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Parents question strictness of possible new dress code

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Some parents who attended a public dress code meeting Tuesday night felt that if the policy is made stricter or changed to standardized dress it would stifle the individuality and creativity of students.

They also felt that making the dress code more strict is punishing all students when only a handful of students break the rules and wear inappropriate clothing to school.

About 10 people attended the second public meeting set up by the committee to study dress code in the Pampa schools and decide if a

change needs to be made to the existing policy or if it should just be left alone. School board member Derrell DeLoach heads the nine-member committee that consists of students, teachers and community members who are studying the effects of dress code on schools in regard to discipline, safety and learning.

"The mission of this committee and the school board is to support academics and the pursuit of excellence," DeLoach said. "We are holding these public meetings in order to get public suggestions and feedback before we make a recommendation to the school board at the May 17

meeting."

In research done by members of the committee, they found that schools that have either a uniform or standardized dress have fewer discipline issues and higher test scores. Standardized dress usually consists of khaki pants or shorts not above the knee, shirts with a collar that do not have emblems or writing on them and a belt.

One parent said that the school district just needs to address those individuals who abuse the rules and give them consequences instead of making the entire student body change or have stricter rules. She

asked what the punishment was for those who violate the rules.

High School Principal Danny Seabourne said that students are sent to the office, their parents are called and they are allowed the opportunity to correct what violates a rule. If this correction can not be done, then the student is sent to ISS, in-school suspension.

A parent suggested that the punishment for violators should get more strict each time the student gets into trouble for inappropriate clothing. Instead of giving the student the

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No injuries to bicyclist



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

One vehicle and a bicycle appeared to be involved in an accident at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Rose and Browning streets. Guardian EMS Ambulance and Pampa Police Department responded to the scene. No one was transported by ambulance from the location.

PISD to look at adjunct staff

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School Board will discuss the possibility of making Gray County Extension officers adjunct staff members, approval of a construction budget and the purchase of portable buildings when they meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Travis Elementary, 2300 Primrose.

Also on the agenda for consideration is a resolution to sell surplus vocational equipment, asbestos abatement and repairs in the Pampa High School band and choir rooms and a ranking scale for selecting a contractor for PHS track reconstruction.

Board members will consider naming Gray County Extension Officers Brandon McGinty and Joan Gray-Soria as adjunct staff members so absences by 4-H students will be classified as extracurricular and therefore eligible for exemption from exams under the high school's exemption

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CRMWA sees zero percent rate increase from Xcel

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

PLAINVIEW -- Cities protesting an Xcel Corp. rate increase have reached a settlement with the electric utility company.

That settlement has yielded a zero rate increase for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which relies on Xcel to power the water authority's electric pumps in the John C. Williams Well Field in Roberts County.

Chad Pernell, deputy general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, told the CRMWA board of directors at their quarterly meeting here that the costs based on the settlement won't be going up, but there could still be increases in the fuel costs the utility can pass through to its customers.

"The base rate did increase by 10 percent," Pernell said, "which would be about \$160,000 a year." But different components of the

fuel costs went down.

"The base rate went up," Pernell said. "The fuel costs went down, and the net results of that is basically a zero increase."

The cities group, which included seven of the water authority's member cities, including Pampa, was involved in the case.

"They negotiated on our behalf," Pernell said.

Xcel filed its proposed rate change May 31, 2006. That proposal

would have increased CRMWA's base rate by about 10 percent. Pernell said that the base rate is traditionally only about a quarter of CRMWA's electric bill. The other 75 percent is fuel costs.

The cities group, officially the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities, began negotiations in February.

The cities negotiated a substantial decrease to Xcel's proposed base

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BACA in force

Courtesy photo

Pampa Police Department Officer Neal Gardner provided a police escort for Bikers Against Child Abuse members as they traveled to Central Park Sunday for their first referral to a child abuse victim. BACA works with child abuse and neglect victims for whom an investigation has already been started by law enforcement and child protective services. Members may visit the victims at their homes and attend court while the victims testify. The Pampa BACA chapter was formed last May. BACA members from as far away as Norman, Okla., and Amarillo attended the event.



Meals on Wheels volunteer luncheon scheduled Tuesday

Pampa Meals on Wheels will host their 29th annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and would like to extend an invitation to their volunteers to attend.

"We are having this event to recognize and honor the many volunteers that make our program of feeding the elderly and home bound a success," Meals on Wheels Director Jeanne Autry said.

The theme for this year is "A Hawaiian Luau" and will

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Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Windy, with a south-southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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ETCHIESON, Idabell Newman — 10 a.m., Restland's Wildwood Chapel, Dallas.

Idabell Newman Etchieson

Idabell Newman Etchieson, of Dallas, passed away in the early morning hours of April 16, 2007, in Dallas.

Mrs. Etchieson was born in McLean, Texas, on December 14, 1913. She married William S. "Etch" Etchieson on March 23, 1939, in Pampa, Texas. She received her B.S. Degree from West Texas State University and then taught school for six years in McLean and 15 years in Borger, Texas.

The Etchiesons moved to Dallas in 1982 where they spent the remainder of their 65 years together. Mrs. Etchieson was a member of the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas.

Idabell is survived by one brother, Kelly G. Newman; and 10 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, "Etch," on November 18, 2004, and by 10 brothers and sisters.

The family wishes to express a sincere and gracious appreciation to Idabell's caregivers who faithfully and lovingly took care of Idabell and "Etch": Josephine Elam,

Linda Sterling, Shalonda Gilmore, Betty Jones, Mildred Neal, and Lois Armstrong.

Memorials may be made in Idabell's name to Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16N Medina, TX 78055. (830) 589-2871.

Services will be held at Restland's Wildwood Chapel on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 10 a.m. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at Restland.



