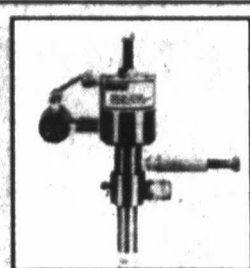


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Four dogs in attack put down

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 STAFF WRITER

Five Rottweilers which were voluntarily surrendered to Pampa Animal Control authorities after a 4-year-old girl was mauled by one or more of the dogs last Monday have been destroyed.

A spokesperson at Pampa Police Department said that the remains of the animals were being tested for rabies as a precautionary measure.

The girl received numerous injuries after one or more of the dogs attacked her while she was in the back yard of a residence in the 1100 block of Darby Street, according to a police department news release. Her father, Steve Organ, and the owner of the residence, Janene Lucas, were inside the house at the time.

Lucas discovered the attack, intervened, and took the girl to Pampa Regional Medical Center, where she was treated and transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The case is still under investigation by the police department, and no charges have been filed as of press time today, according to the spokesperson.

Supreme court to rule on new terrorism case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to decide whether the Constitution forbids the Bush administration from holding U.S. citizens indefinitely and without access to lawyers or courts when they are suspected of being "enemy combatants."

The justices will consider the case of Jose Padilla, an American citizen, former Chicago gang member and convert to Islam who was arrested in his home city after a trip to Pakistan. The government alleges he was part of a plot to detonate a radiological "dirty bomb" in the United States.

The Padilla case is a companion to another terrorism case the court was already set to hear this spring. Together, the Yaser Esam Hamdi and Padilla cases will allow the high court to take its most comprehensive look so far at the constitutional and legal rights of Americans caught up in the global war on terror.

Lawyers for both men claim their treatment is unconstitutional. Hearing the cases together will simultaneously address the rights of U.S. citizens captured abroad and at home.

At issue is the president's claim of authority to protect the nation and pursue terrorists unfettered by many traditional legal obligations — and outside precedents for government conduct in wartime.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear both cases in late April, with a ruling due by summer.

The court will hear a challenge this spring from foreign-born terror suspects held in open-ended custody at the military's prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. That case asks whether those more than 650 prisoners may challenge their detention and treatment in U.S. courts.

When vehicles collide ...



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A van came to rest against the east wall of McDonald's fast food restaurant this morning after being involved in a two-vehicle accident with a pickup at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville Streets. Emergency personnel helped the occupants of the van as two ambulances stood by, ready to transport victims to the emergency room. Captain Doug Pritchett, of Pampa Fire Department, reported that three persons were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Information on the condition of the victims was unavailable as of press time today.

Edwards says as a Southerner he must advocate civil rights

By **MIKE GLOVER**
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards sought to broaden his jobs-and-trade theme Friday in hopes of courting black voters in key primaries, arguing that as a Southern politician he has a special responsibility to lead the nation on civil rights.

Edwards said he grew up in the South in the 1950s and the 1960s and witnessed segregation in its closing days, which he said makes him a messenger advocating civil rights.

"I have, as many of you have, seen the ugliest face of segregation and discrimination," he said. "That responsibility, by the way, is to lead, not follow, when it comes to issues of civil rights."

The Edwards campaign challenged John Kerry to participate in four debates as soon as possible as the former trial lawyer, who has received high marks for his debate

performances, looks to gain on the front-runner.

In addition to a debate in Los Angeles on Thursday, Edwards said in a letter to the Kerry campaign, "I ask that we also give people in place like New York and Ohio the chance to see where we stand on the issues." He has called for debates in New York and Georgia while campaigning in those states.

The North Carolina senator opened an outdoor rally in Savannah by listening to stories of workers who have lost their jobs largely to factories overseas. He said they underscore his call to toughen trade policies to better protect American workers.

"We hear you, we see you, and we embrace you," he told workers.

The Edwards campaign was moving quickly Friday to other important states among the 10 that hold delegate elections March 2. He planned stops in Maryland and upstate New York later in the day. Both states are places where he said his populist economic message can work.

Edwards has emphasized trade in states that have lost industrial jobs, a message that helped him place a close second to John Kerry in the Wisconsin primary on Tuesday. He said that since President Bush took office, Georgia has lost 67,000 manufacturing jobs.

Edwards, whose father worked at a mill, said Thursday he has a better understanding than Kerry of blue-collar issues. He told a college audience in New York that his disagreements with Kerry, the front-runner for the nomination, extend well beyond the North American Free Trade Agreement and include many trade agreements he has opposed.

"Those trade deals were wrong," he said. "They cost us too many jobs and lowered our standards."

Edwards believes the same theme will work in the states holding "Super Tuesday" primaries March 2. He is targeting Georgia, Ohio and the industrial regions of upstate New York.

Mortgage rates down again, lowest levels in seven months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mortgage rates around the country dropped this week to their lowest levels in seven months, good news for prospective home buyers.

The average rate on benchmark 30-year mortgages fell to 5.58 percent, down from 5.66 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

For 15-year mortgages, rates declined to 4.87 percent this week and down from 4.96 percent last week.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages decreased to 3.53 percent, compared with 3.57 percent last week.

"Mortgage rates this week are at seven-month low and teetering on the 45-year low levels of last summer," said Freddie Mac's chief economist Frank

Nothaft. "This is good news for housing, as low mortgage rates make homeownership more available to a broader segment of society."

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.84 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.21 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.81 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

Home sales reached record high levels in 2003 powered by low mortgage rates that proved too good for buyers to pass up. Sales of both previously owned homes and new ones should have their second best year ever in 2004, some economists say.

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OBITUARIES

MOLLY 'FAYE' NEAL 1909-2004

Molly "Faye" Neal, 94, of Amarillo, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at Memory Gardens West Mausoleum in Pampa with the Rev. Chad Horton, associate pastor of the Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Neal was born June 1, 1909, in Waurika, Okla. She married Eugene D. Neal in 1933 in Clovis, N.M. They resided in Pampa, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

She had been a resident of Compton, Calif., Ulysses, Kan., Liberal, Kan., and Bridgeport, Texas, before moving to Amarillo in 1970. She sold Avon in Amarillo for 20 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Underwood and husband James; two granddaughters, Stacey King and husband Kevin,

and Stephanie Clements and husband Alan; five great-grandchildren; and a host of friends, neighbors, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, and all her brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials be to Elizabeth Jane Bivins Home, 3115 Tee Anchor Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79104; or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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



RUTH EDWARDS MONCE 1929-2004

Ruth Edwards Monce, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Monce was born Jan. 19, 1929, in Electra, Texas. She moved to Lefors in 1933 and attended school in Lefors. She had been a resident of Pampa and Lefors most of her life.

She married Bill Monce who preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine White and husband Stan of Pampa; a son, Randy Williams and wife Janet of Pampa; a brother, Jack Edwards and wife Judi of Pampa; two sisters, Biddie Taylor and husband Claude of Pampa and Cecelia Geneva of Howardwick; five grandsons, Bryan McClelland, Rich

McClelland, Scott McClelland, Kevin White and Jessie Williams; one granddaughter, Tammi Bailey; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Inez Edwards.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



JODY WAYNE DANIELS 1956-2004

Jody Wayne Daniels, 47, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004. Memorial services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Born Sept. 1, 1956, Mr. Daniels was a car man all his life — a mechanic, a car dealer and a jack of all trades. He married Molly Richards in 1981 in Pampa. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed camping.

