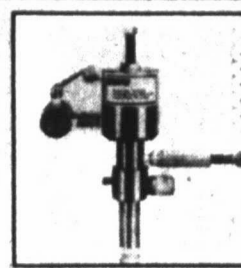


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Tulia settlement to end task force

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AMARILLO (AP) — A \$5 million settlement for Tulia residents targeted in a now-discredited drug bust many said was racially motivated will also end the narcotics task force that ran the sting, an attorney for the plaintiffs says.

The agreement with the city of Amarillo would disband the multi-agency task force that oversaw the sting's undercover agent, Tom

Coleman, who is white, said attorney Jeff Blackburn, who represents the women who filed the suit. Details were to be released Thursday in a news conference in Amarillo.

"The law on who is responsible for the task force is very unsettled and the city could not risk a \$30-, \$50- or \$100- million dollar judgment," said Marcus Norris, Amarillo's city attorney.

Norris, who called the settlement the responsible thing to do, said that the city recognizes the "misjustice"

done in Tulia by the task force.

Vanita Gupta, an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund who also represents the plaintiffs, commended the city of Amarillo.

"It's not simply that Tom Coleman was a rogue officer," she said. "The city of Amarillo has recognized that federally funded task forces are ineffective tools of law enforcement and they operate as rogue task forces because they are unaccountable to any oversight mechanism."

Though the settlement involves a civil rights lawsuit filed last summer by two women whose drug charges were dropped after they provided alibis, all but one of the 46 arrested will receive some portion of the money. One defendant died before going to trial and is not included in the settlement, Blackburn said. A claims administrator will determine how the funds will be apportioned.

Kizzy White, who filed the lawsuit with her sister Tonya White, said she is

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Perryton teenager hurt in one-vehicle rollover

A Perryton teen continues to recover from injuries he suffered in a one-vehicle rollover north of Pampa Tuesday afternoon.

Marcos Enrique Mendez, 18, told Texas Department of Public Safety officers that the accident occurred at 4:35 p.m., Tuesday, when he fell asleep while driving a 1999 Dodge Durango on Texas 70 about 17 miles north of Pampa.

According to DPS reports, the SUV was traveling north, then drifted to the right, struck a culvert and became airborne. The Dodge then rolled into the east ditch, landing on its top.

Firefighters from Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Pampa Fire Department helped extricate Mendez from the wrecked vehicle. A passenger in the Dodge, Norma Mendez, 38, of Perryton, refused medical treatment at the scene.

The younger Mendez was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by LifeStar medical helicopter for treatment of injuries he suffered in the crash. DPS officials today said he was recovering.

The driver was cited for failure to drive in a single lane, according to DPS reports.

Lawmakers inch toward school finance proposal

By APRIL CASTRO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — A draft proposal on how to replace the state's ailing school finance system could be in place by next week, a key lawmaker said Wednesday.

Monday is the self-imposed deadline of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance to have an alternative drafted and ready to present to the full Legislature during an expected special session on school finance, said Sen. Florence Shapiro, co-chairwoman of the panel.

Shapiro said she hopes the draft will include a statewide property tax that offers immediate relief to homeowners, many of whom are now paying as much as \$1.50 per \$100 of property.

Shapiro said she hoped to reduce that by 50- to 75 cents. But, she noted, any proposal would be for the full Legislature to decide.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who

has said he will call a special legislative session as soon as April, is expected to announce his property tax relief proposals around the state on Thursday, said spokeswoman Kathy Walt.

Currently, the state's share-the-wealth system of funding public education depends heavily on local property taxes.

Most lawmakers want to eliminate the so-called Robin Hood school finance system. They say it is unfair for property wealthy districts to have to give money to poorer districts.

Alternatives being considered to offset reduced property taxes include expanding sales taxes to include consumer services, a broader business tax, video lottery terminals at racetracks and a \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase.

Most officials perusing the options, including Perry, want to maintain a tax environment that is business friendly and will help foster economic develop-

(See SCHOOLS, Page 3)

Ex-professor gets two-year sentence in plague case

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former Texas Tech University professor was sentenced Wednesday to 24 months in prison for convictions related to his handling of plague-causing bacteria.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, whose report of 30 missing vials of the bacteria in early 2003 sparked a bioterrorism

scare in this West Texas town, will serve two-year sentences on 47 convictions concurrently. He was also fined \$15,000 and ordered to pay restitution of \$38,675.

Before sentencing, Butler asked U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings to spare him from prison.

"I'm deeply sorry this whole thing happened," he said. "At no time did I intend to break laws and mislead any-

one. My reputation was destroyed, I lost my tenured position and I lost my medical license. During my whole career I've worked to help people. Please let me continue helping people."

Butler, 62, did not react when Cummings sentenced him. His daughter and a few friends in the packed gallery bent over to muffle their crying. Afterward, Butler hugged his wife, son and daughter.

Butler faced up to 240 years in prison for convictions on 47 of 69 charges that stemmed from an investigation after his January 2003 report of missing plague. He also faced fines up to \$11.7 million.

Defense attorneys had sought probation for Butler, who remains free on bond but must report to federal authorities April 14.

"Obviously, Dr. Butler is disappointed and I'm disap-

pointed," said defense attorney Chuck Meadows. "I'm pleased the judge departed downward. I'm sorry he didn't go further."

No decision has been made whether the convictions or the sentence will be appealed, said defense attorney Floyd Holder.

Prosecutor Bob Webster said he was satisfied with the sentence.

"It was a fair sentence that sent an appropriately strong

(See PLAGUE, Page 3)

Swing into spring



(Photo by Ben Briscoe)

With temperatures in the mid-60s earlier this week, Layce Smith, 10, of Pampa dons shorts and enjoys some swing time at Travis Elementary School. Springlike weather will continue through the weekend with partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the 60s and some chance for rain and thunderstorms.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

HARRISON, Imelda Pauline "Polly" — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Alanreed Community Cemetery, Alanreed.

HUGHES, Ernestine "Teenie" — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.

IMELDA PAULINE 'POLLY' HARRISON

1915-2004

ANGLETON — Imelda Harrison, 89, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Country Village Care Nursing Home in Angleton, Texas. Graveside services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Alanreed Community Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Bible officiating.

Imelda was born on Jan. 25, 1915, near Sandoval, Illinois, to Walter Scott and Annie Laurie Marshall. She married Jim Dee Harrison on Aug. 1, 1935. She was a loving mother and homemaker and resided in the Pampa and Alanreed area until his death.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara Stafford and husband Wayne of Winters,

Texas; her son, James Harrison and daughter-in-law, Anita of Lubbock, Texas; daughter, Fay Eckstrom of El Paso, Texas; daughter, Jeannie Cummings and son-in-law, Velt Cummings of West Columbia, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sisters, Virginia Brown and Betty Marshall; her brother, Carroll Marshall; her son, Robert Harrison; her daughter, Nancy Eargle; and her granddaughter, Kristi Eargle.

