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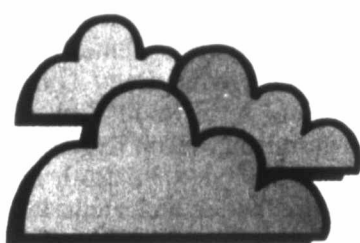
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Deaths

Kendell Lyle Green, 84, production manager.
 Harold David Hink, 83, warehouse foreman.
 Anja Oleta Ruff, 85, homemaker.

Odds & Ends

UNION SPRINGS, Ala. (AP) — Dreaming of ways to break out of jail is pretty normal. But for the second time in less than a month, police have arrested a man for trying to break into the Bullock County Jail.

Police said Ellis Hudson, 40, of Union Springs was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after he was caught inside the fence of the jail on Feb. 21.

Union Springs Police Chief Jake Wheeler said he suspects Hudson was trying to smuggle tobacco to an inmate, since Hudson had pipe tobacco, three packs of cigarettes and rolling papers in his possession.

"There's no smoking in the jail," Wheeler said. "Someone could probably get \$2 for a cigarette in there."

In early February, police arrested another man for attempting to break into the jail. Officers suspected he was trying to smuggle marijuana into the jail.

Hudson was released on \$500 bail after spending the night in the jail.

NEW YORK (AP) — The city is testing a high-tech trash can that uses solar power to sense when it is full and then automatically compact the garbage inside.

The BigBelly can's try-out began Feb. 14 in Chinatown and then was moved to Tribeca on Feb. 28, city sanitation department spokeswoman Taryn Duckett said Wednesday.

Duckett said it's too early to tell whether it functions as advertised. The city decided to try out BigBelly because manufacturer Westborough, Mass.-based Seahorse Power Co. Inc. offered it.

The company claims that when garbage inside the BigBelly reaches a certain level, it is automatically compacted, making room for more. When BigBelly is full, a red indicator light goes on and it can even send out a wireless call for a pickup, the company claims.

Contract back before GCAD board

Officials to discuss fate of industrial appraisals in meeting Friday

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Possible renewal of a contract with Hooper Enterprises of Corpus Christi as industrial consultant for Gray County Appraisal District will once again be on the agenda for the district's board of directors meeting, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, in the conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

The appointment of appraisal review board members is also on Friday's agen-

da. At their last meeting on Feb. 10, directors had chosen Paula Goff and Bob Marx to serve on the board. Other candidates were Annette Goode and Doug Locke.

Feb. 10's election was conducted by written ballot immediately after board members Nancy Coffee and Darville Orr, and Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley, had discussed casting non-verbal ballots.

Goff died before she could assume her duties on the review board.

The industrial consultant has come under fire after it was made known that Gray County, Pampa Independent School District and Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District would each have to refund a portion of the tax revenues received from Celanese Ltd.

Celanese had submitted a revised property valuation to Bagley last fall, along with an explanation that its original valuation, turned in earlier in the year, was incorrect. Celanese was billed for the

amount of taxes figured on the original valuation, Bagley told Gray County commissioners at their Feb. 1 meeting.

The difference between the original and revised valuations is \$6,647,253, resulting in overpayment by Celanese of \$32,500.15 to Gray County, \$103,431.26 to Pampa Independent School District, and \$1,010.38 to Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

Each of those entities must now refund the overpayment

to Celanese.

The appraisal district's industrial consultant has been included by county commissioners and appraisal district board members in questioning about the Celanese error.

The board of directors will also consider the 2004 financial audit and a change of the deferred compensation plan. The chief appraisers' report and an investment report will be heard, as will any citizens who wish to make public comments.

Panel eyes a slew of new taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans could soon be paying much less in property taxes, but will see some increased expenses such as the cost of bottled water and car washes.

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee approved a measure Wednesday that replaces a reduction in school property taxes with a new business tax on wages and a slew of other new taxes. A plan to reduce property taxes by a third left lawmakers with a \$5.4 billion-per-year-hole to plug with other taxes.

The state sales tax, now at 6.25 percent, would be increased to 7.2 percent, and would be expanded to include other products and services such as bottled water, billboard advertising, car washes and vehicle repair services.

Most of the revenue, about \$3.5 billion, would come from a reform of the state's main business tax, which allows five of every six businesses to avoid paying. The new system would tax wages in Texas at 1.1

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

In good hands

A portrait of Pampa civic leader M.K. Brown seems to be watching over Katrina Neff, right, as Jennifer Gonzales of Coffee Memorial Blood Center prepares to collect a donation of blood from her. Blood donating was one of a number of activities held during Wednesday afternoon's Health Fair at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Other services included blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing, cholesterol screening and information on goods and services available to area residents.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Collision blocks busy intersection

A two-vehicle accident at noon Wednesday at 23rd and Perryton Parkway sent at least one by ambulance for emergency treatment. Traffic on Perryton Parkway near the intersection was re-routed by law enforcement officers until the roadway could be cleared of the red Dodge pickup and gray sedan involved in the collision.

NWS hosts severe weather workshop

Gov. Rick Perry of Texas has proclaimed the week of March 6-12 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Gov. Perry reminds Texans of the life-threatening nature of severe thunderstorms and tornados and urges Texans to stay informed and to take time now to prepare for severe weather.

In recognition of this special week, Amarillo National Weather Service and Amarillo Emergency Management will host a severe weather workshop on March 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Severe storm spotter training and training on basic radar interpretation will be available from 10 a.m. to noon. The general session will begin at 1 p.m. This year's theme, "Tornados in Your Backyard; A 50-year History," will include information on historic panhandle tornado outbreaks, the evolution of tornado safety, and how the detection of tornados has improved. Registration for the workshop begins at 9 a.m.

"The spring and summer months are especially prone to conditions that create severe weather, such as thunderstorms, lightning strikes, floods and tornados," said Gov. Perry in

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'The spring and summer months are especially prone to conditions that create severe weather...'

— Gov. Rick Perry
 in proclamation

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, March 2

Eight traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received concerning the intersection of 14th and Dogwood streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner, the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway, and the 100 block of East Harvester. A hit and run accident was reported in the 2300 block of Dogwood.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Foster, the 1500 block of Hamilton, and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Barnard. A shop door was spray painted, for an estimated \$75 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Naida and the 1900 block of North Nelson. A report of criminal mischief in the 100 block of East Harvester involved spray paint.

Assault was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, and in the police department lobby.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The case remains active.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2300

block of Primrose Lane, the 100 block of East Harvester, and the 1000 block of Varon Drive.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester; and at Pampa Junior High School.

Warrant service was attempted at six locations.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. Minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of West Wilks.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of South Faulkner. No injuries were reported.

Public intoxication was reported at Pampa High School.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of Love, the 1300 block of Coffee, and the 500 block of East Kingsmill.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of East Craven.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

An animal complaint was received from the 300 block

of North Wells.

Cedric D. Parker, 18, 1116 Varon, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for assault causing bodily injury.

Robert Wayne Ellison, 21, 1320 Starkweather, was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville for failure to comply with sex offender registration.

Jeff Wade Price, 32, 505 E. Kingsmill, was arrested for theft by check.

Thursday, March 3

Troyce Glenn Brewer, 35, 2108 N. Sumner, was arrested at Gray County Sheriff's Office for driving without lights, no driver's license, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and displaying expired registration.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Wednesday, March 2

4:31 a.m. — A 1988 Volkswagen Fox, driven by Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 25, 816 N. Wells, collided with a legally parked 1997 Ford F150, owned by John Bilyeu, 1534 N. Sumner, in the 1500 block of North Sumner. The Volkswagen then hit a tree. No injuries were reported. Brookshire was cited for failure to control speed and no proof of liability insurance.

3:16 p.m. — A 2005 Toyota Scion, driven by Kerri Dawn Carter, 16, 8485 Loop 171, and a 1991 Ford Explorer, driven by Andrew Michael Fraser, 18, 1700 Charles, collided in the 1500 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported. Carter was cited for backing without safety.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, March 2

Mellisa Campbell, 21, 605 E. Gordon, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify.

Aquilla Duck, 30, 2108 N. Sumner, was arrested on warrants for open container and failure to appear.

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Obituaries

Kendell Lyle Green, 84

Kendell Lyle Green, 84 years of age, passed on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Parks Methodist Nursing Center.

He was born June 6, 1920, in Curtis, Okla., to Nathaniel and Ora Green. Kendell and Eva married on Nov. 3, 1940, in Sayre, Okla.

He served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 and was a production manager for the Freedom Newspaper for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Jane Green on Feb. 15, 2005; by his parents; by a son, Harold Ray Green; by brothers, Carol, Bill, Frank and Lawrence.

