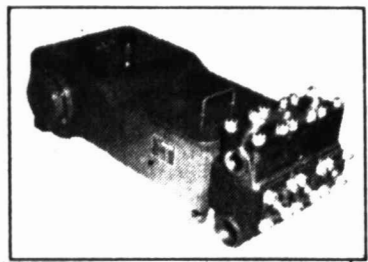


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Election time

Three vying for PISD board seat

On May 15, three Pampans will vie for Place 7 on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education in this year's local school board election.

The three men, Gregory Glenn Brown, Kenneth Cargill, and Willie Nickleberry, seek the seat presently held by Bill Jones. Jones did not file for reelection to the board.

Joe Martinez, current school board president and holder of Place 6 on the board, is running unopposed for his position.

Early voting begins Wednesday, April 28, and will continue through May 11.

Early ballots may be cast at the school district's offices at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. Votes will be accepted during work hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The May 15 election will be conducted at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

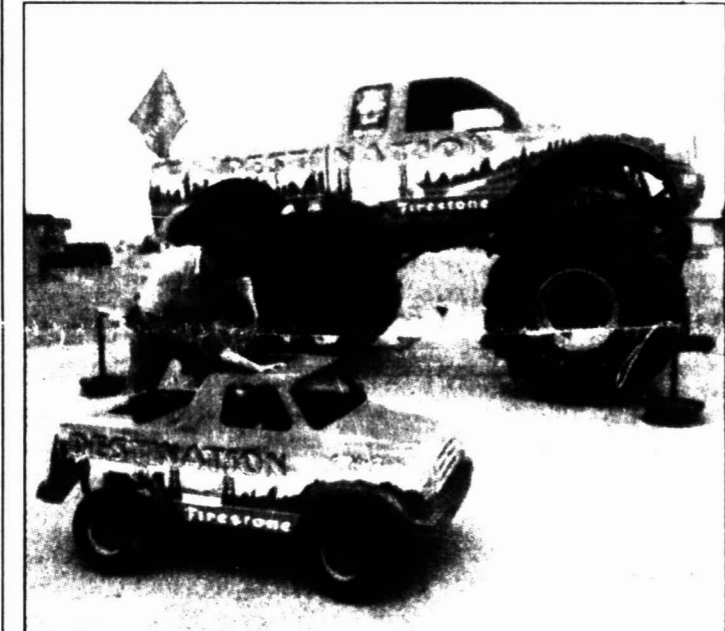
During the weeks preceding the election, The Pampa News will publish articles highlighting the school board candidates. To set up an interview, school board candidates may contact Editor Dee Dee Larimore at 669-2525, ext. 323. Candidate interviews will be published on first-come, first-serve basis.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Travis Elementary School third graders sit watching a dairy cow at school while awaiting a presentation on farming. Mike Reeves with the Southwest Dairy Center talked to the students about farm products and good nutrition. Insets, students Chris Williams, left, and J'Cece Holmes, right, react differently to the demonstration.

Big Foot, Little Foot



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Jackie Shaw with Dorman Tire and Service helps Braden Parr, 3-year-old son of Teddy and Melissa Parr, settle into a small version of Bigfoot, a custom built truck that will be on display at Dorman's, 1800 N. Hobart, until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Lesson in dairy farming

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Austin Elementary and Travis Elementary students took to the outdoors this week to learn about farming.

Mike Reeves with the Southwest Dairy Center brought his mobile dairy classroom to Pampa Tuesday.

"Few Americans have knowledge about modern day agriculture," Reeves said, standing on the front lawn of Travis Tuesday afternoon. "We have enjoyed an uninterrupted supply of food, clothing and shelter at prices more reasonable than anywhere in the world and with little thought. We expect this to continue."

Long-term supplies of food products can continue, he said, only if there is an adequate understanding of the agricultural story. In his presentation, Reeves included nutritional information regarding human needs.

"The dairy industry has long recognized the need for providing these basic truths to the general public," he said. "For the past several years, the Southwest Dairy Museum and Learning Center has provided many educational opportunities to thousands of people in the Southwest."

Their most successful program, he said, is their mobile classroom.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom is a division of the Southwest Dairy Museum, Inc., a non-profit, educational

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Nicholson: Fresh ideas cure tunnel vision

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles profiling candidates for the May city/school elections.

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Shirley Nicholson thinks the city commission has tunnel vision and needs some fresh ideas.

Nicholson, born July 28, 1938, in Little Rock, Ark., and reared in Pine Bluff, Ark., is running for the Pampa City Commission position from Ward 4 against incumbent Faustina Curry.

