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Man burns to death after car crashes
BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A man burned to death in his car Thursday after authorities said he crashed while racing another driver at speeds of more than 120 mph.
The 1997 Corvette skidded across a grass median before crashing into a concrete barrier and catching fire, killing Juan Carlos Cazares, the 32-year-old driver.

VFW donates flagpoles to courthouse

County accepting donations to help with courthouse landscaping project

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars presented Gray County with a check for \$2,333.50 at county commissioners' 9 a.m. meeting today, to be used for one of two new flagpoles to be erected on the south lawn of the courthouse grounds.

Rod Porter presented the donation to County Judge Richard Peet. Peet said the check will pay for one of the two 40-foot-high commercial grade flagpole assemblies which will be included in the landscaping portion of the courthouse restoration project.

Additional donations for the other flagpole assembly will be accepted, Peet said. Donations may also be made in memory of an individual for Bradford pear and red oak trees which will be planted on the south lawn, he said.

Plaques will be placed to dis-

nate in whose memory each tree was funded, Peet said. A plaque will be placed on the flagpole funded by VFW members to show their contribution.

Anyone seeking more information on making donations to the landscaping project may call Peet's office at 669-8007, he said.

Commissioners deferred action on a request by County Clerk Susan Winborne to replace an employee who is retiring at the end of April. Winborne had asked that the employee, Carolyn Law, be replaced.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby suggested waiting a month before hiring a replacement to "see if you can do the work without replacing her."

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hetley asked about pursuing the idea

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Rod Porter, right, presents Gray County Judge Richard Peet, left, with a check for \$2,333.50 from Pampa veterans of foreign wars. The donation to the county will pay for one of two new flagpoles to be erected on the courthouse's south lawn as part of the courthouse restoration's landscaping project.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Let's make up

Luke Dyer applies make-up to Monica Johnson's face, "the nurse," in Pampa High School's production of the play, "Antigone." Pampa High School Theater Department will present a public performance of "Antigone" on Monday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 5, in the PHS Auditorium. Curtain will go up at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Admission will be \$2. Two of the performers, Chris Smith and Megan O'Neal, were named to the All-Star Cast at UIL One-Act Play competition, March 29, at Amarillo College.

Difficult task ahead for new national intelligence director

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential commission investigating U.S. intelligence and weapons of mass destruction describes a world in which the threats are legion and growing ever more deadly, and lays out a difficult path for the nation's new intelligence chief.

"It is not hyperbole to suggest that the lives of millions, and the very fabric and fate of our society, may depend on the way in which the (intelligence) community is configured, and the powers it can bring to bear

against the challenges posed by (weapons) proliferation," the commission said.

The 3 1/2 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have seen little improvement in the U.S. intelligence community's ability to acquire hard information about nuclear and biological threats, the commission said in findings it released Thursday.

The panel suggested numerous organizational changes and said President Bush could implement most of them without congress-

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Pope clings to life, but gravely ill

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II was clinging to life Friday as his condition deteriorated further, and the Vatican said his breathing was shallow and his kidneys were failing after complications from a urinary tract infection. Millions of faithful around the world prayed for the fading life of the pontiff.

"The general conditions and cardio-respiratory conditions of the Holy Father have further worsened," the Vatican said in a statement. "The clinical picture indicates cardio-circulatory and renal insufficiency."

The 84-year-old pontiff was taking part in the prayers of aides who had gathered at his bedside, spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said. The pope declined to be hospitalized.

Italy's Apcom news agency, without citing sources, reported the pope was unconscious. Vatican spokesmen were not available to comment on the report, and had denied an earlier report by the same agency that

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SPRING FORWARD

Time to set clocks ahead one hour

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's time to shift an hour of light to the evening, as most of America switches to daylight-saving time.

Clocks move ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, local time.

The change provides an extra hour of light in the evening for warm-weather outdoor activities. Standard time returns the last Sunday in October.

Federal law does not require any area to observe daylight-saving time, and a few parts of the country have opted not to do so.

They are Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana located in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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he had slipped into a coma. "The shallow breathing is totally consistent with severe failure of the blood vessels to provide blood to all the key organs," said Dr. Peter Salgo, associate director of the intensive care unit at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. "Eventually you run out of reserve."

In Washington, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick said he had heard from Rome that the pope is "sinking," and that he was praying that God will "take him peacefully."

Thousands stood vigil on St. Peter's Square outside, many tearfully gazing up at his third-floor window, and millions more around the world paused to pray for him.

In Wadowice, Poland, people left school and work early and headed to church to pray for their native son.

"I want him to hold on, but it is all in God's hands

now," said 64-year-old Elzbieta Galuszko at the church where the pope was baptized. "We can only pray for him so he can pull through these difficult moments."

In the Philippines, tears streamed down the face of Linda Nicol as she and her husband asked God to grant John Paul "a longer

life." Muslims in France were praying for the pontiff because he was a "man of peace," said D a l i l Boubakeur, president of the French Council of the Muslim Faith. The White House said President Bush and his wife were praying for the pope and that the world's concern was "a testimony to his greatness."

'I want him to hold on, but it is all in God's hands now.'

— Elzbieta Galuszko
Wadowice, Poland

"The pope's faith is so strong and full and the experience of God so intensely lived that he, in these hours of suffering ... already sees and already touches Christ," Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope's vicar for Rome, told hundreds who packed a Rome basilica Friday evening for a special Mass for the pontiff.

In his first update on the pope's condition Friday, Navarro-Valls said John Paul suffered massive heart problems and was in "very grave" condition but was lucid and spent the morning

celebrating Mass and receiving top aides. The pope asked one to read him the biblical account of Christ's Crucifixion and burial.

A "fully conscious and extraordinarily serene" John Paul had participated in Mass and received some top aides in the morning, Navarro-Valls said.

The critically ill pope appointed a large number of bishops and other church officials, the Holy See said in an afternoon statement.

Among the top church officials who gathered at his bedside was Archbishop

Park Service

Prescribed burn under way at Lake Meredith NRA

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area Park Superintendent Karren Brown has announced prescribed burns to be set over the course of the next three weeks at Lake Meredith NRA. The burns will affect approximately 12,000 acres of river bottom, a press release from the Park Service said.

"The burn will begin at Mullinaw crossing," the release said, "and will follow the Devils Canyon Road to the Devils Canyon Trail on the North side of the park. From the Devils Canyon Trail crews will burn down to the Plum Creek boat ramp and eventually end at Evans Canyon."

"This large burn area is thick with Salt Cedars and Cattails which will produce a lot of smoke, it should be quite a show," said Fire Management Officer Mike Davin. "We are working with area ranchers to utilize roads on their property as fire breaks. We appreciate how supportive park neigh-

bors are of our fire program."

'This large burn area is thick with Salt Cedars and Cattails which will produce a lot of smoke, it should be quite a show.'

— Mike Davin
Fire management officer

The release said park officials hope the burn will reduce non-native species, enhance wildlife habitat, promote ecological processes and help protect local communities from the catastrophic effects of uncontrolled wildfires.

"Many hours of planning and preparation went into this particular burn," the release said, "and a total of 25,000 acres have been burned since the prescribed fire program began in 1999.

This activity is a part of a National Park Service initiative to reintroduce fire into parks throughout the system."

One consequence of the controlled burns is the necessity of closing some roads for public safety. "We realize the burn will be taking place during Spring turkey season, which runs from April 2 through May 8, 2005, and may cause some inconvenience to hunters as these areas will be temporarily closed to hunting during the operation," said Brown. "However, there are several other hunting areas in the park that will not be affected by the burn. We will be burning during weekdays only to minimize the impact to hunters."

The burns are designed, the release said, to lessen the impact of smoke, most of which will be directed towards the lake waters so that boating activities near the burns may be briefly affected.

For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

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of a part-time employee. Another suggestion was to share an employee with another county office.

Winborne agreed to postpone hiring a full- or part-time replacement. Her office currently has four employees, including Law, she said.

Law has been a county employee for 24 years, Winborne said.

Poor acoustics in the third-floor district courtroom were discussed by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters.

"My biggest concern, besides the annoyance and difficulty and strain that goes with not being able to hear in there, is that there's going to be some piece of critical evidence that a juror isn't going to hear that will make some difference in a case," Waters said.

"We don't want cases to be tried by people who cannot hear. It's not above having a case reversed because someone didn't hear something.

"If cases get sent back, then we have the issue of should we have a change of venue. If we had to do this last trial somewhere else, it would have cost \$100,000," he said.

Waters read comments written on questionnaires distributed to jurors after their service ends on a jury. A

number of comments after several different trials dealt with the difficulty of hearing and understanding what was being said in the courtroom.

Commissioners voted to hire an acoustics professional

'We don't want cases to be tried by people who cannot hear.'

— Judge Lee Waters
223rd District Court

to examine the district courtroom and then report to commissioners any recommendations for improvement. Funds for the professional will be taken from the courthouse restoration fund.