Harold David Hink, 83

Harold David Hink, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with John Curry officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hink was born March 4, 1921, in Clarksville, Ark. He was reared in Wheeler County and was a 1940 graduate of Kelton High School. He briefly attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

He joined the U.S. Navy in July of 1942. A veteran of World War II, he served as motor machinist mate on the USS LST 374, a transport ship that landed supplies and tanks. From July 1942 until December of 1945, he participated in invasions of Sicily, Italy, France and the D-Day Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944.



Hink

Kendell is survived by his son, Gary L. Green and wife Doris of Odessa; brother, James K. Green of Artesia, N.M.; grandchildren, Patricia Ryburn of Hobbs, N.M., Jason Green of Odessa; three great-grandchildren; nephews, Walt Green of Artesia, N.M., Corky Green of Victoria, and Billy Joe Green of Pampa.

Visitation will be at Odessa Funeral Home today from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Graveside services have been set for Saturday March 5, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Barry Owens of First Baptist Church, Pampa, officiating.

He married Betty Jones on Feb. 24, 1951, in Clovis, N.M.

He farmed in Wheeler County and was employed by Cabot Corporation for 32 years, retiring in 1979 as a warehouse foreman.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, U.S. LST Association and the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Hink, of the home; one son, Jere David Hink of Pampa; and one grandson, Aaron Lee Hink of Pampa. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Ledbetter and Henrietta Bennett; and two brothers, Irven Hink and Henry Hink, Jr.

The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2005.

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

Anja Oleta Ruff, 85

Anja Oleta Ruff, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ruff was born June 18, 1919, at Sulfur Bluff. She married Charlie Ruff on Dec. 23, 1935, at Mobeetie, and came to Pampa in 1946.

She was a member of Priest Park Church of God.

Mr. Ruff preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1998. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lindell Merrell; and a sister, Vivian Ruff.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene Boissenet of Skellytown; a son, Robert Ruff of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Ruby Terry of Pampa; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

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

Services tomorrow

RUFF, Anja Oleta — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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Gray County Weather

Today: Increasing clouds, with a high around 65. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. West wind around 10 mph. Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.29
Milo	3.36
Corn	3.91
Soybeans	5.51

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

OXY	73.53	+2.59
BP PLC ADR	65.27	+0.62
Cabot Corp	34.99	+0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	56.48	+0.74
Coca Cola	43.39	+0.35
VLO	71.17	+1.40
HAL	44.30	+0.56
TRI	43.99	-0.01
NOI	45.65	+1.19
KMI	80.82	+0.44

XCEL	17.82	NC
Kerr McGee	80.15	+1.03
XOM	62.68	NC
Limited	24.07	-0.41
Williams	18.91	+0.15
MCD	33.45	+0.17
Atmos	27.77	+0.11
Pioneer Nat	43.23	+0.13
JCP	45.13	+0.04
COP	110.63	+1.13
SLB	76.59	+0.78
Tenneco	14.65	-0.05
CYX	60.88	-0.69
Wal-Mart	52.94	+0.99
ORKE	29.99	+0.15
NS Grp	34.36	+0.44
New York Gold	432.50	
Silver	7.22	
West Texas Crude	51.68	

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WRITER, ELMER Kelton, will speak at the Lovett Memorial Library Fri, March 4 at 7:00 pm. For more information call 669-5780

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The measure include an alcohol tax, House Speaker Craddock said such an added tax when the full measure is passed. Perry said the bill is moving.

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percent of salaries under \$80,000 per employee. Property taxes would drop from a cap of \$1.50 per \$100 in assessed property value to \$1.

The proposal, along with an education overhaul package, is expected to be considered by the full House beginning next week.

A last-minute push by Democratic Rep. Vilma Luna of Corpus Christi would have reduced the amount of property tax relief, freeing up more money for other state programs in need. Rep. Jim Keffer, who chairs the committee and wrote much of the bill, refused to include the proposal in the adopted version.

"I realize changes are really hard to do, but if we just keep the focus on where it needs to be, people will see why we're doing it and that we're not trying to be onerous on any particular business or industry," said Keffer, an Eastland Republican. The measure does not include an increase in the alcohol tax, but Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said earlier in the day such a tax could be added as an amendment when the full House takes up the measure next week.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry said he likes that the bill is moving forward and is

more interested in progress than in the specific proposed taxes.

"I have every reason to believe from past history that a bill that passes out of one body very rarely is in the final form, so there's a lot of massaging, a lot of debating left," Perry said.

The property tax relief bill is part of a package of legislation aimed at overhauling the state's public education system.

Consideration of a payroll tax sparked a meltdown in the Legislature last spring after Perry, on the eve of the floor debate, indicated he would not support the measure. Perry argued that the bill would discourage job creation in Texas.

He has been noncommittal on the current proposal, but Craddick said Wednesday that conversations with Perry have indicated "he's more for a broad-based tax today than he was" during the special session.

"I think he realizes, as does everybody, that we need some type of a change," Craddick said.

Craddick and Keffer have been careful not to refer to the proposal as a payroll tax, even though it taxes salaries. They've instead billed it as a reform of the franchise tax.

Echoing Perry's concerns, Wanda Rohm, a small business owner from San Antonio, told the committee that she was aghast at the prospect of a payroll tax.

"I probably will not hire additional employees," said Rohm, who has 11 employees at her Presto Printing shop.

as well as any other necessities family members might need.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is an excellent time for schools, hospitals, churches, businesses and civic organizations to review and practice severe weather safety plans, according to a NWS press release. This should also be done at home by all families to ensure that each family member knows how to be safe when severe weather threatens. The best way to ensure that plans are adequate and can be activated is to test them with drills, the release stated.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, the National Weather Service offices serving Texas and Oklahoma will issue special releases each weekday morning and each afternoon to help prepare Texans for severe weather. These messages will discuss many facets of severe weather along with the recommended safety rules.

Pamphlets and more information on disaster safety precautions, are available at the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell.

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 2
10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Hobart.

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Coffee.

12 noon — A mobile ICU unit responded to 23rd and Perryton Parkway. One patient was transported to an unlisted location.

12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells. One patient was transported to an unlisted location.

7:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Texas Rose and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

"I think he realizes, as does everybody, that we need some type of change."

— Tom Speaker
Speaker of the House

Weather

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his proclamation. "For those reasons, the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service launch an awareness campaign in the early spring of each year. During this effort, concerned citizens will work to inform the public about the necessary steps we can all take to be prepared for severe weather, including the creation of an emergency action plan."

Perry said in the proclamation that a "proper emergency action plan" as includes ways for family members to keep in touch — typically through an out-of-area friend or relative, directions concerning how and when to turn off electricity and gas in the house, a designated meeting place in case there's an evacuation.

He also encouraged Texans to create and maintain an emergency kit containing three gallons of water per person, nonperishable food, a first-aid kit, blankets, flashlights, a battery-powered NOAA weather radio and fresh batteries,

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Fire

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

Wednesday, March 2
9:55 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

11:58 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

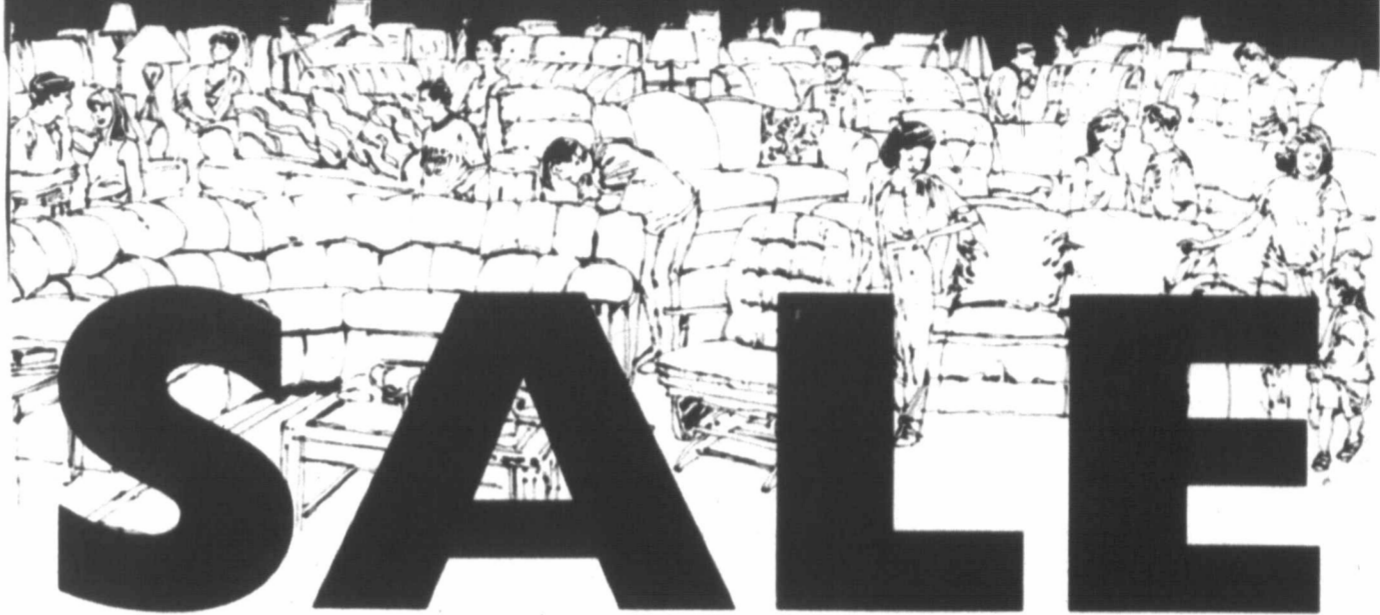
12:52 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the Health Fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls

