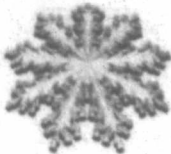
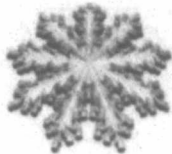



NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy

Saturday: Cloudy, with a high near 28. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of around 2 inches.

Saturday Night: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 23. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of snow before noon. Cloudy, with a high near 40. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Mower accident claims life

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A city of Killeen maintenance worker died when the riding lawn mower he was using overturned and pinned him, police said.

Lee Dell Carrington Jr., 41, was working at A.A. Lane Park when the accident occurred Thursday, police spokeswoman Carroll Smith said.

Smith said the accident was under investigation by police.

Glenn Morrison, Killeen's director of community services, said Carrington will be missed.

"Lee was an employee and person everybody wanted to be around," Morrison said.

He declined to speculate on how the accident occurred.

Carrington had worked for the city's grounds maintenance crew since 2002.

Obituaries

Clyde Richard Brown, 66

McLEAN — Clyde Richard Brown, 66, of McLean, died Thursday, April 5, 2007. Services are pending with Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Tami M. Craig, 38

Tami M. Craig, 38, of Pampa, died April 6, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

Ina Mae Johnson, 81

Ina Mae Johnson, 81, of Pampa, died April 5, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Born Nov. 18, 1925, in Hollis, Okla., Mrs. Johnson had been a Pampa resident since 1981. She married Floyd Newton Johnson on

Oct. 30, 1941, at Wichita Falls; he died Sept. 30, 2006. For more than 40 years, Mrs. Johnson was an Avon representative. She was also a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Floyd Dee Wayne Johnson and William Kenworth Johnson.

Survivors include a brother, Macey Ward of Burbank, Calif.; a sister, Lorene Boggs of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five nephews; and four nieces.

Mrs. Johnson will be available for viewing Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home.

MEMORIAL: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Loretta June Vanderlinden, 59

Loretta June Vanderlinden, 59, of Pampa, died Thursday, April 5, 2007, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were scheduled at 1 p.m. today in

White Deer Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Vanderlinden was born June 1, 1947, in Borger,

to C.L. and Wilma Hinds. She married Johnny Vanderlinden in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny; a son, Greg Vanderlinden of Pampa; a

daughter, Regina Vanderlinden of Pampa; a brother, Gary Hinds of Hugoton, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

Easter egg hunt



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department are getting ready for their Easter Egg Hunt slated at 2 p.m. on Easter Sunday at the city park. The annual event is open to children in 5th grade and under. Above, from left: Linda Stanton, Dana Davis and Karen Noble.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Twenty-nine traffic stops were made resulting in one

arrest and one person being charged with possession of a prohibited weapon.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 1500 block of North Banks and the intersection of Cuyler and Francis.

Accidents were reported in the 300 block of East Brown and three reports in the police department lobby.

A traffic complaint was reported on Highway 70 South.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1500 block of Williston, the 300 block of Miami, the 1800 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 500 block of Yeager, the 300 block of Sunset and the 800 block of Lefors.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of Grape.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the intersection of Brown and Russell, in the 200 block of Naida, the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and the 800 block of East Craven.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 2700 block of Cherokee.

Agency assistance was provided in the 1200 block of East Frederic, the 500 block of Oklahoma, the 1100 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of Plains, the intersection of 23rd and

Price Road and on County Road E.

911 hang-ups were reported from the 1600 block of Highway 60 East and the 700 block of East 16th.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Naida.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Tignor, the 1600 block of Highway 60 East, the 700 block of Murphy, two calls from the 1200 block of South Sumner and the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Reid and Campbell, in the 2600 block of Evergreen where a broken window valued at \$300 was broken and in the 1000 block of South Sumner where a broken window was reported.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of Perry and the 1100 block of South Christy. No injuries were reported at either location.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 100 block of Russell.

An assault was reported in the police department lobby. Two alarms were reported.

A theft was reported in the 2400 block of Mary Ellen where an online credit or debit card withdrawal was made in the amount of \$788.

Forgery was reported at

Murphy USA in the 200 block of West 28th.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, April 5

Jose Manuel Beddla, 17, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for *capias* pro fines.

Jay Thomas Hamilton, 27, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for fraudulent use of information in Potter County.

Tara Dawn Slater, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and for forgery of a financial instrument.

Michael Chad Simpson, 32, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Friday, April 6

Dustin Johnson, 18, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors marshal for minor driving under the influence and for minor in possession of alcohol.

Mark G. Watkins, 54, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for expired registration and for expired vehicle inspection.

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Easter bunny helpers



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Employees of Accolade Home Care prepare Easter baskets for doctors and staff. Pictured from left are Lisa Espe, OT; Jamie Holland, RN; Marcia Julian, RN; and Pam Spangler, RN.

FBI agent killed by friendly fire?

By DAVID PORTER
 Associated Press Writer
 READINGTON, N.J.

(AP) — State police captured a third bank robbery suspect today connected to the deadly shooting of an FBI agent who had been tracking the men.

The agent's team had fired on the armed suspects outside a bank branch in Readington on Thursday, but the FBI said the suspects did not shoot back and the agent may have accidentally been killed by one of his own colleagues.

"Preliminarily, information suggests the agent may have been fatally wounded as a result of the accidental discharge of another agent's weapon during a dynamic arrest situation," the FBI said in a statement released Thursday night.

Two of the robbery suspects were captured shortly after the shooting. The third fled on foot and was arrested this morning in Branchburg, within a couple miles of the bank, State Police Lt. Gerald Lewis said.

Some 300 officers had been searching for Francisco Herrera-Genao, 22, of New Brunswick since the shooting. A Somerset County 911 dispatcher said authorities were tipped off this morning by a resident who saw someone matching the man's description.

The dead agent, Barry Lee Bush, 52, had been assigned to the FBI's Newark office and had been searching for suspects believed to be responsible for at least four bank robberies, the FBI said. In two of robberies, the suspects had fired assault weapons while inside the bank, the agency said.

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Pets

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to prevent a problem or get rid of an existing problem with fleas and ticks, they need to not only treat the pet, but also the yard and the environment where the pet spends most of its time," Burns said. "Fleas and ticks can reproduce quickly so it is important for pet owners to stay on top of the problem."

To treat the animal, www.sergeants.com suggests they be bathed with treated shampoos, combed with a flea comb, and dipped or treated with monthly liquid medications that are squeezed onto the animal's back. For the environment, insecticides or indoor foggers can be used as long as directions are followed correctly. These products can hurt animals or children if used incorrectly. They suggest the yard be treated as well with a spray to kill fleas and ticks.

This Web site lists a few flea facts. A flea can hop almost 20 inches in one jump and a newly hatched flea can hop onto a pet within five seconds, start to feed on the animal's blood, mate and start laying eggs within 24 hours. Up to 5,000 fleas may live on a dog at one time. Some pets eat 50 - 90 percent of the fleas on their body, which is the leading cause of tapeworm. The flea's life cycle ranges from two weeks to six months.

Ticks are also a big problem for those who own pets. "Ticks can cause a lot of diseases in animals and also

humans," Burns said. "Tapeworm, lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are just a few of those they can cause. Lyme disease has become a bigger problem in recent years."

A few tick facts are also listed on www.sergeants.com. Ticks require a meal of blood at each active state of their life cycle - larva, nymph and adult. The tick's accordion-like skin is designed to expand as it ingests blood and can increase by 20 to 100 times their beginning size. Once fully engorged with blood, the female abandons her host and can lay up to 23,000 eggs in leaf litter or other protected areas.

"People in this area need to steer clear of skunks, bats, raccoons and coyotes because they can carry rabies," Burns said. "And of course all dogs and cats should be vaccinated for rabies so they don't get the disease either."

Another disease that humans can get is the plague, which is a bacterial disease that is transmitted to humans by fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Many times these fleas can be found on prairie dogs, rock squirrels and rodents.