Responses to request for proposals for the county's depository contract were opened at 10 a.m. Bank of America, which holds the current contract with the county which expires next month, asked to extend the

current contract for the next term.

FirstBank Southwest also submitted a proposal.

Commissioners took no action on the proposals, and asked County Treasurer Lee Cornelison to prepare a comparison of the two, to be presented at the next commissioners' meeting.

The depository contract is for the county's 37 financial accounts, and is essentially an agreement between the county and a financial institution to provide banking services.

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said at a news conference with retired Judge Laurence Silberman, a Republican, and former Democratic Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia, the commission's co-chairmen.

Bush said he had directed his White House-based homeland security adviser, Fran Townsend, to "assure that concrete actions are taken."

The CIA's new director, Porter Goss, said in a statement: "We appreciate constructive criticism. We acknowledge mistakes when we make them."

Commissioners avoided blaming Bush and other policy chiefs for leading the United States into a war on the faulty basis of Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction. Nor did it suggest they were at fault for the problems that continue to plague intelligence agencies.

Robb and Silberman said they found no evidence that senior Bush administration officials sought to change the prewar intelligence in Iraq. The report was silent on whether the administration manipulated the data for political purposes, as Democrats have contended, with commission members saying they were not empowered to examine that.

Democrats, including Bush's 2004 opponent,

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, used the findings to demand faster changes and to point fingers.

"The investigation will not be complete unless we know how the Bush administration may have used or misused intelligence to pursue its own agenda," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said.

'The flaws we found in the intelligence community's Iraq performance are all too common. Across the board, the intelligence community knows disturbingly little ...'

— President's
Intelligence
Commission report

The commission's 600-plus-page report described an intelligence community hampered by internal turf battles and a fundamental lack of access to hard information, through human sources. It blamed agencies for seeing weapons that didn't exist in Iraq, and it harped on them for failing to find them in other dark corners of the world.

"The flaws we found in the intelligence community's

Iraq performance are still all too common," the report said. "Across the board, the intelligence community knows disturbingly little about the nuclear programs of many of the world's most dangerous actors. In some cases, it knows less now than it did five or 10 years ago."

It said, "Biological weapons are also the mass casualty threat the intelligence community is least prepared to face." And, it added, "We would like to emphasize that the United States has not made (intelligence) collection on loose nukes a high priority."

The commission saved for a classified report details about U.S. knowledge of weapons programs in Iran, North Korea, China and Russia.

But in the unclassified section, the report said, "We found that we have only limited access to critical information about several of these high-priority intelligence targets."

The Bush administration promised repeated reforms after the Sept. 11 attacks and again after the blown intelligence on Iraq became known. It created counterterrorism centers, the Homeland Security Department and finally a national intelligence director's post, nominating Negroponte, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, to fill it.

But so far, little has changed, according to commission.

Amarillo Indian museum to present special performance

AMARILLO — Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum will present "The Song of the Dragonfly" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the museum, 9151 I-40 East, Amarillo.

The performance will be staged by the students of St. Anthony's Indian School in Zuni Pueblo, N.M., and will be performed in the students' native Zuni language.

"This is a unique and exciting opportunity for families of the Panhandle area to experience the music, language, and talent

of these young people from Zuni Pueblo," a museum press release said. "The cast of 24 Zuni youth are on their way to Oklahoma City to compete in a Native American theatrical contest."

The museum will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free to the public.

For more information or to make reservations, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.

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Viewpoints

Reader, beware if you're expecting an April Fool's column

Hmm? Are you readers expecting an April Fool's Day column from moi? Well, fear not for I'm not going there; however, I've a humorous side to me that appreciates a good joke, whether I'm the giver or the recipient (as long as no pain is associated). As I type the following current events and musings that have caught my attention over the past week, I will be hard-pressed not to give in to an April Fool's temptation.

I could not help but wish for a blizzard as I watched those huge snowflakes falling gently to Earth last Saturday. I thought the Lord our God was answering my prayer about Pampa's litter dilemma. What? Name me a better way to hide trash than perpetual snowfall.

Yea, perpetual snowfall may be bad for businesses and those that earn their living outdoors, but 10 inches of white sure hides the trash in these parts. Parts? I find myself using "parts" more and more as I describe various locations in the Panhandle to friends and acquaintances.

Living in Houston and San Antonio over a good chunk of my life, the word "parts" was never used in relation to a geographical location. How did the word "parts" come to be used in describing a particular area? And, for the matter, just what is a "parts"? I'm familiar with "body parts" or "car parts"; but not "these parts"?

Mr. Graham, can you help me with my dilemma? I remember Grandfather

Palmitier exclaiming, "Why, I'll pay 19 cents for a gallon of gasoline, but I sure as heck won't pay 25 cents! I'll go back to real horsepower if I ever see 25 cents a gallon!"

My father ranted over 75 cents a gallon in the early seventies one day and remarked accordingly, "I'll never pay a \$1 for a gallon of gasoline!"

Why just last summer I was in shock over \$1.50 a gallon and remember saying as much to my son, Jeremy; "A \$1.50 is my limit, why I'll buy a hybrid car before I put \$2 a gallon gasoline in what I'm driving!"

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



As I fueled my Expedition this morning with a gallon of petrol at \$2.12, I wonder how I could have overlooked the new car price tag that gives the consumer city/highway mileage figures? One would think the word "Terrible" printed in reference to gas mileage would have caught my attention? And, to take away more fuel from my Expedition, what happens to one of America's largest gasoline refineries last week but an explosion and fire and death.

How about that little price spike, readers! Closer to home, Borger's

Conoco-Phillips gasoline refinery had an explosion last Sunday! I'm still waiting for the new price spike from that little ado! Simply put, we are victims of our own device by letting unnecessary and expensive government environmental controls prevent the construction of more refineries within our shores — and having almost total need on outside refining to meet our transportation needs.

What is wrong with this picture? Terry Schiavo died Thursday. I find this utterly incredulous — her parents and husband were at disagreement over what priest would perform last rights! How low can they go? How sad that Michael Schiavo would not allow her parents

at her deathbed. Equally astounding to me is how Mrs. Schiavo's parents and family and supporters turned on Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Quite frankly, Jeb Bush is responsible for Terry Schiavo's survival to this very day, having enacted Florida law to save her life. Sadly, it was Gov. Bush's law that was found unconstitutional by the higher state and federal courts.

I applaud Jeb Bush for helping Terry Schiavo as much as he could and knowing his legal limitations. Lighten up, people, the real culprits in Terry Schiavo's plight are greed and politics and do not strange bedfellows make ... And this just in, the Pope has a feeding

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 1, the 91st day of 2005. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date: In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain. In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-One, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after a settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 2003, American troops entered a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, and rescued Army Pvt. 1st Class Jessica Lynch, who'd been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed on March 23.

Our readers write

Think carefully before selling off water rights to T. Boone Pickens

To the editor, I would like to address the farmers in Gray County regarding the sale of their water rights to Mr. Pickens.

Have you found the water table dropping in your area? Have you thought of the fact if you continue to live on this property what you will do if the table drops so low your house well has to be lowered? What about the neighbors' water table?

You might think the last sentence is ridiculous, but there are no walls to prevent any of the water from other landowners being kept separated from yours. Mr. Pickens acts as though there

is an unlimited water supply in the Panhandle.

All farmers know the water table is dropping. Will Mr. Pickens give any of the purchased water rights back when the table drops so low the farmers are in jeopardy for their crops and cattle?

We all know that is a joke. With the economy as it is, farmers must look ahead as they have always done. But, for the landowners that are considering this water rights sale, think! What will you do as the water table drops? Is there a clause in the contract to protect you from Mr.

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Post admits liberals dominate U.S. campuses

I know this will come as a surprise to many, but a new study shows that the overwhelming majority of college faculties are top heavy with left-wingers.

For a long time the liberal mainstream media have turned a blind eye to this well-known fact, but for reasons I don't understand, The Washington Post — along with The New York Times, a bastion of East Coast liberalism — have suddenly stumbled over the fact that Karl Marx is more popular among the educational elite than, say, George Washington or Thomas Jefferson.

The secret is now out. It's official. If the Post has written about it, liberalism's

Washington mouthpiece has put its stamp of approval on the notion that liberals run America's higher education establishment and the rest of the media is therefore now free to write about it. It's only taken them about 30 or 40 years to cotton up to the idea, but what the heck, better late than never.

Of course for years those of us in talk radio, David Horowitz, the Young America's Foundation and others in the conservative movement have been telling anyone who'd listen that lib-

Michael Reagan
Columnist



eral professors vastly outnumber conservatives and how they bring their Marxist politics to the classroom and indoctrinate our children.

For our pains we have been laughed at and told we didn't know what we were talking about. Now comes the Post to admit that we did.

