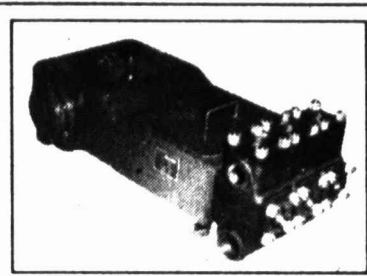


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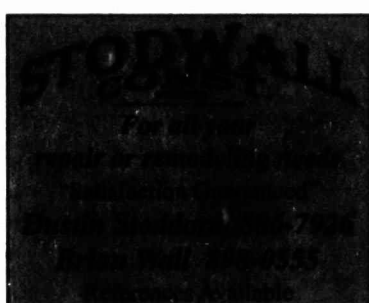


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Officers arrest two suspects in burglaries

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A suspicious vehicle report led to the arrest of two burglary suspects Tuesday and the recovery of more than \$3,000 in stolen property from at least two residential burglaries, according to Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department in a news release.

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 19, 108 S. Sumner, and Christopher Lynn McCroskey, 18, 117 N. Sumner, were still in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$10,000 bond each on a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation, according to a Gray County Jail spokesperson.

The two were arrested at their homes and booked into the jail about 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, by Sgt. David Lee, Chief of Police Trevlyn Pitner

and Officer Aaron McWilliams.

"Much of the property has been identified and returned to the owners. For some of the property, owners have yet to be identified," Courtney said in the release.

A suspicious vehicle was reported on April 18, and officers Casey Ingersoll and Joey Williams found the vehicle in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

In the back seat of the car were a television/videocassette recorder and a Sony PlayStation.

The owner of the car claimed he had received the property from another subject, according to the press release. Officers followed up on the information and took the property found in the vehicle for safekeeping.

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Police investigating ammonia discovery

Pampa police are investigating an incident in which an oxygen bottle filled with anhydrous ammonia, a chemical used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamines, was found by a businessman in his salvage yard Tuesday.

Charles Robinson of A&J Salvage, Naida Circle, found the bottle after his father had seen two persons in the salvage yard the night before, according to a Pampa Police Department news release by Lt. Fred Courtney. The two ran away when they realized they had been seen, according to the news release.

Robinson looked in the area where the two had been seen by his father, and found the bottle, which had been modified to accept the anhydrous ammonia. Robinson

reported finding the bottle, and police officers, narcotics task force officers and Pampa Fire Department responded. Hazardous materials technicians were called to dispose of the ammonia. Courtney said in the news release.

"Anhydrous ammonia is a very dangerous chemical and will burn your skin if contacted. The vapors are also very toxic and can burn your lungs when inhaled. Anhydrous can also be explosive when handled incorrectly. The Pampa Police Department asks the community to not touch or open containers believed to contain anhydrous ammonia," Courtney said in the news release.

It is a felony to unlawfully possess and transport anhydrous ammonia, according to the news release.

Living history



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Megan Porter, a student in Jill Miller's fourth grade class at Travis Elementary School, pours soil from her home around the roots of a Stephen F. Austin live oak tree planted yesterday in Santa Fe Park at Cuyler Street and Atchison Avenue. The tree stands next to the Pioneer Cottage, which was moved to the park from a site on Starkweather Street last year. Travis fourth grade students gathered around the tree at 10 a.m. to take turns adding soil to the hole dug for the tree, which was grown from an acorn harvested from a live oak tree located at the site of Stephen F. Austin's death. The tree was brought to Pampa by Sam Houston IV, great-grandson of General Sam Houston, and Bob Price of Pampa. April 21 is San Jacinto Day in Texas.

We remember the Alamo What about San Jacinto?

By PAMEASTON
Associated Press Writer

LAPORTE (AP) — There were two cries at The Battle of San Jacinto: Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!

On Wednesday, those who gathered at the base of the San Jacinto Monument for a San Jacinto Day celebration added another: Remember San Jacinto!

"The current movie of the day forgets to even name this battle," said Ron Stone, master of ceremonies at Wednesday's celebration, which continues through Sunday and culminates with a re-enactment of the 18-minute battle that secured Texas' independence.

Disney's film version of the Battle of the Alamo, which led up to Texas' major victory at San Jacinto, has brought in more than \$16 million since opening earlier this month, but is

considered a box office flop. The much-hyped historical film, which cost as much as \$140 million to make and market, is unlikely to recoup its costs, even at the international box office and in DVD release, some analysts have said.

Those who want to make sure the Battle of San Jacinto is remembered know it wouldn't make a good film, said Kameron Searle, director of education for the Sons of the Republic of Texas. But nonetheless, Searle and others want to make sure the battle receives its due.

"If you have been to see 'The Alamo,' you will know they just call it that final battle," Stone said. "We are in danger of forgetting what this day is and what this day is about."

On April 21, 1836, Sam Houston led a weary and angry group of soldiers and Texas patriots to the military victory that secured

(See BATTLE, Page 3)

Thousands die in North Korean train explosions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea declared a state of emergency after as many as 3,000 people were killed or injured Thursday when two trains carrying oil and liquefied petroleum gas collided and exploded at a station near the Chinese border, South Korean media reported.

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, reportedly had passed through the station as he returned from China hours earlier, South Korea's all-news cable channel, YTN, reported.

The number killed or injured could reach 3,000, YTN said, citing unidentified sources on the Chinese side of the border.

"The area around Ryongchon station has turned into ruins as if it were bombed," South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted witnesses as saying. "Debris from the explosion soared high into the sky and drifted to Sinuju," a North Korean town on the border with China, the agency said.

The Yonhap report of the state of emergency declaration gave no details. It said officials of the secretive North Korean government had put in place a "state of state of emergency" around the town of Ryongchon near the Chinese border.

The government cut international phone lines to prevent news of the crash

from leaking across its borders, Yonhap said, citing no sources.

Yonhap, quoting witnesses in the Chinese city of Dandong on the border with the North, said the explosion occurred about 1 p.m. at Ryongchon. It said Kim passed through nine hours earlier, returning to Pyongyang. Ryongchon is about 12 miles from the Chinese border.

Yang Jong hwa, a spokeswoman of South Korea's Unification Ministry, said her organization could not immediately confirm the reports. The ministry is in charge of relations with North Korea.

The Defense Ministry likewise was not commenting.

"We are aware of the news reports, but we will not make any comments at this stage," said a spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

YTN reported that the casualties included Chinese living in the North Korean border region, and that Chinese in Dandong were desperate to learn about their relatives.

Some of the injured were evacuated to hospitals in Dandong, it said.

North Korea's state-run news agency on Thursday confirmed that Kim had made a secretive trip to China on Monday through Wednesday, but carried no comments on the reported explosion.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests:

Saturday, April 17

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Wells. No forced entry was made. Taken was \$48 in cash.

Monday, April 19

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Bradley. Forced entry was made through the back door. Taken were several pieces of jewelry, a videocassette recorder, a stereo, two sets of speakers, fishing lures, a duffle bag, a leather jacket and a cell phone. Estimated loss was \$1,315.

Tuesday, April 20

Counterfeiting was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. A \$50 bill was passed which was suspected of being counterfeit. Police have a suspect in the incident, according to the report.

Wednesday, April 21

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at the police department.

Possession of marijuana under two ounces was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Simple assault was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported.