Survivors include his wife, Molly, of Pampa; a daughter, Kimberly McElreath of Amarillo; his mother Freddie Seitz of Pampa; his sisters, Tina

Lemons of Pampa and Toni Bledsoe of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Foundation or to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.



GLENN MCCLAIN BALCH 1916-2004

Glenn McClain Balch, 87, a former long-time Lipscomb County resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Hydro, Okla., where he had resided for the past several months. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Darrouzett Memorial Cemetery at Darrouzett with the Rev. Stanley Balch officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Mr. Balch was born July 14, 1916, in Lipscomb County, to Frank Balch and Ruhamah Pope Balch, and grew up on the family farm south of Darrouzett. He married Marjorie Daily on Sept. 18, 1936, at Beaver, Okla. The couple farmed in the Oklahoma and

Texas panhandles and lived in Darrouzett for a time.

Mr. Balch was a carpenter, a school bus driver and a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two older sisters, Edith Deal of Woodward, Okla., and Clara Griffith of Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife of more than 67 years, Marjorie; three sons, Glenn Balch, Jr. of Churchville, N.Y., Frank Balch of Hydro and Stanley Balch of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a daughter, Coela Walker of Claude; a sister, Alice Balch of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

SERVICES TOMORROW

BALCH, Glenn McClain — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Darrouzett Memorial Cemetery, Darrouzett.

DANIELS, Jody Wayne — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

NEAL, Molly "Faye" — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 50s and north winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows near 30 and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night,

mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press
Partly cloudy skies are in the forecast for most of Texas on Friday night and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

The Panhandle likely will see the coldest temperatures, with lows in the mid-20s expected for Friday night. It will be mostly cloudy with a high around 54 on Saturday.

West Texans can expect partly cloudy skies with a low around 37 on Friday night and a high around 62 on Saturday.

There is a 10 percent chance of rain late Saturday afternoon.

Mostly cloudy skies are ahead for the Permian Basin, with lows near 35 on Friday night and highs near 65 on Saturday.

Mostly clear skies on the Coast and in South Texas on Friday night will become partly cloudy by Saturday. Lows in the mid-50s are expected in both regions, with highs near 66 expected on the Coast and around 74 in South

Texas. The North Texas forecast includes partly cloudy skies throughout Friday and Saturday with lows near 41 and a high around 56.

Partly cloudy skies are also on tap for Central Texas, with a low around 43 expected for Friday and a high near 60 expected for Saturday.

East Texas also can expect partly cloudy skies at least through Saturday night with lows in the lower 40s and highs around 60.

FDA chief and Texas comptroller's son to oversee Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush named Mark McClellan, chief of the Food and Drug Administration and the son of the Texas comptroller, to run the agency that oversees Medicare and its new prescription drug benefits.

McClellan is a physician and economist and the brother of White House press secretary

Scott McClellan. He is the son of Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Bush announced McClellan's nomination Friday. The nomination must be approved by the Senate.

McClellan would be chief of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The divi-

sion also oversees Medicaid, the health insurance program for low-income and disabled people.

McClellan, formerly an associate professor of economics and medicine at Stanford University, is considered an expert in health economics. He has been recognized for his research.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Credit card abuse was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Barnard and involved a juvenile offender.

A vehicle was reported stolen from Top Of Texas Used Cars, 503 E. Atchison, sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 19.

Unknown person(s) reportedly damaged vehicles at Top Of Texas Used Cars, 503 E. Atchison, causing an estimated \$700 in damage.

Assault by threat was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

April Lee Ann Herrera, 23, of Pampa (no exact address given), was arrested at 200 E.

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Marvin Monrow Finney III, 28, Lefors, was arrested at 112 E. Craven for disorderly conduct/language, parking facing traffic, 18 inches from curb, failure to signal turn, running a stop sign, failure to appear, and three counts of violation of promise to appear.

Ivan Joseph Eblin, 18, 2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested at his residence for possession of drug paraphernalia, unrestrained child in vehicle, expired motor vehicle inspection, and two counts each of failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Friday, Feb. 20

Alfred Martinez Jr., 31, 112 W. Browning, was arrested at 600 W. Cook for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and no valid driver's license.

Reynaldo Wilson, 28, 1117 N. Starkweather, was arrested on County Road E for open container, failure to appear and failure to identify as a fugitive.

Phillip Daniel Fought, 23, 2220 Dogwood, was arrested on County Road E for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Michael Brandon Voss, 26, 1301 W. Kentucky #14, was arrested at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Lynn Street for failure to maintain insurance, three counts of violation of promise to appear, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Feb. 19

7:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to Brownfield.

12:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

Friday, Feb. 20

2:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Feb. 19

1:18 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a call for lifting assistance in the 700 block of North Dwight.

2:52 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded on a mutual aid call to Carson County to assist in fighting a grass fire there.

5:43 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters were dispatched to the 500 block of Montagu. The call was canceled en route.

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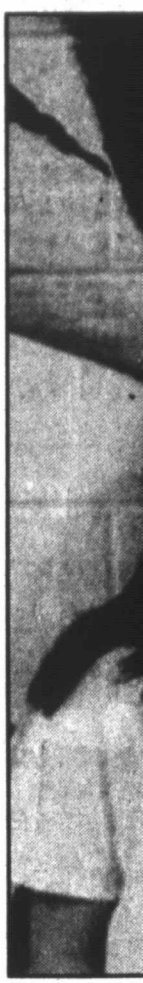
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Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Spelling Bee. The school champion was fourth grader Jessica Covil. The runner-up was fifth grader Cassie Rigney.

Enron probe escalates; some experts say Skilling indictment may not lead to Lay

HOUSTON (AP) — Now that former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling has been indicted, the fate of his former boss — Enron founder Kenneth Lay — is perhaps the biggest question looming in the escalating federal investigation into wrongdoing at the disgraced company.

Former employees said Thursday they'd like to see prosecutors bring charges against Lay, too, although some see Skilling as the biggest culprit. But legal experts and those who worked for Lay agree it is unlikely Skilling will toss aside his innocent plea, cooperate with prosecutors and help them pursue a case against Lay.

"This does not in any way signal the inevitable indictment of Ken Lay," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor and an expert in white-collar crime.

The indictment against Skilling doesn't show clear-cut crimes and its breadth suggests the charges are becoming "more diffused rather than more focused," he said.

By contrast, the previous indictment of former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow alleged fraud in several particular transactions. Fastow pleaded guilty and received a 10-year sentence in exchange for his cooperation.

Skilling pleaded innocent Thursday to 35 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and others more than two years after walking away from the company before it toppled. He is free on \$5 million bond.