Burns has a few more reminders for pet owners and those who drop off animals at their shelter.

"If anyone drops off an animal at the shelter in Hobart Street Park, we need to know if that animal is sick," Burns said. "If we take in any sick animals, we need to keep them away

from the general population so the rest of the animals do not contract the illness also. We need to keep that animal in a different area until we can make sure they are well enough to be placed with all the others. So, please leave us a note of phone message if no one is in the office when the animal is dropped off."

Burns also reminds people just how important it is to have your pets spayed and neutered.

"I have a chart in the office that shows just how many dogs or cats can accumulate from one female's offspring and the numbers are staggering," Burns said. "One female's cumulative offspring in 10 years if all survived is 84,652,644. If only one percent survived in that ten years, it would still account for 846,526 animals. People do not realize how big a problem it is when they don't get their animals fixed."

"Since I've been working here at Pampa animal control, I keep a log book of every animal that comes through the door. Every animal gets a number regardless of if they are taken back to their home, adopted out to a new home or euthanized. From 1980 to March 2007, there have been 89,882 animals come through this door. That averages out to be 3,329 animals per year and 278 animals per month over the past 27 years. And unfortunately, 90 percent of those are euthanized. It is extremely important for people to have their pets spayed and neutered."

Fatal

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examiner for an autopsy. Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel

Hawthorne said Brown was driving a 1991 Lincoln Town Car southbound when the car went off the road between a fence and the road, and vaulted the fence and traveled 50 feet before landing in a creek

bed. "We suspect there may have been a medical cause for the accident," Hawthorne said, "but we have to wait for the coroner's report. We don't want to speculate."

Hefner reminisces about Anna Nicole

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Take Hugh Hefner out of the running.

"I can make clear at this time," he says, "that I am not the father of the child."

The Playboy magnate enjoys his laugh about the paternity uncertainties still swirling around Anna Nicole Smith, but his feelings about the former Playmate turned pop icon are no joke. In serious fashion, his bunny empire will offer three upcoming Smith tributes: a 10-page pictorial in the magazine's May issue, an hour-long retrospective on Playboy TV and an online memorial on Playboy.com.

Smith, who first appeared on the magazine's cover in March 1992 and was named Playmate of the Year in 1993, was 39 when she died of an accidental drug overdose in February.




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Viewpoints

We can take good health too much for granted

I've recently had a health issue that caused me to appreciate all of the good things that I have in my life. In January, I fell on the ice during one of our snowstorms and fractured my ankle. I was walking into work, wearing a brand new pair of shoes that I didn't want to get wet, so I decided to walk on the ice instead of the snow — bad mistake. I just turned 40 last year and have never had a broken bone, but I knew when I fell that something was wrong. I heard a pop and knew immediately that "this was going to leave a mark." Of course, the first thing I did was look around to see if anyone saw me fall. Thank goodness, no one did. I was grateful of that until I realized I was laying on the ground in the parking

lot with no help to get up. Suddenly, I wished that someone had seen me fall. After sitting in the snow a few minutes and starting to get cold and wet, I knew that no one was going to help me so I had to get up on my own. I thought about stories I had read where people get hurt and realize they are alone so they have to muster up the strength and courage to get help themselves. Not that my injury was anything that serious or life threatening, but I was on my own. I got up and stood up and knew something was really wrong with my ankle because it really hurt. I thought I probably shouldn't walk on it, but decided I didn't have a choice. I hobbled into the office — wet, humiliated and in pain. My co-

workers rallied to help out in any way possible. I took off my shoe and saw the immediate swelling and knew this couldn't be good. Sean, the publisher, drove me to the emergency room where I found out that my right ankle was fractured. I called my husband to come and meet me at the hospital. When he arrived, we started joking around and laughing at my situation. He thought it was funny that I was trying to save my new shoes and ended up breaking a bone. I thought it was funny that I had my first broken bone at age 40. The nurse comment-

ed about how good we were handling the situation and we told her that's how we deal with problems if possible — laughter. Why cry about the pain and what had happened? It wouldn't help anything and it would probably make my pain worse. Why be mean and nasty to the nurse or doctor? That would just make them dread to come into the treatment room and maybe make them feel less inclined to help me. I've found in life that if you are nice and polite to people, they are a lot happier to help you and find a solution for your problem.

Over the past two months, I've counted my blessings many times and been thankful for the good things in my life. The bone was only fractured so it didn't have to be set and it didn't require surgery. It was only my ankle and not my entire leg. I was very grateful for getting a walking cast (or boot) instead of a regular cast so I could take it off to take showers. I was very lucky to have two wonderful retired parents who helped me out a lot the first few weeks. The came over every morning and got my 3-year-old ready, drove us to school and work and then picked us up at the end of the day. My mom cooked dinner for my family and brought it over to our house numerous times.

My dad would let our new puppy in and out as needed at our house. My husband did all of the child duties, cooked, cleaned and helped me get in and out of the shower and get dressed. I thought about how difficult this ordeal would have been if I was a single parent or didn't have parents to help me out. Everyone at my job was great and let me work a limited schedule or work from home. I was very lucky. Now, I'm not saying that I didn't whine some, have a pity party occasionally or take any pain pills — because I did. But, through the whole ordeal I just kept telling myself that it could have been a lot worse and I should be thankful for the positive things that I had in my life.

Kerri Smith
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Good Friday, April 6, the 96th day of 2007. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.)

On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who were able to beat back the Confederates the next day.

'History is the ship carrying living memories to the future.'

— Sir Stephen Spender
British poet and critic (1909-1995)

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1954, four weeks after being criticized by Edward R. Murrow on CBS' "See It Now," Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) delivered a filmed

response in which he charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1965, the U.S. launched the Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

In 1983, saying rock-and-roll bands attracted "the wrong element," Interior Secretary James Watt declined to invite the Beach Boys to perform at a Washington Fourth of July celebration — a stand he later reversed.

In 1987, Los Angeles Dodgers executive Al Campanis said on ABC's "Nightline" that blacks "may not have some of the necessities" to hold managerial jobs in major league baseball (Campanis ended up being fired over his remarks).

In 1992, science fiction author Isaac Asimov died in New York at age 72.

Ten years ago: NASA officials announced they were cutting short the 16-day mission of space shuttle Columbia by 12 days because of a deteriorating and potentially explosive power generator on board the spacecraft. A blizzard shut down much of the northern Plains. Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke died at age 84.



The good ol' days before designer babies

"Son, now that you're getting older it's time you learn where babies come from." "I know where babies come from, Dad. A husband and a wife become affectionate, a miracle happens, then nine months later a baby is born." "Actually, Son, that's how babies USED to be made." "Used to be made?" "Son, when scientists cracked the human genetic code in 2000, it eventually opened up a lot of opportunities for people like your mother and me. It allowed us to build you from scratch." "From scratch, Dad?" "It took years, but scientists eventually figured out which genes — and the ways that genes interact with one another — cause humans to be the way they are. The new

technology allowed us to custom-design you." "You ordered me the way you order a new car?" "That's right, Son. You have blue eyes and blond hair because that's what your mother wanted. You'll never go bald like your dad. And you don't have my big nose, either. Your mother picked a designer nose out of a catalog." "I have a designer nose?" "That's just for starters, Son. I was clumsy and skinny as a kid, but you won't have to worry about that. You'll be tall and fast and powerful. I'm already in

negotiations with major universities about your football scholarship." "Football scholarship?" "We worked on your personality, too, Son. We eliminated the gene that causes crankiness. And because your mother is such a neat-freak, we gave you another gene commonly found in people who pick up after themselves." "Huh?" "But best of all, you're much smarter than your mother and I. Intelligence is a difficult characteristic to pin down but we worked with genetic engineers to get

your intelligence just right." "I guess that's a good thing, Dad." "And don't worry about getting ill. You'll likely never get a cold or cancer or heart disease. We restructured your genetic makeup to prevent such illnesses. Don't you see, Son? You're the perfect child!" "But I don't feel perfect, Dad." "Look at yourself, Son. Good looking, smart, healthy. Maybe you'll be president one day or take over Bill Gates' company. You can be anything you want!" "I guess I should be flattered that you and Mom put so much thought into building me. But I wish you had me the old way." See **PURCELL**, Page 5

Tom Purcell
Columnist



America needs to stick to founding principles

Thomas Jefferson, in his first inaugural speech, listed what he called "the essential principles of our government and consequently those which ought to shape its administration." Rather than quote him verbatim, I'm going to list those principles so we can see how far we have strayed from our beginnings. The first was equal and exact justice to all men, whatever their state or persuasion, religious or political. This is a principle that needs working on every single day. Today, justice is too often for sale. That is a problem the legal profession needs to work on.