Services entrusted to Bailey-Ware of McLean, Texas.

Ernestine "Teenie" Hughes, 83, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Memory Gardens West Mausoleum with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hughes was born Oct. 3, 1920, at Hale Center. She attended Pampa High School, and other local schools, and married Royce Hughes on April 26, 1939, at Pampa. He died Feb. 11, 1978.

Mrs. Hughes was a member of First United Methodist Church and belonged to Crusader's Sunday School Class.

ERNESTINE 'TEENIE' HUGHES

1920-2004

Survivors include two sisters, Lida King of Colorado Springs and Esta Lee Brogdon of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 1624 N. Nelson and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



OPAL O. MAHANAY

Opal O. Mahanay, 83, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, March 10

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner. A tire on a vehicle was slashed. Estimated damage was \$40.

Theft was reported at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart. A gold chain necklace valued at \$600 was taken.

An open container was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Christy. A soft drink was thrown at a pickup. Estimated damage was under \$50.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. Taken were four Aerosmith concert tickets valued at \$290, and \$140 in cash.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Ballard. The vehicle was later recovered.

Evelyn Turrentine, 20, 312 Tignor, was arrested at her residence for criminal mischief and two counts of forgery.

Sammy Devron Laury, 30, 312 Tignor, was arrested at his residence for retaliation, disorderly conduct/language, and a warrant for evading.

William Peter Hammond, 38, 840 E. Craven, was arrested in the 800 block of Craven for evading with a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Randall Leighton Williams, 48, 835 E. Scott, was arrested at his home for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 10

4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather. No transport.

Thursday, March 11

4:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 10

5:03 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire at Titan Specialties, 2838 W. Alcock. Approximately 200 square feet of grass was burned.

STOCKS

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		SLB	63.17	0.03
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Coca Cola	49.15	-0.50			
VLO	58.57	-0.41			
HAL	28.80	-1.17	New York Gold	400.15	
Triad	32.39	-0.06	Silver	7.15	
NOI	28.34	-0.03	West Texas Crude	36.10	

Nichols' attorneys saying the defense lacked receiving some 13 documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting up a possible murder trial defense, Terry Nichols' lawyers say state and federal prosecutors did not provide them more than a dozen FBI documents that raise the possibility of additional accomplices in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

The documents, which were cited in a recent series of Associated Press stories, include two 1990s teletypes from then-FBI Director Louis Freeh's office citing possible connections between Timothy McVeigh and a gang of white supremacist bank robbers, the lawyers said.

Nichols, already in federal prison for the bombing, began trial this month on Oklahoma state murder charges alleging he assisted McVeigh in building the deadly bomb. The judge has said he will dismiss the charges with prejudice — making it very hard for prosecutors to resurrect the case — if Nichols' lawyers can prove documents that could have aided their defense were withheld.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, prosecutors and the government are obligated to turn over to defense lawyers all materials that could help clear a defendant, such as evidence that points to other suspects or casts doubt on prosecution witnesses.

Nichols' attorneys agreed to review the materials cited in the AP story and identify which they could not find among the massive files prosecutors and the government provided them. In all, they identified 13 FBI documents and a handful of other materials.

"To our knowledge, we have not received these documents from the state or federal government," lead Nichols' attorney Brian Hermanson said Wednesday.

In addition, the lawyers said they did not receive any information from prosecutors concerning the FBI's unsuccessful efforts to get permission to interview McVeigh in 2001 to resolve lingering questions before his execution.

The prosecutor, Oklahoma County District Attorney Wes

Lane, said, "Everything the federal government has provided to us has either been given or made available to the Nichols' defense team."

FBI officials declined comment, citing the trial and an ongoing internal investigation into issues raised by AP's stories.

McVeigh was executed in 2001. Nichols, 48, is serving a life prison sentence for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people. He was convicted in 1997 on federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges involving eight federal employees. The state charges, which carry the death penalty, are for the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Last month, the former chief of the FBI's Oklahoma City investigation, Dan Defenbaugh, said a small number of documents and evidence cited in the stories had not been sent to him to pursue possible links between McVeigh and the robbers, and he called for the bureau to reopen the investigation.

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WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the lower to mid 50s and northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s and south winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday should see mostly cloudy skies, highs around 60 and south winds 20 to 30 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Windy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 20 to 30 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday

night, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Windy. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday, cloudy. A chance of rain then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Breezy, cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 40 percent. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs around 60. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

House moves to ban lawsuits blaming obesity crisis on the fast food industry

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans seeking to curb another potential source of money for trial lawyers decided that eaters hankering for "biggie" portions shouldn't be allowed to blame their weight on fast-food chains and restaurants.

The House voted 276-139 on Wednesday to ban class action lawsuits that contend food companies and their offerings are responsible for Americans' putting on the pounds and lurching toward obesity.

Those who overeat should blame themselves, not the fast food industry that employs almost 12 million people and is the nation's second largest employer behind the government, Republicans said.

"We as Americans need to realize that suing your way to better health is not the answer," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "Trial lawyers need to stop encouraging consumers to blame others for the consequences of their actions just so they can profit from frivolous lawsuits against restaurants."

But Democrats say the GOP is just playing partisan politics in an election, slapping at trial lawyers who normally support Democrats. The bill is unlikely to pass the closely divided Senate, and most obesity claims have been dismissed in court anyway, they said.

Last year, a federal judge in New York dismissed two class-action suits blaming McDonald's for making people fat.

"It protects an industry that doesn't need to be protected at this particular point and we're dealing with a problem that doesn't exist," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass. "The problem that

does exist is that we have an obesity problem in this country."

The federal government on Tuesday said overeating could soon replace smoking as the No. 1 preventable cause of death. Two out of three adults and 9 million children are overweight or obese, the report said.

"The food industry strongly believes that more energy must be put into solving the problem of obesity, and less into assigning blame for the purpose of collecting legal fees," said John R. Cady, president of the National Food Processors Association.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., would prohibit many obesity or weight-related claims against the food industry. It would still allow claims to go forward if state or federal laws had been broken and as a result a person gained weight.

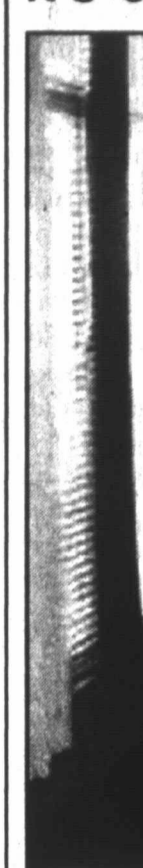
Democrats accused Republicans of a political ploy intended to hurt trial lawyers while helping a leading industry that can fend for itself.

House Republicans have in recent years approved similar bills barring suits against the gun industry for gun crimes and against businesses for asbestos-related health problems.