Etchieson

William Ray 'Bill' Fagg, 60

William Ray "Bill" Fagg, 60, died April 15, 2007, at Amarillo.

His body has been donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine in Lubbock per his request, and no services are scheduled.

Mr. Fagg was born Aug. 4, 1946, at Oneida, Tenn. He married Roxanna Willis on May 16, 1993, in Pampa and had been a Pampa resident since 1998.

He was a retired quality control inspector and pipe

fitter. Survivors include his wife, Roxanna Willis-Fagg, of the home; a daughter, Revanna Elizabeth Willis-Fagg of Pampa; and a sister, Patricia Joseph of Peachtree City, Ga.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105, or Circle of Friends, 1550 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Father gets probation for leaving gun accessible to kids

WACO, Texas (AP) — A man whose 6-year-old son was accidentally shot to death after he and two young relatives were left home alone pleaded guilty to making the gun accessible to a child.

Ronald Eric Hensley was placed on deferred probation for 18 months after pleading guilty Tuesday to the Class A

misdemeanor. The judge also ordered Hensley, 34, to complete a gun safety course as a condition of his probation.

Wyatt Hensley, 6, suffered a 20-gauge shotgun blast to the chest in June while playing with his 11-year-old brother and a 6-year-old relative, said Woodway police, who have declined to

identify which boy accidentally shot Wyatt. Woodway is a suburb of Waco.

The boys' stepmother, Amanda Neumann, 30, who since has divorced Hensley, left the children at home while she went to pick up her infant son from day care, police have said.

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Pampa PD

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

Two traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler and the intersection of Browning and Rose streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Nelson, the 1800 block of North Christy, the

700 block of North Hobart, the 1600 block of Williston, the 2300 block of Chestnut, the 1900 block of Evergreen and the 600 block of North Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of East Frederic, the 600 block of North Wells, the 2100 block of North Sumner and the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A suspicious person call was received from the 700 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 100 block of North Hobart and the 1900 block of Evergreen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight; Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles; and the 500 block of Davis, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1300 block of Garland. A motorcycle was scratched, its turn signal was broken off and its mirror was broken, resulting in damage estimated at \$2,000.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Road.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Fraud was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. The incident involved an estimated \$300 cash.

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| Celanese | 32.98 | +0.58 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 34.62 | -0.09 |
| Coca Cola | 51.47 | -0.10 |
| VLO | 64.78 | -0.53 |
| HAL | 32.49 | -0.09 |
| TRI | 52.76 | NC |
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| XCEL | 24.68 | -0.07 |
| Anadarko | 45.76 | -0.34 |
| XOM | 78.16 | -0.24 |
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| Pioneer Nat | 47.13 | +0.05 |
| JCP | 81.80 | -0.02 |
| COP | 69.92 | -0.51 |
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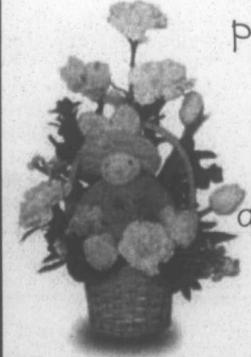
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Viewpoints

Old stereo consoles promote the simple life ...

I sat in my parents' dining room for 30 years or more: an old oak stereo console with large speakers concealed by green fabric. It filled my childhood with a harmony and clarity we could use lots more of about now.

Sundays after supper, the sweet smell of coffee and pot roast and pineapple upside-down cake still in the air, my father (the Big Guy) loved to play his favorite albums on it. He liked Barbra Streisand in those days. He loved Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. And he'd go nuts when he played "The Stars and Stripes Forever!" by John Philip Sousa.

He'd turn the volume high and begin marching through our small house, lifting his legs and arms high and making exaggerated faces the

way comedian Red Skelton did with his Clem Kadiddlehopper character. We'd jump from the table and follow behind him, marching and laughing until tears filled our eyes.

That old console played nonstop during the Christmas season. Our stack of records usually began with the "Holiday Sing-Along with Mitch Miller" followed by "Christmas with the Chipmunks." Then came "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron" and Bing Crosby. As soon as Bing finished, we restacked the albums and played them again.

My mother used the stereo more than anyone. She loved to listen to it while working around the house. She loved to whistle, too, a habit she learned from her father (and one she passed along to me).

Hers was a high-pitched whistle — the sound of a happy robin singing on a sunny spring morning — and she could harmonize with most tunes. Sometimes she tuned in to an AM station that played Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Other times she'd play her Doris Day album. I still can hear her whistling to "Que Sera, Sera."

I've been thinking about the old stereo console lately. I've been longing for the sweet, simple music that it brought into our home — a simple harmony and clarity for which the world is in desperate need.

There is so much yapping and shouting on television and the radio. There is an obsession with Don Imus and Anna Nicole, and every yapper under the sun is beating both stories into the ground.

And while the experts weigh in on the idiotic statements uttered by Imus, few criticize the words and images on so many

other channels that are 20 times more vulgar and demeaning; few are critical of so many real woes we face in a culture becoming more crass and cynical by the minute.

The shouting and hooting

and hollering has gotten so loud, it's getting hard to hear anymore — it's getting hard for folks to distinguish between what is worthwhile on the tube and the radio and what is garbage. This must be the case. Why else would so many crude, silly and stupid programs litter the airwaves every night?

Some weeks — a week just like this one — I just want to escape it all. My family doesn't have the old stereo console anymore, but I did buy a new turntable recently. My mother's cousin gave me dozens of old albums she no longer listens to and I've been working my way through them.

The other night I listened to an old Sinatra album. It was wonderful to transport myself from our noisy world

into one of clarity and harmony and simplicity. It was wonderful to travel back to the 1950s and 1960s.

Human nature and the world were messy then, too, but the noise level was much lower. There was no ébale then — no channels to allow the yappers to yap. The average citizen was certainly a lot more civil than the the average fellow is now.

