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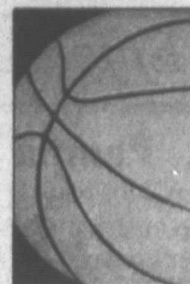
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County commission gives nod to grant application

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners approved submission of a grant application by the 31st District Attorney's office at this morning's commissioners' meeting in the county courthouse.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer explained the details of the grant, which will be applied to the position of the victim's assistance coordinator, Xochitl Valenzuela.

The grant is available through the criminal justice division of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and is a matching funds grant. Switzer is asking for \$54,633.

"We will point out that Xochitl is bilingual and in addition, she's going

to be able to direct victims to various other agencies for whatever service they need, such as medical attention or temporary housing," Switzer said.

The matching funds to be pledged by the district attorney's office include \$17,618 for office expenses and other such costs, and \$14,937 for providing work.

"We will also be re-applying for the Attorney General's office grant that was denied last year because they were concerned at how the victim's assistance coordinator was doing their job while the previous district attorney was in office," Switzer said.

"I've been paying for Xochitl out of my forfeiture funds," she said. Another grant conditionally

approved by commissioners is a cost-sharing agreement concerning prosecutors for the Child Protective Services Cluster Court. Commissioners agreed to allow the county judge to sign a contract for 25 percent reimbursement to the county pending the contract's approval by the judge and the county attorney.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich was named the county official to file a quarterly report and request for county reimbursement from the state for juror fees.

An administrative review of all health insurance claims over \$15,000 was approved after Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby moved to lower the suggested amount from \$25,000.

"We have been able in the past to negotiate a lower amount on large bills," said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Money in the county's capital projects fund will be used to finance removal of two trees from in front of White Deer Land Museum. Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheelley was authorized to arrange for the removal.

A Lincoln welder, electric tarp for a Load King trailer and a 1963 two-ton Chevrolet truck, all in Precinct 2, were declared surplus equipment and will be put up for bid.

A tax bid for \$200 for vacant lots

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Veterinarian from Pampa helps horses hurt in fires

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

MCLEAN -- Pampa veterinarian Belinda Andrews said she's still worried about ranchers who may need help for their animals injured in last month's wildfires but haven't sought it.

A native of the Oklahoma Panhandle, she said she realizes that many ranchers tend to be self-reliant, but with medicines being donated and volunteers at the Gerald Tate Agricultural Center south of town here, there is assistance available.

Andrews herself is a volunteer, coming down from her practice in Pampa after hours and on weekends.

Although her practice at the Gray County Veterinary Clinic is a mixed practice, treating everything from hamsters to potbellied pigs, she admitted that she really loves horses.

Growing up on a ranch near Beaver, Okla., Andrews has been around animals all her life, but she says she really didn't consider veterinary school until after high school.

While working on her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma, she decided that veterinary studies sounded interesting and began taking the prerequisite classes for veterinarian school.

"It was kind of an epiphany," she said. She graduated from veterinary school at Oklahoma State University, class of 1997.

After a residency and an internship, she accepted the position in Pampa.

"I finally decided that's there no place like home," she said. "Pampa's two hours from my parents. It's a great place to live. It's probably the best move I ever made. It's funny how things like that work."

Andrews said the volunteers here in McLean with Habitat for Horses and the American Humane Association along with local volunteers have done a good job of looking after the injured animals brought to the barn.

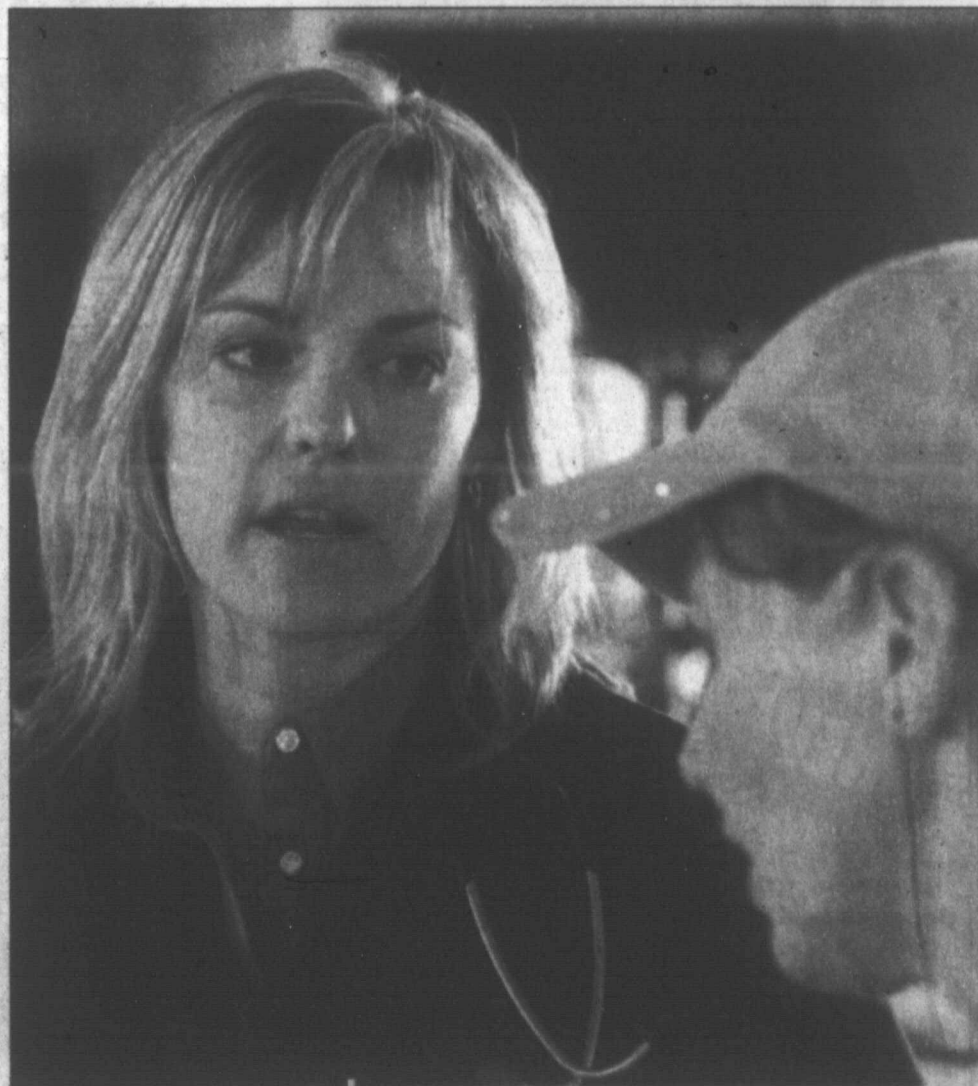
The barn itself, she said, is a godsend. With the wind blowing 50 or more mph this past weekend, the normally blue

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Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Veterinarian Belinda Andrews of Pampa checks a registered paint horse at the Gerald Tate Agricultural Center in McLean that was burned during last month's fires that swept the rangeland in Gray County. In photo at right, Andrews talks with Rebecca Simmons of McLean about the care still needed for horses injured in the wildfires that swept Gray County in March. The county barn in McLean is serving as a rehabilitation center for some of the more severely injured animals.



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Forty-five traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received in the 1400 block of North Williston, the intersection of Darby and Foster, the 200 block of North West, Highway 60, two from the 800 block of South Faulkner, the intersection of Browning and Starkweather and the intersection of Bond and Wells.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of East Brown, the 500 block of South Barnes and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service at two locations resulted in two arrests.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 400 block of West Foster, the 2400 block of North Perryton Parkway, the 400 block of Aft, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 500 block of South Reid, and the 1300 block of North

Coffee.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Lea.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1300 block of North Hamilton, the intersection of 23rd and North Hobart, and the 700 block of East Murphy.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Christine.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of South Wells, the 1100 block of Cinderella, the 1000 block of North Duncan, and the 400 block of South Hughes.

