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Four die in I-40 collision Saturday

Four men from Mexico died and two others were injured after their vehicle was struck from behind Saturday night, April 23, on Interstate 40 east of Amarillo in Carson County, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety news release.

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Agenda: From dogs to landfill

The Pampa City Commission's action agenda will be short Tuesday, but the commission will hear a series of reports ranging from the landfill to drug dogs.

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A Cadillac Eldorado sustained a majority of the damage in an early-morning collision today at Doucette and Browning streets. There were no injuries, school officials said. The bus driver was on his way to pick up his first students of the day.

Car crashes into school bus

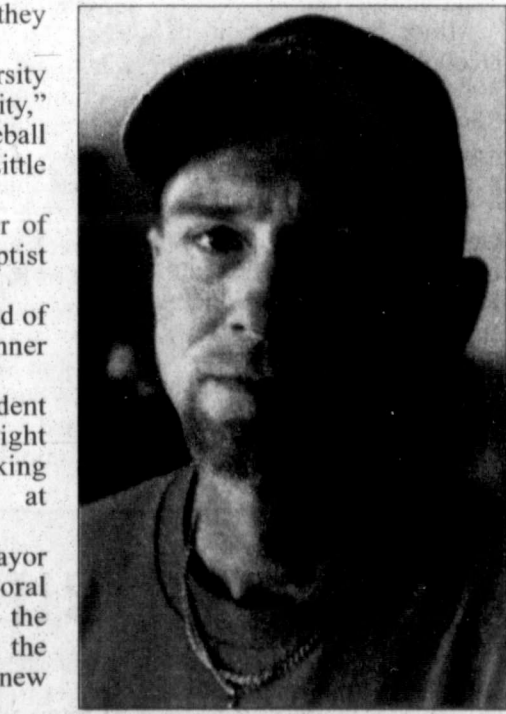
By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer there were no students on the bus. The bus driver, Greg Epperson, 37, 1709 Hamilton, was on his way to his first bus stop and pickup, officials said.

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Danner cares about activities for kids

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer Monty Danner said he's concerned about the kids in Pampa. There's not enough for them to do. "When I grew up," Danner said, "there was a lot more for kids to do. We had two skating rinks."



Monty Danner

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in 1974. "I'm 100 percent Harvester," he said with a grin. He played football here. "Richard Peet was my government teacher," Danner said. "He's a very good politician."

moved away for a while, but they both came back. "I attended Texas Tech University and West Texas State University," Danner said. "I've played baseball all my life. I was an umpire in Little League."

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Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament May 14th & May 15th Sign Ups At Hidden Hills & Pampa Country Club

Obituaries

Barbara Ann Beck, 70

McLEAN — Barbara Ann Beck, 70, died Saturday, April 23, 2005, in Amarillo. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2005, at First United Methodist Church of McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was to be in Hillcrest Cemetery of McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beck loved nursing, sewing and music.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Morton of Nash and Becky Tregellas of

Trinidad, Colo.; two sons, Conred Glen Maddox, Jr., of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Robert G. Maddox of Conroe; three sisters, Virginia Leone Perryman of Houston, Nona Ruth Turpen of McLean and Helen Sue Cross of Detroit, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Dorothy Beck, and a son, Paul Ernest Maddox.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Oneta Graham Harkins, 85

McLEAN — Oneta Graham Harkins, 85, died Thursday, April 21, 2005 in McLean. Services were to be at 2 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2005, at Heald United Methodist Church in Heald with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors in Shamrock.

Mrs. Harkins was born Jan. 31, 1920, in Marella to Henry Grady and Ila Maude Clement Graham. She married William Marion Harkins on Oct. 4, 1949, in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1999. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Kaye Hilt; one grandson; a sister, Mozelle Bowen; and her parents. Mrs. Harkins was a homemaker.

She is survived by eight children, Judy Smith of Paonia, Colo.; Mickey Jackson and Janet McCracken, both of McLean; James Harkins, Nell Ray and Gale McGlaun, all of Amarillo; Brenda Dorrell of Sweetwater, Okla.; and Michael Harkins of Odessa; one brother, Louis Graham of Wellington and one sister, Anna Lee Sims of Booker; 25 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

The body will be in state at the church at 9 a.m., Monday, April 25.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065; Heald United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 584, McLean, Texas, 79057; or Loaves and Fishes, P.O. Box 125, McLean, Texas, 79057.

Theola Thompson, 80

Memorial graveside services for Theola Thompson, 80, are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Philip Elsheimer of the Calvary Assembly of God officiating. Mrs. Thompson died April 19, 2005, in Pampa. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thompson was born March 30, 1925, in Davidson, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. She married

William L. Thompson in 1949 in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1986. She was a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 18 years, and worked for Santa Fe Railway, Plains Division, for six years in varied operations and clerical positions.

She is survived by two sons, William C. Thompson of Bourne and Alan R. Thompson of Pampa, and three grandchildren.

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

Services tomorrow

THOMPSON, Theola — Memorial graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, April 23

Twelve traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1700 block of North Russell, the 300 block of East Brown, the 1800 block of Lynn, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 1200 block of Osborne, and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Motorist assistance was rendered on Highway 60 East. A call concerning driving while intoxicated was received from the 900 block of Cinderella.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 300 block of Sunset, and the 400 block of Yeager.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 300 block of Sunset and the intersection of Francis and Magnolia streets.

