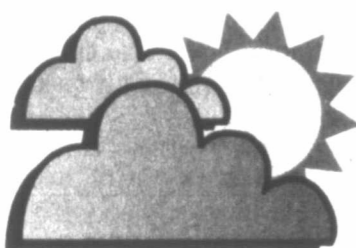


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Odds & Ends

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Portly police have a new reason to work out thanks to a new security entrance at the National Police headquarters that won't let them in if they weigh too much.

A construction error in the recently remodeled security entrance, which has a built-in scale designed to only let one person at a time pass through the door, has caused some embarrassing moments for officers who may not have spent enough time exercising.

Those weighing more than 230 pounds who try to pass through the entrance are greeted by a recorded voice telling them: "Stop! One at a time!" and are not let through, police spokeswoman Linda Widmark said.

She said the scale is supposed to be adjustable to let people weighing up to 350 pounds pass through, but an apparent construction error is playing tricks on those with ample girth.

The security entrance is mainly for visitors and police denied entrance can use other doors.

"There are other options for them," she said.

INKOM, Idaho (AP) — Torri Hutchinson's cat might just have one less life to live.

Hutchinson was driving along Interstate 15 one day recently when a motorist kept trying to get her attention and pointing to the roof of her car.

She said she was wary of the man, but wondered if perhaps her ski rack might have come loose.

She pulled over to the side, but kept her doors locked and the motor running.

The man pulled up behind her. Hutchinson rolled down her window to hear the man frantically shouting, "Your cat! Your cat!"

He reached for the roof of her car and handed the shocked Hutchinson her orange tabby.

She had driven about 10 miles with the cat on top of the car, and didn't even notice the feline when she stopped for gas.

Hutchinson said Cuddle Bug, or C.B. for short, had climbed into the back of her car as she was getting ready to leave. She put him out, but he must have jumped on the roof.

Industry appraisal contract renewed

GCAD Board votes 4-1 to renew Hooper Industries contract for one year

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A one-year contract renewal with Hooper Industries, the industrial consultant for Gray County Appraisal District, was approved by the appraisal district's board of directors at their 8:30 a.m. meeting today.

The consultant, based in Corpus Christi, was up for a three-year renewal, but the one-year contract was suggested after board member Gary Willoughby raised questions concerning Hooper Industries in the wake of last year's property appraisal of Celanese Ltd.

"Jerry Hooper of Hooper Industries helped settle a lawsuit with Celanese in 1991. He's very familiar with Celanese and Cabot. He also consults with me and my staff on other industries. He has done good work for us. I recommend we renew his contract," said Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley at the meeting.

"We paid them approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 last year. I want to go out for a competitive bid. I do not want to approve hiring this consultant at this time, based on errors I have seen," Willoughby said. He told board members that mistakes had been made on two occasions concerning appraisals that are in the



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Gray County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley and board members Darville Orr and Nancy Coffee, from left, consider this morning whether to renew the contract of Hooper Industries of Corpus Christi.

scope of the industrial consultant's work.

"If you want to blame someone, blame me. I think you're wanting to shoot the messenger. If you want to look at some other firms, you're probably talking about twice the cost," Bagley said.

Hooper Industries' contract with

the appraisal district provides \$800 per day of work done for the appraisal district, plus \$500 per appraisal completed.

"Why do you think others would charge us more?" Willoughby asked. "This is not an issue," Bagley replied.

"I just don't know if we need a

consultant," Willoughby said.

"With Mr. Hooper's help, we can get the information and get the appraisal done. The longer we wait, the harder it is going to be to get the appraisals. If the board has an objection to this group, give us a one-year contract instead of three, and we can go out and start looking for somebody," Bagley said.

"We've never, ever had any problems with Hooper during my time on the board. I've been on the board longer than anyone else," said Sam Haynes, board chairman.

"We don't want to have a repeat of the confusion we had this year on the appraisals. How can we ensure this doesn't happen again?" asked board member Nancy Coffee.

"I will take care of it. Blame me," Bagley said.

"It's just a question of how this all came about," said County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead, referring to the Celanese appraisal.

"From last May to Jan. 18, our taxpayer did not get satisfaction. It has been revealed to me that we're dealing with Hooper on this. We don't have all the facts," Willoughby said.

Willoughby was the only board member voting against the one-year

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Appraisal Board rescinds earlier election

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer



Haynes

Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors rescinded their Feb. 10 election of Bob Marx and Paula Goff to the appraisal district's review board, and elected Nama Webb and Kent Dyson to the board in an 8:30 a.m. meeting today.

"We need to rescind the previous election," said board member Gary Willoughby. Willoughby repeated his objection, first made at the Feb. 10 meeting, to the written ballots used to elect Marx and Goff.

"I guess we're the only ones who can incriminate us. We all agreed to that form of vote," said Sam Haynes,

board chairman, this morning. "It wasn't a secret ballot to me," said board member Nancy Coffee.

"The votes were not identified back to each of the members," Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said. "I do agree with Mr. Willoughby that it (the election) needs to be redone."

"My phone rang off the wall for three days after that

(Feb. 10) meeting," Willoughby said.

"Mine never did ring," Haynes said.

Willoughby agreed that he had cast a written ballot along with other board members at the Feb. 10 meeting, although he objected to it.

Willoughby cited the state

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Seminar set for Sunday to help military families

AMARILLO — The notification arrives, a loved one is being deployed. While the adults work through the wills, power of attorney and finances, the children wonder when and if they will see their mom or dad again.

Support Groups and Family Readiness Groups have become the foundation for families facing deployment, but Jo Carter, deployment specialist with the Fleet and Family Support Center in Fort Worth, is working hard to make sure the needs of the children are being met.

"So many times the children don't talk about their feelings to Mom because they do not want to upset her," Carter says. "In addition, there may not be any other kids their age in their school who can relate to them."

Carter's department has worked tirelessly to help build Teen Youth Support Groups in each unit and the Panhandle is next on the list.

The Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a Panhandle-wide Family Support Seminar from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at Amarillo South Church in Amarillo.

Topics will include medical insurance, postal support, ways to stay connected and creation of a Youth Support Group for the Panhandle.

This seminar, the first of its kind in the Panhandle, will also target children in 5th grade through 18 years of age.

