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DA to seek death penalty in King case

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Levi A. King, 23, of Missouri was indicted Thursday on capital murder charges by a Gray County grand jury in 31st District court in connection with the Sept. 30, 2005, shooting deaths of Brian and Michell Conrad and Zack

Doan.

One indictment alleges King murdered a 14-year-old boy, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer. Zack Doan was 14-years-old at the time of the shootings.

Another indictment alleges King murdered Brian Conrad, 31. An indictment alleging King murdered Michell

Conrad, 35, includes a separate count for her unborn child, who was also killed as a result of the shootings.

"I have filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty," Switzer said of King.

King is currently being held in Missouri without bond on the Texas charges.



King

He was already being detained for the Sept. 29, 2005, shooting deaths of Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Dawn McCool, 47, at McCool's home outside Pineville, Mo.

On Tuesday, King pleaded guilty to the McCool murders in a Pineville courtroom in an apparent attempt to avoid the death penalty in the Missouri murders.

Missouri law requires prosecutors to file notice of aggravated circumstances in order to seek the death penalty, but Special Prosecutor Tim Finnical said that under the law, the state has up until the trial date to present aggravated circumstances.

The notice had not yet been filed when King entered his guilty plea. Prosecutors asked for a 15-minute continuance, typed

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PISD

Soccer field safety focus of meeting

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

About 50 supporters of the Pampa High School girls' soccer team crowded the small board room at the Carver Center Administration building during a regular meeting of the local school board Thursday night to voice their support for the program.

The action came shortly after the board approved the purchase of two charter buses from TNM&O bus lines.

In executive session, the board approved the hiring of Andy Cavalier as head football coach.

Board President Lance DeFever told those in attendance that since the item was not on the agenda, by law they could not engage in one-on-one dialogue, but the board would be allowed to ask questions.

The concern of the parents was the condition of the playing field which resulted in injuries and forfeited games during the season.

Jenny Bronner said she

supported the soccer program and the whole school.

"I feel like I failed my daughter, the team and the coach over the field not being repaired," she said. "There is a problem here and we have to work together to fix the problem."

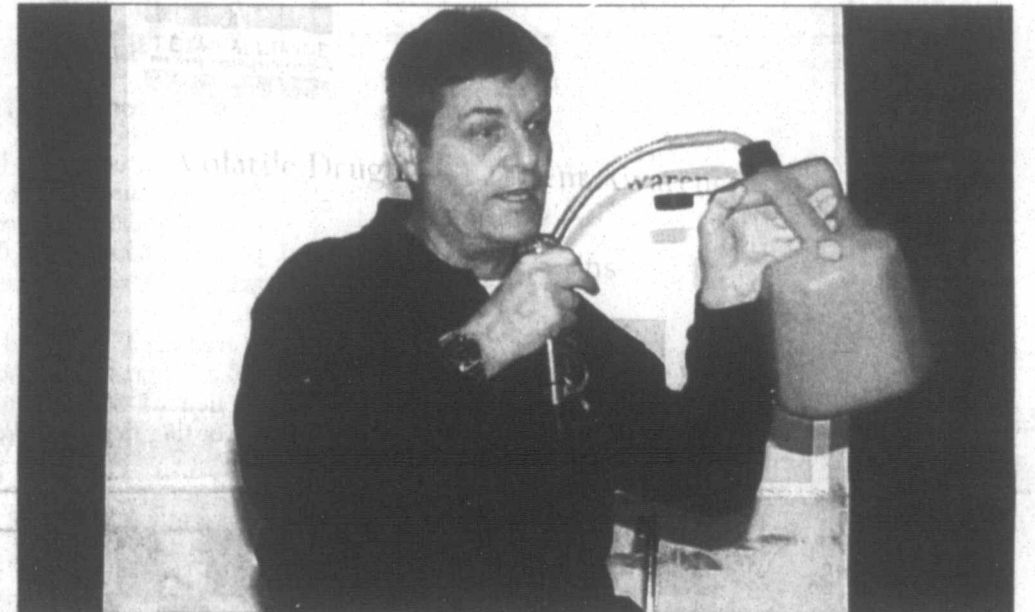
Daniel Silva, a coach in the Pampa Soccer Association, said he was concerned with the playing environment.

"The administration is responsible for providing a safe playing environment," he said.

He reported soccer statistics that said average non contact injuries to a team are 20 percent. Pampa's girls' soccer team this year sustained 80 percent injuries from non-contact accidents on their home field.

He quoted from a list of rules for soccer referees that he passed out to board members. The first item on the list said the referee should make

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Special Agent Ric Smith with the Dallas Field Division office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration displays the materials used in making methamphetamine. Smith was the featured speaker at a substance abuse meeting Thursday evening at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Meth number one drug problem in Gray County

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The number of methamphetamine labs being found in the Pampa area has dropped, according to Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, due at least in part to new laws which limit sales of over-the-count-

er medications containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine.

Use of methamphetamine is still widely prevalent, however, said Ric Smith, special agent with the Dallas Field Division office of the U.S. Drug

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Fence loser in hit and run accident

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A chain link fence and gate at Schwan's Fine Foods, at the intersection of County Road 12 1/2 and Highway 60 East, was damaged Wednesday night in a hit and run accident.

Gray County Sheriff's Office is investigating the accident, which is believed to have occurred sometime between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Wednesday, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

An unknown person or persons in an unknown

vehicle ran into the fence and gate. There are no witnesses to the incident and no suspects at this time, Hoard said.

The incident is still under investigation. No estimate of the cost of damage was available as of press time today.

Vandals strike Pampa business, arrest made

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa man has been arrested in connection with a case of criminal mischief which occurred Wednesday.

Robert Allen Robinson, 35, was arrested at 10:35 a.m. Thursday by Gray County Sheriff's Deputies Clark Teague and Robert Baker. He was booked into

Gray County Jail on a charge of criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, according to jail records.

Deputies were dispatched to H & H Construction, 409 Price Road, at about 10 p.m. Wednesday. Upon their arrival, the deputies contacted the complainant and found several tires on heavy equipment

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Adventurous hare



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This rabbit basks in the sunshine on a front lawn along 17th Avenue. The furry critter is a little early to be showing up for Easter, which is April 16 this year.

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Obituaries

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WAGNER, Loraine — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

Richard Ray Gallaher, 54

Richard Ray Gallaher, 54, of Pampa, died March 23, 2006, at Pampa. Private memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

In 1995, Mr. Gallaher returned to Pampa, where he was born Sept. 20, 1951. He attended Pampa schools and joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam for three years.

He retired as staff sergeant after 23 years of service with the Corps. He assisted

Freedom Museum USA with its helicopter installation.

Survivors include his mother, Hellen McLaughlin of Laketon; two sisters, Glenda Gallaher of Norman, Okla., and Gale Thompson and husband Tom of Pampa; and his ex-wife of 23 1/2 years, Perla Gallaher of North Carolina.

The family requests memorials be to West Side Church of Christ, 1612 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early.

South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 41.

South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 72.

South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind 10 to 20 mph becoming north-northwest.

Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 67. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 64. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers.

Partly cloudy, with a low near 47.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers.

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 65.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.

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

Wheat	3.63
Milo	3.06
Corn	3.95
Soybeans	4.57
OXY	94.08 -0.03
BP PLC ADR	69.10 +0.60
Cabot Corp	34.36 -0.53
Celanese	21.02 +0.16
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XOM	61.24	-0.01
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Limited	24.73	+0.08
Williams	20.88	+0.16
MCD	34.52	-0.02
Atmos	26.33	-0.02
Pioneer Nat	40.33	+0.50
JCP	61.14	-0.26
COP	62.09	+0.97
SLB	122.84	-0.18
Tenneco	21.77	-0.03
CVX	57.15	+0.52
Wal-Mart	48.42	-0.12
OKE	30.36	+0.02
NS Grp	42.77	+0.29
New York Gold	550.10	
Silver	10.69	
West Texas Crude	63.91	

H&H

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and semi trucks that had been punctured or cut.

Cost of damage is estimated at between \$2,000 and \$4,000 said Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

Robinson remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$5,000 bond, according to jail records.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-eight traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 500 block of North Cuyler and the 1300 block of Duncan, where a 1989 Ford pickup was reportedly blocking the street.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Kingsmill and Somerville streets.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Public intoxication was reported at the intersection of Barnes and McCullough streets.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler and the 2700 block of Rosewood.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault by contact was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal mischief was

reported at PJHS. An estimated \$150 damage was done when glass was broken at the school.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 23

Robert Allen Robinson, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Friday, March 24

Michael Anthony Tidwell, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Thursday, March 23

9:12 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to North Gray on a call for medical assistance.

1:51 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Somerville and Kingsmill on a good intent call.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 23

8:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Gray. No transport.

At an unspecified time, a mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Lefors.

At an unspecified time, a mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Clarifications

A story in Wednesday's Pampa News concerning a pit bull that was taken from the animal shelter while awaiting euthanasia reported that a teenager would be detained until the dog is returned to the shelter. Felipe Chavez, chief probation officer, said that the boy is being detained for burglary of a building, and cannot be held more than 10 days.

A story that appeared in Thursday's Pampa News concerning Shirley Waller, who pleaded guilty to a federal charge of false entries by a credit union employee, stated that Waller's son, Jim Sealy, was manager of Centramedia Online Services. Sealy is listed in the 2005 edition of the Polk City Directory as manager, but Joe Kyle Reeve said today he is manager of the company. He said Sealy is a technical oversight engineer and has no supervisory responsibilities.

Meth

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Enforcement Administration. Smith was the featured speaker at the fourth in a six-part series of meetings on substance abuse awareness.

The meeting, "Community Role," began at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"Methamphetamine is the number one drug in this country now. We've got more meth in Dallas than I've ever seen," Smith said.