According to the Post, the study authored by Robert Lichter, a professor at George Mason University and fellow political science professors Stanley Rothman of Smith College and Neil Nevitte of the University of Toronto,

concluded that 72 percent of those teaching at American universities and colleges are liberal while a miniscule 15 percent are conservative. Moreover, 50 percent of the faculty members surveyed identified themselves as Democrats but only 11 percent admitted to being Republicans.

Noted the Post, it's even worse at the most elite schools, where a whopping 87 percent of faculty are liberal while only 13 percent are conservative. The study was based on a survey of 1,643 full-time faculty at 183 four-year schools.

Dr. Rothman said the See REAGAN, Page 5

Paper sounds off on gubernatorial prospects

Gov. Rick Perry does not want U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to challenge him in next year's Republican gubernatorial primary.

To dissuade her from doing so, to frighten her off, his campaign is already trying to defame the popular senator's reputation to convince Texas Republicans that she is not conservative enough for the state.

This despite the fact that Hutchison has won four statewide elections, in 1990 as state treasurer and in 1993, 1994 and 2000 as U.S. senator. In that last election, she won with more than 4 million

votes, the highest tally any statewide candidate has garnered in Texas history. That is not something a liberal could do in Texas these days.

So the Perry campaign produced and distributed a video of Hutchison appearing at a recent Washington, D.C., event highlighting historic preservation — hardly a conservative vs. liberal or a Republican vs. Democratic issue — with U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

"In the 46-second video, circulating rapidly by e-mail among conservative activists, Clinton tells audience members she's

delighted that Kay is my partner on so many important fronts." The senators pose, smiling, and lightly embrace twice." The Associated Press reported.

Not so different from how President Ronald Reagan, a conservative California Republican, and U.S. House Speaker O'Neill, a liberal

Massachusetts Democrat, used to get together to socialize after work, although without the embracing. As, before them, did President John F. Kennedy, a liberal Massachusetts Democrat, and U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, a conservative Arizona Republican.

Time was, politics was not so personally nasty. Back then, elected officials could leave their partisan differences at the office. Back then, working to find common cause with members of the other party for the good

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T.O.P.S. officers

T.O.P.S. Chapter 149 recently installed the following officers: Olivia Anderson, Tonie Bolin and Jennifer Brummett. The officers were installed by Augusta Brown.

Connecticut governor

Rowland reports to federal prison

LORETTO, Pa. (AP) — Former Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland arrived at a federal prison Friday morning to serve a yearlong sentence for corruption, coming through a back entrance to avoid reporters.

Rowland was sentenced to one year and one day at the camp but will be eligible for release after 10 months. He must also serve four months of house arrest.

Earlier in the day, the three-term Republican gave thanks for his family and supporters.

"Throughout this whole ordeal, one thing has become abundantly clear: how blessed I am to have such a wonderful wife and loving children," Rowland, 47, said in a statement issued by his attorney. "I am also grateful for the prayers and support from so many people across our state."

Rowland — a congressman at 27 and the state's

'Throughout this whole ordeal, one thing has become abundantly clear: how blessed I am to have such a wonderful wife and loving children.'

— John G. Rowland
Ex-governor

youngest-ever governor at 37 — had been well-liked in heavily Democratic Connecticut and was considered a rising star in the Republican Party before he resigned in July under threat of impeachment.

Under a plea deal with prosecutors in December, he admitted to trading access to his office for more

than \$100,000 in vacations, charter airline trips to Las Vegas and home repairs. Though he tried to portray his crimes as tax-related, prosecutors repeatedly called him corrupt.

After sentencing two weeks ago, a federal judge recommended that Rowland be sentenced to a prison just outside Boston, where his family could visit him easily.

The Bureau of Prisons assigned him to the camp in Loretto, some 70 miles east of Pittsburgh and about 400 miles from Rowland's West Hartford home.

Loretto, a minimum-security prison, houses 140 nonviolent offenders serving relatively short sentences.

The inmates sleep in bunk beds in a barracks-style building and are allowed visitors on Friday evenings and on weekends.

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183 four-year schools.

Dr. Rothman said the study findings are evidence of "possible discrimination" against conservatives in hiring and promotion. Even after factoring in levels of achievement, as measured by published work and organization memberships, "the most likely conclusion" is that "being conservative counts against you," he said. "It doesn't surprise me, because I've observed it happening."

This comes as no surprise to any parent of a college student who has paid any attention to what's going at their offspring's college. On most campuses you'd need the services of a private detective to find a teacher who is not a flaming liberal.

My daughter Ashley attends a Lutheran university where you would not expect to find a clone of Professor Ward Churchill. If so, you'd be wrong. A year ago, she walked into a class she had to take, and on the first day the teacher said to the students, "Listen, I'm a liberal Democrat. If you are a conservative, you will have no standing in my class so I would suggest that you drop it."

He wasn't finished. He then added, "In this class I regularly use the 'F' word and the 'S' word. If you don't want to hear that you should drop this class."

After I called the dean and he confronted the offending professor, he admitted he'd made those remarks as if he was proud of his outrageous statements. He said that "this is how I teach."

This is called higher education.

Tragically, this is how hordes of his fellow liberals teach.

It's comforting to know that The Washington Post has finally made the astonishing discovery that this dunderhead has lots of company on America's campuses.

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Pickens should this happen?

From the inception of Mr. Pickens' Mesa Water, Inc., the thought I have had is how will he keep the water separate from the neighbors who choose not to sell to him from those who do?

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tube. I wonder who will pull that plug?

I could have found myself in a real life nightmare had I ventured to Austin last week to participate in a celebration for my son Jeremy upon his graduation from firefighters academy. Saturday's heavy snowfall forecast prevented me from going down to Austin. His mother — my first wife,

who I fondly call "Spider Woman," was in attendance — and when I am in the same room with her, I tend to get hung up in her web.

Along with Spider Woman, Tina — ex-wife numero dos — was in Austin attending a medical conference and was enjoying Jeremy's celebration as well ... Whew! The Lord my God and His faithful companion Mother Nature saved me from blunt force trauma and verbage being inflicted upon my body and pieces of Closet Writer being spread over certain "parts" of Texas between Pampa and Austin!

Race

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of the nation was seen as a virtue, not demonized.

Would that it still were. The nation would be better off for it.

Perry campaign director Luis Saenz acknowledged that the governor's re-election effort is responsible for the video and, with it, the attempted character assassination by association.

"We're being very aggressive in everything we do," Saenz told the Austin American-Statesman. "And you ain't seen nothing yet."

Not all of Perry's supporters were offended by the joint appearance of Hutchison and Clinton or that they sometimes can work together.

"It's just a mutual respect for holding the same office," Kathy Haigler, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee from Houston, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Even sometimes Republicans and Democrats find something worthy of joining together for."

That is the right attitude. That is good for Texas. Too bad the governor and his campaign staff do not share it.

Unlike too many of her congressional colleagues today, Hutchison has a long record of reaching across the partisan aisle to work with members of the other party for the good of Texas.

In earlier rounds of military base clos-

ings, for example, her closest ally in her efforts to protect Texas installations was U.S. Rep. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio.

Does that make her a less conservative or less Republican senator?

Not at all. It makes her a more effective one for the state — and all of its residents — she represents.

Elected officials from both parties should always be looking for ways to work together.

Hutchison's work with Clinton — demonized by conservatives more for her earlier positions as first lady than her subsequent service in the Senate — on historic preservation is a good example of how to do that. And it is glaringly nonpartisan.

Attacking Hutchison for this is the cheapest kind of shot that has nothing to do with anything that matters to Texas and its future.

If Perry "worried more about taking care of the school finance problem and a little less about who Sen. Hutchison stands on the stage with, Texas would be a lot better off," Terry Sullivan, Hutchison's campaign manager, told the Fort Worth newspaper.

Hard to disagree with that.

Attacking Hutchison — a remarkably effective senator — is not going to make Perry — an incurably lackluster governor — any more effective.

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Religion

Well-known evangelist to lead revival at First Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Rev. Kenneth McGee, a well-known evangelist from Oklahoma City, will lead revival services at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock.

Rev. McGee and his talented wife Gretnia will be ministering Sunday, April 3, through Wednesday, April 6.

Rev. McGee will speak in the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 and the evening meeting at 6 p.m.

The Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7 p.m.

In an 18-month period, McGee saw more than 1,400 souls saved and filled



Rev. McGee

400 with the Holy Spirit, according to a press release from First Pentecostal Holiness.

In 24 years of ministry as a senior pastor, he served some of the largest congregations in the Assemblies of God denomination, including Broadmoor Tabernacle in Smithfield, Mich.

He pastored 14 years at Faith Tabernacle in Oklahoma City where he led the congregation in construction of their large and beautiful new church.

He's also spent 24 years as an evangelist. He travels America and the world preaching in District Councils, retreats and camp meetings.

In 2000, he had the honor of preaching the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the East African nation of Malawi.

In addition to his busy preaching ministry, Rev. McGee has appeared on numerous telecasts, including Daystar T.V., and has published two books, "What is Pentecost Really Like?" and "Faith Can Move Mountains."

