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Brief Californian indicted on child sex charges BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A California man accused of luring a 13-year-old Zachary girl he met on the Internet into going with him to Texas has been indicted by a federal grand jury.

Pickens: \$50 million for your water

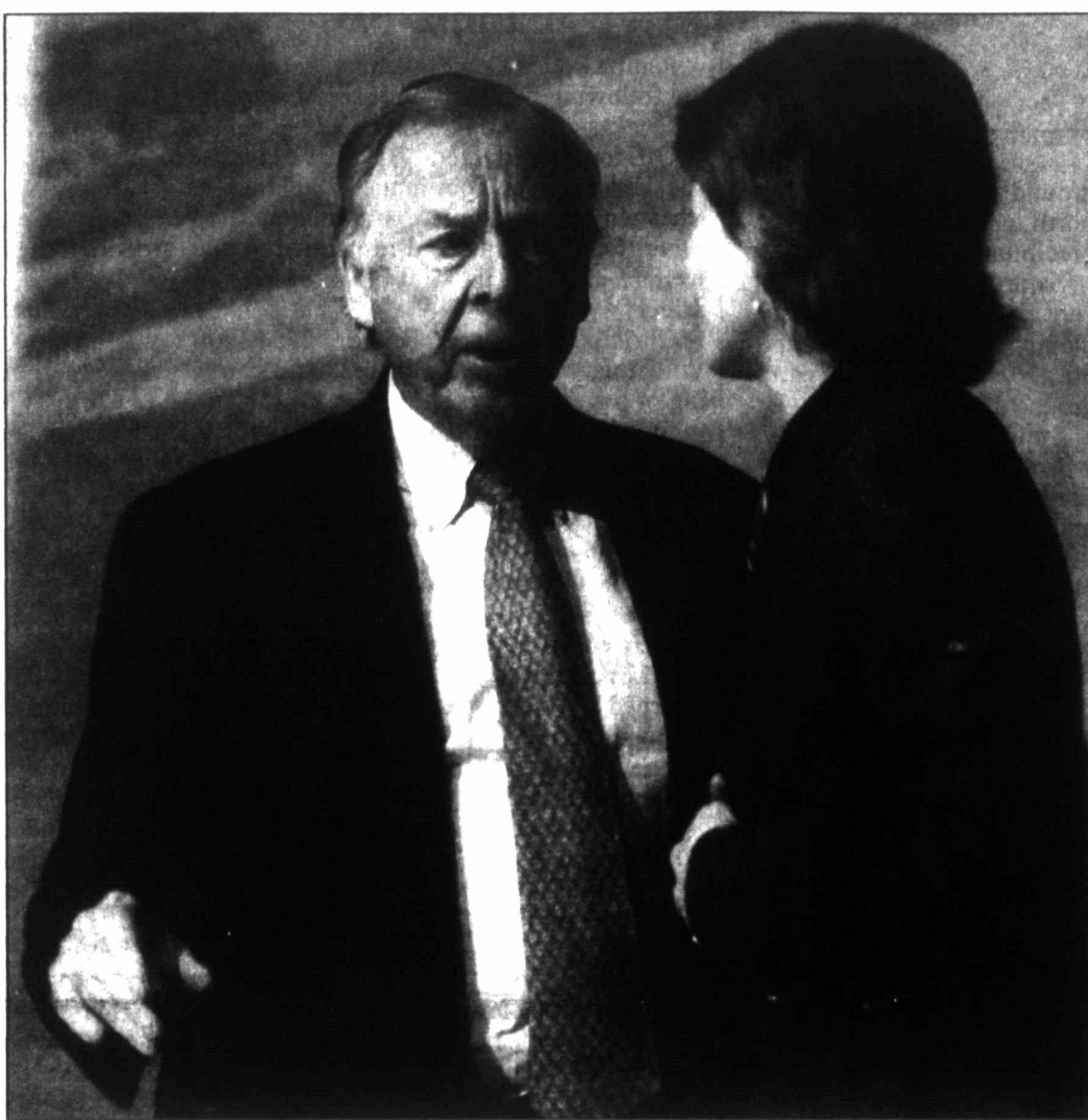


Photo by DAVID BOWSER

Boone Pickens talks to Sandra Postel who was on a water conference panel at the University of North Texas in Denton this week.

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

DENTON — Boone Pickens is making a \$50 million offer this week for water rights in Gray, Roberts and Hemphill counties.

Following his participation in a water conference at the University of North Texas Tuesday night, Pickens, president and CEO of Mesa Water, Inc., said he had made some 200 individual offers to landowners in the three counties for their water rights.

The offers, based on the amount of water each landowner has to sell, range from \$525 an acre to \$350 an acre. Pickens said the average offer was about \$450 an acre.

"Everybody that had been with us," Pickens said, "we made an offer to."

He said that everybody he's talked to has seemed happy with the offers.

Pickens expects to put together 200,000 acres of

water rights and wants to pump and sell that water to urban areas downstate.

The Dallas businessman and Roberts County rancher said landowners who can sell their water will improve the value of their property.

Rangeland in these counties now sells for about \$200 an acre, but if the water can be marketed it could increase the value of the land to as much as \$700 an acre.

While the organizers of the water conference here talked about the need for more water in the North Texas area, one of the other panel members, Robert Potts, general manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority in South-Central Texas, said there were people in San Antonio that were interested in buying water from Mesa Water.

The Edwards Aquifer provides most of San Antonio's water, and Potts said the Alamo City needs to find

'Everybody that had been with us, we made an offer to.'

— Boone Pickens CEO Mesa Water Inc.

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Bailey gets official title to go with her position

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Robin Bailey was named City of Pampa finance director at the city commission's 4 p.m. meeting yesterday after a discussion about whether to fill the position.

Ward 4 Commissioner Faustina Curry led the debate. She began by saying that her position in no way reflected on Bailey.

"I have nothing against Robin," Curry said.

"I thought we'd discussed eliminating some directors' positions. What happened to that discussion? We've had a lot of battles over this, and we pop up and we're making another director," she said.

"We're not making another director, Faustina," said Ward 2 Commissioner Ray Boring.

"I think it's an excellent decision," said Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon of the move to name Bailey finance director.

"The issue for me is compensa-

tion," said Mayor Lonny Robbins.

"I have not adjusted her salary. She will make the same amount she's presently making as assistant finance director, but will get the title," said City Manager John Horst.

"If we need to have more discussion, we can wait (on taking action)," Robbins told Curry.

"Go ahead and vote," Curry said.

Bailey was named

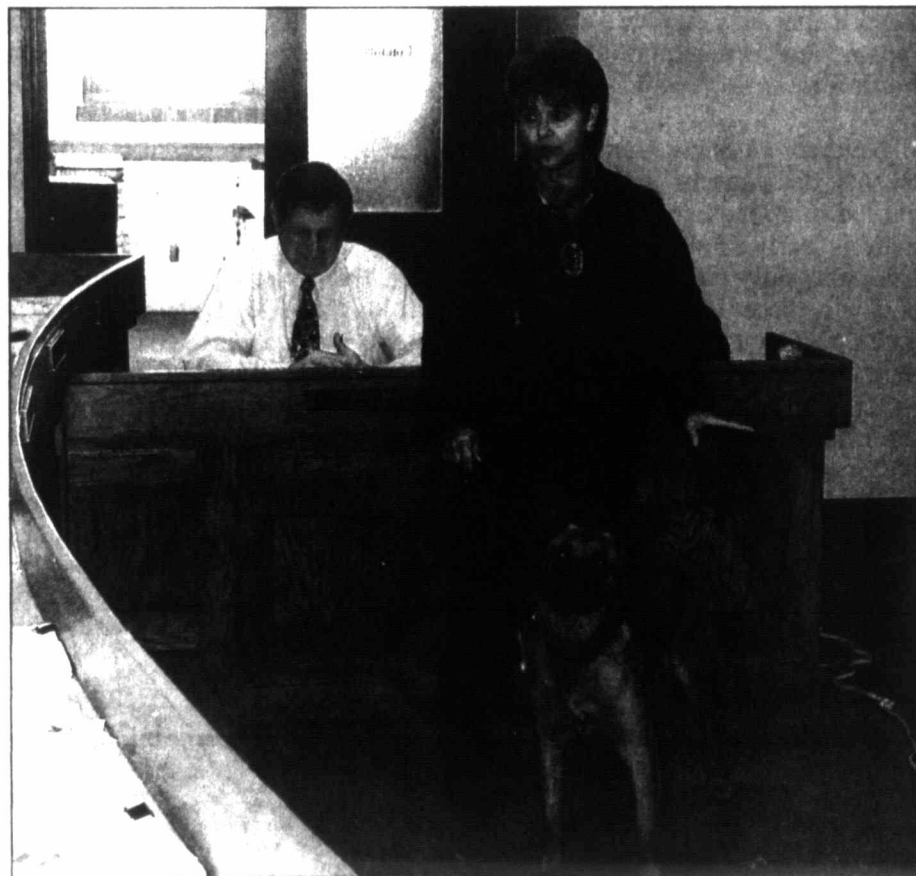
finance director after a 3-2 vote in favor of the motion. She has been employed by the City of Pampa since 2000. Her position as assistant finance director will be left vacant, according to Horst.

Horst was city finance director until the resignation of Mitch Grant

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'She will make the same amount she's presently making as assistant finance director, but will get the title.'

— John Horst City manager



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Rescue dog

Pampa Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns reports on recent training for the city's forensic search and rescue dog, a one- and one-half-year-old Belgian malinois, at yesterday's city commission meeting.