Escort service was provided at three locations.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Assisting other agencies was provided at five locations.

One report of a runaway was received.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the police department lobby, the 900 block of North Wells, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 700

block of North Christy, the 1200 block of North Hobart, two reports in the 300 block of North Miami, the 1200 block of North Hobart, two reports in the 700 block of East Browning, the 300 block of North Warren, the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 200 block of West 17th, the 1100 block of North Sierra, and the 2200 block of North Mary Ellen.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, and the 600 block of North Wells.

Criminal trespass was investigated in the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Criminal mischief reports were received from the 1800 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of East Browning, the 500 block of West Brown, the 200 block of North West, the 900 block of East Fisher, the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 300 block of East Browning, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 300 block of North Cuyler, the 2400 block of

North Evergreen, the 700 block of West Kingsmill, and in the police department lobby.

911 hangup calls were reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee, the 500 block of North Starkweather, and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

An open door was checked in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Assaults were reported in the 1700 block of North Beech, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 2500 block of North Duncan, the 900 block of South Nelson, and at One Medical Plaza.

Theft reports were received in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Cuyler, the 800 block of North Wells, the 700 block of East Murphy, the 1800 block of North Christy, and the 900 block of North Duncan where items valued at \$5,210 were taken.

Alarms were checked in the 1900 block of West Alcock, the 1100 block of North Charles, the 2300 block of North Duncan, and the 2200 block of North Perryton Parkway.

Disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of North Sierra and the 900 block of North Duncan.

Animal complaints were received in the 300 block of North Warren, and the 1000 block of South Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of West Seneca.

A narcotics violation was investigated in the 800 block of South Faulkner.

Two harassment complaints were taken in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of East Kingsmill and the 300 block of West Foster.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

ing arrests today.

Saturday, April 15

James Dale Twigg, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on charges of running a stop sign, possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.

Chad M. Helms, 34, of White Deer was arrested by PPD on a charge of credit card abuse.

Joseph D. Thomas, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of theft of more than \$500 and less than \$750.

Evelyn Caldwell Lemons, 46, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on three charges of theft of more than \$50 and less than \$500, two of which have previous convictions.

Roxie Robinson, 50, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on three charges of theft of more than \$1,500 with previous convictions.

Sunday, April 16

Jonathan Paul Munn Sr., 41 of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of DWI, running a stop sign and no insurance.

Lee Ozuna, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI.

Sunday, April 16

6:06 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2200 block of Mary Ellen on a good intent call. A reported grass fire was a smoking barbecue grill.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 15

7:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of East Browning and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

11:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson. No transport.

10:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Scirroco and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

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

Saturday, April 15

12:46 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2300 block of Aspen on a grass fire.

1:46 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 200 block of Warren on a downed telephone line.

4:24 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to an area four miles east of Clarendon on Highway 287 and south on county roads 1260 and 417 on a mutual aid to help on a grass fire. Joining Pampa were one unit and two personnel from Lefors, two units and four personnel from Hoover and one unit and three personnel from McLean.

7:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of South Barnes on a vehicle accident.

7:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a pedestrian-vehicle accident.

Accidents

A 2003 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Christopher Crockett Campbell, 17, of 103 E. 18th Ave., Pampa, and a 1995 Toyota Tercel driven by Marissa Noelle Hudson, 16, of 1032 E. Francis, Pampa, collided at the intersection of the 100 block of West Pennsylvania and the 1300 block of North Christine at 11:54 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006. Campbell was cited by failure to yield, and Hudson was cited for no proof of insurance.

A 2003 Dodge pickup driven by Dagoberto Chavez Almanza, 28, of 1144 Terrace, Pampa, towing a 24-foot pole trailer, and a 1998 Lincoln Continental Mark VIII driven by Jo Anne Willoughby of 1/8 mile north of Loop 171, Pampa, collided in the 1100 block of West Wilkes at 8:49 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006. Almanza was cited for turning improperly in the wrong lane, and no valid driver's license.

A 1996 Toyota Corolla

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Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Vera Mae — Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 70. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 40. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 65. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. East wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 71. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 49.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 77.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 70.

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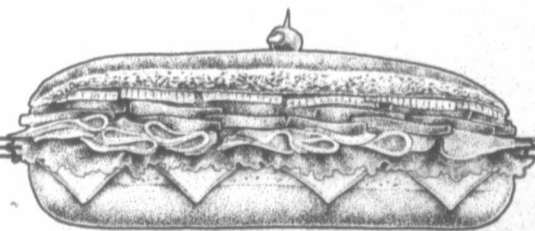
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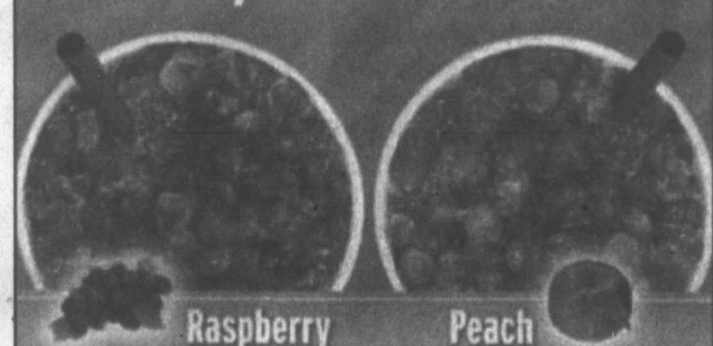
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Dust storm



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Strong winds blew dust and sand across Texas Highway 273 between McLean and Lefors over the weekend, often cutting visibility to near zero.

Bush staff shake-up looming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signaling a possible shake-up among President Bush's senior advisers, the new White House chief of staff told top presidential aides Monday to expect changes that "refresh and re-energize the team." He invited anyone who is thinking of leaving before year's end to do so now.

Joshua Bolten, who took over the top staff job late Friday, did not ask for anyone's resignation in his first Monday morning staff meeting with the president's senior aides, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said. No one stepped forward to say they would leave, either, McClellan said.

Bolten has Bush's full authority to make changes to the president's staff, which has had a low turnover rate, with many aides serving him for years. Bolten already has had closed door meetings with some top advisers and plans more in the coming 10 days or so to talk about their roles going forward, McClellan said.

McClellan said Bolten told the aides to expect "some changes and adjustments" after he's gone through the process of talking to the staff.

"Josh talked to us and talked about how he is assuming his new position and responsibilities during a challenging time period," McClellan said. "We remain engaged in an ongoing global war on terrorism, and that is of course our highest priority. But there are a number of other priorities that we are working to accomplish as well. And Josh talked about how this will refresh and re-energize the team and for all of us to renew our commitment as we go forward."

Bolten is only Bush's second chief of staff. His predecessor, Andy Card, served Bush for more than five years but resigned amid tensions with Congress, all-time low approval ratings for Bush and calls from Democrats and Republicans to bring in a fresh perspective.

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at 514 and 516 South Barnes by Regina Anne Stalter of Pampa was accepted.

Name changes to the Sheriff's Office, Inmate Fund No. 2 and Jail

Commissary checking accounts was approved.

Commissioners authorized the county judge to put together a committee to develop a HIPAA security policy, to be submitted for approval by May 1. The policy will concern security of county employees' health information.

Continuing education completed by the judge and

commissioners was recognized. The treasurer's report was heard and approved.