Prairie Rivers Musical this weekend

CANADIAN — Prairie Rivers Musical will present its next show at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Middle School Auditorium, 404 S. 6th St., Canadian.

"We had a great show in January, with a really nice crowd, even with cold, wet, and windy weather all day Saturday," reported Jay Godwin, one of the original founders of Prairie Rivers Musical. "As light snow began to fall in the afternoon, we really expected few to show. We were very pleasantly surprised with a number of new folks, especially from Lipscomb Co. and the Oklahoma area, in attendance."

Regular performers include Mary Lynn Schafer, Pat Popham, Scott Campbell, Frankie McWhorter, Wayne Wright, Phil Ridgway, George Briant, Hank and Venita McPherson, Lonnie Cox and Godwin himself.

"Most all are expected to

perform next Saturday. In addition, we are expecting some of our regular guests from the Jenkins family," Godwin said. "We promise each a good time with an evening full of classic country, western swing, rockabilly and gospel music."

Admission is free and concessions are available. For information, call (806) 323-6213.

Dan Petrocelli, one of Lay's attorneys, didn't return repeated calls for comment. He has consistently said Lay committed no crimes and said last month Lay has no worries if Fastow or other cooperating witnesses are truthful.

The indictment alleges Skilling knew that several partnerships were created to help Enron achieve financial reporting goals and that they were a means for Fastow and others to be "heavily compensated."

Skilling's lawyers, said prosecutors "were making a grave mistake." "Jeff Skilling has nothing to hide," Petrocelli said. "He did not steal. He did not lie. He did not take anyone's money and in the 60 pages of charges filed by the United States government, they don't even accuse him of these things and it's not from lack of trying."

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the commission has not conducted the same analysis as the consultants, but he said the numbers appear to be accurate. "I think everyone from lawmakers to the PUC staff to cus-

tomers representatives expected more complaints as we moved into competition," Hadley said. The PUC is investigating nine retail electric providers for possible violations, Hadley said. The commission fined Houston-based Direct Energy \$750,000 in January for not providing new customers with required information, such as the complete terms of provider-customer agreements. Dolese said that billing issues accounted for half of the total complaints in 2003, but the PUC only found 5 percent of those complaints to be valid. Customers have sometimes been surprised by delayed bills or backbilling that resulted from the transfer of customers

Electric customer complaints to PUC saw increase in 2003

By MATT JOYCE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Customer complaints about their retail electric providers increased 34 percent in 2003 as a result of billing confusion and aggressive competition among providers, according to a utility consulting firm.

Texas customers lodged nearly 17,000 complaints with the state Public Utility Commission in 2003, up from about 12,700 complaints in 2002, according to a records analysis by the consulting firm Regulatory Compliance Services.

"It's not uncommon to find these kinds of problems early in the process in a market as it begins to deregulate," said Patricia Dolese, owner of the firm.

Texas' electric deregulation law took effect at the beginning of 2002, allowing customers to begin choosing their providers and prompting a flurry of competition among providers.

Dolese's analysis of PUC records shows the agency investigated nearly 13,000 of the complaints and found violations in 10 percent of those cases.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the commission has not conducted the same analysis as the consultants, but he said the numbers appear to be accurate.

"I think everyone from lawmakers to the PUC staff to cus-

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tomers representatives expected more complaints as we moved into competition," Hadley said.

The PUC is investigating nine retail electric providers for possible violations, Hadley said.

The commission fined Houston-based Direct Energy \$750,000 in January for not providing new customers with required information, such as the complete terms of provider-customer agreements.

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Customers have sometimes been surprised by delayed bills or backbilling that resulted from the transfer of customers

among different providers — a side effect of the new competitive market, Hadley said.

Customers made 2,000 complaints about "slamming," or the unauthorized switching of a customer's service provider, Dolese said. PUC investigations found violations in about half of those complaints.

Slamming complaints normally involve electric providers' marketing campaigns that transfer customers to a new provider without full understanding from the customers, Dolese said.

"Some companies don't have good procedures in place to make sure they're getting legitimate consent from a customer," she said.

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RELIGION

Carolina Boys Quartet to perform during special concert in Borger

BORGER — Jerry Smith will present The Carolina Boys in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Borger High School Auditorium. The concert, which will also feature a group called The Needhams, is free and open to the public.

The Carolina Boys quartet are no strangers to southern gospel music, amassing nearly 75 combined years of musical experience. Their mission is to encourage through their music those present at every concert.

Bass singer Ray Reese has spent 37 years singing with the well-known Kingsmen Quartet.

"When the Kingsmen name was retired in September, 2001, I didn't feel it was my time to retire just yet!" Reese said.

Reese got together with former Kingsmen

members and formed the Carolina Boys.

"Eldridge Fox was a great role model for leading a quartet. He was an excellent teacher," Reese said.

The group is rounded out by its musicians.

Recently, the group released its first major label recording on Horizon Records entitled "Good News."

"This is by far the best recording this particular combination of voices ever put out," Reese said. "When our record company approached us about using the song 'Good News' as the theme song for this recording, everything else fell into place. Every song on this recording revolves around the 'Good News' theme. And after nearly 40 years of singing gospel music, I'm still singing about the 'Good News'!"



(Courtesy photo)

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Entertainment on next PTCC speaker's mind

Phil Chalmers, a national speaker on the issue of today's teen entertainment industry, is coming to Amarillo's Paramount Terrace Christian Church on Sunday, Feb. 22. Chalmers will address all interested area parents at 6:30 p.m. in the church gym. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Chalmers will present a multi-media seminar on the lies the entertainment industry is feeding to the present generation of teens. He promotes positive media as an alternative and covers critical issues such as sex, drugs, violence and suicide. Chalmers examines the overall message taken to the teens by the field of entertainment including movies, music, TV, video games and the Internet.

Chalmers is concerned about the messages brought to today's teen by entertainers such as DMX who raps about sex with a corpse, the band N SYNC which sings about phone sex to young children, movies like "American Pie 2" that promote recreational sex and video games like Grand Theft Auto 3 that promote killing prostitutes with a baseball bat to rob them.

Chalmers has been speaking and traveling the country for 17 years and has personally met or interviewed many groups such as N SYNC, POD, GWAR, 2 Live Crew, Cannibal Corpse, Firehouse, MXPX, the Geto Boys, Scarface, Public Enemy, Busta Rhymes, Tesla, LA Guns, Metallica, Megadeth, Stryper, Death, Dark Angel, Lizzy Borden, Candlemass, I.C.P. and many others.

He also has spent time with school shooter Jamie Rouse in a Tennessee prison as well as victims of violent crime. He has spoken in almost every state and has given thousands of media interviews.

Chalmers, who resides near Canton, Ohio, has authored a book, "The Official 'I don't Listen to the Lyrics' Handbook," and produced a video called "True Lies: Part One - Sex and Drugs," and another called "True Lies: Part Two - Violence and Suicide."

For further details about the upcoming event, call PTCC Student Ministries office at (806) 353-6615. Child care will be provided by reservation only.