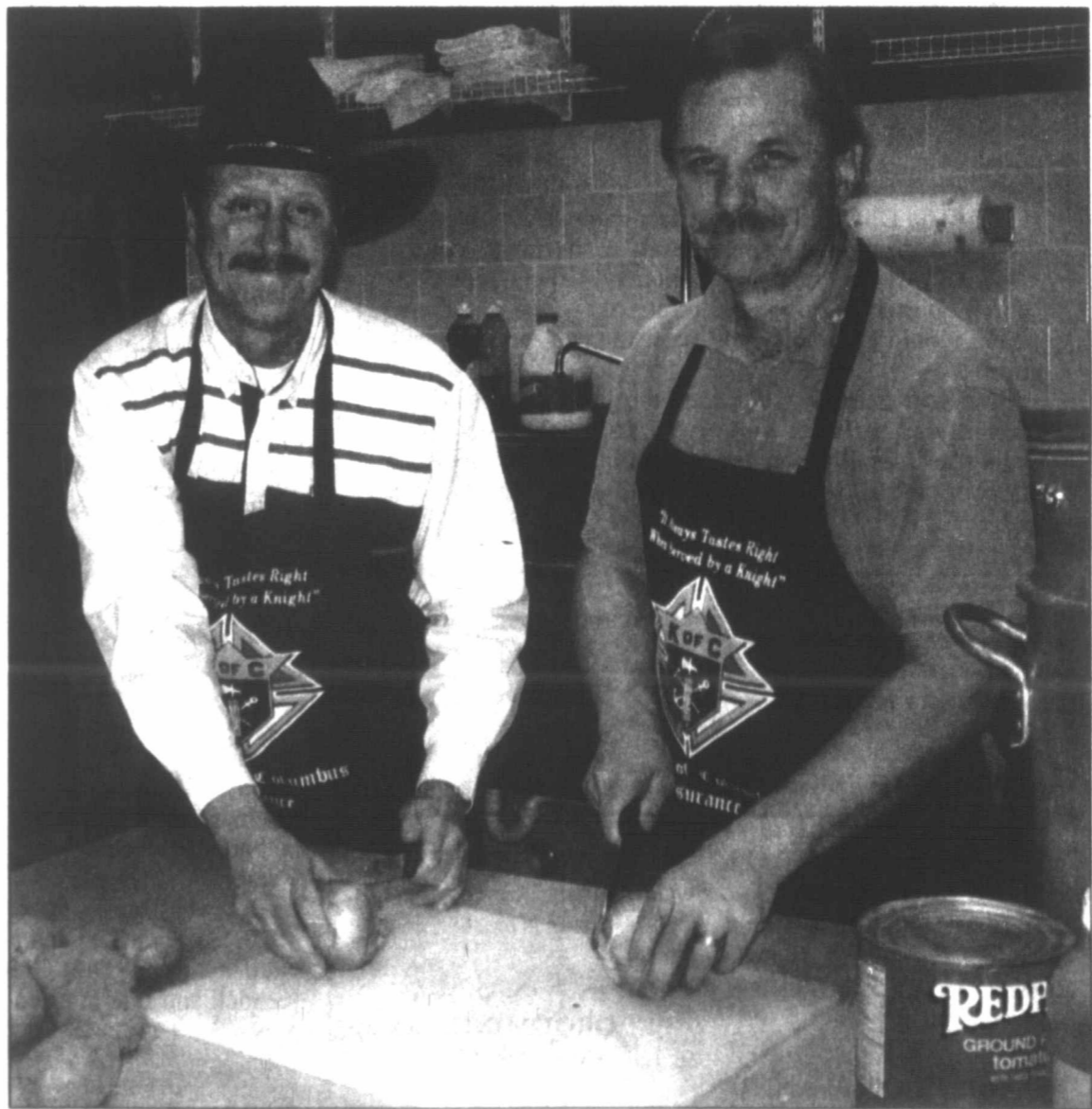
Carter will conduct a special session, in a separate room, for this age group with the help of teenagers from the Fort Worth area.

The upcoming seminar is open to all military families with loved ones who are going to deploy or be geographically

'So many times, the children don't talk about their feelings to Mom because they do not want to upset her.'

— Jo Carter
 Deployment specialist

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No tears here

Wes Hukill, left, and Chris Johnson of the Frank Keim Council of the Knights of Columbus slice onions for the 53rd annual polish sausage dinner set for Sunday, March 6. The dinner of polish sausage, coleslaw, red beans, potato salad, barbecue sauce, apricots, drink and dessert will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take-out plates and bulk sales will be available on all items. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children six and older. Children under 6 eat free. All proceeds benefit the many charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus. For tickets or more information, call Hukill at 665-3786 or Jim Lummus at 669-0468.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, March 2

An assault by threat was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 100 block of Harvester.

Thursday, March 3

Police made six traffic stops, seven warrant services, investigated a car alarm at Gwendolyn and Hobart, and provided three law enforcement assists.

Suspicious persons were reported at Alcock and Sumner.

A debit card was found near an ATM machine on Perryton Parkway and turned in to the police department.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler and 400 block of North Crest. A window was broken in both incidences.

Traffic complaint was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Domestic assault with minor injuries was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Terry Rd. Someone broke into a garage and took beer valued at \$16.

Possible identification theft was reported

in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Theft of clothing and jewelry valued at \$500 was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Terroristic threat was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Monday, Feb. 21

10 p.m. — A 1986 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Brandon Lee Baxter, 26, 1000 N. Charles, struck a pedestrian, Christopher Dale Reames, 17, 2236 N. Charles, in the 100 block of West Kentucky. Reames suffered incapacitating injuries and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS. Baxter was cited for no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Thursday, March 3

3 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by John Henry Watson, Jr., 51, 1630 N. Sumner, and a 1997 Lincoln Town Car driven by Bobbie Wariner Combs, 68, 1100 W. Sandelwood, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Watson was cited for failure to control speed. No

injuries were reported at the scene.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 3

Laura L. Cloud, 22, 1113 Coffee, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. She was later released on bond.

Ubaldo Estrada, 32, Anaheim, Calif., was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Thursday, March 3

10:39 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at a residence near Loop 171 and Highway 60 East.

1:12 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen. None was found.

6:34 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the

Ambulance

400 block of Gray. No problem was found.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 3

10:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Correction

In the Police Report printed on Page 2 of Thursday's edition, an incorrect address was given for Robert Wayne Ellison who was arrested by police for failure to comply with sex offender registration laws. The address for Ellison, listed on the Gray County Jail log, is 1328 Starkweather.

Economy

Payrolls grow last month; jobless rate 5.4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's employers added a sizable 262,000 jobs in February — the most in four months. The new hiring, however, wasn't sufficiently brisk to accommodate a wave of job seekers, and the overall unemployment rate rose to 5.4 percent.

The latest snapshot of the country's employment climate, released by the Labor Department on Friday, showed job gains across a range of industries.

The report suggested that the labor market continues to be on the mend, but it still hasn't reached full health, analysts said.

"Indicators are showing some improvement in the labor market situation but we are nowhere near where we need to be," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

The gain of 262,000 jobs in February was stronger than the increase of 225,000 positions that economists were forecasting before the release of the employment report. Payroll growth in February was up from January's sluggish gain of 132,000, which was less than the 146,000 increase initially reported.

The rise in the overall civilian unemployment rate to 5.4 percent in February was up from 5.2 percent in January. The increase last month came in part as more jobseekers streamed back into the market.

The unemployment rate is calculated from a separate statistical survey than the payroll figures. Thus, they can offer somewhat different pictures of what is happening in the labor market.

President Bush welcomed the jobs report. "The economy's getting better. Today we got some good news. We added 262,000 new jobs last month," Bush said to cheers from an audience of supporters in Westfield, N.J.

U.S. factories saw orders for goods rise by 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.5 percent rise in December. Gains in January reflected stronger demand for "non-durable" goods, such as food, leather products and chemicals.

On Wall Street, the employment report helped lift stocks. The Dow Jones industrials gained 78 points and the Nasdaq index was up 15 points in morning trading.

Economists believe the economy in the January-to-March quarter is growing at a rate of around 4 percent, which would be a sufficient pace to spur solid job creation.

President Bush wants to see the job market and the economy on a firmer footing. He especially needs that as he tries to sell the American public and Congress on his overhaul of Social Security and of the nation's tax code.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This cat blends into its surroundings as it pauses near a bush and tree in the 400 block of Atchison recently to enjoy some warm sunshine.

Gray County Weather

Today: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high around 65.

North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 66. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early.

North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 39. South southeast wind

between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 60. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. North northwest

wind around 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 59. Northwest wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 32.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 57.

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.

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 11 a.m. Saturday March 5, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Barry Owens officiating.

Services tomorrow

GREEN, Kendell Lyle — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
HINK, Harold David — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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Beaver bound for bridge

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Story of Lefors woke up to barking dogs earlier this week and, upon investigating, found a large beaver under a car in their carport. City and county workers coaxed the errant beaver into a cage where Lefors City employees released it under the Turkey Creek Bridge, south of Lefors. Citizen Mike Oldham gets a good look at the animal before it was transported to its new home.

GCAD

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attorney general's opinion on secret balloting, and referred to Section 551.102 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, which states that "The governmental body may not vote in an open session by secret written ballot."

Goff died before she could assume duties of the review board, prompting the initial reason for an election to again be on this morning's agenda.

Willoughby nominated Webb and Doug Locke. There was no second to his nomination. Darville Orr then nominated Dyson and Webb, and Nancy Coffee seconded Orr's nomination, which passed with four of five votes cast.

The addition of members to the review board was suggested by Willoughby. The review board requires at least three members, and Willoughby suggested adding another one to two members.

Haynes asked Bagley if he saw any advantage to adding board members.

"It's harder to get a quorum with more members.

We have a table that will only hold five. If the board wants to change the number of members, I think it would have to be an agenda item and posted," Bagley said.

Haynes said the proposed enlargement of the review board would be included on the next agenda.

Willoughby asked for an executive session to "discuss an evaluation of our chief appraiser."