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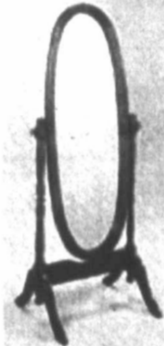
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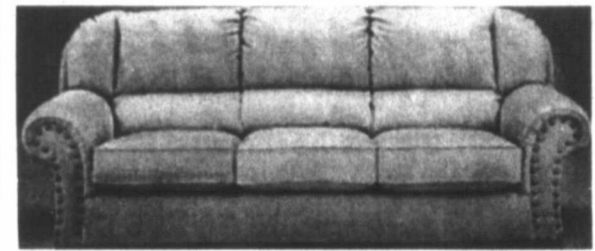


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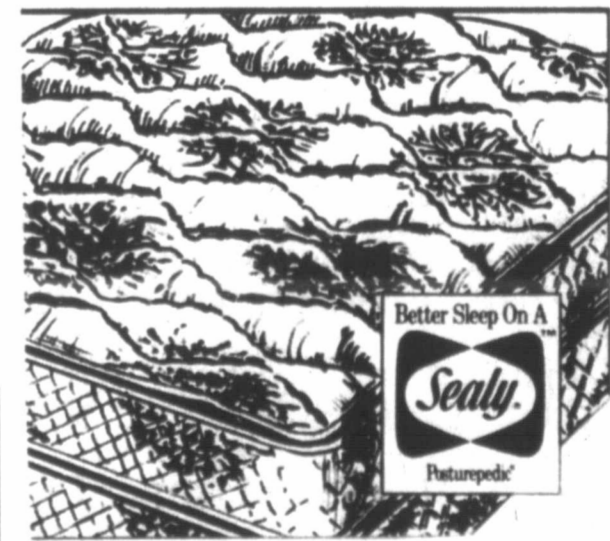
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Viewpoints

Time, time, time: What has become of us?

Time is so precious, and it seems the older we get, the faster it marches us along.

We watch in dismay as at break-neck speed it wanes, fostering a greater appreciation for it and even, sometimes, a covetous of it in us. Alas, when we are young, time can never pass fast enough, but wait until we hit our 30s, that's when our love/hate relationship with hours, minutes and calendars really begins.

Katy Goolsby, an expert, I understand, on time-use practices, conducts time management seminars at the University of North Texas where she is supplemental tutoring coordinator for the university's Learning Center.

In a feature article recently submitted for consideration to The News by UNT's Office of University Communications and Marketing, Goolsby advises us "that managing time is not always about Palm Pilots, day planners and alarm clocks."

"These can be helpful tools," the article quotes Goolsby as saying. "But before looking at these tools, it would be better to identify your priorities."

Speaking of tools ... what about the mirror, Ms. Goolsby. Is that a "tool?" If mirrors had never been invented, would I pay nearly so much attention to all those gray hairs and laugh lines that tell me, specific-

ly, that my time is passing?

Coordinate your time according to your own personal meter of importance, that's what Goolsby recommends.

"It can help you make a decision to put that thing first. The result," she says in the article, "is stress reduction. Each person has to find out what works best for his or her own individual needs."

Well, I can tell you right now, eliminating grocery shopping and housework from my weekly routine would greatly reduce my

stress levels, not to mention alleviating the resentment I feel at being forced to spend my time on such menial tasks in the first place. Hmph, what I need is a free maid.

However, I'm told the odds are against that.

"Understanding how you respond to your environment and the demands of others can also help," the article attributes Goolsby as saying.

Goolsby in the article explains that, "(w)e all have different temperaments. Some people thrive on chaos and multi-tasking to accomplish goals, while others pre-

fer predictability and a steady pace."

"Goolsby encourages people," the article continues, "to lighten their loads by doing one thing at a time and by communicating with others about their priorities."

Goolsby says it is well within our sphere of influence and control to select tasks that we think "should get the most attention."

See? That's why I always put the ice cream first. I firmly believe and adhere to the application of spoon-to-ice-cream-to-mouth several times a day. It may not be good for the figure, but it is good for the soul.

"When bosses, coworkers or others press you," the article says, "to accomplish a

task by a certain time, tell them what you're working on and what your deadlines are," Goolsby suggests. "Then offer to delay one task in order to complete another."

Goolsby also counsels us to "celebrate what you have accomplished."

Well, I wrote this column today and later I plan on taking a nap.

Remember while you are "prioritizing," that it's the people in our lives that really matter — and how much time we manage to make for them.

Write to News Editor Skyla Bryant at lifestyles@thepampnews.com.

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2005. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:
In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.
In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory.
In 1879, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood became the first woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris.

In 1985, coal miners in Britain voted to end a year-long strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history.

In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

Ten years ago: President Clinton held a news conference in which he asserted his administration had built a safer world and stronger economy while Republicans were trying to cut money for the needy to give tax breaks to the rich. The dollar plunged to a new low against the Japanese yen.

Five years ago: Former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet returned to Chile a free man, 16 months after he was detained in Britain on torture charges. Bob Jones University, a fundamentalist Christian college, said it was lifting its ban on interracial dating. (University president Bob Jones III made the announcement on CNN's "Larry King Live.")

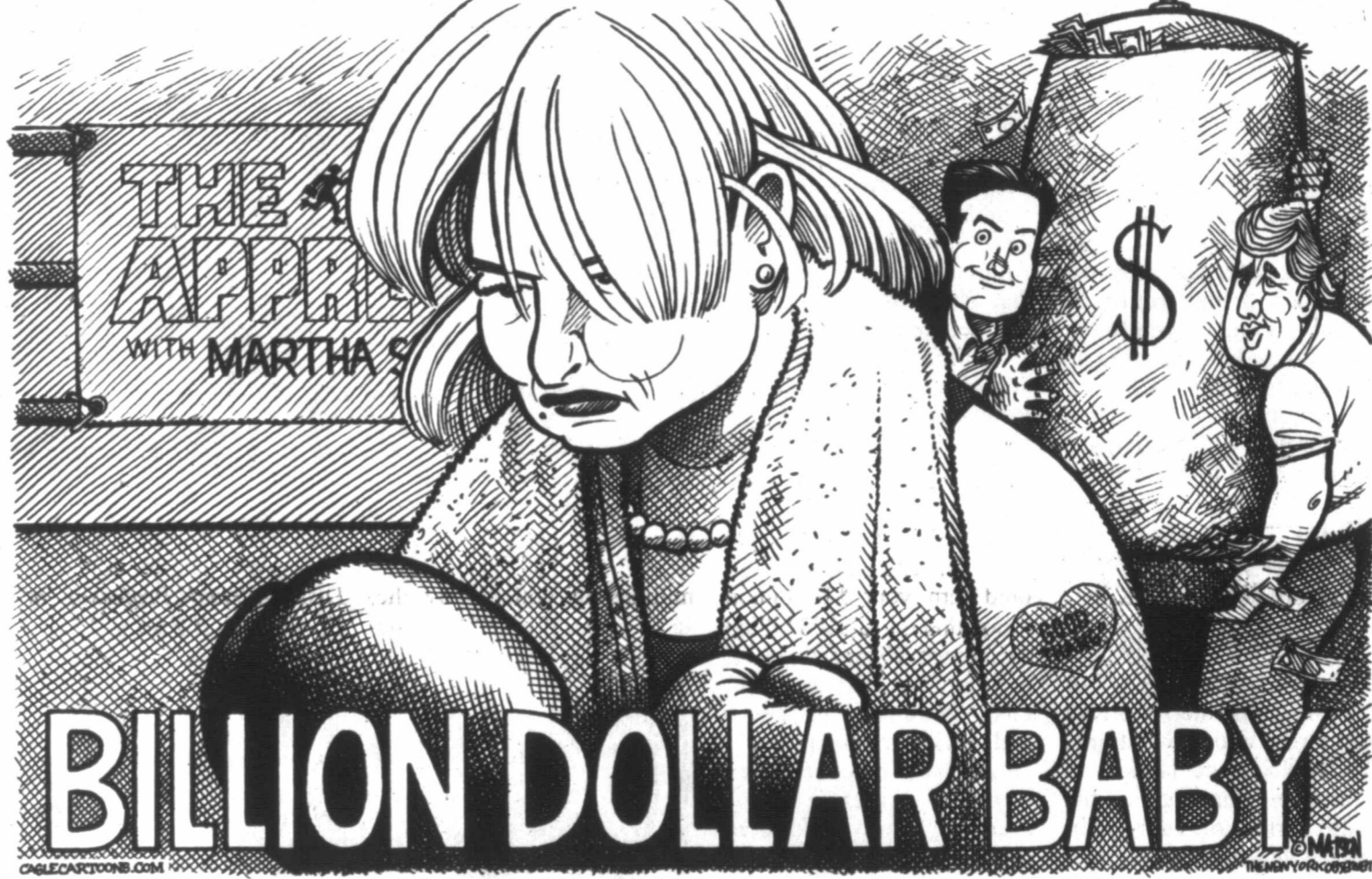
One year ago: The first same-sex marriage licenses were issued in Multnomah County, Ore. The Walt Disney Company's board voted to strip Michael Eisner of his chairman's post while retaining him as CEO.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Miranda Richardson is 47. Actress Mary Page Keller is 44. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 43. Football player Herschel Walker is 43. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 39.