The second principle is peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none. Misname it "isolationism" all you want, but it is the wisest policy advocated by the wisest of our Founding Fathers. The third was support of the state governments in all their rights as the most competent administrations for our domestic concerns and the surest protection against anti-republican tendencies. This one has been

largely abandoned so that many people today consider the states to be merely administrative units of the federal government. This should not be allowed to continue. It used to be considered axiomatic that the best government was the government closest to the people. Federal encroachment on states is one of our biggest problems. The fourth was preservation of the general government in its whole constitu-

tional vigor as the sheet anchor of peace at home and safety abroad. The original purpose of the constitutional government was to represent all the states in such things as foreign policy and war while, as James Madison put it, in time of peace doing only about 5 percent of the governing. Here again, we have strayed far. The fifth he described as a jealous care of the rights of election by the people. As with all of these principles, this one is never complete, as we can see by occasional election fraud and by the tendency of some to deny

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China probing tainted wheat gluten blamed for pet deaths

BEIJING (AP) — China is investigating U.S. claims that a Chinese company exported contaminated wheat gluten implicated in pet deaths in the United States, a Chinese official said today, the first time the government has weighed in on the issue.

"We are investigating this," said Zeng Xing, an official with the press office of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. The administration monitors the export of food, animals and farm products.

It is the first recent high-profile incident of a tainted product being exported. In domestic cases — such as one involving the drug regulators who took bribes to approve shoddy drugs — the government has stepped in

and promised investigations.

Xia Wenjun, another administration official, was cited by the state-run Xinhua News Agency as saying that "sampling and examination" of wheat gluten were under way nationwide but did not elaborate.

The probe will center around melamine, Xia said, and the administration will stay in touch with the U.S. Embassy in China. Further measures will be taken "based on developments in the United States," Xia said.

Chinese veterinarians and animal rights activists said they were not aware of any reports of deaths in China due to tainted pet food.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration

has identified a Chinese company in the eastern city of Xuzhou as the supplier of the tainted gluten. The FDA last week blocked wheat gluten imports from Xuzhou Anying Biologic Technology Development Co., saying they contained melamine, a chemical found in plastics and pesticides.

The FDA has confirmed about 15 pet deaths, while anecdotal reports suggest hundreds of cats and dogs may have died of kidney failure from the tainted food.

More than 100 brands of pet foods and treats have been recalled in one of the largest pet food recalls in history, said Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

Zeng said a report posted to the adminis-

tration's official newspaper earlier this week led some to believe China denied exporting any wheat gluten to the United States. She said that the administration meant that it had never exported any wheat gluten containing a rat poison, aminopterin.

The New York State Food Laboratory last month identified aminopterin as the likely culprit in the pet food, a finding the FDA later rejected.

Zeng confirmed that China is looking into the claim that it exported wheat gluten containing melamine but declined to give any other details.

The company has also said it is investigating the matter.

Purcell

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humans have been trying to perfect their offspring since the beginning of man. Plato's "Republic" described a society intent on improving itself through selective breeding.

"Really?"

"And in 1926, the American Eugenics Society proposed procreation restrictions on immigrants from "inferior" stock. It also proposed sterilization for the insane, mentally challenged and epileptic."

"Didn't the Nazis try that?"

"Back in 2007, the genetic-engineering technology wasn't fully developed, but parents were able to screen embryos for defects and disease. Pope Benedict condemned the practice, but it was just getting started."

"Just getting started?"

"Sure, Son. Pretty soon, scientists were experimenting with live embryos. They attempted to manipulate the genetic structure of cells. Their goal was to learn more about inherited disorders in humans."

"Disorders?"

"In those days, scientists agreed this technology should NEVER be used to custom-design babies, but it was just a matter of time before somebody did it. Now it's common-

place, Son. That's why we were able to design a beautiful child like you!"

"I guess that's a compliment, Dad. But I still wish you had me the old way."

"Son, there's nothing wrong with what your mother and I did for you. Thanks to courageous parents like us, there are fewer sick, dumb and ugly people in the world. Your mother and I should be applauded for making you perfect."

"But, Dad, don't you think you and Mom did the work that God should be doing?"

"God? God who?"

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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the people an opportunity to vote on key issues.

The sixth is absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority. He said this was the vital principle of republics to which there was no appeal but to force. That's so true. As much as it pains me to admit it, the only time we didn't follow that principle resulted in a war that cost 600,000 Americans their lives. The majority elected Abraham Lincoln, and my Southern ancestors refused to acquiesce.

Another principle was a well-disciplined militia, something we have entirely abandoned.

The supremacy of the civil over the military was No. 8. This one we've observed. Next comes one we have not observed — economy in the public expense and the honest payment of our debts.

Then come the encouragement of agriculture and commerce; the diffusion of information and the arraignment of all abuses at the bar of reason; freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of the person under habeas corpus; and trial by juries impartially selected. Habeas corpus and trial by juries are being denied people whom the Bush

administration designates as "enemy combatants," though no official state of war exists between us and any nation.

Notice, too, how often these days that government wishes to substitute coercion for diffusion of information. Too often the government prefers to mandate — vaccinations, for example — rather than educate people about their benefits. Jefferson said that should we wander from these principles in error or alarm, we should retrace our steps to regain the road that leads to peace, liberty and safety.

He was a hell of a lot smarter than today's politicians.

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

Events calendar

• **The Lefors Lions Club** will hold a bake and craft sale at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Lefors Senior Center. Set-up time at 8 a.m. The cost for a table is \$5. For questions, call 835-2883 or 835-2469.

• **Lefors Volunteer Fire Department** will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Sunday in Lefors city park. Children in fifth grade and under are invited to participate.

• **Miami Lions Club** will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a formal banquet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Roberts County Museum Art Room in Miami. Past Miami Lions are invited to attend. District Gov. Gaye Cotton of Hereford and Zone Chair Gaye Henderson of Perryton will be present. The club was established on April 12, 1957, and was sponsored by Pampa Evening Lions Club. For more information, call (806) 868-9061.

• **Pampa Book Club** has scheduled to discuss "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger on Wednesday. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **The 2007 "Fang-Tastic" Rattlesnake Hunt** is slated April 13-15 at Waurika, Okla. The event is being sponsored by Waurika Fire Department and will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury; a butcher shop with snake meat, rattlers and hides; a photo booth for pictures with a live diamondback; a carnival; and more. A contest to judge the longest snake, the snake with the most rattles and the shortest snake will also be conducted. Events are all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (580) 228-2553 or log on to

www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.


• **Circle in the Square Theatre School** of New York will hold auditions on April 14 in Dallas. To find out more, write: Admissions, Circle on the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; call (212) 307-0388; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. Downloadable applications are available at www.circle-square.org.

• **Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association** will host a rush or recruitment meeting at 2 p.m. April 15 in the library of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly, Amarillo. The meeting is open to all Panhandle-area high school senior women and college undergraduates interested in membership in any national sorority.