A 26-year resident of Pampa, Nicholson said she has some ideas on what the city needs to do, but she's not ready to share them yet.

"I worked for the government, for the Social Security Administration," Nicholson said. "I came here because you go where the promotions are."

Her late husband had a job at Serfco.

Since moving to Pampa, she has seen the population drop from near 30,000 to less than 17,000 residents.

"What the community needs is leadership and unity," she said. "A goal worth striving for is to perhaps, if not lower taxes, at least keep them from continually increasing."

One of the cornerstones of her campaign is lowering taxes.

"Our tax base has decreased so we need to seek ways to economize so that we don't impose an undue tax burden," Nicholson said. "I feel that high taxes have contributed greatly to people moving from our area, which only perpetuates the problem."

Still, she is optimistic about the city's future.

"I see good things for Pampa," she said. "I envision citizens becoming more involved in city government."

Nicholson said she would like to see a revival of volunteerism here.

"You work at it, and you let people know that their services in this volunteerism are welcome," Nicholson said. "I don't think we've stressed to people that we do appreciate and encourage volunteerism. I think that is a good thing. I think that with encouragement people will take a greater part in their government. As the citizens take a more active role in city government, I see nothing but improvement because citizens can see ways to economize that perhaps our leadership has not considered."

It's time, she said, for new ideas.

"Any time you get tunnel vision," Nicholson said, "you need fresh input."

She said she doesn't have any suggestions for fresh ideas to cure that tunnel vision.

"Not at this point," Nicholson said. "I'm not in the job yet."

She said, however, that the first step she wants to take is to encourage tourism.

"It makes the small businesses grow," Nicholson said. "As you make the small businesses grow, larger businesses prosper. Then you have healthy economy. Then potential businesses see a healthier environment. That plus lowering our taxes creates a better business environment."

While that paints a broad stroke, she didn't give any specifics.

"I do have some different ideas for tourism," Nicholson said, "but I'm not prepared to present them at this time."

She indicated that she's running for the city commission out of a sense of duty.

"I am running for city commission because I believe that a part of good citizenship is being willing to serve and being an active partner in the com-

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, April 20

A counterfeit \$50 bill was reportedly passed at Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy, 901 N. Hobart.

Employee theft was reported at the police department. The incident reportedly occurred at Subway Sandwiches & Salads, 2141 N. Hobart. Estimated loss was \$20.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Roberta. Entry was made through a window. Taken were several televisions, jewelry, luggage, headphones, knives and a stereo. Total amount of loss is unknown at this time.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Prescription medication was taken. Estimated loss was \$310.

Domestic violence/assault was reported in the 900 block of East Francis. Minor injuries were reported.

A runaway was reported by Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler.

Methamphetamine lab components were reported to be near Naida Circle. A moderate amount of anhydrous ammonia was recovered at the site, according to the police report.

Theresa Jane Hardy, 33, 1015 E. Denver, was arrested at Starkweather Street and Atchison Avenue for issuing a bad check.

Donnie Johnson, 53, 312 1/2 N. Wells, was arrested at 117 N. Sumner for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 19, 108 S. Sumner, was arrested at his home for burglary of a habitation.

Christopher Lynn McCroskey, 18, 117 N. Sumner, was arrested at his home for burglary of a habitation.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 19

5:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Ward and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, April 20

1:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Foster. No transport.

9:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Skellytown and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No transport.

2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWH.

4:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Russell. No transport.

Wednesday, April 21

2:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Dogwood and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, April 20

Cherie Anne Coleman, 30, Crosbyton, was arrested on a violation of probation concerning a charge of forgery.

Bradley Lynn Larson, 43, 919 E. Francis, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Cornelius Dewayne Landers, 33, 1084 Vamon, was arrested on a bond forfeiture for a charge of assault/domestic violence.

Charles Wayne Jones, 31, Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for running a stop sign, failure to change address and failure to appear.

Wednesday, April 21

Michelle Roberts, 34, homeless, was arrested for five citations pro fines and four municipal warrants.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, April 20

1:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 2000 block of Coffee.

4:08 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Russell.

6:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of hazardous material — an oxygen bottle filled with anhydrous ammonia — in the 700 block of Naida.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 17

3 a.m. — An unknown tan vehicle with unknown driver collided with a properly parked 1995 Ford F-150 pickup in the 1200 block of East Browning. The tan vehicle then left the scene. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

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		MCD	26.70	+0.15
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

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Calmar Corp	32.64	+0.34	SLB	61.90	0.49
Calmar Oil Gas	31.05	+0.55	Tenneco	13.21	+0.40
Coca Cola	52.39	+0.11	CVX	80.40	0.62
MO	59.02	0.71	Wal Mart	58.21	+0.11
HAT	29.70	0.24	OKI	21.55	0.11
Trud	34.21	+2.47	NS-Gip	13.40	0.25
NOI	28.88	0.20	New York Gold	698.48	
			Silver	6.84	
			West Texas Crude	37.60	

CLARIFICATION

A caption beneath a photograph published Tuesday regarding entries for the Kid Pony Show did not make it clear that a child must be entered in the Kid Pony Show before becoming eligible to enter the Mutton Busting contest.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with highs in the upper 70s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 40s and south winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the east 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Thursday should see partly cloudy skies. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs near 80. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent. Thursday night, part-

High 78 Low 45

cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy, cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs near 70. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Greenspan says recovery on track, interest rates to rise at some point

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress on Wednesday that America's economic recovery has good momentum and that low, short-term interest rates will have to rise at some point, though he didn't say when.

"Looking forward, the prospects for sustaining solid economic growth in the period ahead are good," Greenspan said in prepared testimony to the Joint Economic Committee.

Greenspan noted a much-awaited improvement in the hiring climate after a long period in which an uneven economic recovery had failed to produce significant increases in the nation's payrolls.

The economy added 308,000 jobs in March — the most in four years. That raised hopes among private economists that the labor market was turning a crucial corner.

With the rebound in the economy, some companies are finding it easier to raise their prices, Greenspan said. He also noted that the fall in the value of the U.S. dollar and a strengthening global economy were adding to pricing pressures at home.

While stressing that inflation currently remains low, he said it was the job of the Federal Reserve to be stay on the alert for an unwelcome flare-up in inflation.

"As I have noted previously, the federal funds rate must rise at some point to prevent

pressures on price inflation from eventually emerging," Greenspan said. "As yet, the protracted period of monetary accommodation has not fostered an environment in which broad based inflation pressures appear to be building."

Greenspan's optimistic remarks on the U.S. economy come as the International Monetary Fund predicted that the global economy should grow strongly this year with growth in the United States hitting 4.6 percent — the fastest pace in 20 years.

The IMF estimated that the global economy would also expand by a brisk 4.6 percent this year, up from a 3.9 percent increase last year.

Greenspan said he felt that a sweeping change in corporate taxes proposed by presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry would not have much impact either in preventing the migration of U.S. jobs to other countries or boosting investment by U.S. businesses in this country.

Kerry has proposed eliminating a benefit U.S. companies have in being able to defer taxes on the operations of their overseas subsidiaries until profits from the overseas operations are brought back to the United States.

Greenspan also said he felt it would be a "bad mistake" for Congress to block a proposal by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to require publicly held businesses to treat stock options as an expense.



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Explosions rock Saudi security headquarters, at least nine killed

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Two car bombs blasted the Saudi national police headquarters Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 125 others, police said.

Facades were torn off

buildings near the explosions, revealing rooms still ablaze. Cars were smashed by debris. Clouds of dust and black smoke rose from the building and settled over the neighborhood.

"The explosion resulted

from two car bombs that were parked about 50 feet from the building," a police official told The Associated Press. He said "a number of charred bodies" were carried away from the scene.

Staff at three hospitals said

nine people were killed and 125 were wounded. The hospital officials spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Police had said earlier that one body was identified as that of a suicide attacker. It was not immediately known if his body was among those received at the hospitals.

Rescue workers searched through rubble to recover bodies and survivors.

The General Security building was severely damaged in the bombing that came just days after the United States warned of possible terrorist attacks in the kingdom.

General Security oversees officers who investigate burglaries and murders, direct traffic and perform other basic police duties. Such officers have been on the front lines in a Saudi crackdown on Islamic militants, manning check-

points as part of stepped up security and occasionally engaging in fire fights with suspects.

The Foreign Ministry is located behind the General Security building in al-Nassiriyah, a central Riyadh neighborhood.

The explosions, which occurred about 2 p.m., hit when workers would have been leaving for the Saudi weekend.

Saudi television showed the General Security building with its glass facade shattered and severe damage inside. Firefighters worked to extinguish the blazes, and more than 20 ambulances had arrived. Two helicopters flew above the site. Police blocked the area and evacuated the surrounding buildings.

CCA to present concert by vocal ensemble

Cantus, a vocal choir, will be presented by Pampa and Borger community concert associations at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Borger High School Auditorium — the second jointly-sponsored concert and the final concert of the season.