'A good man can be stupid and still be good. But a bad man must have brains.'

— Maxim Gorky
Russian writer

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Good CEOs worth their price

In the wake of the Enron and WorldCom corporate scandals, the purveyors of envy have found another opportunity to preach about what they consider the evils of high CEO salaries, retirements and bonuses. After all, according to them, evil must be afoot when a corporate executive earns more in a week that the average worker earns in an entire year. Let's look at it.

Dishonest Enron and WorldCom CEOs are rare among corporate executives. As such, all CEOs shouldn't be tarnished for the misdeeds of a few any more

than we'd tarnish all newspaper reporters because a few among their ranks were liars like the Boston Globe's Patricia Smith and Mike Barnicle, Jayson Blair of The New York Times, and The Washington Post's Janet Cooke.

Is a CEO worth millions of dollars to a corporation? When Jack Welch became General Electric's CEO in 1981, the stock market

judged the company to be worth about \$14 billion. Through hiring and firing, buying and selling, Welch turned the company around before he retired in 2001. Today, GE is worth nearly \$500 billion, making it one of the most valuable companies in the world. What's a CEO worth for providing the brains and leadership to turn a \$14 billion corporation into one worth \$500 billion?

How about paying just a measly one-half of a percent of the increase in value? If that were the case, Welch's total compensation would have come to nearly \$2.5 billion, instead of the few hundred million that he actually received.

The Gillette Co. was in the early stages of corporate death in 2001 when Jim Kilts took over as CEO. The company's stock had lost almost half of its value in two years, and sales volume and market shares of its major brands had plummet-

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Walter Williams
Columnist

Post's Janet

Proposed bill keeps state elections legal

For more than a century Texas has set an example for other states by prohibiting corporations and unions from contributing cash to candidates in state elections.

In recent years the legal dam holding back that cash flow has sprung some big leaks that must be plugged to maintain the integrity of state elections. House Bill 1348, sponsored by State Reps. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, and Todd Smith, R-Bedford, would do just that.

A Travis County grand jury is investigating the use of corporate funds to help the GOP take over the Texas House in 2002. Republican politicians and political

action committee directors have frequently argued that the law regulating such contributions is so ambiguous as to be unenforceable. Although the law seems clear enough, don't use corporate or union funds to affect the outcome of Texas elections, there's no better time than now to clarify the statutes and make their strictures on special interest dollars crystal clear.

There is no shortage of sources for campaign money. Any individual including corporate executives, employees and union

members can donate his own money directly to a candidate or to a political action committee. Political action committees set up to promote company, union or other special interests then

pool the money and make contributions to candidates.

To get around the restrictions, corporations have turned to the tactic of airing ostensibly independent attack ads against candidates they wish to see defeated. (Unions in Texas, strapped for cash, can seldom afford to go this

costly route.)

These attack ads masquerade as issue ads designed to educate voters. Typically, without mentioning the opponent the special interest favors, these radio and TV spots criticize a particular candidate's record or personal background and advise voters to call or write the target and set them straight. Because they avoid using key phrases like "vote for" or "vote against," the ads have gone unregulated and can be funded secretly.

Last year a group calling itself Americans for Job Security ran ads against state Rep. Tommy Merritt, a

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Texas Thoughts

Houston Chronicle

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Rookie of the Year Award winner

Joel Swanson, manager of the Pampa Brown's Shoe Fit Co., right, receives the Rookie of the Year award from BSFC President Dennis Grummert. Swanson was also presented with the Top Performance Award for Outstanding Achievement in Store Management. He and his family moved to Pampa a year ago. He is the new owner of the Pampa Brown's Shoe Fit Co., a full service shoe store with shoes for the entire family which has been serving this community for more than 30 years. Swanson, a BSFC employee for eight years, attributes his success to the support and loyalty of Pampa and surrounding communities.

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ed. Between the time Kilts took over at Gillette and this year's Jan. 28 announcement of Procter & Gamble's purchase of Gillette, Gillette's market value increased by \$11.3 billion, a 34 percent improvement, and since the announcement, Gillette's value has risen by another \$5.7 billion.

Kilts' salary and bonuses over the past four years, totaling about \$17.5 million, haven't been especially large by CEO standards. Predictably, however, Kilts' pay and particularly the size of his compensation package

from the merger — \$153 million — have been the subject of media carping, particularly in Boston, where Gillette is headquartered. This figure is indeed large, but it, added to what Gillette has paid him since 2001, makes Kilts' total compensation a mere 1.5 percent of his contribution to Gillette's value.

Here are a couple of questions to you: If you were the owner of GE, and a CEO could turn your \$14 billion corporation into a \$500 billion one, how much would you be

willing to pay that man in salary and bonuses? Or, in the case of Jim Kilts, turning Gillette from a corporation in steep decline into one Procter & Gamble was willing to buy for \$57 billion, how much would you be willing to pay?

Then, you might ask yourself: If a corporate board of directors could buy a \$300 computer that could do what a CEO could do, would it pay CEOs millions of dollars? By the same token, if an NFL owner could hire a computer to make

the decisions that star quarterbacks make, why would he pay some of these guys yearly compensation packages worth more than \$10 million?

There's another important issue. If one company has an effective CEO, it is not the only company that would like to have him on the payroll. In order to keep him, the company must pay him enough so that he can't be lured elsewhere.

If you ask me, I know of only one class of workers who are overpaid and underworked — college professors.

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

I know of only one class of workers who are overpaid and underworked — college professors.

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Republican running in a primary race for nomination to a Senate seat in East Texas. The ads were crafted by a political consultant associated with Gov. Rick Perry and funded by secret corporate donations. Merritt lost the race, and the ads are credited with severely damaging his campaign.

The proposed legislation would ban attack ads, mass mailings and phone bank operations if they mentioned individual candidates and occurred within 60 days of a general election.

The ban would apply only if the ads reached a substantial number of voters in a

candidate's district. The bill's co-sponsor, Rep. Smith, Chronicle's R.G. Ratcliffe that "the public is disgusted and turned off by these attack ads when they learn they are paid for by undisclosed and unlimited union and corporate money."

The bill also specifically restricts corporate money or union money from going to any political action committee not directly affiliated

with the donor. The Travis County probe is looking at corporate money routed through a PAC set up by associates of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to elect GOP members to the Texas House. Fred Lewis, president of the election reform group Campaigns for People, argues that action needs to

be taken quickly to staunch the flow of illegal dollars into the election process before it becomes entrenched and accepted in the corridors of power.

He notes that it is in the interest of moderate Republicans to support the measure, as the anonymously funded ads frequently have been used by to attack moderate candidates in GOP primaries.

The bill has wide support from citizen groups ranging from AARP to the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention. The leadership of both state parties should back this effort to clarify Texas election law and reinstate the firewall keeping campaigns free of unregulated, secret special interest money.

'... the public is disgusted and turned off by these attack ads when they learn they are paid for by undisclosed and unlimited union and corporate money.'