Participants will receive rush packets and deadlines. For more information, call (806) 352-3767 or (806) 358-4880.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: April 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Religion

'Bow the Knee'



COURTESY PHOTO

First Baptist Church in Borger will host an Easter musical titled "Bow The Knee" through Saturday. Show times are 7 p.m. each night plus a 4:30 p.m. showing Saturday. The musical is a collaboration of several different area churches. Admission to "Bow The Knee" is free. The musical features a live orchestra and depicts the crucifixion of Christ. Last year, 17 churches from different denominations came together to stage the production. Participating churches this year include Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

Beginning at 2 p.m. April 14, Briarwood Church of Pampa, 1800 W. Harvester, will hold dedication services for its new 15,000-square foot Family Life Center. Activities and games for children and youth are planned that afternoon, and free hot dogs and drinks will be served. At 6 p.m., a special video presentation will be aired. Melissa Greene, of the Christian group Avalon, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday and again at 10:45 a.m. April 15. The center includes a full basketball gym, a game room, state-of-the-art audio and video systems, a commercial kitchen, a computer room, counseling rooms, and more. One-third of the building is two stories with elevator and stairway access. "Our new FLC is more than just a building," said Pastor Lynn Hancock. "It provides us the opportunity to impact our community in a positive way. God has so blessed us, and we want to be instruments of His blessing." All dedication activities and services are open to the public as well as regular church members.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Recognizing the most dominant person of all times

In your opinion who was the "most dominant" athlete ever? In our modern sports obsessed culture, this question stirs up a lot of discussion. Let's consider a few candidates.

How about Edwin Moses, American 400 hurdle sprinter, who from 1977-1987 won 122 consecutive races and won two gold medals in the Olympics besides? Incredible, huh?

How about Aleksandr Karelin, Russian Greco-Roman wrestler, who from 1988-2000 (13 years) never lost a match and competed in ALL of the significant tournaments? Wow!

How about Cy Young, Major League pitcher who finished his career with 511 wins? Nowadays we are in awe of men like Roger Clemens with 348 wins. That's over 150 shy of Young's total.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



What about Eddy Merckx, Belgian cyclist, who between 1965-1978 won 11 of Professional Cycling's Grand Tour events — five Tours de France, five Giros d'Italia and one Vuelta a Espana also four World Championships. Over his career as a pro he won 35 percent of the road cycling events that he entered. And here is a mind-blower: He is still the only Tour de France competitor to win the yellow jersey (overall leader), the green jersey (best sprinter) and the red polka-dotted jersey ("King of the Mountains" — best climber in the mountain stages) during a single Tour de France.

In Daniel Marszalek's ranking of the greatest all-time cyclists (based on pro career wins/finishes), Merckx runs away with first place with 5,884 points. His closest competitor, second place on the all-time list, is Frenchman Bernard Hinault with 3,312 points. Armstrong is 15th with 2,090 points. Merckx finished his career with 525 wins. Unbelievable!

Now some of you are probably thinking of some other names — Mohammed Ali, Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Babe Ruth, Jim Brown, Joe Montana, Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicholas, Byron Nelson, Pele, Joe Louis, Takeru Kobayashi, Lance Armstrong, etc. The debate could go on and on forever. So what's the point of the article?

I want to tell you about the most dominant person of all time. The man who overshadowed all of His competitors more than anyone ever has or ever will. It isn't even a race.

He gave up more than anyone ever dreamed of sacrificing just to come here to live. Performed more miracles (not tricks or magic) than anyone ever has. Could have owned every record or accomplishment that would ever occur, but chose rather to be killed for the sins of every human. He conquered death (not some insignificant sport's event) and rose on the third day ALIVE! He never retired and even now stands at His Father's right hand to make intercession for His followers.

And one day He will stop every clock and break every record when along with His angels He returns for His faithful disciples. His name is Jesus and when

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Local church to offer FUP class

First United Methodist Church of Pampa will host a 13-week program offered through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at the end of this month. Ramsey began teaching FPU classes in 1994 every night around Nashville, Tenn. In 1997, FPU was made available on video across the country with thousands of classes around the nation today.

Topics covered during the program will include:

- Saving for emergencies
- Budgeting
- Relationship and money issues
- Buying big bargains
- Getting out of debt
- Understanding investments
- Understanding insurance
- Retirement and college planning
- Buyer beware
- Real estate mortgages
- Careers and extra jobs.

Classes at First United Methodist will begin at 6 p.m. April 23. For more information or to register, call Jim Morrison at 665-8014 or e-mail jmorriso@agristar.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pie auction

Central Baptist Church recently held a pie auction and raised \$3,800 for North American Missions. The final pie sold for \$160 and was placed into the face of pastor Norman Rushing by his wife I.B. The church's missions goal was \$6,500 and the total received was \$9,809.

"Up From The Grave He Arose"

Dr. Robert Lowry wrote this hymn in the Easter season in 1874 while pondering the words of the angel at the tomb of Christ in Luke 24:6-8: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" This hymn is also known as "Low in the Grave He Lay" and "Christ Arose!" His other hymns included: "Nothing but the Blood," "Shall We Gather at the River," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "I Need Thee Every Hour," and "Marching to Zion." Lowry said that he always looked to himself as a preacher and felt a sort of inferiority when he was referred to as a composer.

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Grace Baptist Church

Church name: Grace Baptist Church, 824 Barnes, 669-7967, <http://gracebaptistpampa.tripod.com>.

Minister: Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt.

Services: Sunday —
10 a.m. Sunday School,
11 a.m. Morning Service,
5 p.m. Kids Choir,
6 p.m. Evening Service;
Wednesday —
7 p.m. Evening Service and Youth Service.



Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt and wife Suzie, with children from left, Hannah, Leah and Nathan.

Activities: Annual fish fry in July, Fifth Sunday Fellowship, which is a meal after the Sunday evening service in months that have five Sundays, annual men's fishing trip, men's retreat, ladies bible studies, kids choir, church camp for teens in summer, youth activities such as rallies and youth nights.

Members: 75 - 80.

Denomination: Independent Baptist.

How long here: 30 years.

Main goal: Seeing people come to know Jesus in a personal relationship and walking with the Lord, by utilizing door to door outreach, mail outs, personal evangelism, Bible teaching and preaching.

Church message: There is nothing more important than our personal walk and relationship with the Lord. It begins with salvation and continues through obedience to His word.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl in high school. Two days ago I went to my friend "Kate's" house to work on a school project. After we started working on it, Kate's sister, "Nell" -- who is 9 -- accidentally stepped on the poster board and bent it a little. It was something that was easily fixable, but Kate lost it. She started yelling and verbally abusing Nell. When Nell tried to leave the room, she tripped over Kate's pencil pouch, which was in her way. With an "I warned you," Kate jumped up and punched her little sister in the stomach -- hard. Nell fell to the floor and started crying, and Kate kicked her until Nell finally crawled out of the room. Their parents were not home, but were coming back in a few hours. I was shocked by what I saw. Kate seemed perfectly calm and just sat down and started working on our project again. Should I tell anyone what I saw? I'm not sure if Kate does this all the time, and I'm afraid if I tell on her, she'll accuse me of "betraying" her. She has a lot of influence at school, but I feel I can't just stand there watching Kate beat up her little sister. -- SCARED FOR NELL IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR SCARED FOR NELL: The kind of assault you witnessed is not harmless sibling anger. Your friend has self-control issues that should not be ignored. Sucker-punching someone in the stomach can cause internal damage -- and kicking someone when he or she is down can crack ribs, bruise one's kidneys and liver, and create injuries that need to be evaluated by a physician. Both of those girls need help -- and the way to see that they get it would be for you to tell your parents what happened so they can have a talk with Kate and Nell's parents.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, I learned that it would be best for me to terminate my pregnancy because the baby would not be able to survive once it was born. I could not go along with aborting the baby the way the doctors suggested would be less stressful. Therefore, I decided to induce labor at six months. My baby boy was stillborn. Even though I knew what the outcome would be, it was painful. During my delivery, my entire family was present -- including a number of my closest friends. While my baby was being prepped to be taken away, everyone held the baby except my sister. It didn't bother me at the time. I figured it was too hard for her to bear. My sister recently hugged one of her friends' newborn baby boy, and it really bothered me. Am I wrong to be upset with my sister for clinging to that little boy instead of holding my son when he was born? -- GRIEVING MOTHER IN PHILLY

DEAR GRIEVING MOTHER: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your baby. You are still grieving, and you wouldn't be human if you weren't looking for someplace to target your pain, disappointment and anger. But please do not blame your sister. You had it right the first time. Everyone grieves in his or her own way, and it may, indeed, have been too wrenching for your sister to hold your baby before he was taken away. That she hugged her friend's newborn has no bearing on how she felt about your little angel.