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 300 block of Sunset. Seventeen citations were issued for the offense at a party being held.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of North Nelson, the 1000 block of North Hobart, and the 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 500 block of Oklahoma.

A civil matter was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby, the 2000 block of Williston.

Criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather. A man was beating on a door with a pipe.

Missing persons were reported from the 800 block of North Nelson and the 300 block of Henry.

An animal complaint was received from the 1100 block of Charles.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Williston.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1000 block of Fisher. Minor injuries were reported.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Taken was \$35.50 in fuel.

Found property was reported in the 1200 block of West 21st Avenue. A bicycle was found.

Found property was reported in the 2400 block of Rosewood Lane. A motorcycle was found.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1400 block of Ripley.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered on Williston Street.

Two business alarms were reported.

Criminal trespass was

reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Possible assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Violation of Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission laws was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie.

Burglary was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan.

Francisco Cruz, 27, 1035 E. Fisher, was arrested in the 1000 block of Fisher for interference with a 911 call and for assault on a family member.

Sunday, April 24

Twenty-two traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Gray.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported from the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Tyng and



Taking notes on notes

A Humanities class from Clarendon College recently visited with Rusty Neef, sculptor of the "This Land Is Your Land" musical notes by Woody Guthrie as part of a field trip by the two Humanities classes taught by Lorelee Cooley to introduce the students to real "arts" experiences. This class, which meets Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as the other class which meets on Tuesday evening, with students from both the Pampa and Clarendon campuses, will also be introduced to the organ at First Christian Church, where their instructor, Lorelee Cooley, is church organist. Students, in left photo, are Megan Davis, John O'Dell, Adam Carrasco, Ricky Watson and Brad Britton. In the photo at right are Logan Bowers and Rusty Neef, who is standing in front of treble clef of the sculpture.

Danner

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economic development council.

"Getting rid of the development council was wrong," Danner said. "I have a hard time with that."

On the other hand, he said, the chamber of commerce should be improving economic development.

"Somebody can correct me on this," Danner said, "but I think that's what the chamber of commerce is for."

He said the city needs more than just a few people working on economic development.

"Every time somebody goes to a movie," he said, "they're either going to Borger or Amarillo."

He said that means lost sales tax revenue for the city.

"We're a hundred thousand behind in our sales tax now," Danner said.

Sales tax revenue, according to Pampa City Manager John Horst, is more than 20 percent ahead of last year and almost 30 percent more than what the city commission had budgeted for the fiscal year.

Getting people to go out and eat in Pampa would also

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Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Saturday, April 16

4:51 p.m. — A 1989 Ford F-450, towing a mobile home trailer and driven by David Caldwell Jr., 47, 204 W. Albert, collided with a parked 1998 Pontiac Bonneville, owned by Cary Lind Gillpatrick, 803 Scott, in the 600 block of Finley. No injuries were reported. Barbara Gillpatrick was cited for driving and parking left of center. Caldwell was cited for oversize load wide turn.

Thursday, April 21

6:20 p.m. — A 2005 Mitsubishi Eclipse, driven by Raquel Ramirez Fierro, 18, 937 Barnard, and a 2004 Ford Mustang, driven by Neal Allen Shaw, 23, Seminole, collided in the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Monday, April 25

Ricky Gene Bockman, 50, Lubbock, turned himself in on a charge of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500, and a motion to enforce a 20-day jail sentence concerning child support.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 23

7:55 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a Life Star medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

Sunday, April 24

8:48 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at U.S. Highway 60 and Loop 171.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls.

Sunday, April 24

12:32 p.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:52 p.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to N.W.T.H.

Gray County Weather

Today: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m., then a chance of showers between 9 p.m. and midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 66. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear, with a low near 39. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 78. West northwest wind around 15

cloudy, with a high around 66. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 76. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 48.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69.

Stocks

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

Wheat 3.00
Milo 3.18
Corn 3.92

Soybeans 5.49
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY 72.93 +1.46
BP PLC ADR 61.88 +0.82
Cabot Corp 31.55 +0.25
Cabot Oil Gas 33.33 +0.06
Coca Cola 42.33 +0.20
VLO 77.80 +2.76
HAL 44.58 +0.74
TRJ 51.01 +0.86
KMI 77.39 +1.25
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Danner

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increase sales tax revenues for the city, he said. New restaurants would help. "We need to talk to the big business people," Danner said, "or even some of the home people that are looking at investing money for something like that."

The future is important to Danner.

"I'm raising my son here," Danner said. "I want him to be a Pampa Harvester."

Danner lives in Pampa with his wife and son. Two other sons live in Amarillo.

"I want my family to be here," Danner said, "and I want them to be happy. If I didn't have faith in Pampa, I

wouldn't have come back here."

Danner said he likes the radio advertisement that Paulette Hinkle is running that states that everyone running for an office wants to be a part of the future of the City of Pampa.

"That's right, there is a lot for all of us," Danner said. "I'm not a rich man. I'm middle class, and I'm proud to be there."