— Rep. Todd Smith
Co-sponsor of bill

Community Happenings

- Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n.** Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).
- Pampa Garden Club.** Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.
- Pampa Pilots Ass'n.** Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.
- Pampa Rotary Club.** Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.
- Pampa Takedown Club.** Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.
- Pampa Woodcarving Club.** Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.
- PPQG.** Panhandle Piecemakers

- Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.
- Shrine Club.** Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.
- Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n.** Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.
- Al-Anon.** Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.
- American Heart Ass'n.** The Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the first Friday of each month at Pampa Community Medical Center. For more information, call 665-3816.
- ARC.** Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.
- BSA Hospice Grief Support Group.** BSA Hospice offers "Grief:

- What to Expect," a one-hour information session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process, from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the hospice at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The public is invited to attend at no charge. For more information, call BSA Hospice at (806) 655-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.
- GCAP for Moms and Babies.** Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Thursday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.
- Mamá Maniá.** Mamá Maniá is a support group for mothers entirely in Spanish. It meets at 1 p.m., the second Thursday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. For more information, call 1-888-892-2273, ext. 228.
- Mom Mania.** Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 664-2459.

WWII soldier's remains to be returned to family

FORT WORTH (AP) — A military funeral is planned next week for Pfc. Preston "Pug" Harris, a World War II soldier whose remains were recently discovered and returned to Texas.

In 1944, the 23-year-old soldier from Greenville was part of the 405th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division that was fighting along the heavily fortified Siegfried Line near the German-Netherlands border.

Records show that Harris was killed Nov. 22, 1944, near Beek, Germany. Harris was officially listed as killed in action, but the location of his body was unknown. The family was told that he might have been buried in an unmarked grave at a military cemetery in the Netherlands.

In June 2003, a German company removing unexploded ordnance from the battlefield uncovered human remains in an unmarked grave.

The personal items found — a shaving brush, parts of a

comb and boot, a worn set of dog tags — led officials to believe the remains were that of a U.S. soldier. The remains were transferred to the Hurtgen War Cemetery and later to the U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Activity in Landstuhl, Germany.

A team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii went to the Beek area last summer and excavated the site, said Harris' nephew, Knighton Hudson, 50, of Wylie. Investigators used dental and medical records to identify Harris.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I work in a hotel where many people pass through our lobby each day. We have great guests, but we also get our share of strange or questionable people, too. It's not uncommon for police to send us information or inquire about criminals of various sorts who stop over at hotels. And, for the record, it doesn't matter how posh the hotel is, either.

My letter concerns parents who allow very young children to come to the front desk alone, or to hang out in the lobby. I have seen scantily clad young teens in swimsuits walk by. These girls have no clue that they're being ogled by 40-plus businessmen in suits who make off-color comments about their bodies.

It's also not unusual to see 4- and 5-year-olds get on and off the elevators alone because their parents don't feel like coming to the desk to pick up items.

Why, then, do we wonder how our kids are snatched up so easily by predators?

Hotel staff are here to serve and be helpful, but we cannot serve as baby sitters. We are often multitasking, so no one should assume we have an eye on your child. How are we to know whether the 50-year-old man pulling your 12-year-old daughter aside and whispering something in her ear is her dad - or a pervert?

When children go missing, we staff members get screamed at by parents insisting that we should have seen something suspicious about the person the child was last seen with. Well, here's the simple answer: We're employed to conduct hotel business, not monitor children. When the telephone rings, we must answer and take a reservation. Our attention cannot be on your child when there is a lobby bustling with activity, a line of five or more guests checking in and out, someone on the inside line requesting more pillows or

questioning a bill, and our outside lines are ringing off the hook. -- FRUSTRATED AT THE FRONT DESK

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I understand and sympathize. Part of the problem may be that the hospitality industry has been so successful in making guests feel at home away from home, that people forget they are NOT at home. An illustration would be a recent item on the television news here in California. An attractive young woman entered her upscale hotel and decided to dash into the powder room off the main lobby. She was unaware that a man followed her into the hotel through the lobby and into the bathroom. The only thing that saved her from his sexual assault was that another woman happened to enter the bathroom.

Signs posted in every hotel room warn guests to verify the identity of strangers before admitting them. In the interest of safety, travelers should never let their guard down, and parents should remain vigilant.

DEAR ABBY: My son, who is 19, went to his aunt and uncle's during the New Year's holidays. They live 3 1/2 hours away from us. On his way back home, he got a speeding ticket.

Do you think we were wrong to make him return his Christmas gifts as punishment? His ticket cost \$970 including attorney's fees. Our son thinks we were out of line. -- DISGUSTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: The punishment should fit the crime -- and in this case, I don't think it did. Rather than returning his Christmas gifts, a better "punishment" would have been for him to repay the money you fronted on his behalf.

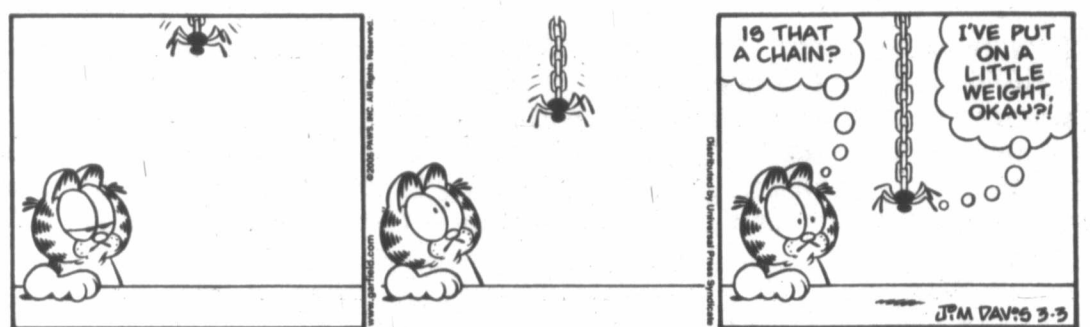
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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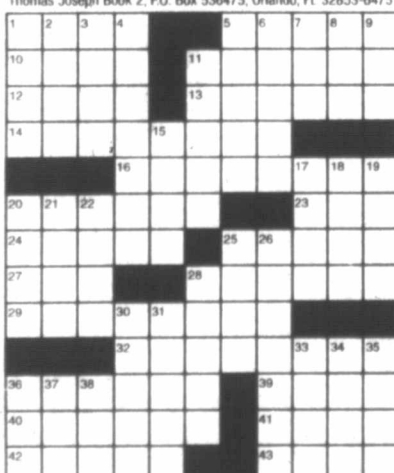
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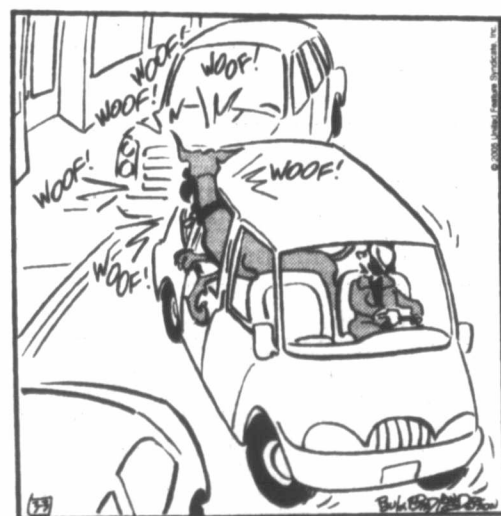
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Sports Day

Stokes fuels fourth place finish at recent Frenship Tiger Relays

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Congratulations to the Pampa Track and Field team for a job well done at the recent Frenship Tiger Relays in Wolforth.

The girls finished fourth overall, with a number of Lady Harvesters taking individual honors.

Here are the results from that meet:

Class 4A Girls

Team Leaders: 1. Hereford, 133. 2. Frenship, 107. 3. Big Spring, 85. 4. Pampa, 78. 5. Lubbock Estacado, 66. 6. Lubbock Cooper, 53. 9. Plainview, 33.

-High Jump: 1. Kaysha Lee, Pampa, 5-2.

-Pole Vault: 1. Abner, Big Spring, 9-6.

-Long Jump: 1. Kendall Stokes, Pampa, 16-8.

-Triple Jump: 1. Evans, Lubbock Cooper, 33-6. 2. Stokes, Pampa, 33-2.

-Shot Put: 1. Matchiko Taniguchi, Pampa, 37-1. 3. Amber Terry, Hereford, 31-8.

-Discus: 1. Taniguchi, Pampa, 122-7.

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-4x100 Relay: 1. Plainview, 52.47.

-800: 1. Erin Charest, Hereford, 2:29.65. 2. Abby Metcalf, Hereford, 2:31.08. 3. Monica Zuniga, Hereford, 2:31.30.

-100 Hurdles: 1. Stokes, Pampa, 15.72.

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-400: 1. Charest, Hereford, 58.17.

-4x200 Relay: 1. Big Spring, 1:50.06.

-300 Hurdles: 1. Kayla Lucas, Frenship, 47.93.

-200: 1. Brown, Big Spring, 26.00.

-1600: 1. Jimenez, Hereford, 5:29.10. 3. Zuniga, Hereford, 5:56.28.

-4x400 Relay: 1. Hereford, 4:14.44.