Ice, a popular form of methamphetamine, looks like broken glass and is extremely addictive, Smith said. Ice is at least 80 percent pure meth. Ice and other forms of meth can be injected, inhaled, chewed, smoked or taken orally, although smoking it is the most common form of use. An ice high can last anywhere from seven to 24 hours, Smith said.

Crystal meth, another form of the drug, produces a high that lasts only two to four hours, Smith said. The term "crank" refers to any form of methamphetamine.

Most meth in use in the area now is being brought in from California and Mexico, Smith said.

"Hispanics are bringing it in from Mexico. Recently, a 40-pound block of ice came in from Mexico. All the superlabs, which are capable of making 10 pounds or more of meth at a time, are in Mexico," he said.

"We've got a problem with the amount of drugs coming in

from Mexico, and until we control our borders, there's not much we can do about it," Smith said.

As meth comes across the border from Mexico, money is headed south as a result of the drug sales. Between \$500,000 and \$1 million at a time is going back to Mexico from ice sales in the U.S., Smith said.

"Meth is the main drug in Gray County, but we're starting to see some ice here," Pitner said.

There are two ways to make methamphetamine. One way involves cooking ingredients with heat, while the other way does not require heat.

The two methods to synthesize meth are the red phosphorous method and the Nazi method, Smith said. The Nazi method got its name from the fact that the first time law enforcement officers found a lab using the method, some papers with Nazi content were found with the lab.

The three main ingredients in the red phosphorous method are red phosphorous, ephedrine and iodine. The three main ingredients for the Nazi method are lithium, ephedrine and anhydrous ammonia.

Smith showed a table full of apparatus products containing chemicals needed in the meth manufacturing process. Items ranged from rock salt to liquid drain opener.

One gram of methamphetamine, the same amount as the sweetener found in a single-serving packet of artificial sweetener, sells for \$100, Smith said.

Persons using methamphetamine may experience dry

mouth, confusion, acute paranoia, hallucinations, shakes, nausea, increased body temperature and other reactions.

The dry mouth reaction may result in dental decay and loss of teeth.

"I've seen people in their early 20s who need a full set of teeth from using meth," Smith said.

Meth can cause a hallucinatory sensation of having insects crawling on the skin, Smith said.

"They will scratch so hard, it creates bleeding sores," he said.

All children exposed to a drug manufacturing lab or to any drugs or dangerous chemicals are victims of child endangerment, Smith said.

Other illegal activities may be related to meth use. Crimes such as burglaries and thefts may be committed to help finance a person's drug habit.

"Two things I always find in meth cases is a lot of guns and a lot of pornography," Smith said.

"You can't go anywhere now without finding a dope problem. Education is so important in preventing and eliminating it," he said.

About 65 attended Thursday's meeting. Two meetings in the series remain: On April 27, "Path of Destruction" will be presented by Jenny Gomez, coordinator of the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program in Dallas, and on May 4, "Life After Drugs - It Is Possible" will feature a story of recovery and how to get help.

Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. For more information, call 669-4800 ext. 124.

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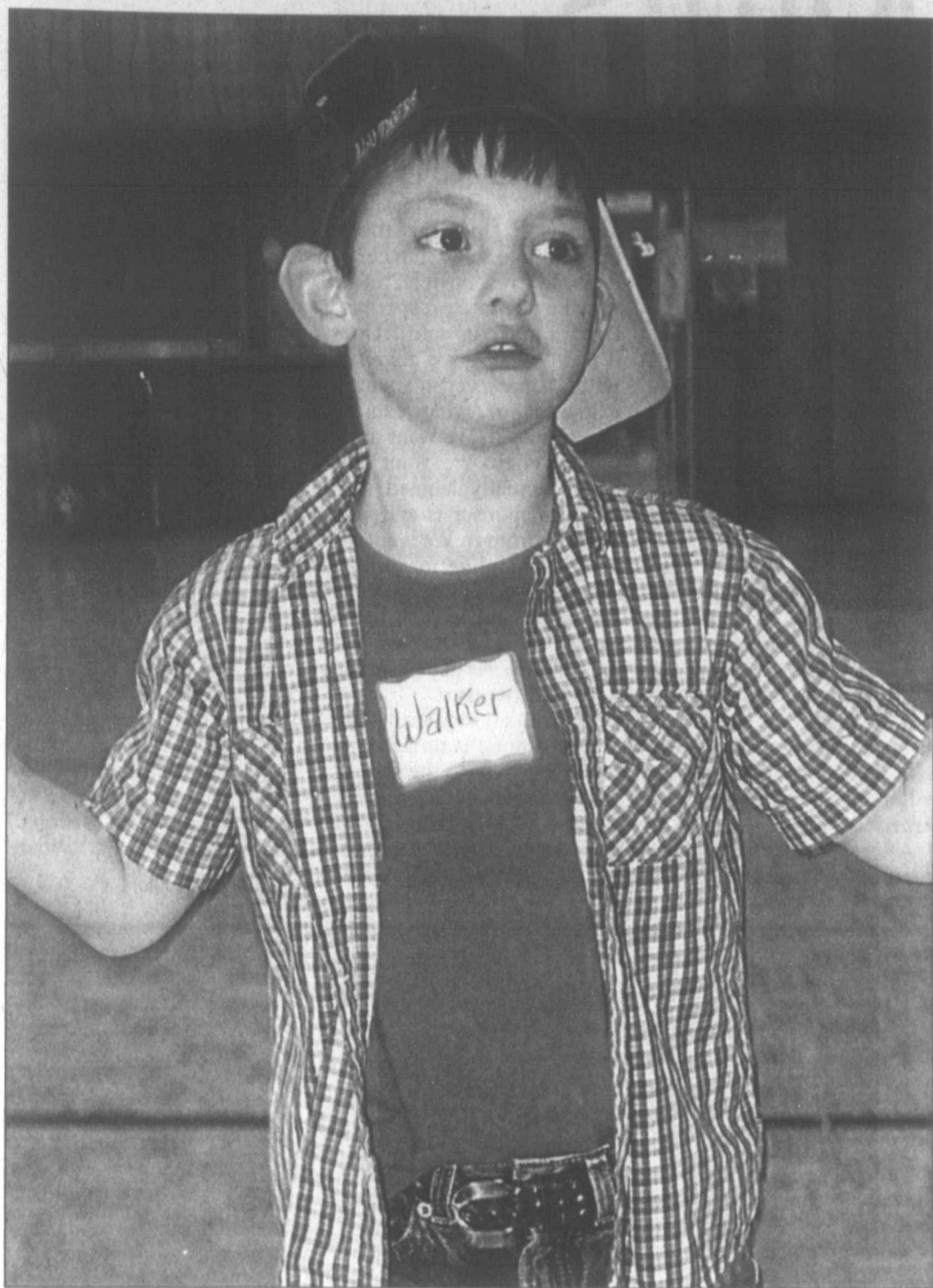
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King

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the notice of aggravated circumstances, and submitted the notice, whereupon King withdrew his guilty plea.

The aggravated circumstances alleged against King in the Missouri shootings is that he killed someone while committing burglary and that he killed two or more people with the use of a firearm.

The Conrads and Doan were shot to death before dawn in their farm home 13 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70. Robin Doan, then 10, was the only sur-

vivor of the shootings and made the 911 call to report the incident at about 7:15 a.m.

King was arrested Oct. 3 and returned to Missouri in connection with the Missouri deaths as he tried to return to the United States from Mexico at the border at El Paso. He was driving Orlie McCool's 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup at the time of the arrest.

Officers in Missouri found material with King which might connect him with the Conrad family deaths. This material includes ballistics evidence linking the bullets which killed the Conrad family to a 9mm pistol King had in his possession when he was arrested.

Soccer

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sure the field is safe for play, he said.

Silva then asked the board to investigate and find out who is responsible for the condition of the field.

Rachel Resendiz said she, too, failed her daughter and the team. Her daughter, she said, missed an opportunity to advance to a college soccer program.

Other speakers voiced the same comments. An official with the Pampa Soccer Association offered any help his group could provide.

Another parent said he was not surprised over the field condition because the soccer program had been given short shrift throughout the years.

LaFever said the soccer program would be put on the next agenda for discussion.

Board members OK'd the purchase of two used charter buses from TNM&O bus lines for approximately \$25,000 each.

Sam Haynes, transportation director for PISD, said the buses would have to be painted at a cost of about \$2,800 each, and expressed confidence that booster clubs could pitch in to make that happen.

In other business, the board approved bids for the sports but postponed action on the football program pending further study on a

request from Lee Porter.

Board members also heard a report on the school board election in which two incumbents up for re-election, Charles Smith and Porter, are running unopposed. Since there is no opposition there will be no election.

The board also approved a revised term contract for employees that would con-

solidate and simplify the process, and approved the quarterly investment report and the quarterly financial report.

Board members then retired into executive session where, in addition to the hiring of Cavalier, they approved the hiring of Jerry Norrdén to join the staff at Pampa High School.

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Viewpoints

Newsmaker interviews: Feulner preaches conservatism

Few conservatives have worked harder to keep the federal government on its constitutional and fiscal leash than Ed Feulner, president of The Heritage Foundation think tank. Feulner, an author and columnist who has been at Heritage for 28 years, is stumping the nation promoting his new book "Getting America Right." He and Doug Wilson, chairman of townhall.com, wrote it to try to put America back on the right — i.e., truly conservative — course. I talked to Feulner recently by telephone from his offices in Washington:

Q: What's your 60-second sound bite of what has gone wrong in Washington?

A: For conservatives this should be the best of times.

After all, there's a conservative president, self-proclaimed conservative majorities in the House and Senate. Instead, we're facing problems with illegal immigration. We're facing major problems in terms of federal spending, and our foreign and defense policy is certainly not being explained as clearly as it should be.

All of these things are remediable problems, but at the moment they are not being dealt with very effectively by the political leadership here. And that's what our book tries to answer: How do the American people outside the capital beltway put the right kind of pressure on the members of the House and Senate and president for that matter to do the right thing.