A talented tenor singer, he has recorded seven musical albums.

Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pampa invite the public to attend these special services.

Briefs

White Deer church to host fajita dinner

WHITE DEER — White Deer United Methodist Church will host its 17th annual fajita dinner on Sunday, April 3, at Fellowship Hall, 101 W. 8th St. The all-you-can-eat dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

Rushing Wind plans get-together

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Waka Christian Center at Waka. Participants are urged to bring a dish for a potluck dinner. Family and friends are welcome. A sponsor's training will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided.

Experience revival for the whole family in Lefors

The First Baptist Church in Lefors will be having a Revival Sunday, April 10 through Wednesday April 13 at 7 p.m. each evening. The church will have three separate activities for adults, for youth and for children. The adults will be meeting in the sanctuary of the church building located at 315 East 4th St. The children will meet in Fellowship Hall. The older youth gather at Lefors Civic Center. A nursery will be provided and North Fork Band will kick-off the adult revival with a concert on Sunday. For more information, contact Chris Webb at 835-2222.

Iglesia Casa Del Alfarero here plans celebration

Iglesia Casa Del Alfarero, 500 Duncan, presents Joel and Rose Perales, pastors of River of Life Church for the Hispanic community in Smyrna, Tenn., Friday, in a grand celebration beginning Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 3.

A youth service is set for 7 p.m., Friday, April 1. On Saturday, April 2, a service for married couples begins at 10 a.m.

At 6:30 p.m., Saturday, there will be a service for the whole family at M. K. Brown Auditorium featuring the praise group, "Generacion Alpha Y Omega."

On Sunday, April 3, a service will be conducted at 10 a.m.

A nursery will be available for the Saturday marriage seminar and Sunday

morning services.

Joel and Rose Perales are musicians, singers, ministers, songwriters, seminarians, promoters, coordinators, founders of the Mexican American Gospel Music Association, and have done extensive work in television as hosts and as music, personnel and events coordinators, according to a press release.

They now participate in television programs such as "Gospel Fiesta," "Family to Family," "Diles a las Americas," "Inside out," and "Fiesta Friends" with a bilingual format reaching out to Hispanic communities.

For more information, contact Pastor Agustin Vasquez at 669-6828 or 665-5898.

Conservative Jewish panel moves toward decision on ordaining gays

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

The only major branch of American Judaism still debating the role of gays in rabbinical schools and synagogues is preparing to take up the issue in a closed-door meeting that could change the direction of the movement.

Experts in religious law for Conservative Jews are to gather next Tuesday and Wednesday in a retreat center outside Baltimore, where they will reconsider their 1992 decision opposing both ordination for homosexuals and commitment ceremonies for same-gender couples.

The vote of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, if taken at this conference, will not be binding, nor will it resolve disagreements over homosexuality among Conservative Jews. But it

will send a strong message to the wider community about how far the Conservative branch will go in reinterpreting traditional understanding of Jewish law.

"It will be an important symbolic case for the Conservative movement," said Jonathan Sarna, an expert on American Jewish history at Brandeis University.

Conservative Jews adhere to tradition but allow some re-evaluation of Jewish law for modern circumstances. The movement occupies a middle ground between the liberal Reform branch, which ordains gays and blesses same-sex couples, and the stricter Orthodox Judaism, which bars gays from becoming rabbis and condemns homosexuality.

Pressure has been building on Conservative Jewish leaders to liberal-

ize core teachings and thus prevent less observant Jews from leaving for the Reform stream, which has overtaken Conservative Judaism as the largest North American branch. Between 5 million and 6 million Jews live in the United States, and Conservative leaders have worried openly about their movement's dwindling appeal — but they have still largely resisted the push left.

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative movement's flagship institution, declined to comment on next week's meeting. But he has previously warned that ordaining gays would be such a major break from Jewish law that it could obliterate the distinction between Reform and Conservative streams.

Soloist to sing hymns for Every Man's Bible Class

Carl Meyers, retired minister of music and featured revival soloist, will perform gospel hymn favorites at Every Man's Bible Class, Sunday, April 3.

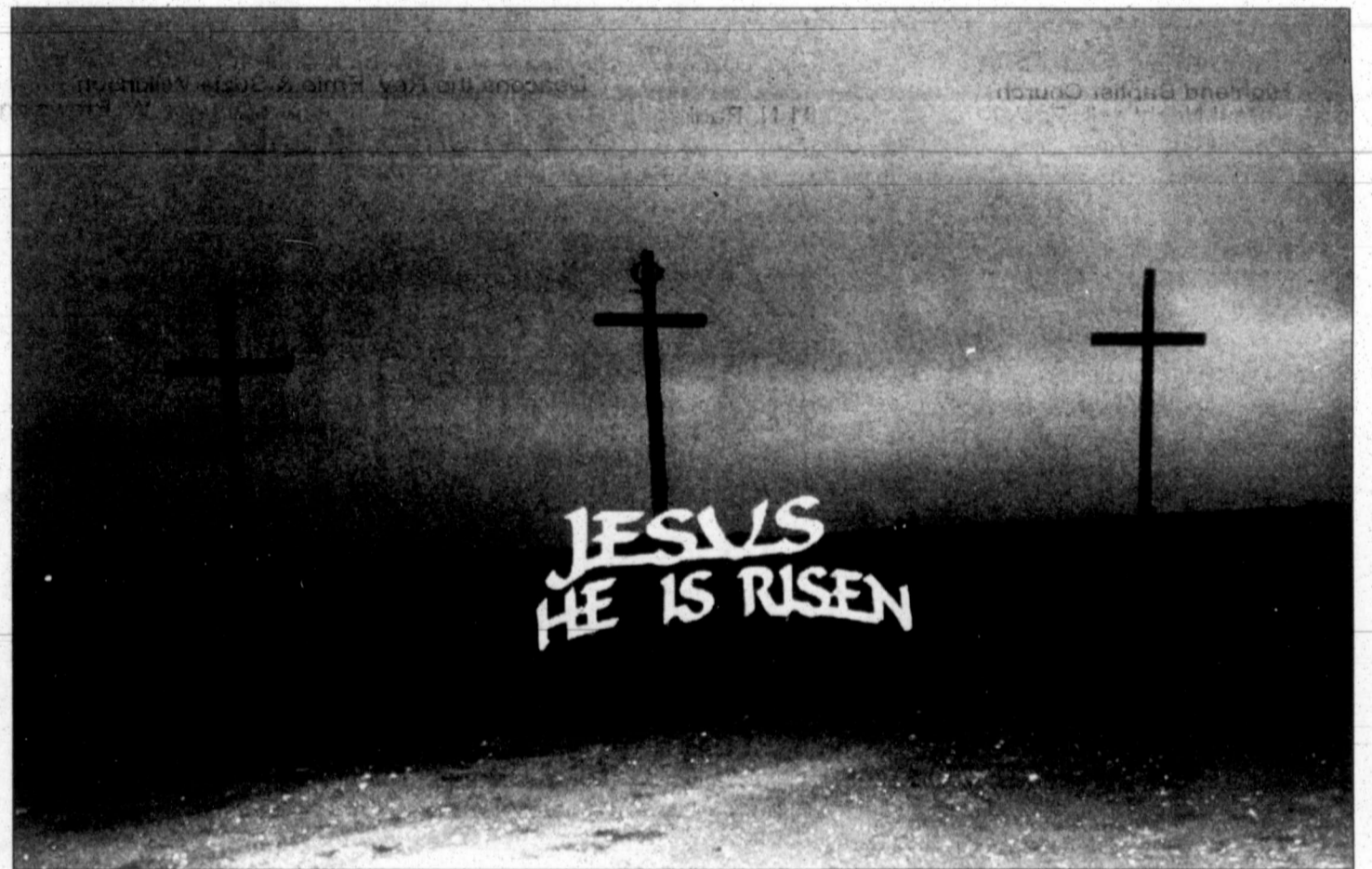
Men and their wives, as well as the general public, are invited to attend the class at 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Every Man's Bible Class of Pampa has met continuously for more than a half

century. They have met in City Hall, a theater, a funeral home and are now meeting each Sunday at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Some of Pampa's leading citizens have served as president of the class, including the current president, Dr. Raymond Laycock.

The class provides an opportunity for men of all persuasions to join together in Bible study, fellowship and inspiration.



Easter sunrise service

Cornerstone Baptist Church members conducted an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, last Sunday, March 27, at these three crosses erected in a field at 23rd Street and Price Road.

Would you be willing to help your competitor?

I don't know why, but something in me has always loved to watch bull riding. Not because I have done it myself, but because I just love watching the battle. I did kind of try it once on a steer (who just moments before had been a bull) as he made his way out of a pen.

I jumped from the top of the pin, hit his back, he collapsed his front legs and I landed face first in the mud which filled the lot. At that moment I retired from steer/bull riding. I was about 10 years old.

