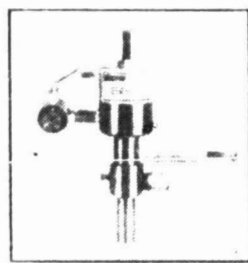


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College rodeo's coming to Pampa

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa will play host to the WTAMU, Frank Phillips, and Clarendon College sponsored NIRA rodeo at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena, east of Pampa, on April 8, 9 and 10.

Approximately 360 college rodeo athletes from throughout the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region are expected to arrive in Pampa next week for the three day event. This is the second year that

Pampa has hosted the college rodeo, said Neil Fulton, a director of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

While estimates differ on just how much revenue \$65,000 to \$250,000 came to Pampa as a result of the college rodeo, organizers and officials agree that the event boosted the local economy.

"This is the closest rodeo for families to come and watch their kids," Fulton said. He explained that most of the Southwest Region college rodeos are held in south and

central Texas areas, while many contestants come from hometowns in the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma.

While in Pampa for last year's rodeo, the 324 contestants, plus families and friends, ate at local restaurants, bought food, gasoline, personal items and clothes from local businesses, rented motel rooms and RV spaces, and used many service providers.

"The impact on our community is great," Fulton said. "I can't see any place it didn't

help."

In the past, the rodeo had been held in Amarillo, he said. However, escalating costs had made it a losing proposition for the local colleges to sponsor the rodeo there.

"They were losing scholarship money to pay expenses," Fulton said.

When Fulton's daughter learned that Frank Phillips College was looking for another place to hold the rodeo, she called her dad. He, in turn, contacted the local rodeo association and city and chamber

officials. All agreed the college rodeo needed to come to Pampa.

"The people of Pampa make us feel like we're wanted," said a coach at last year's coaches' dinner, "provided through donations from local individuals and organizations."

"My hat just about popped off my head," he felt so proud, Fulton said.

In fact, the NIRA voted the Pampa event the #2 rodeo in the Southwest Region for

(See RODEO, Page 3)

County attorney: \$23,000+ in hot checks recovered

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Local merchants have had over \$23,000 lost through hot checks restored to them in the first three months of the year, according to County Attorney Josh Seabourn at this morning's county commissioners' meeting.

Seabourn, who took office Jan. 1, gave a quarterly report to commissioners on caseload progress and hot check prosecution. In the first quarter of 2004 which ended yesterday, the county attorney's office collected \$4,461.78 in fees charged to hot check writers. The fees will be deposited in the county attorney's hot check fund.

Recompense to merchants who had accepted the hot checks totaled \$23,639.78, Seabourn said.

"I've found a number of old hot checks in inactive files from as far back as 1994. We've been trying to contact the offenders at their last known address and giving them 10 days to respond," he said.

Seabourn and his staff have also been working on the caseload for the county attorney's office. In the first quarter of 2004, he has closed 168

cases. Seabourn has filed 139 new cases in that same period of time.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter of McLean asked commissioners to allow her to contract with Official Payments Corporation to be able to receive electronic checks as payment for traffic tickets and other fines.

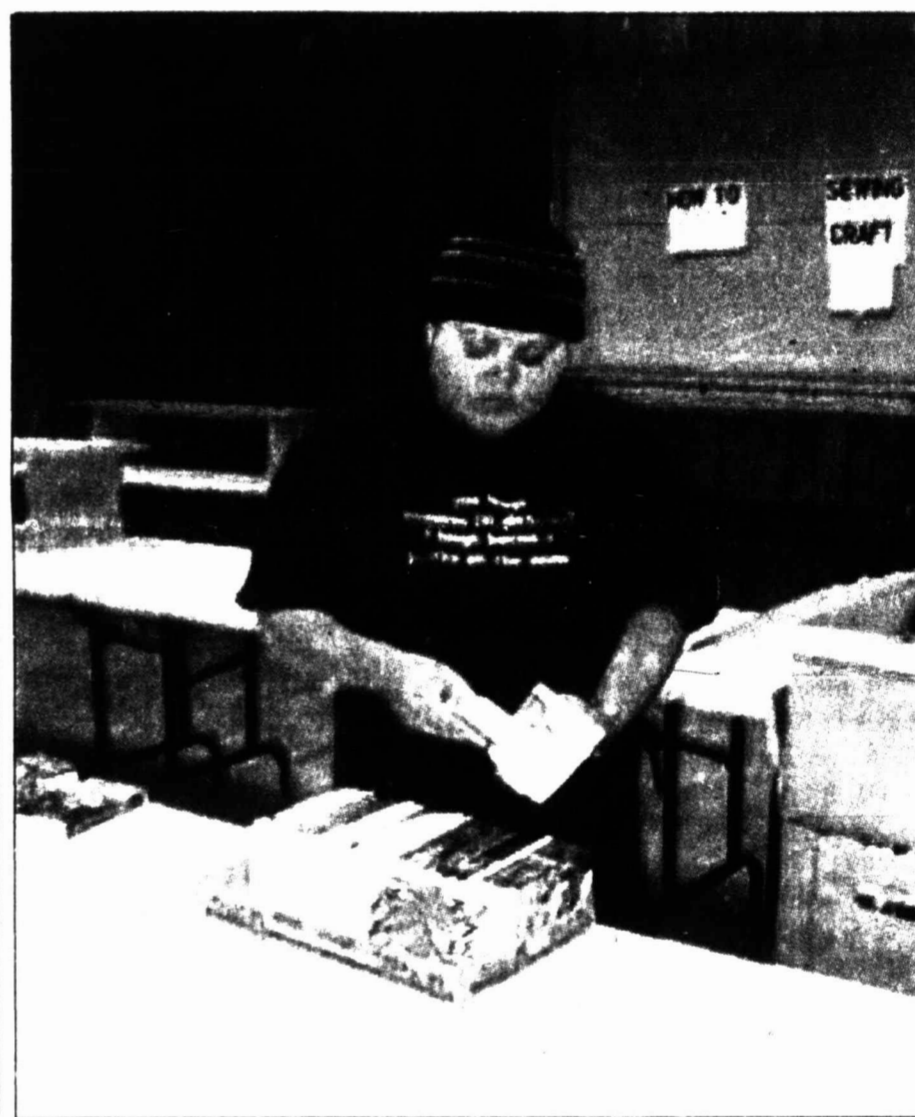
"My court and the other two justices of the peace are already accepting credit card payments by phone and online. An electronic check would be handled the same way. All three options are at no cost to the county. The person paying also pays the fee" for processing, Carpenter said.

"I had over \$7,000 paid by credit card in March," she said. Funds from electronic checks would be directly deposited into the Precinct 4 justice of the peace account. Any fees charged for processing the electronic checks would be passed on to the person paying by electronic check, she said.

Commissioners voted to contract with Official Payment Corp. to provide electronic check services for county offices. Each office will have the option of accepting electronic checks

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A book-lovers dream



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Michelle Ballard, one of several volunteers who set up the Friends of the Library's annual book sale, sorts books into categories for display on the tables. The book sale began today and continues through Sunday during regular library hours at Lovett Memorial Library. The sale can be accessed through the doors at the north end of the building.

TCTA elects Pampa educator as president

AUSTIN — Jeanna B. Miller, an educational diagnostician for the Pampa Independent School District and 20-year veteran of the PISD, has been named president elect of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

TCTA is an independent, nonunion association for Texas teaching professionals.

Miller won election to the position on March 5 at TCTA's annual convention in Houston. She will begin serving as president elect on June 1, 2004, and will assume the presidency on June 1, 2005, for a one-year term.

In these positions, Miller will help guide the Association's efforts as it works to enhance the teaching profession and provide a full array of services and advocacy to members. TCTA was founded in 1927 and now has nearly 50,000 members



Jeanna Miller
 TCTA president-elect

across the state.

The TCTA 2004-05 Board of Directors also will include Carrie Johnson of Pampa and Connie White of Amarillo, serving as dis-

trict 16 representatives.

Miller has been a TCTA member for 20 years and has served on the TCTA Board as statewide chair of the Curriculum & Instruction committee since 1999.

She previously served for five years on the board as a director for district 16, which covers 26 counties in the Texas panhandle, bordered by Dallam and Lipscomb to the north and Packer and Childress to the south. Miller also has served on the ACEL or TCTA political action committee.

On the local level, Miller currently serves as representative to the District Instructional Leadership Council. She has been on the campus site based decision-making committee, district communication committee and district salary and benefits committee.