He said he's not spending any campaign funds other than what's coming out of his pocket.

"I'm not going to get rich either," he laughed, "because I know it doesn't pay nothing."

Danner said he missed the candidates' forum at the Knights of Columbus Hall earlier this month due to a

prior commitment.

"It couldn't be changed," Danner said.

"I want my family to be here and I want them to be happy. If I didn't have faith in Pampa, I wouldn't have come back here."

—Monty Danner
Mayoral candidate

He said he has a lot going for him since he is a hometown boy.

"George Keeton was my

grandfather," Danner said. "Everybody knew George."

Danner said his grandfather once told him when Danner was 16 that he would be a future leader.

"I promised I would," Danner said. "I'm keeping my promise. He passed away last December, and I'm keeping my promise. I loved him more than anything on the face of this earth."

He wants his grandfather to be proud of him.

"Pampa's a growing city," he said. "There's a lot of opportunity here."

But there are also problems. In addition to the lack of recreational facilities for children, the streets are in disrepair, he said.

"There are a lot of potholes in this town," Danner

said. That's always been a big problem in Pampa, he added.

"There's one up at Coffee and 22nd," Danner said. "It's a crater now. It's never been fixed."

Danner said he also wants to get more city employees involved and keep them working for the city longer.

"But we have to have dollars to do that," he said, "and the sales tax is part of it."

There are problems with the city, he said, but the only way to fix them is through teamwork.

"I can't fix it," Danner said. "Lonny can't fix it. Paulette can't fix it. This is a citywide thing. We can all fix it together."

He said the residents of the city have to work together.

"You've got a lot of folks

in this town that are discouraged," Danner said. "We've lost a lot of folks, but a lot of folks are coming back."

He's optimistic about Pampa's future.

"If elected mayor," he said, "I would do everything I can to make it even better and bigger than what it is now."

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ACT I trio rehearse for 'Coping'

Sabrina Wellborn, Ken Wilson and Caroline Morris rehearse for ACT I's next production, the musical review "Coping," by Jack Sharkey and Dave Reiser. Wilson is directing and playing the role of George. The show will open May 13 and May 21 as a dinner theater performance at the Pampa Country Club. May 14-15 and May 20 and 22 the show will be presented at the ACT I Theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. There are two Sunday matinee performances. Wellborn and Wilson are from Pampa. Morris lives in Memphis.

Bush seeks high price relief in meeting with Saudi leader

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush, meeting Monday with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah, was pressing that Mideast nation to pump more crude oil to ease gas prices in America.

"The crown prince under-

stands that it is very important ... to make sure that prices are reasonable," Bush told reporters before the Saudi leader arrived at his Texas ranch. "High oil prices will damage markets. He knows that. We'll talk about

his country's capacity."

But the president then pivoted to the domestic situation. He said Congress needs to pass a comprehensive energy strategy. "Now is the time for something to happen," Bush said.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney walked down a path at the ranch to greet Abdullah and his small entourage, which was nearly half an hour late to the meeting. The president gave Abdullah a warm embrace, and they kissed on both cheeks.

Bush held Abdullah's hand to guide him into an office at the ranch, the president chatting about bluebonnets growing around the building.

Meeting the group at the office door were White House chief of staff Andy Card, Bush's homeland security adviser Fran Townsend and National Security Adviser Steve Hadley. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also joined the group.

Crash

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the curb when the collision happened.

Epperson said the Cadillac was westbound on Browning when it swerved in front of him.

Skinner said he had been adjusting the car's stereo.

The car and bus locked right front fenders with the Cadillac coming to rest against the south side curb in front of 1206 Browning.

Local Briefs

Panhandle Community Services sets open house

AMARILLO — Panhandle Community Services will host an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at the Amarillo office, 1309 W. 8th.

Key staff members are to be on hand to showcase local programs for members of the public.

May is National Community Action Month, recognizing community action agencies across the nation. Panhandle Community Services was established 39 years ago.

Red Cross plans CPR and First Aid classes

Community CPR and Basic First Aid classes are set for May 3 and 4, at the Gray County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell.

Community CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for adult, child and infant will be taught from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., Tuesday, May 3. Basic First Aid will be taught from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on May 4.

Cost of the CPR class only is \$35. Cost for the CPR and First Aid classes is \$40.

To sign up, call the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Public hearing set on Lefors sewer improvements

LEFORS — The City of Lefors will hold a final public hearing on the sewer system improvements project on Thursday, April 28, at 5 p.m. in the Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court.

Topics to be discussed include the specific program improvements completed and the associated costs. The project was recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program grant.

Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing can contact Judy Williams, City Secretary, at (806) 835-2200.

PCTA to host school board candidate forum

A Pampa Independent School District Board of Education candidate forum, sponsored by Pampa Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA), is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25, in the Pampa Junior High School library. The forum is open to the public.

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Viewpoints

Chili, rednecks, Da Vinci: A dangerous mix

You are NOT a redneck if you know Raphael's last name and Bernini's first name.

I knew better, but I did it anyway. As big white flakes of snow blew past my window on a cold, bitter wind, I decided to make some chili.