A wallet was found in the 1200 block of North Hobart and turned in to the police department.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. The incident occurred on or about April 7. Method of entry is unknown. Taken were a tufton, table and chairs, and several wall hangings, for an estimated loss of \$300.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. A refrigerator and refrigerated air unit were taken. Estimated loss is \$650.

Nancy Darlene Free, 29, 1036 N. Wells, was arrested at her residence for telephone harassment.

Lucio Armendarez, 49, 1214 S. Barnes, was arrested in the 700 block of Malone for public intoxication.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, April 21

Charles Waddell, 30, Highway 162 and County Road 3 1/2, was arrested for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia and a fugitive warrant out of New Mexico.

Aaron Acevedo, 20, 418 Wynne, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of theft over \$50.

Ronald Harris, 33, Pawhuska, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for no driver's license.

Rodney Young, 37, 125 N. Sumner, was arrested by DPS for driving while license is suspended.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 21

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

11:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Navajo and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Malone. No transport.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, April 21

4:11 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2400 block of Navajo.

4:18 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the 800 block of South Sumner. No problem was found.

6:51 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 100 block of Starkweather. A resident was burning tree limbs, leaves, and trash in the front yard.

6:59 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to an investigation in the 1800 block of North Sumner. Subject of the investigation was not listed in the report.

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Veterans' cemetery sought for Permian Basin

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — West Texas veterans want the Permian Basin to be the next site for a state cemetery honoring the military.

Fedor County commissioners have approved a resolution supporting the effort.

Having a state cemetery near Odessa and Midland would allow family members to visit the graves of their loved ones who are buried

with military honors without having to travel so far. Victor Sylvester, vice president of the Permian Basin Veterans Council and a Vietnam veteran, told commissioners.

Texas has national cemeteries in El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. Federal funds were recently dedicated for creation of one state veterans' cemetery per year in Texas and

officials in nine cities were invited to offer proposed sites for the \$8 million facility.

Construction of the first Texas State Veterans' Cemetery started in November near Killeen. Sites under consideration for the next state cemetery are Abilene, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Longview, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, San Angelo, Texarkana and Tyler.

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OBITUARIES

ESSIE MAE WALTERS

Essie Mae Walters, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Walters was born Oct. 24, 1917, at Centerville, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree from West Texas State University, and her master's degree from the University of Colorado. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948.

She was a schoolteacher and counselor with the Goodnight, Berger and Pampa Independent School Districts for 50 years. She was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, the Texas State Teachers Association, the Retired Teachers Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Panhandle Mental Health Association.

Survivors include three nephews, Nick Leaverton of Chandler, Bert Lee Leaverton of Knox City and Jerry Leaverton of Henrietta; a

sister-in-law,

Lou Leaverton

of Knox City;

two special

friends, Lodema

Mitchell and

Willie Mae

Mangold, both

of Pampa; and

numerous other

nieces and

nephews. She

was preceded in

death by her husband, Kenneth P. Walters; and

three brothers, Joe B. Leaverton, Sam

Leaverton and Charlie Leaverton.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa

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WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the mid to upper 70s and northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight's forecast is calling for partly cloudy with a 30

percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the lower 40s and northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s.

Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 30 mph.

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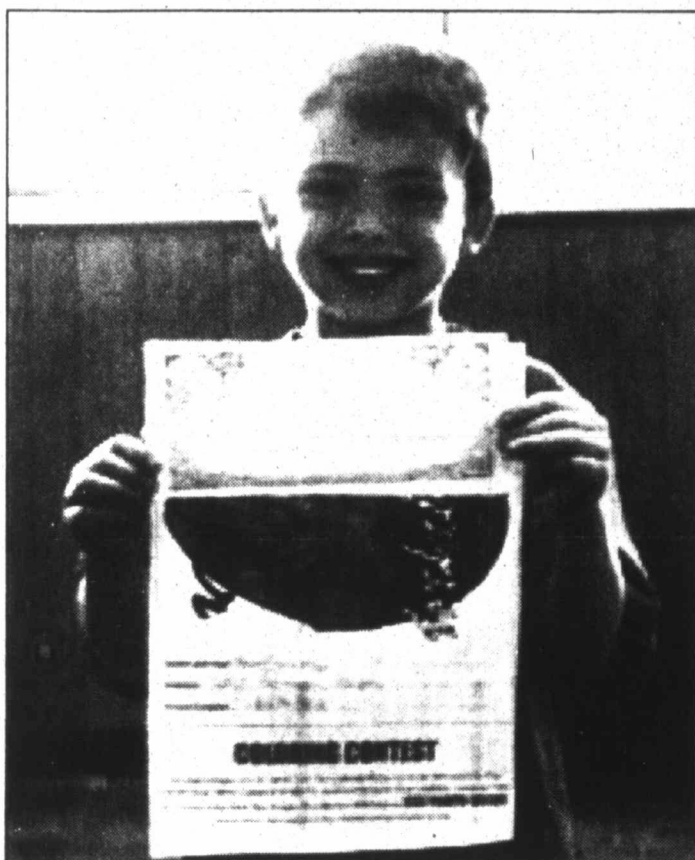
THE PUBLIC is invited to attend Open House at the Gray County Courthouse, Friday, April 23. Information sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the District Courtroom located on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

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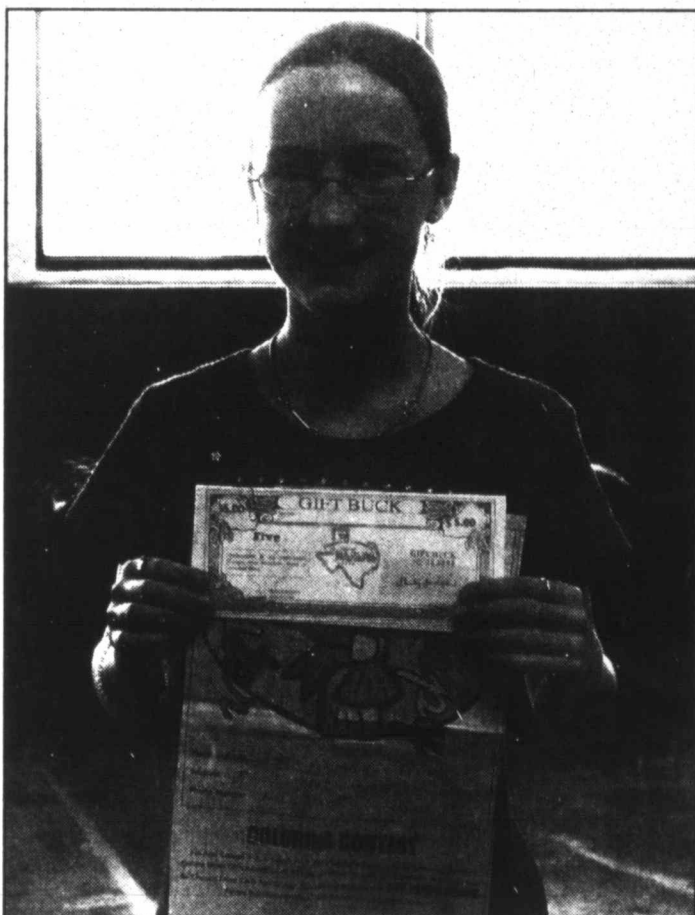


(Pampa News photos)

Bailey Budd won the Ages 6-7 Division of The Pampa News Easter Coloring Contest. She is the daughter of Leslie and Paul Budd. Winners of each division received \$25 in Pampa Bucks for their artistic efforts.