She is active in the Pampa

Classroom Teachers Association, where she has served as president, secretary, faculty representative and chair of the scholarship committee.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, where she serves on the Child Development Center Board of Directors and plays in the church orchestra. She and her husband, Johnny, reside in Pampa and have two sons, Jeremy and Joshua.

Miller earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from West Texas State University and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University, with a specialization as an educational diagnostician.

TCTA is based in Austin and is the only statewide teachers association that limits active level membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CABRALES, Gregorio — Vigil services, 5 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

GREGORIO CABRALES
1931-2004

Gregorio Cabrales, 72, of Pampa, died Thursday, April 1, 2004. Vigil services are scheduled at 5 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cabrales was born May 25, 1931, at Durango, Mexico. He had been a Pampa resident since 1970 and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Martha Gonzales and Maria Soto, both of Chicago, Ill., and Lorenza Diaz and Diana Cabrales, both of Pampa; seven sons, Andres Vasquez of Waco, Lino Cabrales of Durango, Mexico, Jesus Cabrales, Gregorio Cabrales of Durango, Mexico, Jesus Cabrales, Gregorio Cabrales, Jose Cabrales and Emilio Cabrales, all of Pampa, and Diego Cabrales of El Paso; four sisters; 33 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

RUTH ESTES HERLACHER
1907-2004

CAMERON — Ruth Estes Herlacher, 97, of Cameron, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Herlacher was born Feb. 11, 1907, in Hansford County. Before moving to Wilberton, Okla., and then subsequently to Cameron, Mrs. Herlacher had been a resident of Pampa since 1926.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa and Pythian Sisters.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Virgil C. Estes; her second husband, Edward D. Herlacher in 1984; two sons, J.T. Estes in 1936 and Merl Estes in 2002; a daughter, Juanita Winborne in 1967; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerry Coffman of Granbury; a son, Donald Estes of Cameron; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

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

RALPH E. WEST

Ralph E. West, 51, owner of Harvester Lanes in Pampa, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Services are pending under direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, March 31

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. Estimated damage to a wood fence and mop was \$55.

A domestic assault was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner. Christopher Dale Shouse, 27, 1112 Starkweather, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member in connection to the incident.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner.

Two 40-pound propane bottles, valued at \$93, were reported stolen in the 800 block of West Foster.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks. The vehicle was recovered. Erika Doyle, 24, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Aggravated assault - injury to a child was reported in the 1600 block of North Nelson. The victim received minor injuries, according to police reports.

A missing person was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Two juvenile males were detained in connection with a fight reported at Pampa High School and taken to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Pampa police and Gray County sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph Lee Remington Jr., 28, Lefors, on charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to assault. Officers were called to a fight in the 1300 block of North Starkweather at 5:20 p.m. Upon arriving, they observed the suspect trying to get into the home. No injuries were reported.

AMBULANCE

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

12:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1600 Turtle Creek and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of East 30th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrest.

Wednesday, March 31

Richard Gallaher, 52, 705 N. Gray, was arrested on two charges of issuing a bad check and one charge of theft.

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Coca Cola	50.31	+0.01
MEO	60.22	+0.26
HMI	60.22	+0.12
Travel	51.30	+0.48
NOI	28.07	0.21

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 31

8:42 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa for training.

12:20 p.m. — One unit and

three firefighters responded to a medical assist on Turtle Creek Lane. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

1:28 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa for training.

10 p.m. — Two units and

six firefighters responded to a smoke odor in the 200 block of West Street. No source of the odor was found.

Thursday, April 1

4:45 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

City Briefs

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 70s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the upper 40s and southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday should see partly cloudy skies then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 70. East winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy

with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent. Monday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Marine remembered at school service

HOUSTON (AP) — In his school days, Marine Pfc. Leroy Sandoval Jr. had a mischievous smile and a knack for making others laugh.

More than 200 classmates, friends and school staffers remembered Sandoval during a memorial service Wednesday. He was killed last week in Iraq.

Sandoval graduated from Harvest Christian Academy in Pasadena, a private Christian school, in 2000.

"Little Leroy ran a big race, and he ran it quick. He fell on

this Earth, but he fell to rise in heaven," Patricia Gehret, the academy's superintendent, said. "We have the hard part — to carry on."

Sandoval died Friday in Fallujah, about 35 miles west of Baghdad, during a battle with Iraq insurgents. The Marine, who grew up in South Houston and Pasadena, died of a gunshot wound while manning a machine gun for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. He was 21.

Seven other Marines and six Iraqis were wounded.

A three-minute video paid tribute to Sandoval and, at times, brought much-needed laughter to some in the crowd. Several of Sandoval's classmates and his former track coach choked back tears as they spoke.

Several other former students from the school, which has an enrollment of about 170, are in combat in Iraq.

Each mourner received a miniature American flag and a patriotic ribbon. A Marine color

guard presented the flags to begin the memorial. Scores of red, white and blue balloons were released into the sky as Taps was played.

Sarah Wilcox, Sandoval's classmate, said Sandoval would have likely told mourners to "cowboy up."

"He could make everyone in the class laugh," she said. "He was also a great friend. We loved Leroy. He is truly our hero. Not just for us, but our whole nation, and that just makes me so proud."

Pfc. Victor Vaesa, who graduated from boot camp with the victim, said he last saw him in December. That's when Sandoval told him he was going to Iraq.

"I feel like I lost my brother," said Vaesa. "It's tough, but it's not like he died in vain. The possibility of death is great. We were all scared, but we wanted to do something better."

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2003. "We were buckin' rodeos that had been put on for 40 years," he said.

This year, in addition to the coaches' dinner, a pancake and sausage breakfast for contestants is planned for Friday, April 9. Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats will cook the meal, paid for through local contributions.

"We want them to come back here again," Fulton explained. The NIRA began on Nov. 6, 1948, in Alpine, Texas. The Southwest Region is comprised of 15 member colleges. Contestants compete in 10 regional rodeos a year for a chance to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

Pampa's rodeo is the eighth of the qualifying regional rodeos. West Texas A&M's men's rodeo team leads the men's division and the women's team is fourth. Frank Phillips' men's team is in ninth place right now, according to the NIRA website.

The Southwest region has produced a number of top professional rodeo talents including Will Lowe, Trevor Brazil, Pete Hawkins and Stran Smith.

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COUNTY

and will have to sign a contract for the service. A resolution opposing Governor Rick Perry's proposed tax relief plan was unanimously approved. The tax plan, formulated to help with public school funding, would negatively impact state tax funds returned to counties for county government, said County Judge Richard Peet.

A gas line crossing on Gray County Road 1 was approved by commissioners, as well as two intra-budget transfer requests. The district attorney's office had asked to move \$1,228.36 from its travel fund to its office supplies fund, and \$183.74 from its dues fund to its postage/box rent fund. Precinct 2 road and bridge shifted \$3,731 from its equipment repairs/rental fund to three other funds. Nine dollars was moved to the notice to bidders fund; \$1,196 to auto and equipment liability insurance; and \$2,526 to capital purchases.

Items not listed on the agenda for action by commissioners included discussion of a possible county web site and observance of County Government Week on April 23.

Indiana killing similar to Southwest slayings

DANVILLE, Ind. (AP) — The killing of a woman whose body was found at an abandoned truck stop northwest of Indianapolis has similarities to a string of slayings in the Southwest, police said.

"They were just like ours," Hendricks County Sheriff's Lt. Clarke E. Fine told The Indianapolis Star for a story Thursday.

A truck driver found the seminude body of Buffie Ray Brawley, 27, of Toledo, Ohio, March 23 at the rear of the parking lot of a former Blue and White truck stop near Interstate 74 and Indiana 39 about 35 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

An autopsy showed she had died of asphyxiation and a blow to the head, said Coroner Jason Matthews. Her mouth appeared to have been taped, and investigators said her right ankle had been crushed, apparently from having been run over.

Investigators identified Brawley through photos obtained from law enforcement officials in Toledo, where she had been arrested on prostitution charges. Police believe that she had been working at truck stop on the south side of Indianapolis the night before her body was found.

Sources: Governor ready to call special session on school funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has told Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick that he will announce this week a special legislative session in mid-April to address school finance, sources told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Spokespeople in Perry's office said he has no plans to call a session this week but would not deny that Perry made those comments to Dewhurst and Craddick.

"I'm not privy to his conversations," said spokesman Robert Black. "The governor speaks with the speaker and lieutenant governor these days literally on a daily basis."

