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Tulsa woman dies in roll-over near Conway

CONWAY - One person was killed and four injured in a one-vehicle, crash three miles west of Conway on Interstate 40 Wednesday.

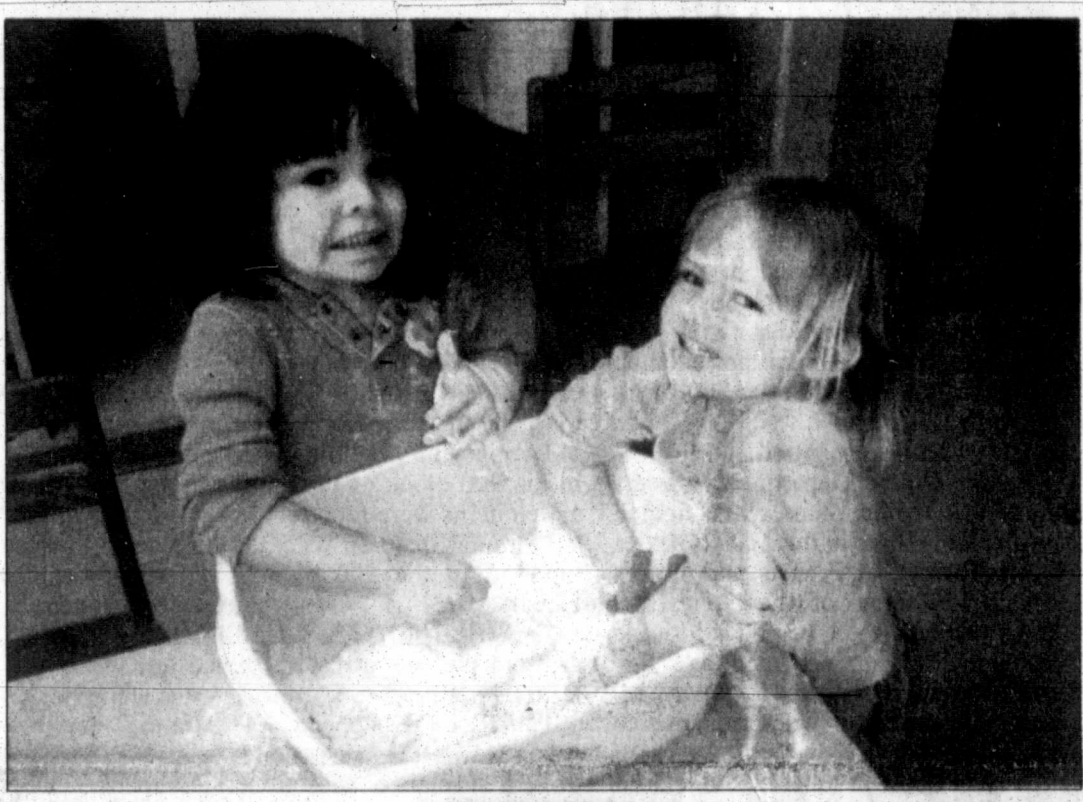
At 7:30 a.m., Leslie Lynne O'prey, 41, of Tulsa, Okla., was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox westbound on I-40 near Conway.

According to press release of the accident by Trooper Wayne Beighe of Amarillo, the driver fell asleep and the vehicle drifted onto the center median. She awoke and attempted to regain control of the vehicle and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll and ejecting one passenger who was killed.

Skylene Melanie Gilreath, 30, of Tulsa, Okla., died at the scene. Injured in the crash were Leslie Lynne O'prey, 41, of Tulsa, taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in good condition; William Riley Gilreath, 40, of Tulsa, Okla., taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in good condition; Lynnzee of Gilreath, 2, of

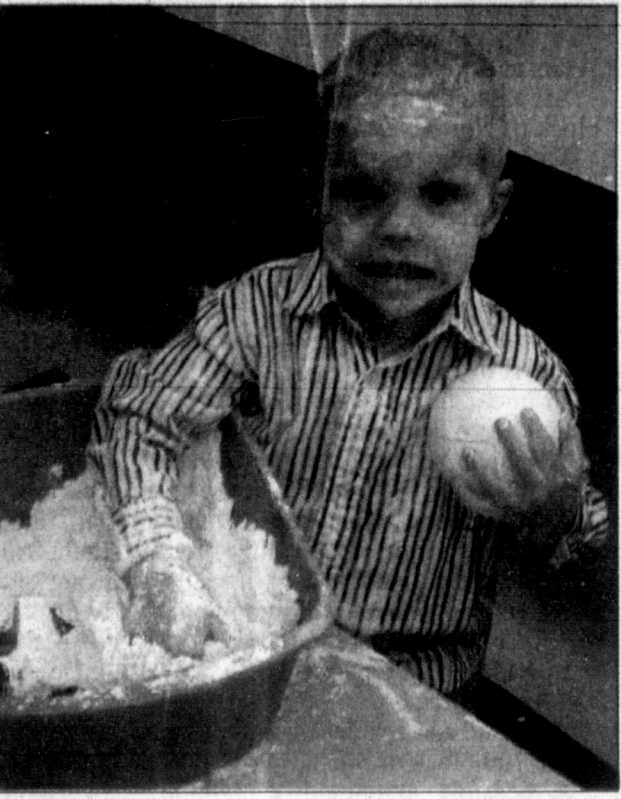
Tulsa, Okla., taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in good condition; and Joe Gilreath, 1, of Tulsa, Okla., taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in good condition.

All occupants were using seatbelts except the deceased, the DPS reported.



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St. Matthew's Day School toddlers, top photo, Jordan Cone and Preslee Alvey, and Austin Irlbeck, right photo, react to sticking their hands in pans filled with flour. The toddlers classes took part in this activity to develop fine motor skills while learning to sift, scoop, pour, mix and measure flour.



County keeps bank contract

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Bank of America's contract with Gray County as the county's bank depository was renewed by county commissioners this morning at their meeting in the county courthouse.

The contract is for two years beginning next month, with two one-year extensions possible.

Bank of America and FirstBank Southwest had both submitted proposals, which were opened at commissioners' April 1 meeting. Commissioners asked County Treasurer Lee Cornelison at that time to prepare a comparison analysis of the two proposals and present it at this morning's meeting.

"I see one of the proposals as very fair, and one as a miracle," Cornelison said when County Judge Richard Peet asked him his opinion of the two.

Bank of America's proposal stated it would not charge the county any fees except for the vendor cost of printing deposit slip books and checks.

FirstBank Southwest's proposal listed per unit fees for approximately 30 items, including debit posting, checks paid, automated and manual stop payment, automated account activities, fixed monthly service fees, and account maintenance.

"I understand the fees listed by FirstBank Southwest are very typical fees. I don't think there's anything wrong at all with FirstBank Southwest's proposal," Cornelison said.

A representative from FBSW attended this morning's meeting and explained that the county would get credit against their fees for income earned by the bank on their accounts. Exact amounts for fees charged and credit earned in any given month could not be provided.

Bank of America's proposal differs from its current, expiring contract with the county in that it will charge for printed deposit slips and checks, which had been provided free of charge under the current agreement. No other changes to the contract

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Campaign to benefit Tralee

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa's Tralee Crisis Center is one of five local agencies which will benefit from "Connecting to Hope," a community-based giving campaign which begins today to raise funds for programs to aid victims of domestic violence.

"Connecting to Hope" is a joint project of United Supermarkets and the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). During the month-long campaign from April 15 to May 15, customers at any of United's 47 stores may donate to the "Connecting to Hope" effort as they make their purchases during checkout.

"This campaign consists of giving a little extra when paying for your groceries at the register,"

Lyn Ledbetter, volunteer coordinator for Tralee Crisis Center. Officials said 100 percent of the donations will go to support the domestic violence shelters in this area including Tralee Crisis Center, Family Support Services in Amarillo, Hutchinson County Crisis Center in Borger, Safe Place in Dumas, and Panhandle

Crisis Center in Perryton. "We are hopeful that the 'We are Connected' campaign will help us keep our doors open to families in crisis and continue to provide our community with a sense of peace, knowing that their family members, neighbors, friends and co-workers will have a place to go when they need help and safety from their abusive partners," Ledbetter said.

"This campaign consists of giving a little extra when paying for your groceries at the register."

—Lyn Ledbetter
Tralee Crisis Center

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Did You Know?

- Every 2 minutes someone is sexually assaulted in Texas.
- Every hour 78 women nationwide will be sexually assaulted.
- An estimated 82 percent of rapes go unreported.
- The vast majority of rape victims - nearly 80 percent - know the person that raped them.
- Tralee Crisis Center handled 117 sexual assault cases in 2004.
- 153 people died at the hands of their intimate partners last year and two of those lived in Pampa.
- You can help stop this heinous crime by becoming a Tralee Crisis Center volunteer. For more information on becoming a Tralee volunteer, contact Lyn Ledbetter, volunteer coordinator, 669-1131.
- Victims of rape and domestic violence can call Tralee's hotline at 1-800-658-2796.