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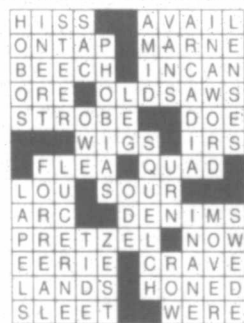
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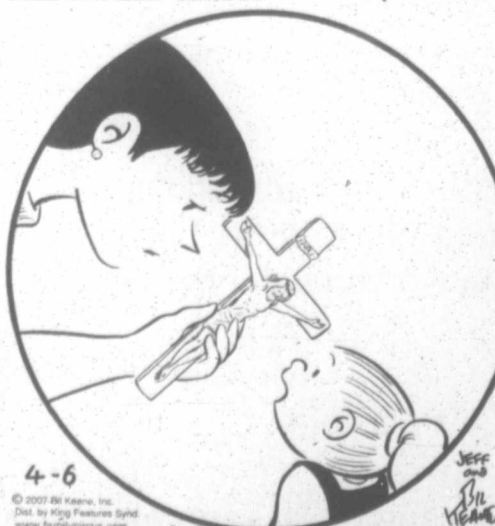
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Sports Day

Boys baseball improves to 4-0 over Hereford

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters traveled to Hereford Thursday, defeating the Whitefaces 7-5 and improving their record to 17-5-1 overall and 4-0 in district.

Dakota Gowin took the mound in the first inning, and Pampa brought in one run.

In the second inning, Hereford got four runs in on Gowin, and Colden Fortenberry took over to keep the Whitefaces' lead under control.

Blake Sieck started the third inning with a big hit, and after two outs, James Coffee sent Sieck home with a line drive past third base.

Following a base hit by Robbie Dixon, Bradley Johnson hit a double, bringing in two runs for Pampa.

Ryan Funderburg followed to drive in Johnson for one more run.

Fortenberry gave up one run in the bottom of the third inning, which was Hereford's last.

Ferrell came in for his second save of the season in the sixth inning, as Pampa scored two more runs.

Fortenberry recorded the win with one hit, one run and three strikeouts, improving to 4-2.

The Harvesters will hit the road again this afternoon and take on San Jacinto Christian Academy at 1 in Amarillo.

Lady Harvesters take big district lead over Dumas Demonettes

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters took a firm grasp of the lead in district, improving to 6-0, 20-6-2 overall, following a 7-2 victory over the Dumas Demonettes Thursday.

Nicole Clark pitched the game and recorded the win, giving up four hits, two runs and throwing 10 strikeouts to improve to 7-3-2 overall and 3-0 in district.

The game rested at 1-0 in Pampa's advantage until the fourth inning.

Libby Dyson got the ball rolling in the fourth inning with a double, followed by a walk, and another double by Cassy Tice.

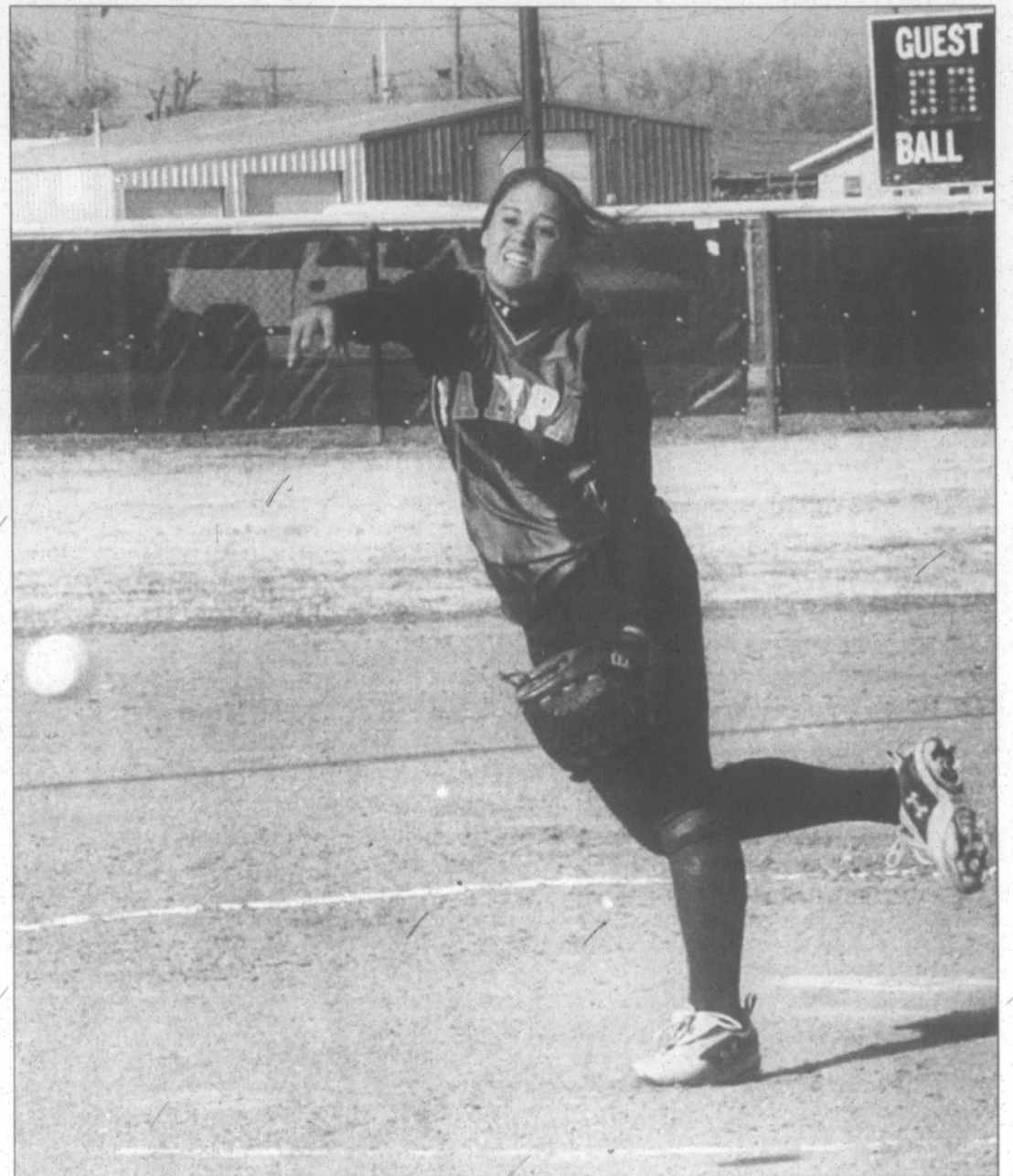
One more walk, a field error and two more doubles later, by Callie Preston and Kambra Jimenez, the Lady Harvesters found themselves well in the lead at 7-0.

Clark gave up only two runs after that, both of which were home runs hit by the Demonettes.

Pampa held Dumas to those two runs, and finished the game with an incredible double play.

The Lady Harvesters now lead the Demonettes, their closest competition in district (4-2) by two wins.

The girls will take on Caprock (1-4) at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Pampa, preceded by the JV who will also play Caprock at 4:30 p.m. Monday in Pampa.



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN
Nicole Clark sends one flying at Dumas during the 5th inning of Thursday's game.

Optimist Club in need of coaches

The Pampa Optimist Club is short of coaches for the age 7-9 pitching machine softball league. "We have enough girls for five teams," Kevin Davis said, "but we don't

have any coaches for these girls."