In the fall of 1995, a few college friends gathered to sing together on the campus of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Over the course of the next two years, the group grew to 12 and began performing around campus and other places.

Since that first rehearsal, Cantus has become a full-fledged, professional all-male vocal ensemble.

Cantus has performed over 200 concerts across the nation, including appearances at Amerifest, American Choral Directors' Association's National Convention, Newport Music Festival and ACDA Central Division Convention.

Much of Cantus' music is composed and arranged by its members. Several of these pieces are featured on the group's "Music For Men's Voices" choral series, published by Niel A. Kjos Music Company.



(Photo by Keri Pickett)

Cantus will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Borger High School Auditorium.

"Pampa Community Concert Association Presents 'Live on Stage'" 2004-05 season's membership campaign is currently under way. A series of four concerts are planned. A

"workers brunch" will kick-off the campaign at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. Gerry Caylor and Ruth Riehart are co-chairs of this year's campaign.

Pampa High announces test schedules

Pampa High School officials have announced the schedule for upcoming exit level TAKS and TAAS tests, April 27-29.

Freshmen will come to school at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28, and at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast and testing on Thursday, April 29.

Seniors will report to school at 11:45 a.m. on all three days, April 27-29. Exit level TAAS test will be administered to 12 graders who have not passed part or parts on a previous test.

The test schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 27

TAAS Writing (seniors only)
TAKS 10th Grade Social Studies
TAKS 11th Grade Math

Wednesday, April 28

TAAS Math (seniors only)
TAKS 10th Grade Math
TAKS 11th Grade Science

Thursday, April 29

TAAS Reading (seniors only)
TAKS 9th Grade Math
TAKS 10th Grade Science
TAKS 11th Grade Social Studies

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. — Breakfast in PHS cafeteria for test takers and PHS faculty.

Breakfast menu for all three days will be breakfast pizza, biscuits and gravy or cinnamon roll.

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Students take TAAS and TAKS test and remain in their assigned classrooms for the entire test period.

11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. — Lunch

11:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — 1st period

12:20 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. — 2nd period

12:50 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. — 3rd period

1:20 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. — 4th period

1:50 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. — 5th period

2:20 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. — 6th period

2:50 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. — 7th period.

Miss Woe-Man 2004 to be chosen Thursday

Pampa High School's ninth annual Woe-Man Contest is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22, at Pampa High School Auditorium.

For the past nine years, PHS senior guys have entered

the annual beauty pageant to vie for the title of Miss Woe-Man. Proceeds from the event fund Student Council activities including Homecoming the the prom. Tickets are \$3 each.

The pageant includes talent performances from contestants and two big dance routines featuring all participants. The five finalists will be interviewed before pageants judges make their final decision.

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Panhellenic Tea set for area senior girls

A Mother/Daughter Panhellenic Tea is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the home of Shannon Buck, 1206 Christine. The tea is open to all area high school senior girls interested in learning about college sorority rush.

For further information, call 665-7027.

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NICHOLSON

community," Nicholson said. "My goals are, first, to promote unity in the city commission as well as in the community and, secondly, to promote efficient and accountable government."

Nicholson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayland Baptist University. She's a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree

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DAIRY

organization that is funded by dairymen in the southwestern United States. The mobile classroom offers a free program for schools, day care centers, camps, fairs and festivals, Reeves said.

The classroom is a traveling milking parlor that carries a live cow and provides a milking demonstration, the dairy process, anatomy of dairy cows, the importance of dairy foods. The presentation also includes modern environmental and food safety practices, Reeves said.

in nursing from West Texas A&M University.

She's worked in the health care field and has taught nursing courses at Clarendon College's Pampa campus and at Pampa Nursing Center.

Nicholson said she has a foundation in business and economics, knowledge and experience in health care and knowledge and experience in teaching and educational issues.

"Most importantly," she said, "I want to serve our community. This is my home, and I want to use my knowledge and experience."

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The Pampa News comics

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Good-time Girl Leaves Fiance Standing Outside of Club DOOR

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Rhonda," and I went to a nightclub. The bouncer said she could go in, but I could not. I wasn't surprised because the doors are always open to gorgeous women. What did surprise me was that Rhonda went in and left me standing there.

The next day I asked her if we could go places where we could both have a good time. She said: "Look, I wanted to go in, OK? My friends were there, and I wanted to have a good time."