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Obituaries

Arthur J. Orth, Jr.

Arthur J. Orth, Jr., was born July 23, 1929, to Arthur Orth and Madalen (Ewertz) Orth on the farm in St. Joe, Kan. He was one of nine children.

He graduated Catholic School at St. Joe, then moved to Kingman, Kan., where he was employed at the age of 14 for a local Chevrolet dealership.

At age 15, he received his Chevrolet mechanic certificate. Through this job, he met and was hired to a traveling seismograph crew.

In 1949, he met and married Betty M. Crumley in Kingman, Kan. They traveled border to border doing seismic work and settle in Pampa, Texas, in 1952, to raise three boys.

He retired from Cities Service Oil & Gas Company with 43 years of service in 1987, at which time he received the prestigious Joseph H. Holmes Safety Award for 40 years without a lost time accident.

After retiring and living in Pampa, Texas, for 45 years they moved to Elk City, Okla.

During those 45 years in Pampa, he never met a stranger. He was a

member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where he was involved in several ministries.

His hobbies were to ride his Harley Davidson Motorcycles, which started in 1940 and due to illness had to give up in 1982.

He used his self-taught mechanics and engineering talents to help anyone that would ask or needed his help.

Art liked to build things and was an inventor and a tinkerer.

In the 1950s, western swing music was going real well, at this time Art formed a band called Art and the Country Gentlemen. They played for parties and dances all over the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma.

Art was self-taught to play any string instrument. His favorite was the fiddle and guitar.

The Lord called Art to come home on April 13, 2005, at this time he had given 75 years of service.

He was preceded in death by wife, Betty, who was called home to the Lord June 12, 2003.

He was a loving and devoted husband and father to three sons,

R.L. Orth and wife, Kathy of Midland, Texas, Donald R. Orth and wife, Sandra of Elk City, Okla., and Chris Orth and wife, Elizabeth of San Antonio, Texas; his grandchildren, Lindsey Orth of Midland, Texas, Hollie Orth of Elk City, Okla., and Christopher Orth of San Antonio, Texas; and four sisters from the Kansas area.

Art had a special place in his heart for the needy, so the family request no flowers.

A memorial contribution can be made in his name to St. Vincent DePaul Society, 3001 Access Rd., Elk City, OK 73644. The society helps the poor.

The Prayer Vigil-Rosary will be in the Whinery-Savage Chapel on Friday, April 15, 2005, at 7 p.m. with Deacon Jim Warnke officiating.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 16, 2005, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church with Father Carl Janocha officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Elk City, Okla., under the direction of Whinery-Savage Funeral Service in Elk City.

Garlin Lee Tivis, 76

Garlin Lee Tivis was born April 10, 1929, in Gas City, Okla., to Jess Henry and Maudie Burks Tivis. Garlin passed from this life Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in Comanche at the age of 76.

Garlin was a foreman/supervisor for Dorchester Gas. He and Mary Ellen (Mickey) Ryan were married June 6, 1954, in Vernon, Texas.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Comanche Masonic Lodge #41 where he was past master. He was a member of the Hastings Baptist Church.

Garlin also served his country in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife who is of the home; one son, David Lee Tivis of Hooker, Okla.; two daughters, Norma

Rusty Davis of Allen, Texas, and Janet Lee Butler of League City, Texas; one sister, Mearle Milford of Meridian; six granddaughters and one grandson; two great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Funeral services were scheduled today, Friday, April 15, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the Dudley Funeral Home in Comanche with Alan Smith and Dow Pannel officiating. Burial will be in the Fairlawn Cemetery under the direction of Dudley Funeral Home of Comanche. Visitation was Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. with family receiving visitors from 5-7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Services tomorrow

ORTH, Arthur J., Jr. — Mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m., St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City, Okla.

SKAGGS, Robert Eugene "Gene" — 10:30 a.m., Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, Mo.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. South wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 52. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 75. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 47.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and windy, with a high near 67.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 66.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, April 13

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Doucette. Handguns, value unknown, were reported stolen.

A Texas Youth Commission pick up order was performed in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Thursday, April 14

Pampa Police Department officers made 10 traffic stops, investigated traffic complaints in the 2100 block of North Hobart, at Francis and Lefors streets, 1500 block of Rham, and 1000 block of Huff Road, responded to one residential alarm, provided one law enforcement assist on Highway 60 East, and received two silent/abusive 911 calls.

A large dog was reported at the door of the hospital's emergency room.

A vehicle accident was reported at Wilks and Nelson streets.

An assault was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School.

Burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A stolen purse and cell phone was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Theft of floral arrangements valued at \$46, was reported at United Food Stores, 1420 N. Hobart.

An injured animal was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 700 block of Sloan.

A possible attempted kidnapping was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight. A juvenile reported that someone grabbed her from behind in the alley while taking out trash, but was unable to give officers a descrip-

tion of the alleged assailant. The case has been forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division for further investigation.

Burglary in progress was reported in the 500 block of Powell.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Super Center, 2801 Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported on U.S. Highway 60 east.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic. No stolen items were reported.

Criminal trespass with assault was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Earl Jiles III, 38, Amarillo, was arrested for no driver's license and failure to appear.

Paul Scott Daugherty, 61, Miami, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Tuesday, April 12

5 p.m. — A 2004 Ford Taurus, the unknown driver identified as a white female, collided with a 2003 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Joy Anne Hilbern, 30, 1100 Varmon, in the 900 block of West 22nd. The driver of the Ford got out of the vehicle and told a passenger in the Dodge that she needed to go and get her cell phone, according to police reports. The driver then left the scene on foot walking south. About five minutes later, the owner of the Ford, Kyle Roberts, 2126 N. Banks, arrived and said his vehicle had been stolen. He said he heard on a police scanner that an accident had occurred on his street. When he left the house, he saw that his vehicle was not in the driveway, but at the end of the street. The keys were in the ignition of the Ford, according to police reports, and officers could find no sign of forced entry.

Thursday, April 14

3:11 a.m. — A 2003 Ford F-350 pick-

up, owned by Gelco Corp. and driven by Michael Kelly Braswell, 1524 N. Coffee, collided with a wooden picket fence valued at \$100, in the 1400 block of Wilks. Braswell was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, April 14

Michael S. Ailport, 24, 408 Lefors, was arrested for theft over \$1,500.

Bryan Del Austin, 33, Madisonville, was arrested on violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

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

Thursday, April 14

9:26 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 300 block of Anne on a reported gas odor.

9:27 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 2300 block of Comanche on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, April 14

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient to PRMC.

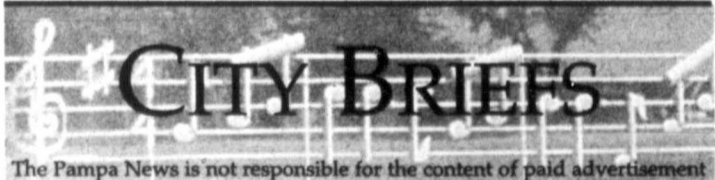
10:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a residence.

11:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported a patient to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.	
Wheat	2.94
Milo	3.15
Corn	3.71
Soybeans	5.41
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
OXY	68.26 -0.27
BP PLC ADR	60.69 -0.07
Cabot Corp	30.98 -0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	32.83 -0.53
Coca Cola	41.90 -0.17
VLO	71.75 -0.43
HAL	42.52 +0.17
TRW	51.25 -0.16
KMI	73.45 -0.40
XCEL	17.06 -0.02

Kerr McGee	77.80 -1.10
XOM	58.54 -0.21
Limited	23.10 +0.06
Williams	17.22 -0.13
MCD	30.34 -0.42
Atmos	27.07 +0.12
Pioneer Nat	41.52 -1.18
JCP	45.97 -0.78
COP	103.74 -1.13
SLB	69.30 +0.30
Tenneco	12.14 +0.13
CVX	53.81 +0.04
Wal-Mart	47.72 -0.24
OKS	29.26 -0.26
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Bills seek to repeal limitations on child sex abuse cases

AUSTIN (AP) — One of two bills proposing to eliminate the statute of limitations in child sex crimes cases was scheduled to be heard by a House subcommittee next week.

The bill would repeal the current Texas law, which requires that such criminal cases against a defendant must begin before the victim turns 28.

"We cannot allow a statute of limitations to be a

passcard for someone who is willing to do this kind of damage and harm and hurt to the children of this state," said Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, who filed the bill.

But some prosecutors don't think doing away with the statute of limitations will help victims, said Criminal Jurisprudence Committee Chairman Terry Keel, R-Austin.

"The statute of limitations are there for the bene-

fit of victims," said Keel, a former prosecutor. "By eliminating the statute, prosecutors could refuse to go forward simply by telling victims on a righteous case that there is no statute of limitations. So there are consequences that have not been thought of that are anti-victim."

A similar bill filed by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, hasn't been scheduled for debate.

Currently, 17 states don't have statutes of limitations for these cases, and Texas should join that list, Ellis said.