While the chili simmered and stewed, I lay on the couch in front of the fireplace listening to the wind howl outside, reading Angel's and Demons, a novel by Dan Brown.

Brown is also the author of The DaVinci Code, a mystery novel that is considered heresy in Rome and Kansas.

I loved the DaVinci Code once I got around to reading it. When it first came out, so

much comment had been made on the religious implications of the book, I thought it was a nonfiction treatise on metaphysics. It wasn't. It was fiction, and it was a great murder mystery, and I love murder mysteries.

Actually, I guess, it's as much an adventure novel as a murder mystery. The hero and heroine chase across Europe, being pursued by a shadowy cult, in search of the Holy Grail.

The public controversy over the book stems from its assertion that Mary Magdalene was Jesus' wife and the Holy Grail was actually Christ's bloodline. (I'm not giving anything away here. That's early in the book).

While some have railed against the novel, I find it the result of God's greatest gift to man, the ability to think, to ask questions, to say, "What if..."

There are enough holes in book to make the premise easily questionable, but it does raise other things to ponder. There are few things I do well. Ponder is one of them.

The best thing about the religious overtones is that there is now more public interest in the Bible and religion, which I think is great.

After reading The

DaVinci Code, I got one of Brown's earlier works, Angels and Demons. It features the same hero, Robert Langdon, a Harvard art history professor, and a chase, this time around Rome in

connection with a bomb set to go off at the Vatican as a new Pope is chosen. Conspiracy theorists will love it.

In Angels and Demons, as well as The DaVinci Code, Brown's descriptions of cathedrals, artworks and cities come up off the page, and the action is certainly enough to keep you turning the pages.

I should have read more that snowy afternoon.

Instead, I got up laddled out a bowl of chili and watched the Jeff Foxworthy roast on television.

He's the standup comedian that came up with "You might be a redneck if..."

More points to ponder. I are one. While I never knew Raphael had a last name or that Bernini had a first name, I know the people Foxworthy's talking about. I grew up with them.

Unfortunately, the roast left a lot to be desired. It was more offensive than funny. Foxworthy, laughed politely at most of the jokes made at his expense, but generally he looked like a guy at a barbe-

cue when his pastor shows up...and the other guys at the barbecue don't know the new guy's a preacher.

Now, I told you that so, as Ron White of Fritch, one of Foxworthy's friends and fellow comedians, says, I can tell you this.

Following an afternoon of reading Angels and Demons and an evening of chili and Jeff Foxworthy, my nighttime hours were interesting.

As I drifted off to sleep I found myself being chased across Rome by shadowy occult figures and listening to Jeff Foxworthy propound on the nuances of Renaissance art.

For reasons I have yet to

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David Bowser

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 25, the 115th day of 2005. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

'There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule.'

— Samuel Butler
English author

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Ten years ago: Show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

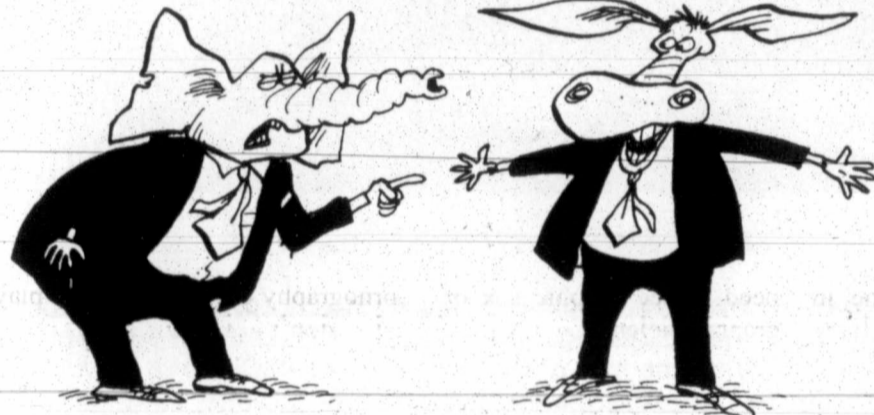
Five years ago: Assassilants shot and killed Zika Petrovic, an ally of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Broadway producer David Merrick died in London at age 88.

One year ago: Hundreds of thousands of abortion-rights supporters marched in Washington, D.C., to protest Bush administration policies. Cosmetics queen Estee Lauder died in New York at age 97.

CLARIFYING THE DEBATE OVER ESTATE TAXES

IF I'M RICH I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PASS ON WHAT I WORKED HARD FOR TO MY CHILDREN WHEN I DIE!

WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE HERE. I, TOO, BELIEVE IF YOU'RE RICH YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PASS ON WHAT YOU WORKED HARD FOR TO MY CHILDREN.



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Just don't watch that garbage

I watched a panel discussion on C-SPAN recently about dirty movies. They had two people who clean up videos, a movie producer and the usual academic First Amendment "expert."

Two things stood out for me.

One is that trying to clean up garbage is the wrong thing to do. Just keep it out of your house. Don't go see it. Don't buy it. Don't watch it. Mankind has lived without movies, DVDs and television a lot longer than it has lived with them. They really are not on the list of necessities.