Q: What's your favorite example that symbolizes what has gone wrong?

A: We ask six basic questions people should ask their congressman. One of them is if it's responsible that there is a line-item in the Treasury Department report called "unreconciled transactions affecting the change in net position" and we find out that that is \$24.5 billion that the government knows it's spent, but it doesn't know who it gave it to, where it went, what program authorized it or if a big chunk of it was stolen. Twenty-four billion. That's the kind

of question we ask in terms of the responsibility of the feds.

Q: You propose some steps to put us back on the right course — a smaller, more limited government.

A: One that's more consistent with what the Founding Fathers basically had in mind for us 230 years ago and gets us back on track to real constitutional government, and that unifies us again as a people instead of having us being, as Theodore Roosevelt called it, "hyphenated Americans."

After we ask six simple questions — "Is federal action

necessary? Does this measure promote self-reliance? Is it fiscally responsible? Does it make us more prosperous? Does it make us safer? Does it unify us?" — we come up with some very specific examples of what can be done about it. We want more transparency. We want earmarks actually labeled with who the sponsor is and who benefits from it. We want the bills to be online for at least 24 hours so real people can go online and look at them. Most importantly, we say that the American people can make a difference.

Q: You say one thing that could be done is turn federal highways over to the states.

A: Absolutely. Refund the 18-cent federal gasoline tax back to the states. Let them decide whether they need a

new exit ramp or whether a local highway needs to be fixed instead of going through all this nonsense of federal earmarks and having extra bureaucracies down here in Washington doing it.

Q: Who or what specifically do you blame for this trend toward bigger government?

A: There's plenty of blame to go around. Both sides of the aisle are enamored of pork and increased entitlement spending, which is still where 65 or 58 percent of federal spending goes. But frankly, one of our disappointments is the president. He's the only person around who's been elected by the whole country. He's got to show the kind of national leadership that says, "When

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Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2006. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway with Barbara Bel Geddes as Maggie, Ben Gazzara as Brick and Burl Ives as Big Daddy.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

In 1995, for the first time in 20 years, no British soldiers were patrolling the streets of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

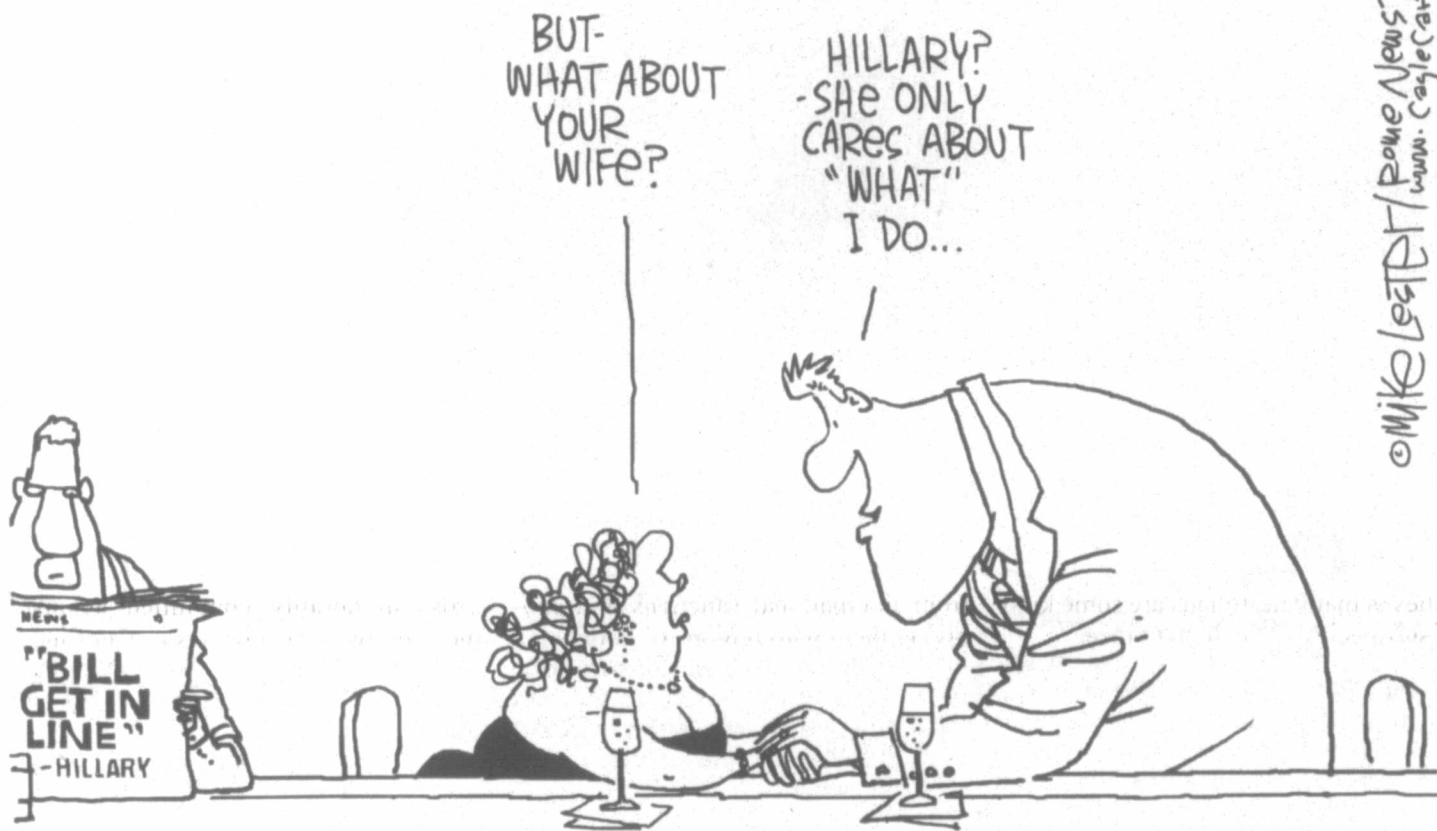
In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

In 1999, 39 people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

Ten years ago: NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid transferred from the space shuttle Atlantis to the Russian space station Mir, beginning a five-month stay. Stargazers across the country scanned the skies in hopes of seeing Hyakutake, the brightest comet to pass by the Earth in two decades.

'The history of almost every civilization furnishes examples of geographical expansion coinciding with deterioration in quality.'

— Arnold Joseph Toynbee
English historian
(1889-1975)



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Youth indoctrination update for America

Several weeks ago, I wrote about Overland High School teacher Jay Bennish's indoctrination of his geography class. In commenting on President Bush's State of the Union address, he told his 10th-graders: "Sounds a lot like the things Adolf Hitler used to say." "Bush is threatening the whole planet." "[The] U.S. wants to keep the world divided." Then he asks his class, "Who is probably the most violent nation on the planet?" and then shouts "The United States!"

After that tirade, which included many other anti-American remarks, he gave the students the "definition" of capitalism — telling them that "capitalism is at odds with humanity, at odds with caring and compassion and

at odds with human rights." After public exposure by my column and Denver talk-show host Mike Rosen's radio interview with 16-year-old Sean Allen, who recorded Bennish's comments, and his dad, Jeff Allen, the Cherry Creek School District placed Mr. Bennish on administrative leave. The indoctrination story became nationwide news after being picked up by major media and talk radio. The overwhelming response, including that of Colorado's governor, Bill Owens, to Bennish's classroom tirade has been disgust.

Recently, Dr. Monte Moses, Cherry Creek School District superintendent, announced that their investigation of Jay Bennish's remarks and complaints against him were complete and he'll be allowed to return to teaching at Overland High School. Dr. Moses did make a mealy-mouthed statement that the teacher's "practice and deportment need growth and refinement."

Like a few others who have defended Jay Bennish, Dr. Moses talked about academic freedom and First Amendment guarantees. Others have criticized and

even threatened Sean Allen for recording and making the teacher's comments public. The issue is neither academic freedom and free speech nor public exposure of the teacher's comments.

It's academic and intellectual dishonesty when a teacher, who is supposed to be teaching geography, uses his classroom to indoctrinate relatively uninformed teenagers. Recording the teacher's comments broke neither school policy nor Colorado law. But more importantly, I believe that what teachers say in class should be subject to parental and public scrutiny.

I've taught economics for 37 years. I encourage students to record my lectures.

Walter Williams
Columnist



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Let us play a little game of check our beliefs

Let's play a fantasy game to check on our belief in human rights. Let's suppose that in a mythical state, a governor announced a campaign to punish African-Americans for alleged violence.

Step one is to confiscate the land owned by African-Americans, evict them from it and use the land to build massive new subdivisions. Only white Protestant Christians may live in these subdivisions.

Step two is to connect these all-white Protestant Christian settlements to each other by a highway on which African-Americans are forbidden to drive. To facilitate control, the automobile tags

for African-Americans will be a different color from the tags issued to white motorists. Checkpoints would be set up all around the state capitol to search and harass African-Americans trying to enter.

Would you support such a plan? Would you hail that mythical governor as a man of peace? Would you go to your church congregation and ask the members to send money to the occupants of these white settlements? Would you lobby the federal govern-

ment to subsidize this new apartheid state in our midst? I don't think so. I think most Americans would consider such acts an abomination, un-American and a mockery of everything both Christianity and the United States stand for.

Well, if you would condemn such acts here directed against African-Americans, why won't you condemn identical acts committed against the Palestinians by the state of Israel?

Those settlements you

hear about are built on Palestinian land, and they are for Jews only. New roads that Palestinians are forbidden to use connect them. The entire West Bank is riddled with Israeli checkpoints, where innocent Palestinians are daily humiliated and harassed. A trip to a nearby village can mean waiting in line at checkpoints for hours. Palestinians have died in these lines.