"This legislation puts the prosecution of sexual crimes against children on par with murder and manslaughter," said Nathan Coburn, of Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, referring to two crimes that aren't subject to a statute of limitations.

Port Arthur refinery agrees to pay \$656,000 for violations

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — A refinery accused of violating environmental regulations plans to pay more than \$656,000 in penalties, with half going toward Jefferson County projects and the remainder to the state.

Motiva Enterprises agreed

to the penalties, announced Wednesday by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

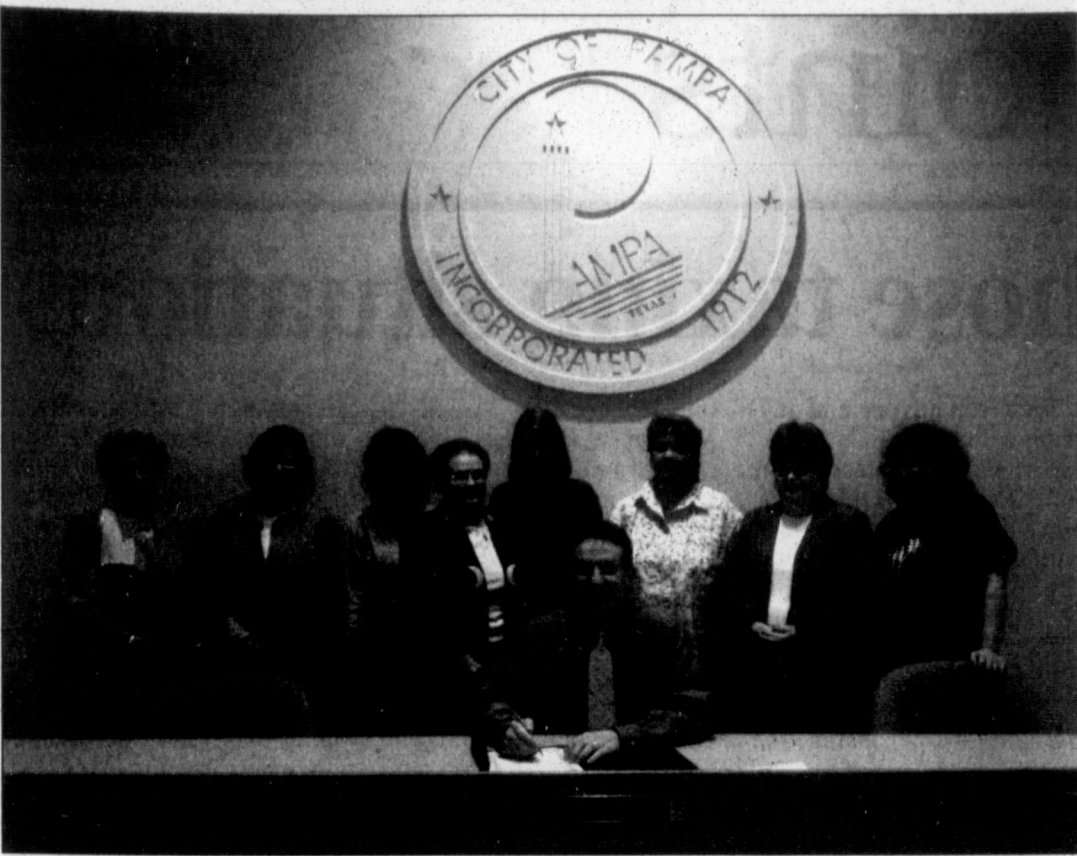
About \$30,000 will be used to equip school buses in the Port Arthur Independent School District to use low-sulfur diesel fuel and almost

\$300,000 will pay for installing an ambient air-monitoring station in Port Arthur.

Three investigations conducted in 2003 discovered the violations, which included failure to prevent unauthorized emissions, failure to

operate pollution control equipment properly, smoke volume and density violations and notification violations.

Information from: The Beaumont Enterprise, <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com>



Mayor Lonny Robbins signs a proclamation declaring April as Sexual Awareness Month in Pampa. Witnessing the event are Tralee Crisis Center representatives, from left, Kay Harris, Carolyn Bradley, Rhonda Ely, Margie Moore, Dana Alexander, Kim Davis, Lyn Ledbetter and Brenda Cox.

Tralee

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She said that a TCFV survey in Texas shows that three of four residents have either been a victim of abuse or know someone who has.

"This is especially alarming as domestic violence programs in Texas, often the only option a victim has for safety, are facing critical funding cuts from the State Legislature," she said. "More than ever, we are depending on our community to support our efforts to provide safety to victims of abuse."

Tralee Crisis Center staff and volunteers are in the midst of observing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

On Tuesday, Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins signed a proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pampa

in the presence of Tralee staff members.

After the signing, staff and volunteers released 78 bright green balloons on the steps of City Hall as a way of recognizing the 78 persons sexually assaulted every hour throughout the nation.

"Service to community has been a key component of the United Supermarkets culture throughout its history," said Eddie Owens, director of communications for United Supermarkets Ltd. "We are proud to be a part of the 'Connecting to Hope' campaign and encourage all Texans to support this effort to provide assistance to victims of abuse."

TCFV is coordinating the

campaign as the statewide advocate for domestic abuse victims, shelters and programs.

"Texans are known for their generosity and eagerness to help those in need. This is a prime opportunity for us to pull together as a community

'More than ever, we are depending on our community to support our efforts to provide safety to victims of abuse.'

— Lyn Ledbetter
Tralee Crisis Center

and provide a network of support that will ultimately save lives," said Sheryl Cates, executive director TCFV.

For more information on how to help Tralee Crisis

Center, call 669-1131.

Abuse victims and their friends and family members can also get help by calling the Tralee Crisis Center hotline at 669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796.

County

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An addendum to a data processing services agreement with Local Government Solutions was approved. The addendum will allow the county judge's office to be connected to the same data processing system as the county clerk, in order to make it easier for the judge's office to access county files.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright was recognized for completion of his 2004 continuing education.

Jeanne Horton was recognized as chief deputy in the county clerk's office upon the retirement of Carolyn Law on May 1. Horton's name will be added to all county clerk checking

accounts, and Law's name will be removed from them.

The treasurer's report was approved. The county currently has about 20 percent of its funds in Texpool investments, with total monetary assets just under \$6

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— Lee Cornelison
County Treasurer

million as of March 31.

Bills totaling \$134,254.62 and salaries totaling \$206,029.32 were approved for payment. Line item transfers for the district attorney's office, the county

extension service and the Precinct 2 road and bridge fund were approved.

The line item transfer for Precinct 2's road and bridge fund will be used for repairs to County Road 3, according to Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

An expenditure of \$300 to have one aging real estate book, which contains legal documents such as land sales and pipeline easements, duplicated on microfilm and compact disc was approved for the county clerk's office. The funds will come from the clerk's archive fund.

One purpose of the duplication is to test the quality of the work done by the company in question, for future reference concerning further archival work for the county, said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Lifeguard training set

Lifeguard training courses begin Monday, April 18, at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

The two-week, four hour lifeguard training program costs \$85 and includes face shield, books, CPR and Lifeguarding certificates.

Participants must meet these prerequisites:

- Minimum age of 15 by end of course;
- Tread water for two minutes using legs only;
- Swim 500 yards continuously using each of the following for at least 100 yards

— crawl, breaststroke and sidestroke;

• Surface dive to minimum of 9 feet and bring a 10-pound diving brick to the surface.

Classes will meet from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., April 18, and 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., April 20-28.

There is no class on Tuesday, April 19. Students must attend all sessions.

Pre-registration for the course is required by going by the office or by calling 669-7121, Red Cross officials said.

Easing Tax Day

Pampa Post Office will try to make Tax Day, April 15, a little more pleasant for tax mailers, announced Postmaster Robert Schrock.

The Post Office will remain open until 6 p.m. to help customers meet the tax mailing deadline, Schrock said.

Customers will be entertained by a local group of musicians from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and refreshments will be on hand at the same time, he said.

Ex-principal guilty of sexual abuse

TYLER (AP) — A former East Texas principal was convicted of sexually assaulting seven girls and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

A jury on Thursday sentenced Russell Thomas Hirner, 43, after deliberating for about four hours. He was

convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child earlier in the day.

"I accept responsibility," Hirner, the former principal of the Longview Baptist Christian Academy, testified. "I couldn't bring myself to tell and I vowed to God that after it came out I'd

make a disclosure."

Prosecutors had pushed for life in prison.

"You are not doing this to Russell Hirner; Russell Hirner did this to himself and his family," Rusk County District Attorney Michael Jimerson told jurors in closing arguments.