Well, so did I, Abby! She could have gone to the club another time with her girlfriends. We were supposed to be together that night. I think it was insulting and callous for her to treat me like that. I'm so hurt I'm ready to break the engagement.

Do you think I am being overly sensitive? Rhonda does. -- HURT AND ASHAMED IN N.Y.C.

DEAR HURT AND ASHAMED: Not only was it insulting and callous of Rhonda to leave you at the door, it was also selfish, immature and completely without regard for your feelings. You were remarkably tolerant not to have broken the engagement the next morning. However, please consider /it/ Rhonda has a lot of growing up to do before she should marry anyone.

DEAR ABBY: My friends "Mike" and "Mary" were happily married for 20 years. They led a healthy, active life and were an inspiration to many people, including me.

Unfortunately, Mary lost her battle with cancer three months ago. Mike was her devoted caregiver, but now he says he is ready to live again.

Mike and I share many interests and have been spending time together, but we're unsure about what the proper waiting period should be to begin dating publicly. The time is

right as far as we're concerned, but we are worried about the feelings and attitudes of others -- even though we've been friends for 20 years.

What do you think is the appropriate length of time before we can "go public"? -- READY TO LIVE AGAIN

DEAR READY: There is no one-size-fits-all answer to that question. Did Mike and Mary have children? How will a quick attachment look to them? How long was Mary's battle with cancer? If it was a long fight, then people in your community will recognize that Mike had time to mourn his loss before her actual death.

In a nutshell, there is no exact timetable for grief. But in my opinion, six months to a year is a reasonable time, out of respect for a loved one's memory, before "going public" -- unless the two of you are in your 80s. (In which case, time may be of the essence.)

DEAR ABBY: Please advise this never-married 41-year-old woman how to answer the dreaded, "So why aren't you married yet?" question. During the early getting-to-know-you stage of dating, this question invariably comes up, and I always feel like I'm taking a pop quiz -- and failing. Please advise. -- ON THE SPOT IN TUCSON

DEAR ON THE SPOT: Stop feeling defensive about it, and just tell the truth. "The right person hasn't asked me."

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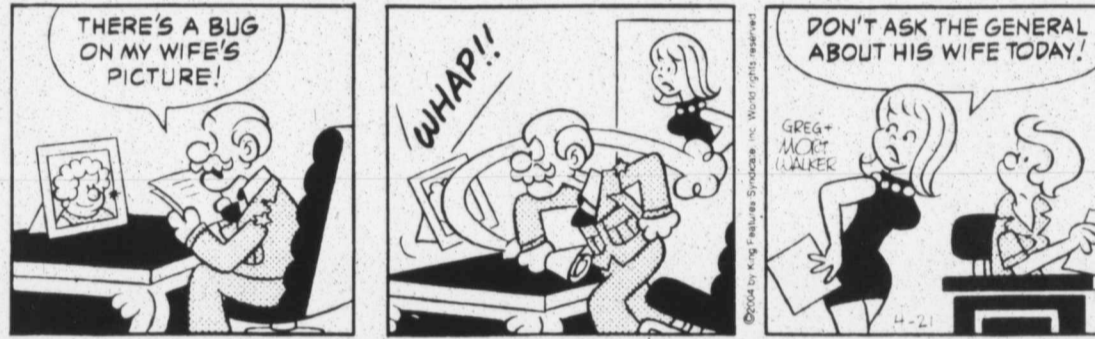
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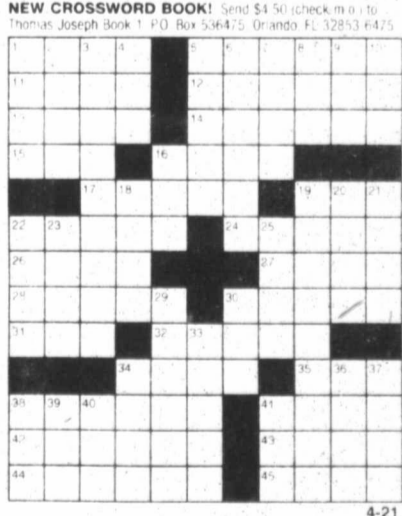
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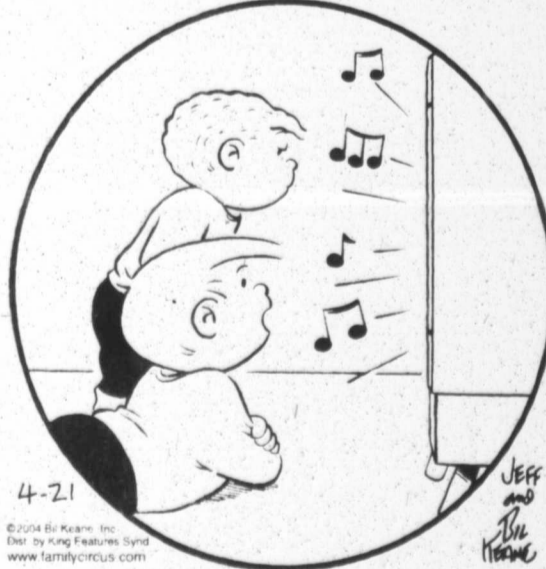
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SPORTS