Adam Zuniga, son of Daniel and Jeanna Zuniga, Age 4-5 Division Winner.



Katie Dunham, daughter of David and Kim Dunham, winner of the Age 8-12 Division.

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ARRESTS

The TV/VCR and PlayStation were later identified as belonging to Deborah Lynn Kirklin of 601 Bradley, after she reported the first of the two burglaries. The burglary reported by Kirklin allegedly occurred sometime between April 11 and 18.

On April 20, Brian Smith of 5300 Roberta reported burglary of a house he owns at 501 Roberta. About an hour and a half after he reported the burglary, Smith called the police department to say he had located some of his property at 2136 N. Coffee.

"From this contact, officers were led to 117 N. Sumner, where stereo equipment, televisions and other property were recovered," Courtney

said in the news release. "At least two residential burglaries were solved because of the arrests."

The investigation is continuing, and more property is being recovered. Additional charges are expected to be filed, according to the release.

"Pampa police ask that any person with knowledge of these burglaries or other burglaries call the police department at 669-5700. We are especially interested in information leading to the recovery of two family Bibles taken in the Smith burglary from 501 Roberta," Courtney said in the release.

Anyone with information may also call Crime Stoppers at 669-2222. Crime Stoppers callers may remain anonymous, and may be eligible for a reward.

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BATTLE

Texas' independence following the Alamo and Goliad battles. During the battles at the Alamo and Goliad, every person fighting for the Texas military perished, Searle said.

"When they got here, it was do or die," Searle said. "It only lasted 18 minutes, but in those 18 minutes we won our independence and forever changed the history and the course of America's history."

The victory at San Jacinto paved the way for the United States to annex almost 1 million square miles of territory that included Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California and Utah, as well as parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Mexican Army was led by Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana, president of Mexico, whose troops were caught off guard during an afternoon siesta.

Only nine of the Texans were killed while 630 Mexicans died and 730 were taken prisoner. Santa Ana was later captured.

Hundreds of Mexican soldiers who died did so as they tried to flee through a nearby marsh, which effectively blocked their only escape route. Their remains are believed to still be buried there.

Sam Houston IV participated in Wednesday's celebration, reading a portion of his great grandfather's battle report. The report detailed how poorly supplied the Texas troops were.

"Amid every difficulty ... there was no murmuring," he

read. "Every officer and man proved himself worthy of the cause."

The defeats at the Alamo and Goliad motivated the "tiny, rag-tag army of farmers," Searle said.

Texas A&M history professor H.W. Brands told those who attended the gathering, some of whom dressed in vintage clothing reflective of the period during which the battle was fought, that San Jacinto was one of the greatest battles in world history.

"It was one of those events in history that no one could have foreseen, even a week before it happened," he said. "The Battle of San Jacinto was something that took Texans, took Americans, took Mexicans, took the entire world by surprise."

Medical fund established for 8-year-old girl

A fund to help with medical expenses for Serena Reyes has been set up at FirstBank Southwest, bank officials confirmed today.

Serena, the 8-year-old daughter of Frank and Lolly Reyes, recently underwent surgery to remove an 11-pound tumor from her stomach, family members said, and will be hospitalized another week.

Donations to the fund may be taken to Sharon Strickland or Heather Seabourn at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hall of Honor nominations

To the editor:

It's springtime in the Texas Panhandle and plans are already being made for the Annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet. This project, started in 1990, was initiated to recognize and honor those outstanding Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of their country. Over the years, we have inducted individuals from Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Claude, and other area towns. These honored inductees have been recipients of such awards as the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and even three who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We can never completely show our appreciation to these individuals for their bravery, love of country and unselfish sacrifices. However, in this small gesture, we hope to let the living and deceased know they are not forgotten and their sacrifices were not in vain. Unfortunately, some of those we honor have gone to their final resting places. However, we feel confident that wherever they are, they will hear their names called and know they have not been forgotten.

To nominate a deserving individual, we need a short narrative on their life, what branch of the service they served in, the awards they received and if possible, a copy of citations that accompanied the awards, plus any copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee. In the narrative, we are encouraging the writer to tell about the nominee's contributions to the community after serving in the military. This will give our selection committee a better idea as to the overall merit of the individual.

We need to have all the nominations in no later than July 16. After the selection committee has made its selections, the new inductees will be notified. The banquet is set for 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, in the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home, 105 S. Cuyler.

Please address all nominations to me in care of Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor, Freedom Museum U.S.A., 600-N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

I look forward to receiving all nominations. It is truly an honor for me to be associated with such outstanding veterans.

John L. Triplehorn, president
Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor

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Explanation of racial profiling

What is racial profiling, and is it racist? We can think of profiling as using cheap-to-observe characteristics as indicators or proxies for more-costly-to-observe characteristics. A person's physical characteristics, such as race, sex and height, are cheap to observe, and they might be correlated with some other characteristic that's more costly to observe such as disease, strength or ability.

Profiling examples abound. Just knowing that one person is 6 feet 9 inches tall allows one to predict that he's a better basketball player than a 4-foot-9-inch-tall person. That might be called height profiling. While height is not a perfect indicator of basketball proficiency, there is a strong association.

Similarly, just knowing the sex or age of an individual allows one to make predictions about unobserved characteristics such as weightlifting ability, running and reflex speed, and eyesight and hearing acuity because they are correlated with sex and age.

What about using race or ethnicity as proxies for some unobserved characteristic? Some racial and ethnic groups have a higher incidence of mortality from various diseases than the national average. In 1998, mortality rates for cardiovascular diseases were approximately 30 percent higher among black adults than among white adults. Cervical cancer rates were almost five times higher among Vietnamese women in the United States than among white women. The Pima Indians of Arizona have the high-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

est known diabetes rates in the world. Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as white men.

Would one condemn a medical practitioner for advising greater screening and monitoring of black males for cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer, or greater screening and monitoring for cervical cancer among Vietnamese American females, and the same for diabetes among Pima Indians? It surely would be racial profiling -- using race as an indicator of a higher probability of some other characteristic.

You might say that's different and that using racial profiling as a proxy for potential criminal behavior is indeed racist. Just as race and ethnicity are not perfect indicators of the risk of certain diseases, neither is race a perfect indicator of criminal activity, but they are associations, and people act on those associations.