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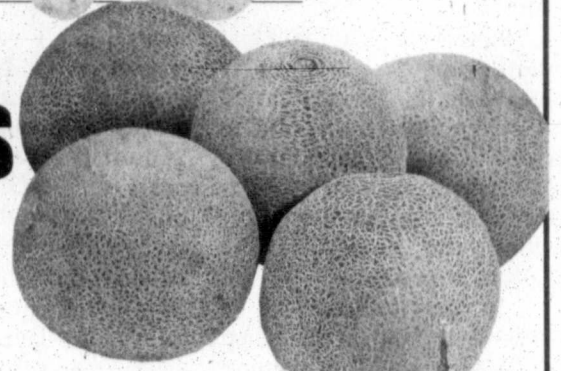
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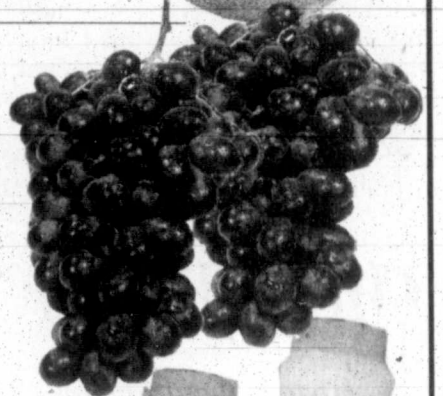
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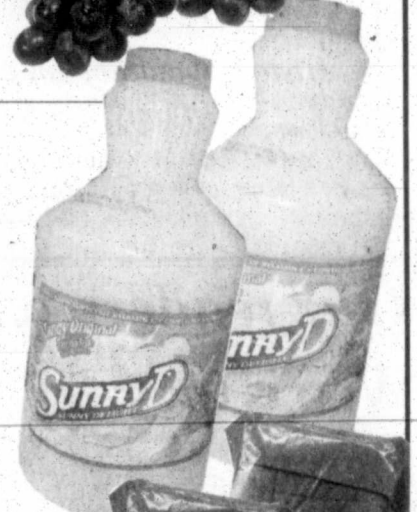


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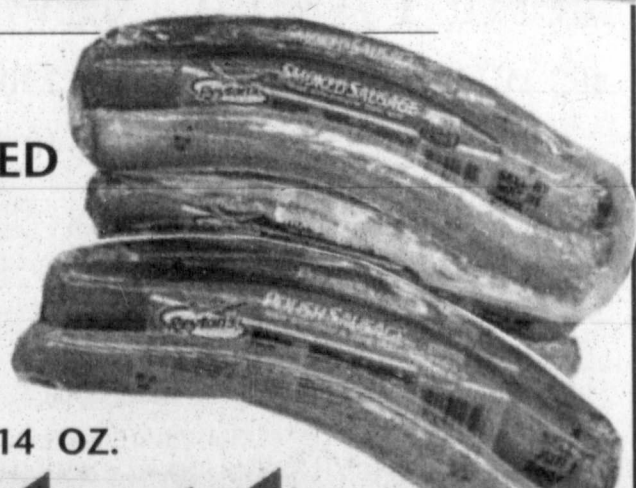


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Viewpoints

Dedicate today to all those taxing situations

Beware, the ides of April. If ole Julius was sitting on his throne in Rome, Texas today; he would be lamenting "Ettu Taxae." Trouble with the Internal Revenue Service, the insidious tax snee never stops stabbing our purses and billfolds, does it?

Happy Tax Day, folks. I think another tea party would do this country proud — in the reflection pond in front of Washington's Monument; and, for the matter — a jalapeno tea party along the banks of the Colorado in Austin.

In past columns I've averred to things that chap my arse. Today, I'm opining inre things that tax my arse. To Closet Writer, the word "tax" always serves two definitions. First, "tax" in the monetary bleeding sense and, second, "tax" in the mentally tiring sense. As you

read my following words, please note that I'm taxed by both definitions.

First and foremost, Congress taxes my arse — always has, always will. A close second to Congress is of course, the IRS; which was meant to tax everyone earning a salary from its inception — always has, always will. Imagine, my grandparents did not hear the words "income tax" or "internal revenue service" until the 1930s. What a dream that would be to wake up to no income tax? Yes, I would place that dream in front of a Porsche, a good Labrador Retriever, and even — a Texas Longhorn national championship in football. What? Some of you think world peace would be a greater sleep dream to pine over? Dream on.

Democrats tax my arse — and always will. Now, in the

controversy over Texas public education funding, Republicans are soon to overly tax all of us. Yes siree Bob, you read it straight from my right typing fingers — Texas Republicans (there ain't many Texas Democrats left in the state legislature) t h i n k t h r o w i n g all kinds of new tax dollars into the education coffers will fix our schools.

Texas Republicans need fixing more than our schools. I bet there are a few veterinarians ready to accept the fixing challenge, eh? Why does Texas education funding have to be such a taxing situation to our legislative body? The solution is so simple.

First, run anyone and anything with the initials "TEA" out of state — like across the Red River to Oklahoma. Next, place administration of our schools back with the school districts and parents; and third, do away with



Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

TAKS. Imagine B students not passing the TAKS and not able to graduate. K i n k y Friedman is

looking better as a protest vote for Closet Writer in the upcoming gubernatorial election. Huh? Jesse Ventura was elected Minnesota's governor and Arnold in California. What makes you think Kinky would be a bad choice with the likes of Jesse and Arnold leading the way?

I drove my litter-taxed arse to the favorite drive-in

on Hobart this week — Monday to be exact. I came home from a trip to find a box on mater's front porch with favorite drive-in on Hobart's logo printed around the sides. Saturday's gale had carried the box from favorite drive-in on Hobart to her front yard; thereby forcing her to save the box for Closet Writer. I pulled up to favorite drive-in on Hobart and walked in the front door with said box and asked to speak to the manager.

"The manager is not in," I was told by an employee of the favorite drive-in on Hobart, "May I help you?" she continued.

"Why yes?" I replied, "I wish the favorite drive-in on Hobart would crush their food supply boxes before placing them in your trash dumpsters."

"Why?" she responded. Rocket science folks. Sad

and taxingly true that conversation was. And, may I add — the very same box was again on the tarmac between favorite drive-in on Hobart's grease pot and dumpster later that afternoon — not crushed and not in the dumpster — patiently waiting Mother Nature's travel plans.

Everyone encounters things that "tax" us. To some of you, my column taxes you and that's all right with Closet Writer. The IRS is not the only taxing situation in my thought process. So, readers, why not dedicate today to any and all taxing situations that stir an emotion and don't give the IRS all your attention — just your money.

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Thought for Today

History would be an excellent thing if only it were true.

— Leo Tolstoy
Russian author (1828-1910).

Our readers write

Who is to blame?

Is it just me or does everyone get the run around when you are dealing with the City of Pampa Water Department? It seems to me that if you make a payment through your bank, which happens to be the same bank for the city, and the money is taken from your account, the payment has been made.

But no! I have been told that is not the case. So therefore, your water is turned off after only seven days. I could understand if I always paid my bill late, or if I was a month behind, but I always pay my utilities before anything else is paid. I then have to pay \$35 and wait until after 5 p.m. to have my water back on.

When the ladies at the water office are questioned, they treat you like a leper with "non-pay" written across your forehead. They will tell you that they did not receive the report from the bank until the water has been turned off. They then put the blame on the bank.

When you go to the bank, you are told the payment was taken from your account

on the 1st, but it doesn't reach the water department until 11 days later.

Why does it take so long to reach the water department? I am sure it should not take seven to 11 days for mail to get from Amarillo or even Perryton to Pampa.

So who is to blame? The water department or the bank or the post office? Can someone please tell me?

Regardless of who is to blame, I now have a mark against my name, I have to pay \$35 which I feel should be refunded to me. I have been embarrassed and I am looking for some answers. Surely there is someone in the city offices that can give me the answer I am looking for. I don't think it would be the end of the world if the water department made a mistake and admitted it. But I know that will never happen, so I will just ask for reasonable answers.

I know this is an election year and everyone is trying to run their campaigns, but please don't forget us little people. We live here, too. We work hard for our livelihoods. We live in Pampa by choice.

Susie York
Pampa



Triangulate Social Security with plans

In 1995, the Newt Gingrich-led Republicans accused President Clinton of having no serious intent to balance the budget. They said that, while he was paying lip service to deficit reduction, he was doing nothing about trimming spending and, indeed, was still plotting further tax increases.

Today, the Hillary Clinton-led Democrats are attacking President Bush, saying that he wants to let Social Security die of its own funding shortfall while he builds a privatization lifeboat in which the rich and the upper middle class can escape.

Ten years ago, the truth was that unless and until Clinton proposed his own version of a balanced budget, replete with substantial spending cuts, neither the nation nor the Congress would take seriously his proclamations of support for deficit reduction.

With the White House, most of Clinton's liberal advisers urged that he not produce his own balanced-budget proposal but leave to the Republicans the onus of suggesting the cuts necessary to eliminate the deficit. They said that by embracing cuts on his own he would incur public wrath and lose his standing to fight congressionally imposed reductions.

Today, the conservatives in the Bush White House are telling their president much

the same thing: that he should not propose his own series of cuts in Social Security because it will subject him to a massive political vulnerability and give the Democrats fodder with which to attack him. They say that he should simply talk about the problems Social Security faces and bemoan the absence of a Democratic plan for saving it, even as he refuses to proffer his own.