Kings outlast Mavs in low-scoring contest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Chris Webber was chagrined by the Sacramento Kings' missed shots and bonehead mistakes. Dirk Nowitzki couldn't believe the deflated final score.

Still, no surprise in the Sacramento Kings' 83-79 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night could match the shock of a last-minute steal by Peja Stojakovic. Yes, that Peja — the superstar scorer who usually considers defense a dirty word.

"That's why we brought Peja here, is for his defense," said Webber, who got his first playoff triple-double.

After Brad Miller hit the go-

ahead shot with 34 seconds left, Stojakovic swatted the ball out of Michael Finley's hands with 11 seconds to play, setting up Doug Christie's clinching free throws to give the Kings their second 2-0 playoff series lead since moving to Sacramento in 1985.

"The only thing that was pretty was the final score," said Christie, who had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Game 3 is Saturday in Dallas, where the Kings have lost five straight games dating to last season's playoffs.

In other games Tuesday, it was Indiana 103, Boston 90; and New Jersey 99, New York 81.

Stojakovic's heady defense was an atonement for his 1-for-9 performance on 3-pointers, just two days after tying the franchise record with five in Sacramento's Game 1 victory. But he wasn't alone in ineptitude: Steve Nash finished up a 6-for-20 performance by missing an open 3-pointer with 19 seconds left, and Finley made the last of Dallas' 14 turnovers.

"This was definitely a heart-breaker," said Nowitzki, who had 28 points and 10 rebounds. "(Owner Mark) Cuban told me before the game they were going to shoot 37 percent, and we were going to win. But we shot 32 percent ourselves. ... I just can't believe we only

scored 79 points."

Webber had 19 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists, while Mike Bibby hit four 3-pointers and scored 10 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings. Bibby also controlled play down the stretch as Sacramento nursed a tiny lead to victory.

Rookie Marquis Daniels tied it twice for Dallas with free throws in the final 90 seconds, but Miller hit an open jumper on a pass from Bibby. Nash missed his 3-pointer and Daniels missed a putback, but Webber missed two free throws with 19.6 seconds left.

"It was an opportunity lost for us," Mavericks coach Don

Nelson said. "We had them in our sights and in striking distance. Who would have ever thought it would be a defensive battle? ... It looked like there was a lid on the basket. It's just one of those nights you dread as a coach."

The game had no resemblance to the series opener, when the teams combined for 221 points.

The Kings fell into a 2-for-19 funk midway through the third quarter, going without a field goal in the final eight minutes. Dallas missed 10 straight shots during one first-half stretch, then got just one field goal in the final three minutes of the fourth.

NOTEBOOK

TENNIS

SAN ANGELO — Pampa's boys doubles team of Zach Hucks and Britton White finished third at the regional tennis tournament, losing to Andrews' Dustyn Ipson and Angel Granados 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. Hucks and White defeated Friendship's Brad Armour and Brandon Armour 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a playback to clinch third.

FOOTBALL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Claret's status for the NFL draft is now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Claret's attorney, Alan Milstein, filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court on Tuesday. He asked for a stay of a federal appeals court's decision from 24 hours earlier preventing the former Ohio State tailback from being in this weekend's draft.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case. She asked the NFL on Wednesday to file a response to Claret's appeal by Thursday morning. There was no word on when she planned to act on Claret's emergency request or whether she would refer the request to the other eight justices.

In 1971, lawyers for Detroit high school star Spencer Haywood followed the same approach. A stay preventing Haywood from going in the NBA draft was tossed out by Justice William O. Douglas, opening the door for underclassmen and teenagers to play pro basketball.

Pampa downs Dons 10-0 in five innings

PAMPA — Dusty Lenderman tossed a shutout as Pampa run-ruled Palo Duro in five innings 10-0 Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Lenderman allowed four hits while striking out four and walking four. He improved his record to 5-2.