-Distance Medley Relay: 1. Hereford, 13:25.11. 3. Pampa, 14:31.05.

Class 4A Boys

Team Leaders: 1. Palo Duro, 216. 2. Frenship, 131. 3. Big Spring, 52. 4. Abilene Wylie, 48. 5. (tie) Plainview and Lubbock Cooper, 38. 12. Pampa, 2.



Ronnie Haynes

Haynes named Optimist Baseball Commissioner

Ronnie N. Haynes was named the Commissioner of the Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 Baseball League this season by Kevin Davis, the 2005 Optimist Baseball Commissioner.

Haynes coached in the league for 13 years. He has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Optimist Club, was Vice-president twice and is the current Optimist President. This will be his third year to be the 11-12 Baseball Commissioner. He was also a Special Olympics basketball coach for six years and spent two years on the Board of Directors for the Special Olympics Booster Club.

"I don't have any children in the Optimist program any more," Haynes

said. "But I enjoy working with kids and want to be a part of programs that benefit kids." He continued, "Baseball helps kids learn sportsmanship as well as some of the fundamental principals of life."

Employed by Plains Pipeline, haynes and his wife, Denice, have as son, Aaron, 22, a daughter, Lauren, 21 and one grandchild.

Sign-ups for Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 will take place March 7-10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building at 601 East Craven for all Optimist leagues for boys and girls five to 15 years of age.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Wind up



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Lady Harvester pitcher Nicole Clark hurls a pitch toward home plate during Pampa's meeting with Canyon Tuesday. Clark and her teammates are in Burk Burnett for a tournament that will last to Saturday.

Spurs 92, Raptors 86

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich could afford to joke about the Spurs' sloppy victory over the Toronto Raptors.

"We decided to go ahead and count it as a win after much discussion," Popovich said after the Spurs' 92-86 victory Wednesday night.

"We have been really sloppy from before the (All-Star) break and inconsistent in taking care of the ball ... understanding the

intensity it takes for 48 minutes. Tonight was another good example."

Manu Ginobili scored 17 points, Tony Parker added 15, and Tim Duncan and Robert Horry each had 13 points to help the NBA-leading Spurs improve to 44-13 overall and 25-2 at the SBC Center.

"Maybe it's a bad period. I don't know," Ginobili said. "Once in a while we're not as sharp as we need to be, so that's why we're worried."

Kobe Bryant, accuser settle assault case

DENVER (AP) — With a terse news release and an even terser court filing, the sordid sexual assault case against Kobe Bryant that gripped the nation abruptly ended with an agreement that ensures the NBA star never goes to trial for what happened in a hotel room two years ago.

Few experts believed the civil lawsuit would ever be heard by a jury, saying it was unlikely that Bryant and the 20-year-old woman who accused him of raping her relished the prospect of having to divulge potentially embarrassing, intimate details in a courtroom.

The case tarnished both Bryant, 27, arguably the NBA's best player, and the woman, a former high school cheerleader who once tried out for "American Idol" and found herself the subject of Internet speculation.

Terms of the settlement were not released. Law experts said the agreement probably spelled out financial penalties for revealing any details.

A two-sentence statement faxed to The Associated Press by Bryant's attorneys said only that the matter had been resolved "to the satisfaction of both parties."

"The parties and their attorneys have agreed that no further comments about the matter can or will be made," the statement said. A one-sentence motion for dismissal stipulating that the case can never be refiled was filed simultaneously in Denver federal court.

After a few more days of intense speculation about Wednesday's settlement — how much money, whether any details can ever be released — the case will quickly fade from view, said

Denver attorney Scott Robinson.

"Ultimately a new scandal, a new public shame will come along and both the plaintiff and the defendant can pretty much go about their lives," he said.

A Los Angeles Lakers spokesman said Bryant had declined comment on the settlement. Bryant scored 26 points Wednesday night in Boston, but the Celtics still beat the Lakers 104-101.

"It's in both parties' interests to have this remain confidential," said Los Angeles attorney Steve Cron, who is familiar with celebrity cases. "That's one of the incentives for them to settle: He didn't have to do a deposition, the lurid details wouldn't be posted on some Web site, she didn't have to face the rigors of having a deposition by his lawyers and she'll gain some privacy as well."

THE GRUMP FACTOR

Great, I'm another year older

I turn another year older today. Birthdays to me are like death, taxes and Dallas Cowboy games in that they have to happen, I just don't care for them.

I haven't really been excited about or celebrated a birthday since I turned 16. Well, my 21st wasn't too bad I suppose. Still, I usually keep these things to myself. However, as I pulled out of the garage and began my daily cruise east this morning, I noticed, "Honk it's Mike's birthday" emblazoned in shoe polish on my back window. I'd recognize my wife's handwriting anywhere.

Bad enough I'm a year closer to a dirt-nap, now I'm driving a mobile billboard trumpeting that fact.

Enter GRUMP FACTOR.

With each year that passes, my Grump Factor seems to rise. Little things I never cared about before now tend to hack me off. I wasn't pleased by the shoe polish promo at first, but with each car I passed — or that managed to pass me — no honk. Why? You can't miss this thing. Fire engine red car, giant shoe polish message. We honk when the shoe polish tells us to, why can't they? The little lady called to ask, "How many honks have you gotten?" Sadly, I had to tell her, "None." She was bummed.

Then, just as I was leaving Panhandle, a couple of older guys in a moving van honked. That was the only horn I heard all the way in.

Now I began to think about other things that rub me the wrong way. That long drive in gives me plenty of time to think.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



It has been less than a year since road crews resurfaced the Carson and Gray County stretch of Highway 60, and it already looks as old as I am. What's more, those same crews are already out making repairs.

Enter GRUMP FACTOR.

I don't know what brainiac deduced tossing loose gravel on top of hot, black goo and mashing in it with a rubber-wheeled roller would assure years of trouble-free travel, but they need to be punished. My car bares the scars of their ineptitude. Hundreds of rock chips, each making me grumpier than the one before. Now the crews are using more hot, black goo to patch the surface, probably filling the spots left behind by the rocks that broke free from their black goo bondage and attacked my poor car. Look, this is basic science. Hot, black goo may congeal and keep the little rocks at bay when it is cold. But as the weather

heats up, the goo will become pliable, thus allowing the little rocks to break free and attack. Especially on a stretch of highway traveled by thousands of vehicles every day at 70 mph or so.

And then there is the phone. It seems every one I call lately relies on voice mail to screen their calls. But what irks me is, no one seems to want to return calls. And it seems to be getting worse.

Enter GRUMP FACTOR.

Isn't it ironic that billions of dollars are spent every year on telecommunications so that we can make ourselves harder to reach? Like any self-respecting old man, I spent time yesterday engaged in conversation with a fellow man of similar maturity, covering the topic, "How did business survive before cell phones and pagers?" "Michael J, I had to call in to the office twice before noon and at least once before 5 p.m. before all this technology," he said.

We spoke of 'face time' and 'engaging conversation'. We recalled how, if the phone rang, you answered it and faced the unknown.

So, at the end of the day, what does any of what I have shared here have to do with sports? Other than bemoaning my lack of skill when it comes to the game of life, nothing. I just thought I had better write it down before I forgot what I was thinking and arthritis sets in.

Texas Tech survives Baylor scare, 72-66

WACO, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight expected a close game against Baylor, and he got it.

Ronald Ross scored 18 points, and Devonne Giles and Darryl Dora added 14 each to lead the Red Raiders to a 72-66 win over the Bears on Wednesday night.

"The game was what we thought it was going to be," said Knight, who got his 850th career win. "We told our players it was going to be rough, and we had to play well defensively."

After Baylor (9-17, 1-14 Big 12) opened the second half with Richard Hurd's

layup, Texas Tech (18-8, 10-5) reeled off eight straight points to move in front 48-38.

The Bears regrouped, and back-to-back 3-pointers by Aaron Bruce tied the game 55-55 with just over 9 minutes remaining. Baylor knotted the score once more at 57-57, but the Red Raiders put together a 10-0 run and went ahead 67-57 at the 4 minute mark.

"Our best play was when we were up by 10 in the second half," Knight said. "From then on they made some really good plays and we struggled a little bit with a couple of bad plays."