Jury's decision in Young trial pleases district attorney

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Lynn Switzer, 31st District Attorney, is pleased with the results of the Jimmy Gawan Young trial which ended Monday in 223rd District Court in a guilty verdict and a 50-year prison sentence.

"I felt it went really well. It was not a difficult case to

try, in that David (Scott, pointed by the result, and I'm sure Jimmy Young will appeal," Scott said in a telephone interview today.

Young was charged with manslaughter, enhanced, in the April 3, 2003, shooting death of Tracy Rena

Williams. The first-degree felony carries punishment of five to 99 years or life in prison.

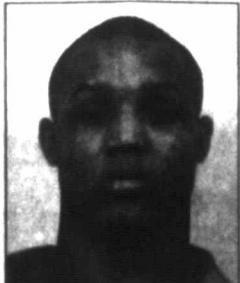
An eight-woman, four-man jury began deliberations in Gray County Courthouse around 12:30 p.m. last Monday, March 21, after hearing the equivalent of four days' worth of testimony, and found Young guilty. He was sentenced by 223rd

District Judge Lee Waters.

"I think what the jury found is that he was involved in a gunfight in a residential area," Scott said.

Switzer called 26 witnesses to testify, and entered 75 exhibits into evidence during the trial. Scott called an additional two witnesses and entered another three or four exhibits.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HOOVER, Corinna Jane — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel.

Corinna Jane Hoover, 81

Corinna Jane Hoover, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hoover was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Cimarron, N.M. She attended college at Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M.

She married C.R. (Bitz) Hoover on March 17, 1945, in Santa Fe, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1995.

Survivors include one daughter, Jane Adams of Pampa; one son, Tom Hoover of



Hoover

Angel Fire, N.M.; grandchildren, Lance wife Brooke of Pampa, Lisa Clark and husband Eric of Glasford, Ill., Sepp Huckabo of Galveston, Savannah Hoover and Chance Hoover, both of Angel Fire, N.M.; and great-grandsons, Reed DeFever of Honolulu, Hawaii, Will Vise of Okinawa, Japan, Spencer DeFever of McKinney, and Ethan DeFever of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Ware Care Center, 1300 S. Harrison, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 411 Linda Drive. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Agnes Oliphant, 89

Agnes Oliphant, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Oliphant was born June 5, 1915, in Hoena, Tenn. She married Talmage Oliphant on Nov. 4, 1933. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1984.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1945, moving from Haskell.

She was a member of the Hobart Baptist Church where she worked in the nursery for more than 30 years. She was a homemaker and a child caregiver for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Oliphant and wife Melody of Pampa and Jerry Oliphant and wife Dianne of Big Spring; two brothers, Tom Ammons of Pampa and Bill "Junior" Ammons of Lake Brownwood; five grandchildren, Jasper

Jowers of Brownfield, Bryan Oliphant of Lubbock, Brandon Oliphant of San Marcos, and Cory Oliphant and Christy Heuston, both of Canyon; and four great-grandchildren, Joshua Jowers, Jonathan Jowers and Jarisa Jowers, all of Brownfield, and Braeden Oliphant of Denton.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Jowers in 2000; four brothers; and one sister.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Oliphant

Gray County Weather

Today: Areas of fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high near 68. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 71. West wind between 15 and 20

mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 35. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. North-northwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. East-northeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. East-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: A chance of snow, mixing with rain after 8 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 39. East-southeast wind

around 15 mph becoming north-northeast. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North-northeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 50. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 37.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 71.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 73.

U.S., Mexico vow cooperation

WACO (AP) — President Bush, seeking smooth relations with U.S. neighbors despite dustups over immigration, trade and defense, announced on Wednesday a pact with Canada and Mexico to broaden cooperation on security and economic issues.

"We had a good discussion about prosperity and security. It turns out the two go hand-in-hand," Bush said. "We've got a lot of trade with each other and we intend to keep it that way. We've got a lot of crossings of the borders and intend to make our borders more secure and facilitate legal traffic."

Neither Mexico nor Canada backed Bush's decision to invade Iraq, and that chilled relations between Bush and the two nations early in his first term. Relations have generally remained amiable, however, and all three leaders appeared cheerful when they met with reporters here after their trilateral meeting.

The need for strong relations among the three North American neighbors will outlast political developments, Bush said.

"We've got a lot to do, so we charged our ministers with the task of figuring out how best to keep these relationships vibrant and

strong," he said.

Bush greeted Fox with a hearty handshake and said "Hola" as the Mexican president stepped out of his limousine at a Baylor University library, adorned with the flags of the three nations. A few minutes earlier, the reception Bush offered Martin was only slightly less effusive.

"The world does not stand still," Martin said in French, through an interpreter. "In a world in constant change we need the renewed partnership — more strong, more dynamic and we must have a roadmap that will bring us there."

The three issued a statement jointly saying that while all three nations have worked to enhance trade and have taken steps since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 to address terrorism "more needs to be done."

"We must develop new avenues of cooperation that will make our open societies safer and more secure, our businesses more competitive and our economies more resilient," the statement said.

The leaders met for more than an hour at the university and were having lunch at Bush's sprawling ranch in nearby Crawford.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, March 22

Officers conducted 10 traffic stops; checked one open door in the 2200 block of Chestnut Drive; served, or attempted to serve, four warrants; and responded to one welfare check in the 500 block of Warren Street.

Christian Edward Bruce, 25, 2000 Williston, was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Joe Scott Grubitz Jr., 29, 745 Bradley, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Avenue.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2200 block of Chestnut. A window was broken and a motorcycle was stolen. The motorcycle was later recovered and returned to the owner. Estimated cost of damage is \$500.

Theft was reported at Albertson's, 1223 N. Hobart. Steaks valued at \$35 were taken. A possible prowler was reported in the 600 block of Hazel St.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received in the 400 block of Pitts St., the 100 block of North Nelson St., and the 1300 block of Duncan St.

Narcotic drug law violations were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

A traffic complaint was made from the 400 block of South Municipal Drive.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave., in the 2800 block of Charles St., and in the 700 block of Bradley Dr.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles St. Graffiti was found on bathroom stalls. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

A suspicious person complaint was taken in the 200 block of Anne St.

An animal complaint concerning a dog being struck by a motor vehicle was reported at Zimmers and Gwendolyn streets.

Found property, a wallet and contents, was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks St. Estimated value of the property is \$82.

Burglary was reported at PJHS, 2401 Charles St.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Georgia and Christine streets.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

An unknown vehicle knocked over a stop sign in the 900 block of West Crane at an unknown date and time. Police were notified of the incident on March 20.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, March 22

Gary Hunter Hayes, 46, 822 N. Nelson, was arrested for violation of probation for possession of marijuana.

Jeremy Wayne Barnes, 27, 1224 Christine, was arrested for no driver's license and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Wednesday, March 23

5:09 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Tignor.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reports the following calls.

Monday, March 21

7 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

1:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Carr and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Aspen. No transport.

10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Russell. No transport.

Tuesday, March 22

8:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Gray County Road 1 and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to N.W.T.H.

11:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

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4:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

Family of man who hung himself in jail sues police

FORT WORTH (AP) — The family of a man who hung himself inside a jail cell using his shoelaces has filed a lawsuit accusing police of ignoring booking and monitoring procedures in the prisoner's case.

Sansom Park police arrested Ignacio Nunez, 38, on July 19 for public intoxi-

cation. Nunez, a Fort Worth construction worker, was found dead in his cell the next morning, after hanging himself from the top bunk bed, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit filed Monday alleges police violated their own policy, which states officers must take prisoners' personal items, including

belts and shoelaces, said Bart Behr, an attorney representing Nunez's family.

"It's really surprising that the policy is as straightforward as it is and that it was not followed," Behr said.

Family members also allege in the suit that police didn't check on Nunez for more than eight hours.

The plaintiffs are Nunez's mother, Maria Theresa Nunez; his 10-year son, Jared; and the mother of his child, Elizabeth Reyther.

Sansom Park, a Fort Worth suburb, doesn't have a full-time jailer for its holding facility. Officers periodically check on prisoners, and dispatchers can monitor via cameras, although they can't see very much inside the jail, Police Chief Tony White said.

After his arrest, Nunez became combative, almost kicking one officer in the face, White said.

Stocks

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

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

Cabot Corp	33.93	-0.16
Cabot Oil Gas	52.73	-1.82
Coca Cola	41.12	-0.28
VLO	69.18	+0.15
HAL	42.45	-1.01
TRI	45.24	-0.04
KMI	74.06	-1.55
XCEL	16.83	-0.08
Kerr McGee	73.95	-2.35
XOM	60.04	+0.86
Limited	23.53	-0.07
Williams	18.29	-0.12
MCD	31.47	+0.02
Atmos	26.77	-0.12

Pioneer Nat	41.60	-1.06
JCP	46.23	-0.07
COP	104.95	-2.08
SLB	69.87	-1.65
Tenneco	13.30	-0.11
CVX	58.51	-0.66
Wal-Mart	50.97	+0.07
OKE	30.03	-0.21
NS Grp	32.50	-0.91

New York Gold	427.09
Silver	6.92
West Texas Crude	54.28

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Wednesday, March 23, 2005

to honor the memory of our friend and senior partner,

David E. Holt.

Jury

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Jury deadlocked in trial of driver in deadly smuggling attempt

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors in the case of a man accused in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants told the judge Wednesday they were deadlocked on nearly half the counts against him but were sent back to deliberate further.

The jurors, seven women and five men, were early in the third day of delibera-

tions when they announced the deadlock on the conspiracy count against Tyrone Williams — a death penalty eligible count. They also were deadlocked on the first 19 counts of harboring.