A Washington, D.C., taxicab commissioner, who is black, issued a safety advisory urging D.C.'s 6,800 cabbies to refuse to pick up "dangerous looking" passengers. She described "dangerous looking" as a "young black guy ... with shirttail hanging down longer than his coat, baggy pants, unlaced tennis

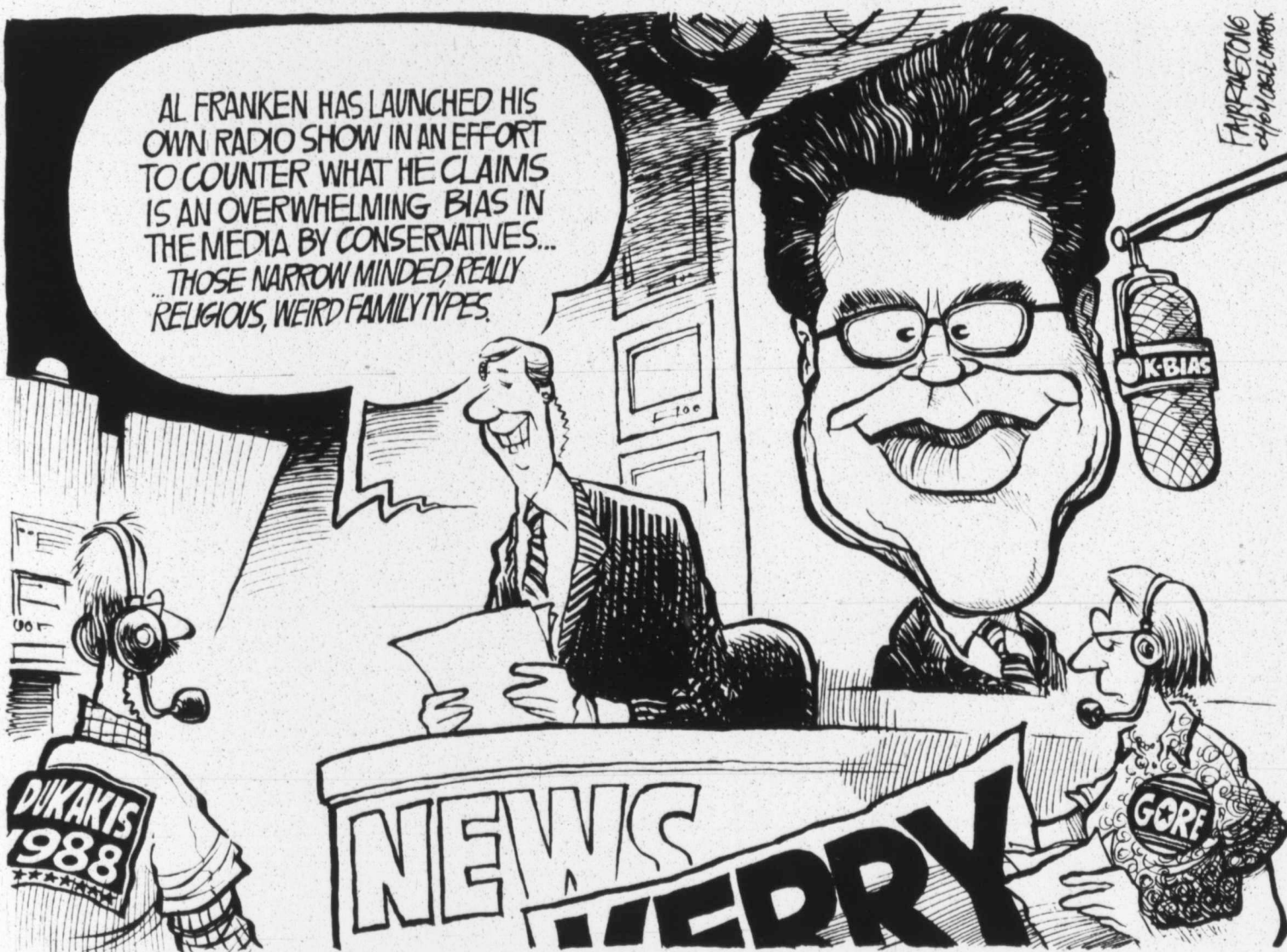
shoes." By no stretch of imagination does every young black person pose a threat to taxi drivers, but in Washington, D.C., and other cities, there's a strong correlation between race and the threat of robbery/murder.

We seriously misunderstand the motives of a taxi driver who passes up a black customer if we use racism as the sole explanation for his behavior. It might be racism, but it might just as easily and more probably be a fear of robbery, murder or being taken to a dangerous neighborhood. There are other examples and greater detail of this phenomenon in my recent Cornell Law and Public Policy Journal article "Discrimination: The Law vs. Morality."

Needless to say, the law-abiding black person who's refused a taxi ride or pizza delivery or pulled over by the police is justifiably annoyed and offended. The rightful recipients of his anger should be those blacks who have made black synonymous with high crime and not the taxi driver or pizza deliverer who might fear for his life or the policeman trying to do his job.

God would never do profiling of any sort because God is omniscient. We humans lack that quality and must depend upon sometimes crude substitutes for finding out things.

By the way, attempting to explain profiling doesn't require one to take a position for or against it any more than attempting to explain gravity requires one to be for or against gravity.



Air America: Subsidized propaganda

Liberal talk radio has arrived - again.

Call it what you want, but this is nothing but a propaganda machine for the Democrat Party. People may think that conservative talk radio is a propaganda machine for the Republican Party. If it is, it is only because we have earned the right to tell the GOP's side of the story the old-fashioned way -- we've worked our tails off in the marketplace to become successful there. Neither the Republicans nor anybody else subsidized us. We did it on our own and it was anything but easy.

In other words, we are in the free market. Air America is not. The liberals found fat cat supporters who used to support the Democrat party and have found a way to skirt the campaign finance laws and take out what amounts to a 24-hour a day political advertisement against George Bush and for the Democrat party.

What they are doing is buying time on the air and handpicking their chosen shells posing as talk show hosts who never had to prove themselves in the national marketplace through hard work. They have to be subsidized as NPR is subsidized in order to get on the air.

This is not to say that there are not any really good liberal talk show hosts. I've known some of them for years. Bill Press, who does a morning show out of Washington D.C., is one of them. Alan Colmes, another longtime friend, has a national radio talk show along with his Hannity & Colmes show. They are not part



MICHAEL REAGAN
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of the Air America launching of liberal talk radio. They worked hard to get there; nobody subsidized them.

Why didn't Air America take truly good liberal hosts who are already in the marketplace earning their keep, instead of inflicting wackos like Randy Rhodes in West Palm Beach on their listeners?

This latest attempt to peddle socialism will fail, as anybody who has heard liberal talk radio's sorry performances in the first couple of days already knows. They recall how it failed when John Hightower and Mario Cuomo and Jerry Brown tried it. Look, they aren't on WABC in New York -- they're on the 34th rated station, as they are in Chicago, as they are in Los Angeles and San Francisco. They're preaching to an "almost empty" choir.

When this venture fails what will happen is that good liberal talk show hosts who now want to come into the market as a career, or extend their current careers by going to a national show, will discover that broadcasting professionals won't want to give them a chance because they will inevitably say they already gave liberal talk radio a chance and it bombed. "Why

should we take a chance on you?"

As a result, there will be more conservative talk shows and fewer liberal talk shows -- the liberals will end up having shot themselves in the foot once again.

What I fear is that when they fail and conservative radio extends its hold on talk radio, if the liberals and John Kerry and the Democrats take over the White House and Capitol Hill, they will revive the Fairness Doctrine and then be able to threaten radio stations and their general managers and owners, and force them to put their people on the air who can't earn their way on and need the power of the federal government to shove them down our throats.

Air America launched their liberal talk show programs a day too early. The next day, April first -- April Fools Day -- would have been more appropriate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 22, the 113th day of 2004. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on April 22, 1954, the televised Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

On this date:

In 1491, Queen Isabella I, who sponsored the voyages of Christopher Columbus, was born in Madrigal, Spain.

FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO
Archie Manning doesn't want to be stuck with the way he was drafted. San Diego Chargers agent, Tony Danza, says Archie Manning is a top quarter back in the first draft.