The win set up a Pampa showdown with Dumas for District 3-4A's third-place playoff spot. The two teams meet at 1 p.m. Saturday in Dumas.

Seven Harvesters had one or more hits. Lenderman and Jed Martin led the attack with two hits each. Each had two singles and a run-batted-in. Nick Story and Shea Brown

each knocked in two runs with a base hit. Tyson Hickman had a run-scoring single. Hunter Craig and Derek Lewis each added a single.

The Harvesters played some solid defense to back up Lenderman. Brown at catcher gunned down a PD runner trying to steal second base in the second inning. Third baseman Seth Foster started a fourth-inning double play on a ground ball.

Pampa can clinch a playoff spot with a win over Dumas on Saturday. The Harvesters have a 6-4 record and the Demons are 5-4.

Dumas had an open date Tuesday.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Derek Lewis, Nick Story and Jake Craig gather with their Harvester teammates for a pre-game prayer.

Fullmer, Rogers spark Rangers to 6-3 victory over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Brad Fullmer homered and drove in two runs in his first game in Anaheim since leaving as a free agent in the offseason, leading the Texas Rangers to a 6-3 victory over the Angels on Tuesday night.

Kenny Rogers (3-0) allowed

two runs and seven hits in five innings, striking out three and walking two. The victory was the left-hander's 104th with the Rangers, tying Bobby Witt for second place on the franchise list behind knuckleballer Charlie Hough's 139.

Jeff Nelson pitched a hitless

eighth inning and Francisco Cordero put runners on first and second in the ninth before inducing Vladimir Guerrero to ground out for his third save.

Ramon Ortiz (0-2) was charged with four runs and six hits in 2-1/3 innings, after the Rangers pounded him for seven

runs and nine hits in 2-2/3 innings on April 9 at Arlington. The right-hander's ERA in three starts this season is 12.65.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead in the second on a two-run single by Gerald Laird, which followed a two-out walk to Kevin Mench and a double by Laynce

Nix. Texas extended the margin to 5-1 in the third. Hank Blalock doubled and scored on a single by Alfonso Soriano, who was caught stealing by Bengie Molina one pitch before Fullmer chased Ortiz with a homer to center.

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Pampa Art Club gearing up for annual exhibition

This year several Pampa Art Club members saw their artworks exhibited in several area shows and exhibitions. Linda Nowell and Chris Alexander both participated in the Best of the Southwest Art Show sponsored by Amarillo Fine Arts Association in the fall. Alexander's work placed second in the glass category.

Nowell entered her pottery in the third High Plains Art Festival at Miami in January and earned second place in that division.

This winter Alexander, Dona Cornutt, Kay Crouch, Betty Fletcher, Kathy Gist,

Nowell, Pat Kindle, Billy Collinsworth, Pat Youngblood, Mimi Gross and Evelyn Epps participated in the Pampa exhibit at the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo.

These pieces and more will be on exhibit during PAC's Annual Guest Tea and Exhibit from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 at Lovett Memorial Library, a yearly tradition since 1957.

PAC meets twice a month, September through May, to work on projects for exhibit. On occasions, guest artists or one member or another will give demonstrations on various projects or techniques.

The PAC annual Christmas party is a big event with a luncheon prepared by and in the home of Cornutt. Members exchange personal artworks as gifts. This year PAC decorated a Christmas tree with hand-made ornaments for Festival of Trees in December.

At the May meeting, the final meeting of the club year, a field trip is planned to visit projects, demonstrations or exhibits in the surrounding area.

PAC was established in June of 1948. Since that time, it has encouraged and participated in activities and events that promote the arts in Pampa.

Instrumental in the organization of Pampa Fine Arts Association, various PAC members have sat on the PFAA board of directors over the years. Past PAC-sponsored projects include Top of Texas Arts Festival, Art Train and

► Peggy Palmitier a member of Pampa Art Club, is shown here making Christmas tree ornaments for PAC's entry in Festival of Trees. PAC is currently readying for its Annual Guest Tea and Exhibit set from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 at Lovett Memorial Library. The event is open to the public.