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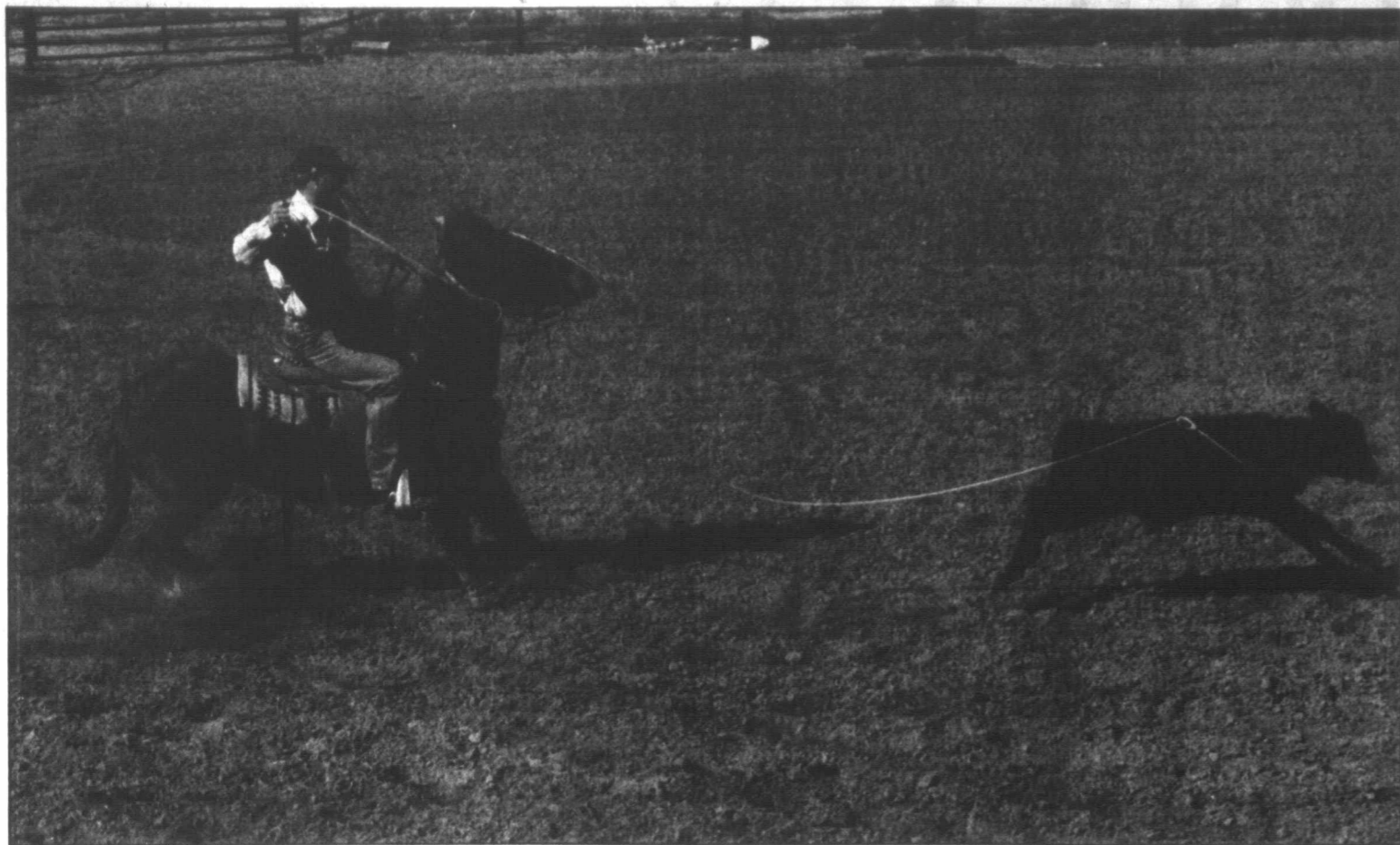
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Sage Haythorn, a freshman equine industry and business major from Arthur, Neb., practices his calf roping in the rodeo arena at West Texas A&M University. The spring rodeo season kicks off March 10-12 at Weatherford College.

WTAMU wranglers primed as spring rodeo season begins

CANYON — It will be an uphill climb for both teams, but with plenty of rodeos remaining in the 2004-2005 campaign, the men and women of West Texas A&M University are optimistic about competing for team titles during the spring rodeo season.

After four rodeos last fall, the WTAMU men sit in fourth place and the women are sixth in the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, which features 14 men's teams and 13 women's teams. Rodeo coach Mark Eakin believes the best is yet to come.

"We've got a good shot with six rodeos left," Eakin said. "The teams ahead of us in the standings are good,

but we think we've got a lot of talent and can compete with the best of them."

The first of six spring rodeos is March 10-12 at Weatherford College, and WTAMU's men will go in with two of the top three saddle-bronc riders in the Southwest Region in Wes Burns, a sophomore agricultural business and economics major from Sedan, N.M. (first overall), and Eakin's younger brother, Marty Eakin, a junior general studies major from Amarillo (third).

Marty Eakin is the defending collegiate national champion saddle-bronc rider.

Bolstering the spring effort will be

the return from injury of bareback rider Chad Mask, a freshman undeclared major from Amarillo, while Sage Haythorn, a freshman equine industry and business major from Arthur, Neb., will make his WTAMU debut in calf roping.

On the women's side for WTAMU, Cassidy Clay Boyles, a sophomore mass communications - broadcasting major from Junction is sixth among regional barrel racers; Kashley Jae Hughes, a senior general studies major from Model, Colo., is 10th in break-away roping; and Kelly Campbell, a freshman pre-medicine major from Breckenridge, Colo., is 15th in goat tying.

Hammer, Mathis and Cash take Hidden Hills scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from yesterday's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course:

1st Place (57)
Bill Hammer
Jess Mathis
Duane Cash

2nd Place (61)
Jim Brashears
Kenneth Williams
Nathan Lancaster
Paul Hinton

3rd Place (62)
Pat Montoya
Oscar Sargent
Charlie Terrell
Bill Abernathy

4th Place (63)
Don Adams
Howard Musgrave
Jack Davis
Buddy Briley

Closest to The Pin: Pat Montoya (#8), Travis Johnston (#15).

Naz nabs another

AUSTIN (AP) — It's time to expand Nazareth's trophy case.

Holly Kleman scored 25 points and hit a pair of free throws with nine seconds left, lifting Nazareth to the Class 1A Division II state championship Thursday with a 62-57 win over Kennard.

The Swiftettes (31-5) won their 17th title in 21 trips to the state tournament and their first since 2002.

Tiffany Adair scored 22 points and Erica Adair scored 20 to lead Kennard (35-2).

Kleman scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, including consecutive 3-pointers. Her free throws in the final seconds gave Nazareth a 60-57 lead and came after a Kennard miss and Erica Adair was called for an intentional foul.

Jamie Black closed it out with two more free throws with 5.9 seconds remain-

ing. Megan Lemons scored 13 and Black added 11 for Nazareth in a nip-and-tuck contest.

Nazareth got off to a cold shooting start in the 8:30 a.m. game, hitting just 1 of 8 3-pointers in the first half despite several open looks.

Kennard threatened to seize momentum at the end of the second quarter with a 9-0 run sparked by six points from Erica Adair. She turned two steals into a pair of layups and hit two free throws as Kennard opened a 29-21 lead, the largest margin of the game. Nazareth finally ended the run with a 6-0 burst that cut the deficit to 29-27 by halftime.

The 3-pointers finally started falling for Nazareth in the third. Lemons hit one, Kleman made two, and Kleman's steal and layup with 17 seconds left in the quarter put the Swiftettes ahead 48-45.

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3-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: EVERY TIME AN ARTIST DIES, PART OF THE VISION OF MANKIND PASSES WITH HIM. — FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 4, 2005:

Give others the benefit of the doubt. Often, you feel hassled by others, especially by roommates and family. Remember, you decide what is stressful or not. Understand your priorities, and follow through. Success heads in your direction because of an ability to sort through what is important. Your finances will grow if you use an innate talent or gift. Be flexible with those in charge. If you are single, you will meet someone quite unusual late in fall or winter. This person will help you see life from a different perspective. If you are attached, do more together. Schedule a workshop together. Plan a trip. CAPRICORN will stand behind 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)

★★★★ A last-minute hassle might force you to rearrange your schedule. You also might be able to sort out the situation quickly and save your evening plans. Check in on an older relative or friend before flying out the door. Tonight: You speak; others listen. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Work with partners. Be subtle if you want or need to question another's opinion or facts. Give each person the attention he or she deserves. Consider alternatives, especially regarding a joint venture. Clear the air early on. Tonight: Detach. Ask questions. Weigh the pros and cons. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might think you want one thing and find out by the end of the day that you have changed your mind.