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Manning's Giants won't be for his son. "We understand what's going on," said the San Francisco Chronicle.

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Rice University trustees have a study that shows that athletics are enhancing the school's reputation, according to a report.

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SPORTS

First-round quarterbacks aren't sure things

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's draft has three "can't miss" quarterbacks: Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger and Philip Rivers.

Buyer beware?

Think of Ryan Leaf.

And remember that Todd Marinovich and Dan (Mark's brother) McGwire were drafted ahead of a guy named Brett Favre in 1991.

Leaf, of course, is not the only quarterback bust: Rick Mirer, Jim Druckenmiller, Akili Smith, Cade McNown, Dave Brown, Marinovich and McGwire are all long gone or at the end of some bench.

Yes, drafting is a guessing game as much as an exact science, especially when it comes to quarterbacks. How else to explain that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady went in the sixth round in 2000, while two other current starters, Marc Bulger and Tim Rattay, were chosen in the sixth and seventh rounds.

"There's so much focus on the top two or three quarterbacks that a lot of people forget there are more than that who can play very well," St. Louis Rams coach

Mike Martz says. "There are 10 of them in this year's bunch that I would really like to have."

Martz has some credibility on the subject.

In the summer of 2000, he remarked during a casual chat that New Orleans had "a kid named Bulger I really like." A few weeks later, the Saints obtained Aaron Brooks and eventually released Bulger, who ended up with the Rams and now

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ply failure.

The rap on Roethlisberger is that he needs work, while Rivers has a funky, semi-sidearm delivery that didn't keep him from completing 72 percent of his passes last season at North Carolina State. But the consensus is that all are future stars.

"I have fallen in love with these guys," Baltimore coach Brian Billick says of the trio.

Still, keep these quarterbacks

McNown 12th. McNabb and Culpepper are stars, but Couch is still struggling, and the other two are busts. Brooks, drafted in the fourth round by Green Bay before being traded to the Saints, is the third-best from that class.

— In 2000, Chad Pennington was the only quarterback taken in the first round and seems ready for stardom with the Jets. The next QBs chosen were Giovanni Carmazzi (San

Francisco, third round); Chris Redman (Baltimore, third) and Tee Martin (Pittsburgh, fifth).

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backs that nobody really knows is work habits," says Gil Brandt, the NFL's chief draft consultant.

"You get some that are going to study tape and keep studying. There are others who are going to get big money and think they have it made."

Still, some bad picks are simply unexplainable. Some are the result of teams failing to uncover character flaws or worse in a player's background.

Ten years from now, Manning, Roethlisberger and Rivers might very well be stars.

And so might one of the guys projected lower in the draft.

Among the candidates: J.P. Losman of Tulane (could Martz take him with the 26th overall pick?), Matt Schaub of Virginia; Josh Harris of Bowling Green; Matt Mauck of LSU; Cody Pickett of Washington; Jeff Smoker of Michigan State; John Navarre of Michigan; Bradlee Van Pelt of Colorado State, and 280-pound (or more) Jared Lorenzen of Kentucky.

It wouldn't be all that shocking if one of those players owns a Super Bowl ring five years from now.

Just look at Brady.

— Gil Brand, NFL chief draft consultant

in mind:

— In 1998, some teams thought Leaf would be better than Peyton Manning. They brushed off reports (most recounted after the fact) that Leaf didn't get along with coaches or teammates and had no leadership skills.

— In 1999, Tim Couch was drafted first overall; Donovan McNabb second; Smith third; Daunte Culpepper 11th and

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"The thing about quarter-



Pampa junior righthander Tyler Doughty will get the start against Dumas.

Pampa travels to Dumas for crucial District 3-4A contest

PAMPA — It will be the most important game of the season when Pampa clashes with Dumas in District 3-4A action Saturday.

"If we win, we'll be in the playoffs. Our kids are hitting the ball well and playing good defense," said Pampa coach Dennis Doughty. "We're just playing with a lot of confidence now."

The Harvesters are 6-4 in district and currently hold down the third-place playoff spot. Dumas is a game behind Pampa at 5-4.

"Dumas has a new coach (Cory Hamilton) and he's got them playing very good team baseball. They don't have great stats or any super stars, but they just keep better as the season goes along, much like we have. We've beaten them twice before, once in the Berger Tournament and again in district. However, we're in Dumas this time and that's always a tough place to play," coach Doughty said. "It's going to be a test for us."

Junior righthander Tyler Doughty pitched Pampa to a 6-3 win over Dumas in the first round of district. Doughty was hooked up with Dumas' Alan Traylor in a pitching duel until the

sixth inning when shortstop Hunter Craig hit a three-run homer to give the Harvesters a four-run advantage.

Dusty Lenderman will be standing by in relief in case Doughty needs help in this second district meeting.

"Dusty will have three days rest, so he'll be fresh and ready to come in either early or late. We've seen Traylor twice and beaten him twice," coach Doughty said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they threw (Britten) Nees at us."

Nees played, but didn't pitch against Pampa in the earlier game. He had one of the four Dumas hits against Doughty.

District 3-4A Standings

Team	District	Overall
Randall	9-0	16-6
Plainview	7-2	15-7
Pampa	6-4	13-10
Dumas	5-4	8-12
Hereford	2-8	4-18-1
Caprock	2-7	5-16
Palo Duro	1-8	2-20-1

Note: Randall and Plainview have both clinched playoff spots.

Rangers defeat Angels for 5th time in 6 games

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Rookie catcher Gerald Laird is going to become a favorite of his pitching staff if he keeps throwing out potential base stealers at this rate.

Laird threw out three baserunners trying to steal second on Wednesday night, and Michael Young hit a tiebreaking two-run triple to help the Rangers beat Anaheim 4-1 for their fifth win in six tries against the Angels.

"That's always been my strong point, being able to throw guys out," Laird said. "Every level I've played at, I've led the league in throwing-out percentage, so I just want to be consistent and continue that success."

"What it does is help out our pitchers. If they see I can throw guys out, they're going to hold guys on for me," Laird added. "We kept three guys out of scoring position, and Dickey was able to do his thing and focus on making his pitches."

Laird, who grew up about 10 minutes from Angel Stadium, has thrown out six of 10 runners this season, including David Eckstein in the first inning.

"They play the game right and play the game hard," Eckstein said. "They're going to be in a lot of ballgames because they play for nine innings."

The last Rangers catcher to throw out three runners in a game was Doug Mirabeli, on May 7, 2001, against the White Sox.

"I owe a lot of it to Mike," Laird said of Young, who shifted from second base to shortstop this season after AL MVP Alex Rodriguez was traded to the Yankees. "I had a couple of tough throws and Mike made some good plays for me with those tags."

R.A. Dickey (2-1) allowed a run and six hits over seven innings, struck out seven and walked one. The right-hander was shelled for nine earned runs, nine hits and three homers over 4 2-3 innings in his previous start against Oakland on April 14.

"As a big leaguer, it was probably one of my more rewarding outings — just because of the adversity I went through last week," said Dickey, who pitched on six days' rest. "The rest probably did help. I felt stronger as the game went on, and I felt like I could have finished the game. My body responded real well and it was a fun night."

Pitching coach Orel Hershiser believes Dickey's success is and will be predicated on his knack for pitching through tough innings.

"I see a positive future for him," Hershiser said. "I see him as a guy who's going to grind out wins and find a way to win games. I mean, he's going to get his lunch handed to him by teams, but he's got two or three pitches that are bona fide big league 'out' pitches."