On the subject of Christian hospitality

As most people who know me are aware, I usually write an article when something has powerfully touched my heart and spirit. That is why most of my articles show a lot of emotion. Well, this one is no exception. CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY! I have learned a lot in the past few weeks about Christians' and hospitality to other Christians.

I wish I could tell you that it had been a fun-filled few weeks, but that would be a lie. And I wish I could tell you that the difficulties that I have encountered are restricted to our fellowship of Independent Christian Churches. But as I have discovered, that, too, would be a lie. Let me set the stage for you.

Pampa Academy uses our building facilities as the site for their interdenominational Christian School. Each year several students and a couple of adult sponsors travel to a Regional Convention and to an International Convention. This year Pampa Academy had seven teenagers and two adult



Minister's Musings

MIKE SUBLETT
HI-LAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

sponsors traveling to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

One of my functions as a volunteer for the school is to arrange housing at churches or in homes of Christians so that expenses can be kept to a minimum. Personal budgets demand that. I have done this for several years now and have always had a great experience. Can you hear a "but" coming in the next sentence?

Well, here it is. But not this year.

A number of weeks ago I was making the calls as I do each year and everything was going just like normal. In each town, I called a church or two and quickly found eager hosts, Christians eager to help provide the necessary housing. I had everything taken care of except one night of (See SUBLETT, Page 10)

CHURCH BRIEFS

"Little" Lowell Mason, internationally known TV and recording artist, will deliver a special message starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at Calvary Assembly of God Church, 1030 Love, Pampa.

Only 46-inches tall, Lowell was a soloist for Cecil Todd with Revival Fires in the 1960s and 1970s. He has been associated with Children's Bible Hour, Youth for Christ-United States and Victorious Christian Youth-Canada.

Lowell has traveled nearly 100,000 miles each year and has, through Revival Fires, helped distribute over 3 million Bibles to school children in Russia.

The program is free and open to the public.

New Life Church will host a special women's service with Pastor Norma Gomez, of Amarillo, at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at 801 E. Campbell, Pampa.

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Boyfriend Must Take a Stand And Cut Mom's Apron Strings

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating this really great guy, "Josh," for about two months. I really like him, but I don't like his mother. Josh and I are both 20 and live with our parents.

Josh's mother is super-controlling. Whenever we go out, she has to know where we are going and what time he will be home. And she calls MY cell phone during the date to check up on him. She's always calling me to try to find out where he is.

I really like Josh, but I'm tired of dating his mother, too. How should I handle this without hurting anyone? -- TIRE OF DOUBLE-DATING

DEAR TIRE: Turn off your cell phone, or leave it at home when you go out with Josh. His mother is having trouble accepting the fact that her son is no longer a child -- but that shouldn't be your problem. Josh is overdue for a talk with his mother about boundaries.

If her behavior bothers Josh as well, perhaps it's time that he became financially independent and moved into his own place. As long as he lives under his parents' roof, he is still their "child" and will be treated accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with "Neal" for three years. Neal works from home for only a few hours a day. He pays all the bills, so I don't have a problem with his choice of work. What bothers me is I have no time to myself because he's always there.

Neal demands so much attention from me that I can't even read a recipe without him interrupting. I am not a wimp, but Neal has the more dominant personality and controls what we do with our time. At least it feels that way to me. But according to Neal, I don't give him ENOUGH time.

Since I moved in, I have not achieved any personal goals or even given as much love and attention to others as I used to. I rarely pursue interests of my own and almost never spend time doing things I want to do. I feel like I'm losing my individuality.

I love Neal, and I'm not even sure he is the problem. I think I need to be more assertive about where my life is going.

Is there a book or support group for someone like me? Am I just depressed? Obviously I don't have the drive to pursue my own interests. I will appreciate any

advice you can give. -- LOST IN HIS WORLD

DEAR LOST: You ask if you are depressed because you don't have enough drive to pursue your own interests. I think it may be the other way around -- you don't pursue your own interests because you're depressed.

You say you "don't mind" Neal being home all the time because he pays the bills. Why is it that you aren't working? It would give you a degree of independence and self-determination that seems to be lacking. Assertiveness classes could help you, and books on co-dependency could also give you some insight.

Since you are not married to Neal, you might also consider moving out until you can establish where he ends and you begin before he smothers you completely.

DEAR ABBY: How do you tell your daughter and son-in-law not to call or come over? I have been ripped off by them more times than I can count. I have been cussed out and yelled at on the phone. They make my life a living hell.

My daughter calls other people to see if they got a dollar more than she did for a gift. When her name shows up on the caller ID, I won't answer because I know what is ahead of me. I can't take much more of this. Please tell me what to do. -- A NERVOUS WRECK

DEAR NERVOUS: There comes a time when a person has done enough, and you appear to have reached that point. Do not shell out one penny more, and if your daughter shows up at your door -- don't answer.

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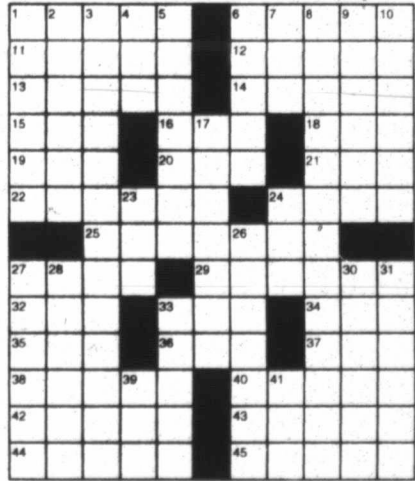
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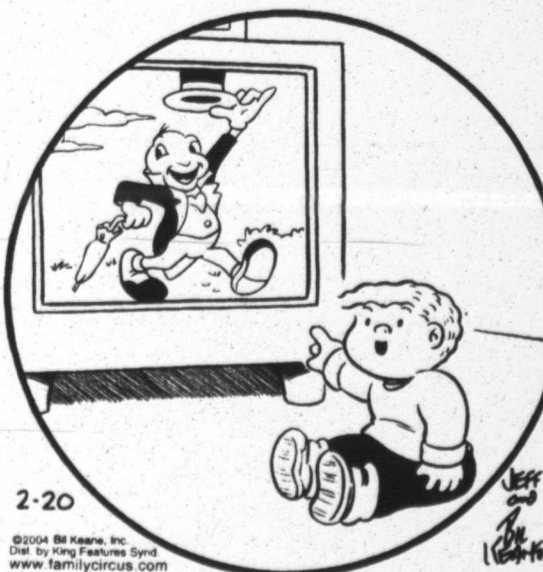


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SPORTS

Pampa makes playoffs by beating Plainview



Brittin East contributed 7 points and 8 rebounds against Plainview.

RANDALL — There would be no extra period this time around between Pampa and Plainview. Pampa put together a solid, all-around game in beating Plainview 67-55 in a District 3-4A playoff tie-breaker Thursday night.

Pampa meets Caprock at 7 tonight in Randall to determine the district No. 2 and No. 3 seeds. It was Pampa's third win this season over Plainview, who had lost to the Harvesters in overtime Tuesday in the regular-season finale.