Williams drove a truck packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants from Harlingen in the May 2003

smuggling attempt, the nation's deadliest. He is charged with 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting illegal immigrants.

Jurors said they had agreed on guilt or innocence in the remaining counts — 19 non-death penalty counts of transporting illegal immigrants and

19 death-penalty eligible counts of transporting.

But they could not agree on required questions related to some of the counts, such as what Williams' responsibility was in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt, whether the survivors were caused serious bodily injury or placed in jeopardy of death, or

whether the victims died as a result of Williams' actions. It was unclear to which counts those questions related.

Lawyers said answers to the questions on the death-penalty eligible counts could affect whether Williams faces the death penalty if convicted.

U.S. District Judge

Vanessa Gilmore sent jurors back to continue deliberating while Williams' lawyer complained that the jury was being coerced.

The judge's order suggests "to the jury they should surrender their individual conscience to render a verdict," Craig Washington said.

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"An important piece of forensic evidence was never sent to the lab. It was a fragment of a bullet jacket found inside an automobile," Scott said.

"Another piece of the bullet jacket was not found for 19 days after the shooting. It was finally found in the yard," he said.

"I think the district attorney did a very effective job of presenting her case. The problem with her case was the handling of the crime scene by Pampa Police Department. This was brought out in the trial," Scott said.

Police officers were dispatched to 1040 S. Huff Road at about 6:30 p.m., April 3, 2003, on a call that a person there had suffered a gunshot wound.

They found Williams lying in the driveway at that address.

Williams was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room, where she was pronounced dead at about 6:35 p.m. after having suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest.

"Forty-eight civilians were allowed into the crime scene before it was taped off. Two EMS people walked in, and kids were riding bicycles across it. Also, a car was moved twice," Scott said.

"They were trying to save her life, but at some point, somebody needed to be taping it (the crime scene) off," he said.

Young is the first of several persons charged in connection with Williams' shooting. Five persons were charged with deadly conduct with a firearm in the wake of the shooting.

"A couple were dismissed by Rick (Roach), and I have plea offers out on a couple of others," Switzer said yesterday.

Young was charged with manslaughter because it was determined that he fired first in the altercation which resulted in Williams' death, and he fired the shot that hit Williams, Switzer said.

Young's manslaughter charge was enhanced because of prior convictions for possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance with a firearm. He was also convicted in Dallas County of possession of a controlled substance, after his arrest in the Williams case but before the Williams case went to trial, Switzer said.

Switzer's next trial is expected to begin as soon as next week, and involves a charge of theft. The case will be tried in 31st District Court in Pampa.

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other sources of water.

Pickens told the crowd of 200 at the conference that he's working to sell the water but does not have a buyer yet.

"We have a permit to sell it," Pickens said. "We're trying very hard to sell it."

Pickens characterizes the water in Roberts and surrounding counties as sur-

plus. He said it is stranded water in an area where, because of the topography of the land, there is little irrigated farming.

He said that selling the water downstate would not harm area agricultural interests.

Pickens said the water is regulated by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer, and their rules require that no more than 50 percent of the water can be pumped from aquifer

beneath the counties in the district, which includes Roberts and Gray. Separate permits would have to be issued in Hemphill County, Pickens said.

Pickens told the assembled through here Tuesday night that the price of water can act as a conservation measure. The more it costs, the less it will be wasted and the more it will be conserved.

"The pricing of water is essential," Potts said.

Pickens said he thinks

cities are hesitant about buying water from Mesa because it is a new way of doing business. He said the cities are still looking at older, more established ways of dealing with water shortages, but he thinks they will eventually be willing to buy panhandle water.

He said Mesa is the only source that can deliver large amounts of water within five years. Other projects could take much longer and cost more.

Meeting

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as city manager on June 29, 2004. He was named interim city manager and later was permanently assigned the post by city commissioners.

Richard Morris, director of public works, was authorized to seek base bids and alternate bids for the 2005 seal coat project for the city's paved streets.

A \$150,000 base bid will cover six miles of pavement, including portions of Duncan Street and 23rd Avenue, Morris said. The \$100,000 alternate bid would allow an additional five miles of pavement to be seal coated. The difference in proportion between the two dollar amounts and miles of pavement, Morris said, is due to the fact that

some streets are more than two lanes wide.

"Actually, there is \$500,000 worth of seal coating needed" on city streets, said Dognny, Hooper, city engineering technician.

The alternate \$100,000 is expected to be available through sales tax revenues, said Horst.

Purchase of a new scraper for the city landfill was approved. The old scraper will be traded in for \$37,000 trade-in allowance. Cost of the new scraper is \$235,000, and the city will pay \$198,000 after trade-in.

Darville Orr addressed commissioners concerning recent controversy over a revised property tax appraisal of Celanese Ltd.

"We'd just like you to make sure we get these issues as clear as we possibly can. That helps," Robbins said to Orr.

Orr is a member of the board of directors of Gray

County Appraisal District, and was appointed to the board by the city commission.

Sandy Burns, city animal control supervisor, reported on recent training for the city's forensic search and rescue dog. She will demonstrate the dog's abilities at a future date at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Rick Powell of Guardian EMS ambulance service has told Horst he will have the required quarterly reports from the service turned in to the city by next week, Horst told commissioners. The contract between the city and the ambulance service requires the reports.

"It had slipped his mind," Horst said.

Morris reported on the progress of the city's business incubator project. Chuck White reported on the Coronado Inn property.

Fire Chief Kim Powell reported that her department

had been awarded a \$193,500 grant to be used toward the purchase of a new fire truck. The grant is from federal funds.

"We probably will have to add around \$50,000 to get a truck," Powell told commissioners. "We probably will have a year to spend the grant money, so we can wait until the next budget year" to add the \$50,000, she said.

Doug Locke reported on the dissolution of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Total net assets returned to the city at the close of the PEDC are approximately \$970,000.

Commissioners approved Resolution No. 05-004 authorizing the adoption of the National Incident Management System - Incident Command System.

The 2004 comprehensive annual financial report by Brown Graham & Co. was approved.

Friends of NRA fundraiser set

The High Plains Friends of NRA Committee announced today that it will hold its fourth annual banquet and auction at the M.K. Brown Civic Center on Saturday, April 2, at 6 p.m.

"We're planning for a fun and exciting evening for the whole family," said Steve Hawkins, committee chairman. "We've got a wide array of high-quality auction items and door prizes for our guests," Hawkins said.

Proceeds from the Friends of NRA fundraiser benefit The NRA Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, and will help promote such projects as youth firearms safety and education, hunter training, shooting range development, marksmanship training, Second Amendment research and education, and conversation research throughout Texas.

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Viewpoints

Disproving myths about the Big Apple

Despite a watchful eye, I only saw one rat in the subway. That is all. Before I used my spring break holiday to travel to New York City, N.Y., with the journalism department during spring break in order to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Spring Convention at Columbia University, I held a large number of perceptions about how the city would be. Although, all most all of these forethoughts had been formed from years of being re-informed by friends, family, TV, and novels, I discovered by the end of my trip

that many of the pre-determined ideas I held were nothing more than common myths. The first of the rumors to be disproved was that the subway was full of rats. While the subway may very well, truthfully, smell like public urination, there is one negative that can not be said about it — the vermin. Growing up, I remember often hearing stories of rats in the underground stations; however, reality simply is not this way. The stations are actually quite kept up. Their role in public transportation is ir-

placeable, and they actually make the city. It is safe to say this because it is through the subway that I learned the next myth is simply not true. New Yorkers are not as rude as I have always been led to believe. They are in fact kind people who are willing to help those in need. Although my group only got lost once underground, due to my extremely bad sense of direction, we often saw others turned

around on the subway. The first people to help the unfortunate out were those who live in the city. Without any hesitation, they leaped to the aid of others, quickly instructed then on which train to take and what stop to get off on. The next myth to be falsified was that New York is expensive. This simply is not true. The tourist areas, such as Time Square, are quite pricey; however, the local

areas, the places away from the empire state building and the World Trade Centers, are only marginally more expensive than shops and restaurants in the Panhandle region. As a matter of fact, two of us on the trip figured out a way that, if we chose to, we could eat three meals and a snack for just under \$10 a day. While disproving all of these myths so far was pleasing, there was one myth I was rather depressed to learn was false — the impressiveness of the Statue of Liberty. I have always heard that the monument is huge and brings

out a wide spectrum of emotions. This simply is not so. The United States was gyped by France. The statue was so much smaller than I was expecting it to be. Although, I must say in its defense that this could be because of the towering buildings which align the New York sky. My new knowledge about New York and these myths only has added to my interest in the city. It was a majestic place where I hope to return to soon. If not to disprove more myths, than just to take in the rich, urban life.



Ben Briscoe
Staff Intern

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2005. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"
On this date:
In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.
In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

'Having only friends would be dull anyway — like eating eggs without salt.'

— Hedda Hopper
American gossip columnist (1890-1966)

In 1956, Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard.

In 1983, President Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept enemy missiles — a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars."

In 1983, Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year odyssey with a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

In 2003, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Iraq; 11 soldiers were killed, seven were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued on April 1.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev in Geneva; afterward, Kozyrev said the U.S.-Russia "honeymoon has come to an end," referring to disagreements over Chechnya and nuclear sales to Iran.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II paid his respects at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial. President Clinton visited the western Indian village of Nayla. In a first, Speaker Dennis Hastert named a Catholic priest, the Rev. Daniel Coughlin, as the new House chaplain.

One year ago: Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell offered a strong defense of the administration's pre-Sept. 11 actions as they testified before a federal commission reviewing the 2001 attacks. A report by Medicare trustees said that without changes, the federal health care program would go broke by 2019, seven years earlier than expected.