After all of these humiliations, abuses, the houses destroyed, the children killed, the olive trees uprooted, how do you think Palestinians feel about Americans who support the

Charley Reese
Columnist



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I say I'm going to veto" — and he has said that now on 133 separate measures — he means it. When I talk about spending — and I'm not talking here about spending on national defense, which is the first basic function of the government — I'm talking about federalizing aid to education through No Child Left Behind and things like that that are not traditional functions of the federal government. This is not what we should be spending money on.

Q: Have true conservatives been too easy on the

Bush administration and Rep. Tom DeLay and Sen. Bill Frist?

A: There are a couple parts to that answer. First thing is, it's not all negative. The president to his real credit is giving us some very good judges. Donald Rumsfeld, while he's fighting a war that's pretty difficult to fight, is trying to reform the whole military structure for the future, instead of the kind of battles in the past. You've got the president who ... has come down with his proposal for a line-item veto. Both houses have passed bankruptcy reform.

There are a lot of positive things that have gone

through the system. But then you look at the big numbers — whether it's the highway appropriations bill or the one we liked the least, the prescription drug benefit, the largest new entitlement since LBJ. When he first sent it up (to Congress), we said, "Hey, yeah, this is right on target because it's going to provide prescription drugs for people who really need them." Instead, we're providing prescription drug benefits for Warren Buffet and Bill Gates, which is nonsense.

Q: True conservatives have been railing about the growth of big government at least since A.J. Nock's "Our Enemy the State" in

the 1930s. What makes you think the battle can be won now?

A: I think battles can be won. I don't think the war will ever be won. As long as there is a government, there are constantly going to be efforts by some people to use it to advance their own interests. That's why we on the right, whether we call ourselves conservatives or libertarians, have got to resist those pressures. It's not just back to the Founders; it goes back to the Hayekian view of the Rule of Law, where everybody is treated equally under the rule of law.

Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Police scrutinizing wife of slain pastor

SELMER, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee investigators were in Alabama questioning the wife of a slain minister Friday, two days after he was found shot to death in a bedroom of their church parsonage.

Mary Winkler was found with the couple's three young daughters late Thursday in Orange Beach, Ala., 340 miles south of the Selmer church. She had not been arrested or charged, but authorities said she was a suspect in the shooting.

"We've known from the beginning that she was either a suspect or a victim," said Jennifer Johnson, spokeswoman for the

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Matthew Winkler, a 32-year-old minister at Selmer's Church of Christ, was found dead in the parsonage Wednesday after he missed an evening service and church members went searching for him.

Police said the home didn't appear to have been broken into, but Winkler's wife and children — Breanna, 1; Mary Alice, 6; and Patricia, 8 — were gone.

The TBI issued an Amber Alert for the children, who had last been seen on Tuesday when their mother picked them up from school.

Williams

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Moreover, I tell them that the class deals with positive economics and if they hear me make a statement appearing to be an opinion, without saying so, they are to raise their hands and say, "Professor Williams, we didn't take this class to be indoctrinated with your personal opinions passed off as economic theory; that's academic dishonesty." I also tell them that if I ever preface a comment with, "In my opinion," they can stop taking notes because my opinion is irrelevant to economic theory.

I've received numerous letters from all over our country saying that indoctrination at Overland High School is by no means unique. It's widespread, and much of it is anti-American. Where the indoctrination is not anti-American, it's an attack on family values and traditional standards of decency.

The unique aspect of the Overland High School affair is the hard, undeniable recorded evidence. Without it, teachers and administrators might have lied, denied or misrepresented what was said. After all, it would be the word of a teenager against an adult professional. Today's microtechnology, might be just what the doctor ordered to put a stop to teachers using their position to indoctrinate our youth.

Preaching instead of teaching might go a long way toward explaining why in civics, math, reading, writing and geography, nearly a quarter of all students leave high school with academic skills that are "Below Basic," the category the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) uses for students unable to display even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at their grade level. In science, 47 percent leave high school with skills Below Basic, and in American history, it's 57 percent. I'd like for Jay Bennish's supporters to explain how his indoctrination will help that.

Reese

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Israelis no matter what they do to the Palestinians? Don't take my word about these abuses. Check out the Israeli human-rights organization at www.btselem.org/English.

If you cannot condemn the flagrant abuses of Palestinians by the Israeli government, then you are undoubtedly a bigot, the worst kind of racist pig who believes that Palestinians are some kind of subspecies of the human race.

If you do condemn in your heart these terrible abuses, but are afraid to speak out about them, then you are a

damned coward.

I listened in disgust to a congressional committee hearing on the Palestinian elections. It was all about what the Palestinians have to do.

It was as if the cops, interviewing a child who had been raped by an adult, lectured the child on dressing provocatively and of being in places she should not have been in.

The Palestinians are the victims here. It is their land that is occupied. They have no army. They are at the mercy of the Israeli government. They don't have a superpower protecting them from international sanctions and supplying them with billions of dollars.

The United States should be telling Israel to get out of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, to dismantle its settle-

ments and checkpoints, and to allow Palestinian refugees to return to or be compensated for the land the Israelis stole.

You want to know why we have a problem with terrorism? It's not Islamic fundamentalists or hatred of freedom. It's our support of Israel's unspeakable abuse of Palestinians.

Don't blame Osama bin Laden. Blame the president, Congress, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and all the cowardly Americans who practice hypocrisy by claiming to be moral while supporting gross immorality committed against their fellow human beings in Palestine.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Events calendar

• **Lefors Action Group** will host a chili cookoff and a Baked Potato Luncheon Saturday at the Lefors Civic Center and Baseball Park. This year's cookoff will include a crockpot division. Judging will be at 12 p.m. followed by the Baked Potato Luncheon at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5. Proceeds will fund city improvements. For more information or to enter the cookoff, call (806) 835-2757 or (806) 835-2915.

• **Miami Volunteer EMS** will stage its annual Country Dance with Sheila Helton from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday at the Miami/Roberts County Fire Barn. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. For more information, call (806) 662-9532.

• **PEO Chapter CS of Pampa** will present its annual book review fundraiser with Carol Hedrick at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Hedrick will review "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck. Tickets will be available at the door.

• **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** in Canyon will present the genealogy program "Who's Who in your Family Tree" at 2 p.m. Snday. Guest speakers will include Lisa Lambert, preservation specialist, and Ellen Lovett, of Family History Center. The cost of the program is \$5 for PPHM members and \$10 for non-members. For reservations or more information, call Aarika Hand at (806) 651-2242 or e-mail ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu.

• **Clarendon College-**

Pampa Center will offer advanced Excel from 6:30-9 p.m. every Monday between Monday and May 22. The instructor will be Connie Mondragon. Students will learn how to integrate Excel files with other applications and the Internet; how to use advanced mathematical functions; how to create and modify charts; how to analyze data; and how to create macros and hyperlinks. The class is limited to 40 students. A fee of \$60 and a textbook are required. To register or for more information, call CCPC at 665-8801.

• **Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation** will hold a public forum during the noon hour on March 31 at the local commissioner's court. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Tim Bowles at (806) 351-3326 or visit the agency's Web site at www.tpmhmr.org. The agency receives funding from United Way.

• **The Association of Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans** will lead a group to England and France during April 2006 to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the D-Day landings, the Battle of Normandy and the drive through France to Bastogne. The itinerary will include London, Portsmouth, Cherbourg, Omaha and Utah beaches, Caen, St. Mere Eglise, Caretan, Argentan, Falaise and Paris. For more information, call (561) 865-8495 or write Sy Canton 5121 B Nesting Way, Delray Beach, FL 33484.

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LECTURE SERIES

First Presbyterian to conduct special classes for Pampa

First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, 525 N. Gray, will conduct a three-part series on "Confronting the Seriousness of Your Future." The first session, "Legal Aspects of Being Prepared," will be offered Sunday with lawyers Vanessa Buzzard and Ken Fields. The first part will cover such topics as living wills, instructions to physicians and last will and testaments.

"The Christian Approach to Dying" is scheduled April 23 followed May 7 by a session about planning memorial services.

Church members and the public are invited to participate in this special series.

Each session will be held at 12 p.m. in the church parlor. A Mexican pile-on will be served for luncheon.

The Rev. Robin Gantz will fill the pulpit this Sunday. The first of the series will directly follow the morning service. Gantz, a Pampa resident, formerly served the church as parish associate and recently retired at interim pastor at Clarendon Presbyterian Church.

For more information on the upcoming series, contact the church at 665-1031.

They're back ...



Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rushing

Rushing returning to Central Baptist

Central Baptist Church of Pampa has announced the return of Pastor Norman Rushing. Rushing formerly served as pastor at Central Baptist from 1983 until 1995 when he was called to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksboro. In 1996, he was appointed pastor at First Baptist in Childress.

Rushing and wife, I.B., have two grown children. Their daughter Julie Wirt and her husband Jared live in Canyon with their three children. Billy, the couple's son, also lives in Canyon where he teaches and coaches football and baseball through Canyon Independent School District.

Rushing will begin his ministry at Central Baptist the morning of April 30.

Wrestlers bring religion to the mat

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Chase "Darkness" Cliett eagerly straddled the rope above his opponent, a dazed-looking wrestler in a red, devil's costume. Flashing his tongue like a rock star, Cliett spun backward and snapped both his legs toward the

horned wrestler, a convincing thud echoing his acrobatics.

Later, a few matches after the devil got knocked out, the pastor of the Wrestling for Jesus ministry, took center stage of the community

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Church briefs

New Song, an ensemble group from Hardin-Simmons University, will appear at First Baptist Church of Pampa at 6 p.m. this Sunday in the sanctuary of the church. The event is open to the community.

WHITE DEER — White Deer United Methodist Church will sponsor its 18th annual Fajita Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday in fellowship hall of the church, 101 W. 8th. Adults eat all you can eat for \$7 and children for \$3.