The White House endorsed the bill. "Food manufacturers and sellers should not be held liable for injury because of a person's consumption of legal, unadulterated food and a person's weight gain or obesity," the White House said in a statement.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., introduced similar legislation in the Senate. "I recognize that obesity is a serious problem in America, but suing the people who produce and sell food is not going to solve this problem," he said. "Americans need to take greater care in what — and how much — they eat."

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(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, left, presents a proclamation officially naming March as American Red Cross Month in Pampa to Jana Gregory, executive director of the ARC's Gray County chapter, a United Way agency. "In these especially trying times for our country, I request that each member of our communities support the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross in their noble humanitarian mission in whatever gifts possible, so that together, we can continue to save lives, comfort those affected by local and national tragedies, and make our world a safer, better place," Robbins wrote in the proclamation.

Iraqi women working for U.S.-led coalition killed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — FBI agents on Thursday investigated the slayings of two American coalition staffers and their translator by gunmen dressed as police, and an American soldier was killed by a roadside bomb north of the capital.

In the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed two Iraqi women working in a laundry for the U.S.-led coalition, officials said Thursday. The women were rid-

ing home in a taxi late Wednesday when gunmen stopped the vehicle and shot them, a coalition official said.

The women worked in a laundry for the U.S. company Kellogg Brown & Root, which has a contract to provide logistical services for the coalition and military, a British Ministry of Defense official said.

The military said Thursday it detained 30 people during separate raids targeting Iraqis want-

ed for attacking coalition forces in the north. The raids were around Kirkuk and Baqouba, Army spokesman Maj. Neal O'Brien said.

Among those arrested was Zachair George, a man wanted by American forces for attacking coalition troops with homemade bombs, O'Brien said. Another wanted bombmaker was detained in Muqdadiah, northeast of Baqouba.

Soldiers also confiscated

rocket-propelled grenades, bombmaking equipment, guns and ammunition during the raids.

The two Americans and their translator killed Tuesday night were the first civilian staffers from the U.S.-led occupation authority to be killed in Iraq.

"We are very concerned about it," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said in Baghdad.

Sanchez said he did not believe the gunmen were real policemen, although "we know that this has gone on ... that there are some policemen that have done criminal acts in the past."

for security to another exile and retired army chief of staff who supports re-forming Haiti's disgraced army.

Latortue, a 69-year-old former U.N. official and foreign minister, met with interim President Boniface Alexandre on Thursday.

"I came here with my mind open to work with everyone in Haiti," Latortue said. "I'm not a member of any political party."

He spent much of the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship in exile. He became foreign minister in 1988 for former President Leslie Manigat, who was toppled in a military coup.

Latortue, who most recently lived in Boca Raton, Fla., and worked as an international consultant, said he understands what the country is experiencing.

"We who are living outside the country may not suffer the same kind of pain, but we feel it just as much when we see the wounds caused by what's happening in the country," he said.

Aristide claims he still is Haiti's legitimate leader and has accused the U.S. government of forcing him from his post. His legal team is preparing cases accusing the United States and France of abducting him and forcing him into exile.

The United States has denied the allegation against it, while Latortue has not addressed Aristide's claims.

In Washington, the U.S. mil-

itary announced an escalation in its mission, promising Marines will move quickly to stop violence among Haitians.

"They will intervene to protect life," Hill said.

Also Wednesday, the U.S. Marines said they killed two Haitians who allegedly started shooting near the outgoing prime minister's private residence.

Since Sunday, Marines have killed at least four Haitians.

Latortue stressed the need for international peacekeepers to help in disarmament.

A Canadian military spokeswoman said an advance group of 35 Canadian soldiers will leave for Haiti on Friday. The group is part of a larger contingent of 450 military personnel Canada has committed to the multinational effort in Haiti.

Latortue arrived on the same plane with retired Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herard Abraham, whom he said he wanted to put in charge of security.

Under Aristide, the prime minister's position was largely ceremonial. Latortue will be a powerbroker with the potential to smooth political divisions by forming a transitional government of former political enemies from Aristide's Lavalas Party and a disparate opposition coalition that includes former coup supporters.

Latortue also indicated he might consider bringing back Haiti's army.

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SCHOOLS

ment in Texas.

Perry's office said he will not call a special session until lawmakers have reached an agreement.

"Progress is being made," Walt said. "There's probably substantial agreement in some areas such as educational excellence incentives and agreement to the notion of reducing property tax. Talks are ongoing on how much of a reduction."

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TULIA

satisfied with the settlement, and is especially glad to see the task force disbanded.

"They need to be gone and let the city and county do the job," said Kizzy White, who spent four years behind bars and was released on June 16, 2003. "The money is good too, but that can't bring back the time I missed with my kids."

On July 23, 1999, 44 people — 37 of whom were black — were arrested in the busts, which civil rights groups claimed were racially motivated. Coleman worked alone for 18 months and used no audio or video surveillance. Little or no corroborating evidence was introduced during the trials.

Some of the first defendants to go to trial received

lengthy sentences, one as much as 90 years. The long sentences prompted other defendants to take plea agreements for lesser terms out of fear of lengthy sentences at trial.

Mediation is ongoing with others named in the lawsuit — 26 counties and three cities that were involved with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

The cases cast an often-unflattering light on the farming town of about 5,000 between Lubbock and Amarillo on the High Plains. Amarillo saw an "injustice" and wanted to right it, Blackburn said.

"The action of the city settling shows a leadership by a city in the Texas Panhandle that few would have expected," he said.

The women's lawsuit

accused the counties and cities involved in the task force of violating the women's constitutional rights and directing racial bias against Tulia's black population.

Charges against Bossett were dropped in July 2002 after prosecutors and defense attorneys reached an agreement.

White's charges were dropped in April 2002 after she produced a bank deposit slip with her signature that proved she was in Oklahoma when Coleman alleged he sold drugs to her.

The women's suit was filed Aug. 22, the same day Gov. Rick Perry pardoned 35 prosecuted in the Tulia cases.

Norris said that Perry's decision to pardon those cases "had a direct impact on our ability to defend the case."

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message to the scientific and academic communities," he said. "The government will do what it takes to ensure that the public is safe from the blatant disregard of laws intended to protect them from unwitting exposures to deadly agents."

In December, a jury found Butler guilty of mislabeling a Fed Ex package that contained plague samples he sent to Tanzania and their unauthorized export to the African country.

The jury also found Butler guilty of theft, embezzlement, fraud, and mail and wire fraud charges pertaining to shadow contracts prosecutors claimed he had illegally negotiated while at Tech. A \$250,000 settlement with Tech pertained to these charges.

He was acquitted of the most serious charges of smuggling and illegally transporting the potentially deadly germ and charges of lying to federal agents about the missing vials.

In January, after his conviction, Butler agreed to settle with Tech and retire. Last month, Butler voluntarily surrendered his medical license.

Dr. William Greenough, a professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore and longtime friend of Butler's, testified on Butler's behalf.