If anyone is interested in helping out with these girls, please contact Davis at 664-2542.

Mulkey signs contract extension with Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey says she has no interest in leaving Waco.

The seven-year Baylor coach signed a contract extension that was approved by the Baylor Board of Regents on Thursday, school officials said.

Terms of the deal weren't released, although it will reportedly keep her at the school for the next 10 years and includes a raise.

Mulkey compiled a 183-53 record during her seven seasons, which included six trips to the NCAA Tournament.

and a national championship in 2005. N.C. State knocked the Bears out in the second round this year.

"I'm going to be at Baylor for as long as they'll have me," Mulkey said.

Baylor President John Lilley praised Mulkey's role at Baylor and nationally.

"In her seven years as coach, she has created a winning tradition in women's basketball that has brought positive recognition to Baylor," Lilley said in a prepared statement. "She is a person of integrity who is committed to success at the highest level of competition. We expect that Kim will be with Baylor for a long time."

Mulkey had been mentioned in connection with several coaching vacancies, including in her native state of Louisiana at LSU, and at Florida and Texas.

Kentucky hires Gillispie as basketball coach

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's restless two weeks are over. The Wildcats have a new coach in Billy Gillispie, who will try to restore some of the luster to college basketball's winningest school.

Athletic department spokesman Scott Stricklin said Friday the hiring of the former Texas A&M coach will be announced at an afternoon pep rally, followed by a news conference.

Gillispie agreed to a seven-year contract to succeed Tubby Smith, university spokesman Jay Blanton said. Financial terms weren't immediately available. The school's Athletics Association Board scheduled an afternoon meeting to make the hire official.

Gillispie becomes Kentucky's sixth coach in the last 76 years and follows Smith, who spent a decade in the glare of the sport's brightest spotlight before bolting to Minnesota. Gillispie led the Aggies to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 this year for the first time since 1980.

The Wildcats turned to Gillispie after another Billy — Florida's Billy Donovan — decided Thursday to stay with the Gators. Texas' Rick Barnes also indicated Thursday he wasn't interested, but the job was never formally offered to anyone other than Gillispie.

Smith left the Wildcats after 10 seasons to coach Minnesota last month, with four years left on his con-

tract. Gillispie is 100-58 in five seasons as a coach. He spent the last three years with the Aggies, molding the long-time also-ran into a Big 12 power. Texas A&M went 27-7 this season.

His success made him a hot commodity. He was approached by Arkansas after Stan Heath was fired, but decided to stay with the Aggies, agreeing to a contract worth \$1.75 million.

The 47-year-old coach, however, never signed, and he didn't hesitate when Kentucky came calling. Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne gave Barnhart permission to speak to Gillispie on Thursday night. By Friday morning the job was his.

Gillispie was an assistant under Bill Self at Tulsa and Illinois before coaching UTEP in 2002. He coached the Miners for two seasons, surviving a 6-24 season in 2002-03, then producing a 24-8 record the next year.

Texas A&M lured him in 2004, and Gillispie "didn't waste time turning around a program that went winless in Big 12 play the year before his arrival. The Aggies made it to the NIT his first season and the NCAA tournament the next two.

Behind senior point guard Acie Law, the Aggies spent most of the 2006-07 season ranked in the top 10. They finished 13-3 in the Big 12.

Warming up



COURTESY PHOTO
Chase Harris, Jessica Miner, Amber Brown, Britteni Rice and several other Pampa athletes get themselves warmed up in the cold weather Thursday morning at the track meet in Dumas.

Spurs take advantage of Phoenix's poor scoring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Suns had problems doing what they do best, and the Spurs took another step closer to Phoenix in the race for second place in the West.

The Suns shot a season-low 38.6 percent from the floor and scored their second-lowest point total of the season in a 92-85 loss to San Antonio on Thursday night.

"The good thing is we played good defense," Phoenix's Raja Bell said. "The bad thing is we didn't play good offense. They took advantage of that."

The Suns lead the league in points per game, averaging more than 110, but the Spurs slowed down their fast-break game.

"I think we have to shoot better. Just score the ball. That's what it boils down to," said Suns All-Star Amare Stoudemire, who scored 15 points. "It's probably the worst shooting night we've had all season. It's just us not knocking down shots. We'll get it next time."

In the only other NBA game, Miami beat Cleveland 94-90 in overtime.

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored a season-high 35 points to bring the Spurs within two games of Phoenix for second place in the West.

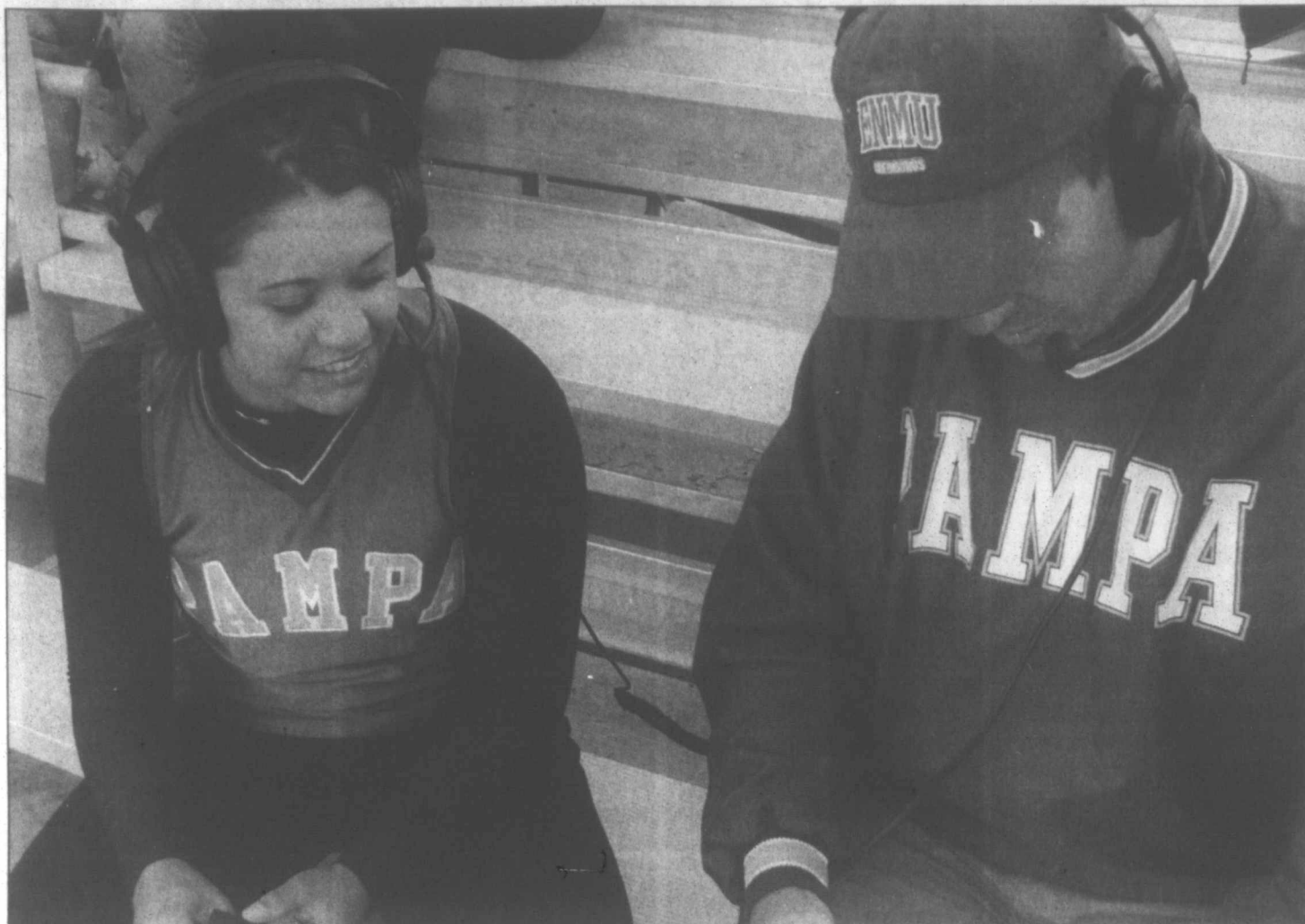
"Unbelievable. He was great," said Tim Duncan, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds. "He had a great pace to his game all night. We really needed that push and he really gave it to us."