Don't worry. Be flexible with suggestions. A friendship could be transforming right in front of you. Don't overanalyze; feel. Tonight: Go with the flow and remain sensitive to others. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Tackle your must-do list. You will want to be free by the end of the day, when your gregarious personality takes over. Someone lets you know how much he or she values you. Accept compliments gracefully. Tonight: Just don't be alone. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ How you approach your day could change as it progresses. You hear a lot of news. Decipher a message by noticing what isn't being said. By detaching and thinking, you will gain greater insight. Clear your desk. Tonight: Just for you! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Carefully establish your priorities and honor them. Much will happen, presenting many choices and adding a touch of confusion. Deal with each situation knowing that it's Friday; you are about to get a break. Tonight: Let your hair down. Let go of tension. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You might want to rethink plans or a decision. Postpone any major purchases, like a car or computer, for now. Others might not understand how annoying they can be. Tonight: Happy at home. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Use care with your finances, as you could make a mistake or be vulnerable to a pickpocket. Check your balances as well. A friend or partner might not grasp what you are dealing with. Later on, explain it again. Tonight: Out ... SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Push to accomplish all you can. Hop over an obstacle and don't waste any time. Confusion or bad information could be at the source of the issue. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Check your bills and checking-account balance. Tonight: You go way overboard. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be slow to get started, but a veritable tiger once you're in action. Don't worry about a misunderstanding. In fact, prevent the problem by clarifying what you say. Do what you need to do to start the weekend well. Tonight: The Moon beams you wherever you want. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Good news surrounds meetings and friends. Use care with a child or partner. You can be sure you aren't on the same page. You also might not want to agree with this person. Schedule an important chat. Tonight: Play it low-key. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others might hassle you, or at least that's how you feel. Try not to let your personal opinions and life interfere with your work performance. Schedule important conversations for the evening. Don't put off the inevitable. Tonight: Be open.

BORN TODAY
Composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678), musician Evan Dando (1968), bridge master Charles Goren (1901).

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Atlanta commuters to be first in nation to watch TV on mass transit

ATLANTA (AP) — John Brink looked bored as he stood, skateboard wedged between his legs, waiting for the train. He could use a little television or music on his commutes.

"I don't care what it'd be as long as it's not that ... gangsta rap," said Brink, 39, who has been riding the subway since 1983.

By late spring, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority will become the first North American subway to pump television and radio feeds into its rail cars. Each of its 230 rail cars will be outfitted with 15-inch flat screens that will offer a local television news loop from ABC affiliate, WSB-TV, and transmitters that will offer three formats of on-board music — top 40, jazz and R&B.

In a deal with New York-based media company The Rail

Network, MARTA will get a cut of the revenue from the advertising on the televisions and the on-train music channels. MARTA stands to make \$20 million over the next decade, said David Lane, chief executive officer of The Rail Network.

Lane said he expects Washington and Vancouver, Canada, to follow Atlanta's lead. He said he's had discussions with every major transit authority in North America, and his company plans to cater each system's content to the wants of that particular city.

"What we want them to see is something they would see at home," Lane said.

Subway riders will be able to pick up the radio feeds and television audio from any FM receiver.

Fossett back over U.S. soil

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett was again flying over U.S. soil early Thursday, completing his crossing of the Pacific Ocean as he headed for the finish of his nonstop, solo, around-the-world flight.

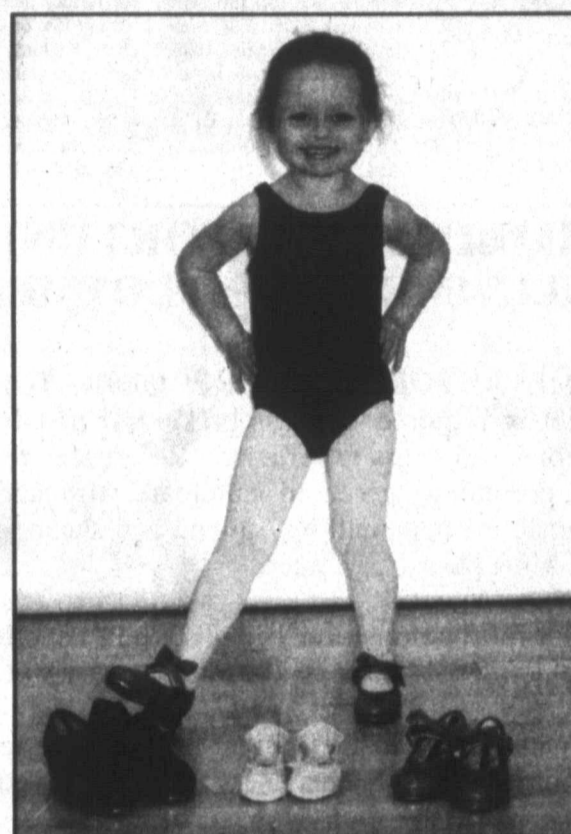
"I'm really starting to perk up, now realizing that I'm getting close to the end," Fossett said.

Fossett crossed the coastline near Los Angeles shortly before 9 a.m. EST, about 61 hours after leaving from Salina on his record-setting

attempt. He was expected back in the central Kansas town around 2:20 p.m. EST, a feat that would make him the first person to circumnavigate the globe alone without stopping or refueling.

A fuel system problem had raised doubt Wednesday whether Fossett could complete the 23,000-mile journey. But Fossett played down the problem overnight, and he and his flight crew agreed to keep the GlobalFlyer in the air rather than abandon the attempt and land in Hawaii.

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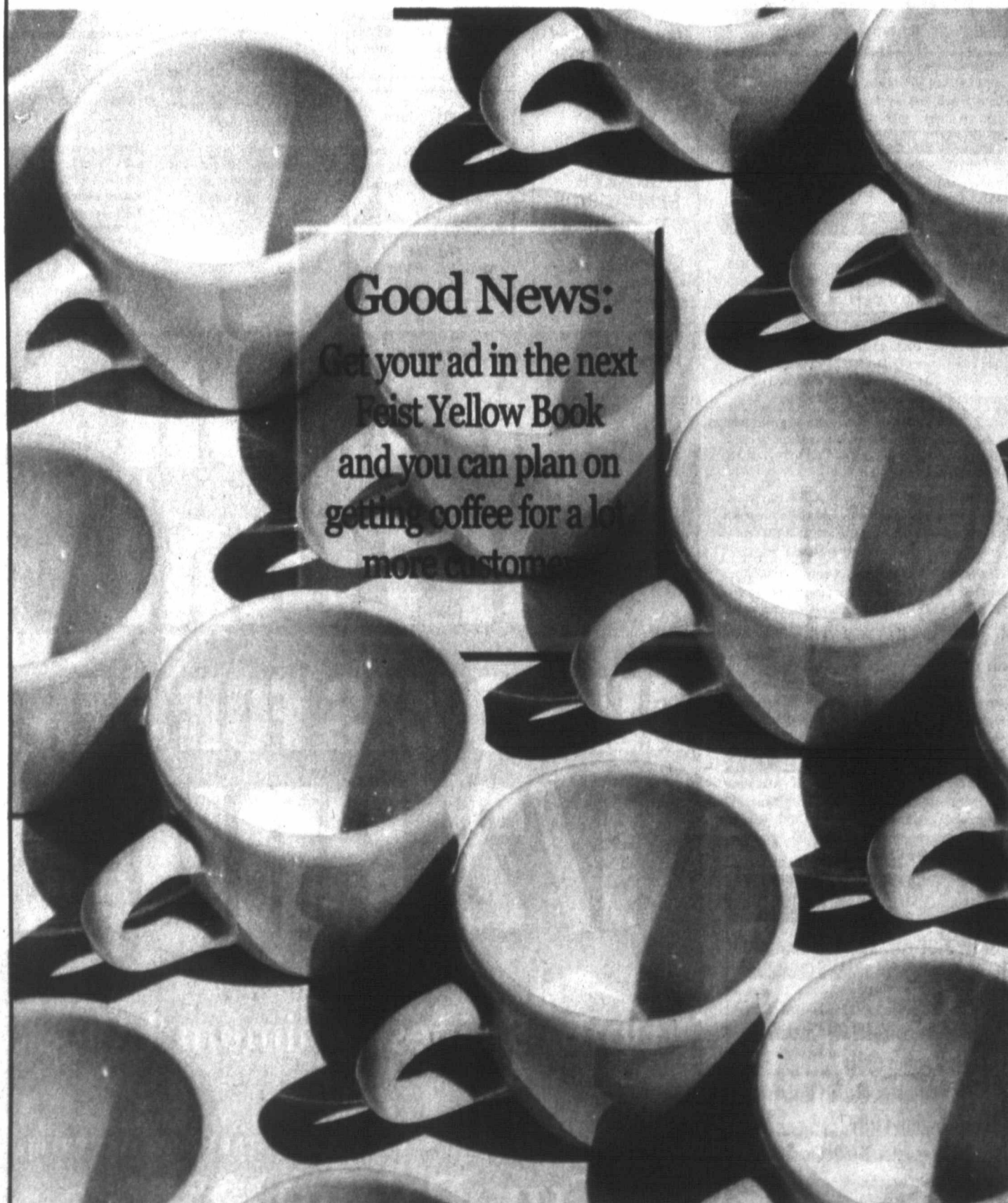
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