Perhaps we'd all be better off if more folks started collecting old albums — if more folks tried re-creating the simple childhood memories of the old stereo consoles that once sat in their parents' dining room.

It's a start anyhow.

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

Tom Purcell
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 18, the 108th day of 2007. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll stood at more than 3,600.

On this date:

In 1775, several post riders set out to warn colonists of the British attack that started the American Revolution. One patriotic myth that grew out of that movement began with a poem Henry Wadsworth Longfellow called "Paul Revere's Ride."

In 1857, American lawyer Clarence Darrow was born near Kinsman, Ohio.

In 1907, San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel opened, a year to the day after the earthquake.

In 1934, the first laundromat (called a "washateria") opened, in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspond-

ent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J., at age 76.

In 1980, the independent nation of Zimbabwe, formerly Zimbabwe Rhodesia, came into being.

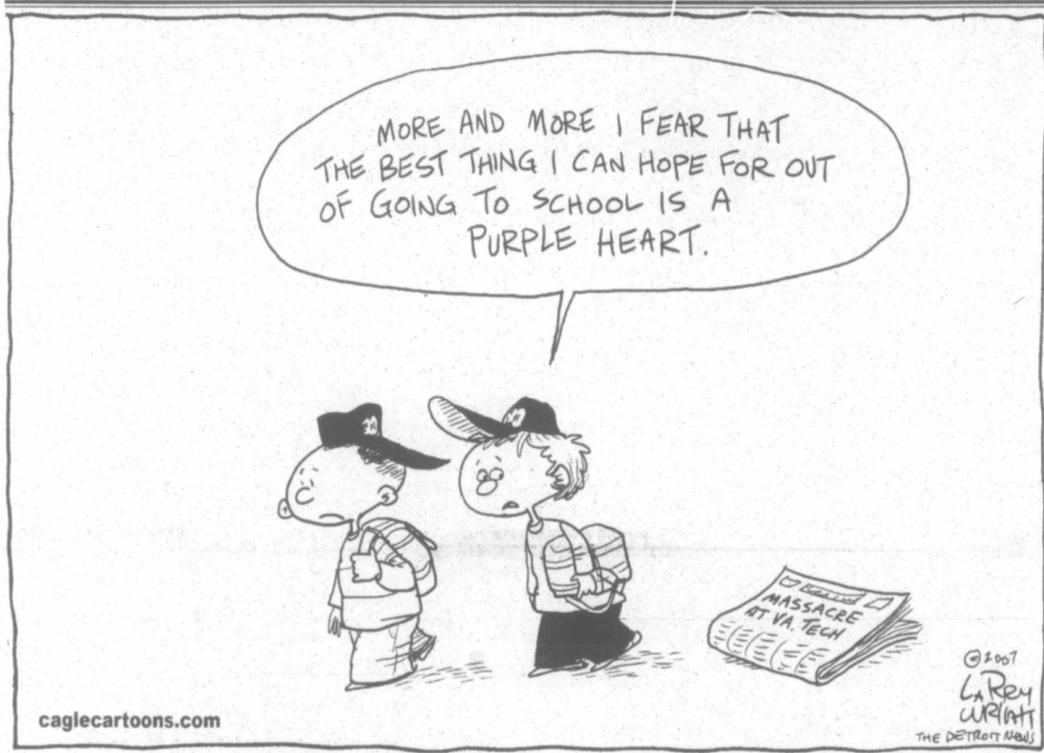
In 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: President Clinton held a news conference in which he warned Republicans that a balanced-budget deal might not come quickly, while reassuring nervous Democrats that he would not abandon the party's prized social programs.

Five years ago: Four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan were killed when they were mistakenly bombed by an American F-16 pilot. Police arrested actor Robert Blake in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, nearly a year earlier (Blake was acquitted at his criminal trial but found liable in a civil trial). Amtrak's Auto Train derailed near Crescent City, Fla., killing four passengers.

'One of the paradoxes of war is that those in the rear want to get up into the fight, while those in the lines want to get out.'

— Ernie Pyle
American war correspondent
(1900-1945)



Rep. Waxman makes disgusting spectacle

I recently watched on C-SPAN the dog-and-pony show staged by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., on the subject of cigarette smoking. Frankly, it was more like a Salem witch trial than a rational hearing.

Waxman and his fellow witch hunters obviously did not listen to the witnesses and repeatedly demonstrated illogical thinking and the inability to understand scientific papers. American taxpayers should be outraged that Waxman is wasting so much of their money on what appears to be an indulgence in self-righteousness.

The issue is quite clear. If Congress thinks cigarette smoking is such a great danger to public health, then ban it. Outlaw the growing of tobacco and the manufacture of any and all tobacco products. Wipe out hundreds of thousands of jobs, take the

millions of dollars out of the gross domestic product and eliminate the millions more in tax revenue.

I f Charley Reese
Congress isn't willing to do that, and it isn't, then it should shut up and get on with the business the Constitution assigns to it, which is not being a nagging nanny of the American people. God knows the members of Congress do a pee-poor job as it is and certainly don't have time to stage charades on something that is none of their business.

I'm not suggesting that smoking cigarettes does not involve risk. I would merely like to point out that life is full of risks. Furthermore, the mortality rate for the

human species is 100 percent. Everybody dies, non-smokers as well as smokers, and people all die pretty much of the same causes.

The same warped, fanatical mentality that produced Prohibition can be seen on the smoking issue. Well, if you ban tobacco, you will just re-create Prohibition. The government couldn't keep liquor out of the U.S. It couldn't keep people from drinking alcohol. It couldn't control the criminal gangs that arose to quench people's thirst for booze. It couldn't control the corruption that the criminal gangs spread among government officials.