The other was the nonsense spouted by the movie producer and the academic about preserving the integrity of the creative artist's

work. Excuse me, but the tasteless, greedy vulgarians who produce 95 percent of what passes for entertainment are not artists and are not creative. Most people, for example, outgrow toilet humor and fart jokes by the time they finish elementary school. Most people outgrow comic books, but toilet humor, fart jokes and comic books seem to be the heart and soul of Hollywood "creativity" these days.

If they were truly creative and artistic, they could tell their stories without vulgarity, profanity, explicit sex and gratuitous violence. The

audience does not have to watch five minutes of two people copulating for the screenwriter to let the audience know they are in love. Wit, good taste and creativity are the things missing in Hollywood. Most so-called funny movies are just a string of sketches. Most

action movies are just a string of fights, car chases and explosions.

The difference between pornography and Hollywood's products is that in pornography, sex scenes are the plot, and in the Hollywood movie, sex scenes interrupt the plot.

In the old days, when

Hollywood really was creative, the hero would kiss the heroine, and the screen would fade to black. The adults in the audience knew what the characters were going to do next, but they didn't have to put their hands over the eyes of their children, because it was done off-camera and left to the imagination.

For plot purposes, you need to show the audience that the two people are in love, but you don't have to show them making love any more than you have to show them going to the bathroom.

In one of Humphrey Bogart's movies, he was going to pistol-whip a bad guy. He smashed a vase with

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Texas history filled with surprises

No matter how often I visit Texas historical sites, I am struck by the fact that I never fail to come away with a new piece of information or insight. We have such a rich past that there is always something else to learn. This was reaffirmed when I recently traveled the length of El Camino Real to celebrate its designation as a National Historic Trail from Milam to Eagle Pass.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas was the "royal road" established by Spain on the paths established by Native Americans centuries earlier. The trail runs over 1,600 miles, from the Louisiana border

Nacogdoches, San Augustine, the Caddo Mounds, Crockett, Madison, Bryan, Caldwell, Lee County, Bastrop, San Marcos, New Braunfels, San Antonio, the San Jose Mission, Atascosa, Pearsall, Carrizo Springs, Eagle Pass, and, finally, to Mexico.

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator

to secure its National Historic Trail designation.

When I returned to the trail to celebrate its historic designation, I learned again that every visit to one of these historic sites yields

something new. In Nacogdoches and San Augustine where I have often visited, I learned new facts about my great-great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sharp as well as those charming towns.

In Bryan, we had break-

fast at the Lucky B Bison Ranch, founded by former Texas Agriculture

Commissioner Reagan Brown. By raising Bison and Bison hybrids, called "beefalo," the ranch keeps alive an animal which has been an integral part of America's history.

At San Marcos' Aquarena Springs, I learned new details of this beautiful location. These springs, which have provided fresh water for weary travelers from the dawn of history, lie on an intersection of not one, but two famous trails — El Camino Real and the

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Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

Rotarians hear jail update

Gray County Chief Deputy Sheriff Kelly Rushing, left, speaks to the Pampa Rotary Club during a recent meeting. Rushing said the Gray County jail, which has a capacity of 78 inmates, is currently holding 60. At right is Rotarian Bill Bridges.

Chili

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figure out, I ended up in an ornate theatre as friends of mine put on a play

that didn't seem to have any point. Then a photographer, a friend of mine, came out to take a picture of the audience from the stage. He used a camera that I hated.

Now for those who can interpret dreams, all this may be interesting...or

it may be offensive.

Be that as it may, I have thrown away the chili, and I'm going to have something more bland for supper tonight.

For the record it's Raffaello Sanzio and Gianrenzo Bernini. I looked it up.

Garbage

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his pistol and said, "Your face is going to break just like that vase." The next scene showed the bad guy holding a handkerchief to his face and making the phone call Bogie had demanded. Contrast that with the graphic and drawn-out scene in one of the Dirty Harry movies where a pimp slowly pours a can of lye down the throat of screaming,

writing prostitute.

The old way was smart business. A whole generation of children grew up going to the movies. Not so today.

Except for those parents who are just idiots or uncaring, most parents know that most of the Hollywood movies today are just not suitable for children. Pre-adolescent children don't need to see graphic sex or graphic violence.

Whereas I as a child went to the movies several times a week, my grandchildren go

two or three times a year.

As for graphic sex, just that's what you want, just buy pornography. It's plentiful and easily available, thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court. I don't want to sound prudish, but watching somebody else bowl or play chess. But if that's your thing, visit your local pornography outlet.

I don't know why Hollywood has sunk to such crass and vulgar depths. No, I do know. It's because the

people in charge are crass and vulgar themselves.

What Hollywood needs is a better class of people running it.

But the important thing for parents to remember is that there are many, many wonderful books and many wholesome activities, both indoor and outdoor. Children do not need to be parked in front of a TV set, a DVD player or a computer.

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History

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Chisholm Trail on which cowboys drove herds of Texas longhorn north to Kansas. Information centers at the springs provide a lot of information on Texas wildlife and vegetation.

New Braunfels is on the trail. I was always aware of the town's German heritage. It was founded on March 21, 1845, when Nicolaus Zink led a German immigrant wagon train up the Guadalupe River to the ford of the San Antonio-Nacogdoches road, as that part of El Camino Real was called at the time. What I did not know was that, with over 5,000 German immigrants, New Braunfels was Texas' fourth-largest town in 1850.