Bills totaling \$96,975.41 and salaries of \$224,391.02 were approved for payment. There were no line item transfers.

County Judge Richard Peet was absent from this morning's meeting. Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright chaired the meeting.

Horses

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Panhandle sky was brown. Visibility along Texas Highway 273 from McLean to Lefors was at times close to zero.

While stretches of Interstate 40 that had been blackened by the March wildfires are turning green with newly sprouted grass, much of the sandy hills along Highway 273 remains a desert, denuded of vegeta-

tion.

The half dozen horses in the ag barn here are protected from the wind and dirt, Andrews said.

As the volunteers' mission changes from emergency care to rehabilitation, Andrews said the work they're doing with the horses remains important.

The veterinarian said that working with the horses, grooming them and exercising them, is as important as medicating them in the days immediately following the fires and their injuries.

"It's important for these

guys to get out," she says.

Andrews says it's interesting with the horses that weren't handled a lot before coming here seem to enjoy the attention as the volunteer's treatment, wash them and exercise them.

She said the horses get bored being kept in their stalls. The attention they're getting from the volunteers is helping—the healing process.

Andrews said it will take time for the horses to heal, but she's amazed how far they've come in such a short time.

Tax-writing lawmakers don't fill out their own tax returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to their own tax returns, many members of Congress who specialize in writing tax laws turn to professional preparers rather than completing the paperwork themselves.

"It's onerous and everybody knows it," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass.

Three of the four top lawmakers on the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees, which are in charge of writing tax laws, pay a professional to file their annual tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

The exception is the Ways and Means chairman, Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. The former college professor said he has prepared his own return "forever" and that he waits until close to the deadline to file. Monday is the filing deadline for most people.

"There's no reason for me to pay Uncle Sam — pay, you heard that — until I have to," he said.

Members of tax-writing committees should have to spend 20 hours working on their tax returns before giving up and handing the job to a professional, he suggested.

"If they're going to sit on a tax-writing committee, it certainly makes a lot of sense for them at least to attempt to do their own tax return," Keating said. "And when they scream out 'Torture!' to their tax preparer, at least they'd have a better view."

A few do dive in on their own.

Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said he does them "just so I can go through the process." Then he asks an accountant to check for mistakes.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., usually prepares his own taxes using computer software. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, does his tax return and his children's.

Rep. Kevin Brady's wife, a former banker, prepares the tax returns for the Texas Republican's family.

Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-

Minn., does not do his own returns, but he agreed it might be a good idea to try. "I think it is important that we operate in the real world," he said.

These lawmakers have offered ideas to simplify the tax system, but none has gotten close to enactment.

Rep. John Linder, R-Ga., dislikes the tax system so much that he wants to scrap individual tax filing and the Internal Revenue Service. He would trade the income tax system for a consumption tax.

A less drastic change is advocated by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. He did not prepare his real tax returns, but he was able to prepare a hypothetical tax return in 30 minutes based on his proposed simplified tax system.

"This last fact is truly revolutionary because no one can remember the last time a member of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee actually completed their own tax return," he said.

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Viewpoints

Tale of Santa Anna's gold cache persists along Navidad River

The Navidad River is only 74 miles long but it is as tangled in history and folklore as the vines and trees along its banks.

The tales range from a belief by some that Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna ordered a cache of gold buried near the river to the story of the Wild Woman of the Navidad.

A west and east fork of the Navidad rise in Fayette County and merge into one stream just to the northwest of Oakland, a small community on the western edge of Colorado County.

An old Spanish trail from Louisiana to Mexico, locally known as the Gonzales-San Felipe Road, crossed the Navidad near Oakland, first known as Prairie Point. On April 7, 1836 -- a month and a day after the fall of the Alamo -- Santa Anna's army crossed the Navidad here as it headed east in pursuit of Sam Houston.

One of Santa Anna's soldiers, Lt. Jose Enrique de la Pena, wrote:

"We halted in order to organize a passage over a creek, the name of which I did not know [the stream we had just crossed?]. . . . We camped on the left bank of Navidad Creek [River] after we had traveled twelve miles. We also found houses that had been burned, and one usable but without furniture. There were also tilled fields, and in one of these we found the corpse of a man that must have belonged to Ramirez y Sesma's division."

The next day, the Mexican soldiers marched on, moving over "an ever-changing and beautiful road."

De la Pena wrote that the soldiers had to leave behind some of the wagons they had been unable to get across the creek. Also left behind, though de la Pena does not mention it, was an artilleryman's sword. An Oakland area farmer

found the long blade in the early 1970s while plowing a hillside. Butch Strunk, a fourth-generation Colorado County rancher and former county judge who has a strong interest in history, now owns the sword.

In late 1997, independent historian Gary McKee of Fayette

The diarist de la Pena makes no mention of lost treasure, by the way. But de la Pena did complain, in several places, that Santa Anna was very sparing in the coin he furnished his men. Reading between the lines, it is obvious the Mexican Army was traveling with a fair amount of money for the time. Clearly, it was in coin. But Santa Anna wasn't sharing much of it.

Santa Anna found the traveling hard that rainy spring, and it made sense to travel light when your wagons often were hub deep in mud. But burying a fortune in gold seems an unlikely course of action. It is well documented that the general was used to the finer things of life and in those pre-plastic days, that took silver and gold.

Someone else who was there along the Navidad was the Wild Woman. People began seeing her tracks, and missing food and property, around the time the area re-

settled after the revolution. Theories on the origin of the mysterious creature ranged from its being a child, lost as settlers fled ahead of Santa Anna during the so-called Runaway Scrape, to a runaway slave.

J. Frank Dobie told the story of the Wild Woman of the Navidad in his "Tales of Old-Time Texas," first published in 1928.

No one knows if Santa Anna buried any money for safe-keeping. It's probably just another treasure story, as thin in plausibility as gold is dense. The paper McKee found dates the gold burial to 1846, but an 1836 date seems much more likely if any gold was ever hidden.

Like the fate of the Wild Woman of the Navidad, we'll probably never know for sure.

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Mike Cox



Texas Tales

County ran across an intriguing letter while doing some work at a research library. Purportedly written in Matamoras, Mexico, by a man to his son, the letter details fairly specifically the location of buried gold near the Navidad and Oakland.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 17, the 107th day of 2006. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1986, the bodies of American librarian Peter Kilburn and two Britons were found near Beirut; the three hostages had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in a bag carried by an Irish woman about to board an El Al jetliner; she had been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian boyfriend.

Ten years ago: Seeking to calm Pacific security jitters, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint declaration establishing new U.S.-Japan ties for a "stable and prosperous" Asia. A jury in Los Angeles opted to spare Erik and Lyle Menendez the death penalty, recommending that the brothers instead serve life in prison without parole for gunning down their wealthy parents.

Five years ago: By a nearly 2-1 margin, Mississippi residents voted to keep the Confederate emblem on their state flag.

'If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.'

— Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)



America: Either love it or head South

There's a constant drone about the "Nation of Immigrants" America has always proudly claimed to be, but now it's being used as a slogan for those who believe we should accept absolutely anybody -- even if they have absolutely no legal right to be here.

Yes, we are a nation of immigrants -- all our ancestors came here from someplace else -- but the difference is they all came here legally and came to be American citizens.

The illegals that come here for a job or for some other reason don't come to become American citizens.

In 1919, Theodore Roosevelt said it best: "In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American."

"There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any

foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

As far as the kind of treatment illegal immigrants from Mexico deserve, let's treat them as Mexico treats all immigrants. According to the Center for Security Policy's J. Michael Waller, "Mexico deals harshly not only with illegal immigrants. It treats even legal immigrants, naturalized citizens and foreign investors in ways that would, by the standards of those who carp about U.S. immigration policy, have to be called 'racist' and 'xenophobic.'"