Back then, Clinton defied the conventional wisdom of his party and most of his administration and submitted his proposal for a balanced budget, including a broad package of spending cuts that were to pave the way to the elimination of the deficit. But he avoided most of the heavy lifting in suggesting these cuts by proposing to take 10 years — instead of the GOP proposal for seven — to bring about his objective. As a result, his cuts did not trigger the damage his advisers had feared.

Once Clinton had proposed a balanced budget, he could no longer be attacked

as insincere in wanting a balanced budget and, at a stroke, the Republicans lost their best issue. No longer could they hide their desire to dismantle an array of important programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, federal education funding and environmental enforcement

behind the façade of deficit elimination. Clinton had taken away their monopoly on the deficit issue.

Today, Bush has to take away the Democratic mantra that is costing him so dearly in popular support: that Bush wants to wreck Social Security. He needs to counter the effective AARP ad that shows a house being demolished as a metaphor for the destruction of Social Security. By proposing his own package of cuts, Bush can rob the Democrats of their positioning just as Clinton did to the Republicans.

But just as Clinton muted the pain of his cuts by stretching the reduction over

10 years, so Bush can avoid the dire implications of reductions in benefits, raises in taxation or postponement of retirement by using the central ingredient, choice.

By offering beneficiaries one of three plans — lower benefits or later retirement or higher taxes, he can avoid the pitfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to the complex and highly individual calculations of what retirement is right for you.

Bush's current approach is to give Congress a menu of cuts. But that is flawed.

He must give the beneficiaries themselves a menu of reductions or tax increases from which to choose for their own retirement. By leaving it up to Congress, Bush looks as if he doesn't really want to save the system. By leaving it up to the beneficiaries, he belies that accusation completely.

This approach will turn the debate back to its original focus: privatization of a portion of the Social Security tax revenues. The issue will be no longer destruction of the system but individual choice and options.

(If any reader happens to know anybody who works in the White House, please call this column to their attention.)

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Religion



Team Kids visit future home of Cornerstone Baptist Church

Team Kids of Cornerstone Baptist Church, instead of meeting at the church recently, decided to have class at 23rd Street and Price Road, the future home of Cornerstone Baptist Church. All 20 kids enjoyed climbing the mounds of dirt, playing dodge ball, football, refreshments. With the crosses still in place since Easter, they were reminded of what the crosses represent.

Many have awakened; more needed

The Odessa, Texas, School Board did listen. According to The Pampa News Wednesday, March 30, 2005, the Odessa School Board is at least considering the possibility of offering a Bible-based class as an elective in the high schools.

A packed audience gave a standing ovation after the Ector County School Board heard a presentation from a man representing the National Council on Bible curriculum in public schools on offering such a class. If I read between the lines plainly at this point, the general public wants those classes.

Is the Odessa School Board in favor of offering this class? Or do they fear a lawsuit against the school board?

Board President Randy Rives said, "The public deserves an answer on whether a Bible elective should be implemented, but a decision may not be made any time soon. It would be beneath us to never address this again," Rives said. "But, we want to take our time and ask some questions."

Does Mr. Rives have interest in giving the public an answer soon?

Is the school board taking this appeal to be important? Does the board see giants out there ready to pounce on them? We know there is a number of organizations in action against God, the Bible and Christians. We need to be stronger Christians today than ever before.

It's a shame that Christians did not awake earlier to those wolves in sheep's clothing.

I can remember when many people did not know that the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) was an enemy to Christians and Christianity. I receive a mag-

azine that many Christians consider to be too negative and a detriment to progress for Christ. It was that publication that first alerted me to the evil intent of the ACLU.

Through the years, God's church has been weakened by so many people seeking the way of least resistance. Consequently, it brings many people into the church membership unconverted. When this happens the unconverted members know not how to look out for wolves in sheep's clothing, such as ACLU and many others.

The fear of being sued has been enhanced by many church people's weak faith, not having the whole armor of God, and no sword of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:11-17)

'The public deserves an answer on whether a Bible elective should be implemented ...'

— Randy Rives
School board president

Those enemies of Christ know that they have many church people afraid to take a stand, plus so many churches are going against God's word by taking wicked and sinful people into the role of ministry.

Jesus said, "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth not after me is not worthy of me." (Matt. 10:38)

"To be worthy of Christ, we must follow in His steps who did no sin. Neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Pet. 2:22)

To follow Jesus leaves no room to be untrue to your spouse, fellow man or Jesus.

Putting unrighteous people up to lead in religious services is an insult to God's wisdom and holiness. St. Paul gave Timothy some guidelines on selecting a bishop (blameless) and a deacon, "let them first be proven," "have a good wife, ruling their house well." (1 Tim. 3:1-12)

Have we not come to the time when men "Will not endure sound doctrine?" (2 Tim. 4:3)

Aren't there many preachers teaching that "Gain is godliness?"

St. Paul said, "from such withdraw thyself." (1 Tim. 6:5)

Of the number of churches that I have pastored, I never knew how much money I would get. Most of the places I got a job and helped make a living that way.

The Laodicean Church had riches until they were saying, "We are rich and have need of nothing." They had rejected sound doctrine and did not know the truth.

Jesus told John to write them a letter telling them, "you do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: Jesus said buy of me, gold tried in the fire, white garments, that your shame and nakedness do not appear. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent." (Rev. 3:22)

Jesus sent them word, "I

am going to be knocking at your door, if ANY man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me."

Oh, what joy when a backslider, or anyone else, opens the door of their heart to Jesus and gives Him control.

A boy was raised in church and was baptized, then sin got hold of him. He turned on God for years, saying "Why do you want to go to that church when all they want is your money?"

At last the Holy Ghost got hold of that man, and on his knees beside the road he gave himself completely to God. That is when God sups with man and man sups with God. And we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Just last year, 2004, a man and his family began worship at nights with a written prayer log of what they prayed for. Young couples or grandparents, you need to have family prayers. Our country needs many more families praying together.

Thank God for the awakening of many church people, but we are far short of being a Christian nation as we once were.

We must put on the whole armor of God and fight the good fight of faith.

Promise Keepers planning stadium event after long attendance decline

DENVER (AP) — A small sign in the Promise Keepers headquarters reads "70,000" — the number of people the Christian men's organization needs to fill Razorback Stadium in Arkansas for one of its revivals this summer after years of dwindling attendance.

Back in the 1990s, tens of thousands of men crowded football stadiums across the United States to listen to the Promise Keepers' message, hoping to become better husbands, fathers and Christians. Yet by the end of the decade, the evangelical group had only a fraction of the following it once did.

Now, after several years of change, Promise Keepers has scheduled 20 events this year around the country, believing its message is just as relevant now as it was 15 years ago. All are at arenas except for the Arkansas event in June.

"We're at a crossroads," said Dave Wardell, who co-founded the organization in 1990 with former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney. "I think we can see a resurgence again, because it's still the age-old problem of men. Plus we have new generations coming in."

At its peak in 1996, the organization drew about 1.1 million men to 22 stadium conferences nationwide. Its rally the following year in Washington drew hundreds of thousands of men for speeches, stadium-style "waves" and thundering chants of, "Dear God, I am a

sinner. ... Please forgive me and change me."

This was typical stuff from the conferences. Men cheered, sang and even bounced beach balls through the crowd as they listened to speakers urging them to accept Jesus Christ in their lives. Star athletes, Christian rockers and comedians asked the men to better serve their families and communities using the Bible as their guide. Men's relationship with women was a common theme, though women typically weren't seen.

"We could fill a stadium before we could get the brochures out," said Tom Fortson, the organization's president and chief executive officer. But "we did not have the organization or ability to sustain the growth."

Promise Keepers began to have financial problems when it decided to stop charging admission fees for its conventions, believing they were a deterrent. But voluntary contributions never covered the loss, and the group was forced to lay off hundreds of employees in 1998.



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Religion News in Brief

Alabama parish quits national Episcopal church
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — For the second time in less than six months, a Montgomery Episcopal congregation has left the national denomination over consecration of an openly gay bishop and recognition of same-sex unions within its "common life."
Nearly 80 percent of the Church of the Ascension's 1,600 members and two of its three priests decided Sunday to leave and form "Christchurch," which will identify with the international Anglican Communion. The Episcopal Church is the recognized U.S. branch of the global Communion.
In January, the Rev. Doug McCurry resigned from Christ the Redeemer Episcopal Church over the gay issue and nearly 90 percent of the congregation left with him.
The new parish will meet at a Presbyterian church until a permanent location is found, the Montgomery Advertiser reported.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I met a great guy two years ago. We have a lot in common. We both love family, our cultures and people in general. We're both compassionate. We care about each other, communicate often via e-mail and see each other a couple of times a year. This may sound like a cliché, but we connect on a "different" level. He understands me.