Afterward, Greenough said he was saddened by the sentence.

"It's obviously a misapplication of the law which increases the jeopardy to all of us from the very thing we fear," he said. "It's a serious loss to the American public and to the people of the world who have benefited from his research."

Friends of the Pampa Library are sponsoring a raffle of Rosemond, A Limited Edition Musical Doll, made by Gorham Sterling in 1981. Music box plays Close To You. Drawing will be held Sunday, April 4, 2004 at Lovett Memorial Library. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. For ticket information call 669-5780 or 665-6235. Tickets will also be available at the library.

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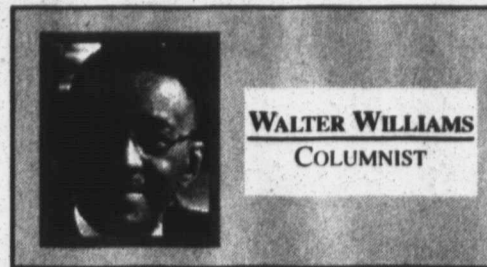
VIEWPOINTS

Ineptitude, not enlightenment

What passes for educational enlightenment these days boggles the mind. Matt Gouras, of The Associated Press, writing in the Jan. 5 Seattle Times tells a story about Tennessee schools. The success of some students has made other students feel badly about themselves.

What're the schools' responses? Public schools in Nashville have stopped posting honor rolls. Some are considering a ban on posting exemplary schoolwork on bulletin boards. Others have canceled academic pep rallies, while others might eliminate spelling bees. Nashville's Julia Green Elementary School principal, Steven Baum, agrees, thinking that spelling bees and publicly graded events are leftovers from the days of ranking and sorting students. He says: "I discourage competitive games at school. They just don't fit my worldview of what a school should be." This is a vision all too common among today's educationists, but there's a good reason for it: too large a percentage of teachers represent the very bottom of the academic achievement barrel and as such fall easy prey to mindless and destructive fads.

Retired Indiana University (of Pennsylvania) physics professor Donald E. Simanek has assembled considerable data on just who becomes a teacher. Freshman college students who choose education as a major "are on the average, one of the academically weakest groups. Those choosing non-teaching physics and math are one of the academically strongest groups. Some of the more capable who initially chose teach-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

ing will find the teacher-preparation curriculum to be boring and intellectually empty, and shift to curricula that are academically more challenging and rewarding." Simanek adds: "On tests such as the Wesman Personnel Classification Test of verbal analogy and elementary arithmetical computations, the teachers scored, on average, only slightly better than clerical workers. A rather low score was enough to pass. Yet half the teachers failed."

There are other causes for the sorry state of today's primary and secondary education. There's been the politicizing of education. Teachers have recruited students to write letters to the president protesting the war and participate in demonstrations against school budget cuts. Very often, good teachers and principals are faced with the impossible task of having to deal with administrators and school boards who are intellectual inferiors and motivated by political considerations rather than what's best for children.

One of the very best things that can be done for education is to eliminate schools of education. There's little in the curriculum that contributes directly to the development of the mind. Simanek says that "most

teachers have learned 'methods and skills' of teaching, but don't have a solid understanding of the subject they teach. So they end up 'teaching' trivia, misinformation and intellectual garbage, but doing it with 'professional' polish. Most do not display love of learning, nor the ability to do intense intellectual activity of any kind. Lacking these qualities, they cannot possibly inspire and nourish these qualities in their students."

According to a recent study by the North Central Regional Education Laboratory titled, "Effective Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategies in the Midwest," 75 percent to 100 percent of the teachers that leave the profession are ranked as either "effective" or "very effective."

To improve teaching, we must attract people of higher intellectual ability and we must make teacher salaries related to ability and effectiveness. We must ensure that teachers have more academic freedom, better working conditions and a suitable environment for teaching. An important component of that environment is the capacity to remove students who are alien and hostile to the education process. Finally, we should consider curriculum changes that eliminate courses that have little, if anything, to do with reading, writing and arithmetic.

The low academic quality of many of our teachers is neither flattering nor comfortable to confront, but confront it we must if we're to do anything about our sorry state of education.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Couple heartbroken when decoration taken from porch

To the editor:
 Several years ago, my husband cut a big heart out of plywood. We painted it red. With white paint, we printed the words "We love you" on the red heart.
 Each February we put it on our front porch for people to read as they passed by.
 Somehow it has disappeared and we know it did not walk off by itself. We had it wired to the iron porch post.
 If you took our heart and would like to return it, just place it back on our porch. We would love to have it back.
 If you don't wish to return it, then our message to you is this: "Enjoy the heart. We still love you and God loves you, but He doesn't love our wicked ways."
Charles and Beulah Terrell
 Pampa

A movie everyone should see

To the editor:
 Mr. Mel Gibson has put out the movie "Christ, the Passion." It's made a great impact on people. People like me won't get to see it unless it comes on T.V. because we can't afford it or have no transportation. But from what I've heard, he told it like it was.
 It shouldn't be who did it, but why. John 3:16 tells you God loved the world. Why did the people pay the man 30 pieces of silver? Would they have gone through that kind of torment and punishment for us or for him? Would people today go through it? Look at your hand. Would you go through the pain of a nail being driven through your hand as part of it?
 When Jesus was on earth, did he say he was better than anybody else? What about the two men that died with him? Did he tell them they should be there, not him? While on earth, did he turn away anyone that had needs - the blind, the lame, widows, elderly people with bad diseases and even sinners? Did he teach his disciples to turn them away and turn their backs on these people?
 Don't you think what he practiced and taught a long time ago should be done today? Look at our world today. Look how much 30 pieces of silver influences the world and people.
 The elderly are being forced out of their homes, being punished for being old and told they don't need cars or anything.
 Look at the children that are suffering from broken homes and without parents because drugs and alcohol come first.
 Again I say, people - all people - should see this movie and take it to heart and learn from it and let it make a change in our town and people's lives. The Bible says to be Christ-like, not like the people who crucified him.
 Let people look inside to see themselves.
Sue Meeks
 Pampa

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Kerry's 'flip-flops' may prove fatal

It is increasingly clear that President Bush's line of attack against Kerry will be to describe him as a flip-flopping politician, changing his positions constantly to suit the political needs of the moment. One negative ad, previewed on "Meet the Press," showed an animation of two John Kerry boxers battling one another. The winner? George W. Bush.
 The obvious goal of the Bush attack is to discredit Kerry and make it hard for anyone to believe in him or anything he says. But this round of flip-flop attacks is just the precursor of the main Bush offensive. Attacking Kerry for reversing himself on many key issues will weaken the Democrat, but the real point is to soften him up for two more deadly attacks likely to follow.
 First, the flip-flop ads are designed to make Kerry appear too weak to lead America through the tough challenges of terrorism at home and abroad. Attacking a candidate for reversing himself on key political issues is the best way to make him appear weak, indecisive and vacillating.
 When I worked for President Bill Clinton, the Republicans tried the same tactic, constantly citing his frequent reversals on issues to demonstrate weakness. Their barbs were very effective and led to a White House policy of never, never, never reversing a stand on anything.
 (Sometimes, White House staff liberals took advantage of this axiom to leak word that Clinton was about to take a liberal