If you ban tobacco, foreign suppliers will step in,

and criminal gangs will be formed to supply it. It will be a repeat of all the failures of Prohibition, just as the prohibition of so-called illegal drugs is a failure. One definition of insanity is to keep repeating an action that produces bad results.

The answer to public health problems is education, not prohibition. Nicotine is not addictive, even though the medical bureaucracy has changed the definition of addiction and now claims that it is. I suggest that people who believe that it is should addict themselves to heroin or cocaine and then quit cold turkey and test the proposition for themselves.

The mild symptoms of withdrawing from nicotine last only two or three days. What makes quitting ciga-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 9

Austin American-Statesman on financial aid in the United States of America:

As college costs have spiraled upward, many students are graduating with a sizable debt after borrowing to pay for tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Students today leave college owing between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to private lenders.

Student lending has grown into a huge business, an \$85 billion industry. An ongoing investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo found that the lucrative student lending

business also has pushed ethical and legal boundaries.

Lenders have college officials on their boards of directors and pay premiums to schools that steer students seeking loans to them. College officials own or have owned stock in companies that are on their lists of preferred lenders to students. Even the overseer of student loans at the U.S. Department of Education was caught up in the investigation after it was revealed that he sold a loan company's stock for \$100,000.

Several Texas schools, including the University of Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor and Texas Christian University are part of the ballooning scandal in student loans. UT placed its director of financial aid, Lawrence Burt, on paid

administrative leave after Cuomo's investigation found he had owned stock in Education Lending Group, Inc., parent company of Student Loan Xpress Inc., which is on UT's list of preferred lenders.

Baylor and TCU are among the schools that were paid a percentage of loans generated by preferred lender Education Finance Partners. The New York investigation also found that some schools, including Texas Tech, use private company Nelnet to handle student loan queries without informing students that it is not affiliated with the university.

Cuomo's investigation is spreading far and wide and revealing a troubling

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR TICKED OFF: Unless you want to continue subsidizing "her majesty" the welfare queen's continuous spending spree, pick up the phone and report what she's doing. Yes, there are a lot of people who need help; we pay taxes in part to help them -- but your "friend" isn't one of them. She should be made to pay restitution.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Cameron," is turning 18 next month. After she graduates from high school, she insists that she's going to take a "road trip." She wants to drive from Texas to California. She has a car. I am terribly upset about this. I worry about her safety. My husband, however, feels it is normal for kids to want to do this and won't back me up to try to influence her not to go. Am I being overprotective, and if she insists, can she do what she wants now that she's officially an adult? — **WORRIED SICK IN PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS**

DEAR WORRIED SICK: If your daughter not only owns the car, but also pays for her own insurance and gas, and will be self-supporting and living on her own upon

her return from her road trip -- then she can do as she wishes with no regard to your concerns. If several of her friends accompanied her, there would be less chance of her getting into a dangerous situation while on the road or in California. Frankly, your husband's attitude mystifies me. Just because kids want to do this kind of thing doesn't mean their parents should buckle under. If it comes down to it, YOU should accompany her on her adventure. Tell her that after 18 years of raising her, you deserve this bonding experience.

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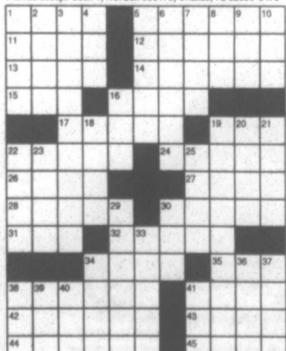
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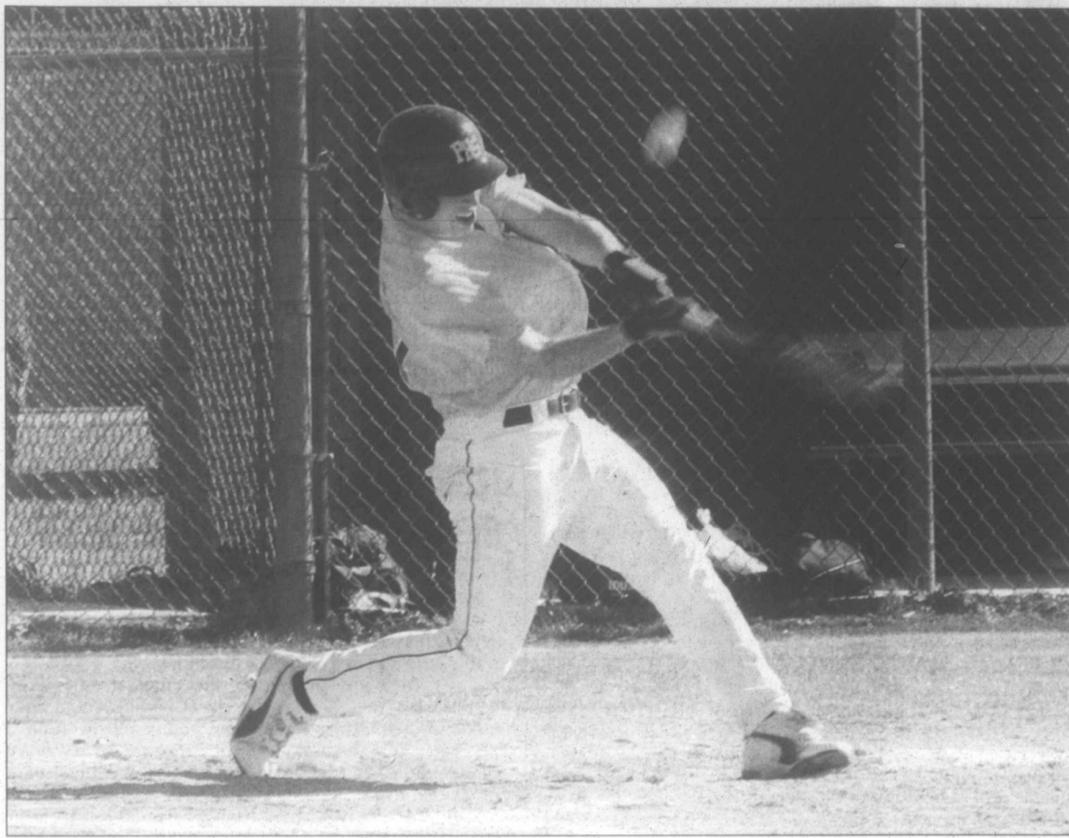


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Last Week



Senior Bradley Johnson takes a swing at Randall during last week's home game. The Harvesters will have another home game at 4:30 p.m. Friday against Caprock.