We aren't dating, but we're both interested in being together. There are few people in my life that I can truly say I have made an honest connection with, as opposed to something silly or a pipe dream. I know intimacy changes everything. He's the one person in my life I have wanted to share that with. I don't want to sound slutty, because he and I are not in a relationship. I know that makes things tough -- sex with no strings attached. What are your thoughts? -- "CONNECTED" IN ERIE, PA.

DEAR "CONNECTED": Sex without strings is sex with no commitment and little, if any, affection for the other party. Why, if you both feel this "connection," are you NOT dating? If your feelings are one-sided, you are heading for a painful fall. You're contemplating having sex on the gamble that the object of your affections will fall in love with you afterward. According to the mail I receive from both men and women, it doesn't usually turn out that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 26-year-old daughter who has been living with me for more than a year. She and her boyfriend, who is 30, both have jobs. However, they don't pay bills or buy food. My utility bills are sky-high because they use a lot of electricity for video games, their computer and sound-surround systems.

My daughter has two sons, 6 and 10; I have custody of the 10-year-old, "Adam." I am trying to give Adam a better life with security. I don't want my grandsons to hate me, but I am feeling very used. When I say anything, my daughter gets mad at me and tells the 6-year-old that I don't love them and I'm making them move. Of course, this makes Adam mad at me because I am "breaking up the family."

I have given them deadlines to move, and they tell me they can't wait to get out -- but they're still here. I have told them I will move and they can live here and pay my mortgage. They tell me they hate it here.

I love my daughter, Abby, but I am really at the end of my rope. By the way, she's expecting another baby in July. What should I do? I'm afraid I may have to do something legal. -- STRANGER IN MY OWN HOME

DEAR STRANGER: Unless you want to lose your home, do not move out and depend on your daughter and her boyfriend to take responsibility for paying the mortgage. Your daughter is using you and shamelessly manipulating her children. The longer you tolerate this, the longer it will continue and the worse it will get. For Adam's sake and your own sanity, please discuss this with your lawyer. It may, indeed, take legal action -- or the threat of it -- to get these freeloaders out of your house.

As to the mind games that have been played on Adam, it may take the help of a child psychologist to undo the damage that his mother has caused -- so please be prepared, and ask your physician for a referral.

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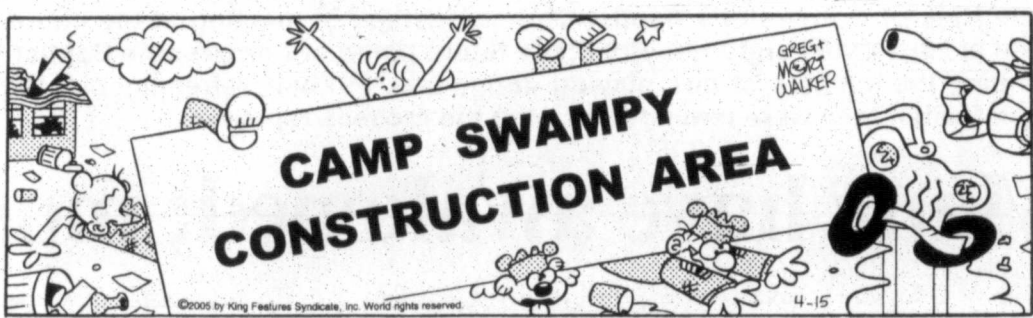
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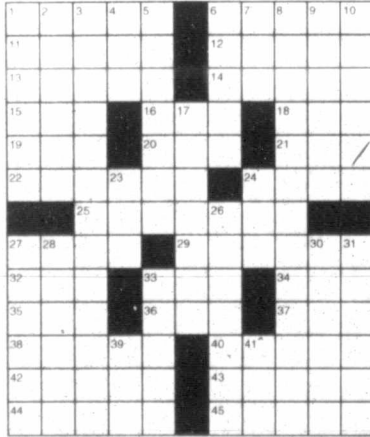
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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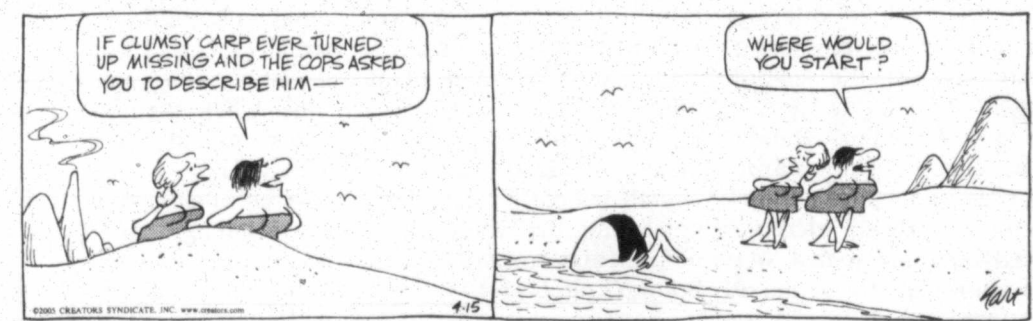
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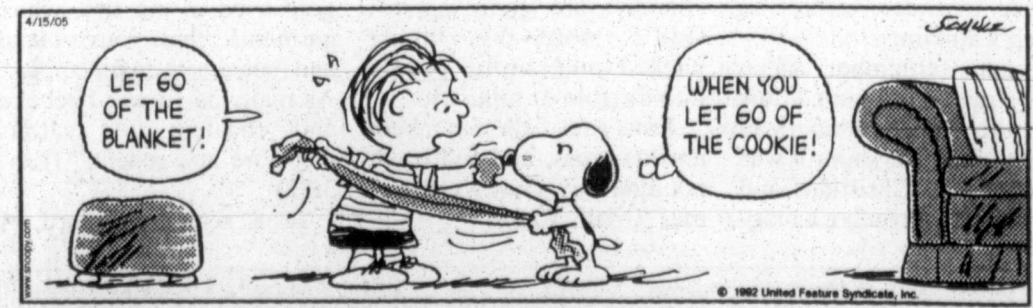
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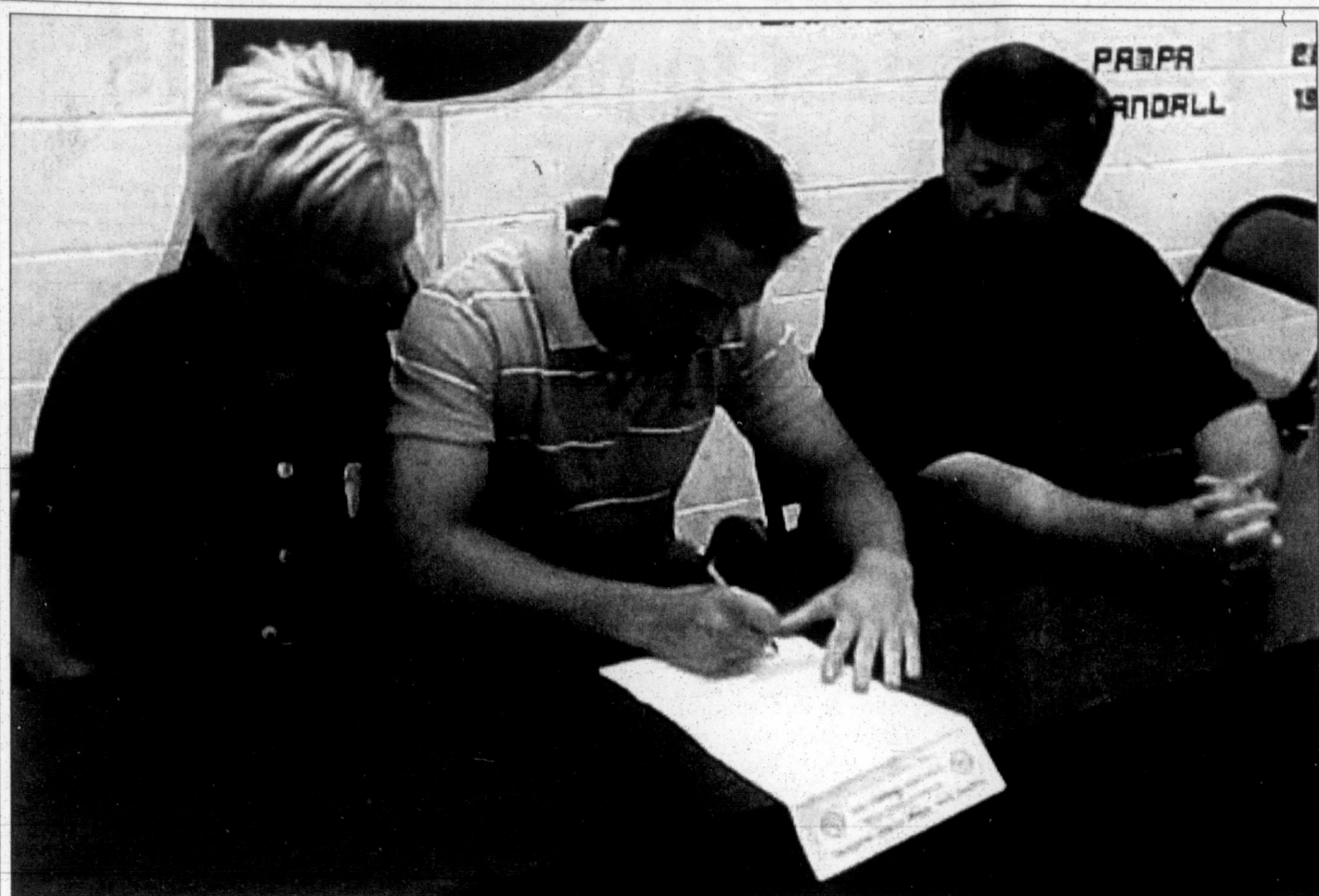
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Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With parents Janet and Larry at his side, Pampa High School senior Dusty Lenderman signs a letter of intent to attend Dodge City Community College, where he will play baseball for Coach Erick Wright and the DCCC Conquistadors of the highly respected Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Lenderman commits to Dodge City CC

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

In a brief ceremony in the Ready Room of the PHS athletic office yesterday, Pampa senior infielder/pitcher Dusty Lenderman committed to attend Dodge City Community College, where he will play for Coach Erick Wright and the DCCC Conquistadors.