Two days have been mentioned as possible start dates, April 12 or April 19, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The three Republican leaders have not reached an agreement on how to overhaul the share-the-wealth system of funding public education known by the nickname Robin Hood. Perry has said he will

Insurgents attack U.S. convoy in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — A roadside bomb injured three American troops on Thursday near Fallujah, a day after the grisly killing and mutilation of four American contract workers in the city. The top U.S. administrator in Iraq said the deaths would not go unpunished.

In Ramadi, west of Fallujah, six Iraqi civilians died and four were wounded Wednesday evening in a car bombing at a market, said Lt. Col. Steve Murray, a coalition spokesman.

Iraqi police had not determined whether it was detonated by remote control or whether it was a suicide bomber within the car, Murray said.

Insurgents struck a U.S. convoy with a bomb just outside Fallujah on Thursday, wounding three Americans, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said. They were flown to a combat support hospital.

Also Thursday, two explosions near a U.S.-escorted fuel convoy in northern Baghdad wounded at least one Iraqi.

The attacks followed the ambush of the four American contractors in Fallujah on Wednesday. Frenzied mobs dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of the Americans through the streets and strung two of them up from a bridge.

Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st

Infantry Division also died Wednesday when a bomb exploded under their M-113 armored personnel carrier in Malahma, northwest of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8.

Police retrieved the remains of the four contractors on Wednesday night, wrapped them in blankets, and gave them to U.S. forces, said Iraqi police officer Lt. Salah Abdullah.

"We were shocked because our Islamic beliefs reject such behavior," he said.

"We will pacify that city," Kimmitt said. "We will be back in Fallujah. It will be at the time and place of our choosing."

"The event happened very, very rapidly, and by the accounts of the Iraqi police, by the time they got there, the situation was pretty well complete at that point," Kimmitt said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, speaking to Germany's ZDF television, said the United States is "not going to withdraw, we're not going to be run out" of Iraq.

"America has the ability to stay, fight an enemy and defeat an enemy," he said. "We wish no soldier, no civilian, had been killed in this conflict. We also know sometimes to achieve a noble purpose, it does take the loss of life."

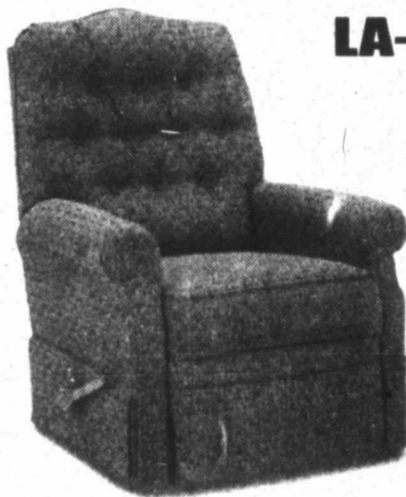
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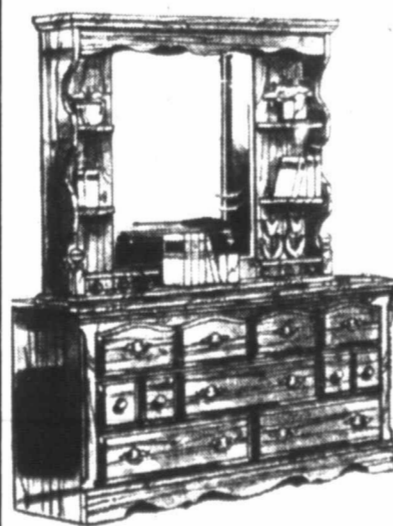


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Admitted wife killer offers apology, asks for forgiveness

To the editor:
 I, Jeff Goldsmith, have committed a grave injustice to my wife, to our family, and citizens of Pampa and of Wheeler County.

I cannot change what has happened; what I did is inexcusable. I had to put myself into everyone else's shoes to see what needed to be done. All I can do is make sure it doesn't happen again.

I'm deeply sorry for what I did, and I hope everyone can forgive me enough, not for me, but for their own salvation.

I have dedicated the rest of my life to the Lord and his service.

I pray that everyone that this has touched, that the heart is eased, and I pray that everyone receives comfort and peace.

Jeff Goldsmith
 Gray County Jail

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 1, the 92nd day of 2004. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-One, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after January 1, 1971.

In 1983, tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

In 1987, in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."

Ten years ago: The government reported the nation's unemployment rate for March remained unchanged from February, at 6.5 percent.

Five years ago: The United States branded as an illegal abduction the capture of three U.S. Army soldiers near the Macedonian-Yugoslav border; President Clinton demanded their immediate release.

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I've been watching all the furor over Condi Rice's willingness to testify under oath before the 9/11 Commission, which is playing the blame game to the hilt. It reminded me of what happened when my father was shot by John Hinckley 23 years ago today, on March 30, 1981, and how differently the matter was handled then.

Ronald Reagan, the President of the United States, was nearly killed by that bullet yet nobody called for a commission to be appointed to discover how, with all the precautions taken to protect him, it could have happened.

At the time we sat back and tried to determine how it had happened. Along with my brother and my sisters I had Secret Service protection and we knew how hard it was for us to do anything normal people do with the Secret Service around us 24 hours a day, and how much harder it was for my father who was all but wrapped in a protective cocoon.

Yet here was my father walking out of the Biltmore Hotel surrounded by this huge contingent of Secret Service agents there to protect him, and John Hinckley got through and was not only able to shoot my dad but also to shoot a police officer, one of the Secret Service agents, and dad's press secretary Jim Brady.

You couldn't help but wonder how this could have happened with all these people protecting him. We could have sat back and blamed the Secret Service, we could have asked for Congressional hearings to find out if they knew any-



MICHAEL REAGAN
 COLUMNIST

thing prior to the shootings but, ultimately what it came down to was what the Secret Service told me - that as well-trained as they are in the art of protecting presidents there is one thing they could never train for - and that's to train against the crazies - those people who are willing to lose their lives to kill a president.

John Hinckley was one of the crazies.

When you look at what happened on 9/11, you have a similar circumstance. You can blame the CIA, you can blame the FBI for not sharing information, you can blame the president, but the fact of the matter is that even though there were screw-ups, nobody could have predicted it. Nobody.

Moreover the President moved quickly to deal with the problem by creating the Department of Homeland Security so that there would be a way for the government to connect the dots so it wouldn't happen again. That's what had to be done, and what was done.

Now we have this 9/11 Commission and we have people trying to affix blame, trying to point fingers, trying to imply that if A hadn't happened B wouldn't have happened and what it all come down to is the same answer the Secret Service had when my dad was

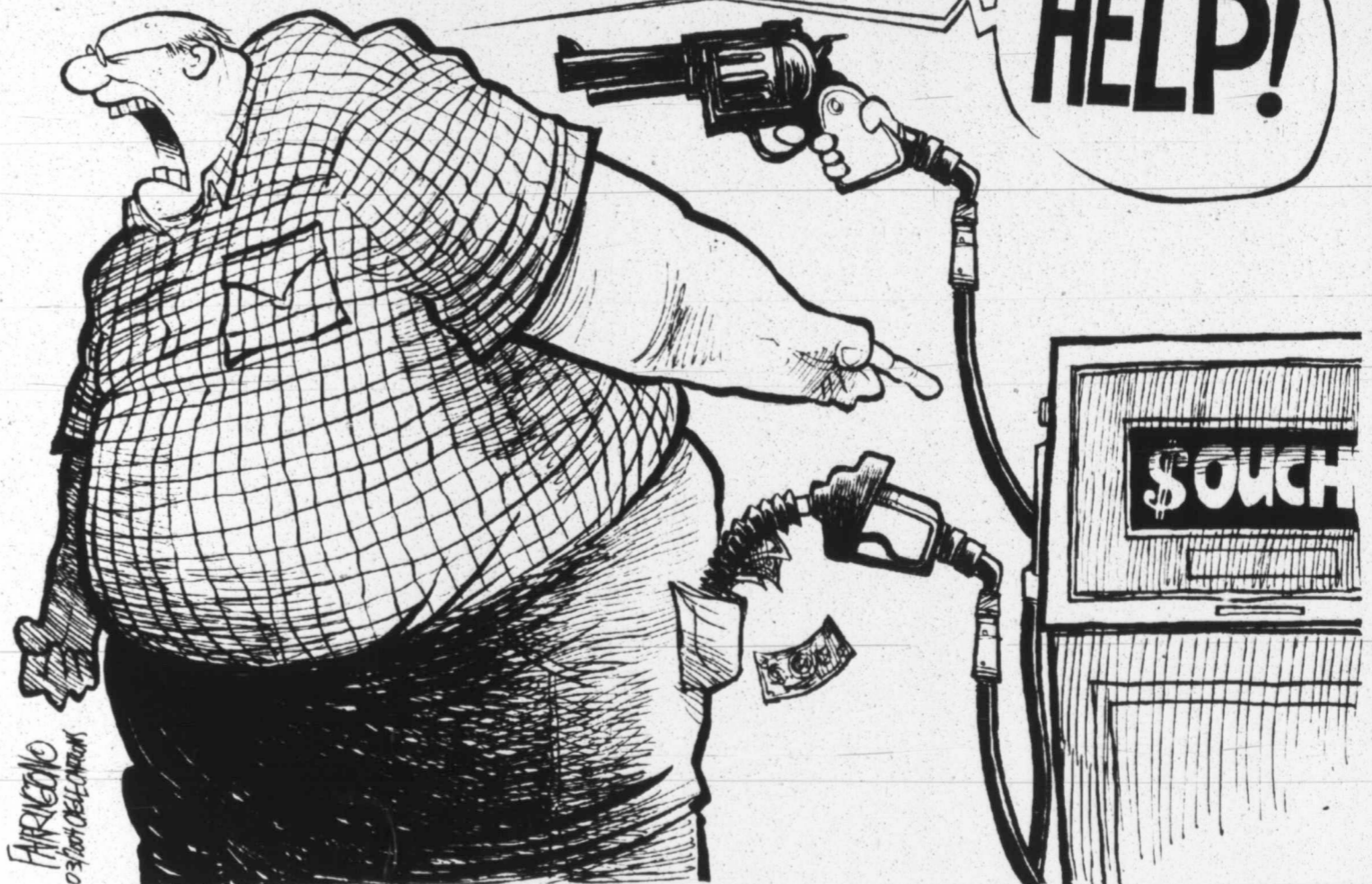
shot - essentially that the CIA and the FBI could do everything possible to catch the bad guys but the one thing they can never train against are the crazies.