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"Amazing Grace"

Composed probably between 1760 and 1770 in Olney, Buckinghamshire, England, "Amazing Grace" was possibly one of the hymns written for a weekly church service. The composer was John Newton, a self-proclaimed wretch who once was lost but then was found, saved by amazing grace. In 1748, he was rescued from indentured servitude by a sea captain, and for the rest of his life, he observed May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion. "Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." Ref: Al Rogers

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have an acquaintance who calls me by the wrong first name, and I don't know how to correct him without embarrassing both of us. We both grew up in the same town, although we didn't know each other back then. He became a doctor and moved to northern California. Our mothers know each other, but his mother is now in a nursing home and can't communicate. When I first looked him up, I introduced myself. Since then, he has been calling me George. (My name is Jim.) Most of the time I see him at the weight room at the health club, and he greets me with a big, "Hello, George!" I thought about correcting him, but he can't hear me because he has earphones on. Sometimes we'll cross paths in the locker room and he'll say, "How's it going, George?" and keeps on walking. I don't think it would be cool to open his shower door and correct him. How can I solve this embarrassing problem? — **JIM AT THE GYM**

DEAR JIM: Your mistake was in not correcting him immediately. Unless being called by the wrong name is "george" with you, open the shower door and correct the man. I guarantee that if you do it once, he won't get your name wrong again.

DEAR ABBY: A guy in our office forwards corny e-mails to me and others. But as soon as he sends them, he enters our offices and asks if we read the e-mail he just forwarded. If we say no, he says, "Well, go ahead and open it." Then he hovers over our shoulders until it's opened and read. If we are in the hallway or a conference room after he e-mails it, he comes to find us. Then he follows us back into our offices and watches while we read it. Sometimes he will even read it aloud, as if we can't read. In the rare cases that the e-mail might actually be funny, his interruption and hovering ruins any enjoyment the e-mail might otherwise provide. All I can do is offer an insincere snicker, while I feel

uncomfortable about the content and his hovering. How can we get him to cut it out? — **TRAPPED IN MARYVILLE, TENN.**

DEAR TRAPPED: You have described someone who is socially inept and hungry for company. It's sad, really. But the most logical way to deal with it is to be "too busy" to be interrupted. Be pleasant, but firm, and tell him that you'll look at what he sent "when time permits." And don't take no for an answer.

DEAR ABBY: I was engaged three years ago, and shortly before the wedding my fiancée called it off. My bridesmaids had all purchased their dresses. I plan to be married this year and will use the same bridesmaid dresses. However, I am no longer as close to a couple of the bridesmaids as I was then. Since they have already purchased the dresses, am I obligated to ask them to be in this wedding? What would be proper? — **MAKING MY PLANS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR MAKING PLANS: The proper thing to do would be to ask the women who bought the dresses to be in the wedding, or offer to buy the dresses from them, and select bridesmaids who wear their size. (Hint: You'll make fewer enemies if you use the original cast.)

DEAR ABBY: My family lives in a three-bedroom house, and my parents share the largest bedroom. I am 15, my sister is 11 and my brother is 7. The two other bedrooms are the same size. Should I share a bedroom with my brother, or should my sister share one with him? — **STEVEN IN OHIO**

DEAR STEVEN: Because two of you must "double up," you should share a bedroom with your brother.

For Better Or For Worse



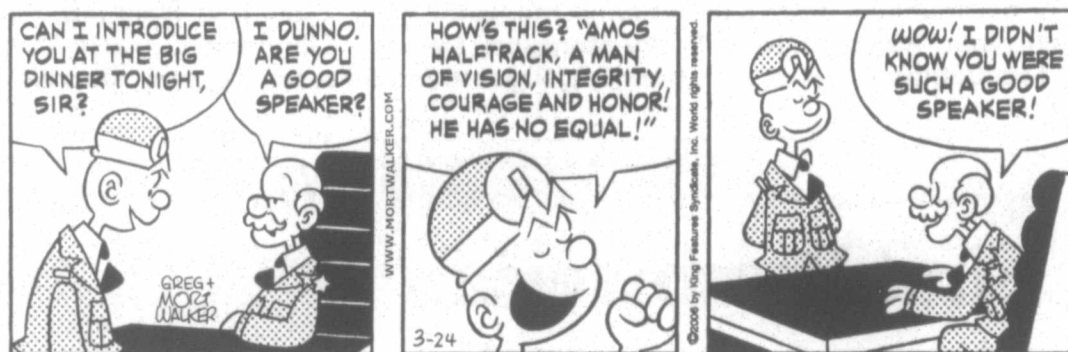
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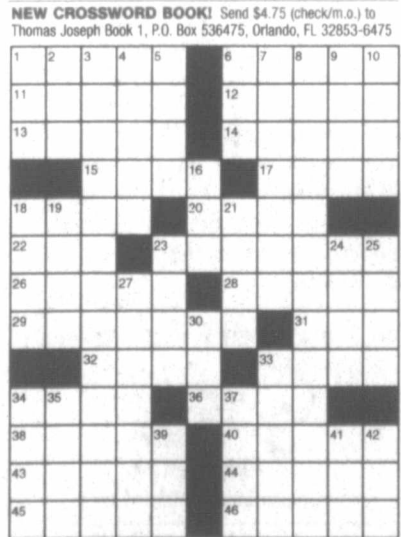
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Sports Day

It's official, Coach Cavalier will once again roam the Pampa football sidelines

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

"It sounds good. It sounds real good." That was newly appointed Pampa High School head football coach Andy Cavalier's reaction when asked what being called 'Coach Cavalier' sounded like today.

Cavalier's appointment was approved during an executive session following Thursday night's school board meeting.

In a follow up phone conversation this morning, PHS athletic director Dick Dunham confirmed Cavalier's hiring. "Coach Cavalier has

been hired as the new football coach. In fact, he is here and already on the job this morning," Dunham told Sports Day.

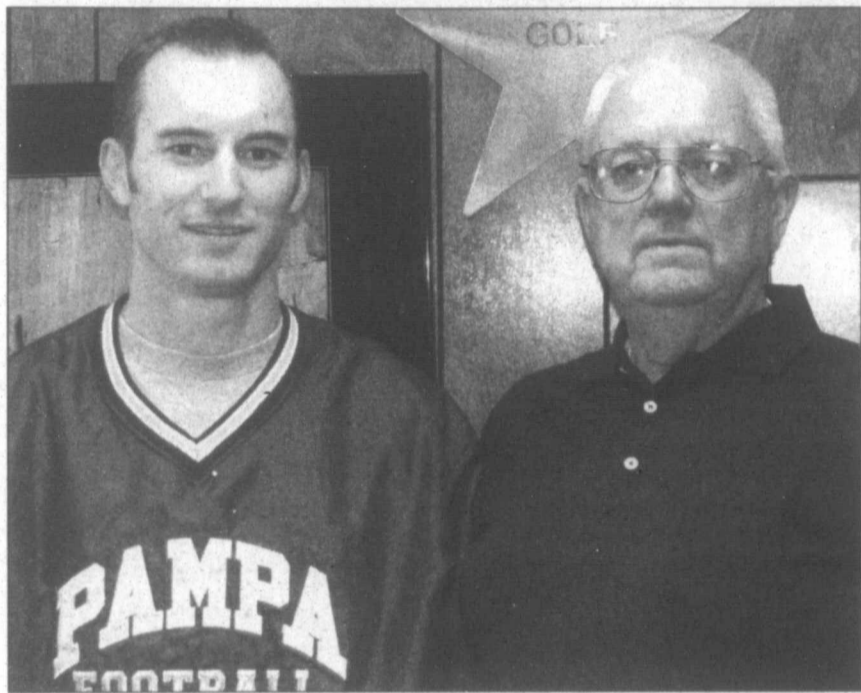
Coach Cavalier succeeds Bryan Wood who spent just one season as the Harvesters' head coach. Wood announced prior to spring break he would be returning to Sunray.

Cavalier, a 1992 Pampa High School graduate, spent five years as an assistant to his late father, Dennis Cavalier. He served as an assistant to Coach Heath Parker at Tascosa last season.

Coach Cavalier was busy this morning finalizing PISD paperwork and meeting with members of his coaching staff.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS



Newly hired Pampa High School head football coach Andy Cavalier (right) was at the PHS athletic office going over paperwork earlier this morning. He is pictured (at left) with athletic director Dick Dunham. Cavalier's hiring was approved in executive session following Thursday night's school board meeting.

Hidden Hills Golf Course announces 3-man scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Hidden Hills golf course will host a 3-man scramble April 1 for players 18 years old and over.

All players must have an established handicap, and only one player can have a handicap of eight or less.

Teams will be flighted according to total handicap.

The scramble will begin at 9 a.m. using a shotgun start format.

Entry fee is \$40 which includes cart. A percentage of the fees taken in from this event will benefit the Hidden Hills cart trail fund.

For more information, contact Hidden Hills Golf Course, 669-5866

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Cajun dinner correction; boys, girls basketball banquet tickets on sale

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Cajun Dinner

Sports Day previously reported the date of the upcoming Cajun dinner to benefit the PHS baseball program to be March 24. The correct date is March 31. Tickets and additional information can be obtained by calling 665-6689, 662-9714 or 663-1365.

Basketball Banquets

Tickets for the girls' basketball banquet are on sale now. The banquet is set for 7 p.m. March 30 at the Knights of Columbus. The boys' banquet will be held 7 p.m. April 6 at First Baptist Church. Tickets for that banquet go on sale Monday.

SMU names new AD

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Orsini, the athletic director at Central Florida, was named the new AD at SMU today.

Orsini will replace Jim Copeland, who announced in February he will retire in May after more than 11 years with the Mustangs.

"Steve Orsini has the right combination of skills to continue moving SMU's athletics program forward," said R. Gerald Turner, SMU president. "In addition to his experience building an athletics program similar in size to ours, he brings a love of Dallas and business expertise that will help us build resources and fan sup-

port." Orsini, 49, was named UCF athletic director in June 2002. During 2004-05, six UCF teams advanced to NCAA play, including the men's basketball squad, which made its second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. The football team had its first bowl appearance in 2005.