For several years I have been an avid fan of the PBR, the Professional Bull Riders Association. The skill, guts, courage and toughness of these men are incredible. It truly is the "world's toughest sport." It makes the NFL and the NHL look like games for sissies AKA "girlie men".

Now being serious about being a Christian makes me look for fellow Christians to watch and root for. That is easy in the PBR, there are many godly men there. In this article I want to tell you about two of them and encourage you to be like them.

Awhile back, it looked like Adriano Morales, a two-time PBR World Champion, had another championship sown up. But the PBR changed the point totals to help the race for the championship be more exciting for the fans. So going into the World Finals in Las Vegas, four or five men had a chance to win the championship. And to complicate things further the grand prize for the championship was \$1,000,000.

Mike Lee, a young man from Paradise, Texas was one of the men in the hunt. When the sixth round got to the last rider, Adriano Morales, he was uncharacteristically nervous and worried. He was not only injured (having torn his bicep earlier in the week) but he was having trouble with a very cantankerous/dangerous bull in the chute.

If he rode his bull, Mike Lee's chance to catch him was going to be very slim. About that time, Mike Lee, who was already help-

ing keep the bull's head down for Adriano, said, "Adriano, you can ride this bull so nod your head." That was the spark of confidence that he needed. Adriano nodded and gave one of the most exciting rides of the finals.

With that little bit of assistance to his fellow competitor, it looked like Mike Lee had blown his chance at the championship and at the \$1,000,000. How could he look past all of that and just help the man he was trying to defeat?

You see they are both totally sold out, born again, real-deal men of God. Adriano hosts a Bible study in his home and guess who attends every time he can? That's right, Mike Lee. They are godly men first, then close friends and then competitors.

As providence would have it, Adriano bucked off of his bull in the seventh round and Mike Lee rode his bull. Then, in the eighth round, Mike Lee recorded the top

score of the round and won the World Finals event and the season Championship and the \$1,000,000.

You see, he didn't have his eyes so focused on the rewards that he ignored a chance to do what Jesus would do, help a friend. We need to be like that too. The "golden rule" doesn't change because there is \$1,000,000 on the line.

Two other great parts to this story: 1. Guess who was the first person who jumped out into the arena to congratulate Adriano in the sixth round after his marvelous ride? That's right, Mike Lee.

2. Guess who was there to congratulate Mike Lee after his final ride to win the championship and the \$1,000,000? That's right, Adriano Morales.

And do you know what else? Before long they'll be studying the Bible together at Adriano's house once again with a group of fellow Christians. Now that is what a "real deal Christian" looks like.

Lord, help us be like these two godly men when the pressure is on us. God bless.

Mike Sublett
HiLand Christian



THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We live in the Tampa Bay area, where two V.A. hospitals are located. Many members of the military have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with mental and physical problems. In our community, we encounter these veterans every day.

Two weeks ago, we were in a fast-food restaurant and saw a young man on crutches with two shiny metal prosthetics on each arm below the elbow. The following week, we were walking down the street and ahead of us was another young man. This one had shiny prosthetics on both legs below the hips and was walking with a cane.

My husband and I wanted to approach and speak to these young men, but we held back. We weren't sure how they would accept a stranger's attention to them.

We, as a country, made many mistakes when our veterans returned from Vietnam. Many of these wounded young veterans will be returning to their homes and communities now and in the near future. I feel the American people need some guidance on how to handle this situation. Can you help us? -- PATRICIA AND BILL, SEMINOLE, FLA.

DEAR PATRICIA AND BILL: Put yourselves, for just a moment, in the position of the young men you have encountered. Would it not be meaningful to you if someone saw what you had sacrificed in the line of duty, and verbalized appreciation for it? Some decisions are better left to the heart than to the head -- and whether or not to reach out in a case like this is one of them. I say, go for it. It could give a deserving young person a tremendous boost.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a guy who does not like to kiss. We act like an old married couple. He's not affectionate or romantic in any way at all. He'll hold my hand in public,

but that's it. I'm wondering if it's because of depression. He loves to work, but I think it's to cover his depression.

He tells me every day that he loves me, and we never fight. We actually get along very well. Are some men just not affectionate? I would like to be, but I know he's not that type. My parents are not affectionate people, and they have been together for 38 years.

My boyfriend has told me that he knows there is something wrong with him and that he needs counseling about his behavior. We have a lot in common and see each other every day, so we are definitely serious. We laugh and click in ways other than being romantic and passionate. Is there any hope? -- STARVED FOR AFFECTION IN BIRMINGHAM

DEAR STARVED: There is hope, but only if your boyfriend is willing to get the counseling he says he needs. As it stands, your needs do not appear to be high on his list of priorities. Because it does not appear that a marriage without physical expression would be satisfying for you, it may be that you and he are destined to be the dearest of friends -- but not mates. If he truly cares as much about you as you care for him, he owes it to you to level with you.

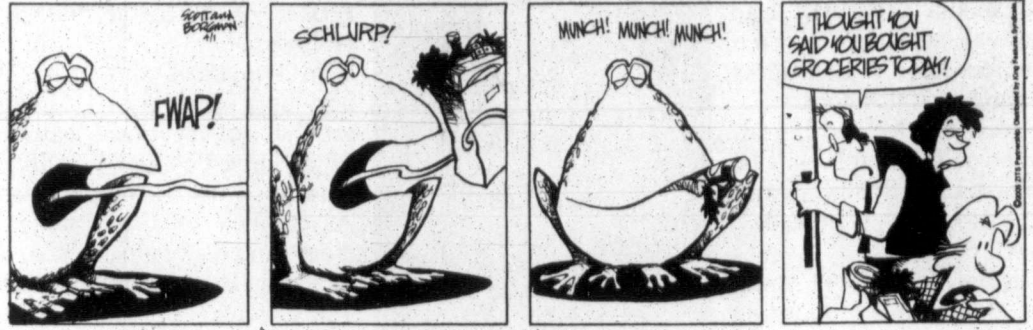
DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a husband and daughter picking out carpet for our living room while I was out of town? Not only that, they picked a color I don't like. I am very hurt and disappointed -- not to mention angry! -- DONNA IN OHIO

DEAR DONNA: I don't blame you for feeling angry. As woman of the house, the choice of carpet should have been decided between you and your husband. I wouldn't blame you if you refused to accept delivery and installation.

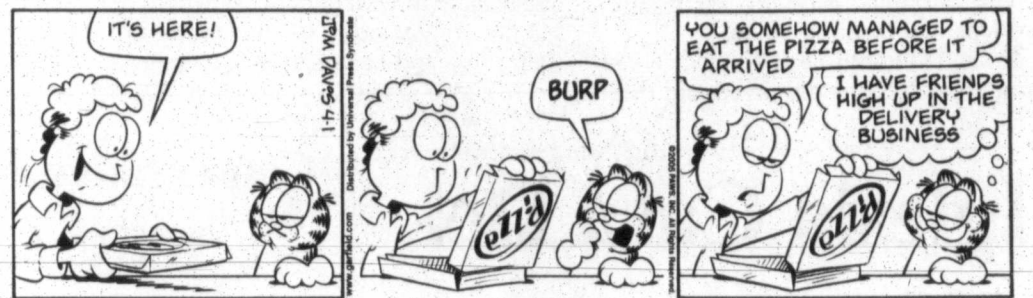
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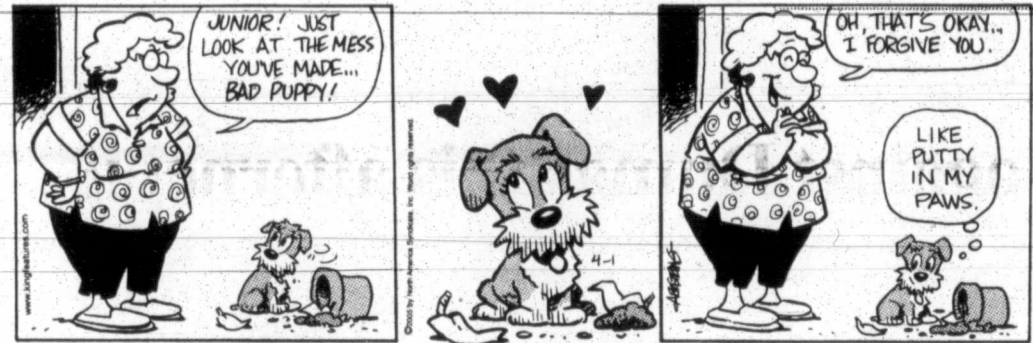
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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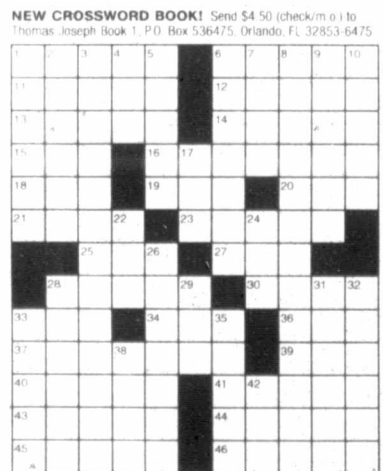
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Yesterday's answer



Marmaduke



"Did you leave these for me or are you forgetting something?"