The 19 people who took over those planes and flew them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania were the crazies. Now we have a grandstanding commission that is unwilling to tell the American people the truth - that what happened on 9/11 was not the President's fault but the insane actions of the crazies working for the craziest man of all, Osama bin Laden.

Let this be clear - 9/11 could not have been prevented. The crazies were already here when President Bush took office. They'd been here for a long time plotting the 9/11 outrage and nobody had a clue about what kind of insanity they were up to.

There was nothing Colin Powell could have done, nothing Condoleezza Rice could have done, nothing Donald Rumsfeld could have done, nothing President Bush could have done because nobody ever told them. "Oh, by the way, 16 of the 19 hijackers are already in the U.S. training for 9/11."

All this commission is doing is grandstanding and politicizing a tragedy. Every single member of the commission knows that nobody could have predicted 9/11. The media knows it, Richard Clarke knows it, but unfortunately the public watching their antics doesn't know it. And if the commission and the media have their way, they never will.



Gas price minimum set for seller

A couple of weeks ago, heading down to George Mason University, I pulled into my favorite Wawa gasoline station just off the Bel Air, Md., exit on I-95 South. At each of the 20 gasoline pumps, there was a sign posted that Wawa would no longer dispense free coffee to its gasoline customers. Why? The station was warned that dispensing free coffee put it in violation of Maryland's gasoline minimum-price law.

Here's my no-brainer question to you: Do you suppose that Maryland enacted its gasoline minimum-price law because irate customers complained to the state legislature that gasoline prices were too low? Even if you had just 1 ounce of brains, you'd correctly answer no. Then, the next question is just whose interest is served by, and just who lobbied for, Maryland's gasoline minimum-price law? If you answered that it was probably Maryland's independent gas-station owners, go to the head of the class.

Let's first establish a general economic principle. Whenever one sees statutory or quasi-statutory minimum prices, he is looking at a seller collusion against customers in general as well as against particular sellers, those who are seen as charging too low a price. This economic principle applies whether you're talking about minimum wages, minimum dairy prices or minimum real-estate sales commissions. Members of a seller collusion call for statutory and quasi-statutory minimum prices so they can charge cus-



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

tomers higher prices than they could otherwise in the absence of a statutory minimum.

You say, "Williams, that's preposterous; how can they sell legislators on the idea? After all, buyers of gasoline are more numerous than sellers of gasoline." To answer that question, you have to recognize a couple of other facts. First, legislators aren't known for being rocket scientists. Secondly, legislators love campaign contributions, and satisfying the interests of lobbyists is more important to their political careers than serving the interests of consumers in general.

Lobbyists such as WMDA Service Station & Automotive Repair Association, the Gasoline Retailers Association and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America are able to sell legislators on the fairy tale that if high-marketing gasoline outlets such as Wawa, Sheetz, Wal-Mart and others are allowed to charge prices that are too low, they'll drive all other gasoline stations out of business. Having done so, these high-marketing outlets could charge any price they pleased and make huge profits.

In economics, we call this strategy

predatory pricing. It's an argument that has a ring of plausibility, but there's little evidence anywhere anytime that a predatory pricing scheme produced results even remotely close to what would-be predators envisioned. Questioning this fairy tale and asking for evidence would never cross the mind of a legislator.

Another reason legislators can get away with establishing these minimum-price laws has to do with another economic phenomenon called "narrow well-defined benefits and small widely dispersed costs." The beneficiaries of the gasoline seller collusion are relatively few in number and well organized. The victims, mainly gasoline customers, are difficult to organize, and the costs they bear are relatively small and widespread.

In other words, how many gasoline consumers would be willing to spend their time and energy fighting to unseat a legislator whose actions imposed, say, a nickel a gallon additional cost upon them? It's cheaper just to pay the nickel a gallon more and forget about it, but that's not true about gasoline retailers. It is worth their time and energy to pressure legislators for minimum-price laws, and politicians know this.

Maryland is not the only state with statutory minimum gasoline prices. It's joined by 12 other states, including New York, Michigan and Wisconsin. Wisconsin legislators have the gall to call its government-sponsored seller collusion the "Unfair Sales Act."

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American Heart Ass'n. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

ARC. Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Area Agency on Aging. Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsmen

program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

Beginnings. "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Breast Cancer 101. The Don and Sybil-Harrington Cancer Center sponsors "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, monthly at Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre in Amarillo. The series repeats the following topics each month: "Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options"; "Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer"; "Women in Touch Support Group"; and "Body Image and Sexuality" (spouses invited). For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Cancer Survivors Network. CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors

and caregivers can listen to, read or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

CPF. Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

Dialogue. The Don and Sybil-Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

GCAP for Moms and Babies. Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #1 B.H. Flowers, 2236' from North & 1987' from East line, Sec. 36,41,H&TC, PD 11000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #395 J.O. Wells, 660' from North & 2180' from East line, Sec. 95,41,H&TC, PD 8400'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #4 Fillingim '88', 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 88,M-1,H&GN, PD 12150'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4215P Teas '42', 467' from South & 2173' from East line, Sec. 42,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4316P Teas '43', 467' from South & East line, Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, Meadows '5', Sec. 5,4,AB&M, PD 13500', for the following wells:

#3, 630' from South & 1730' from East line of Sec. #4, 1939' from South & 807' from East line of Sec. #5, 1939' from South & 1908' from West line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, PD 13500', for the following wells:

#11 Hobart Ranch '20', 1960' from South & 1410' from East line, Sec. 20,A-1,H&GN.

#13 Hobart Ranch '50', 1320' from South & 2250' from West line, Sec. 50,A-2,H&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.E. RAMP Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1 Ramp Walker

Gas Well Completions

WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1031 Fields, Sec. 31,RE,R&E, spud 12-12-03, drlg. compl 12-27-03, tested 2-17-04, potential 1840 MCF, TD 12750', PBTD 12674' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #602 Miller, Sec. 2,A-3,H&GN, spud 12-6-03, drlg. compl 12-26-03, tested 1-31-04, potential 2771 MCF, TD 13604', PBTD 13554' —

Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Tombstone Production, Inc., A.C. Wagoner, Sec. 173,3,I&GN (oil) — for the following wells:

#12G, 330' from South & 990' from West Lease line, spud 4-7-41, plugged 1-29-04, TD 3270' —

#13, 990' from South & West Lease line, spud 3-10-41, plugged 1-30-04, TD 3305' —

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Taylor, Clayton Hawley, #4 Taylor Ranch (WHT), Sec. 69,B-2,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 1-23-04, TD 2667' (gas) —

HEMPHILL (SOUTH FELDMAN Tonkawa) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1068 Laubhan, 2150' from South &

Applications to Plug-Back

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland) BP America Production Co., #1461 Courson 'B', 2066' from South & 422' from East line, Sec. 168,C,G&M, PD 8720'.