He also initiated plans and secured financing for a new on-campus football stadium, a softball stadium complex, a rowing boat-house and a convocation center and arena, all of which are set to open by fall 2007.

Lady Pirates take 1st place at relays; Coombes helps pace boys to 6th place

Lefors Pirate Relays
Lefors High School
March 10, 2006

Team Results

Boys, 6th Place (61 pts.)

Individual Results

3200 meter run- Gabriel Miller, 4th, 13:26.34
400 meter relay- Cameron Klein, Robert Wallen, Tory Coombes, Payton Johnson, 3rd, 49.41
800 meter run- Tanner Ray, 6th, 2:42.35
100 meter dash- Cameron Klein, 4th, 12.19; Tory Coombes, 6th, 12.26
300 hurdles- Jeremy Sprouse, 6th, 56.75
1600 meter run- Gabriel Miller, 3rd, 5:48.0
1600 meter relay- Nathan Withers, Jeremy Sprouse, Robert Wallen, Payton Johnson, 4th, 4:18.71
800 meter relay- Payton Johnson, Cameron Klein, Jeremy Sprouse, Tory Coombes, 4th, 1:48.72
Pole Vault- Tory Coombes, 1st, 8'6"
High Jump- Jeremy Sprouse, 4th - 5'6"

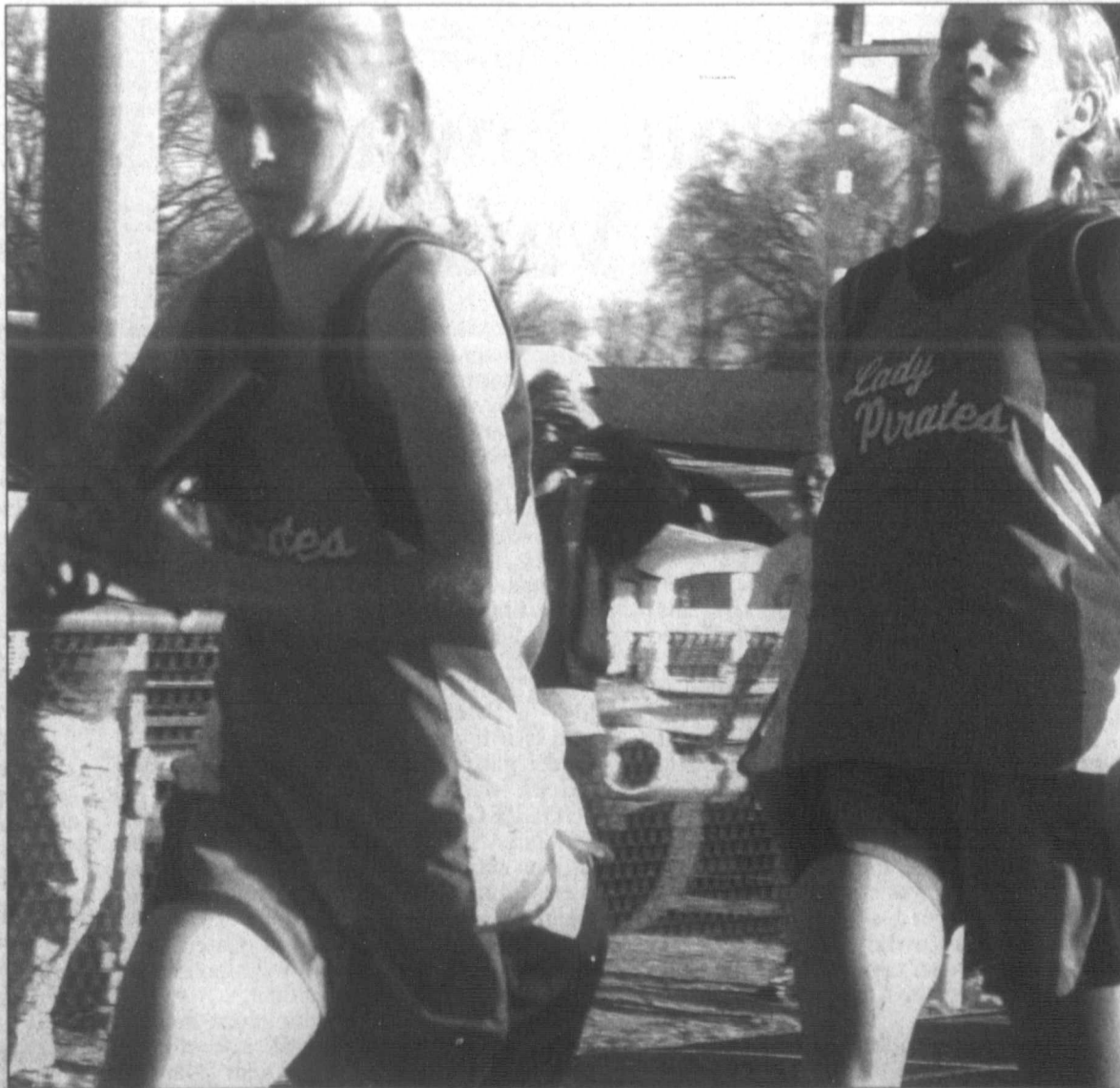
Team Results

Girls, 1st Place (157 pts.)

Individual Results

3200 meter run- Rachael Stubbs, 1st,

13:26.06; Tory Meeks, 3rd, 16:01.37
400 meter relay- Emily Jackson, Brittney Coombes, Jonelle Tinney, Misty Pairsh, 3rd, 56.56
800 meter run- Valerie Miller, 1st, 2:37.16; Tory Meeks, 3rd, 2:51.90; Amanda Lawrence, 5th, 3:05.25
100 hurdles- Lindsay Duckworth, 6th, 21.85
100 meter dash- Brittney Coombes, 4th, 14.66
800 meter relay- Emily Jackson, Valerie Miller, Jonelle Tinney, Rachael Stubbs, 2nd, 1:56.85
400 meter run- Valerie Miller, 1st, 69.75; Jonelle Tinney, 2nd, 70.54
200 meter dash- Emily Jackson, 2nd, 28.84
1600 meter run- Rachael Stubbs, 1st, 6:06.75
1600 meter relay- Brittney Coombes, Misty Pairsh, Tory Meeks, Amanda Lawrence, 2nd, 4:55.5
Triple Jump- Valerie Miller, 4th, 32' 3/4"; Rachael Stubbs, 6th, 30' 3 1/2"
High Jump- Jonelle Tinney, 5th, 4'8"; Rachael Stubbs, 6th, 4'8"
Shot Put- Timbra Overstreet, 1st, 33'3"
Discus- Timbra Overstreet, 1st, 89'4 3/4"
Long Jump- Brittney Coombes, 5th, 12'7 3/4"



Courtesy photo

Lady Pirate Jonelle Tinney (left) takes a handoff from teammate Rachael Stubbs during the 800 meter relay event during the March 10 Lefors Pirate Relays. Other members of the relay team, which placed 2nd with a time of 1:56.85, were Valerie Miller and Emily Jackson.

Optimist club hopes fourth time the charm

A blanket of snow on Optimist Park delayed tryouts for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2006 for the third straight day, but the fourth time will be the charm, says Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes. "We plan to have sign-ups and tryouts from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until noon tomorrow," Haynes said.

All players, boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age, must register. Players who are new this season to the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, the Babe Ruth League, the Girls, Major 10-12 Softball League and the Girls, Senior 13-15 Softball League are required to try out.

Haynes reported that 391 player registration forms have been completed including 160 on Thursday. The 5-6 T-Ball League continues to lead the way with 90 players registered. The 7-8 pitching machine league has 75. The 9-10 Cal Ripken League and the 11-12 Cal Ripken League have 45 each. The Babe Ruth League's totals are at 35.

Optimist Girls' Softball has 101 girls registered with 55 of them in the 10-12 Major Softball League.