DICK MORRIS
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position so as to foreclose him from doing anything else for fear of it seeming to be a flip-flop. During the welfare-reform debate, after Clinton had privately decided to sign a waiver to let Wisconsin move ahead with the work requirements and time limits its Legislature had adopted, some White House staffers leaked that he had decided to veto it instead. Terrified of seeming to flip on the issue, Clinton eventually backed off the Wisconsin proposal but then signed a national welfare-reform law.)
 Bush wants to show that Kerry is too weak to lead the nation as a wartime president. It is no accident that Bush is opening his paid media campaign by reminding voters of his strong stance in the months after 9/11. He wants to raise the saliency of terrorism as an issue and to up the ante for the strength required of a chief executive. The flip-flop ads are his way of doing it.
 By showing the Democrat as a man who can be pushed first one way and then the other by political winds, he shows him to be far from the strong, decisive leader America needs.
 The flip-flop attack is also designed to

prevent Kerry from responding to the other key line of Bush attack - that Kerry is too liberal for mainstream America.
 By criticizing Kerry for changing his position constantly, the Bush campaign hopes to stop their opponent from wriggling out of his previous liberal votes and views. Once the public is alert to the chance that Kerry will change his mind, it becomes harder for the Democrat to explain away his votes and to move to the center under Bush's fire.
 Now, when Bush moves in for the kill and accuses Kerry of opposing the Defense of Marriage Act or appropriations to fund the Iraq War, the Democratic candidate will find it harder to spin his positions and to move to the middle on these issues. When he tries, voters will repeat to themselves the Ronald Reagan criticism of Jimmy Carter: "There you go again."
 By showing Kerry to flip-flop, Bush sets him up for the real charges - that he is too weak and too liberal to be president.
 Conventional wisdom says that this election is going to be close, a replay of 2000. It need not be so. If Bush runs aggressive national advertisements, hammering at these themes, he can put this race away by the end of the spring.
 We must remember that Bush's father trailed Mike Dukakis by 17 points in the months before the conventions. Until Bush Sr. ran negative ads, it seemed that the Massachusetts governor would be Reagan's successor. Kerry's bubble may prove to be just that fragile.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Today is Thursday, March 11, the 71st day of 2004. There are 295 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 Fifty years ago, on March 11, 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee. (The confrontation culminated in the famous Senate Army-McCarthy hearings.)
 On this date:
 In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Regular Reassessment Helps Patients in Therapy Succeed

DEAR ABBY: A reader asked how a person can tell if psychiatry is "working." We would like to offer some suggestions.

The patient or client should have a specific plan for recovery. The therapist -- a clinical social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or marriage and family therapist -- should teach coping skills so the person can assemble a "coping toolbox." Patients should expect to do behavioral homework between counseling sessions.

Sometimes medication is needed; often it is not. Most uncomplicated depression and anxiety problems respond favorably within 10 to 20 sessions. Additional complicating factors may extend the number of sessions, but by the 20th session the person should see definite improvement.

Just "talking about" problems is helpful, but not usually enough to make and maintain changes. It is also not generally helpful to focus ONLY on the past/childhood when the problems are occurring today. Therapists and clients can be sure that goals are being met by assessing behavior and emotional changes at regular intervals.

We hope this information is helpful. -- ERIK J. ABELL, PH.D., GAIL SIMPSON, MSW, LCSW, COSTA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR DR. ABELL AND MS. SIMPSON: Thank you for lending your expertise to answer this often-asked question. People who are emotionally vulnerable are not always in the best position to evaluate their own progress. I'm sure your letter will be appreciated by many readers.

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 years old and have been married for four years. I have known since I was a teen-ager that I never wanted to have children. My husband was well aware of this when we met, dated and married.

His sister gave birth to a baby boy last summer, and suddenly my husband has changed his mind and wants children too.

I know I am not parent material. I am impatient with children and generally uncomfortable around them. I do not want my life to be defined by children, nor do I want to give up the lifestyle I enjoy to raise them.

What can I do? Is a divorce pending? -- CHILDLESS BY CHOICE IN FLORIDA

DEAR C.B.C.: While parenthood can be joyful and rewarding, it requires commitment and sacrifice. The bundle from heaven cannot be returned to sender if the recipients change their minds. It would be interesting to see if baby-sitting for his nephew would change your husband's mind -- or yours. However, if you cannot come to a meeting of the minds, a divorce may indeed be on the horizon.

DEAR ABBY: My marriage is pretty much over. My wife and I can't get along, and all the counseling we've had didn't help.

I feel "naked" without my wedding band and am wondering if it is proper for me to wear another ring that has personal sentimental value on my ring finger. I hope this isn't a dumb question. -- TOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR TOM: No question is dumb if it's sincere. You may wear any kind of ring you wish on your ring finger -- but please be aware that a ring on the third finger of the left hand is a signal that the wearer is "unavailable."

P.S. Many divorced people feel naked when they remove their wedding ring for the last time, but that stage usually passes by the time the tan line fades.