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Schilling: An athlete and a Christian

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Before Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling agreed to testify before Congress about steroid use in baseball, he decided to testify to the world about Christ.

He wasn't always so faithful or so forthcoming. Late last month, over a meatballs lunch at the Red Sox spring training facility here, the 6 foot, 5 inch, 235-pound Schilling first described how he became a Christian eight years ago: "I had gone to church, like a lot of fringe Christians, when I needed help with something or felt bad about something, but never just to go to listen to the Word." His wife Shonda had faith, and they had recently had their first child — they now have four — but he thought of God as the

cosmic bellhop. In 1997, though, after five generally successful seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies, he asked for one big thing. "I was driving home from the ballpark and thinking about how tired I was of waking up every morning with no real aim in my life. We had our first kid, and I also wanted a foundation for my family. ... While I was driving, I said the Lord's Prayer. I waited for thunder and lightning" — he smiled — "and that never came, but my outlook on the world changed."

He never talked publicly about the changes going on

inside him, which he summarized over lunch in this way: "I no longer have the desire to hate anybody. ... I'm not sinning as much. ... I realize the lessons in everything, even losing, and can take away something about better preparation or the need for humility. ... It becomes a lot easier to live with yourself. ... I know now the difference between failure and non-success. ... You work as hard as you can with what God gives you. You fail only if you quit." He didn't tell reporters what was behind one specific alteration in habit: "I had

dipped (tobacco) for a long time and tried to quit, but never came close. I seriously prayed hard for assistance to stop. One night, I said a prayer before going to bed, and the next day, at four in the afternoon, I realized I hadn't dipped all day. You need to understand that on all the other days, first thing in the morning, I'd have a dip. ... It was as common as putting on my pants. So at 4 p.m., when I realized I had prayed and hadn't dipped all day, I had chills." At lunch, Schilling scraped up his mixed vegetables and noted that players, especially on the road, need to pay particular attention to the "Lead us not into temptation" verse of the Lord's Prayer. He said, "We talk a



Marvin Olasky
Columnist

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EPA forcing power plants to the tow line

Sometimes, good things come in big mouthfuls. That's the case with the Clear Air Interstate Rule, enacted this month by the Environmental Protection Agency to curb pollution from power plants. Environmental Defense estimates that the rule will prevent 17,000 premature deaths and 700,000 bronchitis and asthma attacks each year.

It caps the total amount of certain pollutants principally nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide that power plants may emit in each of 28 states, including Texas. It is designed to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides, a key component in North

Texas' choking ground-level ozone, by more than 60 percent over 10 years. Reductions in sulfur dioxide, the precursor of acid rain, would be even steeper.

As its name implies, the rule explicitly recognizes the fact that some pollutants are transported across state lines, damaging the health and serenity of people hundreds of miles away. We in North Texas create most of our pollution problem right here, with our cars, factories and power plants. But,

according to the EPA, power plants in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama "significantly contribute to ground-level ozone pollution" in Texas.

The new rule gives states legal recourse if their residents are harmed by the inaction of neighboring states. The cap-and-trade approach, successful in curbing acid rain, gives power generators within each state a market system of pollution credits through which to achieve the

statewide cap. So, even though industry isn't entirely pleased, the National Association of Manufacturers called the rule a vast improvement in both clarity and flexibility over previous regulations.

For much of the last year, the proposed rule has been overshadowed and in some measure delayed by controversy over President Bush's "Clear Skies" initiative, which failed this month to clear a key Senate committee. That bill also stressed a market approach, but it would have dismantled many of the legal mechanisms established by the

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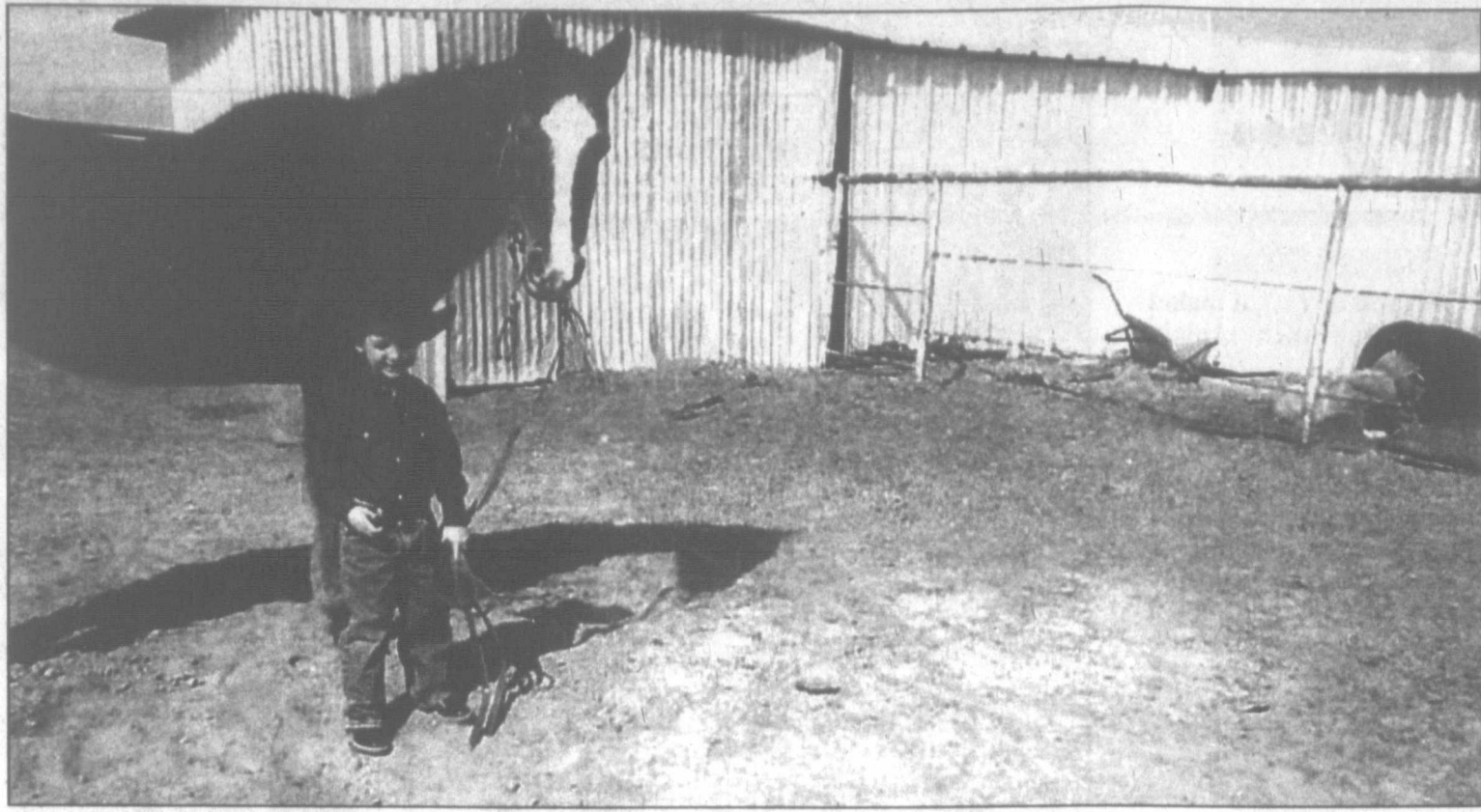
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A boy's best friend?

A marked age difference doesn't seem to matter for 4-year-old Braydon Weatherly and 27-year-old Bobby the horse who belongs to Janie Purvis of Lefors. Now that age has slowed Bobby down — so that he can no longer run barrels or do all the things he did in his younger years — horse and boy are fast friends.

Minnesota educators plan ways to help students after ordeal

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) — Teachers met Wednesday to work out ways of helping young survivors of the nation's worst school shooting in six years, as outsiders streamed in to help the tight-knit community cope with the tragedy.

said they saw dead bodies in the hall, and trails of blood as they evacuated the school. "First and foremost, we've got to be focused on getting our kids through this,"

"Kids, if you're out there listening, please, we'll be there for you. Come back to school and we'll get through this together," Red Lake High School Principal Chris Dunshee told KSTP-TV in Minneapolis-St. Paul. "Please, let us help you."

'First and foremost, we've got to be focused on getting our kids through this.'

— Chris Dunshee
School principal

The school remained closed Wednesday, as Dunshee and others assessed what kind of counseling the students in this tight-knit community would need. Teachers and staff were called to a morning meeting at the nearby elementary school.

Dunshee told The Associated Press. "They're good kids. They don't deserve this."

Authorities were still trying to determine why 16-year-old Jeff Weise went on a shooting rampage that began at his grandfather's house and ended at Red Lake High School. Nine people were killed and seven were wounded before the gunman apparently shot himself.

Dunshee said many of his colleagues have offered support and encouragement, including Scott Staska, the superintendent of the Cold Spring school district where two students were killed in September 2003. A 15-year-old student was charged in the slayings and is awaiting trial.

Many students saw their friends shot, or heard gunshots and screams as Weise made his way through the halls, firing multiple shots. Some students

Dunshee said Staska told him "we belong to a rather exclusive and undesirable club now — and we can get through it." Staska recommended Dunshee investigate grants that may be available to schools affected by such incidents.

World

Monaco's aging prince hospitalized

MONACO (AP) — Prince Rainier III remained in the intensive care unit of a hospital in this Mediterranean principality for a second day Wednesday battling a respiratory infection, and a palace spokesman said the monarch's condition was serious.

Rainier, whose movie-star wife, Grace Kelly, died in a 1982 car crash, was hospitalized two weeks ago with a chest infection. After a marked improvement, the prince's health suddenly worsened.