"If you think these critics are mad about U.S. immigration policy now, imagine how upset they would be if we adopted an approach far more radical than the bill they rail against which was adopted last year by the House of Representatives -- namely, the way Mexico treats illegal aliens."

For example, according to an official translation published by the Organization of American States, the Mexican constitution includes the following restrictions:

Pursuant to Article 33, "Foreigners may not in any way participate in the political affairs of the country."

Equal employment rights are denied to immigrants, even legal ones.

Article 32: "Mexicans shall have priority over foreigners under equality of circumstances for all classes of concessions and for all employment, positions, or commissions of the Government in which the status of citizenship is not indispensable."

Jobs for which Mexican citizenship is considered "indispensable" include, pursuant to Article 32, bans on foreigners, immigrants, and even naturalized citizens of Mexico serving as military officers, Mexican-flagged ship and airline crew, and chiefs of seaports and airports.

Article 55 denies immigrants the right to become federal lawmakers. A Mexican congressman or senator must be "a Mexican citizen by birth."

Article 91 further stipulates that immigrants may never aspire to become cabinet officers as they are required to be Mexican by birth. Article 95 says the same about Supreme Court justices.

In accordance with Article 130, immigrants -- even legal

ones -- may not become members of the clergy, either.

Article 27 states, "Only Mexicans by birth or naturalization and Mexican companies have the right to acquire ownership of lands, waters, and their appurtenances, or to obtain concessions for the exploitation of mines or of waters."

Article 11 guarantees federal protection against "undesirable aliens resident in the country." What is more, private individuals are authorized to make citizen's arrests.

Article 16 states, "In cases of flagrante delicto, any person may arrest the offender and his accomplices, turning them over without delay to the nearest authorities."

According to Article 33, "the Federal Executive shall have the exclusive power to compel any foreigner whose remaining he may deem inexpedient to abandon the national territory immediately and without the necessity of previous legal action."

For the full text of Waller's study go to http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/index.jsp?section=papers&code=06-D_1809.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Jamie," and I have been together almost four years. Everything was fine until we hit a major roadblock. I was raised to love animals. Jamie's parents are the polar opposite. I have always kept my cool when I heard stories about his father abusing animals. I asked Jamie to talk to his parents and let them know how I feel. He never did. Just before Christmas we were over there for a visit, and his mother told a horrible story about his dad killing a pet rabbit. I couldn't control myself any longer; I burst into tears and yelled, "Your father is a horrible man!" We left that night, and I told Jamie I could never go back. He needed to make a choice: a wife who could be a part of his family -- or me. He chose me -- at least that's what I thought. Jamie recently asked me if I had calmed down and could put this in the past. I don't think I can. How can we have a life together if I don't want to be a part of his family? -- APPALLED IN LIVONIA, MICH.

DEAR APPALLED: The answer is you can't, because you and Jamie have very different values. His father's behavior is sadistic, and his mother appears to feel that killing a pet is normal. Your fiance might like to think that all this can be smoothed over, but what happened at Christmas was your glimpse at the future. My advice is to end it now, before you wind up joining a clan whose sensitivities and values are so different from your own.

DEAR ABBY: I am grieving the death of my beloved mother. She was in her late 80s, and her friends who are still living were loyal in attending the visitation or the funeral, or sending a card. However, my friends were absent and unresponsive, and it has left me feeling puzzled and deserted.

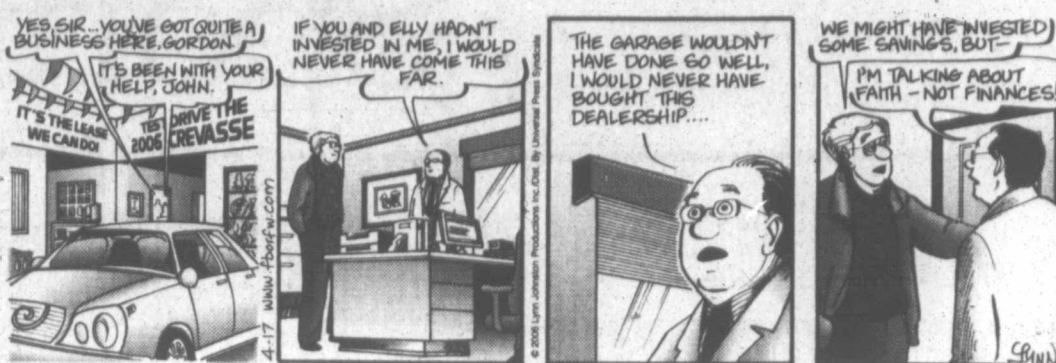
I have always sent cards and responded to their family losses. Where were they in my time of need? Are they still my friends or not? I must add that during the last year I went through a nasty divorce, and my former wife and her parents conducted a smear campaign against me. However, at the funeral, my former in-laws were in attendance. What do you think of this? -- DESERTED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DESERTED: It's possible that your former in-laws showed up simply to pay their respects to someone they had known -- and presumably gotten along with -- for a long time. As to the friends upon whom you counted for support, and who were absent in your time of need, you are asking the wrong person. You should ask them why they ignored your mother's death, and if they consider themselves still to be your friends. It's not a rude question. You're entitled to an answer, and hearing the truth might be empowering.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago I had a mastectomy. Whenever I tell people this, invariably the first question they ask is, "Which side?" Initially I was caught off guard and, without knowing what else to do, I'd tell them the answer. Then they would stare at my chest! I don't know what possesses people to behave that way. It's absolutely none of their business and it's very offensive. I'd love it if you would pass the word along. Thank you! -- SURVIVOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SURVIVOR: Consider it passed. Readers, if someone tells you she (or he) has had a mastectomy, remember that personal questions can be an invasion of privacy, and keep your glance no lower than the jawline.