In Thursday's meeting, Pampa started taking control in the second quarter to lead

by eight (27-19) at halftime. Leading by nine (43-34) after three quarters, the Harvesters never let up their intensity in the final eight minutes.

"It was a game we had to win, but we've been doing it for the past two weeks," said Pampa coach Jeff Reed. "We've just got to do it again tonight so we can get that No. 2 spot."

Pampa scored 9 of the first 12 points in the fourth quarter with a Collin Bowers' basket giving the Harvesters a 15-point advantage (52-37).

Senior forward Andy Rodgers led a balanced scoring attack for the Harvesters with 19 points, while Clayton

Hall had 13, Chance Bowers 12 and Jed Martin 9. Brittin East and Chance Bowers helped give the Harvesters a 31-28 rebounding advantage. East had 8 rebounds to go with his 7 points while Bowers collected 7 boards.

Rogers and Martin were hot from the outside with each hitting three 3-point goals. "These guys played their hearts out," coach Reed added. "I'm really proud of them."

Jamar Wall had a 30-point night for the Bulldogs.

Pampa's overall record is 13-17. Plainview closes at 17-11.

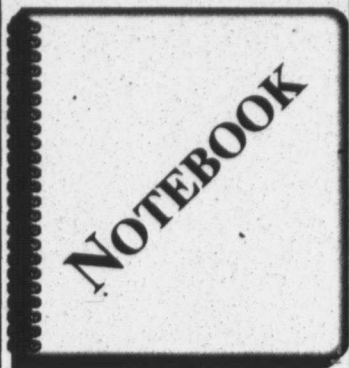
The Harvesters are sched-

uled to play either Andrews or Frenship next week in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Harvesters would play Frenship if they win tonight. A loss would put Pampa against Andrews.

Caprock edged Dumas 42-41 in the second game of last night's doubleheader.

Michael Bacerra was Caprock's high scorer with 13 points. Brittin Nies led Dumas with 16.

Pampa 12 27 43 67
Plainview 11 19 34 55
Pampa - Andy Rodgers 19, Clayton Hall 13, Chance Bowers 12, Jed Martin 9, Brittin East 7, Collin Bowers 5; Jarett Kotara 2; 3-point goals: Rodgers 3, Martin 3, East 1.
Plainview - Jamar Wall 30, Dave Smith 9, Danny Garcia 6, Jeremy Alexander 5, Curtis Thomas 3, Kenon Uddley 2; 3-point goals: Garcia 2, Smith 1, Thomas 1, Wall 1.



FOOTBALL

DENVER (AP) — Police said they are investigating whether a woman was raped by a University of Colorado football player after leaving a bar in 2002 — the seventh allegation of its kind to surface since 1997.

The university football program is at the center of a scandal concerning accusations that recruits were lured to Boulder with sex and alcohol, and which may end up costing coach Gary Barnett his job.

Three women have sued the school in federal court, saying they were raped by football athletes in 2001 and the university did nothing after a high school student accused a player of rape in 1997.

In the past few weeks, three more cases have been disclosed. Former Colorado kicker Katie Hnida says she was raped by a teammate in 2000 and a one-time athletic department worker says she was assaulted by a player in 2001.

BASEBALL

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne lost his salary arbitration case and will receive \$5 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers instead of \$8 million.

Gagne converted all 55 of his save chances and had an ERA of 1.20 last season while making \$550,000.

Gagne, 28, enters the season with a major league-record 63 consecutive saves.

HOCKEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dallas Stars won for the first time in four games, thanks to a goalie who made his NHL debut.

Ellis made 25 saves, and Mike Modano scored twice for his first multi-goal game of the season to lead the Stars to a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night.

"It's a dream come true, something you look forward to all your life," Ellis said. "To get a win is an unbelievable feeling."

Ellis saw his first action since being recalled from Utah of the AHL on Feb. 9, snapping a streak of 31 consecutive starts by Marty Turco.

"He was really excited and we were really excited for him to get in there for his first game," Modano said of Ellis. "What's neat about being around so long is you get to see kids come up and see how they react to playing in their first NHL game."

Modano had two goals within a 5:01 span of the second period to end a six-game scoreless stretch and complete a three-game road trip successfully.

"It was a good way to finish, a good note," Modano said. "We have three weeks at home which is very rare these days."

Jere Lehtinen and Brenden Morrow also scored for the Stars, who are 1-2-1 since the All-Star break.

Clarett hoping to change scouts' minds

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Maurice Clarett walked into a crowded room of reporters, took a deep breath and smiled.

Finally, he was on stage. He just didn't realize it was also the firing line.

After beating the NFL in court for a chance to enter the NFL draft early, Clarett chose his next challenge — changing the minds of disappointed scouts after announcing Thursday he was not prepared to work out at the league's scouting combine.

"It wasn't like I was getting ready to jump right into the league. That level is a whole different level. The intensity of the training has to increase," he said. "I'm going to take these next four weeks and get back to eating right and training right and try to take my training up a notch."

The evaluators won't get a chance to see Clarett prove it until his personal workout in Columbus, Ohio, the first week of April.

Between now and then, Clarett has work to do.

He weighed in at 237 pounds, seven pounds heavier than he expected to play last year at Ohio State before being suspended. He acknowledged he wasn't in the best shape, and his answers only seemed to raise more questions about whether he was ready — physically and mentally — to play in the NFL.

Scouts even wondered why Clarett didn't arrive for the weeklong combine in better shape after missing an entire college season and then challenging the NFL's rule requiring underclassmen to

complete three years of school before declaring for the draft.

Some of the NFL's top evaluators were disgusted with Clarett's choice.

"That's a farce," Buffalo general manager Tom Donahoe said. "That was expected, but that's ridiculous."

Clarett, 20, said his mother advised him not to work out at the combine.

But no explanation seemed to satisfy the NFL's decision-makers. It even raised more red flags about an attitude that has been questioned before.

"I just want to see what he looks like," Detroit Lions president Matt Millen said. "We've got to do our homework and he's got to do his."

Clarett was grilled by reporters for about 15 minutes in a preview of what he was likely to face later Thursday night when teams begin interviewing players one-on-one. The NFL limits teams to 60 interviews, and Clarett said he expected to talk to all 32 teams.

He was asked repeatedly about his character, medical history, durability and whether he was prepared to jump to the NFL. Clarett even dodged a question about his agent, saying he hadn't yet made a decision even though he is believed to have chosen Jimmy Sexton.

But he promised to show a different side in the NFL.

"I think I'm going to keep my mouth shut at this level," he said.

While teams hope to start getting more answers soon, the bigger issues may require more thorough examination.

Carruth signs



Pampa's Jerrod Carruth signs a football letter of intent to Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla. Looking on are his parents (seated, l-r) Paul Carruth, James Lee and Brenda Lee; (standing, l-r) Pampa head coach Heath Parker and Athletic Director Dick Dunham. Carruth was an all-district center for the Harvesters.

Pampa drops JV squeaker to Plainview

PAMPA — Pampa lost a 58-55 squeaker to Plainview in a junior varsity boys game earlier this week.