No official medical updates have been issued since the announcement that the prince had been transferred to an intensive care unit at Monaco Cardio-Thoracic Center for a "recurring pulmonary infection."

The prince was having problems breathing, a palace spokesman said, suggesting that the condition was serious. But Armand Deus described Rainier's status Wednesday as stable.

"We were thinking that ... he was going out of the hospital by the middle of this week," Armand Deus said.

"When you are in intensive care, it's always serious."

Archbishop Bernard Barsi of Monaco visited the hospital Tuesday evening, an official close to the archbishop told The Associated Press.

On Wednesday morning, the Rev. Philippe Blanc, the local cure, was seen entering the hospital.

Rainier, 81, has a history of heart problems and recently has been plagued with recurring problems linked to his respiratory tract. The prince has been hospitalized numerous times during the

past decade.

Doctors have not detailed the nature of Rainier's infection, but lung infections, such as pneumonia, are common — and often life-threatening — in older people.

'Someone in their 80s could develop multiple types of infections which are life threatening.'

— Michael Freedman
Physician

"Someone in their 80s could develop multiple types of infections which are life threatening," said Dr. Michael Freedman, a

gerontologist and professor at New York University School of Medicine. "Pneumonia puts a strain on the heart and often causes congestive heart failure."

Patients with chest infections usually need intensive care for two reasons: the infection is not under control and is causing breathing dif-

iculties that require a breathing tube to be inserted or because doctors want to check for heart failure, Freedman said.

With news of his move into intensive care, Crown Prince Albert, 47 — his heir — traveled from abroad to visit his father, as did 48-year-old Princess Caroline, an official familiar with the situation said on condition of anonymity. Princess Stephanie, 40, was seen entering and leaving the hospital.

Monaco, a tiny principality famous for its casinos, Formula One Grand Prix and tax breaks that attract the rich and famous, is nestled on the Mediterranean Coast between Italy and the French Riviera.

Rainier assumed the throne in 1949. Monaco changed its succession law in 2002 so that Albert can assume the throne even though he is unmarried with no children and has no descendants.

Schilling

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lot about accountability at Baseball Chapel," which has Sunday services and Bible studies during the week. He discussed the regular Bible lessons he engages in by e-mail and emphasized the importance of regular Scripture reading.

All of that was private until the biggest Schilling lesson came last fall. Known only as an excellent pitcher

and a charitable fellow who contributed big bucks to combat diseases (The Sporting News made him its "No. 1 Good Guy of the Year" for 2004), his public persona changed last October when he pitched two crucial playoff and World Series games with his own blood — from an experimental suture of a torn ankle tendon — leaving a stain on his sock.

Each time, it looked as if it would be physically impossible for him to pitch effectively. Each time, he shut down the opposition. Each time, he announced to the world that "Tonight was God's work on the mound. ... God

did something amazing. ... I went to the Lord for help, because I knew, again, I wasn't going to be able to do this myself." Each time, he explained that he had resolved not to pray to win (although he desired that), but for the strength to go out and compete.

Late last month, eating dessert and thinking about going so public with his belief, Schilling said: "I've learned that you should never hide your faith. I had wasted seven years. People didn't know." Now that he has testified about what is most important, testifying before Congress is relatively easy.

Community happenings

• Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.

• A Family Easter Egg Hunt is planned Saturday, March 26 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, located at 23rd and Price Road in Pampa. The egg hunt will start at 10 a.m. The event will include pictures with the Easter Bunny, and, for parents, a special egg hunt and a chance at a vacation give-away.

• Don Harrington Discovery Center and Space Theater will present "Discovery Center's Eggstravaganza 2005" from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. March 26 at its facility in Amarillo. A press release touts the event as "the largest egg hunt in the Panhandle with 10,000 eggs.

Cost is \$8 per child for non-members and \$5 per child for members. Tickets include the egg hunt, special activities and general admission to the center. General admission for adults is \$5.50. All tickets must be purchased at the center, 1200 Streit Dr., or by calling (806) 355-9547. The egg hunt will be broken down as follows: 10 a.m., 2&3-year-olds; 10:15 a.m., 4&5-year-olds; 10:30 a.m., 6&7-year-olds; 10:45 a.m., 8,9&10-year-olds; 11 a.m., special needs children; and 11:15 a.m., general egg hunt for children missing earlier hunts. Children must be escorted by an adult to participate.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is

available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 31 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For meeting location or more information, call Becky at 358-2765.

• Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc., will hold an "April Fool's Spring Fling" between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 1 at the Civic Center North Exhibit Hall in Amarillo. Coors Cowboy Club will provide dinner and drinks. The event will include casino games, armadillo races and live musical performances with Texas Express and the Prairie Dogs. Gambling chips will be available for \$10 a bag. Every bag purchased will offer a chance to win one of several prizes to be raffled off throughout the evening. Tickets are available at www.epictexas.com or by calling (806) 655-2181. Group tables and sponsorship opportunities are available for a limited time.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I really, really need your help. I have serious anger issues. Almost every day I lash out at my mother, and it makes her very sad. Recently my mom went through a bout of depression. She has relapses sometimes, yet I am unable to control my yelling at her. I am 13, but I realize that I am already an abuser and I don't know how to stop. Little things set me off on a screaming frenzy at my poor mother.

Please help me. I'm afraid I will hurt her one day because of this, and I would never forgive myself. And please don't print my name and address. We live in a small town, and I don't want people to know. — 13 AND SCARED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SCARED: It is important that you pinpoint exactly what is making you so angry. If it is something other than your mother, then you're making her a scapegoat for what is really bothering you. If it IS your mother, you must find healthier, more constructive ways of expressing your anger than screaming at her because, as you have pointed out, it may escalate.

I have a booklet that could help you to understand and control your outbursts. It's called "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." It can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Among the suggestions I offer in the booklet are:

"Recognize that you are getting angry. Admit that your buttons are being pushed and that you're about to 'lose it.' (By losing it, I mean expressing yourself emotionally, without control.)

"Some healthy, acceptable ways to express anger:

"Express it calmly without being abusive or calling names.

Say, 'When you do (), it makes me angry.' And then explain why.

"Take a walk. Remove yourself from the source of your anger until you cool off.

"Write a letter to the person who has angered you, expressing your feelings. You may never deliver it; in fact, you probably shouldn't — but you'll feel much better once you get your emotions down on paper and out of your system.

"When all else fails — have a good cry. That, too, will lessen the tension."

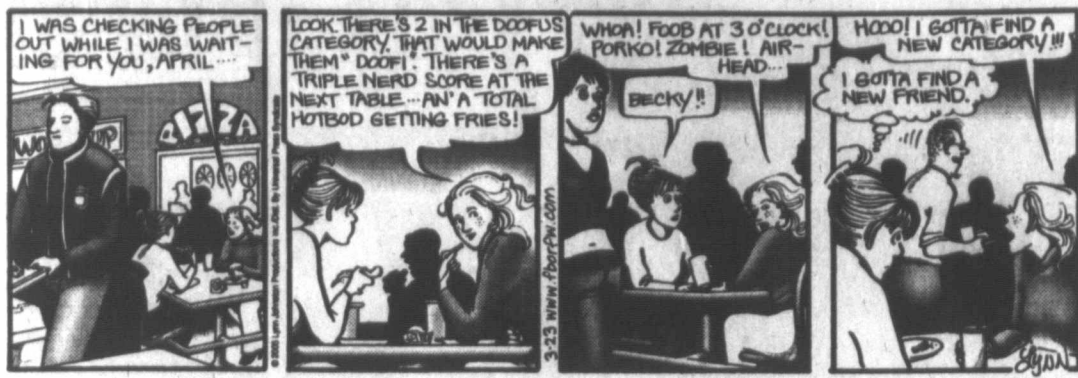
But whatever you do, do NOT raise your hand in anger against your mother. If your anger is truly out of control, ask your mother to make an appointment for you to discuss it with a psychologist so he or she can help you form the tools to control it or channel it in a constructive way.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has inherited a very old quilt from our grandmother. Her great-grandmother made it in 1862, when she was 18. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful piece of family memorabilia; however, we don't know what to do with it. It appears to be in good condition, but I can't imagine putting it on a bed and risking spills or pet fur getting on it.

At present, the quilt is wrapped in plastic and sitting in a box. I'd love to find a way for my brother to display it or use it, but he is 19 and doesn't really care about things like this yet. Any idea you might have would be welcome. — KRISTA IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR KRISTA: The quilt should be stored until your brother has a place to display it. A cleaner that prepares bridal gowns for storage can help you do it so the quilt isn't damaged. When your brother is ready, consider having the quilt mounted in a large "shadow box" frame. However, make certain it is not exposed to direct sunlight.

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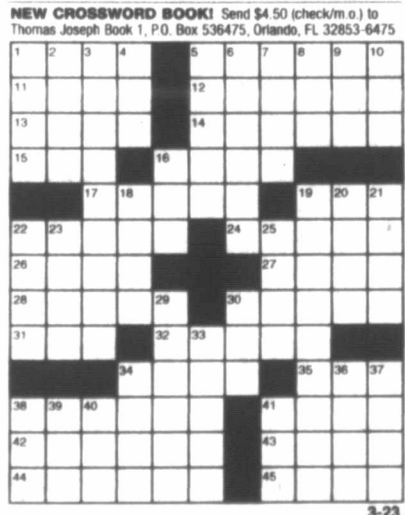
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Sports Day

Tice tosses one-hitter, Lady Harvesters rout Randall in 3-4A opener

The Pampa Lady Harvesters got the District 3-4A season started on the right foot yesterday afternoon when they hosted the Lady Raiders of Randall (1-12, 0-1).