For Better Or For Worse



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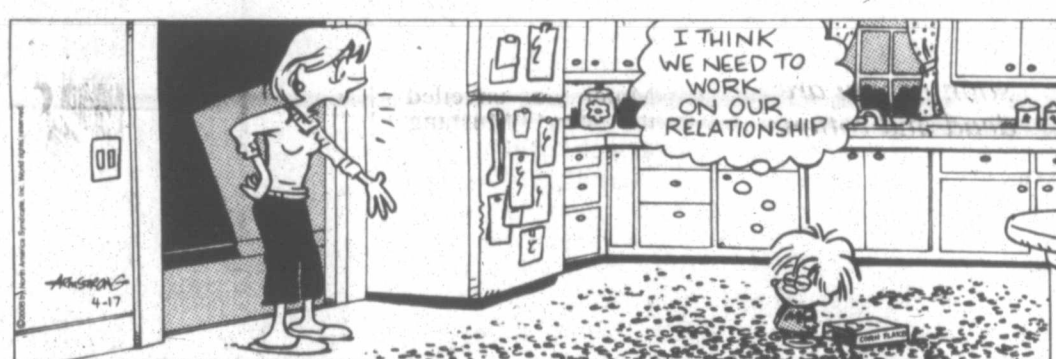
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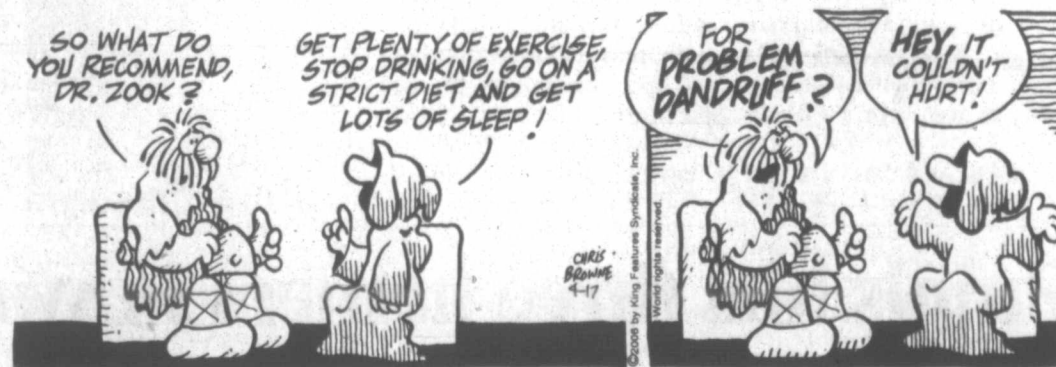
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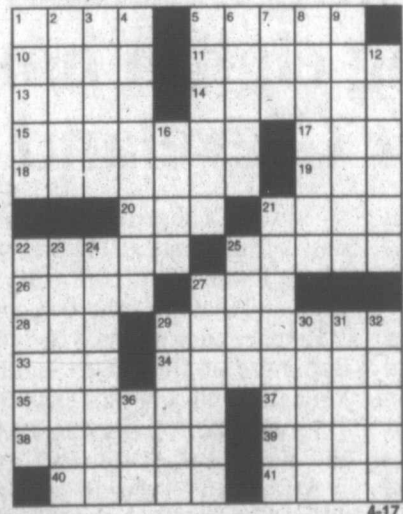
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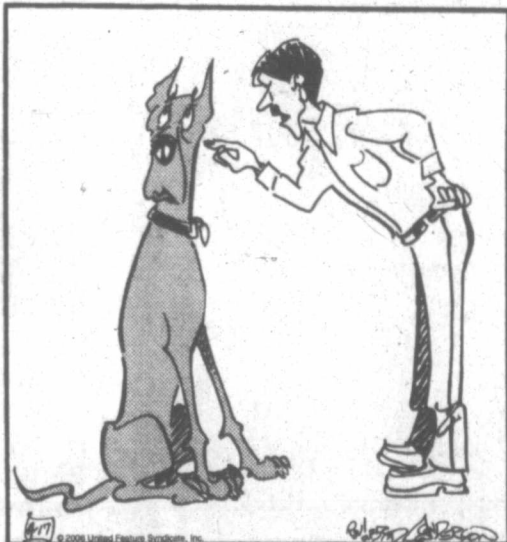
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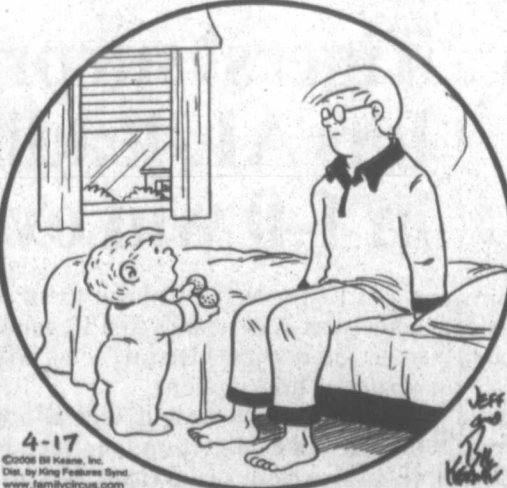
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"Could you listen to me without that bored look?"

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I didn't find any eggs in the backyard yesterday, but I found two of your golf balls."

Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Honors



Courtesy photo

Pampa senior Jackie Gerber smiles as she shows the All-Tournament Team (left) and 3 Point Shooting Champion plaques earned at the 36th annual Golden Spread All-Star Tournament.

HOOPS AND HUCKSTERS

Pampa players rock Golden Spread; Series ideas ESPN ought to consider

Golden Spread All-Star Tourney
Congratulations to Pampa High School seniors Sharod Young and Jackie Gerber on their stellar performances in this past weekend's annual Golden Spread All-Star Tournament.

Gerber scored 13 points for the East in Saturday's 65-50 win over the West in the championship game. Gerber scored 12 Thursday night in the opening win over the South.

She earned All-Tournament Team honors and won the 3-Point shooting contest.

Young produced 48 points in two games, scoring 24 in the opening round win over the South Thursday, and another 24 in the 85-75 win over the West in Saturday's championship match. He was also named tournament MVP and received a trophy about as big as he is.

Young - along with his East teammates - have Kotara to thank for many of their tournament points. The 6'9" big man showed all who attended why he was a district leader in rebounds. He was also unselfish all tournament long. If shots were not open for him self, he dished the ball off, allowing a teammate to pick up points.

This trio of Pampa High School players almost single handedly showed why the Harvesters boys and girls enjoyed the playoff seasons they did.

And for those who prefer to rain on these kids' parade by pointing out the low overall shooting percentages, I can only remind you this is an All-Star tournament that uses a rather unique format.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



It is one I would not consider conducive to allowing a player to find a groove and maintain it. Should it be played closer to the end of the season? Maybe, though I doubt it would make much of a difference in the shooting percentages.

Nonetheless, congratulations to all those seniors who took part in this tournament. OK, especially Gerber, Young and Kotara. You'll forgive me a little local sports writing bias.

Spin Zone

As I have said and written many times before, I have a problem with Barry Bonds saying when it came to taking what the kids at BALCO were prescribing him, all he new is he was using something called "The Cream" and "The Clear". That's like me saying

I've been taking "The Donut" but have no idea as to why I am 'husky'.

Now Barry is apparently under investigation as to whether or not he perjured himself during a grand jury investigation when he said under oath he has never taken steroids.

And what have the woes of the past couple years netted Mr. Bonds? His own television series on ESPN.

An excellent example of how our scruples continue to erode.

The sports network is not stupid. Bonds is a meal ticket, especially if he breaks Babe Ruth's home run record. As such, better to do all you can to soften the blow should one come than to distance yourself from any possible connection to a legal albatross.

Still, if ESPN considers Bonds' life to be so exciting, then why stop there? I would love to see a series based on the drunken comedy antics of Dwight Gooden. His fall from master of the mound to boozed-up buffoonery must be worth some ratings.

Or how about something along the lines of 'To Tell the Truth' starring Pete Rose? Maybe 'Charlie Hustle' could travel the globe solving crime and the end of each episode will have some police chief or mayor ask, "Now Pete, why did you bet on baseball?" Rose would then look in the camera, smile and say, "Whaddaya talking about?"

Mavs 111, Jazz 95

DALLAS (AP) - The Utah Jazz used a curious strategy to try keeping in the playoff chase: Hack-a-Dirk.

Dirk Nowitzki foiled Utah's physical game plan by making all 14 of his free throw attempts, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 111-95 victory Sunday night that eliminated the Jazz from the postseason chase.

"They're an aggressive offensive team so we had to make a decision to either let them shoot or make them earn it," Utah's Carlos Boozer said. "We decided to put them on the free throw line."

The Mavericks took 55 foul shots, easily a season high and three shy of the most in franchise history. They made 46, ending a two-game losing streak and picking up their 60th victory, tying their franchise record with one to play.

"We have big goals, but it's no small feat," said coach Avery Johnson, part of the 2002-03 team that was the first to win 60 games. "I don't think anyone before the season thought we were a 60-win team."