"I have asked for the Celanese folder for the last six to seven months from you. Is it here?" Willoughby asked Bagley, indicating the table in front of him. Willoughby was referring to a lowering of over \$6 million in property valuation for Celanese from the time of the first appraisal until the last for 2004.

Willoughby also brought up other issues, including his assertion that Bagley opened mail addressed to the board chairman, who is Haynes.

Bagley asked Willoughby to write down his questions and concerns and send them to Bagley, who would then answer them in writing.

Willoughby said he would write down his questions and send them by certified

mail to Bagley and to each board member.

"I will also send you the information I have gathered regarding Celanese. I'm not trying to be vindictive here, I just want the facts," Willoughby said.

Haynes said that an executive session would be held at the end of the board's next meeting.

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contract renewal with Hooper Industries, which has been a consultant for the appraisal district for approximately 15 years, Bagley said.

Questions about the industrial consultant arose after Bagley told county commissioners at their Feb. 1 meeting

that the 2004 tax valuation of Celanese property had been lowered by \$6,647,253. The original valuation had been \$85,100,951, but was later lowered to \$78,453,698.

Celanese had paid their 2004 taxes based on the original valuation, Bagley said, with the result that the taxing entities had collected too much from the chemical company. Gray County must refund Celanese \$32,500.15. Pampa Independent School District's

share of the refund owed is \$103,431.26. Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District owes Celanese \$1,010.38.

Celanese notified the appraisal district of a problem with their property valuation last Sept. 17, said County Judge Richard Peet at the commissioners' Feb. 1 meeting, but the change in valuation was not completed until four months later, in January.

Official: Syrians to announce troop pullback

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad was expected to announce a troop pullback to eastern Lebanon near the Syrian border in a speech Saturday to parliament, Syrian and Lebanese officials said Friday. The move would fall short of U.S. and Arab demands for a full withdrawal.

Arab powerhouses Saudi Arabia and Egypt want Assad to start quickly on removing all his 15,000 troops from Lebanon, where Damascus has held sway for more than a decade.

President Bush said he wants all Syrian forces out by May, when Lebanon holds parliamentary elections.

"There are no half-measures at all," Bush said during an event in New Jersey on his Social Security proposals. "When the United States and France say withdraw, we mean complete withdrawal, no halfhearted measures."

Lebanese Defense Minister Abdul-Rahim Murad suggested Syria wants to keep some troops in the

country on a long-term basis, saying a complete removal of the troops would have to be negotiated between Syria and Lebanon's governments.

Under the Taif Accord, he said, "the governments of Lebanon and Syria will meet to discuss the number of troops required to stay and outline the areas where they would be stationed."

Seminar

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separated due to their military assignments. Whether loved ones are on active

duty or in the Reserve, National Guard or some other military branch, the concerns and questions are usually the same for their families.

For more information on this special seminar, call (806) 376-6309 or (806) 584-8909.



'Alamo' ladies and their assistant director

The "Ladies at the Alamo" give Assistant Director Ken Wilson, center, a cozy reception. The play runs again on Friday and Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the ACT I theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. Wilson is directing the third show of the season, "Coping", a musical comedy with two women and one man. Auditions will be Thursday, March 10 and 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the ACT I theatre. Also needed are two keyboardists and any other musicians who might like to be involved in the production. A guitarist will be there for tryouts to accompany the singers.

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Viewpoints

If one's not disgruntled, then one's grunted

Every one of us gets this way from time to time. Something — a spouse, an offspring, politician, a friend, an enemy, work — anyone or anything — does to offend our mindset, can send us off into an orbit of disgruntledness.

These orbits of disgruntledness are a routine part of life. We have no choice when confronted with the opportunity to be sent into orbit. We just go and we go bickering all the way until we are satisfied with a good venting or our expressed disgruntledness falls on deaf ears, which, for the matter, leads to what we call — a bad day.

Situations creating disgruntledness and bad days for me, when averted, start with this phrase: "You know what chaps my arse?"

Yep, here it comes readers, as if you hadn't figured me out by now. You know what chaps my arse?

1. Democrats. What? You think I have more to comment in re Democrats? Well, I do, but the diatribe will be infinite. Democrats chap my

arse is sufficient, thank you.

2. Political Correctness. Where's Harry Truman when you need him? A politician who told it like it was meant to be told — no frills, just straight shooting from his mouth, whether people liked it or not. Political correctness has indeed wussified our country. Political correctness is why the United States is laughed at by the rest of the world. We are so afraid we will offend someone or some country that we have to sugarcoat everything we do politically. If I have to give you an example — it would really chap my arse!

3. Mulletts and mulletts. This is an easy one in re my chapped arse. With the decline of our middle class, Pampa has been taken over by mulletts and mulletts — a group of people with no conception of social values, limited education — which creates an apathy that I, quite frankly, think Pampa will never overcome. This apathy appears in our schools, voter turnout, the amount of trash befalling

our city — the general malaise hanging like the cloud it is over our city. Some of you may feel different than I about mulletts and mulletts. That's cool, but Pampa is in dire need of more middle class values and less apathy.

4. Texas education. TAKS really, really chaps my arse. Bring back the teacher with a system that teaches the basics, grades the student on his/her merit of the basics by their subject test scores, and advances the student to the next level. The dumbing of America-Texas-Pampa has to cease, starting with the NEA, Region 16, and Robin Hood. Give power back to the parent, teacher, school district. Discipline the student without fear and take back the classroom. Pay teachers what they are worth, for a teacher is second only to a parent when it comes to our children's

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



future. What's this with high school sports? Advancing high school teams that only reach second or third place in their particular sport to the playoffs is absurd. The team that places first goes on to district playoffs. Second and third place are what they are. Therefore, they try harder next year.

5. Litter. Litter sends my chapped arse into orbit every day. Pardon my redundancy. I'm so chapped in the arse about Pampa's litter crisis that I'm praying for a tax or fee added to our utilities statement that might initiate a smidgeon of awareness to the blight. Alas, the genetics of mulletts and mulletts and, I'm sad to write, citizens who should know better.

6. Diet. Talk about chapping my posterior. Dietspeak is rapidly over-

taking political correctness. Enough, already. When it gets down to my overweight chapped arse, I've nobody to blame but myself. America is real close to the diet police and it started a long time ago with RDA.

7. Leather auto seats. Leather auto seats on a cold February morn. Why didn't I order heated leather auto seats? Because I and my chapped arse purchased the auto off the lot. Moreso, I've lived in South Texas way to long a time and never had the problem of a chapped arse on a cold leather auto seat until now.

8. Democrats. I know.

9. McDonald's. Got a chapped arse last Sunday on my own initiative. Made a plebeian decision — actually, my stomach made the plebeian decision for me. I wanted an Egg McMuffin. Egg McMuffins are the only food choice I've ever made at the golden arches — ever. Parked at Mickey-D's a little after 10:30 a.m. and was standing in line, say about 10:33 a.m. I waited for service. I was second

behind a father and his daughters. Six McD's personnel behind the counter with two more sitting at a table. 10:45 a.m. — finally got service and asked for an Egg McMuffin. "We stopped serving breakfast at 10:30," was the manager's reply. I was incredulous and said as much and certainly did not endeavor myself to the manager with my words. Lunch starting at 10:30 a.m.? Refer to #6.

10. Alzheimer's. I'm going to have a chapped arse for quite awhile, aren't I? Okay, some of you may have a chapped arse over my points 1 through 10. If so, I ask you to refer to paragraph one. You are entitled to have a chapped arse over issues that send me into an orbit of disgruntledness. If not actually disgruntled, I want you to know, however, that I'm far from being grunted.

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2005. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated president, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression. (The start of President Roosevelt's first administration brought with it the first woman to serve in the Cabinet: Labor Secretary Frances Perkins.)

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.

'When a man gets up to speak, people listen, then look. When a woman gets up, people look; then, if they like what they see, they listen.'

— Pauline Frederick
American broadcast journalist (1908-1990)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1837, the Illinois state legislature granted a city charter to Chicago.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president.

In 1902, the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast.

In 1952, actors Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis

were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist, of violating the civil rights of two black men who were shot to death.

In 1987, President Reagan addressed the nation on the Iran-Contra affair, acknowledging his overtures to Iran had "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal.