Amended Intentions to Drill
GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gray Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Barnes 'A', 1320' from North & East line, Sec. 72,E,D&P, PD 3000'. Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Excel Production Co., #5 Combs-Worley 'A', Sec. 39,3,I&GN, spud 10-10-03, drlg. compl 2-5-04, tested 2-26-04, pumped 15 bbl. of 45 grav. oil + 25 bbls. water, GOR 1533, TD 3157', PBTD 2978' — Form 1 filed in Duncan Oil Properties

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Kids Learn Lesson of Life by Fostering Shelter Cats

DEAR ABBY: Spring is here, and once again animal rescue workers are preparing for the inevitable: kitten season. Shelters from coast to coast will soon be inundated with pregnant cats, mother cats with kittens and unwanted litters. I am writing to remind people about the importance of spaying or neutering their cats.

Too often we hear about parents wanting to give their children an opportunity to witness the "miracle of birth," so they allow their cat to have one litter. What most people don't know is that they can reduce the feline population by having their own cat spayed or neutered and still participate in the miracle. All they need to do is contact any private or public animal shelter and offer to become foster parents to a pregnant cat. Their offer will be greatly appreciated.

The shortage of foster homes at this time of year is immense. Most shelters, like our own, provide the foster families with support that includes: education about pregnant cats, testing of cats for feline AIDS and leukemia, medical attention when needed, help with supplies if the foster family is unable to pay, spaying or neutering of the mother cats and kittens, and finally -- finding good permanent homes.

Thank you for getting the word out, Abby, and for all your support. -- JACQUELINE WOOD, MEOW CAT RESCUE IN KIRKLAND, WASH.

DEAR JACQUELINE: You have made a terrific suggestion, one I'm sure many people haven't considered.

Parents who want their children to witness the "miracle of birth" and plan to get rid of the cat and her litter should first ask themselves what kind of message they are sending. By adopting your idea, the lesson would be conveyed that pets are more than expendable commodities -- their lives have value.

DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with my alcoholic husband. "Tom." He

drinks from morning till night. Now my children say he's bribing them not to tell me.

What bothers me most is that he drinks and drives when he has our 10-year-old son, "Tommy," in the car with him. Tommy described several places where his dad bought vodka and 7UP. Another time Tommy told me his father bought him candy at the movies so he wouldn't tell me about the drinking.

My mother-in-law has advised me to approach the matter "positively." She thinks that if I tell Tom I can no longer trust him with the children, he will try to corrupt them to spite me.

I don't want my children to grow up to be liars and substance abusers. What can I do to fight this? -- TOM'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I agree with your mother-in-law on one point. You should "positively" tell your husband that he will either get help for his drinking immediately or he is out the door. Driving a child while under the influence is child endangerment! That he would bribe his son and encourage him to lie to you is an indication of how much his addiction to alcohol has impaired his judgment.

You cannot "fix" your husband; only he can do that. But at all costs you must protect your children. The worst thing you can do under these circumstances is nothing.

I recommend that you attend some Al-Anon meetings. You will benefit from it. Al-Anon is a 12-step fellowship of men, women, adult children, and children whose lives have been affected by the compulsive drinking of a family member or friend. The toll-free number is (888) 425-2666.

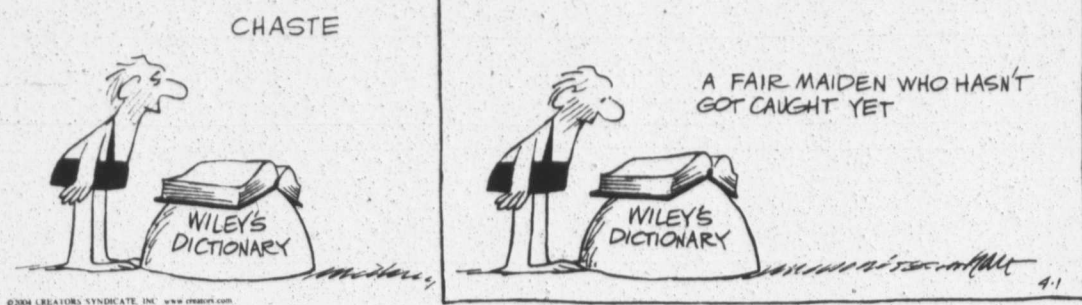
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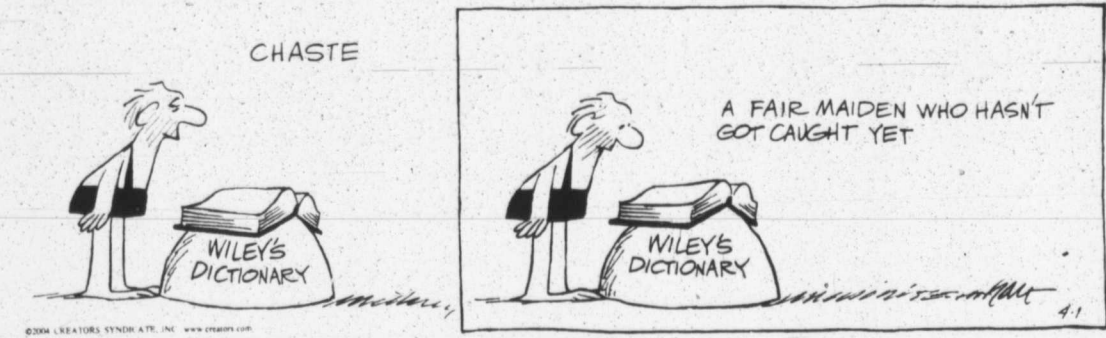
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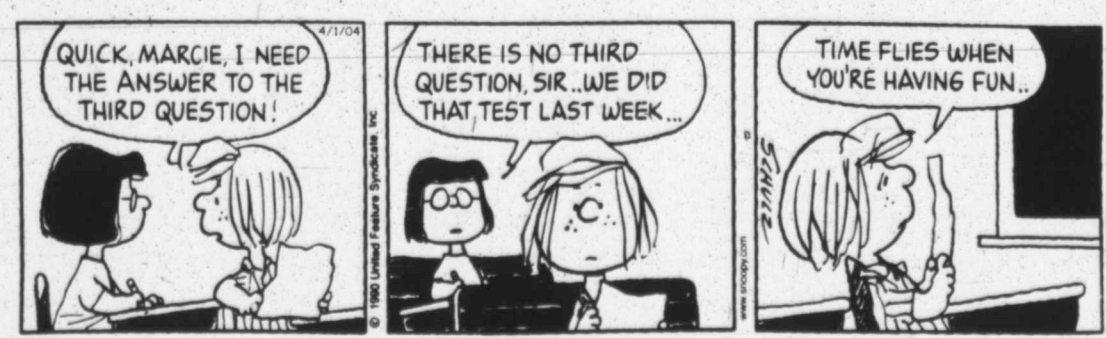
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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters end first half with 5-1 mark

AMARILLO - Second baseman Amy Youree is only a sophomore, but she played like a senior in Pampa's 8-2 win over Caprock in District 3-4A softball action Monday.

Pampa held a slim 1-0 lead after three innings when Youree ignited a five-run fourth with a two-run triple that gave the Lady Harvesters a commanding 6-0 lead.

Pampa got a strong outing from winning pitcher Nicole Clark, who allowed one earned run on three hits, three walks and three strikeouts. Clark improved to 5-1 in district.

The Lady Longhorns crossed home twice in their



Amy Youree

half of the fifth, but Pampa's rally-killing defense helped Clark out of her only jam. Abbi Covalt robbed a Caprock hitter of extra bases

on a great stop in center field. Then, left fielder Teryn Garner scooped up a ball that got through the infield and relayed it home to freshman catcher Logan Winkelman for the tag to end the inning.

Pampa finished the scoring in the seventh when Callie Cobb singled to lead off, advanced off a Caprock error and scored on Stacey Johnson's single.

Another great play not to be overlooked came from Cobb in right field who threw out a runner at first after what looked like a Caprock leadoff single in the third.

Other Pampa players who picked up hits were Nicole

Clark with 2 hits, Haley Bowen 2 hits, 2 RBI; Whitney Roden 1 hit and Teryn Garner 1 hit. Both Clark and Garner were hit by pitches.

The Lady Harvesters ended the first half of district play at 5-1 in district and 12-8-1 overall. They hold down second place, one game behind front runner Dumas! Caprock drops to 9-7 overall and 4-2 in district. The Lady Longhorns have an open date this weekend.