Dickey pitched with runners on base in each of the first five innings. He was bailed out twice on strikeout-caught stealing double plays as Laird threw out Jose Guillen with Jeff DaVanon at the plate in the second, then erased Bengie Molina on a failed hit-and-run with Adam Kennedy up in the fifth.

"The strikeout-throw-em-out double plays help your pitch count, and it's incredible the kind of weight that lifts off you," Dickey said. "All three of those pitches were fastballs, so it was a situation where I had to do my job and he had to do his."

Red Cross scramble set for May 1

PAMPA — The American Red Cross (Gray County Chapter) Golf Scramble will be May 1 at the Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Shotgun starts for the four-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. Registration is \$40 per person and includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch and many opportunities to win prizes. People wishing to sign up or enter a team should call David Teichmann at 806-669-5866.

All proceeds are used by the local Red Cross Chapter to provide services on a local basis. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jana Gregory, Executive Director at 806-669-7121.

This year's scramble is sponsored by Greg Kelly, DDS, Pampa; Hightower Family of Pampa; Rep. Warren Chisum; Biral USA, McLean; Fluid Compressor Corp., Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet, CPA Billy Smith, H&R Block and John Warner PC, all of Pampa.

NFL asks for Supreme Court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL urged the Supreme Court on Thursday to keep Maurice Clarett out of this weekend's draft because the dispute over his eligibility is unsettled.

Saying a team picking Clarett would be left with nothing if he ultimately is

barred from the pros this season, the league said the former Ohio State running back could enter a supplemental draft if allowed into the NFL.

Clarett, 20, asked the court this week to require the NFL to let him in the draft despite a lower court injunction against him.

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FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Archie Manning apparently doesn't want his son to be stuck with a bad NFL team the way he was.

San Diego general manager A.J. Smith said Wednesday night that Eli Manning's agent, Tom Condon, called to say Archie wished the Chargers would not select the top quarterback prospect with the first pick in Saturday's draft.

Condon also said Archie Manning feels the New York Giants would be a better fit for his son, Smith said.

"We understand, but we'll do what's in the best interests of the San Diego Chargers," Smith said.

GENERAL

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University's board of trustees has commissioned a study that looks at everything from doing away with athletics at the school to enhancing facilities for athletes, according to a broadcast report Wednesday.

Houston television station KRIV, citing sources close to the Rice faculty, said the study was done by Houston-based McKinsey and Company to determine the fate of Rice athletics.

According to the sources, options outlined also include dropping to Division III status, dropping football, keeping the programs as they are now and building new facilities to enhance the athletic programs.

Rice athletic director Bobby May confirmed that the study was commissioned, but added that he has not seen the confidential report meant only for the board of trustees.

The school's baseball team is the defending national champion and both the men's and women's basketball teams made it to postseason play in 2004.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Rolen and the St. Louis Cardinals put on an impressive offensive display in Houston.

Rolen had three hits, including one of the Cardinals' five home runs, in a 12-6 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night.

Jim Edmonds hit a grand slam, Reggie Sanders had a three-run homer, and Ray Lankford and Marlon Anderson added solo home runs for the Cardinals, who beat the Astros for only the fourth time in 12 games. Edgar Renteria had three of the Cardinals' 16 hits off of five Houston pitchers.

"Right now everybody is clicking and we are beating the ball around," said Rolen, who extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Rolen is 19-for-47 for a .404 average with seven home runs and 21 RBIs during the streak.

"I'm seeing the ball well and I'm getting some good swings and some breaks. A home run here might be a fly ball at home," Rolen added.



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Bibby bouncing back in playoffs to help give Kings 2-0 lead vs. Mavs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Mike Bibby kept his oldest son close to his side, leading the boy through a crowd of reporters and fans outside the Sacramento Kings' locker room.

Family is always important to Sacramento's point guard, but his children were a particular help during a sad week. As the Kings took a 2-0 series lead over the Dallas Mavericks, Bibby again lived up to his reputation as a post-season star — even if his son wasn't paying attention.

"He probably didn't even see it. He was probably in the back, playing," Bibby said Tuesday night, gesturing toward young Michael after the Kings' 83-79 victory.

Bibby left the Kings Tuesday night to return home to Phoenix for his grandmother's funeral, but was expected back in Sacramento before the team flight to Dallas on Thursday. The series resumes Saturday in Dallas, where the Kings have lost five straight games.

Bibby struggled right along with the rest of the Kings during their regular-season skid, but the point guard is back in his usual playoff form. After recording 14 points and seven assists in the series opener, he scored 10 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter of Game 2, hitting four 3-pointers.

Bibby also briefly broke out his celebratory bigfoot walk — another sign things might be back to normal. When Bibby struggles with his outside shot, as he did through most of the final two months of the regular season, every aspect of his game suffers.

When the Sacramento point guard is hitting, everything else improves. His best moments as a pro occurred during the Kings' run to the Western Conference finals two years ago, and he often draws on that experience for motivation.

"I was just standing out there in the third (quarter), looking at things happening," Bibby said. "Since nothing was really happening for us, I tried to be more aggressive and make something happen. ... That's usually my role on this team for us to be suc-

cessful. We tried to push it a little bit, give them a taste of their own medicine."

While Bibby seems to be getting better, Steve Nash hasn't played much worse this season. The Mavericks' point guard went 6-for-20 in Game 2, finishing with 13 points and nine assists.

Though he has 17 assists in the series, Nash is hitting less than 33 percent of his shots and struggling to create offense after beating Bibby on the dribble. The 91.6 percent free-throw shooter even missed a free throw.

Though both teams rely on offense and passing from every position, point guard play is particularly important. The Kings are without backup Bobby Jackson, leaving Bibby to play above-average minutes, while Nash rarely leaves the floor for the Mavericks.

Whalen re-signs with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Restricted free agent James Whalen re-signed Wednesday with the Dallas Cowboys.

Whalen is a backup tight end and primarily a special teams player. While hampered last season by a strained leg muscle, he had seven special teams tackles.

After being signed by Dallas in 2000, Whalen was on the practice squad until the last three games. He then spent 2001 on the injured list with a strained

right Achilles, and had 15 special teams tackles while playing all 16 games in 2002.

Dallas, tentatively set to open training camp July 29 in Oxnard, Calif., also completed its preseason games. The Cowboys will play their first two games on the road, Aug. 14 at Houston and Aug. 21 at Oakland, before playing at home Aug. 30 against Tennessee and Sept. 2 against Kansas City.

Trophy winners



These four Pampa Takedown Club members brought back trophies from the Texas Youth State Wrestling Championships recently in El Paso. Left to right are Carleto Patton, (second place, Division 1, 38 pounds); Cody Schiffman (sixth place, Division 4, 85 pounds); Zack Bradley (first place, Division 2, 115 pounds), and Steven Botello (first place, Division 3, 95 pounds).