The Suns were 2-of-11 from 3-point range, tying a season low in 3s made. They also tied their season low in field goals made with 32, and their 14 assists were a season low.

"Give them credit," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We got out of our comfort level. We just never seem to find our rhythm."

Steve Nash led the Suns with 20 points, while Phoenix's four other starters all scored below their averages.

After the game



Nicole Clark sits down to visit with coach Dennis Doughty following her pitching the big win for the softball girls over Dumas on Thursday.

New York Rangers clinch playoff spot

By The Associated Press

Jaromir Jagr reached the 30-goal mark for the 15th straight season, helping the New York Rangers clinch their second straight playoff berth. The New York Islanders and Colorado Avalanche won to preserve their slim chances.

Martin Brodeur got his 48th victory to break Bernie Parent's single-season record as the New Jersey Devils won the Atlantic Division title and set a franchise mark for wins. The Buffalo Sabres tied their team record for wins, too.

The final regular-season home game couldn't have gone much better for the Rangers, who clinched a spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs with a 3-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night. Jagr also had an assist for the Rangers, who close the season at Pittsburgh on Saturday

night. "The sooner the better," Jagr said. "If I knew we were going to win, I would say that I'd rather win it at home. But there are no guarantees."

Brodeur stopped 34 shots, including a breakaway in the second, in the Devils' 3-2 win at Philadelphia to break the 33-year-old record in the city where Parent led the Broad Street Bullies to two Stanley Cup championships.

"I think with him being an icon as far as goalies for the Flyers, to go into Philly and do it here, I couldn't write it a lot better than that," Brodeur said.

Sergei Brylin and Jamie Langenbrunner each scored power-play goals for the Devils, who got their 49th victory — surpassing the mark set in 1997-98 and matched in 2000-01.

In other games Thursday night, it was: Buffalo 4, Boston 2; Columbus 2, Dallas 1 in overtime.

Rose, Wetterich leading after a crusty day at Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — For excitement, there was a short burst when Rich Beem made a birdie and an eagle cruising through Amen Corner. For laughs, there was the time when Gary Player reached in his pocket and realized he'd forgotten his ball marker.

As for the rest of the first day of the Masters — well, it felt more like a U.S. Open, with low scores hard to find and barely a roar to be heard rippling through the Georgia pines.

Justin Rose and Brett Wetterich finished at 3-under-par 69 on Thursday to take the early lead. They

were two of only nine players to break par on a dry, windy day in which the average score was 76.187, the highest in four years.

"You're not going to go low," said Tiger Woods, who bogeyed the last two holes to finish with a disappointing 73. "Low is only 69 today. That's some pretty good playing."

Indeed, hardly anyone is out of this tournament yet. Not Woods, not Beem, who finished 1 under thanks to his birdie-eagle combo on Nos. 12 and 13, and not even defending champion Phil Mickelson, who was staying optimistic after a windblown

76. "If I can shoot a 68 or better, I could get myself back to par and get back in it," Mickelson said.

Never mind the fact that no one has won the Masters after shooting worse than 75 in the first round. Who, other than the 12 players who failed to break 80, couldn't hold out at least a glimmer of hope after this day?

Ernie Els shot 78 but thought he still had a chance. Jim Furyk, the distant second in the world behind Woods, shot 75 and was also looking at the bright side.

"Plus-3 isn't out of it," Furyk said. "I didn't do any-

thing well today."

Dean Wilson shot a 75 that didn't include a birdie.

"But when you look up and no one else is doing it, it gives me a boost," he said. "I didn't hear the roars Augusta National is famous for."

There were some guffaws when Player realized he had mistakenly forgotten his ball marker on the first green.

"You just kind of chuckle about it and play on," said Vaughn Taylor, who shot 71 and was only slightly delayed while Player searched for a coin.

After his 83, the 71-year-old Player proclaimed the beefed-up Augusta National

to have moved onto his list of the three toughest golf courses in the world, along with Carnoustie and The Links in his homeland of South Africa.

The recently added length at Augusta, combined with this kind of weather, was supposed to knock all the oldtimers into oblivion. Funny, then, that names like Craig Stadler (74), Fuzzy Zoeller (74) and Tom Watson (75) spent a good deal of time on the leaderboard.

"Washington Road is softer than the No. 1 green," Zoeller said. "That's the hardest green I think I've

ever seen."

Els opened with a double bogey, then took bogey on the par-5 second. He shot 42 on the front nine. U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy was some 50 yards in front of the green on No. 2 when he hit wedge long into a bunker, then hit that shot back toward the fairway, finally pitched up to about 8 feet and three-putted for an 8. He also took a double bogey on the par-3 12th, but still managed a 75.

"You feel like the course is going to get you somewhere," Ben Crenshaw said after a 76. "It doesn't matter who you are."

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Dice-K looks great in debut

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Some pitchers have really good fastballs and some throw darting sliders. Others keep you off balance with off-speed pitches.

Now out of Japan comes Dice-K. He seems to have it all. Just ask the Kansas City Royals, who struck out 10 times and managed only six hits in seven innings against Daisuke Matsuzaka in his first major league start.

"Any time you have that good of a fastball and the offspeed to go with it, it's tough," said Ryan Shealy, who struck out three times in Boston's 4-1 victory.

"He mixes up speed on his pitches and moves it in and out. You can't really get comfortable with him. I didn't know he threw that hard."

With millions of early-risers watching on Japanese television — it was 3:10 a.m. in Tokyo when Zack Greinke threw the first pitch

— Matsuzaka turned in a performance that made him happy but not entirely thrilled.

"I can't say that my overall condition was that great today, but I think the role of a starting pitcher is to set up the game and give my teammates the opportunity to win," he said through an interpreter. "I feel like I was able to do that today, so I was satisfied."

In other AL games, it was: Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3; Tampa Bay 7, New York Yankees 6; and Oakland 4, Los Angeles Angels 3. Toronto's game at Detroit was postponed because of cold weather.

On a cold, blustery afternoon, Matsuzaka (1-0) allowed a sixth-inning homer by David DeJesus, and walked one. He looked every bit the ace Boston committed \$103 million to.

His fastball clocked at 95 mph and his famed array of

fastballs, changeups and breaking pitches at times was dazzling. Flashing a reddish-orange glove during his slow-motion windup, he retired 10 batters in a row during one stretch starting with the final out of the first inning. He struck out the side in the fourth on 14 pitches.

Even before his first meaningful major league pitch, Dice-K Mania has been in full swing.

Red Sox executives have business cards printed in English on one side and Japanese on the other. Restaurants in the Fenway Park area are beginning to offer Japanese dishes and more than 100 Japanese media have been chronicling his every step. About 200 media were on hand in Kansas City, the biggest media contingent Kauffman Stadium has housed since the seventh game of the World Series in 1985.

Huggins leaving K-State for West Virginia

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State gave Bob Huggins a second chance.

So did West Virginia, the school Huggins spurned five years ago.

Huggins took them both, a year apart. On Thursday, he resigned to become the Mountaineers' basketball coach after one season with Kansas State.

Although administrators thanked Huggins for turning around the Wildcats' fortunes, they weren't too happy about his dash out of town.

"Bob is a good guy. I think he made a bad decision, but he is a good person," athletic director Tim Weiser said. "He was great to work with. He is much

different than I think he is portrayed as being."

Huggins flew from Manhattan to Charleston, W.Va., on Thursday evening. Upon his arrival, he got into a car without speaking to reporters. He said late Thursday in a news release that he took the job because he wanted to come home.