Randall, which lost to Dumas 13-0 also only Monday, is up next for the Lady Harvesters to start the second go-round of district. Pampa visits Randall at 1 p.m.

Saturday for both varsity and junior varsity games.

AMARILLO — Pampa clipped Caprock 17-4 Monday in a junior varsity game.

Pampa's Meredith Coutts drove the ball off the outfield wall in the third, which sparked her teammates to follow with timely hitting.

Third baseman Kayla Debose had a solo home run, her second of the year. Stephanie McVay added three RBI while notching her fourth district win. Her pitching record is now 12-3 overall.

Pampa JV are 12-3 overall and 4-1 in district.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The annual Pampa High boys basketball banquet will be held Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the PHS Athletic Office.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — NBA scoring leader Tracy McGrady will miss the rest of the season after the Orlando Magic put him on the injured list because of left knee tendinitis.

McGrady, averaging 28 points, skipped the past two games because his knee was sore and now also will be sidelined for the Magic's final seven games.

At 19-56, Orlando has the league's worst record.

DENVER (AP) — It's fitting that Carmelo Anthony's teammates call him Melo, with his brilliant smile and easygoing nature.

But a closer look reveals a fierce competitor who has made it his mission to get the Denver Nuggets into the playoffs for the first time in nearly a decade.

"I hate to lose. That's one thing I don't like is losing," Anthony said Wednesday. "I'm going to go out there and do whatever I've got to do to help my team win."

That kind of attitude has made the 19-year-old Anthony a winner everywhere he's been. He led Oak Hill Academy in Virginia to a 32-1 record his senior year and helped Syracuse win its first NCAA title last year as a freshman.

And now Anthony's doing his best to make the Nuggets — one of the NBA's worst franchises over the past decade — a winner.

He became just the third teenager to score 40 or more points in an NBA game when he finished with 41 in a 124-119 victory over Seattle on Tuesday night that moved the Nuggets into a tie with Utah for the Western Conference's final playoff spot.

With a team-leading 20.9 point scoring average and a confidence that rarely wavers, Anthony has helped Denver (39-37) more than double its win total from last season and move into position for the franchise's first playoff appearance since 1995.

Not bad for a rookie. "He's the kind of player that you knew would make a difference, make a contribution. And he has," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "The energy he has provided as well as the skill he's brought to the team has been a factor in what they have accomplished."

Anthony certainly hasn't had a typical first season.

At a time when most rookies struggle with the long season and have a drop in production, Anthony has gotten better. His scoring average the second half of the season is 24.5, six points higher than the first half, and his shooting percent has climbed three points to 44 percent.

Anthony has been particularly effective in the final stretch of the season, leading the Nuggets in scoring in each of the past six games, including his performance against Seattle.

Coaches are needed

PAMPA — Coaches are needed in the Pampa Optimist Baseball and Softball Leagues. Coaches are needed in the 7-8 year-old Pitching Machine League, 11-12 year-old Boys League, and Girls Softball, all leagues. Interested persons can contact Kevin Davis at 665-7843 or Sherri Tice at 665-3505.

New NFL rules will lengthen the games

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The NFL's new emphasis on improving offense will come with a cost: longer games.

The league wrapped up its annual spring meeting Wednesday with several expected moves, including the approval of some new rules and setting out to make sure existing ones are enforced properly.

They include adding a 15-yard penalty for Terrell Owens/Joe Horn type demonstrations, especially when they are orchestrated by groups of players.

The penalties will be in addition to fines already in place for such end zone acts as Horn pulling out a cell phone from under the goal post, or Owens taking a pen out of his sock and autographing a ball.

But the greater effect is likely to come from a new emphasis on holding and illegal contact by defensive backs; illegal blocks on kicking plays; and an added replay challenge for teams that are successful on their first two.

That means more penalties, many of them for illegal contact on passing plays after passing yardage was at an 11-year low last season — 202 yards per team compared to 212 in 2002.

"Yes, games will probably

get a little longer," said Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee. "You're always conscious of the length of games. It's not something you want to encourage. But we felt we had to do something about passing yardage going down."

McKay said he believed game times would come down once players made adjustments.

Of far more long-term consequence was the possibility of the new NFL Network televising live games. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that could happen some time in the future, which would give the league a major bargaining chip in negotiations with the networks.

Tagliabue said games on the five-month old satellite and cable network aren't likely in the next contract, on which negotiations are about to begin. The current \$17.6 billion, eight-year deal expires at the end of the 2005 season.

But Tagliabue added: "Anything in life is possible."

There was almost no controversy when the owners ratified the competition committee recommendation Wednesday to make excessive celebration a 15-yard penalty. The vote was 31-1, with Oakland dissenting, as it does more often than not.

Harvesters set for a busy weekend

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters will try and even their District 3-4A baseball record when they visit Palo Duro for a 4:30 p.m. contest Friday.

With senior center fielder Jed Martin and junior pitcher Tyler Doughty providing the 1-2 punch, the Harvesters run-ruled Hereford 11-1 Tuesday for their first district win of the season.

Every Pampa batter collected at least one hit for the day as the Harvesters improved their district record to 1-2. The Harvesters played a near-perfect game on a near-perfect spring day in front of an enthusiastic home crowd at Harvester Field.

Martin led all hitters, going 4 for 4 with a homer, double, 4 RBI and 3 runs scored.

Doughty threw a 2-hit, 8 strike-out game and allowed only 3 base runners all day. There were no wild pitches, no passed balls and only 1 error.

The defensive highlight was the inning-ending double play in the fourth as junior Dusty Lenderman fielded a hard

grounder at second, flipped to senior shortstop Hunter Craig for the force at second. Craig then fired a laser shot to sophomore Jake Craig at first base to complete the feat.

The team as a whole tallied 15 hits and earned all 11 runs that crossed the plate.

Sophomore outfielder Tyson Hickman overcame a pre-game injury to finish with 2 hits and 2 RBI.

Hickman sustained a bloody nose after funning into the outfield fence while snagging flyballs.

Junior third baseman Seth Foster also had 2 hits and an RBI.

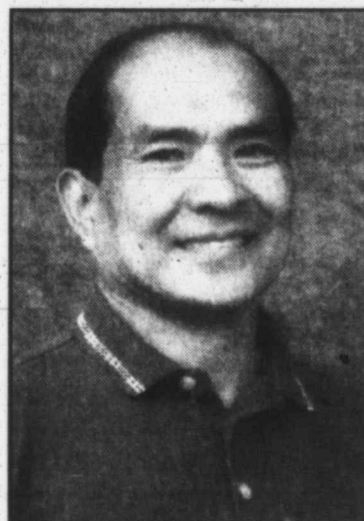
Senior outfielder Derek Lewis made sure Martin shared the highlights with him as he smoked a line drive over the left field wall in the second inning.

The Harvesters are back home Saturday to face the Dumas Demons at 1 p.m.

Both the Palo Duro and Dumas games will be aired on KGRO-radio (1230) with Donnie Hooper doing the play by play and Ray Boring the color commentary.

NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times Eastern	State 77	At Edward Jones Dome
OPENING ROUND	At TD Waterhouse Centre	St. Louis
At UD Arena	Orlando, Fla.	Kansas 100, Alabama-Birmingham 74
Dayton, Ohio	Mississippi State 85, Monmouth, N.J. 52	Georgia Tech 72, Nevada 67
Tuesday, March 16	Xavier 80, Louisville 70	Championship
Florida A&M 72, Lehigh 57	Second Round	Sunday, March 28
EAST RUTHERFORD	Saturday, March 20	At Edward Jones Dome
REGIONAL	At The Pepsi Center	St. Louis
First Round	Denver	Georgia Tech 79, Kansas 71, OT
Thursday, March 18	Texas 78, North Carolina 75	PHOENIX REGIONAL
At HSBC Arena	At RBC Center	First Round
Buffalo, N.Y.	Raleigh, N.C.	Thursday, March 18
Texas Tech 76, Charlotte 73	Duke 90, Seton Hall 62	At HSBC Arena
Saint Joseph's 82, Liberty 63	Sunday, March 21	Buffalo, N.Y.
At RBC Center	At Nationwide Arena	Connecticut 70, Vermont 53
Raleigh, N.C.	Columbus, Ohio	DePaul 76, Dayton 69, 2OT
Manhattan 75, Florida 60	Illinois 92, Cincinnati 68	At The Pepsi Center
Wake Forest 79, Virginia Commonwealth 78	At TD Waterhouse Centre	Denver
Friday, March 19	Orlando, Fla.	Maryland 86, Texas-El Paso 83
At Kemper Arena	Xavier 89, Mississippi State 74	Syracuse 80, Brigham Young 75
Kansas City, Mo.	Semifinals	At Key Arena
Memphis 59, South Carolina 43	Friday, March 26	Seattle
Oklahoma State 75, Eastern Washington 56	At The Georgia Dome	Alabama 65, Southern Illinois 64
At The Bradley Center	Atlanta	Stanford 71, Texas-San Antonio 45
Milwaukee	Xavier 79, Texas 71	Friday, March 19
Wisconsin 76, Richmond 64	Duke 72, Illinois 62	At TD Waterhouse Centre
Pittsburgh 53, Central Florida 44	Championship	Orlando, Fla.
Second Round	Sunday, March 28	North Carolina State 61, Louisiana-Lafayette 52
Saturday, March 20	At The Georgia Dome	Vanderbilt 71, Western Michigan 58
At HSBC Arena	Atlanta	Second Round
Buffalo, N.Y.	Duke 66, Xavier 63	Saturday, March 20
Saint Joseph's 70, Texas Tech 65	ST. LOUIS REGIONAL	At HSBC Arena
At RBC Center	First Round	Buffalo, N.Y.
Raleigh, N.C.	Thursday, March 18	Connecticut 72, DePaul 55
Wake Forest 84, Manhattan 80	At Key Arena	At The Pepsi Center
Sunday, March 21	Seattle	Denver
At Kemper Arena	Nevada 72, Michigan State 66	Syracuse 72, Maryland 70
Kansas City, Mo.	Gonzaga 76, Valparaiso 49	At Key Arena
Oklahoma State 70, Memphis 53	Friday, March 19	Seattle
At The Bradley Center	At Nationwide Arena	Alabama 70, Stanford 67
Milwaukee	Columbus, Ohio	Sunday, March 21
Pittsburgh 59, Wisconsin 55	Kentucky 96, Florida A&M 76	At TD Waterhouse Centre
Semifinals	Alabama-Birmingham 102, Washington 100	Orlando, Fla.
Thursday, March 25	At Kemper Arena	Vanderbilt 75, North Carolina State 73
At Continental Airlines Arena	Kansas City, Mo.	Semifinals
East Rutherford, N.J.	Pacific 66, Providence 58	Thursday, March 25
Oklahoma State 63, Pittsburgh 51	Kansas 78, Illinois-Chicago 53	At America West Arena
Saint Joseph's 84, Wake Forest 80	At The Bradley Center	Phoenix
Championship	Milwaukee	Connecticut 73, Vanderbilt 53
Saturday, March 27	Boston College 58, Utah 51	Alabama 80, Syracuse 71
At Continental Airlines Arena	Georgia Tech 65, Northern Iowa 60	Championship
East Rutherford, N.J.	Second Round	Saturday, March 27
Oklahoma State 64, Saint Joseph's 62	Saturday, March 20	At America West Arena
ATLANTA REGIONAL	Seattle	Phoenix
First Round	Nevada 91, Gonzaga 72	Connecticut 87, Alabama 71
Thursday, March 18	Sunday, March 21	FINAL FOUR
At The Pepsi Center	At Nationwide Arena	At The Alamodome
Denver	Columbus, Ohio	San Antonio
Texas 66, Princeton 49	Alabama-Birmingham 76, Kentucky 75	Semifinals
North Carolina 63, Air Force 52	At Kemper Arena	Saturday, April 3
At RBC Center	Kansas City, Mo.	Oklahoma State (31-3) vs. Georgia Tech (27-9), 6:07 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.	Kansas 78, Pacific 63	Duke (31-5) vs. Connecticut (31-6), 8:47 p.m.
Duke 96, Alabama State 61	At The Bradley Center	Championship
Seton Hall 80, Arizona 76	Milwaukee	Monday, April 5
Friday, March 19	Georgia Tech 57, Boston College 54	Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.
At Nationwide Arena	Semifinals	
Columbus, Ohio	Friday, March 26	
Illinois 72, Murray State 53		
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Giants' Schmidt encouraged after return to mound

By The Associated Press

Although San Francisco ace Jason Schmidt is expected to start the season on the disabled list, he was encouraged by his first appearance on the mound in more than two weeks.

The right-hander worked three strong innings in a minor league game Wednesday. But general manager Brian Sabean is taking a cautious approach with Schmidt, who has experienced discomfort in his pitching shoulder.

"I don't see how anyone could pencil him in for the first two series," Sabean said.

The Giants open with a six-game road trip, at Houston and San Diego.

Left-hander Kirk Rueter will start on opening day at Houston, and Matt Herge will assume the closer's job because

Robb Nen is on the disabled list.

Schmidt has been battling soreness for much of the spring. The injury is unrelated to his offseason elbow surgery to remove scar tissue and repair a torn tendon. He hadn't pitched since March 14.

He threw 43 pitches Wednesday in a Triple-A game against the Oakland Athletics' affiliate in Scottsdale, Ariz. Schmidt allowed four hits and struck out four.

Schmidt felt "somewhat fatigued in the final inning and still needs to build up his arm strength."

"Extreme relief," he said with a smile. "I felt really good. I don't know how to explain it. All my other starts I had felt good, but I didn't have a lot of life on my fastball. I felt a lot looser today."

Schmidt went 17-5 with an NL-leading 2.34 ERA last season and made his first All-Star team, pitching two scoreless innings.

He said earlier this spring he expected to be just as productive in 2004.

Then his shoulder started hurting — causing a big scare for a franchise already dealing with all the health questions surrounding Nen.

The Boston Red Sox will start the season without Nomar Garciaparra.

The All-Star shortstop was placed on the disabled list Wednesday because of an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to miss at least three weeks.

Boston will be without two key regulars when the season starts.

Right fielder Trot Nixon is expected to be sidelined until early May with a lower back problem.

The Red Sox also put right-handers Byung-Hyun Kim (strained right shoulder) and Reynaldo Garcia (right elbow surgery) on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26.

Royals closer Mike MacDougal will begin the season on the disabled list because of a stomach virus that caused him to lose five pounds and drained his strength.

MacDougal saved 27 games as a rookie last year, but hasn't pitched since March 13.

Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Paul Shuey will also open the season on the DL, and is expected to miss at least six weeks after rupturing a tendon in his right thumb Wednesday.

Cleveland acquired left-hand-

der Jeremie Robertson from Houston for two minor league outfielders.

Robertson led big league rookies with 15 wins last season, but was bumped from the rotation when the Astros signed

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens.

Baltimore left-hander Omar Daal will miss at least three months after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder.

Pampa Country Club hosts high school girls' invitational

PAMPA - The Pampa Girls Invitational was held last weekend at the Pampa Country Club course with Hereford shooting a 781 to win the tournament by 29 strokes over Memphis.

Pampa shot a 948 to place ninth in the 11-team tournament.

Carlissa Snelgrooes had a two-round total of 189 to place fourth individually for the Lady Harvesters.

The first District 3-4A girls' was played at Plainview Country Club with Hereford and Dumas sharing the lead with a 368.

The Lady Harvesters are in fifth place with a 408.

Krissy Holman led the team with a 94. Snelgrooes followed at 101.

No sleepers in Final Four

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

Based on pedigree, this should be a great Final Four.

The teams left chasing the NCAA championship include the preseason No. 1, the winner of the top preseason tournament, a perennial power that spent a month at No. 1, and a top conference's regular season and tournament champs.

Further proof that there are no sleepers: The lowest seed left, No. 3 Georgia Tech, already has beaten Duke and Connecticut, the teams the Yellow Jackets could play in the finale if they get past Oklahoma State on Saturday night.

"Whoever wins the championship, I think, will really be the true national champ this year," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday. "I think most years they are, but this year I can clearly say you have to win two great basketball games."

Seeing the cream rise to the top doesn't always make for a memorable NCAA tournament. Fans love stories of underdogs pulling off upset after upset to reach the final weekend, or one star player carrying his school to a string of victories.

Yet there's something to be said about the way it's worked out this season. Especially when players who could dominate in college are instead going to the NBA straight from high school or after one year of school.

These clubs still have their marquee players, but the common denominator is that they

earned their way to San Antonio by becoming well-rounded teams capable of rising to challenges.

"The continuity of college basketball is not what it used to be," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, the only Final Four newcomer among this year's coaches. "You no longer have to have guys play together for one or two seasons. Now maybe half a season, three-quarters of a season might be enough to have them become a cohesive unit and then get hot at the right time walking into the tournament."