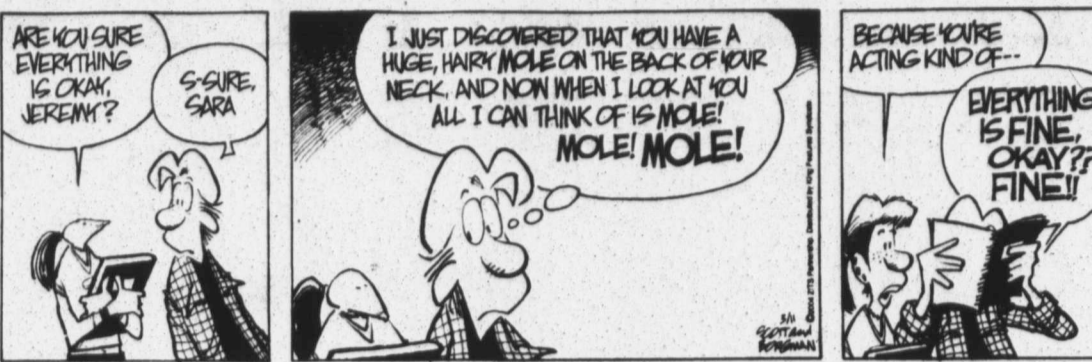
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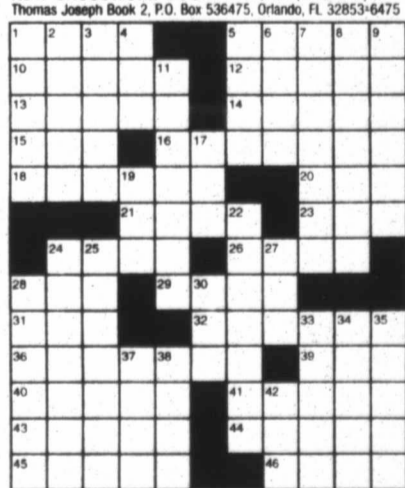
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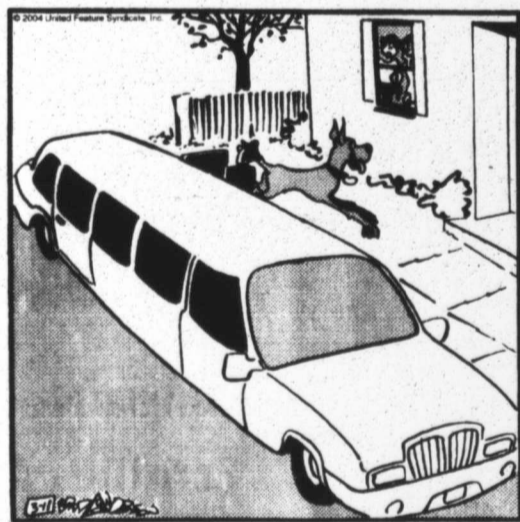
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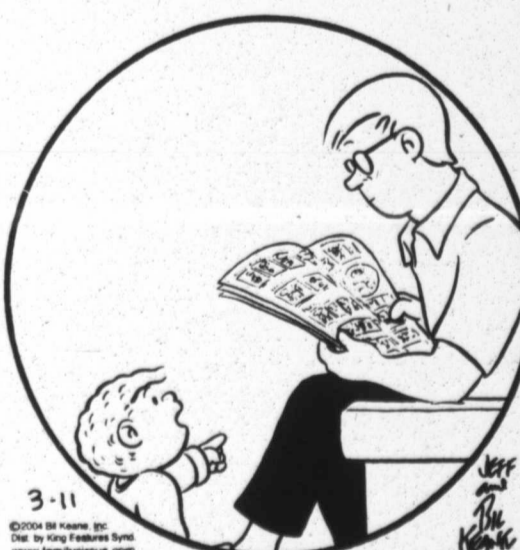
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Lady Harvesters claim district opener

PAMPA — District 3-4A softball play opened Tuesday when the Pampa Lady Harvesters hosted the Randall Lady Raiders at the new softball field on the Pampa High School campus.

In pre-game activities, injured junior catcher Jennie Rogers officially opened the park by tossing out the first pitch with PHS athletic director Richard Dunham, receiving the ball. Rogers was injured in an one car rollover west of Pampa this past September and is recuperating from the accident.

It was only fitting for the occasion that the weather, under clear skies and a slight breeze of wind, looked as if summer was in the air.

Attendance was estimated at 150 and they were rewarded with some good pitching and good hitting as the Lady Harvesters shook off a slow start, racking up 10 hits in cruising to a 7-1 win over the Lady Raiders.

Pampa (8-7-1; 1-0 district) sent



Cassidy Tice had two hits and an RBI sacrifice against Randall.

Nicole Clark to the hill and backed by a playoff experienced lineup behind her, the freshman right-hander limited Randall hitters to only two hits, no earned runs, walked one, and struck out nine. Randall broke out on top in their half of the first by benefit of a leadoff walk to catcher Courtney Ratheal, who later scored by way of a sac bunt off pitcher Karen Taylor's bat, and a costly Pampa error. That run would be the highlight for Randall batters as Clark shut down their efforts, allowing only 5 base runners the

rest of the contest.

Pampa would get a double from Cassidy Tice for the first hit but would be left standing at second as Pampa couldn't bring her home to end the inning.

Randall went quietly the rest of the way but the Pampa girls, trailing 1-0, took charge in the third. With one out, second basemen Amy Youree delivered a sharp single past the Randall infield setting the stage for Tice's second hit, a single and Stacey Johnson's RBI double tying the game with runners at second and third with only one out. First baseman Whitney Roden then drove the ball deep for sacrifice fly RBI scoring Tice. With two outs Teryn Gamer forced a Randall infield groundball error driving across the third and final run of the inning with Pampa leading 3-1.

The Lady Harvesters put up another run in the fourth when leadoff hitter Abbi Covalt singled then Youree laid down a sacrifice

bunt advancing Covalt to second. The next batter, Tice, after a wild pitch lifted a high fly ball scoring Covalt with the sacrifice. Pampa would load the bases in the inning with two outs but couldn't add to the margin.

With the Lady Harvesters leading, Clark (4-4; 1-0 district) took charge on the mound using the run support to stifle Randall with a good outing collecting her first district win.

Pampa added three more runs in the fifth benefiting from a free pass to Gamer, a double by Clark, a hard hit single by sophomore Callie Cobb drove in two then Covalt's second base hit sent Cobb across the plate for the final run of the game.

Defensive gems included Youree's tag on a runner then tossing to Roden at first for a rally killing double play in the fourth. In the sixth Tice, playing at the catcher position, threw out a runner at

first who was too far off the bag.

The Lady Harvester JV pounded the Randall Lady Raiders JV 14-4 to extend their record to 3-0 for the season.

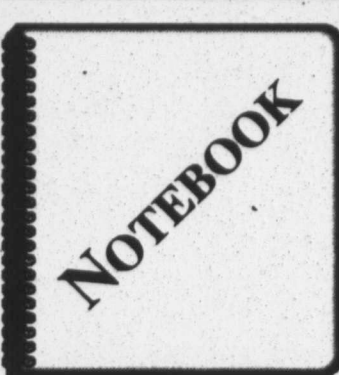
Pampa travels to Plainview next Saturday for a scheduled 1:00 pm start.

The Lady Harvesters return home March 16 against Hereford for more district action.

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Pampa has seven starters returning from last years playoff team including three seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores. Several freshmen have filled in at the pitching and catching position due to graduation and injury.

The Lady Harvesters finished non-district play this past weekend at the rain-shortened Burkumet tournament by winning 3-1 over Abilene Cooper, tying Petrolia 1-1, and losing 5-3 to Fomey.



BASEBALL

PAMPA — KGRO (1230 AM) Radio will be covering part of the Snyder Baseball Tournament, which starts today.

Donny Hooper and Ray Boring of KGRO are tentatively scheduled to announce the Pampa-Lubbock Cooper game at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Pre-game activities begin at 11:20.

Saturday's third-place game starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by the championship game at 7 p.m. in the round-robin format

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.

FOOTBALL

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions filled another need by signing receiver Tai Streets to a one-year contract.

Last week, the Lions signed offensive lineman Damien Woody and cornerback Fernando Bryant.

Streets, an unrestricted free agent, will be reunited with Steve Mariucci, who coached him in San Francisco.

In five seasons with the 49ers, the former Michigan standout had 168 receptions for 2,008 yards and 13 touchdowns.