Pampa took care of the visitors in five innings, 13-0.

Cassy Tice (8-2) was stout in the circle, allowing just one hit with no runs or walks in five innings of pitching. Her defense made just one error, as compared to 6 by the Lady Raiders. "She (Tice) is a very composed pitcher that has tremendous placement and control. Her ball moves well when she needs it to," said Pampa coach Bobbi Gill.

Tice, Wendi Miller, Nicole Clark and Brittany Adams, each got doubles off Raider pitchers. Miller also had a triple in the game. When asked what it is about Miller that has allowed so many multiple hit games so far this season, Gill said, "Wendi is a very solid hitter. She does a good job of picking the pitches that suit her best. As a coaching staff that is of key importance to us."

In fact, the Lady Harvesters seem to see the ball well from inside the batter's box. What does Gill and her staff do to give the girls such confi-

dence at the plate? "We do a tremendous amount of offensive drilling that helps to train the girls to have the correct form and to pick the pitches that suit their individual style."

A win is a win, especially when it is a district win. But what, if anything can, a team take away from a game like yesterday's? "You are always happy to start off on such a good note, but you just want to make sure that the team keeps their heads about them," Gill said.

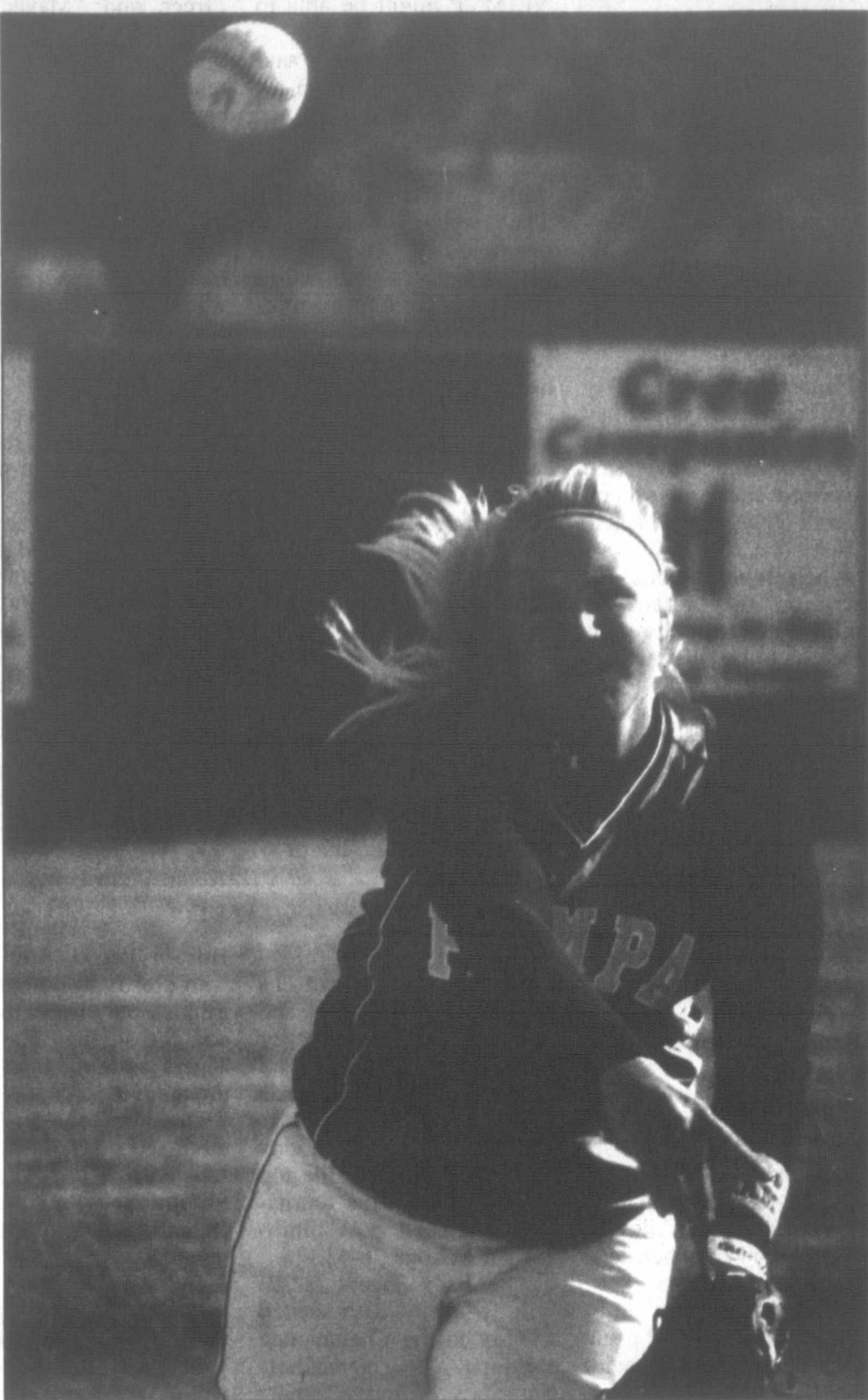
She added, "We have nine more district games that they have to stay focused on now. We have Hereford tomorrow and they are a good hitting team with a lot of talent. We will definitely have to play our game and not let down. It is always a little tougher to win on the road, so we need to stay focused."

The Lady Whitefaces lost their district opener against Caprock yesterday, 5-2. Hereford is now 7-9, 0-1. Caprock improved to 9-7, 1-0.

Meanwhile, Dumas and Palo Duro played just two innings. Dumas, aided by 10 PD errors, scored seven runs in the first and 14 more in the second to drop the Lady Dons, 21-0.

'She (Tice) is a very composed pitcher that has tremendous placement and control. Her ball moves well when she needs it to.'

— Bobbi Gill
Head Coach, Lady Harvester Softball



Lady Harvester infielder Whitney Roden, tosses the ball to a teammate during yesterday's District 3-4A opener against the visiting Lady Raiders of Randall. Pampa won the game 13-0 in five innings, thanks to the effective pitching of Cassy Tice and the busy Lady Harvester bats on offense. The Lady Harvesters are at Hereford tomorrow.

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

OPTIMIST TEAMS TAKING SHAPE

Final two days of try-outs

The outline of each Optimist baseball and softball league began to take shape Tuesday as registration reached 558. Late sign-ups and tryouts continue from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis explained. "We have 52 girls signed up for the 7-9 Softball Pitching Machine League," he said. "We will probably have four or five teams in that league. There are 57 girls for the 10-12 Girls' Major Softball League. We will definitely have five teams in that league. We need more older girls because we would like to have three Pampa teams in the 13-15 Girls' Senior Softball League. We will probably try to get some out of town teams to do inter-league play in that league."

"Right now we have 14 teams in the 5-6 T-Ball League," said Commissioner Dori Miller. "We want about 10 on each team and have 142 players registered with another team expected from Miami and one from Lefors. We are going to increase two teams for a total of eight in the 7-8 Pitching Machine League," Miller continued. "We have 99 signed up for that league."

Chris Engle, the Commissioner of the 9-

10 Cal Ripken League, and Ronnie N. Haynes, the Commissioner for the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, have a goal of 12 or 13 players per team. They noted that each league has 69 players registered which will result in six Pampa teams in each league with out of town teams expected in one or both leagues.

"We have 48 Babe Ruth players registered," said Davis. "We will again field four Pampa teams and expect teams from Clarendon, Claude and Panhandle to join us again this year."

"Most of our sponsors from last year have already committed to sponsor teams again this year," said John Warner, who is in charge of obtaining sponsors. "Because we have so many new teams, we presently need about 10 more sponsors so that every team will be covered. Businesses interested should contact me at 669-3397."

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people attend Optimist ball games during the regular season with hundreds more for post season tournaments. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency. The Optimist program is for boys and girls from five to 15 years of age.

Bonds' chase of Ruth, Aaron on hold

By KEN PETERS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds' chase of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron will have to wait — and maybe for a while.

Two knee operations and baseball's steroids scandal have taken a toll on the San Francisco Giants' slugger, who said he may not play this season.

Saying he was physically and mentally "done," Bonds blamed intense media scrutiny for at least part of his troubles.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse Tuesday with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, Bonds told reporters: "My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me."

When asked to whom he was referring, Bonds looked at the reporters around him and said calmly, "You, you, you, you, you — the media, everybody. You finally got there."

Later, Bonds said, "I'm tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did. You finally brought me and my family down. ... So now go pick a different person."

Bonds, whose 703 career homers are 11 short of Ruth's total and 52 behind Hank

Aaron's record, was back in camp Tuesday following arthroscopic surgery last week on his right knee.

He said he was tired — repeatedly — and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations.

Teammates Moises Alou and Jason Christiansen, who have both come back from operations, said Bonds probably was just feeling down when he made his remarks.

New York Yankees manager Joe Torre thought so, too.

"When you don't feel good, there are a lot of things that take on a different perspective. If it's not fun for him, I don't think the record will be as satisfying," Torre said in Tampa, Fla. "Probably when he starts feeling better, I think maybe he'll change his thinking."

Bonds leaned his head on a crutch, looking grim at times, smiling at others, as he talked following a 1 1/2-hour session with Giants trainer Stan Conte.

"Right now, I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season," Bonds said.

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Cavs give Malone big win in debut

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All it took for the Cleveland Cavaliers to start winning again was a little encouragement from their new coach.

A day after Paul Silas was fired, Brendan Malone lead a Cavaliers team in turmoil to a 91-76 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night, ending a three-game losing streak.

"The players did it," Malone said. "It wasn't me. It was the players."

