club won first place in District competition in Health & Welfare for its role in the 2002 Children's Shopping Tour. The club's banner will sport a patch for Community Service for the 2002-03 year. John was recognized with a patch and a T-shirt for sponsoring several new members.

The awards were presented by 2002-03 District Gov. Paul Lucas.

"We were pleased that the District recognized our club's service to kids and our community," John said. "It took the efforts of several hundred of our club members and members of the community for our club to accomplish what it did last year. Every person who coached, served as a league official, served as an umpire or referee, allowed their children to participate or contributed to our program through sponsoring a team, purchasing a fence sign or buying a ballpark burger contributed. Although the Pampa Optimist Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as a club in Pampa next month, we believe that it will continue to serve the youth of our area for many years to come. Every year our goal is to do a little better than the year before."

Legislators move toward raising indecency fines for broadcasters

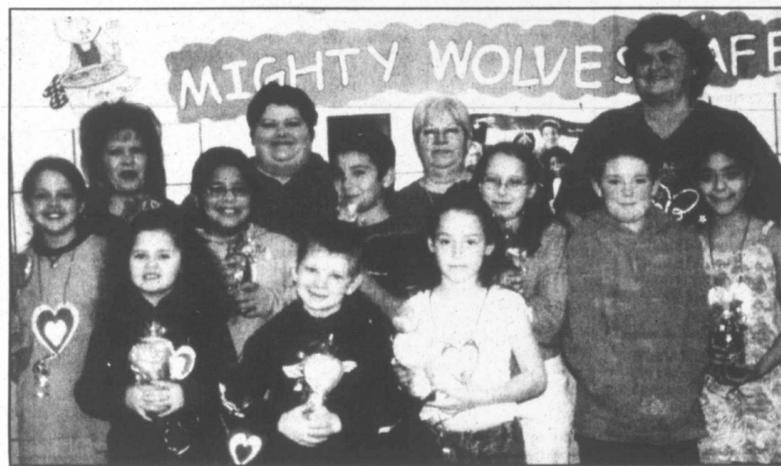
WASHINGTON (AP) — Still upset over last month's Super Bowl halftime show, lawmakers are moving closer to making it more expensive for radio or television stations to put indecent programming on the air.

The Senate Commerce Committee voted Tuesday to raise the maximum fine for indecent programming from \$27,500 to \$500,000. The House Commerce Committee approved a similar increase last week, and the full House is expected to take up the measure Thursday.

Senators diverged from their House counterparts by also voting to delay the Federal Communications Commission's new broadcast ownership rules from taking effect until investigators at Congress' General Accounting Office can study any relationship between media consolidation and indecency.

The rules, temporarily blocked by a federal appeals court, would make it easier for companies to own newspapers and broadcast stations in the same community.

Mighty Wolves Cafe



(Courtesy photo)

The "Might Wolves Cafe" at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School held a Sweetheart Contest recently for grades one through five. Above: (back row, left-right) Judy Ramirez, Cathy Hearron, Audiene Bilgri and Lela Ray, all "cafe" personnel; (middle row, l-r) Mary Beth Cox and Alex Recendiz, both fifth graders, Ernie Ramirez and Nicole Devers, both fourth graders, Riley Douglas and Destaney Vasquez, both third graders; (bottom row, l-r) Savanna Hulsey, second grader, and Brandon Lawson and Emily Mackey, both first graders. The cafe was under the leadership of Hearron.

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