NEW YORK (AP) — Terrell Owens' request to be declared a free agent will be heard Saturday by an arbitrator, and a decision is expected the following day.

The standout receiver was prevented from becoming a free agent when the NFL Management Council ruled last week that his agent, David Joseph, failed to void the last two years of his contract with the San Francisco 49ers by a Feb. 21 deadline.

The 49ers then traded Owens to Baltimore for a second-round pick.

Flashback

1970: The Pampa Rebels defeated Spearman 11-3 in an American Legion baseball game.

Ricky Harris won the game in relief and Scotty King hit a two-run homer for the Rebels.

Lady Bears reach semifinals of Big 12 Tournament

DALLAS (AP) — Baylor is earning a place with the elite of Big 12 women's basketball.

The No. 14 Lady Bears reached the semifinals of the conference tournament with Wednesday's 80-72 victory over No. 10 Texas Tech.

Baylor faces No. 2 Texas on Thursday night.

The Lady Bears beat the Longhorns by 14 points on Jan. 14 in Waco, then lost by a point in double overtime in Austin on Feb. 25.

Fifth-seeded Baylor could be without starting center Steffanie Blackmon against Texas, however. Blackmon left the game against Texas Tech with 2:37 remaining when she twisted her left knee on a drive to the basket.

Blackmon's status is questionable for the Texas game.

"She's always had that (knee problem), that's why she wears a brace," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson said. "But it's not

an ACL. If she can play, she will. But the NCAA tournament is more important than the Big 12.

If I have to rest her, I will."

In Thursday night's other semifinal, No. 8 Kansas State will take on No. 19 and sixth-seeded Oklahoma, which upset No. 13 Colorado.

The final is Saturday night, with the winner earning an automatic NCAA bid.

Baylor's offense depends on sophomore forward Sophia Young, who had 24 points, 13 rebounds and shot 12-for-19 from the field against Texas Tech.

"Sophia Young was just great in the middle," Tech coach Marcia Sharp said. "We just didn't have an answer for her."

LaToya Davis led Texas Tech (24-7) with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Alesha Robertson added 17 points. Dionne Brown added 11 points, and Jessika Stratton had 10 for Baylor (24-7).

Lenorah wins 1A Division II state championship

AUSTIN (AP) — Jason Pribyla scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Thursday to send Lenorah Grady past Neches 55-49 to win the Class 1A Division II state championship.

Brent Madison added 16 points for Lenorah Grady (35-1), which will face the winner of the Division I championship between Normangee (35-2) and

Morton (28-6) in Saturday's Texas Cup, the mythical small school championship.

Lenorah Grady won its first state title in its first state tournament.

Brannon Ott scored 18 points to lead Neches (30-5), including two 3-pointers in the final 22 seconds that pulled the Tigers within 52-49 before Lenorah

Grady hit 3 of 4 free throws down the stretch to clinch the victory.

Neches hit just 1 of 11 shots in the first quarter and Lenorah Grady led 29-20 at halftime behind 50 percent shooting, including four 3-pointers.

Lenorah Grady stretched the lead to 37-24 in the third on a reverse layup by Pribyla and a short jumper by Madison before Jamaal

Arthur hit Neches' first 3-pointer of the game to keep the Wildcats from opening it up.

Neches rallied in the fourth to cut it to 41-37 when Ott converted two of Lenorah Grady's 20 turnovers into consecutive layups.

Lenorah Grady halted the run almost immediately. Pribyla hit another reverse layup and fired a

quick pass to Madison for another that pushed the lead back to 45-37.

Signups continue

Registration for Optimist Baseball-Softball 2004 continues tonight from 5:30 to 7 at Optimist Park.

Tryouts for new players and players moving to a new league will be held March 22-24.

Dallas agrees to new deal for Texas-OU game

DALLAS (AP) — The annual Red River Shootout between Texas and Oklahoma is staying put in Dallas for at least the next five years.

The schools had threatened to abandon the Cotton Bowl and start rotating the game between Austin and Norman, Okla., if the State Fair of Texas, the city of Dallas and other private groups didn't come up with enough money to keep the game in Dallas.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller said Wednesday that a five-year contract has been approved. The previous contract was to expire in 2006.

Under the new deal, the city will provide \$250,000 a year for expenses and will waive the \$94,000 Cotton Bowl rental fee. The deal

also calls for 4,000 seats to be added to the end zones at the stadium.

The football game adds as much as \$20 million to the local economy each year.

Oklahoma President David L. Boren said that while he was pleased, he considered the agreement only an interim one. He said more progress would be needed before the contract is re-evaluated over the next three to four years.

Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said there had been a "collective investment in the game and its future success."

"The improvements at the Cotton Bowl, which includes the expansion of the seating capacity, has been our top priority," he said. "The facility and its

hosts must be responsive to the enormous fan interest in the game."

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds also was pleased with the deal.

"It's a home run for the city, and it's a home run for us," Dodds said. "I like the game in Dallas. It's where it belongs."

Ticket sales from the Red River Shootout generate \$1 million for each school, but the schools had asked for an additional \$350,000 to cover the rising cost of insurance and travel and lodging expenses for their bands and cheerleaders who attend the game.

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Lawmakers: Baseball must toughen steroids policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball must institute a more stringent drug-testing policy, such as the one in place by the NFL, or Congress will step in and make changes.

"Your failure to commit to addressing this issue straight on and immediately will motivate this committee to search for legislative remedies," Sen. John McCain warned the baseball players' association Wednesday.

McCain, the Senate Commerce Committee chairman, challenged union head Donald Fehr to make changes. Fehr said he couldn't agree to changes in the collective bargaining agreement.

"I can tell you, and the players you represent, the status quo is not acceptable," said McCain, Arizona Republican. "And we will have to act in some way unless the major league players' union acts in the affirmative and rapid fashion."

Home runs have been hit at

a record pace in the past decade, and players have gotten larger and stronger. Former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti have said the use of steroids was widespread.

In his State of the Union address, President Bush appealed to sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-enhancing drugs. On Thursday, the White House is expected to endorse legislation criminalizing the use of certain performance-enhancing drugs that currently are available without prescriptions.

The San Francisco Chronicle, quoting information it said was provided to federal investigators, reported last week that steroids were given to Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield. Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have denied using steroids.

That report came out of a grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative in San Francisco.

Last month, two company executives, along with Bonds' personal trainer and a track coach, were charged with illegally supplying steroids to athletes.

The suspicion that some of the game's greats are using steroids has loomed over spring training, prompting McCain to schedule a hearing and invite Fehr, baseball commissioner Bud Selig, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL players' union chief Gene Upshaw.

Baseball's current labor contract, agreed to in 2002, called for anonymous drug tests last year. Five to 7 percent of those tests came back positive for steroids, a level which triggered testing with penalties this year. But the program has been criticized because players are tested only twice each season — both tests are given within a period of a week — and the penalties are far weaker than those in Olympic sports.