Attending yesterday's ceremony were (left to right) top row- Coaches Troy Owens, Dennis Doughty, Dale Ammons, Clint Allen and Athletic Director Dick Dunham. Bottom row- Janet, Dusty and Larry Lenderman.

It is only fitting the field on which the Conqs play is named Cavalier Field. Coach Wright is assisted by his twin brother, Scott, who

works with hitters and infielders.

The Conquistadors compete in the western division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, considered by many — including scouts — to be among the three strongest conferences in the country.

"They have a nice campus and a great program and facility," said Lenderman when asked why he opted for Dodge City.

Lenderman feels among the things he brings to the Conqs will be, "My ability to step up as well my playing and leadership abilities."

Just a short three hour drive away, family visits will be a little easier as well. A family that includes dad Larry, and mom Janet.

When asked how proud his parents were of him, Lenderman replied, "Proud. Very proud."

Though one of the attractions to Dodge City Community College is the opportunity it gives players to move on to Division I programs or to be picked up by a pro team, Lenderman is not just about baseball.

When asked where he would like to be in five years, he said, "Business school. I would like to get my masters in Business Accounting."

Spoken like a young man who has spent time considering his future.

Until then, he still has a few games left dressed in Harvester green and gold before he slips into the purple and gold of the DCCC Conquistadors.

2005 Golden Spread Tournament: East, Ammons drop south; Hall scores seven on east loss to north

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

In the opening games of the 2005 Golden Spread basketball tournament, the girls east team defeated the south, 86-84 at the WT Events Center. In that game, Pampa senior Lindsey Ammons found the bucket four times from the floor and went 3-4 from the charity stripe for a total of 12 points. She was one of five east players to score double digits. Ammons and her east teammates will play on the championship game tomorrow night. That game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

On the boy's side of the Golden Spread ledger, it was the north over the east, 96-86. Pampa's Clayton Hall scored seven points for the east, including a 5-8 performance at the foul line. The east was eliminated from championship contention with the loss.

READY TO RUMBLE

Amarillo Tough Guy fights tomorrow nights

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The leather will fly tomorrow night at the Amarillo National Center, and it will have nothing to do with cattle.

Boxers from across the Panhandle — and varying walks of life — will compete in the first ever Amarillo Tough Guy competition.

Promoters promise no less than nine matches and plenty of fan-friendly entertainment and giveaways including a T-shirt toss and \$3,000 in jewelry courtesy of Samuel's Jewelers in Amarillo.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. Saturday. The first bell will sound at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Panhandle Tickets, or at the door.

Lucas/Stowers, Foreman/Crow advance at District 3-4A tennis tournament; Robbins nets win

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

In District 3-4A tennis yesterday at Dumas, Pampa's Haley Acker and Meagan Clark lost their girls singles matches. In girls doubles, Lucas/Stowers advanced, while the team of Patterson/Knowles fell.

On the boy's side, Nick Robbins moves on in singles play. Second seeded Michael Crow and Mitchell Foreman advanced beyond the semi-finals and will next face top seeded Donald Mingboupaha and Julio Perez of Palo Duro in doubles action.

Harvester nation set to invade Amarillo, Canyon Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa will be well represented in Amarillo and Canyon tomorrow as the Lady Harvester softball and varsity baseball teams face district 3-4A counterparts. Not to mention Lindsey

Ammons and her Golden Spread east team playing in the championship game at the WT Events Center tomorrow night.

Varsity Baseball

Pampa (17-5, 5-0) is on the road for a big meeting with Randall (11-12, 4-1).

The Raiders, despite a deceiving overall record, are just one game behind the Harvesters in the chase for the district top spot with but a handful of games remaining. "A win would give us a two game cushion with only four games to go," said Pampa coach, Dennis Doughty. "Randall is always tough, especially at home. We need to continue to play good ball. All I expect from our guys is their best."

When asked what Randall means to him, Pampa senior and recent Dodge City Community College signee, Dusty Lenderman said, "Goal. To knock them off and break

their tradition (of district domination) and start our own."

Just how good is year's Harvester team? Said Lenderman, a Pampa pitcher and infielder, "I

think we are one of the best. These 12 guys, led by our seniors, are great players. We are a great team."

Tyler Doughty (5-1) will start on the hill for the Harvesters. Game time will be 1 p.m. The game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.

Lady Harvesters
Pampa (20-8, 6-1) will visit the Lady Dons of Palo Duro at 1 p.m. tomorrow. This should be a relatively easy win for the Lady Harvesters, who are on track to claim a 23-win season and a District 3-4A championship.

Top performers



It was a great day for Lady Harvesters Jaclyn Spearman (left), Matchico Taniguchi, Kaysha Lee and Kendall Stokes at the District 3-4A meet currently under way in Hereford. The girls qualified for Regionals with amazing performances yesterday. Taniguchi took first in Shot Put with an amazing throw of 40-31/2. It was the first 40-foot toss by a Panhandle-area girl this season. Pampa entered day two of the meet today in first place with a score of 42 points.

David Carr helping fight juvenile diabetes

HOUSTON (AP) — After his third was born in January, Houston Texans quarterback David Carr was relieved but overcome by a strange feeling. For some unknown reason, he started bracing himself for a challenge.

"I always remember watching guys like Boomer Esiason and Doug Flutie, who had sons that needed to be taken care of and in turn they were able to reach millions of people and raise awareness," Carr said. "Inside my heart, I knew there was something that I'd have to deal with."

A few days later, his 4-year-old son Austin was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

Normally a private person, Carr and his wife, Melody, have become outspoken in the fight against juvenile diabetes. In addition to raising public awareness about the ailment, Carr enlisted the Texans to help fund research for the disease.

The Texans Foundation plans to donate \$25,000 a year over the next three years for juvenile diabetes.

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Lawnmower man



Following a day at the races April 3, driver James Jeter poses with his machine and trophy. Redneck Lawnmower Race Track will hold another round of races Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. Call 662- 3892 for additional information.

Courtney, Johnson, Musgrave and Moreno take scramble, Pettit closest to pin on No. 15

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from Thursday's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills gold course.

1st Place (62)
Fred Courtney
Carl Johnson
Howard Musgrave

Lucio Moreno
2nd Place (65)
Willie Nickelberry
Gene McCabe
Waldon Haynes
Dale Butler
3rd Place (66)
Don Adams
Bob Young
James Lee

Dwayne Furgeson
4th Place (67)
Jim Brashears
Buddy Epperson
James Gray
Bill Abernathy
Closest to Pin:
Carroll Pettit (#15)

Mets rally to drop Astros 4-3

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Reyes proved an old baseball theory to the Houston Astros on Thursday night: Where the ball is hit is often more important than how hard it is hit.

Reyes beat out a dribbler in the seventh inning, driving in the tying run and then stole second and scooted home on an error as the New York Mets rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Astros and a sweep of the three-game series.

The winning rally was right out of new manager Willie Randolph's playbook.

"Put the ball in play," Randolph said. "You make things happen."

The Astros were sitting on a 3-1 lead in the seventh behind starter Brandon Backe, who tripled and singled, scored one run and drove in

another. He also had the Mets looking futile at the plate, allowing just four hits.

But Backe walked David Wright leading off the seventh and left a ball in the middle of the plate for Victor Diaz, who doubled. Suddenly, the Mets had a chance.

"I'm very happy with the way I pitched but the only thing I can think about right now is the pitch I gave to Diaz," Backe said. "A pitch right down the middle to put my bullpen in that situation."

Ex-Met John Franco relieved and got pinch hitter Marlon Anderson on a grounder that scored Wright. Now it was Reyes' turn and he squibbed a ball up the third base line and beat Franco's throw as the tying run scored.

Franco knew he had no chance to get Reyes.

"Not with his speed," the pitcher said. "It's frustrating but it's part of the game. It was good placement. It happens. You make your pitch, but what can you do?"