In 1994, in New York, four extremists were convicted of the World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000.



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Don't make heroes out of felons

There's a case here in California that involves the death of a 13-year-old boy who was shot by a Los Angeles police officer when he smashed his stolen car into a police cruiser.

According to police, LAPD Officer Steve Garcia and his partner were on routine patrol when they saw the driver of a maroon Toyota Camry run a red light. The officers followed the car onto the Harbor Freeway and tried to pull the driver over.

After a three-minute chase the driver, who had exited the freeway, lost control of the Toyota and drove onto a sidewalk, then backed his car into the police cruiser the officers had parked behind the stolen vehicle. Garcia fired 10 shots, killing Devin Brown.

The incident has created a firestorm of protests and Brown's mother has filed suit for wrongful death against the City, claiming that Officer Garcia had not been properly trained and had used excessive force in the shooting in violation of her son's civil rights. Her lawyer, an associate in Johnny Cochran's law firm, says his client is asking for "substantial" damages.

The shooting is being

investigated by the FBI, the district attorney's office and Los Angeles police.

To get an idea of just how this issue is being demagogued you have only to know that one New York publication, The Militant, described the incident as "the cold-blooded police killing of 13-year-old Devin Brown in the early morning hours of February 6." Cold blooded?

This is part of a nationwide problem where police are routinely second guessed for their actions when they have to respond instantly and on the spot to a perceived threat. In the majority of cases, it is almost always the police who are blamed and not the criminals they are attempting to deal with.

Take this case. The facts are beyond dispute. Devin Brown was driving a stolen car — that made him a felon right off the bat. His supporters say he was merely "joy riding," ignoring the fact that joy riding in a stolen car is a crime. Devin Brown refused to stop and led police on a chase.

When the car Brown was driving skidded 102 feet to a halt on a sidewalk, Garcia told him to get out of the car. Instead he raced backward, striking and badly damaging the police car. Garcia fired 10 shots, some striking his own cruiser. It was 4 a.m.

May I ask just what a 13-year-old boy was doing out on the streets at 4 a.m.? And why is this car thief being elevated to the status of hero? And what about the person whose car was stolen and damaged? Weren't his civil rights violated?

Again, just what was Devin Brown doing out at 4 a.m.? Was it Steven Garcia's fault that the boy was out committing crimes at that hour of the morning? And wasn't it his mother's responsibility to keep him home at that hour?

Devin Brown was not a child. Devin Brown was a gang member. Gang members are not children — they are thugs, no matter how old they are. And they are dangerous.

Yet it's the police department that's being demo-

nized, cops are being turned into objects of hatred, and sooner or later this sort of thing is going to make America's streets a lot less safe than they are now.

Every time a police officer puts on his uniform and goes out in the streets to protect the rest of us, he's putting his life on the line. He gets little or no credit for that, but let him get into the kind of thing Steven Garcia faced, and he's in a no-win situation.

Had he stood by and allowed Brown to remain in control of that car no one knows what further crimes he might have committed but whatever they might have been, Garcia would have been blamed for failing to stop him.

Yet when Garcia took what seemed to him to be the appropriate action, he found himself the center of a firestorm of hatred.

Sooner or later either cops on the street are going to fear doing the job we want done, or we won't even be able to recruit the kind of officers we need to keep us safe.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally.



Michael Reagan
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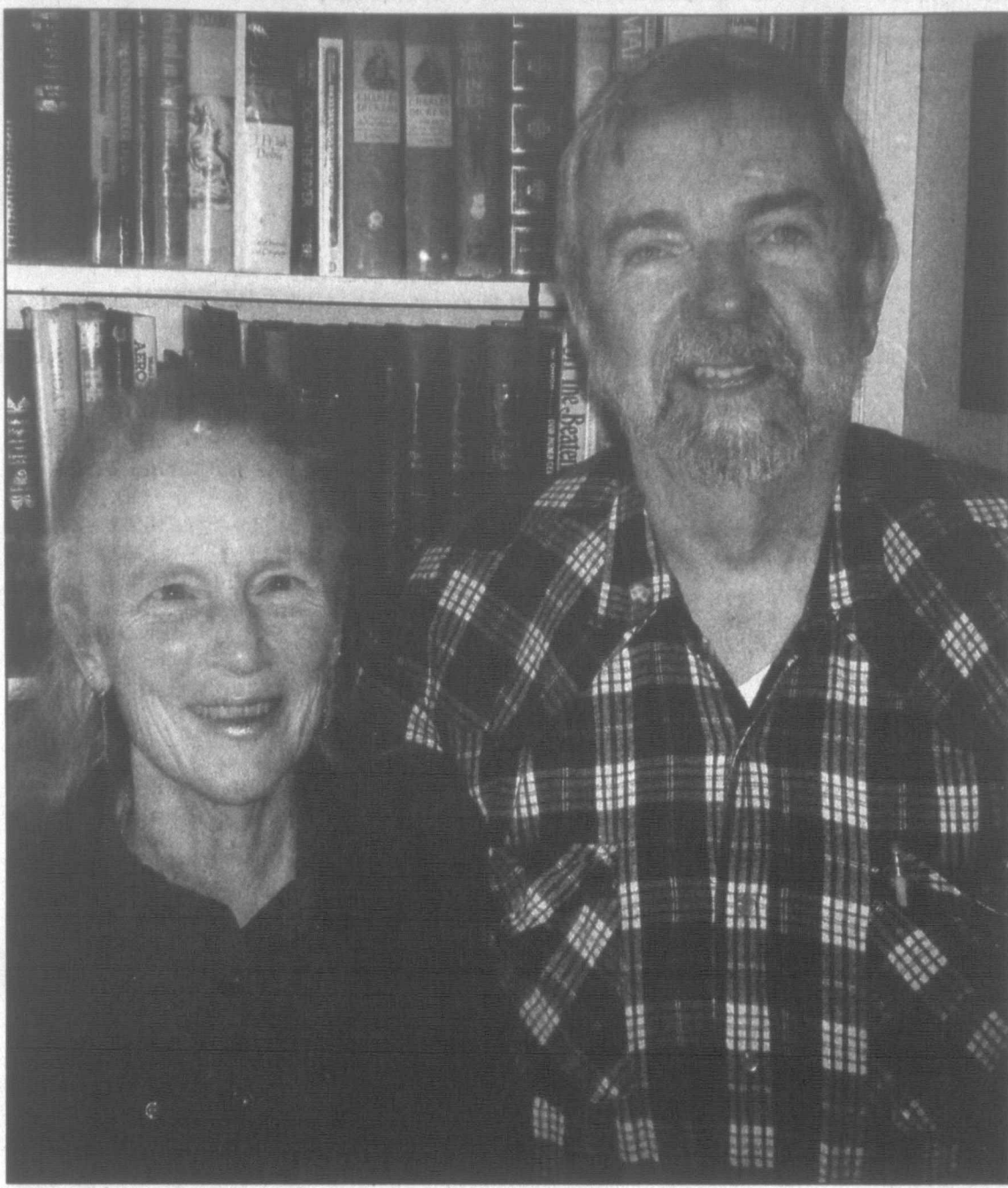
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The Rev. Ed Nettleton, right, and his wife Mary, will conduct St. Matthew's preaching mission beginning Sunday morning.

St. Matthew's Episcopal to host preaching mission

The Rev. Ed Nettleton, vicar of St. James Episcopal Church of Lake City, Colo., will conduct the annual preaching mission March 6 and 7 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning. He will be assisted by his wife, Mary Nettleton and musician, Laura Van Dyke.

Theme for the preaching mission will be "Forgiveness - The Power to Heal." It will be about the journey from burden to freedom through the power of forgiveness. Fr. Nettleton will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, March 6, at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Breakfast will be served between the two services. Fr. Nettleton will preach at the 6 p.m. service on Sunday, March 6, and at 12 noon and 6 p.m. on Monday, March 7. A reception will follow the service on Monday evening.

Fr. Nettleton and Mary both graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He went to seminary from St. Paul's in Lubbock. He graduated from The Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and was ordained by Bishop Quarterman at St. Christopher's in Lubbock.