The Family Circus



"Can we play with water balloons in the house? We'll be real quiet."

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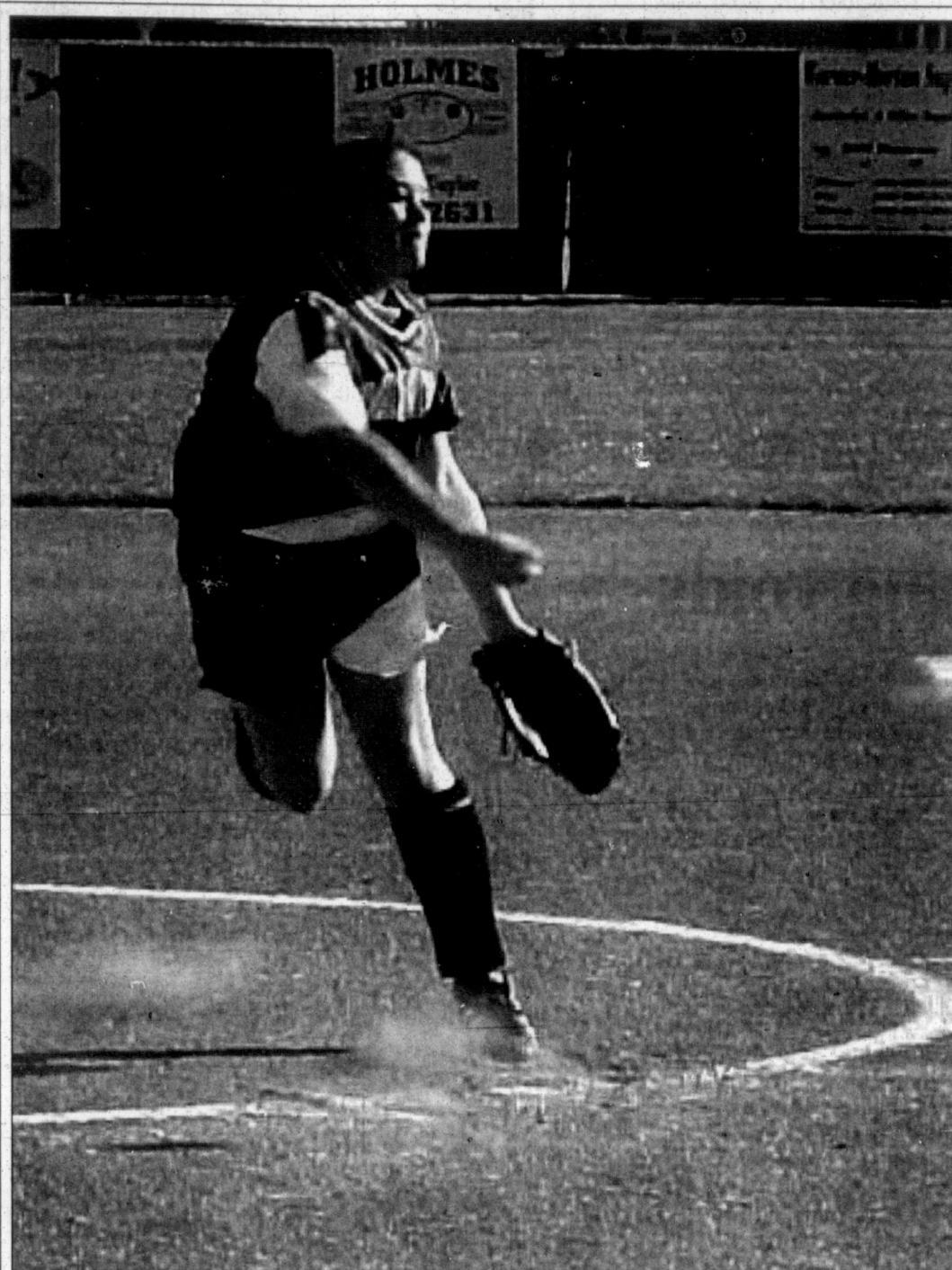
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Flo & Friends



Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lady Harvester sophomore pitcher, Nicole Clark, will start against the Dumas Demonettes this afternoon for the Pampa varsity team.

Lady Harvesters face tough test against Dumas this afternoon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Respect. It is one of those things in life one is not given unless it is earned. Listen to the coaching staff of the Lady Harvester softball program, and you will discover a great deal of respect for tonight's opponent, Dumas.

JV Coach, Troy Owens says tonight's game will be a tough one. "Dumas has one of the best programs in the area," Owens says he was able to watch the Demonettes during the Dumas Tournament. "They swing the bats well," said Owens. The JV Lady Harvesters enter the game this afternoon with a record of 9-1-1 (3-0). Owens will start Jasmine Moore (5-1) in the pitcher's circle today.

The varsity team also faces Dumas this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Coach Bobbi Gill will start Nicole Clark (8-5) at pitcher. Gill

will be rotating her pitchers throughout the district run.

Pampa (17-7, 3-0) has been a scoring machine of late. But Gill knows this afternoon will not only test her team's talent, but heart as well. A test the Lady Harvesters should pass with flying colors.

Gill says Dumas is a traditionally strong program. She feels the two programs are very evenly matched. The Lady Harvesters' confidence level should be soaring, and Coach Gill would like to harness that energy while keeping her team focused.

Gill notes the dedication and work her girls have invested in the season so far. "Our ladies work hard and deserve to reap the benefits of that hard work," she said.

Coach Gill also knows a win at Dumas today could place her team in the driver's seat, and set the tone for the rest of the district run.

Pampa among 24 schools at 55th Amarillo Relays

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

With the season winding down, the Pampa High School Track and Field team is away from home for its final three meets of the year.

The Harvesters will be in Amarillo today and tomorrow for the Amarillo Relays at Dick Bivins Stadium. The team will then travel to Dumas next Friday, April 8.

All 3-4A programs will wrap the regular

season at the District Meet in Hereford, April 14-15. The top three finishers in each event there will qualify for Regionals to be held in San Antonio April 29-30. The State Meet is scheduled for May 13-14 in Austin.

According to Pampa Coach Tad Smith, "It looks like we may have a few girls who can qualify for Regionals, maybe even State."

The Amarillo Relays will begin at 12 p.m. today. Events tomorrow will start at 1 p.m.

55th Amarillo Relays Team Entries

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Pampa
Perryton
River Road

San Jacinto
Stratford
Tascosa
Texline
Trinity Fellowship
Tulia
Vega
Weatherford, Okla.

PHS JV baseball team has one today, two tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester JV baseball team is looking to bounce back from back-to-back losses at Borger this past Monday. The team is home to host Dumas this afternoon, and on the road at Canyon for a pair tomorrow. The Dumas game will start at 4:30 p.m. today. The first game at Canyon should get started at 12 p.m. tomorrow.

Pampa (6-8) has met the Demons once this season, winning that game 2-0. "They are a very good team that played solid defense against us the first time we played them," said Harvester Coach, Clint Allen.

Dakota Gowin (1-1) will start on the mound for Pampa.

In looking at tonight's game, Allen offered, "We are looking to rebound and play a good game after losing the two games to Borger Monday night." He added, "we just are not playing our best right now."

So far as Canyon, he says he hasn't had the chance to see them much this season, but knows they will be a handful. "I don't know much about them this year. But I do know they are usually very tough."

Taking the hill in game one of Saturday's twin bill will be Keenan Davis. Brad Johnson will start in game two.

Rains soak PGA again

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — The rainy weather that has plagued the PGA tour this season struck again, washing out the opening round of the BellSouth Classic.

Heavy rains fell for about nine hours before ending just before 1 p.m., rendering the TPC at Sugarloaf course unplayable.

So far this season, eight of the 14 tournaments have been affected by the weather, including last week's Players Championship, which was delayed by storms on five occasions and didn't finish until Monday.

CASCAIS, Portugal (AP) — Markus Brier shot a 6-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead after the first day of the Portugal Open.

The unheralded Austrian battled windy conditions on the oceanside course to shoot a 34 on the front nine, despite a bogey on the fifth hole. He then made two of his seven birdies on the 10th and 11th holes.

England's Neil Cheetham, New Zealand's Stephen Scashill, Denmark's Mads Vibe Hastrup and South Africa's Titch Moore were at 4 under.

Former Armstrong assistant alleges he found banned substance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With speculation building that Lance Armstrong will retire, the six-time Tour de France champion finds himself facing yet another doping allegation.

On Thursday, attorneys for Armstrong denied allegations made by a former personal assistant that he found a steroid in Armstrong's Spanish apartment early last year.

"It's a shakedown and it has been from the very beginning," Armstrong's attorney Timothy Herman said.