"I'm incredibly happy to be coming back to West Virginia," he said. "I left a great situation at Kansas State with wonderful people who are as close to West Virginia people as you can get."

Huggins replaces John Beilein, who left the Mountaineers on Tuesday to become Michigan's coach.

"You should know that

we moved heaven and earth to keep Bob Huggins here," school president Jon Wefald said. "Tim in effect said, 'You tell us what your salary should be. Whatever West Virginia is offering, we will match it and then some. Same for the assistant coaches.'"

Huggins told Weiser and Wefald of his decision Wednesday night, after returning from Cincinnati.

"I asked him, 'Bob, do you think leaving now is the right thing to do?' And he said, 'No,'" Weiser said. "Then I said, 'How many times in your life have you known what the right thing is to do and not done it?' And he said, 'Never.'"

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prove to be essential to your plans. You enjoy their sense of fun. Tonight: Say "yes." CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Easy does it. Think carefully about your choices and directions. Examine what you have to offer. Decide how much you can and will take on. Remember the role of free will. Loosen up and honor strong feelings. Take a needed rest or special adventure. Tonight: Don't make anything more complicated than need be. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Your playfulness needs to buddy up with a tendency to be overly serious or sad. Do you know what you are doing or the impact of your actions? If you don't, slow down and check out the ramifications. Tonight: Happy as a cat. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might be most content at home. You might not realize the implications of what is heading down your path. A partner might be a source of information. Be sensitive to those in your immediate environment. Tonight: Say "yes." LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Reach out for those you haven't heard from in a while. If you understand what it is you want and what needs to happen, you can move in that direction! You might want to rethink your decisions involving a relative or neighbor. Tonight: Enjoy a friendship or another relationship. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Easy does it. You might want to rethink a decision with more care that involves your finances. You might want to handle a situation slightly differently. Budget restructuring might be the direct result of greeting the IRS! Tonight: Be a sensible spender. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You are all smiles. You might want to think before you act. You might see a real distinction between what you enjoy and a family member's desires. Avoid making a judgment; just enjoy this person for what he or she offers. Tonight: Go for it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Kick back, knowing when enough is enough. You have a strong instinct as to which way to go with a critical situation. You could feel very differently if you relax. Gather information rather than disseminate it. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Zero in on what you want. Yes, going for it could cost a bit more than you originally anticipated. Open doors by starting up communication. You see life from a revised and more dynamic viewpoint. Tonight: With your friends. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might jolt the status quo, or you could shock someone in charge. Are you aware of what is happening and the path you have chosen? You might be delighted and feel quite carefree and easygoing. Tonight: Certainly being noticed. BORN TODAY Singer Billie Holiday (1915), actor Jackie Chan (1954), actor James Garner (1928) *** Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2007 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Pot O'Gold winners



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Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. and Dr. Nathan L. Lester were photographed here with Cyler Clifton, Deanna Polasek and Haven Doucette, winners of Ford Family Chiropractic's St. Patrick's Day Pot O' Gold contest.

Economy: Unemployment rate decreases in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's employers ramped up hiring in March, driving the unemployment rate down to a five-month low of 4.4 percent. It was a surprisingly strong performance in an economy that has otherwise shown signs of sluggishness recently.

The new snapshot, released by the Labor Department today, also showed that companies boosted their payrolls by a strong 180,000 in March, the most since December. Workers' also saw their paychecks get bigger. The fresh figures suggested that companies are not feeling a need to dramatically clamp down on hiring in the face of the slower overall economic activity and the deep housing slump.

The report was stronger than economists were expecting. They were calling for the economy to add around 135,000 new jobs in March, and for the unemployment rate to actually edge up to 4.6 percent.

The 4.4 percent unemployment rate, which dropped down a notch from 4.5 percent in February, matched the rate in October.

Jobs gains in March were fairly widespread, except for the struggling manufacturing sector, which continued to shed jobs and cut 16,000 last month alone.

Construction companies, after suffering heavy job losses in February in part

due to lousy winter weather, bulked up in March. They added 56,000 positions last month, the most in just over a year. Retailers added nearly 36,000 jobs last month.

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146,000 previously reported. Workers' wages grew modestly.

Average hourly earnings rose to \$17.22 in March, a 0.3 percent increase from February. That matched economists' expectations. Over the last 12 months, wages grew by 4 percent.

Solid wage growth is good for workers and supports consumer spending, which is indispensable to the economy's good health. But a rapid pickup — if prolonged and not blunted by other economic forces — can raise fears about inflation.

Spiraling inflation would whittle away any wage gains, hurting workers' wallets. It isn't good for the economy, either.

One of the things the Federal Reserve is keeping close tabs on is inflation. Another is business investment, which has been weak. Those economic crosscurrents complicate the Fed's job of keeping the economy and inflation on an even keel.

The Fed's key interest rate hasn't moved since August. Before that, the Fed was steadily raising rates for two years to fend off inflation.

The new figures comes as President Bush continues to cope with a lackluster job-approval rating of 35 percent from the American public, according to a new AP-Ipsos poll.

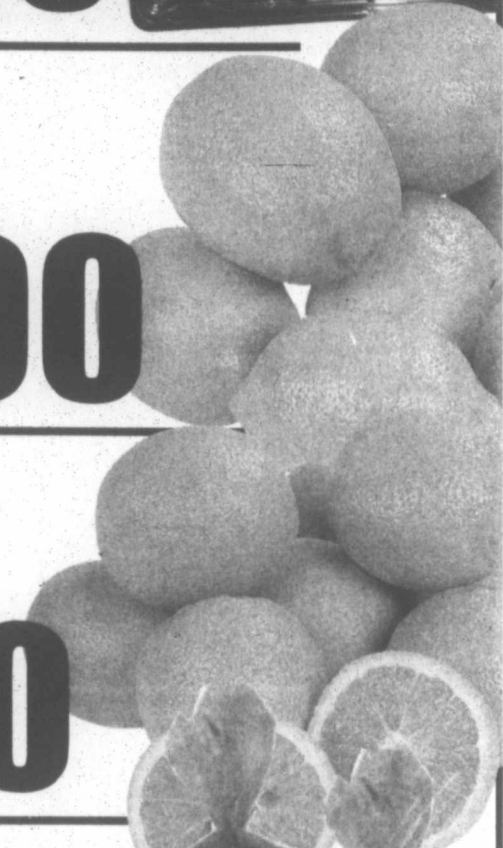
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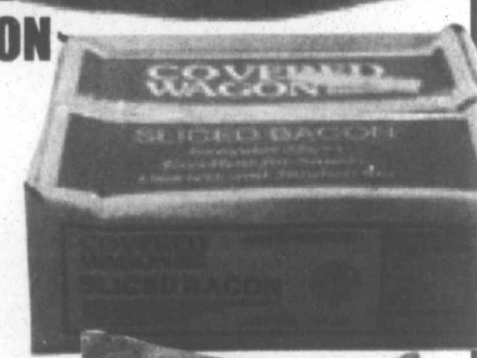
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His accomplishments are laid down beside those of anyone else, His shine brighter by light years.

Now her is the great news. He loves you and wants to spend every day with you. And not just in this life, but throughout eternity, too. The only catch is that you have to surrender and let him "fly the plane," "drive the car" and "rule your life."

Now if you would give almost anything to spend a day with one of the sports heroes mentioned in the earlier part of this article, what would you give to spend FOREVER with Jesus? Think about it. God bless.

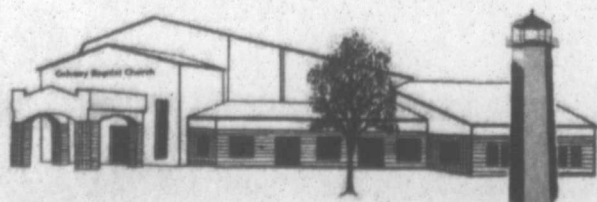
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