He served a number of places ending up in Taos, N. M., where he served at St. James Parish for 15 years. In 1991, Fr. Nettleton and Mary moved to Lake City, Colo., and began their Pilgrim's Rest ministry. Mary is a teacher, musician, and psychologist and a pilgrim herself. Both are Oblates of the Pecos Benedictine Monastery at Pecos, N. M. and graduates of its School for Spiritual Directors. Fr. Nettleton is the author of a book "Why Were You Searching for Me and 129 Other Questions Jesus Asks Each of Us." He is also an engineer, pilot, and woodworker. The Nettletons have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Laura Van Dyke will be leading the music.



Laura Van Dyke of Crested Butte, Colo., will lead the music.

She is music leader at the O Be Joyful Baptist Church in Crested Butte, Colo. She and her husband have four children and manage a ranch north of Gunnison, Colo. She is featured on two CDs, "Taking the Higher Ground" and "Live at 8,885 Feet."

The people of St. Matthew's invite everyone to join them for two days of Lenten meditation and prayer. If more information is needed, please call the church office at 665-0701.

First Baptist to present Easter pageant

First Baptist Church's adult choir, orchestra and drama ministry will present the Easter pageant "Jesus, The Promise," March 26 and 27. Both performances will be at

7 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist church, 203 N. West. Free tickets are available through the church's Music Office at 669-1155. The Children's Choirs, grades 1-5,


will also be involved.

The church invites the public to come and share this wonderful celebration of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Rushing Wind Emmaus to meet on March 12

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, March 12, in the First Christian Church, 9th Avenue and Jefferson, Perryton. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with a potluck meal followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service.

Family and friends are welcome, and a nursery will be provided.



*"He is not here,
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just as He said."*

Matthew 28:6

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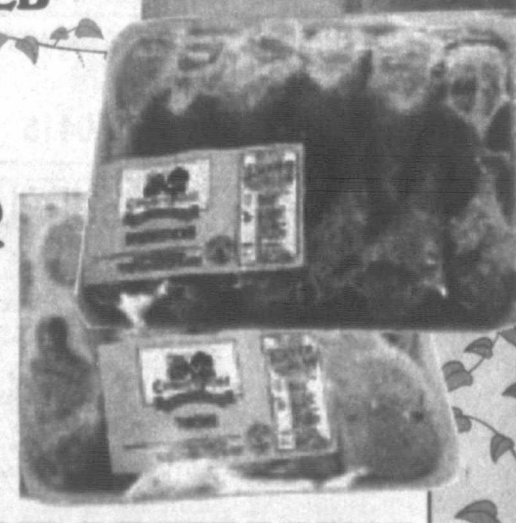
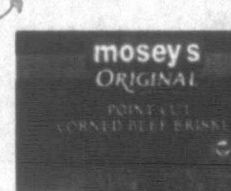
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Sports Day



Photo by STEPHEN ROGERS

Pampa Lady Harvester Wendi Miller stroked a home run in yesterday's 6-0 blanking of Randall.

Lady Harvesters take two in Burkburnett Thursday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

home run from Wendi Miller all contributed to the win, which improved Pampa's overall record to 8-4.

Nothing helps heal the wound left by a big loss.

And yesterday, the Lady Harvester softball team not only closed the wound, but left no sign of the 10-1 beating they took from Canyon Tuesday.

Pampa, on the road at the Burkburnett Tournament, took care of business early by shutting out Randall, 6-0. Solid pitching, the Lady Harvester defense and a solo

The Lady Harvesters would need to work a little harder in their second game of the night when they squared off against Abilene Cooper. However, Pampa would take that game as well, 9-5 and move to 9-4 on the year.

The Lady Harvesters were scheduled to face Iowa Park at 9 a.m. this morning, followed by a 12 p.m. game with Ft. Worth Castleberry.

Canyon Lady Eagles advance, Canadian faces Poth tonight

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's a surprise at the girls' state basketball tournament: Dallas Lincoln won't be playing for the Class 4A title.

Lincoln had played in four straight title games before Thursday night when the Tigers were dismantled 72-52 by Fort Worth Dunbar.

Lincoln had finally ended a string of three straight title game losses last year, and the defending state champs came in boasting of a powerful and experienced lineup with senior forwards Simone Cook and Dominic Seals up front. Seals has signed to play at Texas Tech.

But Lincoln was upstaged by a band of underclassmen playing in their first state tournament.

And no one was better or more brash than Dunbar freshman Brooklyn Pope, who had 17 points and nearly DUNKED in the fourth quarter.

The surprising rout sent Dunbar (30-4) to Saturday's 4A final to play Angleton, which needed a fourth-quarter rally to get past Pflugerville Connally 47-43.

Angleton (29-9) struggled most of the game and didn't make its move until the fourth quarter, closing it out with a 16-3 run.

In other games Thursday:

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

In the 1A Division I title game, Darchelle Griffin — who also has signed to play at Texas Tech — scored 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, leading Seagraves over Mouton 60-45.

Nazareth (31-5) and Seagraves (29-9) will meet Saturday for the Texas Cup, the mythical championship of the state's smallest schools.

In Class 3A: Canyon (31-3) continued its run of dominance with a 69-33 win over Wimberley. Jordan Hampton score 22 points for the two-time defending champions. Shante Perry scored 26 points and Cleveland (36-3) pulled out a 69-63 overtime victory over Winnsboro after rallying from 14 points down in the fourth quarter.

The tournament resumes Friday with semifinals in Class 2A with Brock (35-3) facing Kountze (26-3) and Canadian (33-2) meeting Poth (29-7).

In Class 5A, San Antonio Taft (35-1) meets Humble (30-9) and Arlington Bowie (33-5) plays Pflugerville (32-6).

Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club grabs trophy; Larrazolos competing at state tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

great learning experience.

The Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club claimed the Junior Olympic Division team trophy.

The two clubs spent plenty of time preparing for the trip to Lubbock. Weeks were spent in the gym working on skill, stamina and technique.

Those advancing to the State Championships currently under way in Ft. Worth were Cristoval and Jose Larrazolo.

Jose Larrazolo brought home the Sportsmanship trophy from the Lubbock tournament.

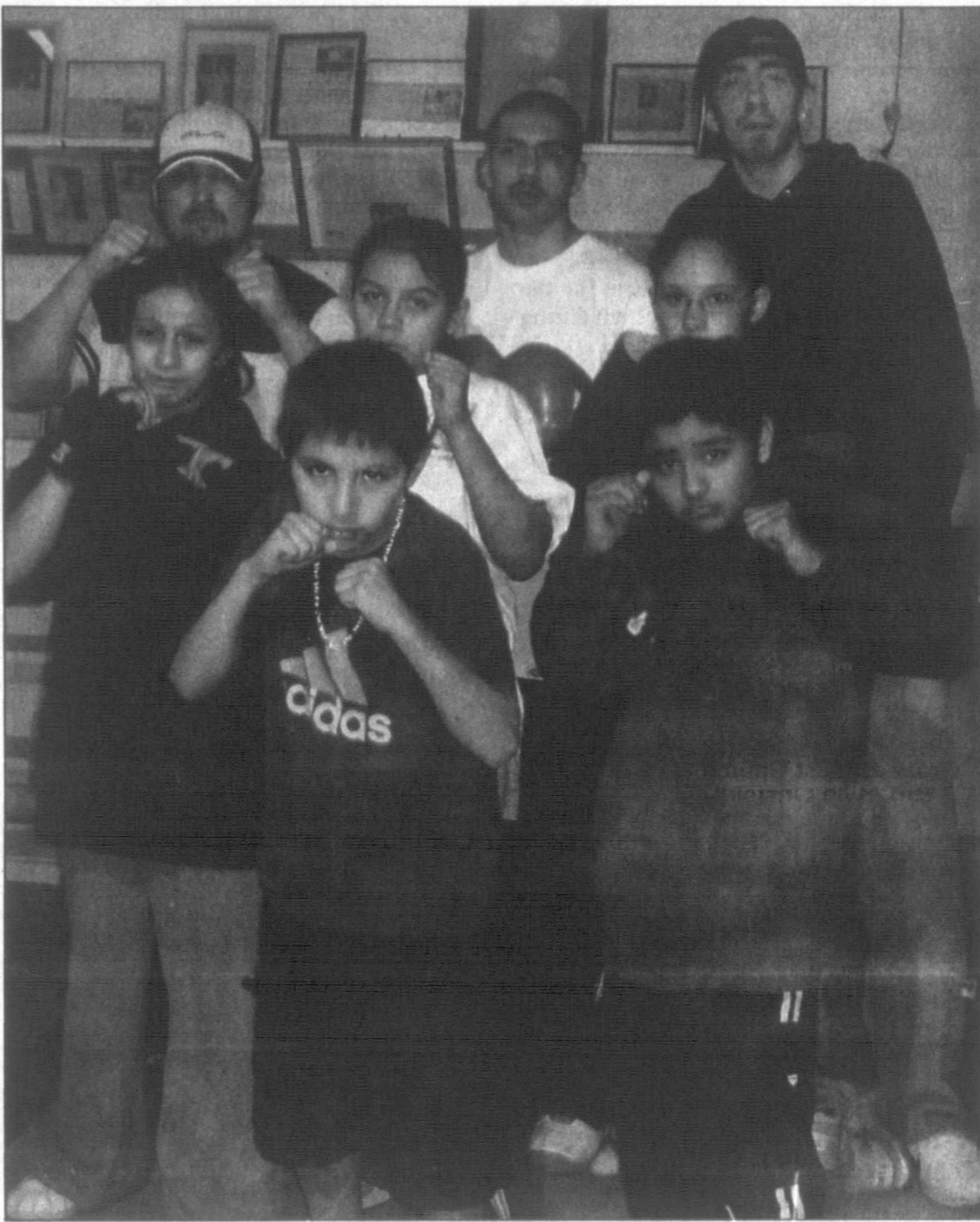
The state tournament will run through next Tuesday.