Mike Anderson, who worked for Armstrong for about two years, has been in a legal fight with the cycling great over alleged promises Armstrong made to help him start a bike shop. He made his claim of a banned substance in a brief filed in state district court.

Herman called the allegation false and "absurd."

"We are not going to be blackmailed or pay extortion money to hide something that isn't true," Herman said.

Armstrong has pledged to ride for a seventh Tour de France title this year, but his comments to Italian media this week fueled speculation it would be his last.

"Four more months and it's over" he told Gazzetta dello Sport, the Italian newspaper reported Thursday.

"I miss my kids and all the pressure I have on me is taking its toll," he said. Armstrong has scheduled a news conference in the United States on April 18 before the Tour of Georgia. His new two-year contract to race for

the Discovery Channel team requires he race just one more Tour de France.

"I have to talk to the press and I have to tell them something important," he said after finishing 24th in the Paris-Camembert cycling race this week. He said he would start the Tour de France but added, "it could be the last."

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— Timothy Herman
Attorney

Mark Higgins, a spokesman for Capital Sports Entertainment — which represents Armstrong and runs the Discovery Channel team — would only say Thursday: "Lance will make an announcement at the press conference that is to be determined."

In Texas, Anderson's court filing said he had a key to Armstrong's apartment in Girona, Spain, and was cleaning the bathroom in "early 2004" when he found a white box labeled "like any other prescription drug" but that did not have a doctor's prescription attached.

Written on the box was the trademark name, "Androsteninge, or some-

thing very close to this," Anderson said.

"He went to the computer, looked it up on the WADA or USADA Web site(s), and confirmed that what he had found was an androgen, a listed banned substance," Anderson's court brief states, referring to the World Anti-Doping Agency and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Anderson said he put the box in the medicine cabinet where he found it. He said he did not confront Armstrong because he was worried he would be fired. He said he looked for the box again after Armstrong left Girona to train in the Canary Islands, but didn't find it.

"I had a job to do, that's why I kept my mouth shut," Anderson said. "I tried for a very long time to give him the benefit of the doubt. I waited for months to even tell my wife."

Anderson said it was the only time he found the alleged substance and that he never saw Armstrong take any steroids or other banned substances.

Anderson also said he and Armstrong had a discussion in 2004 about cyclists who dope and claimed Armstrong told him, "Everyone does it."

Armstrong has long maintained that he has is drug-free. The cancer survivor frequently notes he is one of the most drug-tested athletes in the world.

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Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Flower child

Senior Clayton Hall presents his mother, Kitty, with a flower bouquet during the PHS Basketball Booster Club banquet Tuesday night.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Illinois' Weber AP coach of the year

By **JIM O'CONNELL**
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bruce Weber, who led Illinois to its winningest season, was an overwhelming choice Friday as The Associated Press national coach of the year.

It was just the latest reward for a spectacular season for Weber, in only his second year at Champaign.

The Illini (36-1), who play Louisville in the national semifinals Saturday, were ranked No. 1 the final 15 weeks of the season, and were unanimous six times.

Only two other Illinois teams, in 1953 and 1989, were ever ranked No. 1, and both also reached the Final Four, but neither lasted on top more than a week during the season.

Weber received 54 votes from the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25.

Mike Krzyzewski of Duke received six votes, while Al Skinner of Boston College had five and Lorenzo Romar of Washington had four.

Weber succeeded Bill Self at Illinois two years ago and led the Illini to their first outright Big Ten title in 52 years in his first season.

Weber coached Southern Illinois for five seasons, compiling a 103-54 record and leading the Salukis to the NCAA tournament twice, before the Illinois job opened when Self moved to Kansas.

Weber was an assistant for 18 seasons to Purdue's Gene Keady, the coach of the year in 1996.

Weber's 81-year-old mother, Dawn,

died suddenly the day the Illini beat Northwestern in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten tournament. He didn't miss a game as Illinois went on to win the conference title and then won four games as the NCAA tournament's overall No. 1 seed.

The Illini reached the Final Four with a memorable 90-89 overtime victory over Arizona, a game in which they trailed by 15 with 4 minutes left in regulation.

Weber is the first Illinois coach to win the award and the first from the Big Ten since Tom Izzo of Michigan State in 1998. Izzo's Spartans also reached the Final Four this season, setting up the possibility of an all-Big Ten national championship game.

Phil Martelli of Saint Joseph's won the award last season.

Armstrong

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Anderson said he believes Armstrong knew about the discovery of the box because their relationship began to deteriorate almost immediately even though he continued to work until he was fired in November.

Herman countered that the two maintained a good relationship for several months and said he has e-mails to demonstrate that.

"I was surprised at what a good guy Armstrong is and how he took care of this guy," Herman said.

Anderson said he was working as a mechanic at a local bike store when he met Armstrong more than four years ago. They became friends, often riding together, and Anderson regularly worked on Armstrong's bikes before becoming his personal assistant in November 2002.

Anderson was paid about \$3,000 a month for duties that ranged from building bike trails on Armstrong's Hill Country property to doing his grocery shopping in Spain. Anderson said he

was offered a severance package worth \$7,000 when he was fired.

Armstrong and his personal service company, Luke David LLC, sued Anderson about a month later, claiming Anderson demanded Armstrong pay him \$500,000, give him a signed Tour de France jersey and future endorsements to help him set up his own bike shop.

Anderson countersued, accusing the cyclist of fraud, breach of contract and causing him severe emotional distress.

Anderson says an e-mail Armstrong sent to offer him the job promised the help and should be considered a binding contract.

Anderson said Armstrong also demanded he sign a confidentiality agreement that would have held him liable for up to \$1 million in damages.

"I had no desire whatsoever to come out with this stuff," Anderson said. "I sought a settlement and then they sued me. If somebody wants to say I want to get money out of it, they're insulting my intelligence."

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Associated Press Writer
Andrew Dampf in Rome
contributed to this report.

POYC still looking to fill coaching voids

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Staff Writer

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is still in need of coaches. "In particular, we need two coaches for the 13-15 Babe Ruth League, two for the 13-15 Softball League, and one for the 7-9 Softball League," said Optimist Baseball Commissioner, Kevin Davis.

The Optimist Club will be holding a mandatory coaches meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the Optimist Youth Club. Those

interested in filling coaching vacancies are encouraged to attend. Unfilled vacancies can lead to the elimination of a team as well as larger rosters for others, thus making it tough for coaches to insure effective playing time. Therefore, it is paramount these openings be filled.

If you have any questions regarding coaching in the Optimist Youth Club, please call Kevin Davis at 664-2542. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Roehrig, Shimek help balance Michigan State attack

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Kelli Roehrig could have played college basketball much closer to her Nebraska home.

But then she probably wouldn't be headed for the Final Four — and neither would Michigan State.

Roehrig, an imposing 6-foot-4 center, teams with homegrown power forward Liz Shimek to give the Spartans a quality presence in the paint.

Michigan State set a record for victories and is making its first trip to the Final Four. The performances of Roehrig and Shimek could be pivotal when the Spartans (32-3) play Tennessee (30-4) in an NCAA tournament semifinal Sunday in Indianapolis.

Baylor (31-3) and Louisiana State (33-2) battle in the other semifinal, with the winners meeting Tuesday to decide the national championship.

"We feel we've got a lot yet to accomplish," Roehrig said. "We're playing good. We want to play great."

That drive is what made Roehrig and Shimek prime recruiting targets early on for Michigan State coach

Joanne P. McCallie, now in her fifth season in East Lansing.

Much of the public attention on the Spartans focuses on guards Kristin Haynie and Lindsay Bowen, both of whom grew up within 25 miles of the Michigan State campus. Both were honorable mention All-Americans this season.

But so was Shimek, a 6-foot-1 junior from northern Michigan who leads the team in scoring at 15 points a game and in rebounding at 9.1. Roehrig, a senior, averages 13.5 points and 7.4 rebounds.

McCallie, first saw Roehrig play for a Nebraska team at an AAU tournament in Washington between her junior and senior seasons of high school.

"She didn't score a point when I saw her play in that game," McCallie said. "But she played hard and she played physical. I just loved her."

Roehrig considered playing for Nebraska and Kansas State before buying into McCallie's sales pitch and heading to East Lansing — an 11-hour drive from her Papillion, Neb., home.

"She sold me on the program and what she was going to do here," Roehrig said of McCallie. "She has a great intensity for basketball and for life. She's the kind of person you are drawn to."