Major League Standings

National League					American League				
All Times EDT					Los Angeles 9, Colorado 4 San Diego 11, San Francisco 0				
East Division					East Division				
Florida	W	L	Pct	GB	Boston	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	4	.714	—	Baltimore	9	5	.643	—
New York	8	6	.571	2	New York	8	5	.615	1/2
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	4 1/2	Tampa Bay	8	7	.533	1 1/2
Montreal	5	8	.385	4 1/2	Toronto	6	7	.462	2 1/2
	4	11	.267	6 1/2		3	11	.214	6
Central Division					Central Division				
Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	Minnesota	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	6	.600	—	Detroit	9	6	.600	1/2
Cincinnati	8	6	.571	1/2	Chicago	8	6	.571	1
St. Louis	8	7	.533	1	Kansas City	5	8	.385	3 1/2
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	1 1/2	Cleveland	5	10	.333	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	7	7	.500	1 1/2					
West Division					West Division				
Los Angeles	W	L	Pct	GB	Oakland	L	Pct	GB	
San Diego	10	4	.714	—	Texas	9	6	.600	—
Colorado	8	7	.533	2 1/2	Anaheim	8	7	.533	1
San Francisco	6	8	.429	4	Seattle	7	8	.467	2
Arizona	6	9	.400	4 1/2		6	9	.400	3
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Wednesday's Games					Wednesday's Games				
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 23, 2004:

You have an unusual year ahead of you — you break your patterns of thinking and learn more. You find new ways of handling your money. You like spending, but you might need to cut back or get a second job. A partner might be very touchy this year. You could have a tendency to overworry and cause yourself problems. If you are single, you will meet people easily, and you might meet "the one" this year — should you want to settle down. If you are attached, you will find that you need to come to an agreement over finances in order to give the relationship breathing room. GEMINI could cost you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fire takes you to the finish line, where others seem a bit off or sluggish. Deal with a changeable situation by breaking past any rigid thinking. Look for solutions, not problems. Readjust your plans if necessary. Be flexible. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Expenses make you say "ouch." Listen well to a loved one who just might have had enough of any frivolous activity on your part. You could find that you are dancing quite a tango. Consider a separation of money holdings, if possible. Tonight: Do your own thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your charisma certainly attracts others. If someone seems reactive, this behavior could be coming from jealousy. Be sensitive to a friend

who wants to have a talk. Feelings and emotions could be running a lot higher than you think. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to cut your losses and move out of a problematic situation. Recognize that you could be overly tired or pushed too far, and nearly anything could irritate you. Listen to a wise person in your life who often gives you good suggestions. Tonight: Run home. Take a personal night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Groups hold good news and good luck. Schedule a meeting if need be. Decide to have a party this weekend. A child or new flirtation could act up, as you are so busy and enjoying yourself. Be smart and don't react. Tonight: Opt for the unusual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your take-charge attitude goes into action, helping you find answers to problems through your immediate circle. You might not be in the mood to deal with a strong, authoritative figure, but you'll need to anyway. Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Talk with someone you consider unusually wise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take an overview and use your imagination, especially if you hit a problem. Your job will be finding answers through brainstorming with others. You find that by actively changing your thought process, answers will come forth. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to revive your financial structure. You could be uncomfortable with someone's demands. Concentrate on work, where you can be successful. Flow with a co-worker's or associate's ideas. Tonight:

Off to the gym. Work off some stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Let others think through a decision and act on it. You could be in such a tizzy or reactive mood that you cannot make a decision. The good news is that everything turns out fine. A child or loved one expresses deep caring. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Go for what you want within a professional context. Someone might not understand where you are coming from. Don't feel like you need to explain every decision or action. Just be yourself. Sometimes you overexplain things. Tonight: Get some physical exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You cannot stop yourself. You're simply full of fun and joy, to such an extent that you are nearly child-like. Use some of this imaginative energy to charge and spice up your daily life. Others enjoy being around you. Tonight: If a friend cancels, simply make other plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your emphasis on home and family drives your actions: A boss could be a bit disappointed that you do not jump at his or her every command. Refuse to get cornered into doing something you don't want to do. Tonight: Home is your castle.

BORN TODAY

Actor Scott Bairstow (1970), actor Lee Majors (1940), singer Roy Orbison (1936)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Gray
TO: VICTOR HERNANDEZ, Respondent(s)
GREETINGS.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES filed in said Court on the 7th day of April, 2004, against VICTOR HERNANDEZ, Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 33045 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:

IN THE INTEREST OF SUMMER DENISE COOPER, BRANDON LEE RODRIGUEZ AND ALEX TIMOTHY RODRIGUEZ, CHILDREN, the nature of which suit is a request to 2ND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROTECTION OF A CHILD, FOR CONSERVATORSHIP, AND FOR TERMINATION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

Said child SUMMER DENISE COOPER was born on the 20th day of September, 2000, in PAMPA, TEXAS

1 Public Notice

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under by hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this 8th day of April 2004.

GAYLE HONDERICH, Clerk
223rd District Court
Gray County, Texas
P.O. Box 1139
Pampa, TX 79066-1139

By JO MAYS, Deputy
IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

E-33 April 22, 2004

3 Personal

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4-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl's Presidential Dream Earns Grass-Roots Support

DEAR READERS: Last week I printed some of the letters I received in support of the 13-year-old girl, "I Have a Dream," who aspired to be president of the United States. Her teacher and classmates ridiculed her. The letters have been wonderful and deserve to be shared. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was deeply touched by that girl's letter. Her "teacher" needs to find another profession, and her parents need to find a lawyer to file a bullying case against the school district for doing nothing to stop the harassment.

Any court judgment that results from the suit should be used to send that forward-thinking young lady to a great prep school and to pay for her college education. If there's money left over, she should put it toward her very first political campaign -- perhaps running for a seat on the local school board. Hey, you have to start somewhere. -- SHE'S GOT MY VOTE, KAHULULU, HAWAII

DEAR S.G.M.V.: Not a bad idea. You should be her campaign manager.

DEAR ABBY: I am a state-licensed psychologist. A number of years ago, I surveyed 1,500 boys and girls attending five elementary schools in Miami. I asked them to answer "yes" or "no" to a series of 10 questions, which included if they had ever thought of becoming president of the United States when they grew up.

To my surprise, I discovered more girls than boys answered "yes." I also learned that half the students had been told that only a male could be president.

Through my nonprofit foundation, Women Are Wonderful Foundation Inc., I do all I can to promote female leadership. Young women deserve all the support we can give them to realize their ambitions. -- ANN MOLIVER RUBEN, PH.D., WESTON, FLA.

DEAR DR. RUBEN: And because of people like you, she is getting it.

DEAR ABBY: Please encourage that bright young future leader to check out The White House Project at www.whitehouseproject.org. It's an organization dedicated to electing a woman to the White House and other positions of political leadership. It has an area called "GirlZone," which highlights areas where girls can become politically active, and participating Girl Scouts can earn their White House leadership patch. And, Abby, please tell "I Have a Dream" that we all wish her success in her pursuits. -- POLITICAL FEMINIST IN HOUSTON

DEAR FEMINIST: Thank you for another great resource.