Pampa trailed at halftime by six (29-23), but came out strong in the third quarter to take a 47-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

However, Plainview hit a

3-pointer with 20 seconds to go to pull out the win. A pair of 3-point attempts by Pampa in the final 15 seconds failed to fall.

Sharod Young led Pampa with 15 points and 6 rebounds.

Braydon Barker followed

with 10 points and Weston Teichmann had 9 points and three 3-point goals.

Others who scored were Brett Ferrell with 8, Aaron Anguiano 4, Tyler Hall 4, Eric Kingcade 2, and Tyson Hickman 2. Kingcade led Pampa in rebounding with 8 rebounds.

Now Junior can show how good he really is

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — After a whirlwind week celebrating his Daytona 500 victory, Dale Earnhardt Jr. needed a good night's sleep in his own bed.

Good buddy Tony Stewart made sure he'd get one by promising to give Earnhardt a lift in his helicopter to North Carolina Speedway on Friday morning, assuring him of at least one night at home.

"We got to be real good friends over the last year or so," Earnhardt said. "I tried to, stick up for him a couple of times and he appreciated that."

"We just got to be good friends and began hanging out a little bit."

Earnhardt may use the short ride to Rockingham to glean a little knowledge from Stewart on how to win a

Nextel Cup championship. Stewart is the 2002 series champion, and Earnhardt will try to prove he's a legitimate threat for his first title beginning with the Subway 400 on Sunday.

He has a history of struggling here: In eight career top-series starts at the 1.017-mile

oval, Earnhardt's best finish was 13th, in November.

His Dale Earnhardt Inc. team has spent a considerable amount of time testing in preparation for the Subway 400, hoping the extra work will propel him to another victory.

| City of Pampa Winter 4 v 4 Volleyball League Standings | | |
|--|------|--------|
| Mens Open | Wins | Losses |
| Team Green | 5 | 2 |
| Mike & Josh | 5 | 2 |
| A.S.S.I. | 4 | 3 |
| Domino's | 0 | 7 |
| Womens Open | | |
| Sheila Webb Insurance | 5 | 0 |
| Winborne Mfg. | 3 | 2 |
| Innovative Staffing Solutions | 2 | 3 |
| Goldcraft Jewelers | 0 | 5 |

Results through Feb. 20

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SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes League Standings

Stars & Strikes League

| Team | Won | Lost |
|------------------------|-----|------|
| The Bandits | 28 | 16 |
| Abbott & Costello | 26 | 18 |
| Old Glory | 26 | 18 |
| The Frequent Failures | 23 | 21 |
| Good Stuff | 22 | 22 |
| Team Eight | 21 | 23 |
| Hope & No Hope | 17 | 27 |
| Team Two | 15 | 29 |
| The Gutter Balls | 13 | 31 |
| The Future of Earnhart | 12 | 38 |
| My Team | 9 | 35 |

Week's High Scores

Girls A Division

High scratch game: Jocelyn Brady 70; High scratch series: Jocelyn Brady 191; High handicap game: Jocelyn Brady 198; High handicap series: Jocelyn Brady 575.

Girls B Division

High scratch game: Stephanie H 134; High scratch series: Stephanie H 361; High handicap game: Stephanie H 244; High handicap series: Stephanie H 691.

Girls C Division

High scratch game: Brieawna Richards 171; High scratch series: Brieawna Richards 448; High handicap game: Brieawna Richards 225; High handicap series: Brieawna Richards 610.

Boys A Division

High scratch game: Ryan Lee 90; High scratch series: Ryan Lee 252; High handicap game: Ryan Lee 204; High handicap series: Ryan Lee 594.

Boys B Division

High scratch game: Chad Griffith 104; High scratch series: Chad Griffith 277; High handicap game: Chad Griffith 202; High handicap series: Nicholas Rodriguez 574.

Boys C Division

High scratch game: Andy Anderson 199; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 569; High handicap game: Andy Anderson 242; High handicap series: Andy Anderson 628.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New Jersey | 32 | 20 | .615 | — |
| New York | 26 | 29 | .473 | 7 1/2 |
| Miami | 23 | 32 | .418 | 10 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 32 | .418 | 10 1/2 |
| Boston | 23 | 33 | .411 | 11 |
| Washington | 16 | 36 | .308 | 16 |
| Orlando | 14 | 42 | .250 | 20 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Indiana | 39 | 15 | .722 | — |
| Detroit | 34 | 22 | .607 | 6 |
| New Orleans | 30 | 24 | .556 | 9 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 25 | .528 | 10 1/2 |
| Toronto | 25 | 28 | .472 | 13 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 20 | 34 | .370 | 19 |
| Atlanta | 18 | 36 | .333 | 21 |
| Chicago | 16 | 38 | .296 | 23 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Minnesota | 39 | 15 | .722 | — |
| San Antonio | 36 | 18 | .667 | 3 |
| Dallas | 34 | 20 | .630 | 5 |
| Houston | 31 | 22 | .585 | 7 1/2 |
| Memphis | 31 | 22 | .585 | 7 1/2 |
| Denver | 32 | 23 | .582 | 7 1/2 |
| Utah | 26 | 29 | .473 | 13 1/2 |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Sacramento | 38 | 14 | .731 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 33 | 19 | .635 | 5 |
| Portland | 25 | 28 | .472 | 13 1/2 |
| Seattle | 25 | 28 | .472 | 13 1/2 |
| Golden State | 23 | 29 | .442 | 15 |
| L.A. Clippers | 23 | 30 | .434 | 15 1/2 |
| Phoenix | 18 | 38 | .321 | 22 |

Who gets the start for Astros?

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros' biggest problem might be figuring out who gets to start on opening day.

Does six-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens get the honor? Or will it be fellow newcomer Andy Pettitte? And what about holdovers Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt?

Only one can throw the season's first pitch against Barry Bonds' San Francisco Giants on April 5. Manager Jimmy Williams didn't want to think about it before the team starts spring training Sunday.

"I'd like to get all of our starters in the same ZIP code in Kissimmee, then I'll get them all together and we'll talk about it," he said. "I think that's the best way to do it, rather than having to make five phone calls."

Clemens would be the obvious choice, especially because he came out of retirement to play for his hometown team after leaving the New York Yankees.

Pettitte, who won four World Series with the Yankees, is Clemens' buddy, and his decision to sign with the Astros is the main reason the Rocket agreed to play for them.

Oswalt, a budding young star, is coming off a season shortened by chronic groin problems. Miller has been the Astros' stalwart, pitching at least 160 innings in each of the past three seasons.

Williams wants to set his

rotation before exhibition play starts March 5. The pitching strength has given Astros' fans hope that the team, which started play in 1962, can get to the World Series for the first time.

"When you've got a guy that has 20 years in the big leagues, I believe he deserves the spot," said Oswalt, who was 6 when Clemens debuted with the Boston Red Sox in 1984. "He's been here a lot longer than I have, and he sure has done a lot more."

One thing is for sure: Tim Redding will be the fifth starter. He was 10-14 with a 3.86 ERA last season.