"I believe that the program

that we instituted has had some effect," Fehr said.

McCain disagreed, saying baseball has a "legitimacy problem" because of questions about steroid use and the public's perception that cheaters don't get caught by the testing program.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-De.,

criticized the union for resisting stronger testing. "The union's wrong here," he said.

Under baseball's policy, a player doesn't face a one-year suspension until failing five tests. The NFL has a year-round random testing program for players and imposes immediate suspensions on

those who test positive.

Selig said baseball owners want stronger testing.

"I realize that we have work to do," Selig said. "We need more frequent and year-round testing of players. We need immediate penalties for those caught using illegal substances."

Duncan returns; Spurs beat Clippers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan did all of his scoring in garbage time — only because it came early.

Malik Rose's 21 points and 12 rebounds led San Antonio to a 108-90 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night as Duncan played for the first time after missing six games because of a leg injury.

The Spurs built a 21-point lead late in the first quarter and coasted.

Duncan's first points came on a 21-foot bank shot early in the second quarter, making the score 44-18. He had little to do with the outcome, scor-

ing nine points on 4-for-10 shooting and grabbing a season-low two rebounds in 15 minutes.

"I was just glad to be out on the court tonight," he said. "I didn't get winded at all. ... We're going to look at it and then slowly scale up the minutes as I feel better and better."

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said the plan going in was to use Duncan sparingly.

"He was going to play 15 minutes no matter what," Popovich said. "He needs to get his timing back and a feel for the court."

Hedo Turkoglu scored 16 points, Manu Ginobili 14 and Tony Parker 13 for the Spurs. Ginobili (eight) and Parker (seven) combined for 15 assists.

Parker said the team needs to keep doing what it has been while being patient with Duncan, who went on the injured list after hurting the joint where the thigh bone meets the knee in a Feb. 26 game in Dallas.

"I don't think he's 100 percent yet — his knee is still bothering him a little bit," Parker said. "We want to play uptempo, but not forget about Timmy."

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DATED: March 4, 2004.

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String of explosions kills 170 in Spanish train system

BY MAR ROMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Powerful explosions rocked three Madrid train stations Thursday just days before Spain's general elections, killing more than 170 rush-hour commuters and wounding more than 500 in Spain's worst terrorist attack ever.

Foreign Minister Ana Palacio said there were indications the armed Basque separatist group ETA was to blame. "Right now we have to wait until we have an official statement. We don't have this official statement, so we just can say there are some hints and indications that point toward ETA," Palacio told the BBC.

Arnold Otegi, leader of Batasuna, an outlawed Basque party linked to the armed separatist group, denied it was behind the blasts and suggested "Arab resistance" elements were responsible.

Otegi told Radio Popular in San Sebastian that ETA always phones in warnings before it attacks. The interior minister said there was no warning before Thursday's attack.

"The modus operandi, the high number of victims and the way it was carried out make me think, and I have a hypothesis in mind, that yes it may have been an operative cell from the Arab resistance," Otegi said. Otegi noted that Spain's government backed the Iraq war.

The Spanish national police said more than 170 people were killed and more than 500 were injured.

At Atocha station, people in tears streamed away from the station as rescue workers carried bodies covered in sheets of gold fabric. People with bloodied faces sat on curbs, using cell-phones to tell loved ones they were alive. Hospitals appealed for blood donations. Buses had to be pressed into service as ambulances.

Rescue workers were overwhelmed, said Enrique Sanchez, an ambulance driver who went to Santa Eugenia station, about six miles southeast of Atocha station.

"There was one carriage totally blown apart. People were scattered all over the platforms. I saw legs and arms. I won't forget this ever. I've seen horror."

Shards of twisted metal were scattered by rails in the Atocha station at the spot where an explosion severed a train in two.

"I saw many things explode in the air. I don't know, it was horrible," said Juani Fernandez, 50, a civil servant who was on the platform waiting to go to work.

"People started to scream and run, some bumping into each other and as we ran there was another explosion. I saw people with blood pouring from them, people on the ground," Fernandez said.

No arrests were reported Thursday. "Those responsible for this tragedy will be arrested and they will pay very dearly for it," Acebes said at Atocha.

The government convened anti-ETA rallies nationwide for Friday evening and announced three days of mourning.

"What a horror," said the Basque regional president, Juan Jose Ibarretxe, who insisted ETA does not represent the Basque people. "When ETA attacks, the Basque heart breaks into a thousand pieces," he said in the Basque capital Vitoria.

"This is one of those days that you don't want to live through," said opposition Socialist party spokesman Jesus Caldera. "ETA must be defeated," referring to the group as "those terrorists, those animals."

In London, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw called the attacks terrorist atrocities and a "disgusting assault on the very principle of European democracy."

Straw said that Britain stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Spain and was ready to send any kind of material help needed.

European Parliament President Pat Cox said the bomb attacks amounted to "a declaration of war on democracy."

"No more bombs, no more dead," Cox said in Spanish before a hushed legislature in Strasbourg, France. "It is an outrageous, unjustified and unjustifiable attack on the Spanish people and Spanish democracy."

Police had been on high alert for Basque separatist violence ahead of general elections Sunday. Mariano Rajoy, the candidate for prime minister of the ruling conservative Popular Party, said he was calling off the rest of his campaign.

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Mother charged with slaying two newborns five years apart

CANADICE, N.Y. (AP) — Stacy DeBeer told relatives she was pregnant. But when a baby failed to materialize months later, a suspicious relative snooping around DeBeers' basement found a newborn's body — entombed in concrete.

DeBeer, 30, was arraigned Tuesday on charges of killing two of her infants — in June 1998 and May 2003 — and hiding them in pails filled with concrete that investigators had to break apart with hammers.

Her 32-year-old husband, Brian DeBeers, was charged with hindering prosecution by helping hide the first infant, a girl, in a garden shed.

The couple, who have children ages 8 and 6, were arrested in January after their unidentified relative discovered the body of the baby born in 2003 at their home in Farmington in rural northwestern New York, said an investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It's creepy. I guess you just don't know people nowa-

days," said Wayne Ciluffo, 50, an unemployed truck driver who lived next door to the DeBeers in Canadice in the late 1990s.

Grand jury indictments accused DeBeer of delivering a girl without medical help in June 1998 and killing her by stuffing paper in her mouth, wrapping her in cloth and placing her in a plastic bag.

Police suspect she kept the dead infant for nearly five years before disposing of it at her house in Canadice, where the couple lived until a fire burned down their house in June and they moved to Farmington.

Last May 11, a few weeks before the fire, she gave birth again, killed the child and took the body with her when she moved to Farmington, police say. The sex of that child was not revealed.

DeBeer gave birth to a fifth child in 2001 and gave her up for adoption, police said. Asked if she might have disposed of any other newborns, prosecutor R. Michael Tantillo said, "We can't be blind to that possibility."

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