The Yellow Jackets and Cowboys, who meet in the early game Saturday, were long shots six months ago because of uncertainties.

Georgia Tech was trying to overcome the loss of freshman sensation Chris Bosh, now with the Toronto Raptors. Even with him, the Jackets missed the tournament last year. Then practices began, and Hewitt quickly believed his team could be among the nation's best.

He even told them so. They responded by winning the pre-season NIT, going 27-9 and tying for third in the ACC. They've kept winning in the tournament even with leading scorer B.J. Elder hobbled by a sprained ankle.

"Because we play so many guys, it's a different (star) every night," Hewitt said. "People may get lulled into thinking that they're not very good, that the sum is greater than the individual parts. But the individual parts of this team are very, very good."

The Cowboys came into the season trying to blend five transfers with three holdovers. They got their growing pains out of the way early, then breezed through the Big 12. They entered the NCAA tournament having won 17 of 18 games, with the only loss by one point in double overtime on the road against Missouri.

The other national semifinal features teams whose fans probably marked this weekend in ink on their calendars back in October.

Connecticut started the season ranked No. 1, lost its fourth game — to Georgia Tech — and dropped five more, mostly after star center Emeka Okafor was injured. The Huskies' talent and depth carried them through rocky times, and Ben Gordon has taken over the scoring load in the tournament. They've won each of their tournament games by at least 16 points.

Now UConn gets Duke, the team it beat in the 1999 championship game. Although Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski showed his team tape of victories that sent previous teams to the Final Four, he dismissed that title game as having "little relevance in our game Saturday."

"No relevance, to be quite frank with you," he said, "because ... none of these kids played in that game."

Perhaps more relevant is this: Duke senior Chris Duhon is the only player at this Final Four who has been there before. He was a freshman when the Blue Devils won it all in 2001.



Pampa Boxing Club members do exercises outside the ring during a recent workout.

Local boxers invited to Kansas meet

The Pampa Boxing Club went to Lubbock for a tournament recently, but were unable to find matches because all the opposition was too experienced.

The club has been invited to participate in the Kansas State Golden Gloves and Hutchinson Tournament on Saturday, April 24.

"They are eager and ready to box," said Pampa coach

Lupe Larrazolo. "They are training really hard and we have 10 boxers who are prepared to fight. Hopefully, our club will find boxers with experience out there."

On behalf of the club, Larrazolo thanked the community for sponsoring some of the boxers.

"We will give them a report on how the kids are doing once a month," coach Larrazolo

said. "The program helps keep kids away from drugs and gangs."

Larrazolo said the club tries to give the boxers mental as well as physical workouts.

"Your mind can make you train, your body can create power, but only your heart can make you a champion," he said.

The 29-year-old free agent picked a bad time to have his worst outing of the spring. After the Rangers took a 5-0 lead in the first inning, Rusch gave up seven straight hits in the second as Anaheim scored eight earned runs in just a 1/3 of an inning on the way to a 15-6 win.

Rangers' pitcher could be headed to minors

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Left-hander Glendon Rusch's attempt to break into the Texas Rangers' starting rotation appears over along with his chances of making the 25-man roster.

"We talked to him last night about whether he would go down to Triple-A," manager Buck Showalter

said Wednesday. "It's his decision now. He was going to talk to his agent and see what else is out there."

Rusch was still in the hunt for one of the three remaining spots in the Rangers' rotation behind Kenny Rogers and Chan Ho Park before Monday's game against the Anaheim Angels.

Where you are, the party is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others could be irritable, even if it is the end of the workweek. Emphasize what is good in your life, and deal with those areas. A public appearance or a discussion with a higher-up takes you in a new direction. Look to monetary gains. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Consider taking off early today. You need a change of pace and a break from your daily life. Sometimes you become so imbedded with routines that you need to pull out. You gain a great deal from a new setting and mindset. Tonight: Pretend to be gone, even if you're not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Together with another, you make a difference. Teamwork takes you down a new path, be it financial or emotional. Dance to a different tune; open up to new ways of thinking and handling personal matters. Tonight: Flirt with only one person at a time, please.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Visualize more of what you want within a relationship. Don't expect this to happen overnight, but start talking about your desires. By putting them on the table, you're on your way to creating just what you want. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

Senior golfers shoot age at Hidden Hills

PAMPA — Two senior golfers shot their age last month at Hidden Hills.

Chunky Leonard, Pampa, shot his age (79) on March 25. His playing partners were Loyd Waters and B.F. Dorman of Pampa.

Leonard had a 37 on the back nine.

Elmer Wilson, Pampa, shot his age, a 1-under-par 70 March 28. His playing partners were Heath Parker, Jerry Steed and Phil Grant, all of Pampa.

Hidden Hills will be open every Tuesday at 1 p.m. throughout the summer.

- Hidden Hills Senior Regular Scramble**
(March 31)
1. Willie Nickelberry, Jerry Davis, Jim Osborne and Troy Bennett, 62.
 2. Elmer Wilson, Larry Neighbors, Jim Ashford and Gene Winegeart, 62.
 3. Bill King, Howard Musgrave, Bob Lyle and Butch Shepherd, 64.
 4. Pat Montoya, Jim Bridges, John McGuire and Herb Nay, 64.
- Closest to pin: Willie Nickelberry, No. 6; Bob Lyle, No. 15.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 2, 2004:

Your high energy works for you, but sometimes it could annoy others in your daily life. They wish they had the same get-up-and-zoom as you. In fact, your high energy could be a source of arguments at times. Understand just how much you can do, and assess your talents. It might be time for a pay raise, especially before the fall. Sometimes family could be difficult. It would be wise not to make any investments involving real estate. If you are single, next fall and winter provide many dating opportunities. Start thinking in terms of what you want. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom from October on. Be more open and loving with each other. **VIRGO** makes a great co-worker.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your fiery side emerges, even if you try to stay focused at work. Others find your words to be unusually harsh, though you might not intend them to be. Still, you gather up enough steam to get the job done. Focus. Tonight: Choose something that's physically relaxing for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your imagination takes you to a new level of understanding. Financial changes occur because of your imagination and ability to see beyond the obvious. Your laughter invigorates those around you. Just don't overspend. Tonight: Play away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others might contradict you but have good ideas behind their criti-

Spurs down slumping Kings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Sacramento Kings' comfortable cushion in the Western Conference is getting thinner by the day.

The Kings lost to the San Antonio Spurs 107-89 on Wednesday night for their sixth loss in 10 games, and are now in jeopardy of not only losing the conference lead, but also of falling out of first place in the Pacific Division.

Sacramento is one game up in the division on the Los Angeles Lakers — who have won nine of 10. Both teams have eight games remaining, one against each other. The Kings are also only a game ahead of Minnesota for the conference lead.

"It's all in our hands right now," coach Rick Adelman said. "We have to accept the challenge and respond. There is no hiding right now."

Wednesday's victory also kept the Spurs in the hunt. They have won four straight, are 1 1/2 games behind Minnesota in the Midwest Division and 2 1/2 games behind Sacramento with seven left to play.

Manu Ginobili made his first nine shots in the second half and finished with 29 points to lead the Spurs.

"I kept making the shots so I was trying to make it last forever," said Ginobili, who had only six points in the first half.

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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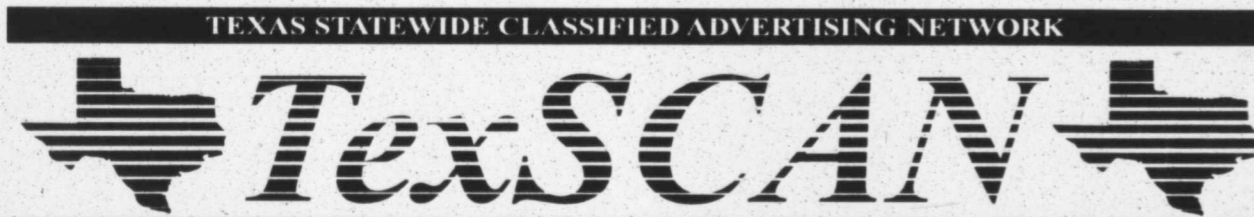
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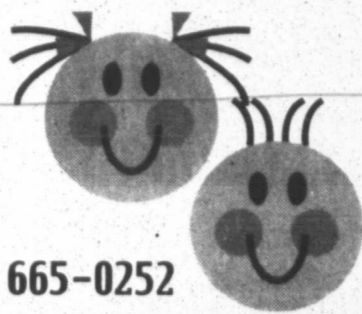
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