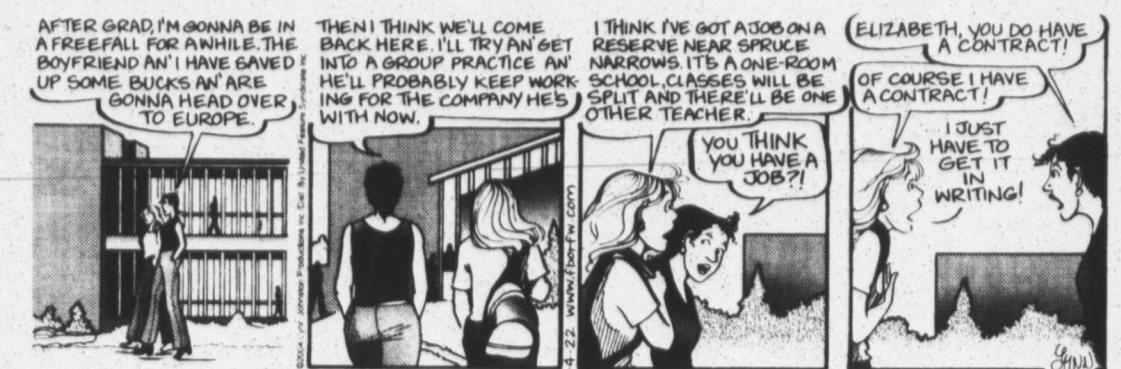
DEAR ABBY: Back in the '60s, during my senior year, a member of the FBI came to speak to our class about recruitment. I inquired about female agents, and the agent, as well as my entire senior class, broke out in uproarious laughter. When the agent finally recovered, he told me there were secretarial positions within the agency, but nothing more.

I eventually wound up in another male-dominated field, and I have realized that gender has nothing to do with the ability to do the job. I smile today when I see female agents representing the FBI. I wonder sometimes how difficult it was for that FBI agent to adjust to women "infiltrating" his domain.

So, please tell that girl to hang onto her dream and realize that her tormentors are the ones who will be stuck in dead-end, unfulfilling positions (and wonder where they went wrong), because they never learned to dream "big." -- SUNNY WILSON, GAUTIER, MISS.

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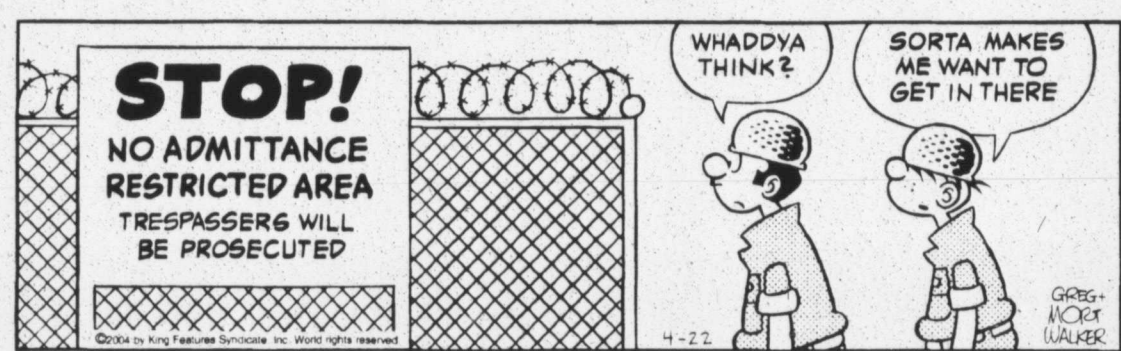
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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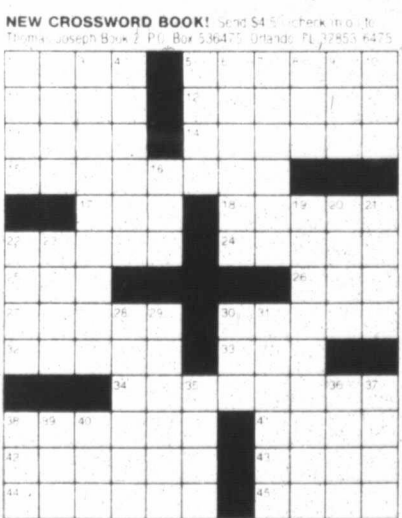
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- 11 Harrow rival
- 12 Claim
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- 14 Carefree
- 15 Food of the gods
- 17 Mau souvenir
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- 22 Girder
- 24 Fancy material
- 25 Wee bit
- 26 Wild
- 27 Be real
- 30 Cavalry weapon
- 32 Pan, for one
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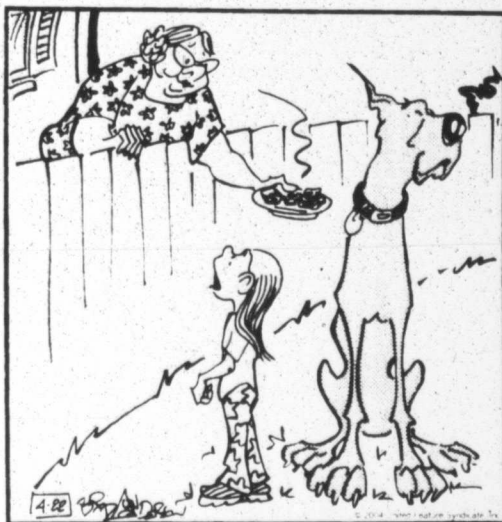
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TOPMAN BENT

Yesterday's answer

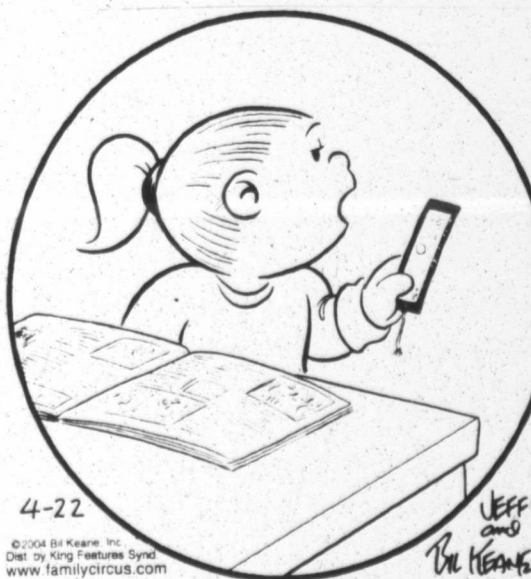


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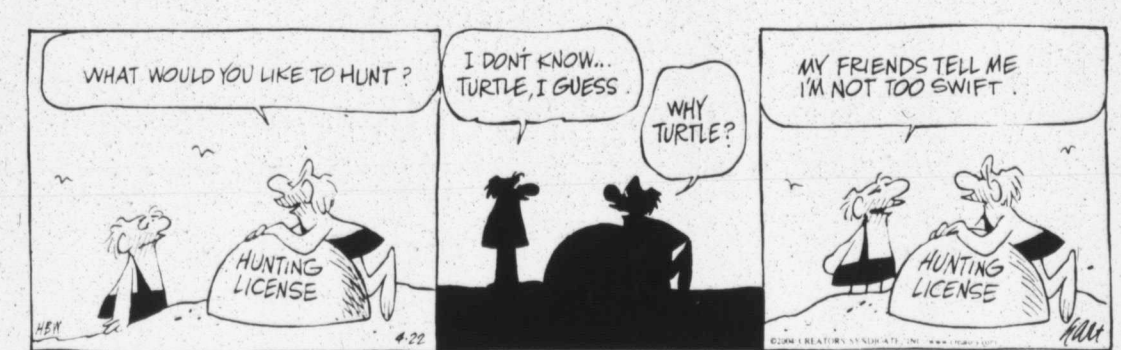
"He wants Tabasco sauce on his meat scraps."

The Family Circus



"Is it okay to use a bookmark in a magazine?"

B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



Blondie