Dallas still has a slight

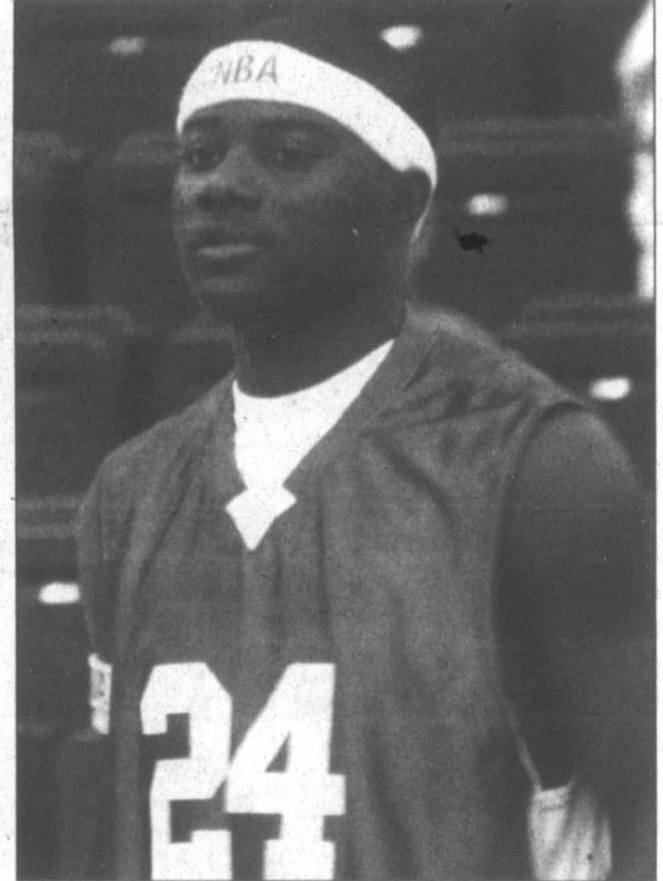
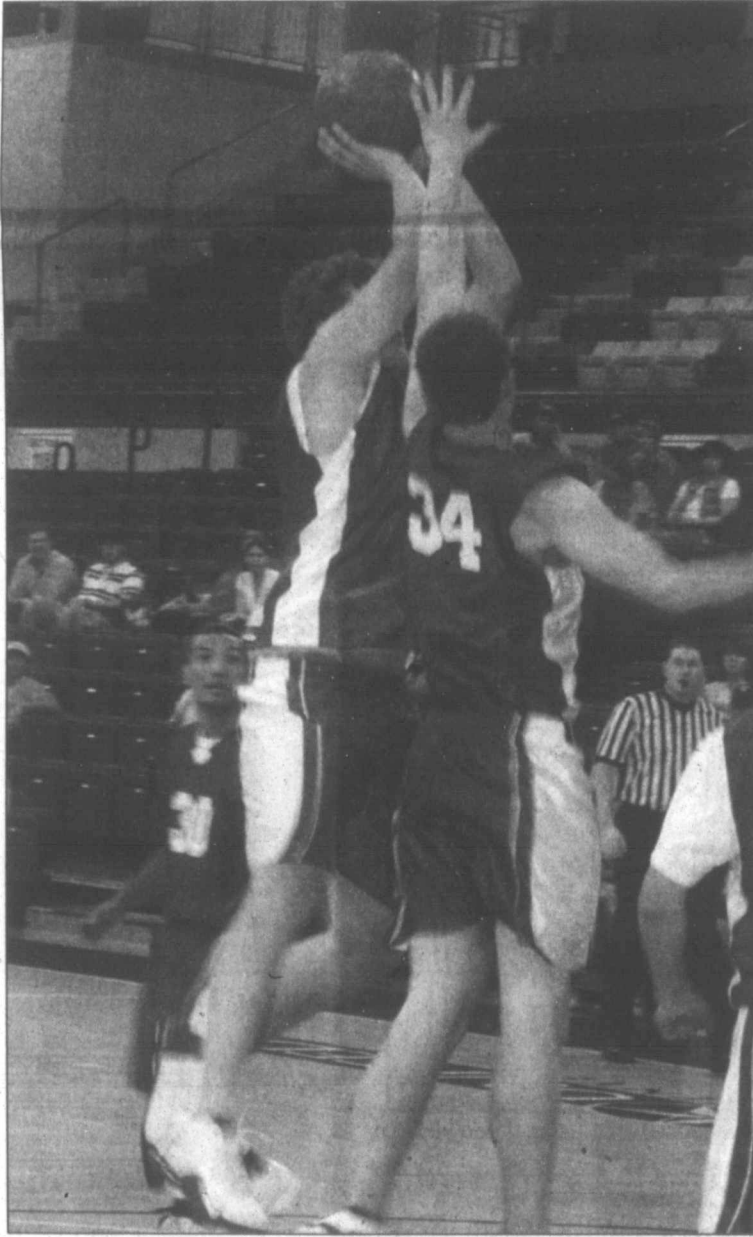
chance to earn the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference. The Spurs must lose their last two games and the Mavericks must win their finale Wednesday night at home against the Los Angeles Clippers. If any of those games goes the other way, San Antonio will finish atop the conference and Dallas will be the fourth seed.

The best part of this one for the Mavericks was getting back to their regular starting lineup for the first time in several weeks. That meant Jerry Stackhouse and Erick Dampier were back in their reserve roles and each excelled - Stackhouse scoring 20 points and Dampier putting up 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Nowitzki led the way with 22 points, but he had to earn it.

Early in the fourth quarter, with the Mavericks up by 20 points, Utah's Kris Humphries elbowed Nowitzki after a play had been whistled dead. Shoves led to technical fouls on both players, then another on Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, prompting fans to chant "M-V-P! M-V-P!" as Nowitzki went to the line.

Green & Gold at Golden Spread



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa senior Jarett Kotara (left) muscled a shot up and over Amarillo High's Kenneth Henry in Thursday's opening win over the South at the Golden Spread All-Star Tournament in Canyon. Kotara scored six points and had nine rebounds in the game. Sharod Young (above) was named tournament MVP. He and Kotara played on the East team which won the tournament title Saturday night

Pujols hits three homers in win

(AP) - Albert Pujols was so ecstatic after his third home run of the game gave St. Louis the win, he couldn't help himself from showing off some moves.

The normally reserved slugger did a little dance in front of home plate before teammates mobbed him after his two-run homer lifted the Cardinals over the Cincinnati Reds 8-7 on Sunday.

"Hey, you get a walkoff home run, you get to do whatever you want," Pujols said. "You need to be excited about it. You don't get too many of those, so you need to enjoy them when they come."

Pujols' eighth homer came on a 1-2 fastball from David Weathers (0-1) and traveled an estimated 441 feet, ending a game that had five lead changes. His second career three-homer game and sixth game-ending homer topped off a 4-2 opening homestand at new Busch Stadium. He matched career highs with five RBIs and four runs.

"There's a new memory for new Busch," manager Tony La Russa said. "It'll be tough to top that one."

In other NL games, it was: San Diego 4, Atlanta 3; Washington 7, Florida 5; New York Mets 9, Milwaukee 3; Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 3; Philadelphia 1, Colorado 0;

Houston 8, Arizona 5; and San Francisco 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 0.

Cardinals pitcher Jason Marquis, who hit .310 last year with a homer and 10 RBIs, got a chance to hit because of Jim Edmonds' sore shoulder, and led off the ninth with a pinch single. The only doubt on Pujols' blast was whether it would stay fair, and it ended up about 10 feet fair and in the second deck.

Pujols relished the moment, although he wasn't interested in comparing this game to his other three-homer game, at Chicago on July 20, 2004.

"It doesn't remind me because that was two years ago," he said. "I hit three in spring training and I don't even care. Hopefully, tomorrow I hit three more and forget about today. Who knows?"