Cindy Cooper golf scramble rescheduled for Saturday

The 1st Annual Cindy Cooper Golf Scramble has been rescheduled for Saturday, due to the snowy weather Pampa got over the weekend.

Originally scheduled for last Saturday, the golf scramble was organized to raise funds for uniforms, sports equipment and travel expenses for local Special Olympics athletes.

Those who were registered to play in Saturday's golf scramble need to be re-registered in order to play in the rescheduled scramble this weekend.

To register, contact John Hervey at 669-0573.

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Mavs' key players kept out of not-so-key game

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Out on the court, Al Harrington assured the Golden State Warriors' fans that their first playoff basketball in 13 years is on the way.

"Y'all are going to see us next week, playing Dallas or Phoenix," he told the Warriors' final regular-season crowd after Golden State's 111-82 win over the Dallas Mavericks' junior varsity on Tuesday night.

Back in the locker room, Golden State coach Don Nelson wasn't nearly as certain. Even the last coach to get this beleaguered franchise to the postseason isn't sure there will be a happy ending to a frantic playoff chase that comes down to one last night in Portland.

"I think we're vulnerable. I don't know why," Nelson said.

Before Nelson led Golden State (41-40) onto a plane for a win-and-they're-in game against the Trail Blazers, he shared a premonition common to almost anyone who loves the Warriors. Though this streaking club can clinch a playoff berth and finally shake the Clippers (40-41), anything still could go wrong for these longtime losers.

"I think it's going to be one of the toughest games we'll have all year," Nelson said. "It's just a feeling that I have."

That's life with the Warriors. Even after winning 15 of 20 games while scrambling to end the NBA's longest stretch out of the postseason, no victory seems certain. Golden State probably must beat the Blazers, who pounded the Warriors by 19 points five weeks ago in the Rose Garden, to hold off the Clippers.

"Win or go home. What better way?" asked Baron Davis, who scored 12 points and got a technical foul for a shoving match with Greg Buckner. "Who would have thought we would be in this position at the end of the year? The mission is not over. We win tomorrow, that's when the mission starts."

Mickael Pietrus scored 22 points and Matt Barnes had 19 as Dallas kept Dirk Nowitzki, Josh Howard, Jerry Stackhouse and Erick Dampier out of a meaningless game — for them — in preparation for the postseason.

But the Clippers refused to allow a long-overdue celebration at Oracle Arena for the Warriors, who slipped past Los Angeles on Sunday into eighth place in the Western Conference after weeks of chasing each other.

The Clippers, who hold the tiebreaker on Golden State, beat the Phoenix Suns 103-99 Tuesday to force the race down to the final day of the season.

Recruiting high school athletes at issue in case before Supreme Court today

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-running dispute over recruiting high school athletes has reached the Supreme Court, where justices are being asked to decide whether a Tennessee school's free-speech rights outweigh rules limiting contacts with student athletes.

The case involves Brentwood Academy, a wealthy private school south of Nashville, and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, which governs high school sports in the state.

Brentwood Academy sent a letter inviting 12 eighth-graders to attend spring football practice in 1997. The

students' parents already had signed contracts and paid deposits to attend the high school.

The athletic association said the letter violated rules against recruiting high school players, and it hit the school with a \$3,000 fine and four years' probation. School officials unsuccessfully appealed before suing.

Arguments scheduled for today will be the second the Supreme Court has heard in the Brentwood Academy case. In 2001, the court ruled 5-4 in favor of Brentwood, saying the athletic association acted in a quasi-governmental capacity and could be sued.

A federal appeals court has ruled in favor of the school, saying the letter amounts to protected speech under the First Amendment. If that ruling stands, it would prevent all high school associations from enforcing recruiting rules, say lawyers for the state athletic association.

Brentwood Academy officials say they support rules to prevent giving cash or presents to football recruits. But headmaster, Curt Masters, the school's second since 1997, said the letter was a harmless note to students already signed — with money paid — to attend the school.

The NCAA, the National School Boards Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations have filed briefs supporting the Tennessee athletic association saying broad powers are needed to protect children by enforcing recruiting rules.

Brentwood Academy has the support of the National Women's Law Center, which is worried about holding government accountable for gender discrimination, the Association of Christian Schools International and the National Association of Independent Schools.

A ruling is expected by the end of June.