The Pampa Boxing Club and the Youth Survival Boxing Club came together to take part in this past weekend's Golden Gloves tournament in Lubbock where Cecelia Garcia, Crystal Garcia and Russell Kelly each tasted at least one win.

Kelly won his first bout last Friday, but lost a very close split decision on Saturday.

Also taking part in the Golden Gloves tournament were Damian Florez, Jose Benitez and Alfredo Benitez.

Despite their losses, each of the young boxers considers the tournament to be a



The Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club (above) won the Junior Olympic Division trophy at the Golden Gloves tournament in Lubbock last weekend. Members are (left to right), Back row- Ricardo Chavez, Russell Kelly, and Coach Jay Kelly. Middle row- Mercedes Larrazolo, Cecelia Garcia and Crystal Garcia. Front row- Freddy Benitez and Jose Benitez. Chavez (below) slips on the mits to work with Kelly. The Pampa Youth Survival Club and The Pampa Boxing Club spent weeks training together in preparation for the recently concluded Lubbock tournament.



Louisville clinches share of Conference USA title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Larry O'Bannon saved his best for last at Freedom Hall. The Louisville native scored a career-high 33 points in his final home game to help No. 9 Louisville clinch a share of the Conference USA regular-season title with a 94-82 victory over No. 18 Charlotte on Thursday night.

"Larry O'Bannon had a very, very special night," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "It was a Hollywood ending for a nice young man."

The 6-foot-4 O'Bannon hit his first five 3-point attempts and tied a school record with 26 points in the first half.

"Your hometown fans are going to remember you in your

last game," O'Bannon said. "I didn't know it was going to be like that."

Taquan Dean, diagnosed with mononucleosis last month, made six 3-pointers and finished with 27 points for Louisville (25-4, 13-2), playing its final season in Conference USA before moving to the Big East.

"I wasn't feeling it, I was exhausted," Dean said. "Once I hit a couple of shots, then things started to go."

The Cardinals secured the top seed in the conference tournament next week in Memphis, and can wrap up their first outright regular-season Conference USA title with a victory Saturday at DePaul.

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Davis named Optimist Baseball Commissioner

Kevin Davis will serve as Optimist Baseball Commissioner for the 2005 season, Ronnie N. Haynes, Optimist President, announced Thursday.

Davis will assist commissioners of all baseball leagues, including T-Ball for five and six years olds, Pitching Machine for seven and eight year olds, 9-10 Cal Ripken, 11-12 Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth for players 13-15.

Registration for Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 will take place March 7-10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club building at 601 E. Craven.

An Optimist baseball coach in all age groups from T-Ball to Babe Ruth for 15 years, Davis has been the Optimist Baseball Commissioner since 2001. He also has served as the President of the Babe Ruth League in Pampa for the last 11 years. He is a District Commissioner for Babe Ruth assisting teams in the Texas Panhandle with all star tournaments.

For eight years Davis has been in charge of the Optimist equipment room. He has been in charge of purchasing uniforms and equipment during that time. During the same period he has overseen the Optimist Concession Stand by recruiting volunteers to work during the various seasons, doing the purchasing of food and supplies and making sure the concession stand is clean and in good condition. Davis headed up the installation of the state of the art lighting system for the Optimist Girls' Softball Park. He was the construction foreman for the sprinkler system and the light system during the renovation of the Babe Ruth Park. In

2002 he almost single-handedly built the "Field of Dreams" which is home to about 100 T-Ballers every spring.

Davis has been the Chair of the Optimist portion of the Children's Shopping Tour for the last six years being in charge of luncheons which have fed more than 600 children and more than 1,000 volunteers during that time. He was also a member of the Steering Committee which organized the project during that same period.

During 1994-1995 and again in 2000-2001 he served as President of the Optimist Club. He is presently in his fourth term as the Vice-president in charge of youth activities. He was honored as Optimist of the Year in 2003 and was named a life member of Optimist International.

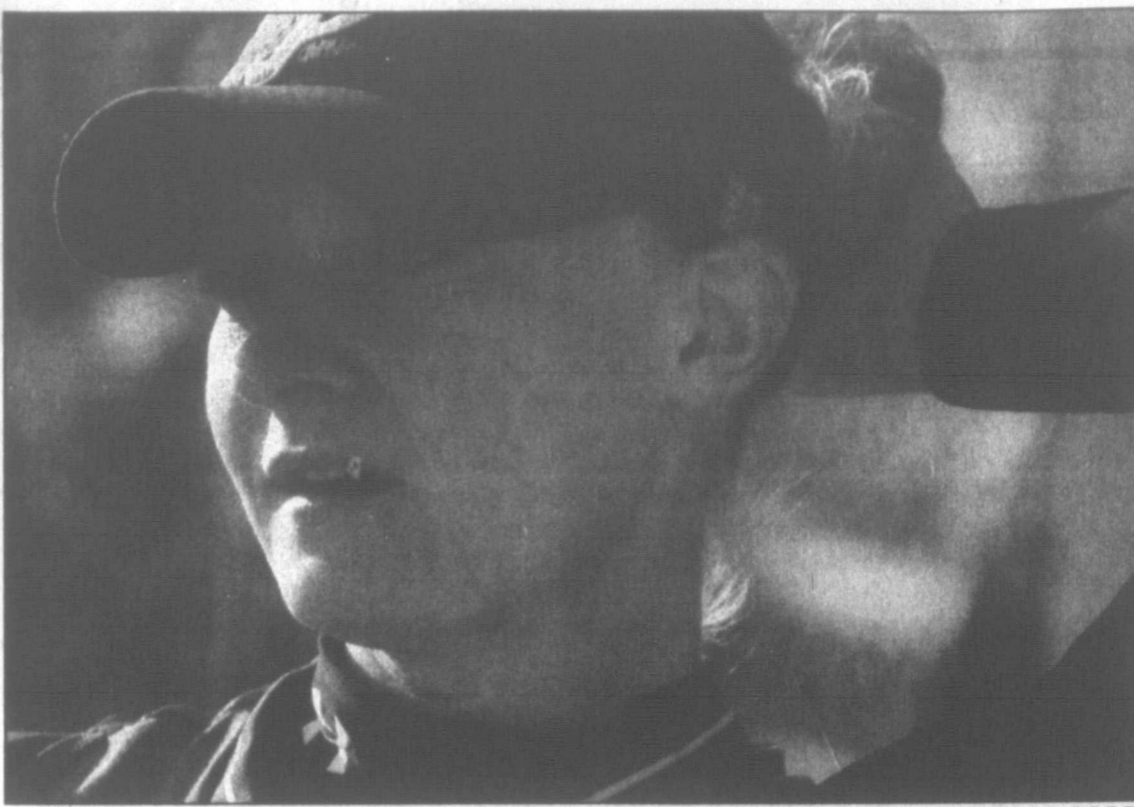
Davis has taught a seventh grade Sunday School Class for the First Baptist Church for the last six years and has been on the Building and Grounds Committee for three years. He and his wife, Whitney, are co-chairs of the Glorieta Lodge Committee for the Church's lodge in New Mexico. He serves on the Church's nominating committee.