New Braunfels' 127-year-old Gruene historic district has played a role in preserving Texas' distinctive music. The Gruene Music Hall

holds the distinction of being the oldest continually operating dance hall in Texas. This 6,000-square-foot structure and its high-pitched tin roof was revitalized in the mid-1970s and has attracted musical acts including George Strait,

Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Bo Diddley and Lyle Lovett.

Returning to the Alamo was like visiting an old friend. Almost 290 years ago, the viceroy of Mexico authorized construction of a mission on El Camino Real. The structure was designed to be both a spiritual and physical refuge in the wilderness north of the Rio Grande and, over time, its strong walls took on the character of a

fort.

On February 23, 1836, Col. William B. Travis entered the Alamo with a force that later totaled approximately 187 men. Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna brought 5,000 men up against the old mission and laid siege. Their heroic last stand has fired the imaginations of men and women ever since. It was thanks to the dedication of two far-sighted women, Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll, that the Alamo

was saved for future generations. The Mission San Jose with its operating water-powered grist mill is another wonderful historic place; it has been there since the 1700s.

It was a vivid reminder that Texans who want to explore history can have an enriching and relaxing vacation without leaving the state.

In Eagle Pass, where El Camino Real crosses into Mexico, we had an opportunity to meet with Mexican officials and celebrate Texas and Mexico's shared heritage. This crossing of the Rio Grande took its name from the flights of eagles that made their aeries in the ancient pecan trees along the Escondido Creek.

The three-day trip allowed me to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a vivid reminder that Texans who want to explore history can have an enriching and relaxing vacation without leaving the state. It is very rewarding to reacquire ourselves with our heritage and the historic sites which played a role in the creation of Texas.

I urge everyone to take your families on Texas' royal road and rediscover our colorful past.



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Community happenings

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Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa

Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

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Sports Day

Clark, Harvesters ride emotional roller coaster to 5-4 win



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With Caprock pitcher Sofia Fuentes looking on, Lady Harvester Nicole Clark hustles across first base where she is called safe after the Lady Horn first baseman lost control of the ball. Clark, who had two errors in the game, erupted late to provide the hit that would tie the game, and two defensive gems that would help seal the 5-4 victory over Caprock Saturday afternoon.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

So which is tougher, the TAKS test or the 24-hour test of strength and endurance the Lady Harvester varsity softball team faced this past Friday and Saturday? What ever the answer, one thing is clear...these girls should have slept like babies on Sunday.

The Lady Harvesters entered the final 24-hour stretch of the regular season Friday afternoon with the real opportunity to capture the District 3-4A title. It wouldn't be easy. They would have had to beat Dumas, then travel to Caprock on Saturday and beat the Lady Horns.

Things started out on a great note. Pampa jumped on the Lady Demonettes early Friday afternoon thanks to a Cassy Tice 3-run homer. However, that would be all Pampa would muster against its district rival, losing the game 4-3 and falling one game behind Dumas with only the Caprock game left in the regular season.

The Lady Horns found themselves in an interesting place on Saturday. With Randall forfeiting last week's game to Caprock due to an ineligible player, the Lady Horns hosted Pampa Saturday to decide second place.

Pampa won the nine-inning marathon meeting, 5-4, and with it, clinched second place in District 3-4A. But it was the drama within the game that would capture the fans' attention. A 2-1/2 hour roller coaster ride of emotion for both teams. More so for one Lady Harvester in particular — Nicole Clark.

Clark didn't appear to be herself, even before the game.

Who could blame her? Who could blame any of these girls given the dogfight the night before? But like any good story, what was seen at the start of the afternoon, did not come close to what would be seen by game's end.



Nicole Clark and catcher Wendi Miller head for the dugout following Clark's snag of a short infield fly.

Cassy Tice, who threw more than 100 pitches the night before, would step back into the pitcher's circle Saturday, and heave another 100 plus. She would also add another home run to her season total. In fact, hitting wasn't the real issue Saturday.

Pampa out-slugged the Lady Horns 11-6. Errors would be the bane of both teams. Each of them untimely and, for its moment in the match, devastating. Pampa was burdened by 3 errors, while Caprock fell prey to nine, three of them coming on one play in the top of the seventh inning. The play that would allow Pampa to plate two runners and knot the game at 4-4.

But it was shortstop Clark who stood out on this day.

Official stats will show her committing two of the three Lady Harvester errors. One of them an infield pop-up she would catch nine times out of 10. This one, however, was easily lost in the high midday sun. Rather than let her wallow in her own self-criticism, Clark's teammates were there to lift her up. This would pay huge dividends in the waning innings.

In the top of the seventh, with Pampa trailing 4-2, Tice connected on a single. Clark stepped into the batter's box and promptly fired a shot back to Caprock pitcher Sofia Fuentes for what appeared to be a routine double play.

Then, something amazing happened.

Fuentes' toss to second base went awry, making it out to center field, where Lady Horn Alex Bustos had trouble scooping it up. Tice touched home plate followed by a motoring Clark, and the game was tied at 4-4. "New game, ladies," immediately rang out from the Pampa dugout.