"I'm starting to get excited because it's getting close," Pettitte said. "It seems like I signed a year ago. The fans, the town, everybody is so excited, and I'm extremely excited myself."

Jerome Robertson, who led the team with 15 wins last year despite a 5.10 ERA, is headed to the bullpen. Carlos Hernandez, Rodrigo Rosario and Brandon Duckworth will be either middle relievers or wind up at Triple-A.

Setup man Octavio Dotel becomes the closer after the trade of Billy Wagner to the Philadelphia Phillies, and Brad Lidge takes over as the setup man.

The other bullpen slots are uncertain, with Robertson, Hernandez, Rosario, Mathis, No. 6

Duckworth, Ricky Stone, Dave Veres, Dan Miceli, Brandon Backe, Kirk Saarloos and Mike Gallo in the mix.

"There's going to be some competition in camp," said Williams, whose team is coming off two second-place finishes that failed to earn it a playoff berth.

Outfielder Richard Hidalgo is eager for the chance to hit and support the Astros' rotation. Hidalgo, who makes \$12 million, has been the subject of trade rumors.

"I'm just happy to still be here," he said. "I really want to be here, so I just thank God I've gotten to stay here. I'm still waiting for whatever they're going to do, and there's nothing I can do about it."

Golf

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble (Feb. 16)

1. Jim Brashears, Billie Mac Millican, Ralph Wilson and Lucio Moreno, 61.

2. Harley Knutson, Jerry South, Marvin Ellison and Charles Terrell, 63.

3. Eldon Maxwell, Ron Parnell, Bob Brandon and Troy Bennett, 64.

4. Gerry McCabe, Jess Mathis, Waldon Haynes and Richard Abbott, 65.

Closest to hole: Jess Mathis, No. 6

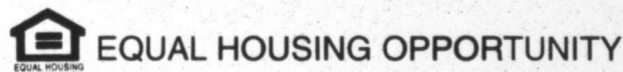
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004:

Sit back and make the most out of this exceptional year. Sometimes what comes as a jolt turns into great news. You might want to think through decisions, but sometimes there is little or no time. Learn to be spontaneous and less attached to having things, people and events work a certain way. Open up your thinking. You might opt to reconstruct your professional life. Others open the door, flooding you with opportunities, be they emotional or professional. If you are single, you might be confused by all the interested suitors and not know which way to go. Just start dating! If you are attached, your sweetie becomes more expansive but even nicer. An investment made together or by yourself will pay back in multiples. **PISCES** understands you.

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) **★★★** Step back, especially as so much information comes forth. You might wonder exactly what is happening with someone at a distance. Surprises happen for those who are open to others. You find that the unexpected news riot in the form of discoveries or insights. Tonight: Stay close to home. Order in. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Reach out to loved ones and friends. You might be the partner that moves others to get together. If a force acts up, it might be out of jealousy. Consider talking before letting the feelings or the green-eyed monster rise. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★** Take charge and don't let others

cross your boundaries. Often, others mistake your good will for a lack of strength. Pressure builds from different directions. Recognize that you are only one person. Unexpected developments head your way. Tonight: Deal only with what you must.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Look toward what is happening in your immediate crowd. If you pull back, you might have some interesting insights. Someone might be too frightened to forge ahead in a new direction. Tonight: Be inventive. Don't feel locked into plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** Work with others, letting them express their natural sense of leadership and direction. What you find out about someone close to you could be startling, if not insightful. Refrain from risking. Refrain from making judgments. Tonight: Be the very friendly Lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★** You might find others doing exactly what you think they shouldn't do or what is out of line. You need to become more of your own person. Allow feedback from others, but also remember that it is your life. Tonight: Let others do their thing. You won't be able to stop them anyway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** Pace yourself and do what you need to get done. Laughter surrounds an innate clumsiness or an insight that might show you how hard you have been making something in your life. Laugh and express your playfulness. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. Soon you will need all the energy you can muster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** You delight someone close through your unpredictable behavior. Be it a child, close friend or a sweetie. Go

for impulse and spontaneity, and you'll create joy around you. Do be careful of a financial risk, which could spell trouble. Tonight: Love the one you're with. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Head in a new direction with confidence and speed, understanding your limits. Whether you feel out of whack or unhappy about a personal matter, you know something needs to change. Only you can do this for yourself. Tonight: Talk about the possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** If you want excitement, stay close to your friends and loved ones. In the next few days, review a personal matter that is close to your heart. How you see a new friend could change with information that comes forward. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★** Expenses are so incredibly overwhelming that you might wonder how you got yourself in this pickle. Start with a budget. Begin slashing costs. You might be amazed by what you find out. Do let someone else treat. Tonight: Keep costs low.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** Recognize that others might be extremely reactive to your unpredictability. What might feel OK for you isn't for others. Without meaning to, you could push away some friends. Be careful dealing with a higher-up. Tonight: In charge.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Tyne Daly (1946), actor Kelsey Grammer (1955), record executive David Geffen (1943)

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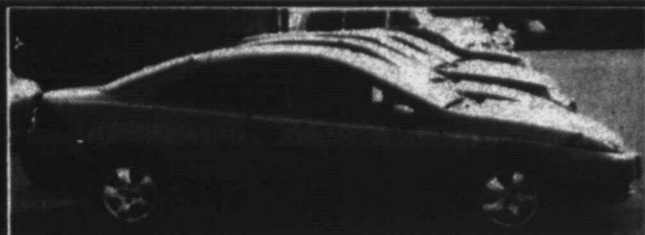
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AP report: Records show accused trader aided both India, Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Israeli businessman accused of being a middleman in the nuclear black market worked to supply not only Pakistan but also its archrival India, court records indicate.

South Africa-based Asher Karni faces felony charges of exporting nuclear bomb triggers to Pakistan. But court files in the case also include e-mail exchanges between Karni and an Indian businessman who was trying secretly to buy material for two Indian rocket factories.

"Be careful to avoid any reference to the customer name," warned one message from Karni's Indian contact, Raghavendra "Ragu" Rao of Foretek Marketing (Pvt.) Ltd.

The messages offer a rare glimpse into such dealings. Federal prosecutors filed them in court as part of their attempts to persuade a judge to keep Karni behind bars before his trial.

After conferring with U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay on Thursday, lawyers for both sides agreed to postpone a bond hearing for Karni until next Tuesday. L. Barrett Boss, one of Karni's lawyers, declined comment after the hearing.

Karni, 50, has pleaded innocent. Federal agents arrested him on New Year's Day when

he arrived in Denver for a ski vacation.

Authorities accuse Karni of using front companies and falsified documents to buy nuclear bomb triggers in the United States and ship them to Pakistan.

The United States is pressuring Pakistan to shut down the black-market network it used to supply its nuclear weapons program and in turn to supply Iran, North Korea and Libya with nuclear technology. A key scientist in Pakistan's nuclear program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, said this month that he ran the network but insisted Pakistan's government was not involved.

Rao's e-mails from India ask Karni to procure three kinds of high-tech equipment while concealing that they were meant for the two rocket labs. The United States restricts exports of missile-related material to the two organizations, the Liquid Propulsion Systems Center and the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center.