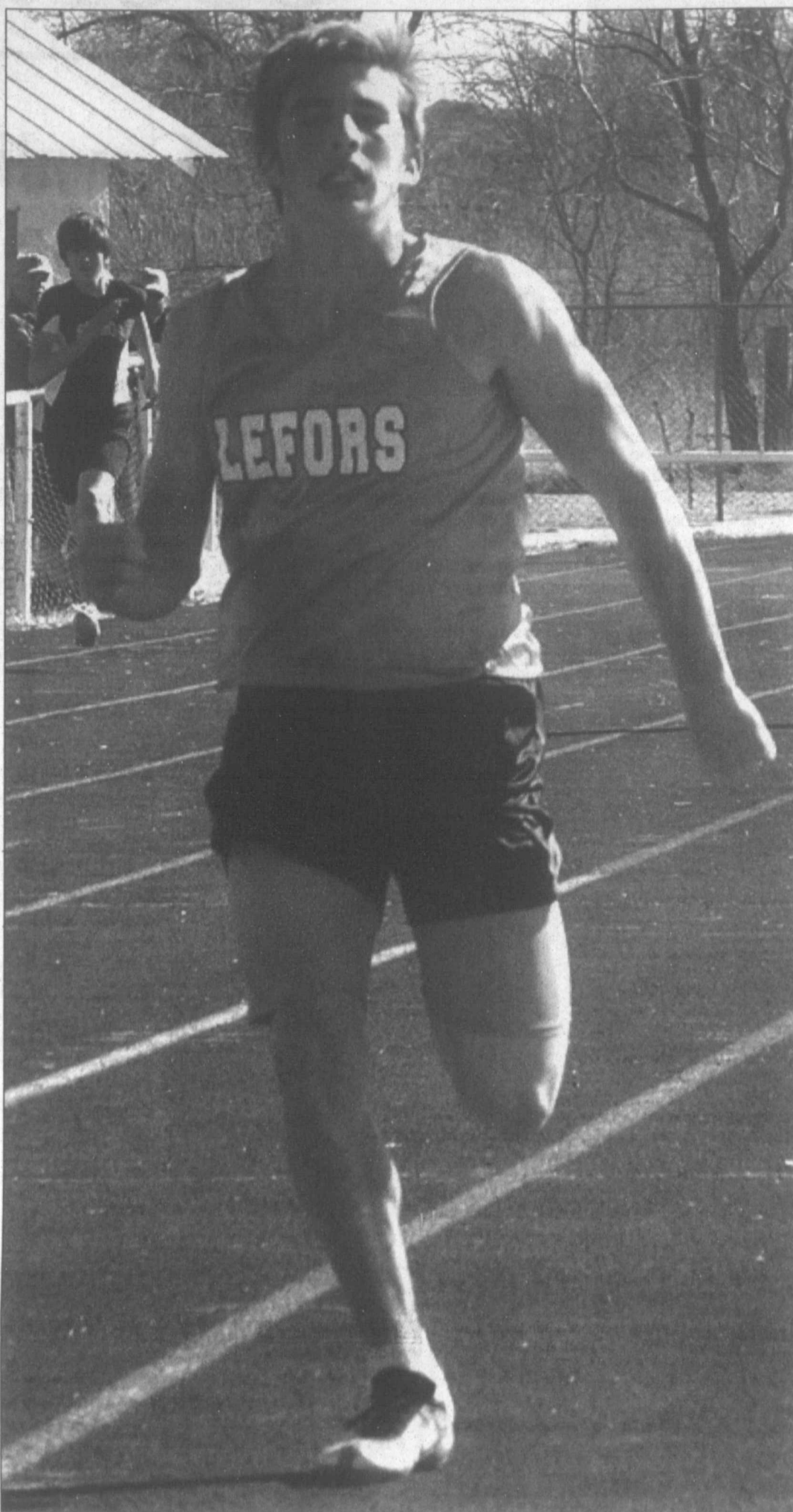
"We have 57 sponsors who have committed for the season," Haynes said. "Last year we had more than 700 players on 54 teams. We are hoping to add teams this year if we can get enough coaches to allow us to do so." Haynes continued, "Having more teams will allow us to place fewer players on each team which will increase the playing time for the players."

"Our plan is to have sign-ups and tryouts today and tomorrow," said Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis. "We will have drafts in most leagues on Saturday so that the teams may start practice as early as Monday."

Many of the leagues will have their first games the week of April 17. The regular season is expected to conclude in mid-June.

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

Marathon man



Courtesy photo

Tory Coombes of Lefors High School sprints for the finish line during the Lefors Pirate Relays March 10. Coombes placed 6th in the 100 meter dash, 1st in pole vault, and was a member of the 3rd place 400 meter relay and the 4th place 800 meter relay.

Texas nips West Virginia, 74-71

ATLANTA (AP) — Texas' Kenton Paulino made the biggest 3-pointer of the game against a West Virginia team that knows all about long-distance shots.

Paulino, a senior who ranks second in school history in career 3-point percentage, hit a 3 as time expired Thursday night and Texas outlasted West Virginia 74-71 in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

"Whenever we needed a shot, K.P. made it," Texas guard Daniel Gibson said. "I kind of had a feeling it was going to go in."

Paulino's shot saved Texas from an overtime period just after Kevin Pittsnogle's fifth 3-pointer for West Virginia, which ranks second in the country in 3s, tied it with 5 seconds left.

Paulino took a pass from A.J. Abrams before launching his winner just before time expired. Officials quickly huddled in front of a TV monitor to confirm Paulino's shot was good.

"I put a hand up," said West Virginia's Frank Young, who was guarding Paulino. "I think he actually double-pumped it. It was just a great shot. ... Everybody left it all on the floor. He just made a tough shot."

Paulino's shot sent Texas to the round of eight for the first time since 2003, when it advanced to the Final Four. The Longhorns will play LSU on Saturday in the Atlanta Regional final. LSU beat top-seed Duke 62-54 earlier Thursday.

"That's the kind of player he is," Gibson said of Paulino. "Even on a night when he's not knocking down a lot of shots, when we need a big shot at the end, K.P. is going to make it."

Paulino scored only eight points. "The whole thing was to get it down the floor and see what happens," Paulino said, adding he had specific instructions from coach Rick Barnes.

"Coach said if they fake the screen, which they did, get out quick and just run it down the floor and start up. So that's what I did, I just ran down the floor. A.J. got the

ball to me and I was ready to go."

The senior said he had never made a similar shot, though he has made 40.9 percent of his career 3-pointers. He led the team by making 41.6 percent of them this season, but in Thursday night's game, Texas wasn't the team depending on 3s.

West Virginia made 15 of 33 shots from beyond the arc, while Texas was 4-for-19.

"We thought we had a pretty good shot to go into overtime," Pittsnogle said. "(Paulino) just tossed it up and it went in."

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin met with the Mountaineers after the game. When the locker room finally opened, some players were still struggling to hold back the tears.

"It was real emotional," Young said. "This was a great group of seniors. We had a lot of good times together. We never thought it would end. Everybody is really sad. A great run has come to an end."

West Virginia was denied a second straight appearance in the round of eight.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points for second-seeded Texas (30-6), and Pittsnogle led the sixth-seeded Mountaineers (22-11) with 19.

Texas beat West Virginia 76-75 on Nov. 21 and couldn't avoid another close finish, even after leading 39-27 at halftime.

"I was worried coming in because it was a team we know," Barnes said. "I am not sure what happened on that last play because we were switching everything. It was a great day. Wow!"

Barnes said he didn't call a timeout after Pittsnogle's 3 because he already had given his team a plan.

"We told them ... if they score, we've got to get it back and run it at them," Barnes said. "We got as good a look as we could probably get."

Aldridge called Paulino's shot "amazing."

"That shot was awesome," Aldridge said. "He caught it and shot it and it went in."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bonds plans lawsuit; Dallas inks Vanderjagt

BASEBALL
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds plans to sue the authors and publisher of a book that alleges the San Francisco Giants' slugger used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs, saying they used "illegally obtained" grand jury transcripts.

Bonds' attorneys sent a letter to an agent for the authors of "Game of Shadows," alerting them of plans to sue the writers, publisher Gotham Books, the San Francisco Chronicle and Sports Illustrated, which published excerpts this month.

A hearing was tentatively scheduled for Friday in San Francisco Superior Court.

The book claims Bonds used steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and other banned substances for at least five seasons beginning in 1998.

PRO FOOTBALL
Mike Vanderjagt, the NFL's most accurate kicker who was no longer needed in Indianapolis, signed a three-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

Vanderjagt wasn't re-signed by the Colts, who instead signed Adam Vinatieri earlier this week.

A story posted on the Cowboys Web site reported that the deal was worth \$5.4 million, including a \$2.5 million signing bonus.

GOLF
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Davis Love steered clear of trouble with seven birdies inside 10 feet for a 7-under 65, giving him a share of the lead with Jim

Furyk after the first round of The Players Championship.

As Love navigated his way around the TPC at Sawgrass without a bogey in the morning, attention shifted to the parking lot when Tiger Woods showed up after a cross-country trip to California to visit his 74-year-old father, Earl Woods, who is battling cancer. Woods left Tuesday night not knowing if he would come back.

Woods returned some 12 hours before his tee time, and his play was sporadic — five birdies, five bogeys and a 72 that left him seven shots behind.

SANTO DA SERRA, Madeira Islands (AP) — Sweden's Jarmo Sandelin overcame swirling winds to shoot a bogey-free, 6-under-par 66 for a two-stroke lead at the Madeira Island Open.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bob Huggins returned to college basketball as Kansas State's coach after 16 years at Cincinnati, where he turned the Bearcats into a national power but was ousted following a drunken-driving conviction and a clash with the school's president.

Although one of the winningest active coaches, Huggins was out of work for a year after Cincinnati president Nancy Zimpher refused to extend his four-year contract rollover following his arrest and conviction for drunken driving in 2004.

He also had been criticized for a low graduation rate and for several off-court problems involving players.

Central Hockey League standings

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Bossier-Shreveport	40	15	8	88	220	168
Youngstown	22	35	5	49	198	233
Memphis	21	36	5	47	196	248
Fort Worth	17	37	8	42	154	234
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA

y-Colorado	44	12	6	94	239	175
x-Wichita	35	18	8	78	230	194
x-Oklahoma City	35	23	3	73	223	200
Tulsa	28	27	6	62	202	218

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Laredo	41	15	6	88	228	153
Rio Grande Valley	32	24	6	70	199	179
Austin	33	26	3	69	190	206
Corpus Christi	22	34	5	49	143	198
Southwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA

y-Odessa	34	21	6	74	206	186
Amarillo	32	26	3	67	198	199
Lubbock	26	29	6	58	169	194