Clark was not done. She would help seal the extra inning affair with two superb defensive plays, including a double play and the smart stab of a Caprock ground level laser.

Every Lady Harvester played a role in Saturday's win in one-way or another. Each is to be congratulated, as should the coaching staff.

But on an afternoon when it would have been easy to excuse what might have gone wrong for her in the field, Nicole Clark rose to the occasion and provided the spark that seemed to ignite her teammates, while sealing Caprock's fate.

Hickman hits for cycle in 18-0 pounding of PD

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

To hit for the cycle in a regular nine inning Major League Baseball game is something special. To do it during a seven inning college or high school game is even better. So, how then would you define what Pampa junior Tyson Hickman did against Palo Duro this past Saturday?

All he did was hit for the cycle, drive in five runs and score three of his own. Pretty neat, huh? Now, take into consideration he did all this in just three innings.

Okay, the Dons have been to District 3-

4A this season what the Washington Generals were to the Harlem Globetrotters. PD totes a goose egg in the win column. Still, to do what Hickman did cannot be ignored.

Pampa needed just three innings to force the mercy rule in the 18-0 win. Dusty Lenderman notched his seventh win of the season (7-0). The Harvesters improved to 20-5 (8-0) and clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming playoffs.

Pampa hosts Dumas in its final regular season home game tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m. (Senior Day). They end the regular season at Caprock Saturday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 26, 2005:

Work with partners rather than go your own way this year. Teamwork allows you greater success and a greater sense of contentment in your daily life. Your theme for this birthday year is "the quality of your life." You will do what's necessary to live the moment well. Sometimes your actions will involve people, and at other times spiritual or material ventures. Curb a tendency to overeat or to take your health for granted. If you are single, someone will charge into your life late fall or after. You will develop a significant relationship with this person. If you are attached, the two of you will become closer as the winter months set in. Enjoy a newfound understanding. SAGITTARIUS helps you deal with money.

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)

★★★★ Push yourself to get past an immediate restriction and/or problem. When you do this, you could easily figure out what is blocking you. Let go of what has been a problem. Discussions initiated by others bring on a new dimension of understanding. Tonight: Think like someone else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Work with one other person, and you'll get results. You could discover that what you want is a lot different from what you thought you wanted. Open your mind to new ideas. Be willing to walk a different path. Tonight: Defer to someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have no control over any-

body but yourself. This fact becomes abundantly clear today. You don't want to be negative about others. Practice loving detachment. You'll gain a new perspective if you do. Tonight: Be flexible with those who count.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Stunning news might encourage you to scatter. Recognize the end results of doing just that. Force yourself to concentrate and do one project after another. You laugh, and someone responds. Try something different. Tonight: Don't push yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ With the exception of one situation, communication flourishes. Try not to focus on what is going wrong, but all that is right in your life. Consider a risk and evaluate the potential damage. Difficulties surround financial dealings with others. Tonight: Lighten up your mood with some laughter and fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening with a family member and/or domestic matter. Others might be cantankerous and erratic. Listen well to others' points of view. You don't have to agree. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your good mood melts barriers faster than logic or even laughter. Listen and respond to what others share. Be willing to revamp your schedule, if need be. Your ability to flex could make or break your day. Flex, please. Tonight: Munchies at a favorite place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your intuition helps you zero in on a money venture. Your ability to read between the lines helps many — including you — be more effective and

understanding. A problem demands creative brainstorming. Do just that. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You energize with the Moon in your sign. You can easily accomplish a lot more than you thought possible. Ask for support and help. Before you know it, what you were trying to do will be a done deal. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take your time getting down to basics. You see that not everyone has the same ideas as you. Something workable could emerge through an unexpected call or comment. Accept compliments gracefully. Tonight: Plan on some downtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A sudden expenditure could backfire. You need to be careful with spending, even if there doesn't appear to be a cloud on the horizon. Focus on your long-term desires. You will hit the bull's-eye before you know it. Tonight: Get into a favorite game or pastime.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could shake up the status quo if you're not careful. Listen to feedback from those around you. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Respond to a close friend's or associate's feedback. Accept more responsibility. Tonight: Out late.

BORN TODAY

Actor, singer Michael Damian (1962), actress Jordana Brewster (1980), singer Bobby Rydell (1942)

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DRAFT DAY AND DUSTERS

Amarillo AF2 team gets NBC blurb; Just what will Clarett bring to the Bronco stable?

Amarillo Dusters

First off, congratulations to Coach Don Carthel and his Amarillo Dusters. They traveled to Louisiana over the weekend and thumped Bossier-Shreveport 86-66 in AF2 action.

Duster QB Julian Reese had nine (yes, nine) touchdowns, piling up 424 yards passing in the win.

The victory got a brief mention during NBC's AFL half-time show yesterday. The Battle Wings are still looking for their first win of the season.

Side Bar

New WTAMU Buffs head coach Don Carthel?

As good as it sounds (and the fruit of his labor would be even better), he would be wise not to pursue it.

Believe it or not, he is in a far better position where he is now if advancing his career is of any real interest to him.