He currently is the President of the Harvester Booster Club for football and a member of the Pampa High School Choir Boosters and Baseball Boosters.

The couple has two children, Keenan, a junior at Pampa High School, and Tanner, who is in the seventh grade at Pampa Jr. High School. Davis is employed by Xcel Energy.

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

Close watch



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Infielder Whitney Wichert keeps a careful watch on the action during the Lady Harvesters game this past Tuesday against Canyon. Pampa is busy in Burkburnett today and tomorrow. They won both opening games yesterday.

Rogers not thinking retirement

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Kenny Rogers didn't feel any different pitching at 40 years old, and made one thing clear after his first spring outing for the Texas Rangers.

"I'm not thinking about retirement," Rogers said Thursday after throwing 13 of his 19 pitches for strikes in his scheduled inning against Kansas City. "I hope we're talking like this 10 years from now, about playing baseball."

What Rogers didn't clarify was what was said last month when he asked about a contract extension during a meeting with Rangers owner Tom Hicks. The left-hander has dismissed reports that he threatened to retire if he didn't get an extension.

"Basically, something was said by someone I trusted, and then there were other people I trusted who were told. I got caught in the middle," he said Thursday. "I don't know why, but I seem to have the knack of taking the fall some times. I'm definitely going to be more guarded from now on."

Rogers obviously didn't retire, showing up at camp two weeks ago in time for the first workout for pitchers.

The Rangers will wait until later in the season before making any decisions about a

new contract.

When Rogers returned for his third stint with Texas before last season, the Rangers gave him a \$6 million, two-year contract that this season will pay him \$3.5 million.

He was 18-9 last season in 35 starts, which tied for the most in the American League. He pitched 211 2-3 innings and won a Gold Glove.

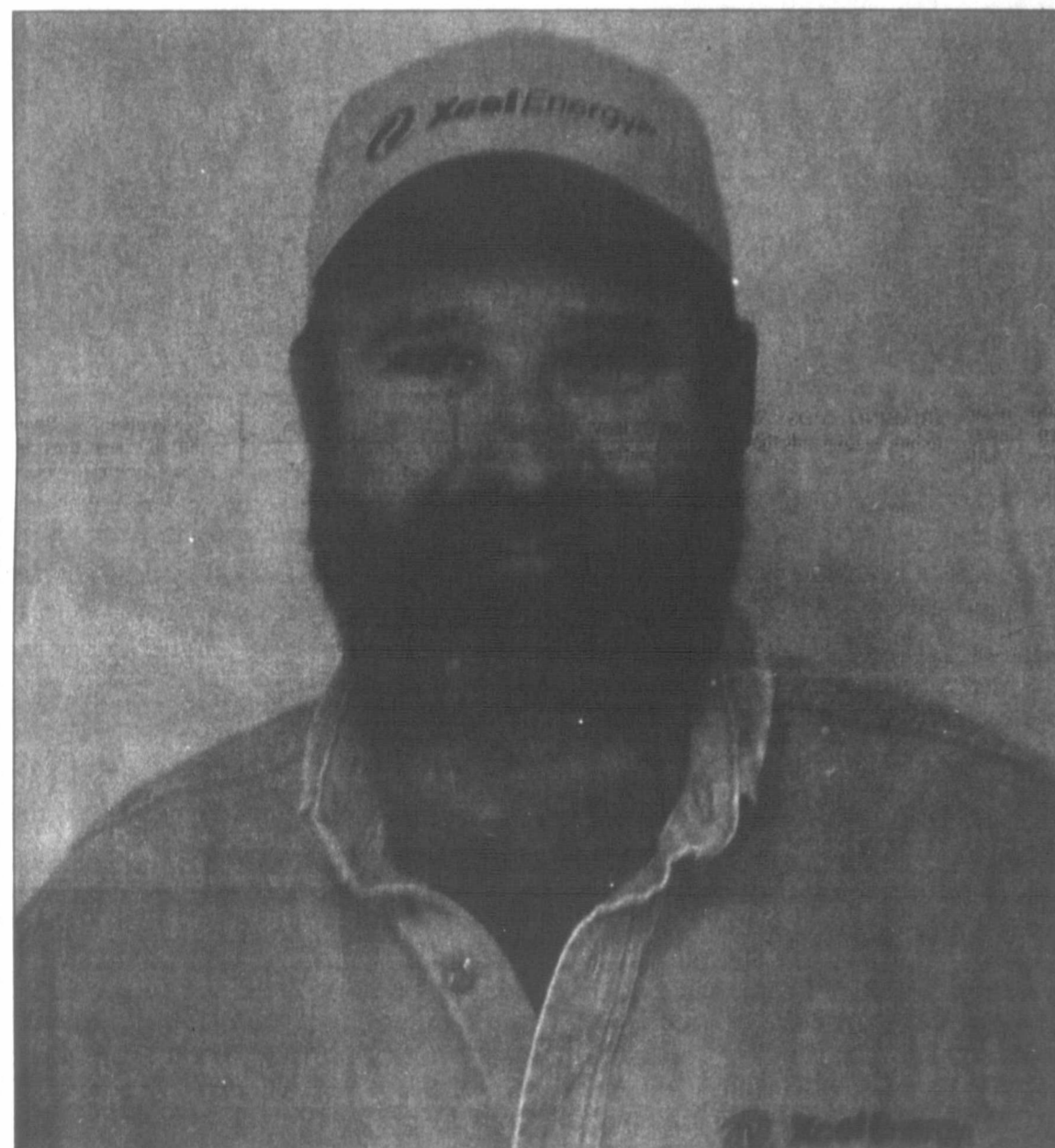
"I take a lot of pride in what I do. This offseason has had some good, some bad," he said. "I thought I would be talking a lot about my season. ... Some things have happened I wish hadn't."

Rogers returned to the mound Thursday, allowing a run on two hits against Kansas City. It was his first game since turning 40 in November.

"In Kenny's case, he plays a lot younger. Kenny knows how to get ready to pitch," manager Buck Showalter said. "He won 18 games for us last season. He always gives us a chance to win ball games."

Rogers insisted that he didn't think about being 40 on the mound.

"I guess I can attribute it to luck, ignorance," he said. "I guess it really just means I'm a year older."



Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes announced Thursday that Kevin Davis (pictured) will serve as Optimist Baseball Commissioner for the 2005 season.

Jones spends \$28 million in signing bonuses

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed defensive tackle Jason Ferguson from the New York Jets and guard Marco Rivera from Green Bay. The Cowboys spent \$28 million in signing bonuses alone on Ferguson, Rivera and cornerback Anthony Henry, who signed Wednesday.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants signed free agent middle linebacker Antonio Pierce, who emerged as a top defender for Washington last season in his first year as a starter. Pierce agreed to a six-year, \$26 million contract. The Giants also released veteran receiver and former first-round draft pick Ike Hilliard.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The

Carolina Panthers signed offensive lineman Mike Wahle and cornerback Ken Lucas to long-term contracts, the most aggressive single day of free agent acquisitions in franchise history. Wahle, who spent seven seasons in Green Bay, signed a five-year deal worth about \$25 million. Lucas, a three-year starter in Seattle, signed a six-year contract.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins agreed to terms with free agent receiver David Patten. Patten caught 44 passes for 800 yards and seven touchdowns last season for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and will be a candidate to replace Rod Gardner at the No. 2 receiver spot.

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In other games involving Top 25 teams, it was No. 1 Illinois 84, Purdue 50; No. 2 North Carolina 91, Florida State 76; No. 6 Duke 83, Miami 59; No. 10 Washington 106, California 73; No. 17 Pacific 92, Cal State-Fullerton 88; and No. 25 Nevada 55, Hawaii 47.