What Reyes did was almost immediately steal second, putting the winning run in scoring position.

"You have to wait one pitch to watch him," Reyes said. "I go on my own. We have to play aggressively. You have speed, you've got to use it."

Next, Reyes raced home when third baseman Mike Lamb was unable to handle Miguel Cairo's grounder and just like that, the Mets had their fourth straight come-from-behind victory.

Sheffield scuffles with fan; Sox top Yanks

BOSTON (AP) — Gary Sheffield turned to the Boston fan who hit him, his fist cocked and his temper hot.

Then, the New York Yankees outfielder stopped himself from doing something foolish.

"We have to give Sheffield a lot of credit," Boston's Johnny Damon said, "for him to restrain himself the way he did."

Sheffield was fielding Jason Varitek's two-run triple along the low right-field fence in the eighth inning of the Red Sox's 8-5 victory Thursday night when a fan swung a short uppercut in his direction, appearing to graze the side of the slugger's face with his right arm.

"Something hit me in the mouth. It felt like a hand," Sheffield said. "I thought my lip was busted."

After Sheffield picked up the ball, he shoved the fan before throwing the ball back to the infield as two runs scored. Another fan's beer also sprayed in Sheffield's direction.

"I tried to get his hand out of my face so I could continue on with the play," he said. "To get punched in the mouth, you don't expect that in a baseball game."

Sheffield then whirled around with a cocked fist, shouting in the face of the first man — but restrained himself and did not throw a punch. A security official quickly jumped over the three-foot wall to separate the two. Players and

more security officials gathered in the area, but order was soon restored.

"I guess there's always one idiot in the stands," New York captain Derek Jeter said.

As Sheffield walked away, he rubbed the side of his face and then looked at his hand.

"It could have been worse if I didn't hold my composure," Sheffield said. "I almost snapped, but I thought about the consequences."

There had been plenty of action before that — three homers off Randy Johnson, the ejection of Boston manager Terry Francona and hitting coach Ron Jackson after questionable calls by plate umpire Greg Gibson and three hits and three RBIs by Hideki Matsui.

The teams already have seen plenty of each other, meeting six times in their first nine games with many memorable twists — a walk-off homer by Jeter, two blown saves by Mariano Rivera, a pregame ceremony where the Red Sox got their championship rings and two homers off Curt Schilling in a poor season debut.

Despite their rivalry, the teams had played clean, exciting games. Yankee pitchers didn't even retaliate when Boston pitchers hit four of their batters in the opening series in New York.

That emotion has erupted beyond the field's fences before.

During the 2003 AL playoffs, two Yankees players got into a brawl with

a Red Sox groundskeeper in New York's bullpen. Relief pitcher Jeff Nelson and outfielder Karim Garcia were charged with assault but agreed to a deal last October that called for the charges against them to be dropped in six months.

"We have two great teams and two great baseball cities and a lot of emotion," Francona said.

Johnson got pounded — although he allowed just five hits — and reliever Tom Gordon (0-1) gave up three runs in one inning with the score tied 5-5 after seven.

"He had good stuff," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of Johnson, "but, again, when he made pitches not where he wanted them, they cost him dearly."

Two-run homers by Jay Payton in the second and Edgar Renteria in the third, and a solo shot by Varitek in the fourth left the game tied 5-5. New York had scored on Matsui's RBI double in the third then added four runs in the fourth on a bases-loaded walk to Sheffield, a two-run single by Matsui and an RBI single by Rodriguez.

Damon led off Boston's eighth with a single and scored the go-ahead run on Renteria's double. David Ortiz was walked intentionally before Varitek lined his triple, putting right fielder Sheffield on a collision course with the unruly fan.

Blue Jays 2, Rangers 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Roy Halladay pitched like it was 2003, when he won the AL Cy Young Award.

Halladay threw a five-hitter for his 16th career complete game, and pinch-hitter Russ Adams drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI groundout to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

Halladay (2-0) started the night with a 9.20 ERA in six career appearances at the Rangers' hitter-friendly ballpark, but he was in control as he struck out nine and walked one in his third start.

"It's nice to go long in a close game," Halladay said. "This has always been a tough lineup for me. I haven't figured them out but I had a better idea than I had in the past."

It was Halladay's first complete game since last April 15 at Detroit.

Toronto manager John Gibbons said Halladay was pitching so well he wasn't tempted to go to closer

Miguel Batista in the ninth.

"It was his game to win or lose," Gibbons said. "I'm a rookie manager. He would have fought me if I tried to take him out."

With the game tied at 1, the Blue Jays put runners on second and third in the seventh against Pedro Astacio (0-1) when Alexis Rios led off with a single and went to third on Gregg Zaun's double.

Zaun's hit came on a fly ball to shallow right that hit the foul line ahead of a diving right fielder Richard Hidalgo.

Adams, pinch hitting for John McDonald, dribbled a grounder to first that scored Rios and helped the Blue Jays to their fifth victory in six games.

The Blue Jays improved to 7-3, their best start since also winning seven of their first 10 in 2001.

Halladay, limited to 21 starts due to right shoulder problems last year, retired the first nine Rangers in order before Alfonso Soriano led off the fourth with a double.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 16, 2005:

You swing from homebody to a wild, creative genius frequently, catching those around you off-guard. Curb a self-indulgent streak, which could create more problems than you want. Anchor. Think. Risk only when you are sure of the negative and positive possibilities. You will have a strong need to nest and build a stronger foundation. Some might buy their first homes; others might remodel. Your domestic life becomes a priority. You are incisive, imaginative and clear. If you are single, your intellect draws many to you. Romance will not be a stranger this year, but make your choice with care, as you could be walking into a long-term tie. If you are attached, feed your relationship with attention and caring. Add a touch of fun, and you will feel like newfound lovers. LEO can be provocative.

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)

★★★★ Be smart — handle errands and other domestic responsibilities. Clearing out time to enjoy the special people in your life is always important. Many want your attention. You hear news when allowing more happiness in the door. Tonight: Act like it's Saturday night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be on cruise control this morning, not stopping to find out details and others' plans. Slow down. By late afternoon, schedule time for some nibbles and conversation with family and/or friends. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Spending money might be necessary. Don't buck the trend or go hog-wild. You might ultimately cause yourself a problem. Relax and go with the flow. Use your gift for words, and caring exchanges will happen. Tonight: Favorite people — fun talk and great times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Visualize and create more through chatting with friends. Many different ideas appear and add to your happiness. Don't negate any possibilities. An expenditure might feel a bit extreme but does prove its worth. Tonight: Dinner out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You know the beginning and the end of a saga that plays out in your life today. Jump right in and enjoy yourself. The less you worry, the better the end results. Throw yourself into whatever you do. Do nothing halfway, my dear Lion. Tonight: You are the cat's meow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours for what you deem important. You have been so energetic lately that you collapse quite quickly late this afternoon. Make it OK to be a couch potato. Tonight: Put out the "leave me alone" sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You know what you want, but achieving this goal will take responsibility and concentration. The good news is, you achieve results early on, leaving some extra time for frolicking and getting together with friends. Tonight: Go for the party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ What starts out as an adventure and escape could once more toss you into the limelight. Right now you don't want to be in the public eye. Be

willing to accept responsibility as a pacesetter. Others admire you. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Life offers you a carousel of opportunities if you are willing to take them. Someone you adore happily clears his or her day in order to spend quality time with you. Adventure happens if you let go of your need to control. Tonight: Venture out to a new restaurant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others have ideas and the energy to follow them through. Knowing this fact, don't feel the need to push yourself if you don't want to. Socialize but do not accept any more responsibilities. Tonight: Love knocks on many Goats' doors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Whether going to the gym or taking up some different project, your vivaciousness comes through. Complete your to-do list as quickly as possible. There are so many invitations heading in your direction. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not be able to settle down, and maybe that's all right. In fact, doing what you love feeds your spirit, body and mind. Why not? Use your imagination to hurdle over any hassle that might knock on your door. Tonight: Go until you are too tired.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ABSENCE OF OCCUPATION IS NOT REST; A MIND QUITE VACANT IS A MIND DISTRESSED. — WILLIAM COWPER

San Antonio to get MLS team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Major League Soccer team could come to San Antonio as early as 2006 if several conditions are met under an agreement reached this week between the league and the city.

The MLS has agreed to grant San Antonio a team if an ownership group is secured, 5,000 season tickets at sold by Aug. 17 and plans are finalized for the construction of a soccer training complex that includes youth soccer fields.

"As one of the country's fastest-growing and most diverse cities, MLS is convinced that San Antonio is an ideal home for a Major League Soccer club," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said.

Garber said the league is in discussions with several possible ownership groups.

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Last year, the franchise raised \$20,000 for juvenile diabetes — Texans owner Bob McNair has a young nephew with the disease — through the sale of Texans-branded coupon books.

"I think it's wonderful that they have the attitude that they do," McNair said of the Carrs. "We are proud of their efforts and join them in supporting such a good cause."

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