Rich Aurilia's two-run double in the eighth had put the Reds in front. Aurilia had three hits, and Adam Dunn and Austin Kearns homered on consecutive at-bats in the fifth for Cincinnati, which lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Pujols and Scott Rolen homered on consecutive at-bats in the bottom of the fifth for the Cardinals. Braden Looper (1-0) pitched 1-2-3 innings to get the win.

Tigers' surprising Shelton hits AL-leading eighth homer in 1-0 win over Cleveland

(AP) - The first AL player to hit eight home runs in his team's first 12 games is none other than Detroit's surprising slugger, Chris Shelton.

Shelton's AL-leading eighth homer backed Mike Maroth in the Tigers' 1-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

"I just put a good swing on it. I can't really tell you why it went out of the ballpark, but it did," said Shelton, who was tied with St. Louis' Albert Pujols for the major league lead. "I wasn't trying to go up there and hit a home run, I was just trying to hit it hard."

Shelton homered over the left-center field fence against Cliff Lee (1-1) with one out in the fourth inning.

Five of Shelton's homers have been solo shots.

No AL player had previously reached eight homers by his team's 12th game, according to historian David Vincent and the Elias Sports Bureau.

"It wasn't that bad of a pitch," Lee said of the cutter. "It wasn't exactly where I wanted it. He's seeing the ball good and making solid contact."

In other games, it was: Los Angeles 9, Baltimore 3; Boston 3, Seattle 2; New York 9, Minnesota 3; Texas 5, Oakland 3; Chicago 6, Toronto 4 in 4 1/2 innings; and Tampa Bay 9, Kansas City 5.

At Detroit, Maroth (2-0) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked two. Maroth's start had been pushed back three days because of elbow soreness.

Fernando Rodney completed the four-hitter with a perfect ninth for his third save in three chances.

Lee gave up five hits and three walks in 7 1-3 innings, and struck out six.

"These are the kind of games you're going to have to win if you're going to be a good team," new Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Chip shot



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Buddy Epperson of Pampa chips on to the 16th green during an afternoon of golf Friday. Epperson was part of a foursome getting in some time on the links at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Durham rally prays for healing in Duke lacrosse scandal

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - A bishop who led a prayer rally Sunday called for healing in the community inflamed by racial tensions after a black woman alleged she was sexually assaulted by white members of the Duke University lacrosse team.

"This is not a racial protest," said Bishop John Bennett told more than 100 people gathered in front of the house where the woman told police she was assaulted. "It should not be a question of 'Where are the Afro-American churches?' The question should be, 'Where are the Christians?'"

No charges have been filed in the case, and defense attorneys have said that DNA testing failed to connect any members of the lacrosse team to the alleged rape. They have also said District Attorney Mike Nifong could ask a grand jury for charges as early as today.

The woman, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, said she and another exotic dancer were hired to perform March 13 at a team party at the house.

The second dancer, who authorities said in court documents was separated from the woman before the alleged attack, told WNCN-TV in Raleigh in an interview airing late Sunday that the other dancer was "definitely under some sort of substance" when she left the party.

She said the alleged victim looked fine when she arrived at the party, but her demeanor changed dramatically later in the night. "She was, um, definitely a totally different woman than she was when I first met her," she told the station.

The woman, whose identity was not revealed, said she doesn't believe Durham authorities would be investigating if no crime had occurred.

At the rally, Bennett criticized authorities for failing to make an arrest nearly a month into the case, describing a cry from the house that "has not been answered." The rally also included prayers for the alleged victim and the accused by members of Bennett's Church of the Apostolic Revival International.

Bennett also said he received a phone message this week from a caller who used racial epithets and criticized his support of the accuser. Bennett played the message for the crowd, then told them, "We have to pray for him, too."

It was the second straight Sunday that community members rallied in front of the house.

"This is our neighborhood - all of us," said John Dagenhart, a Durham resident for 28 years and the president of the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association.

Race starts under cloudy skies, comfortable temperatures

BOSTON (AP) - The Boston Marathon began today with cloudy skies, comfortable temperatures and the best chance in years that an American would win the race.

Meb Keflezighi, the silver medalist at the 2004 Olympics, and Alan Culpepper, the fourth-place finisher in Boston last year, were among the top runners in the 110th running of the race that has been dominated since 1991 by Kenyans, who have won 13 of the last 15 men's races.

Culpepper's finish last year was the best by an American since 1987. The last U.S. man to win was Greg Meyer in 1983, and 12 times since then no American has finished in the top 10. Keflezighi, a naturalized American citizen who was born in Eritrea in Africa, made his debut Monday in the 26.2-mile race from Hopkinton heading eastward to Boston.

First prize for men and women is \$100,000 each but, for the first time, they started at different times to provide more visibility for the women's competition. Women began at 11:31 a.m. with a temperature of 55 degrees and a 4 mph crosswind.

At the four-mile mark, Reiko Tosa of Japan led with a time of 21 minutes, 58 seconds.

The 10,000 men with the fastest qualifying times began at the traditional noon start. The remaining men had a starting time a half hour later. The wheelchair division, which customarily has an early start, began at 11:25 a.m.

Hailu Negussie of Ethiopia returned to defend his 2005 championship, but women's winner Catherine Ndereba of Kenya, a four-time winner in Boston, isn't in the field.

While American women weren't expected to contend, Ndereba's absence improves the prospects of Tosa, Latvia's Jelena Prokopcuka and Kenya's Rita Jeptoo.

In 2004, Tosa won the Nagoya Marathon and finished fifth at the Olympics in Athens. Prokopcuka is a three-time Olympian, who was outstanding last season - finishing fourth in Boston and winning in Osaka and New York. Jeptoo is making her marathon debut in the United States after winning marathons in Stockholm and Milan in 2004.

WEEKEND SPORTS IN BRIEF

Baddeley wins first PGA title

GOLF
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) - Aaron Baddeley won the Verizon Heritage for his first PGA Tour title Sunday, rallying with two late birdies and finishing off Jim Furyk with a scrambling par on Harbour Town's lighthouse closing hole.

The 25-year-old Australian birdied two of the hardest holes on the PGA Tour - the 14th was statistically the hardest par 3 on tour last year and the 15th was the hardest par 5 - to take the lead. He shot a 1-under 70 to finish at 15 under, a stroke ahead of Furyk (71) and two ahead of Vaughn Taylor (66) and Billy Mayfair (69).

Furyk had his chances to tie after Baddeley chunked a chip shot at the par-3 17th and made bogey. But Furyk followed by missing a 10-foot par putt to remain one back.

Again on the 18th hole, Furyk had a tying 12-foot birdie putt, but slid it left. Baddeley, who missed the green when his second shot went long and right, then won with a 6-foot par putt that caught the right edge of the cup and dropped in.

Baddeley won \$954,000 and a tour exemption through 2008. He has three victories in Australia, where his family moved from New Hampshire when he was 2.

BEIJING (AP) - Jeev Milkha Singh became the second Indian player to win on the PGA European Tour, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke victory over Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano in the China Open.

Singh had a 10-under 278 on the Nick Faldo-designed Beijing Honghua International course. Countryman Arjun Atwal has two European tour wins, the 2002 Malaysian Open and 2003 Singapore Masters.

Fernandez-Castano also shot a 70. Third-round leader David Lynn of England (73) finished third, two strokes back.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Lorena Ochoa rebounded from a painful playoff loss at the year's first major with her first victory of the season, shooting a 6-under 66 on Saturday for a three-stroke victory in the Takefujii Classic.

The 24-year-old Mexican star, who has lost twice in playoffs this year, wrapped up the 54-hole event at Las Vegas Country Club at 19-under 197.