O'Bannon was 9-of-10 from the field in the first half.

"I just hit my first couple of 3s and my teammates started looking for me," O'Bannon said. "I do it every day in practice. I guess it just carried over."

He left the floor with 1:01 to go, waving to the fans and embracing teammates as the crowd chanted "Lar-ree! Lar-ree!"

"You couldn't ask for anything better," O'Bannon said. "I never thought of a night like this. You don't dream it up."

Brendan Plavich hit seven 3-pointers and scored 28 points for the 49ers (21-5, 12-3). Charlotte, a game behind Louisville, had won its last seven games.

"It was obviously a very difficult night for us," Charlotte coach Bobby Lutz said. "We knew we had to play really well with everything to have a chance to win. Obviously, we fell short."

No. 1 Illinois 84, Purdue 50

At Champaign, Ill., Dee Brown scored 24 of his career-high 27 points in the first half, and Derron Williams added 21 for Illinois (29-0, 15-0 Big Ten).

Brown was 8-of-10 from 3-point range and 9-of-12 from the field overall, setting career highs for baskets and attempts from long range and an Assembly Hall record for 3-pointers. The Illini have won 21 straight home games.

Gary Ware scored 12 points for Purdue (7-19, 3-12).

No. 2 North Carolina 91, Florida State 76

At Chapel Hill, N.C., Sean May scored a career-high 32 points to help North Carolina secure at least a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

May also had 12 rebounds, and freshman

Marvin Williams added 17 points for the Tar Heels (25-3, 13-2 ACC). North Carolina, which played without scoring leader Rashad McCants for the third straight game because of an intestinal disorder, can clinch the top seed in the ACC tournament with a home win against Duke on Sunday.

Al Thornton scored 19 points for the Seminoles (11-18, 3-12).

No. 6 Duke 83, Miami 59

At Durham, N.C., J.J. Redick led Duke with 29 points, and senior Daniel Ewing had the first double-double of his career with 14 points and a career-high 10 assists in his final game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Shelden Williams added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Blue Devils (22-4, 11-4 ACC). Guillermo Diaz had 17 points for Miami (16-11, 7-9).

No. 10 Washington 106, California 73

At Berkeley, Calif., Bobby Jones scored 22 points, and Washington made a school-record 16 3-pointers to beat California and move within one victory of at least a share of its first Pac-10 title in 20 years.

Jones was 5-of-6 from long range and the Huskies (24-4, 14-3) broke the previous school record of 14 set at Southern California in January 1998. Nate Robinson added 21 points and five 3s, and Tre Simmons had 20 points and four 3s.

Rod Benson led Cal (12-15, 5-12) with 17 points.

No. 17 Pacific 92, Cal St.-Fullerton 88

At Fullerton, Calif., Guillaume Yango scored 23 of his career-high 27 points in the second half to lead Pacific to its 20th straight victory.

David Doubly and Jasko Korajkic added 14 points apiece for the Tigers (24-2, 17-0 Big West). Ralphy Holmes had 24 points for Fullerton (17-9, 11-6).

No. 25 Nevada 55, Hawaii 47

At Honolulu, Nick Fazekas had 20 points and 12 rebounds to help Nevada wrap up the Western Athletic Conference regular-season title.

Kevinn Pinkney added 14 points and 13 rebounds for Nevada (23-5, 15-2). Matt Gibson led Hawaii (14-12, 6-11) with 14 points.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married man, raising two daughters, ages 12 and 15.

A friend I have known for 20 years, "Kevin," has become a little too friendly toward our 15-year-old, "Amanda." He has been giving Amanda money for doing nothing. The first time, he gave her \$300 and told her not to tell her mother or me. Of course, our daughter told us anyway. When we confronted Kevin, he said he felt sorry for Amanda and she was supposed to baby-sit to pay back the loan, so we allowed her to keep the money to buy clothes with.

A few weeks after that, Kevin gave Amanda \$200 for letting him cut her long blond hair so he could sell it on the Internet. Needless to say, her mother and I were very upset. But instead of confronting him again, we just gave Kevin the cold shoulder, hoping he'd get the message and go away.

About a month later, he snuck into our home while my wife and I were out and installed a satellite box in Amanda's room. When we discovered the box, we asked Amanda where it came from, and she said Kevin. I looked at the programming on the box. It had been rigged with free pay and pornography channels. We were very upset. We removed the box, gave it back to our ex-friend and ordered him never to come around our kids again. Do you think we did enough? We don't want to overreact. — UNSURE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR UNSURE: One of the things pedophiles do with potential victims is something called "grooming." They befriend the young person, give him or her gifts or money, encourage the minor to keep secrets from their parents, and then the seduction begins. That's what the "free" porn channel in your daughter's bedroom was for.

You did not do nearly enough in dealing with this predator. Although you may have discouraged him from targeting Amanda, what about other young girls in your community? Please contact your local police immediately, and tell the detec-

tives in the sex crimes division what you have written to me. I give you my word, they won't think you are overreacting.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter came home from school the other day with bruises on her body. When I asked her how she got them, she told me a little boy beat her up at recess. I went to the school to talk with her teacher, but nothing was done, and my daughter came home with another bruise yesterday. What should I do? — WORRIED MOM IN THOMASVILLE, GA.

DEAR WORRIED: Your child has a right to get an education, free from bullying or harassment. Since talking to the teacher didn't help, here's the drill: Take your complaint to the principal of the school. If that doesn't stop the problem, go to the school board. If they fail to act, consult a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that I'm pregnant, and I'm thrilled. I'm being married in September — and that's the problem. At the time my wedding is scheduled, I'll be nine months' pregnant.

The day we're being married has special significance to my fiancé. I don't know how to tell him I don't want to waddle down the aisle. I have told him about the baby, but I don't know how to bring up changing the date of the wedding. I don't want to ruin it for him — but I don't know if I can handle a formal wedding when I'm about to pop.

Am I being selfish, or would it be a good idea to ask him to change the date? — SCARED IN OREGON

DEAR SCARED: For heaven's sake, speak up. To do so is not selfish; it's practical. Ask your fiancé to count to nine, and remember that babies don't always arrive exactly on time — sometimes they decide to come early. When you're standing at the altar exchanging your vows, you should not have to worry about your water breaking.

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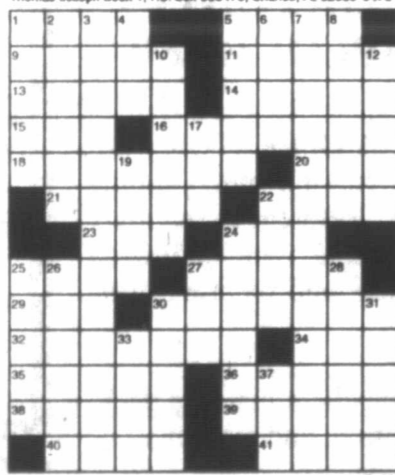
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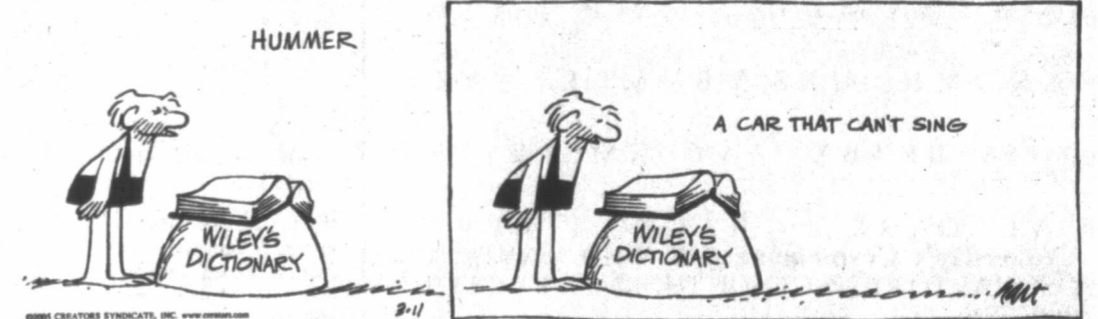
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