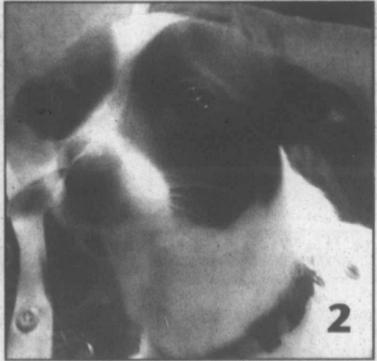
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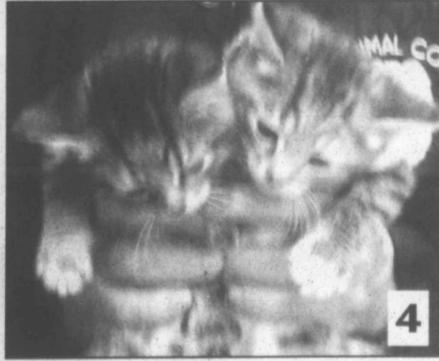
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Sosa returns to Chicago for first time since 2004

By The Associated Press
Sammy Sosa returned to Chicago with — what else? — a home run.
Sosa tuned out the boos and showed Chicago what its been missing the last few years, hitting a three-run homer that led the Texas Rangers over the White Sox 8-1 Tuesday night.
"I'm not going to be here and try to have a fight with the fans," the former Cubs star said after his first Chicago appearance since 2004. "It's part of the game. Like I said before, it's going to happen, and if they feel like that, it's OK with me. I got to be focusing on what

I'm doing, go out there and give it the best I can."
Sosa, who was booed in each at-bat, finished 2-for-4. His eighth-inning drive off Mike MacDougal was the 591st home run of his career.
"I came here and didn't know what to expect," he said. "I've been out for a year. To have the opportunity to come here and have a good game, I'm very satisfied."
In other AL games Tuesday night, it was: Minnesota 11, Seattle 2; Toronto 2, Boston 1; New York 10, Cleveland 3; Oakland 4, Los Angeles 1; Detroit 7, Kansas City 6; and

Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 4.
At Chicago, Brad Wilkerson and Ian Kinsler also homered for the Rangers to back Robinson Tejeda (2-1). Kinsler's homer was his seventh.
Tejeda allowed one run — a fourth-inning homer by Jim Thome — and three hits in seven innings with four walks and three strikeouts.
Jon Garland (0-1), an 18-game winner in each of the last two seasons, gave up five runs and five hits in seven innings and is winless in his first three starts. The White Sox have scored just two runs in their last three games.

Lee gets on stick horse for fans after hitting home run

By The Associated Press
Carlos Lee made good on a promise to his fans.
Lee, nicknamed "El Caballo" or "The Horse," received a stick horse from the fans who call themselves "Los Caballitos" before Tuesday's game and vowed he'd ride it if he hit a homer.
The 240-pound slugger hit a two-run shot and drove in two more runs to lead the Houston Astros to a 6-1 win over the Florida Marlins.
The home run to the Crawford Boxes in left field off Jorge Julio put Houston ahead 2-1 in the fourth. Lee trotted around the bases and then galloped through the dugout on the stick horse while receiving congratulatory pats from his teammates.
"I promised them that I would do it and I did it," he said with the furry horse peek-

ing out of his locker over his right shoulder.
Lee's offensive burst helped Astros ace Roy Oswalt improve to 3-0. He was pitching on short rest and allowed one run — Hanley Ramirez homered on his third pitch — and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.
"That was vintage Roy," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "He did a masterful job."
Oswalt has won nine straight decisions dating to August, tying a career high. He struck out seven and walked three.
In other NL games, it was: New York 8, Philadelphia 1; Colorado 5, San Francisco 3; Atlanta 6, Washington 4; San Diego 4, Chicago 3, 14 innings; Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 11, Milwaukee 5; and Los Angeles 6, Arizona 4.

The clock runs out on Jerry West with the Grizzlies

By TERESA WALKER
AP Sports Writer
Jerry West left retirement and the comforts of California to see if he could transform the woeful Memphis Grizzlies. Five years later, the Lakers great decided to stop trying.
He said Tuesday he will leave as the Grizzlies' director of basketball operations July 1 at the end of his contract. Injuries, losses, weariness and uncertainty became too much.
"I'm not a youngster anymore," said West, who turns 69 next month.
West oversaw the Grizzlies' only three playoff berths, although he never got to enjoy a postseason victory. This season, there were problems on several fronts: The Grizzlies not only had the worst record in the NBA but were up for sale.
West said "the wear and tear of the season, particularly this," took a toll.
"There's been a lot of turmoil here," he said. "The ownership thing have made it very difficult to concentrate on what we need to do here to improve our basketball team."
Billionaire owner Michael Heisley said Monday night the team will be off the market if a viable offer doesn't come by May 1.

West, whose silhouette from his playing days forms the NBA logo, disclosed his plans during a 20-minute session with reporters. But his departure had been the worst kept secret in Memphis, with his contract up after this season. He put his 18-room home up for sale in February, calling that a "downsizing" move after his son left for college.
West is staying through June 30 and will advise Heisley on his replacement and a new coach and in a draft that could deliver 7-foot center Greg Oden or college player of the year Kevin Durant. Then he said he would be open to working as a consultant.
"We need a big tough rebounder, and there's a kid who's a big tough rebounder in this draft who played on great teams," West said. "That's one of the things we need. We need to upgrade our backcourt. ... You need a leader back there."
Heisley brought in West in April 2002. But West never had the advantages he enjoyed in the large market of Los Angeles, where he signed Shaquille O'Neal and traded Vlade Divac for Kobe Bryant.
He was hamstrung at the start by bad moves from the team's early days. The