The wire-to-wire victory was in dramatic contrast to Ochoa's fade in the LPGA Tour's last tournament, the Kraft Nabisco Championship two weeks ago.

AUTO RACING
GLADEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick raced to his first NASCAR Busch Series victory of the year Saturday, taking the lead with 52 laps to go and holding off teammate Clint Bowyer after a late caution in the Pepsi 300.

Harvick finished 0.504 seconds ahead of Bowyer, his Richard Childress racing teammate, en route to his 18th career Busch Series victory. Harvick also took a 156-point lead over Denny Hamlin in the series standings and became the eighth Nextel Cup driver to win in the first eight races of the Busch Series season.

HORSE RACING
HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) - Lawyer Ron broke to the lead at the start of the backstretch Saturday and never looked back, winning the \$1 million Arkansas Derby for his sixth straight victory. Trainer Bob Holthaus' chestnut colt is now 7-for-7 lifetime on dirt - and remains one of the favorites to win three weeks from now at the Kentucky Derby.

Spurs 103, T'Wolves 90

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The San Antonio Spurs want a few more quality wins down the stretch to find their rhythm for the playoffs and the next step in their title defense.

This was a decent start, even against the depleted Minnesota Timberwolves.

San Antonio moved closer to clinching first place in the Western Conference, beating Minnesota 103-90 on Sunday behind 57 bench points.

"We need to get some of that funk out," said Tim Duncan, who had 10 points and eight rebounds in 20 minutes. "We've had some bad games and some losses at home."

The Spurs (61-19), who host Utah today, need one more win or one more Dallas loss to seal the Southwest Division title and secure home-court advantage until the NBA Finals with the West's top seed.

The Mavericks (60-21) beat the Jazz 111-95 later Sunday night.

"You have letdowns sometimes and you lose games like this, but we came in here and I thought we took care of business the right way," Duncan said.

Tony Parker had 11 points in 17 minutes for San Antonio, which met little resistance from the Timberwolves - who have shut down Kevin Garnett and Ricky Davis for the season with minor injuries. The real purpose, though, is to let first-year coach Dwane Casey and the front office further evaluate a handful of young players with postseason qualification no longer a worry.

One of those under heavy scrutiny has been point guard Marcus Banks, acquired three months ago in the big trade with Boston that brought Davis to Minnesota and sent Wally Szczerbiak to the Celtics.

Though he and Rashad McCants showed their share of defensive lapses, Banks scored 25 points on 10-for-11 shooting from the foul line. McCants had 20 points, and rookie Bracey Wright added 13 points.

"It's a great learning experience for all these guys," Casey said.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 18, 2006:

This year you will develop and use new-found skills to read between the lines. You will gain a deeper perspective and enjoy your life more profoundly as a result. Often, you could feel pressured by circumstances. It is clear that you need to take the lead and/or get ahead. You will gain in your community and establish greater prominence and respect. If you are single, you will certainly be noticed. Next fall or a bit later someone enters your life who will knock your socks off. If you are attached, your relationship evolves as you express greater understanding and caring. CAPRICORN respects your style.

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)
★★★★ Your efforts don't go unnoticed, yet the personal toll could be greater than anticipated. As a result, you might go into full grump mode. Listen more to what is being shared among those in the know. Tonight: Yes, you will need to be a dominant force.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Relate to and work with each individual as if he or she is the most important person in your life at that moment. You might want to think through a decision that involves those around you. Reactions, as you'll see, might be strong. Tonight: Relax to good music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others let you know what they want and expect. It is your call if you are

going to give it to them. Think positively and create more of what you want. You easily could overspend. Curb uncontrolled wildness. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be more pushed than you realize and need to take a break. Think about what must be done as opposed to what you are going to get done. Be positive about your alternatives. Good things will happen. Tonight: Take a break from the pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to creatively adjust. You might want to carefully rethink your priorities. If you want to make a move, you will need to investigate and get feedback. Evaluate more of what you feel, and situations will work. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are coming from a solid space and might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. As you evaluate an event, you could decide on a major risk or change. Brainstorm but be open to potential changes. Tonight: Full of folly and laughter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are able to do things much differently than in the past. Relax and enjoy yourself with those in your immediate circle. Do not take another's comment seriously. This person could be having more difficulty than you realize. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your budget might be your highest priority, but at the moment you could have difficulty turning a situation around. You might be much happier if you relax. Decisions don't have to be made immediately. Tonight: As you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Risking might be important in order to accomplish what you want. Can you afford it - either emotionally or financially - if you fall flat on your face? Make your financial well-being an even higher priority. Tonight: Listen to another's comments. You don't have to act on them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Step back. Timing is working for you, as you will notice later today. You have seen different problems come up. Handle them, but only when you are ready and sure of yourself. Many different elements will work together. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Move during the daylight hours, when you are a force to behold. You will like what goes on a lot more if you relax and think in terms of progress. Friends point out the path that leads to where you want to go. Tonight: Hide out with a favorite person.

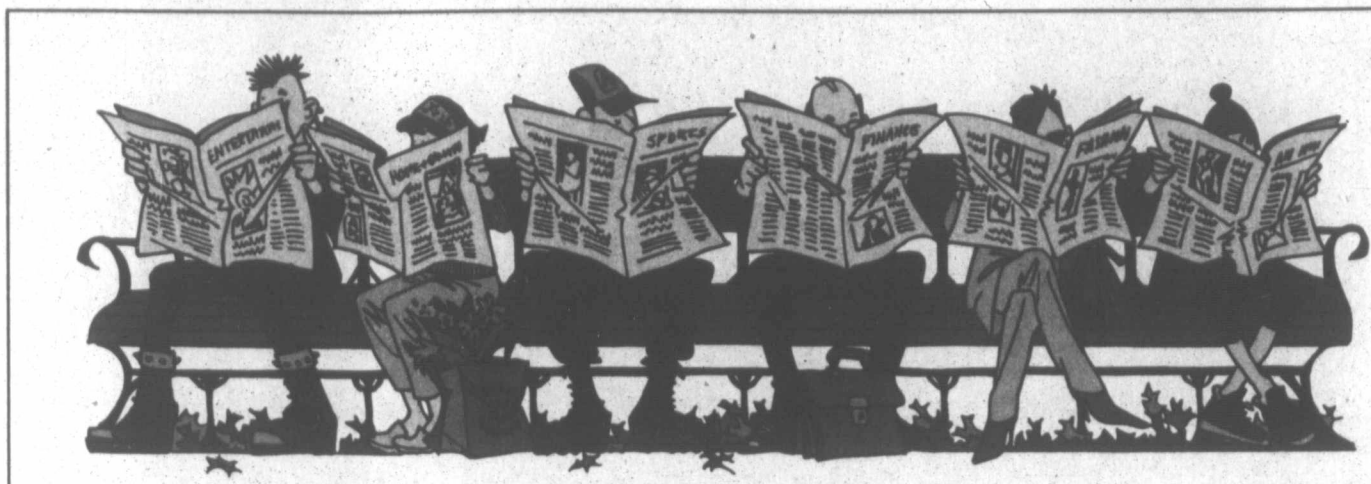
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Instigate changes and assume a more powerful stand. You will have a lot to do and accomplish. On some level you might be totally overwhelmed. Listen to what is being shared on a deeper level. Tonight: Find your pals.

BORN TODAY
Actress Melissa Joan Hart (1976), author Kathy Acker (1947), talk-show host Conan O'Brien (1963)

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: BABIES HAVEN'T ANY HAIR; OLD MEN'S HEADS ARE JUST AS BARE; BETWEEN THE CRADLE AND THE GRAVE LIES A HAIRCUT AND A SHAVE. — S. HOFFENSTEIN

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