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Friday's Games

Rio Grande Valley at Amarillo

Corpus Christi at Odessa

Wichita at Colorado

Austin at Memphis

Fort Worth at Youngstown

Lubbock at Oklahoma City

Bossier-Shreveport at Tulsa

Saturday's Games

Austin at Bossier-Shreveport

Wichita at Colorado

Odessa at Lubbock

Tulsa at Memphis

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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 might not be sure what you want to do or accomplish, but what you can depend on is that you will have a good time during the process. If you're not sure, hook up with friends. Christen the first weekend of spring together. Tonight: A little spring fever could be heading your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** What you perceive as a slam-dunk might not be, as confusion seeps into the best-laid plans. A yellow light flashes with all money matters, as changes occur easily and perhaps randomly. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your vitality triggers many different reactions, some of which you might not see immediately. You know far

more about what is happening than you realize. Listen carefully to others' ideas. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Work with a special person in your life. This person understands your feelings and doesn't judge you. Realize the positives of such a situation. You'll discover the depth and validity of your relationship with this person. Tonight: Show your appreciation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others dominate. What is interesting to you is what a difference it makes when you get off your throne and allow others to try it on for size. People get a chance to demonstrate their affection and caring. Tonight: Relish the attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Recognize that spring is here by getting into a project or two. Plant some flowers. Share your happiness with others. Get a case of the butterflies. All becomes possible on this day if you just put yourself out there. Tonight: Plans don't need to be dramatic, just satisfying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Make enjoyment and spring the theme of your day, and you cannot go wrong. Someone who cares deeply about you finally steps up to the plate and lets you know how important you are. How nice! Tonight: Celebrate spring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might feel invisible right now, though at the same time you might recognize that you are human! Spending a day close to home deep into a spring project could be unusually satisfying. Tonight: Dinner at your place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You meet the occasion with

the right words and answers. Listen well to someone you care about. He or she might be tired of routine. Use your imagination to tweak plans. You can make a memorable event out of a normal happening. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You have a lot to do. Though not intending to make an error, a purchase or financial dealing, though it might be pleasing on some level, could be fraught with mistakes or problems. A little care goes a long way. Tonight: Happiness surrounds the cautious Goat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** If you decide to rip up the town or do something unusual, you could have an unexpectedly exciting time. Events come in from left field, as you might not be altogether realistic. You are happy anyway. Tonight: Conjure up what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Know when to play the reclusé — like today. Everyone needs some time off — you included. Lighten up about new possibilities, and you'll become far more happy and carefree. You could be worrying for nothing! Tonight: Add more privacy.

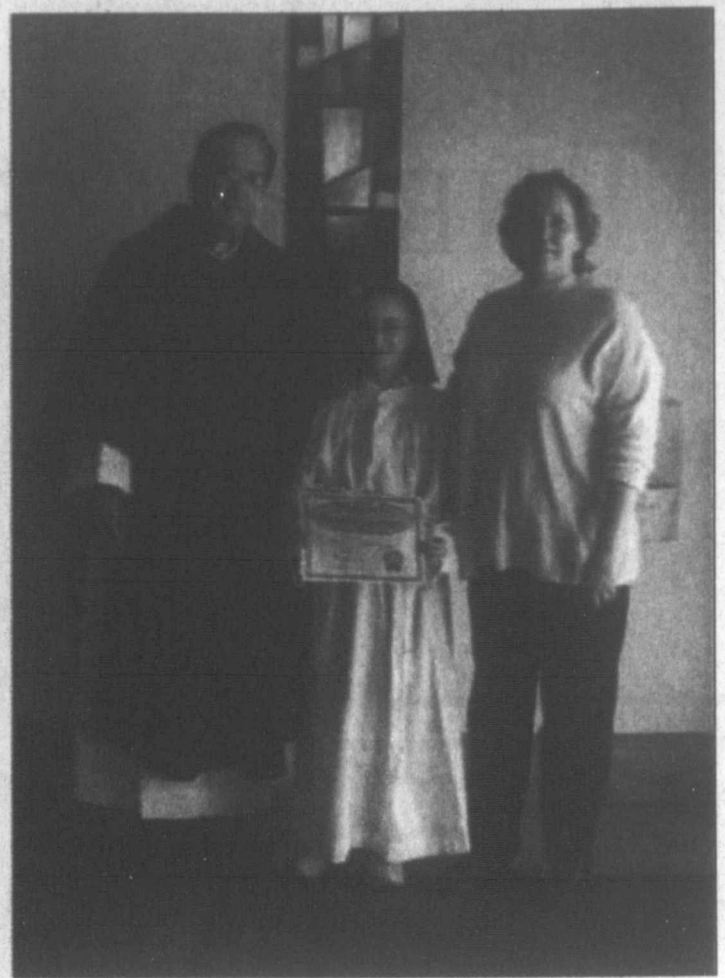
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PEO scholarship



Nursing students Anna Bocanegra and Amy Arjona both received continuing education scholarships from PEO Chapter CS of Pampa. Bocanegra attends Clarendon College, and Arjona attends Frank Phillips College. Pictured above are Margaret Williams, from left, president of Chapter CS, Bocanegra, Arjona and Sherry McCavit, past president of Chapter CS. The scholarships are national grants extended to individuals who have been in school previously and gone back to complete their degree. PEO is a philanthropic educational organization that promotes education for women. The local chapter raises funds for the scholarship programs with a Christmas greenery sale and with an annual spring book review.



Student of the month

Molly Andorfer, a fifth-grader at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, was the student of the month for January. The award was presented to Andorfer by the Rev. Francisco Perez at weekly Mass. Standing with Molly is her mother Michele Andorfer and Perez.

School board reverses superintendent's ban on critically acclaimed sci-fi novel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suburban San Antonio school board has reversed the superintendent's ban of a critically acclaimed science fiction novel.

By a 5-2 vote, the Judson school district board Thursday overruled Superintendent Ed Lyman's ban of the novel "The Handmaid's Tale" from an advanced placement English curriculum. The vote came after nearly three hours of public comment, including from Judson High School students.

"If we do ban 'The

Handmaid's Tale' because of sexual content, then why not ban 'Huckleberry Finn' for racism? Why not ban 'The Crucible' for witchcraft? Why not ban 'The Things They Carried' for violence, and why not ban the Bible and argue separation of church and state?" Judson senior Craig Gagne told trustees.

Lyman had banned the book by Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood after a parent complained it was sexually explicit and offensive to Christians.

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center gym and preached.

"If you don't have peace in your heart, when are you going to get it?" said Steve Vaughn, who also doubled as the event's emcee. "There's a bigger plan, a greater scale — someone who's greater than you. When are you going to finally get real with God?"

His question begs another: Can professional-style wrestling really be the next frontier for Christian outreach?

Small bands of masked evangelists, clad in tights and armed with biblical names, argue it is — and bring their message into the squared circle almost every week. The violence and intensity of wrestling, they claim, can be the perfect way to attract the alternative, younger crowd.

"I'm not going to sit here and listen to a shirt-and-tie preacher. But I might listen to a guy in spandex because he's like me," said Timothy "T-Money" Blackmon, who wears tight black shorts with a "T" on one buttocks and a dollar sign on the other.

The group he owns, Wrestling for Jesus, based in nearby Beech Island, S.C., has a core of a dozen wrestlers who perform in community centers, churches, neighborhood festivals and anywhere else that books them. Started in 2003, the group travels to as many as 50 shows each year, most attracting no more than 100 curious fans.

They're not the only wrestling group to heed the call.

Texas-based Christian Wrestling Federation boasts a board of eight preachers in addition to a core of dozen entertainers that use each match as a "tool" to entertain a crowd while preaching a religious moral.

Ultimate Christian Wrestling, based in Athens, Ga., features a glitzy show backed by pounding music and special effects. Funded by a host of local sponsors, the group attracts as many as 500 a show and headlines big-name wrestlers such as "Glacier," a former WCW star.

Each wrestler for Ultimate Christian Wrestling is expected to live up to a code of conduct and must graduate from a wrestling academy before stepping in the ring.

"We want people to know we take this very seriously," said Rob Fields, a school teacher who wrestles under the name Rob Adonis. "This isn't for us to go out there and play. It's a lifestyle, a commitment you've got to make."

It's a sharp contrast from Wrestling for Jesus, which trains its wrestlers at a rustic backyard ring near Burnetown, S.C., where chickens cluck angrily at each visitor. The wrestlers, many fresh out of high school, often sport tattoos and piercings that they say give them more credibility with the audience they try to reach.

If not the glitz of a more professional match, the group's shows meet a lot of the other standards: Prattling announcers, cheesy nicknames, tag-team matchups and, of course, heckling fans. Many in the crowd of 50 were jawing at the wrestlers throughout the recent show in Augusta, and more than one hot dog mysteriously found its way onto the ring.

But rather than plots revolving around money and sex, the Christian wrestling matches aspire to be more

divine.

At the beginning of some shows, Cliett is strapped to a massive wooden cross on stage as piercing music is played. A group of evil wrestlers beats and bloodies him before the good guys dramatically come to his rescue.

In another plot, a wrestler about to face a feared champion is injured, and a weaker character volunteers to take his place. After the match's end, the injured wrestler asks why the other saved him. "Because Jesus did it for me," comes the response.

Vaughn, the group's pastor, calls himself an "oddball" who has always searched for different ways to outreach. "If you spin that attitude with a Christian message," he says of wrestling, "it works."

Not completely. Many churches won't even consider letting them perform. Once, a disgusted group of deacons barred the troupe from ever returning after seeing a show, said James "Hunter" Barrett, the group's vice president and one of the show's stars.

And there's always the danger of a live performance going disastrously awry. During the Augusta show, that's just what happened: Blackmon got into a squabble with a spindly 17-year-old referee that soon got out of hand.

Before long, the two were really fighting, with the teen angrily cursing while Blackmon pounded on his back. Babies began screaming, organizers froze and the confused audience of 50 awkwardly looked on.

Soon, the teen's parents had ditched their posts at the concession stand and jumped in the ring to break up the fight, helped by confused performers who had long-since changed into street clothes.

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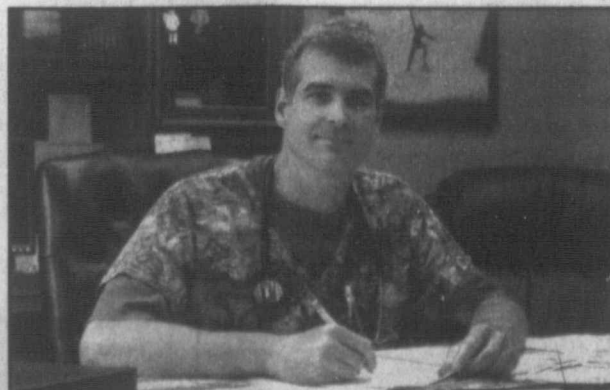
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