Malone had his tie loosened from the opening tip and was often on his feet, fervently encouraging his players. That was in stark contrast to Silas, who had been having issues with the team lately.

The trouble might have culminated Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis for Eric

Snow, who didn't score. McInnis did not play. Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after they exchanged words in Detroit, a move that stunned the team because Snow is a leader.

"I'm happy for Coach," James said of Malone. "The key was playing with a lot of energy and defensive focus. A lot has happened in the past couple days, but we've got to put it all behind us."

In other games it was, Phoenix 105, Atlanta 94; New Jersey 98, Indiana 91; Utah 115, Los Angeles Lakers 107; Denver 127, Washington 98; Houston 84, Miami 82; Seattle 92, Milwaukee 84; and Sacramento 112, Portland 93.

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Summitt breaks NCAA record with No. 880

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Moments after becoming the winningest coach in NCAA history, Pat Summitt focused on her ultimate goal: getting Tennessee its seventh national title.

Summitt broke Dean Smith's career victory record Tuesday night, getting No. 880 in the Lady Vols' 75-54 win over Purdue in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"First and foremost, we're going to the Sweet 16," Summitt said.

"Obviously, to be in the company with Coach Smith, to think about all the people that were a part of these wins, I never thought I'd live this long."

Summitt tied Smith with an easy win over Western Carolina in the first round Sunday night, and passed the former North Carolina men's coach with another convincing victory.

"First of all, I'm excited this basketball team is head-

ed to Philadelphia and appreciate the fact that we managed to get it done tonight," Summitt said.

"We played in spurts at times, but did enough to advance."

The 52-year-old Summitt improved to 880-171 in 31 years at Tennessee, while Smith was 879-254 when he retired in 1997 after 36 years with the Tar Heels.

"I appreciate all the recognition women's basketball has received because of this," she said.

"I think the game has obviously had a lot of plugs, as well as this program."

"But I just want to keep my focus on this team, and that's all I could think about today."

After the game, NCAA officials presented the game ball and a plaque to Summitt.

The university announced that the court at Thompson-Boling Arena will be named "The Summitt," in honor of the coach who now stands

above the rest in NCAA basketball.

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"I don't know. Right now, I'm just going to take things slow."

"I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30."

Bonds, who set the single-season record with 73 home runs in 2001, underwent a similar operation on the same knee on Jan. 31, but had a setback after workouts in camp earlier this month.

He returned to the Bay Area on March 16 and had surgery last Thursday to repair cartilage. Conte said afterward that the second operation put Bonds back at "square one."

When Bonds had his first operation this offseason, Conte had said he was expected to be sidelined for six weeks.

After Tuesday's session with Bonds, Conte said Bonds went through a "normal rehab six days out of surgery" and that his knee looked as expected.

"I expect he'll progress as knee patients go," the trainer said, offering no prediction of when the seven-time NL MVP might be able to play again.

Manager Felipe Alou said it's not a rosy situation for Bonds.

"It's tough to have surgery two weeks before the season starts. That's not what anybody wants," the manager said.

Christiansen, who had to come back from reconstructive elbow surgery, knows rehab periods can be disheartening.

"There have been five or six times I've come in and said, 'I don't need this heartache any more.' It's a series of peaks and valleys," he said.

"A week from now, Barry could turn around and say he'll be ready by April 5."

Christiansen realizes there's considerably more focus on Bonds.

"I couldn't imagine what he goes through on a daily basis, reading some of the stuff and hearing what people say about him. It's pret-

ty much a circus," Christiansen said.

Moises Alou, who has had five operations in his career, said: "Maybe today he was not very optimistic. I think it was one of those rehab days where you just caught him on one of the bad days."

"It's not fun when you come to the ballpark, then have to go to the training room to get taped and get treatment. It's not as fun as when you are young and wild and doing things, especially when you are the man."

If Bonds doesn't play this season, the Giants still owe him his \$18 million salary.

In September, they dropped a provision that would have allowed them to void his salary in 2006 if he failed to reach 500 plate appearances this year or 1,500 combined from 2003 to 2005, including at least 400 this season.

Rick Eymmer, a stringer for The Associated Press, contributed to this report.

Record

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Tennessee's defense was too much for Purdue in the second half. The Boilermakers didn't have a field goal in the first 6:35 of the second half, while the Lady Vols pushed their lead to 20 with a 19-6 run.

"Congratulations to Coach Summitt," Purdue coach Kristy Curry said. "I'm really happy for her, and I'm proud of my team for how they fought and battled."

Tye'sha Fluker tied a career high with 18 points and had 10 rebounds. Shyra Ely added 16 points, Shanna Zolman 15 and Nicky

Anosike 11. Sharika Webb had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Katie Gearlds added 13 for the Boilermakers, who made only four field goals in the second half.

In the first game Tuesday in Knoxville, LSU, the top overall seed in the tournament, cruised past ninth-seeded Arizona 76-43.

The Lady Tigers (31-2) will face 13th-seeded Liberty in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals Saturday. Liberty upset fifth-seeded DePaul 88-79 on Tuesday night in College Park, Md.

Temeka Johnson scored all 14 of her points in the first half and had 10 assists. Seimone Augustus added 18 points and Scholanda

Hoston had 12 for LSU, who are trying to reach the Final Four for a second straight season. The Lady Tigers are in the final 16 for the ninth time.

Dee-Dee Wheeler led the ninth-seeded Wildcats (20-12) with 13 points, and Shawntinice Polk had 10. Danielle Adefeso added 12 rebounds. Arizona had only four assists.

But the most excitement was saved for the nightcap.

Summitt took over the women's program at Tennessee in 1974 at age 22 when there were no scholarships and she had to wash the uniforms and drive the team van. The Lady Vols nickname didn't even exist.

A mere 53 fans watched Summitt win her first game, a 69-32 victory over Middle Tennessee on Jan. 10, 1975.

Thousands of orange-clad supporters came to see Summitt reach 880 on Tuesday, creating an atmosphere even more electric than usual.

"This basketball team is on a mission, so stick with us!" she said to the crowd after the game.

Among those in attendance were Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer, former Lady Vols assistant Mickie DeMoss, former Lady Vols guard Kara Lawson and former men's basketball coach Buzz Peterson, who was fired last week after four seasons.



Photo by KIMBERLY GENTRY

Members of the Texas High School Rodeo Association's National Championship Team gather for a group photo at the Texas State Capitol, where they were recently honored the State Senate.

THSRA National Championship Team honored at State Capitol

This past February, the 2004 Texas High School Rodeo Association's National Championship Team was recognized by the Texas Senate at the Texas State Capitol.

Texas' National Team traveled to Gillette, WY in July of last year where they competed at the National High School Rodeo Finals.

The team contended against over 1,500 contestants from 39 states, four Canadian Provinces, and Australia.

Team members competed in a variety of rodeo events including Bull Riding, Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, Pole bending, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying and Girls and Boys Cutting.

Members from the National Team were introduced as Senator Chris Harris read a resolution commending the team on their accomplishments.

Several Senators spoke in the resolution praising the team members and Texas High School Rodeo for preserving the state's western heritage.

Many area youth are members of the Texas High School Rodeo Association including Q.B. Cobb, Chassey Oxley and Karli Douglas of Pampa, Kelsey Alders of Borger, David Witcher of Canadian, Jacob Booze and Katie Adcock of Miami, Chelsea Sanders of Panhandle, and Sarah Zybach of Briscoe.

Fenton Motors, along with Texas Dodge Dealers, not only sponsored this event, but helps the Texas High School Rodeo Association generate over \$100,000 in scholarships which is given to its members annually.

The Texas High School Rodeo State Finals are the largest rodeo in the Lone Star State.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 24, 2005:

You are unusually strong-willed and sure of yourself this year. Your work, productivity and community commitments star as major areas of success. You will need to let go of rigidity and open up to new types of thinking. If you don't, you could stop yourself from gaining the rewards you deserve. Your family might be touchy or difficult at times. Learn to relate more effectively. Others often seek you out for advice. If you are single, you will easily meet people this year. Just don't lose sight of that special person. He or she could be the one. If you are attached, your efforts will draw this bond even closer. VIRGO is coolly efficient.

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)

*** You come from a grounded space where you can accomplish a lot. Decide what is important, and it is as good as done. Don't feel bad if you need to change your plans. You're on a roll. Flex with others. News might not be complete. Wait for more information. Tonight: Focus on a project until you are too tired to continue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Just when you think you have come to an agreement with a partner, the rug slips right out from under you. Don't get upset. Use creativity and fly right over disappointment. Add a touch more humor to your perspective. Tonight: Do what you really love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** A partner reverses his or her decision, upsetting you. Remember,

you have chosen this person to be in your life. Take responsibility. Are there many people like this in your life? You could be the common denominator. Tonight: Play it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You might need to revamp your plans, whether you want to or not. You need to jump over one obstacle after another. Put on your sneakers. Get ready to flex mentally. A serious conversation needs to happen. Tonight: Swap tales of the day with a dear friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** A financial risk could backfire. Even a sound money decision could go haywire. An emotional situation might take some quick thinking or an adjustment to make it work. Yes, you are walking on eggshells. Walk like a cat! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might discover that a close associate is touchy. Know what you want, and you'll have a better chance of lassoing in just that. Don't count on agreement from family and close associates. Try being a free spirit. Tonight: As you wish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Know that others could be contrary, but you can be too. Avoid making judgments. Simply follow through on what you know to be important. Though you might not be thrilled with what happens, keep a perspective. Tonight: Run home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You have a good grasp on the present undercurrents. Still, getting confirmation of what is going on could be important. Aim for what you want. Meetings, associates and friends ease your path. Tonight: Where the action

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Understand that no matter how hard you try, others will not be satisfied. Learn to flex, but limit the extent to which you turn yourself inside out. You need to be true to yourself. At a certain point, you compromise yourself. Tonight: Expect to be out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You could easily read more into information than is really there. Note a tendency to internalize a lot of what you hear. Often, you interpret statements to fit your issues; don't. Detach. Tonight: Get a perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Work with each person as if he or she is the most important person in your life. You'll get results and turn difficult people into cooperative associates. Good for you! Bring others together with your good humor. Tonight: With your favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Others seek you out. You only need to say "yes" or "no." Don't compromise a major responsibility; you will pay for a mistake for a long time. Others will keep bringing it up to you. Gather more information before making a decision. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

BORN TODAY

Escape artist Harry Houdini (1874), bank robber Clyde Barrow (1909), designer Bob Mackie (1940)

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NBA

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The Cavaliers scored 21 points off 15 turnovers and limited Detroit to just 29 points in the second half.