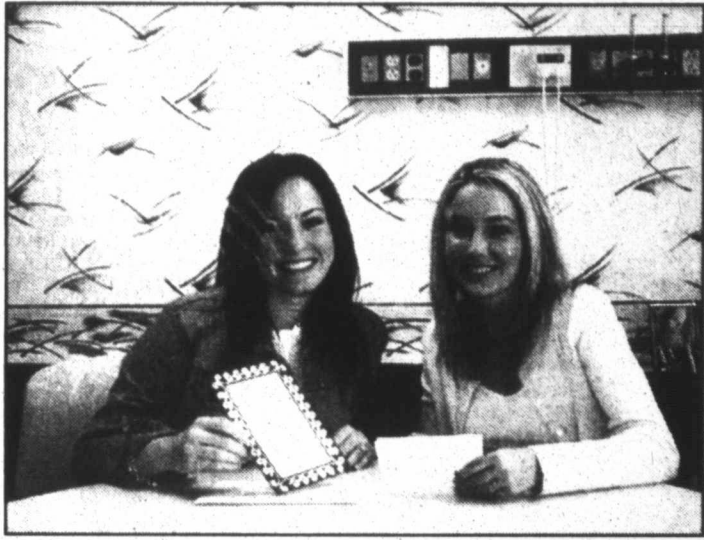


(Courtesy photo)

Texas Arts Commission's traveling art show.

PAC members who have earned PFAA Artist of the Year awards are Olive Hills, Betty Bailey and Walt Bailey, Rosemond Winborn, Karon Bonnell, Ann Lemons (Harper), Amy Lucille "Cile" Taylor, Peggy Palmitier, Jackie Kastor, a co-exhibitor with Pernie Fallon Davis, Epps, Crouch, Natalie Reev, Nowell, Gross and Gist.

Heart Gala



(Courtesy photo)

Midee Ferland and Mandy Waldrip prepare invitations for the American Heart Association's Treasure Your Heart Gala slated at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 24 at the Pampa Country Club. For tickets or more information, contact Veronica Kirkwood at 665-3056.

Health and Wealth Fair coming to CC campus

CLARENDON — Area residents are again promised a full slate of free health screenings, along with a wealth of financial advice, at the upcoming "Good Health, Much Wealth - Your Choice - Health Fair" set for 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, April 29, in Bairfield Activity Center on the Clarendon College campus.

The following screenings will be offered during the

health fair: glucose, cholesterol, prostate, hemoglobin and blood pressure. Individuals are encouraged to fast for 12 hours prior to the screens to ensure more accurate results.

The screenings are a collaborative effort of Donley County Hospital District, Associated Ambulance Authority, Clarendon Family Medical Clinic, Donley County Medical Center Nursing Home, Novartis Pharmaceutical, Northwest Texas Healthcare System and Clarendon College's LVN program.

PSA's will be available to men over 40. The American Cancer Society recommends PSA's once every 10 years after age 40 unless otherwise advised by a physician.

This year Novartis will be sponsoring MME (Mini Mental Exam) for persons concerned about memory

loss either in themselves or in a loved one.

Lion's Eye Bank will provide glaucoma screenings.

The only services that will require fees will be the mammogram screenings conducted by Harrington Cancer Center.

Appointments are required for the mammograms. For more details, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Coffee Memorial Blood Bank will send representatives to the fair; however, CMBB's annual blood drive is not until May.

Providing financial information and services this year will be Edward Jones Investments, Herring National Bank and Asset Conservation Systems.

Educational exhibits will be provided by Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, American Red Cross, Odyssey Health Care,

Donley County Extension Service, Novartis, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission 9-1-1 Network, Med-Link Services, RSVP, Meredith House, National Weather Service, Texas Panhandle Poison Center, Panhandle Rehabilitation Specialists, Advanced Hearing Technologies, Harrington Cancer Center, Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Texas Gold, Home Sleep Diagnostics, Senior Advantage, The Pavilion Wound Care Center, and Balance Center.

Patrick Robertson of KEFH 99.3 will give live remote broadcasts throughout the event, and door prizes will be awarded and announced on air.

For more information about the health and wealth fair, contact Donley County Extension Service at (806) 874-2141.

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild to meet

GUYMON, Okla. — Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet April 24 in the Disciple Center of First Christian Church in Guymon. The meeting will get under way at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and shopping. Bring a salad for a lunch buffet.

Helen Hammond of Amarillo will present a trunk show for the morning program. Hammond has worked at R&R Quilts in Amarillo and is currently in charge of Redwork Club with meets at the shop on a monthly basis.

At 1 in the afternoon, Hammond will conduct a Crazy Nine Patch Quilt workshop. The workshop will cost \$10 per quilter. Supplies needed are a 1/2 yard of nine different fabrics, a 6" x 24" ruler, a rotary mat and cutter, an extension cord, an iron, a sewing machine and other general quilting supplies.

To register for the workshop, call Freddie Seaman at 1-806-435-6433 or e-mail fseaman@arn.net. New members and guests are welcome.

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