The Buffs program, such as it is, is better suited for one who is hungry for his first real coaching gig. Coach Hays deserves to have 'interim' removed from his title and given the chance to instill some pride back into that program.

NFL Draft

Okay, as a Denver Bronco fan, I must confess, I am absolutely confused by what my beloved horse-heads did with the draft this past weekend. More specifically, with pick No. 101 — Maurice Clarett.

Bad enough the Broncos squandered their picks away. But to take a man who was problematic in college (Ohio State), and who has not played organized football in two years — paints Denver as a team that may have become drunk on its own reputation as a running back Mecca.

There are gambles and then, there are gambles. You are fully aware New England's Tom Brady was something of a gamble in 2001, going in the sixth round. As I recall, even Joe Montana was something of a gamble for San Francisco when he entered the draft back when one of the

hottest groups around was the Bee Gees.

I am not convinced Clarett was worthy of the pick. If he was going to be picked at all, it should have come in a much later round. Like the round where NFL Director of Football Operations, Gene Washington asks, "Okay...is there anyone whose name hasn't been called?" Has any other team actually admitted to wanting Clarett?

Denver currently has a solid stable of backs. Clarett only clouds the situation. Okay, competition is healthy, I know. Frankly, there were areas of far greater concern the Broncos needed to address than to opt for Clarett and

his baggage.

I think they still have a quarterback issue. And, just maybe, they could have done something on defense to help stop other teams from spanking them in the playoffs.

It doesn't speak well for you when Peyton Manning heaps so many points on you statisticians need an abacus to keep up. Worse yet, Manning goes out the following week and can't muster a TD. Hello?

The only thing that gives me hope this may work out in the end is perhaps there is really a plan. Maybe Coach Mike Shanahan and the Bronco staff are smarter than I am giving them credit for here.

Maybe the plan is to get Clarett into camp and polish him up. Let the press and other teams see that his putrid performance at a recent NFL combine was just a fluke.

That Clarett truly does have his life and his priorities straight.

Let him flash some skill that might cause other teams to scratch their heads and ask, "Why didn't we take him?" Then dangle him as trade bait.

And if it works out he really does fit the Denver scheme and possess the talent he flashed in very brief enrollment at OSU, it could be one of the other backs currently camping out on the Bronco's roster that might need to look for a Realtor.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 2 1/2 years, and ever since we came home from the honeymoon we have had an ongoing argument. When no one is home, I like to bathe with the bathroom door open because that way I can listen to television while I'm in the tub.

My husband constantly complains that his married kids might walk into the house and catch me bathing. I feel that since they don't live here, they should not walk in, and if they do, it's their problem and it probably won't happen again. Please help settle this. -- "BUBBLES" IN IDAHO

DEAR BUBBLES: If the situation were reversed, I'm sure your husband's "children" would be nonplussed if you walked into their homes without notice and caught them in the act of bathing or worse. They shouldn't be entering your house without first calling to see if a visit is convenient. Settle the argument by installing deadbolt locks on your front and back doors and using them when you don't want to be interrupted.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently in a grocery store and noticed that one of the other women shopping that day was a little person. It was clear that she was able to shop on her own, but she had some large items in her cart.

When we reached the check-out line, she was directly behind me. In her cart were some large cases of soda. She was able to get the cases out, but with much more effort than it would have taken me.

I wish I could have helped, but I wasn't sure how to go about it. Do little people find it offensive when a person of average height offers his or her assistance? How should I go about offering my help in the future? -- WANTS TO HELP IN

CONNECTICUT

DEAR WANTS TO HELP: Little people are just like big people. Some will welcome the offer; others may not. It is never rude to smile and offer someone a helping hand. The wording doesn't have to be fancy, just "Would you like some help with that?"

P.S. However, if the answer is "no," please don't take it as a personal rejection.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I have a little brother, "David," who is 9. David is a real pest. He goes through my bras and underwear, and walks in when I'm taking a shower or dressing. (And yes, the door is closed.) I have tried telling him to and shouting at him to stop and give me some privacy, but whenever I or my parents do, he doesn't get the point. He doesn't mean any harm, but it's quite childish, isn't it?

Please help me. I'm sure it'll help other readers my age, too. -- FED-UP SISTER, HAIFA, ISRAEL

DEAR SISTER: Your brother isn't a baby anymore and neither are you. He may mean no harm, but at 9, he's old enough to respect other people's property and privacy.

Because neither you nor your parents can make David understand that these intrusions are rude and an invasion of privacy, ask your parents to install locks on the doors of the bathroom and your bedroom. He may be just a child, but you're a big girl now.

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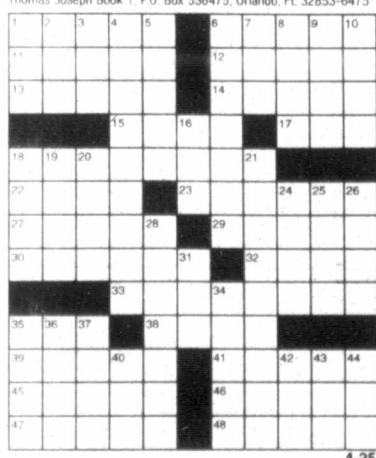
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