"We played great tonight," Malone said. "Our defensive intensity was great against one of the best teams in the NBA."

Rasheed Wallace scored 25 points and Tayshaun Prince had 22 for the Pistons, whose five-game winning streak ended.

Detroit was without leading scorer Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sprained left ankle. Rookie guard Carlos Delfino made his first start in Hamilton's place and scored four points.

Rockets 84, Heat 82

At Houston, Tracy McGrady scored 26 points and the Rockets snapped Miami's 12-game winning streak.

Shaquille O'Neal led Miami with 23 points and 16 rebounds, getting the best of his personal rivalry with Yao Ming. Dwyane Wade added 20 on just 4-of-19 shooting.

Nets 98, Pacers 91

At East Rutherford, N.J., New Jersey won its fifth straight, getting 33 points from Vince Carter and outplaying Indiana in the fourth quarter. New Jersey gained a game on Indiana, which began the night in seventh place in the East, and moved within one game of Philadelphia for eighth place.

Suns 105, Hawks 94

At Atlanta, Amare Stoudemire had 40 points and 13 rebounds to help Phoenix beat the Hawks and become the ninth NBA team to win 50 games following a 50-loss season.

With Stoudemire controlling the lane and Steve Nash handing out 11 assists, the Suns improved the league's best road record to 27-7 with an eighth straight victory outside Phoenix. Shawn Marion had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Suns, who can tie the franchise record Wednesday night in Charlotte for consecutive road wins.

Jazz 115, Lakers 107

At Salt Lake City, Mehmet Okur had 27 points and 16 rebounds and Utah handed the Los Angeles Lakers their sixth straight loss, despite 43 points from Kobe Bryant.

Los Angeles, which fell 4 1/2 games behind Denver for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference, continued its longest losing streak since 1993-94 — the last time the Lakers missed the playoffs.

Nuggets 127, Wizards 98

At Denver, DerMarr Johnson had 20 points and the Nuggets routed their fourth straight opponent.

SuperSonics 92, Bucks 84

At Seattle, Rashard Lewis scored 29 points and Luke Ridnour added a career-high 21 for the SuperSonics.

Kings 112, Trail Blazers 93

Kenny Thomas had 24 points and nine rebounds in his best game in Sacramento, and coach Rick Adelman got his 700th career victory against his former team.

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The Storytime Playgroup recently decorated Easter Eggs at Zion Lutheran Church. Participants included Allison Pooley, 4; Reid Smith, 4; Seth Erickson, 2; Emily Swanson, 3; Eli Swanson, 2; and Delaney Logue, 3. The group meets for Storytime at Lovett Memorial Library each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Interest rates

Inflation preoccupies Federal Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, expressing newfound concerns about inflation, will keep on raising interest rates for the rest of this year and beyond.

That is the view of many economists who read the Fed's latest announcement as signaling the potential start of a much more aggressive credit-tightening campaign by the central bank.

As expected, the Fed on Tuesday pushed up its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 2.75 percent, the seventh quarter-point move since the Fed began raising interest rates last June.

But what wasn't expected was the Fed's comments on inflation. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues said in their statement explaining the decision, "Pressures on inflation have picked up in recent months and pricing power is more evident."

That concern was enough to push both bond and stock prices sharply lower. The Do Jones industrial average fell 94.88 points to close at 10,470.51, its lowest close since late January.

Bond prices declined, pushing up the yield, which moves in the opposite direction, to 4.63 percent on

some analysts suggested, the Fed could well move rates up by a more aggressive half-point rather than a

inflation.

The Fed had previously said that the big jump in oil prices, which last week hit record highs, had not seeped into broader inflation pressures. But in the new statement, the Fed qualified that view by saying that the rise in energy prices had not "notably" fed through to core consumer prices.

The Fed was also more bullish on the strength of the economy, reflecting the big gain of 262,000 jobs in February, the biggest increase in four months.

The worsening inflation picture and the strengthening economy are likely to translate into more aggressive rate hikes, analysts said.

The Fed's goal in its rate moves so far has been to get the funds rate to neutral, the point at which the interest rates it controls are not overly stimulating the economy or holding it back.

Many analysts believe that point, given current economic conditions, is around 4 percent and that is where many analysts are expecting the funds rate will be by the end of December, 1.25 percentage points higher than currently.

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Economist

Treasury's benchmark 10-year note, compared to 4.52 percent on Monday.

Analysts said investors were right to be concerned about the Fed's intentions.

"This is really the first significant indication that the Fed is shifting toward fighting inflation in earnest," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist and president of Hanmi Bank in Los Angeles.

While the Fed kept a pledge to move at a "measured" pace, many economists said they expected that promise will be dropped at the next meeting when they are forecasting another quarter-point rate hike.

And at the June meeting,

quarter-point.

"If they are going to make a major move, they would probably like to do it at the June meeting because Greenspan can then go up to explain it to Congress," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Greenspan's July presentation of the Fed's semiannual monetary report to Congress will be his last because he intends to step down as Fed chairman in January.

Other analysts, who had been predicting that the Fed might take a pause in its credit-tightening campaign, said that was now less likely, based on the Fed's more hawkish assessment of

built a new life in Chicago.

"He had us all fooled," said C.J. Laity, who knew Porter from poetry readings. "I've known him for many, many years. Obviously, I didn't know him as well as I thought."

An extradition hearing was set for Wednesday.

Porter's whereabouts have been a mystery to police since he walked away from a prerelease center in Walpole

in December 1985. Ever since his escape, he has been at the top of the Massachusetts State Police's "Most Wanted" list.

In 1960, at age 21, Porter shot and killed John Pigott, a 22-year-old store clerk, during a robbery of a clothing store.

While he was awaiting trial, Porter and another inmate escaped from jail. They overpowered the jail

master, David S. Robinson, then shot and killed him with a smuggled gun.

Massachusetts fugitive arrested in Chicago 20 years after escape

BOSTON (AP) — In Massachusetts, he is a twice-convicted murderer who vanished after escaping from prison. In Illinois, he is a poet and anti-war protester devoted to his local Unitarian church.

The two lives of Norman Porter crumbled in Chicago on Tuesday, when undercover police investigators arrested the man who 20 years ago fled from justice here and

Field trip



Linda Bodie's 4- and 5-year-old Mother's Day Out class at First Christian Church recently visited Perry Lefors Field. While at the airport, the children got to sit in the pilot's seat of an airplane and observed a plane take off. Above, left-right: Dylan, Kade, Brittney, Alexander, Caleb, Shaley, Burkely, Brennen, Lexi, Phillip and Alex.

Smelly sneakers windfall for owner

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Noah Nielsen's sneakers may reek something awful, but that stench has earned him some cold, hard cash.

Nielsen, 10, beat six other contestants, from around the country Tuesday in the 30th annual National Odor-Eaters Rotten Sneaker Contest. He won a \$500 savings bond, a \$100 check for new sneakers and a supply of Odor-Eaters products.

The secret to his success? "No socks, ever."

"The stank was from rubbing my toes back and forth and making them sweaty," said Nielsen, with his trophy in hand and two golden sneakers hanging from his neck.

Pols band together against Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative and liberal groups normally at each other's throats over the direction of government are finding common cause in wanting to gut major provisions of the government's premier anti-terrorism law.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the American Conservative Union, Americans for Tax Reform and the

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Free Congress Foundation are among several groups that formed a coalition — Patriots to Restore Checks and Balances — to lobby Congress to repeal three key provisions of the USA Patriot Act.

Having people from all sides of the political spectrum working together will keep politicians from

calling Patriot Act opponents un-American or willing to help terrorists, which happened during the original debate over the law, the groups said.

"We don't want this argument to be obscured by those who would suggest that anyone who is for more and more government power is somehow on the side of the right, and those who are against it or are skeptical of such grants are on the side of the wrong," said David Keene of the American Conservative Union. "This is an important question of all Americans on the left, the right or in the middle."

For liberals, partnering with conservatives will ensure that the GOP-dominated Congress and the Bush administration will have to listen to their concerns, said Laura W. Murphy, outgoing director of the ACLU's Washington legislative office.

"Given the number of people in this room wearing elephant lapel pins, I don't think it will be easy for the administration to discount our message," she said at the news conference Tuesday announcing the coalition.

The coalition wants Congress to repeal or let expire prosecutors' Patriot Act ability to easily obtain records in terrorism-related cases from businesses and other entities, including libraries; the provision that allows "sneak and peek" searches conducted without a property owner's or resident's knowledge and with warrants delivered afterward; and what they called an overbroad definition of "terrorists" that could include non-terrorism suspects.

The coalition highlighted the provisions in a letter to the president which also said, "We agree that much of the Patriot Act was necessary to provide law enforcement with the resources they need to defeat terrorism."

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