Grizzlies landed the No. 2 pick overall in the 2003 draft. West never got to decide between Carmelo Anthony or Dwyane Wade because that pick went to Detroit to complete a 1997 trade.
His biggest deal? Ridding the Grizzlies of Jason Williams in a five-team trade in August 2005. His trade of Shane Battier to Houston for rookie Rudy Gay shows promise.
"We've got some very good players," he said. "Pau Gasol is an All-Star, but we need a superstar. And if that doesn't turn the people on, then I wouldn't know what would do that."
West lured Hubie Brown out of TV and to the bench. Brown won NBA coach of the year honors with 50 wins in 2004, the year West was honored as the league's executive of the year.
When Brown retired unexpectedly, West replaced him with Mike Fratello. But the Grizzlies were swept out of the playoffs in 2004, 2005 and 2006. They started a youth movement to rebuild and save money.
West fired Fratello in December and replaced him with Tony Barone Sr. after the worst start in the NBA. It didn't help. The Grizzlies, 21-60 entering Wednesday

night's finale at Minnesota, clinched the worst record in the league last week and their poorest victory total under West.
Not easy for someone who never handled losing well, whether as a two-time All-American at West Virginia or player, executive or general manager for the Lakers, where he won a combined eight titles.
"We're probably better off where we are, even though it was painful for everyone and our fans, walking out of here some nights when we were just horrendous," West said. "It was painful for everyone to watch that."
West said he thinks Heisley needs two people to replace him: a general manager and a vice president of basketball operations. As for the next coach, West wouldn't name names, but a possibility could be Phoenix assistant Marc Iavaroni.
In any case, West said the next coach needs to know the franchise must work to build a team for years, not make the playoffs one season, then have the league's worst record the next.
"We were going nowhere with the team we had," West said. "We could not continue to do what we did."
In the end, neither could

Referee Crawford suspended in last week's Duncan flap

NEW YORK (AP) — Joey Crawford is done ejecting players and coaches this season. On Tuesday, he was the one getting tossed.
The veteran NBA referee was suspended indefinitely by commissioner David Stern for his conduct toward Tim Duncan, who contends the official challenged him to a fight during a game in Dallas.
Crawford has worked more postseason games than any active ref. His suspension will last at least through the NBA finals, and he apparently will have to meet with Stern after that to discuss reinstatement.
"Especially in light of similar prior acts by this official, a significant suspension is warranted," Stern said in a statement. "Although Joey is consistently rated as one of our top referees, he must be held accountable for his actions on the floor, and we will have further discussions with him following the season to be sure he understands his responsibilities."
Crawford ejected Duncan from San Antonio's loss

after calling a second technical foul on the Spurs star while he was laughing on the bench.
"He looked at me and said, 'Do you want to fight? Do you want to fight?'" Duncan said. "If he wants to fight, we can fight. I don't have any problem with him, but we can do it if he wants to. I have no reason why in the middle of a game he would yell at me, 'Do you want to fight?'"
Crawford was cited for "improper conduct" and "inappropriate comments made to Duncan during the game." Stern said Crawford's actions "failed to meet the standards of professionalism and game management we expect of NBA referees."
The NBA also fined Duncan \$25,000 for verbal abuse of an official. Crawford said Duncan referred to him with an epithet.
Crawford was the first referee suspended since Rodney Mott was banned three games on Jan. 12 for making an obscene gesture toward a fan and also using inappropriate language in Portland.

Ronnie Arrow returns to South Alabama as head coach

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Ronnie Arrow was named head coach at South Alabama on Tuesday, returning to the school that once abruptly fired him from the same position.
The former Texas A&M-Corpus Christi coach replaces John Pelphrey, who

left to become head coach at Arkansas.
Arrow coached the Jaguars from 1988-94, going 114-93 and leading the team to two NCAA tournament appearances. He was fired early in the 1994-95 season after his team started 1-3 and allowed 100-plus points in

four consecutive games.
Arrow led the Islanders to a 26-8 record and their first NCAA tournament this past season.
The Islanders jumped out to a 25-7 lead over No. 2 seed Wisconsin in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before losing 76-63.

Arrow's biggest highlight at South Alabama was an upset of Alabama in the 1989 NCAA Southeast Regional.
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

Y X W L D C R J W E M L D I L J

H W T D O E V J L I W M M T L D E C

F J T Y W J T M Y X E Y R L B A E D Y

X W C V T Y . — C W L J L M Y W D

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PROVIDENCE PROTECTS CHILDREN AND IDIOTS. I KNOW, BECAUSE I HAVE TESTED IT. — MARK TWAIN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 19, 2007:

Understand in which direction you need to be heading. You could reverse gears midway. What seems solid and capacious at first might become boring and far too weighty. You also discover a lightning up simultaneously. Perhaps you will want to return to an open and expressive style of other times. Be willing to tell it as it is. If you are single, what you thought would never work just might. If you really care about someone, hang in there. See what this year brings. If you are attached, you discover how very special your sweetie is. An important decision enhances your relationship. GEMINI chats away with you.

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 could feel vaguely out of kilter, especially when dealing with certain fiscal realities. You might not realize how important it is to get someone else to conform to your way of thinking. Wait until the afternoon before you plead your case. Tonight: Tell it as it is.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the morning, even if you feel tested by others. A partner certainly might be a source of stress. The good news is, eventually this phase will pass. Deal with solid issues, not potential problems, right now. Tonight: Say "yes."
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to veer in a new direction. Actually, that might be a great idea, but wait until the afternoon, when the planets tumble into stronger

aspects. You like what others bring to the table. Tonight: Suddenly someone opens up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on key concerns this morning. By the afternoon, your perspective could change dramatically. You might not always be right, but sometimes recentering helps. Listen to someone's challenge with care. Tonight: As you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pressure has been building recently. What you might experience as the day gets older is a lightening up or a sense of relaxation. Aim for what you want this afternoon, and don't lose momentum when dealing with others. Tonight: Your friends would love some company!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Though you might have been mulling over certain pros and cons, you could discover exactly what you need to do. Sometimes you don't see the big picture. A new "psychic" openness allows you a greater perspective. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Deal with a key individual to make appropriate decisions. You might want to consider what is possible. Reach out for someone at a distance. Read between the lines with a child or someone you care about. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Read between the lines when dealing with someone you care about. Visualize more of what you want and think is necessary. Consider what is happening with a child or loved one. Open up talks. Tonight: Accept a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be willing to get into whatever you must. Though a project might not be what you want to do, getting it completed might be appropriate. Your ability to visualize or make a difference comes through later today. Tonight: Others clearly want you to join.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your creativity surges forward. Though you might feel a bit out of sorts, you could break past a problem. Your imagination knows no limits. Funnel information into making your daily life easier and more worthwhile. Tonight: Get plenty of exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Basics might weigh you down, but not for long. Your abilities come forth in the afternoon. A friend might want you to realize what is going on with him or her. In the afternoon, teasing or taunting someone might open up a new perspective. Tonight: Act like the weekend is on the horizon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be hard-pressed not to express what is on your mind this morning. In the afternoon, be smart and close your door or isolate yourself if you are to get anything done. You have many ideas. Categorize by priorities. Tonight: Think extra R and R.