An August 2002 e-mail from Rao to Karni warns Karni to conceal the final customer of an accelerometer to the LPSC, noting its export is restricted because of its "possibility of being used in guidance systems for missiles."

Rao did not respond to AP e-mails seeking comment Thursday.

Prosecutors said they found his e-mails while searching a laptop computer and six computer discs Karni had when he was arrested.

The court files also include records of other deals Karni made with his contact in Pakistan, Humayun Khan of the company Pakland PME. One involved Khan's urgent request last May for Karni to buy infrared sensors for AIM-9L Sidewinder missiles — which Pakistan uses on its F-16 fighter planes for air-to-air combat.

While it is unclear whether that deal went through, the request shows Karni must have known Khan had ties to the Pakistani military. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Bratt argued in court documents.

Another deal which apparently was completed was Humayun Khan's request for a sophisticated oscilloscope, a measuring device that could be used in nuclear weapons programs. For that deal, the documents indicate, Karni used the same U.S. intermediary he used for the bomb triggers: Giza Technologies Inc. of Secaucus, N.J.

San Francisco to sue California over same-sex marriage issue

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages in the past week, the city sued the state of California on Thursday, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages on constitutional grounds.

Two judges already are considering challenges from conservative groups seeking to halt the marriage spree that began last Thursday. The city's lawsuit, filed late Thursday afternoon, asks that those cases be consolidated into one.

"The city and county of San Francisco is going on the offensive today to protect the mayor's action" allowing gay marriage, City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

Mayor Gavin Newsom said he doesn't regret giving out marriage licenses before the city filed a legal challenge to the state's marriage laws, but added that he's glad the question is now in the courts.

"I think what we have done is affirm marriage here in San Francisco," Newsom said. "We affirmed it because we are celebrating people coming together in their unions. I feel affirmed as a married man by what's happened here in San Francisco."

A lawyer for a group trying to halt the gay marriages described the city's move as a delaying tactic.

"This is as much a maneuver to keep this in court and keep the issue alive as it is anything else," said Benjamin Bull, an

attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said San Francisco's same-sex marriage licenses "fail to meet legal standards."

"The attorney general has assured me that he will vigorously defend the constitutionality of the law" barring gay marriage, Schwarzenegger said.

The city is asking Superior Court Judge James Warren to declare unconstitutional three sections of the California Family Code that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

City officials want the judge to determine if barring same-sex couples from marrying violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the state constitution.

On Tuesday, Warren gave the city the choice of ending the same-sex wedding march or returning to court in late March to show why the process has not been halted. The city said it would continue issuing such licenses until forced to stop.

Judge Ronald Quidachay is considering a lawsuit filed by another conservative group, the Campaign for California Families. He said Tuesday he was not prepared to issue a ruling, and scheduled another hearing for Friday.

Like the city, conservatives want the two cases consolidated into one, but they want Quidachay to hear it instead of Warren.

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return trip. That night was in Louisville, Ky.

I confidently called Joann Taylor, principal at Pampa Academy, and said that there would be no problem with that night. Why was I so confident? In the Independent Christian Church denomination Louisville, Ky., is one of the most concentrated areas of our churches. In fact there are over 20 Independent Christian Churches in Louisville. One of them is the fourth largest church in America.

Well, this article was prompted by hearing, "NO," 17 times. I've heard every reason in the world. With some, it was liability insurance issues. With others it was, "just not a good time for us." (I guess the need of the traveling Christians just didn't rate too high.)

With still others it was, "We haven't ever done anything like this before." And

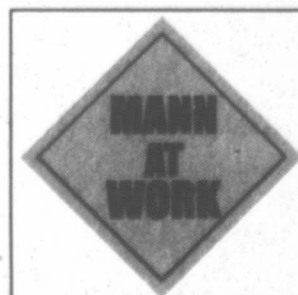
several of the churches I called were very, very large churches — some over 500, some over 1,000. I did finally hear "YES" from a Christian College there. But I was told that it was a little inconvenient and that there would be a tiny hitch in the get-a-long of \$8 per person for the night's lodging. And that was if everyone slept in their own sleeping bag.

Now I understand the need to be careful and check things out. But once a group of Christians have been verified, how can any of us as believers respond with anything but Christian hospitality! That leads me to the punch line of

this article. *How would you respond if a Christian family or a group of Christians traveling in your area called and just asked for a place to sleep for the night?*

How did you respond the last time they called? Hey, brothers and sisters, who do we think owns all of these buildings and gyms and houses? They don't belong to us. They belong to God! And they must be used accordingly.

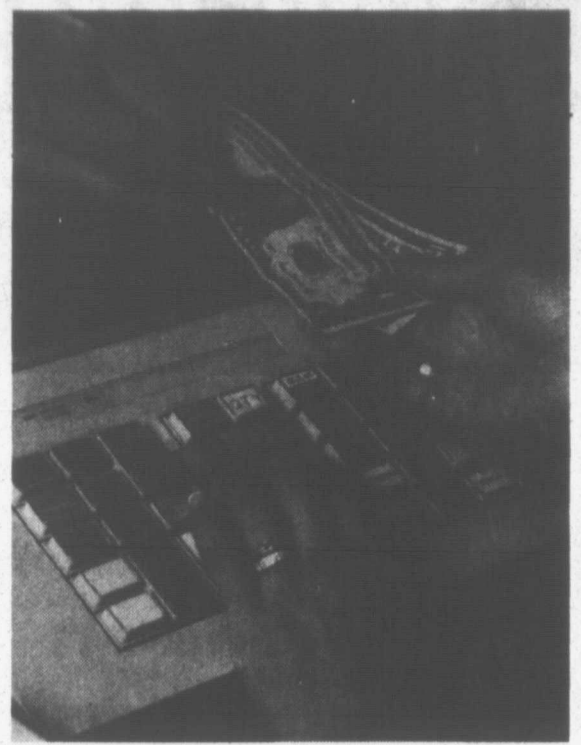
"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10. God bless. Mike



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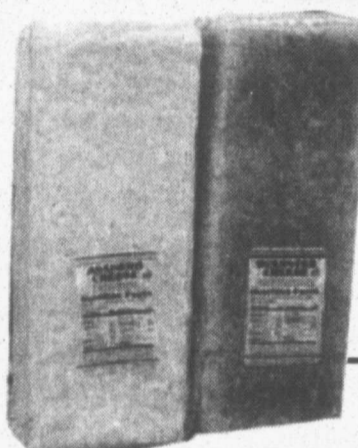
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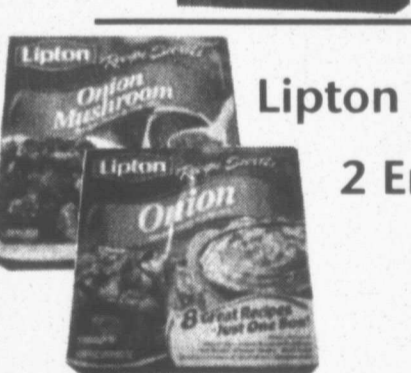
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