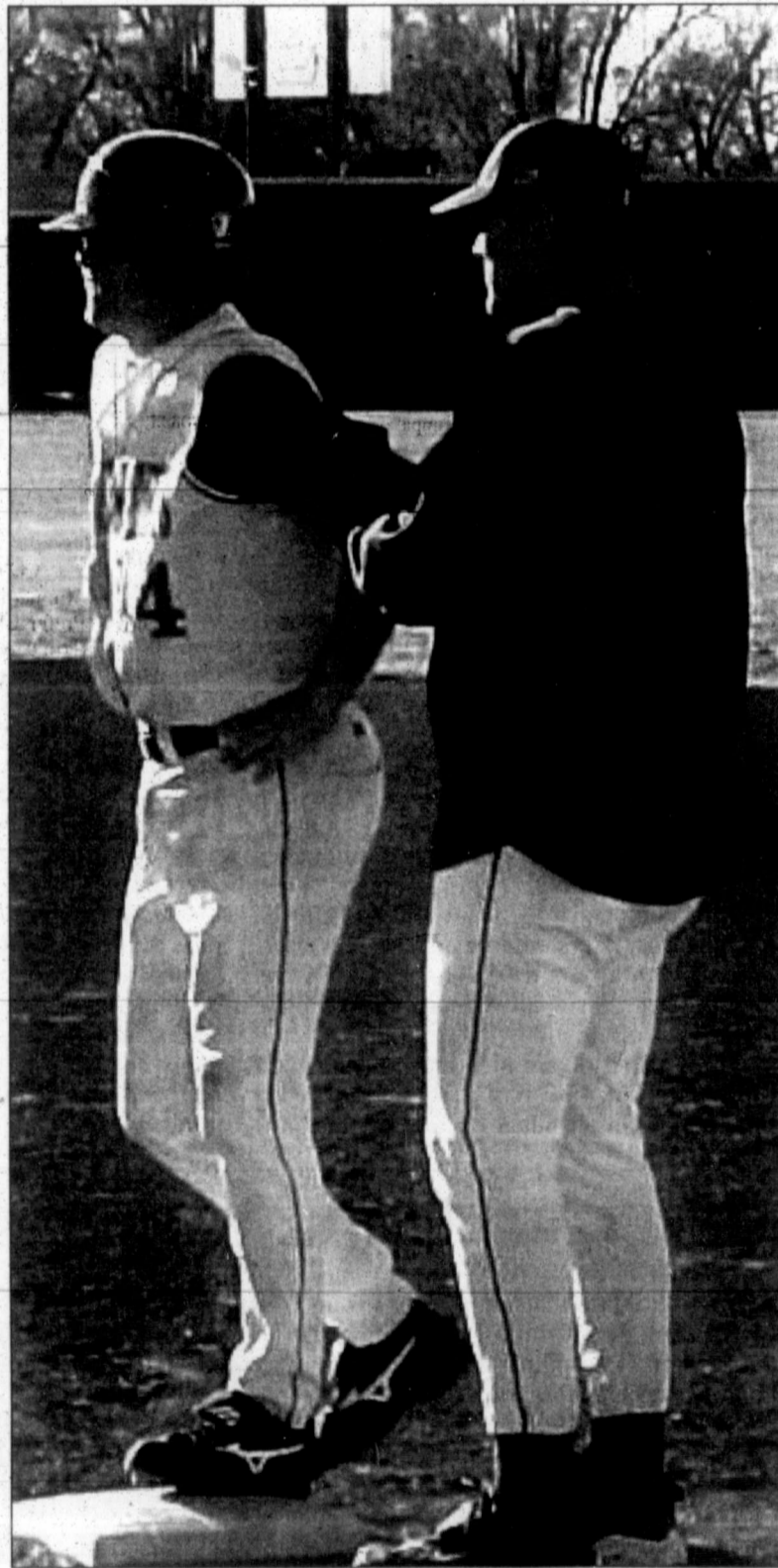
Shimek, who grew up on a farm near Empire, Mich., had just a four-hour commute south to East Lansing. She was highly touted, winning Michigan's Miss Basketball award after setting state records for rebounding at Maple City-Glen Lake High School.

McCallie was impressed by Shimek's work ethic — along with her basketball skills and ability to run the court. Once strictly an inside player, Shimek is now more versatile and has developed into a better mid-range shooter.

She's not a consistent threat from 3-point range, but will take the occasional shot from behind the arc to keep her defenders off balance.

"Liz is intensely competitive, tough and dedicated," McCallie said. "When you are starting a program, you are looking for kids who believe in Michigan State — and Liz is one of those."

First aid



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Coach Dale Ammons tends to Tyler Doughty who was given free passage to first base after being hit by a pitch in Tuesday's game against Randall. Pampa travels to Hereford tomorrow. Game time is 1 p.m.

Three guards lead the way for Illinois

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dee Brown was already a star when he arrived in Champaign, Ill., the state's Mr. Basketball and one of the country's best prep players. Deron Williams and Luther Head weren't quite so famous, known only to the true basketball junkies.

None of the three is lacking for facetime these days. They're the country's best trio of guards, a nasty combination of pure shooting, suffocating defense and unselfishness that has carried Illinois all the way to the Final Four.

"Bringing those guys in here kind of transitioned this program," senior center Nick Smith said. "From getting a bunch of big, strong, tough, mean guys and then just having to outfight people in games, to getting some of the more elite talent in the country and being as talented as anybody else in the country."

There's no question the Illini can

hang with anybody now. They flirted with a perfect record, not losing until the regular-season finale, and go into Saturday night's matchup with Louisville at 36-1.

They've been ranked No. 1 since Dec. 6, a 15-week stretch that was the longest to end the season since 1996-97. They've led more than nine of every 10 minutes of their games, and the only time they've trailed by double digits was last weekend, when they rallied from 15 down with four minutes to go in one of the most stunning comebacks in NCAA tournament history.

And Brown, Head and Williams are the ones leading the way.

"They're certainly special," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said.

"That's what's made them a fraction away from being undefeated and one of the strongest teams in college basketball. We know that one, two and three, it's not going to

get any better."

Head, a second-team All-America, is the Illini's top scorer with 15.7 points a game. He's particularly dangerous from 3-point range, shooting 41 percent and leading the Big Ten with 105 treys.

Brown is the Illini's sparkplug, a blur of motion who can change a game in just a few possessions. When the Illini trailed at Michigan, he turned three straight steals into baskets in less than a minute, giving Illinois the lead for good before the Wolverines could figure out what hit them. He's averaging 13.5 points, 4.6 assists and almost two steals a game.

And then there's Williams. He's the one starter who didn't win at least one Big Ten player of the week award, and was largely overlooked in the postseason honors. Yet he's the one player who is absolutely indispensable for the Illini.

Indians place Gonzalez on 15-day DL; other sports transactions

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BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Sent C Ben Davis outright to Charlotte of the IL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed OF Juan Gonzalez on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Grady Sizemore from their minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned OF Marcus Thames to Toledo of the IL. Reassigned LHP Doug Creek and OF Alexis Gomez to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Announced LHP Chris George and RHP Dennis Tankersley cleared waivers and were sent outright to Omaha of the PCL.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Released LHP C.J. Nitkowski. Optioned 3B Terry Tiffie and INF Augie Ojeda to Rochester of the IL. Waived OF Michael Restovich. Reassigned RHP Willie Eyre

and C Chris Heintz to their minor league camp. Announced Rule 5 Draft RHP Angel Garcia has cleared waivers and has been returned to the organization.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed OF Abraham Nunez off waivers from Kansas City. Placed INF Bucky Jacobsen on the 60-day DL. Optioned LHP George Sherrill to Tacoma of the PCL. Reassigned RHP Dan Reichert to their minor league camp.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Claimed OF Michael Restovich off waivers from Minnesota. Purchased the contract of RHP Hideo Nomo from Durham of the IL.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed DH-1B Greg Colbrunn on the 15-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Ryan Glynn to Syracuse of the IL. Reassigned LHP Scott Downs and INF Julius Matos to their minor league camp.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Traded 2B Nick Green to

Tampa Bay for RHP Jorge Sosa.
CHICAGO CUBS—Released INF Dave Hansen. Placed RHP Scott Williamson on the 60-day DL.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned INF Joe Dillon and C Josh Willingham to Albuquerque of the PCL. Returned Rule 5 draft LHP Luke Hagerty to the Chicago Cubs.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Mike DiFelice on a minor league contract. Purchased the contracts of LHP Mike Matthews and INF Chris Woodward from Norfolk of the IL. Released OF Kerry Robinson. Optioned OF Victor Diaz and RHP Aaron Heilman to Norfolk. Reassigned OF Gerald Williams and C Joe Heptas to their minor league camp. Placed RHP Steve Trachsel on the 60-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Optioned OF Marlon Byrd to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the IL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed G Andre Barrett to a 10-day contract. Released G Mark Jones.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with S Idrees Bashir.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB Kenny Wright to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Announced Corbin Licina and Regis Eller will join the coaching staff as interns for mini-camp and training camp.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed FB Rob Konrad and DL Kenny Smith.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Claimed DB Arnold Parker off waivers from Seattle.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with C Robbie Tobeck on a two-year contract and WR Alex Bannister on a four-year contract.
COLLEGE
MERCHANT MARINE—Announced the resignation of Tim McNulty, football coach. Named assistant head football coach Tim Kepple interim coach.



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