BORN TODAY
Actor Tim Curry (1946), actress Ashley Judd (1968), custom motorcycle builder Jesse James (1969)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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Seeing the world



COURTESY PHOTO

Newlyweds Denny and Natasha Knowles recently passed through Pampa on their way to Washington. The two married in February, purchased bikes in Florida and set out on a cross country honeymoon adventure. They hope to arrive in Cape Flattery, Wash., in June. They attended a church service in Wheeler and spent a night in Pampa. They have both been in the U.S. Coast Guard. They sometimes stay in hotels and camp out during their travels. They intend to settle in Oregon among family.

Events calendar

- **The Red Hat Dollies** of Pampa will meet for lunch and bingo at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Members should bring prizes for bingo.

- **Miami Volunteer EMS** will hold a country western dance fund-raiser from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday at the Roberts City Barn in Miami. Tickets to the dance, which will include a live band, will be \$7.50 per person at the door or may be purchased for \$6 per person in advance. For more information, call (806) 662-9531.

- **The deadline to enter a Christian Fine Arts Society-sponsored free poetry contest** is Saturday. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550; or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

- **Heritage Art Club** of Pampa will conduct its club show and silent auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Items for the auction will be on view at the center a week prior to the show.

- **Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will sponsor its Cowboy Poetry Spring Fling at Old Tascosa beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 28. The event, which is open to the public, will include food, cowboy poetry, music, "tall-talers" and more.

- **The deadline to enter Panhandle Professional Writers' 2007 Youth Writing Contest** is April 30. The contest is open to students from third grade through high school. Short story and poetry categories are open to all grades. Middle school and high schoolers may enter a screenplay. Published authors will score the contest and provide critiques. Submissions must include a SASE. Finalists will be notified by mail and winners announced during a reception July 21. Winning submissions will be published in Range Riders Jr. For guidelines and information, log on to www.panhandleprowriters.org or e-mail bcollins16@suddenlink.net.

- **Ten free trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

- **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

- **The Pilot Club of Dumas** will host a "Panhandle Playday" on May 19 at Ceta Canyon for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The day will include fishing, outdoor games, indoor board games, hiking, bingo and crafts. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person. Scholarships are available through requests. To register or for more information, call (806) 935-3080 or (806) 570-4274.

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WEST TEXAS A&M

Dance ensemble to present spring campus concert

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University dance ensemble will present a "Mixed Bag" of dances at its spring concert at 8 p.m. April 27 and 28 in the Branding Iron Theatre in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex.

Featured dancers will include Kaylee Keith, a freshman dance major from Pampa. Tickets are priced at \$5 each and are free for all WTAMU students, staff and faculty with a Buff Gold Card. Tickets are available in advance through Carol Elgin at 806-651-2785 or 30 minutes before each of the two performances at the BIT Box Office. For more information, call Leslie Williams, assistant professor of dance, at 806-651-2858.

The international award-winning ensemble will perform a program of dance styles including ballet, modern and jazz. Each performance will feature choreography and costumes set to selected music. The WTAMU dance ensemble is under the direction of Edward Truitt, assistant professor of dance.

Aid

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relationship between college financial aid offices and the companies that make student loans. Financial aid officials should be looking out for the best interests of students who need to borrow money for their education, not lining their pockets. College is expensive, and school officials should be helping students find the lowest rate and best terms when they must borrow.

UT's Burt is one of three college financial aid officers identified as having owned Student Loan Xpress stock. The others, at the University of Southern California and Columbia University in New York City, also have been placed on leave pending further investigation.

Burt also serves on the advisory board for Student Loan Xpress and has served on boards of other lenders, including huge student lender Sallie Mae. He insists that he did not give Student Loan Xpress special treatment because of the stock he bought in 2001 and sold in 2003 at a \$14,000 profit or his advisory position.

Burt and other college officials may not have given special treatment to lenders because they invested in them, but the relationship is too cozy for comfort. And it is worrisome when schools get a percentage of the business from lenders profiting from students who borrow money for college costs.

Cuomo's ongoing probe has lifted the curtain on some troubling practices in college financial aid offices. Whether they are criminal or not, these practices are unseemly and raise questions about ethics and conflicts of interest. When it comes to financial aid to pay for college, students place their faith in the school officials to help them, not profit from them.



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Reese

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rettes so difficult is not the nicotine but the mechanical/psychological habit, which has been reinforced literally thousands of times by smokers. If you brushed your teeth 40 times a day, seven days a week, for 20 years and then decided to quit, you'd experience the same difficulty smokers do — not because of any addictive substance in the toothpaste, but because of the mechanical habit of brushing, which has worn a groove in your brain. Like smokers who quit, you'd be

forever tempted to resume your frequent brushing.

But people do a lot of things that aren't healthy, like voting for and supporting unnecessary wars. Or living in cities. Or failing to eat a proper diet and getting a daily amount of exercise.

And even if we lived a perfect life in a perfect environment, we still would die, because our bodies contain a biological clock that we can't rewind. Congress has a duty to protect people from domestic and foreign violence, but also to protect their liberty, which means leaving people free to make their own decisions.

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