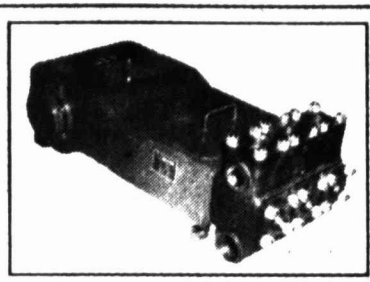


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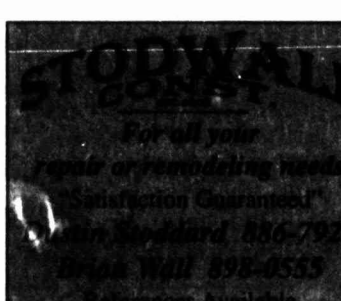
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DPS stops net marijuana, meth haul

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

In two separate incidents, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested four men and seized over 800 pounds of marijuana, over 800 grams of suspected methamphetamine and a small amount of suspected heroin during traffic stops on Interstate 40 near McLean.

At about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, a trooper stopped a 2003 GMC pickup for speeding in the eastbound lanes of

I-40 near McLean. The trooper found 808 grams of what a field test showed to be methamphetamine, and .04 gram of suspected heroin, along with a small amount of currency.

The suspected methamphetamine was concealed in the bed of the pickup in a sealed soap box, according to the DPS spokesperson, and the suspected heroin was in a plastic bag inside a sock, which was inside a shoe.

Timothy Thomas McIyer, 49, Compton, Calif., and Tony Kerr Parks, 50, Los Angeles, Calif., were arrested

for possession of a controlled substance greater than 400 grams and booked into Gray County Jail, where they remain in lieu of \$50,000 bond each, according to a jail spokesperson.

The 2003 GMC was not seized in the incident, the DPS spokesperson said.

Over 800 pounds of marijuana was discovered in another traffic stop at about 5:50 p.m., Wednesday. A DPS trooper stopped a 1998 tractor-trailer rig which was eastbound on I-40 near McLean for defective equipment.

The 801 pounds of marijuana was found in the front of the trailer, amid a load of fruits and vegetables, the DPS spokesperson said.

Potential seizure of the tractor-trailer rig is pending, the spokesperson said.

Telly Albert McGriggs, 27, Washington, D.C., and Jeffrey Curtis Thomas, 28, Lanham-Seabrook, Md., were arrested for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds. They remain in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$50,000 bond each.

Loud noise call leads to arrests

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

At least four arrests were made and multiple citations issued after Pampa police officers discovered minors in possession of alcohol in the 800 block of East Locust at around midnight Wednesday.

A call was received at about 11:15 p.m. concerning

disorderly conduct/loud noise, according to a police department spokesperson. Sgt. David Lee and Officers Cade Logue and Anthony Albus responded to the call and arrived at 847 Locust to see two male subjects fleeing on foot into the residence.

Ryan Mark Garza, 19, 834 Craven, was arrested and

Pampan critical after altercation

A 39-year-old Pampa man remains in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in critical condition at press time today with injuries received in a fight with two other men, according to a news release from Pampa Police Department.

The altercation took place at about 6 p.m., Wednesday, in the 100 block of East Craven. The victim left the area after the fight and later went to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment, according to Det. Connie Lockridge in the news release.

Internal bleeding in the man's chest was discovered at the Pampa hospital while he was being treated for a fractured collarbone, and he was transferred to the Amarillo hospital by LifeStar medical helicopter, Lockridge said.

No names or other details were available from police at press time today.

The investigation is ongoing, Lockridge said.

Celebrating with dance



(Courtesy photo)

St. Matthew's Day School students were entertained by Pampa High School Fiesta Dancers as part of their Cinco De Mayo Celebration on Wednesday. According to MexOnline.com website, the holiday of Cinco De Mayo, meaning The Fifth Of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, but is also celebrated in other parts of the country and in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually Sept. 16.

Teamwork: Martinez's recipe for success

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Teamwork—that's Joe Martinez's recipe for a successful school district.

"If you have the right leadership and the right team, there's so much you can do," he explains.

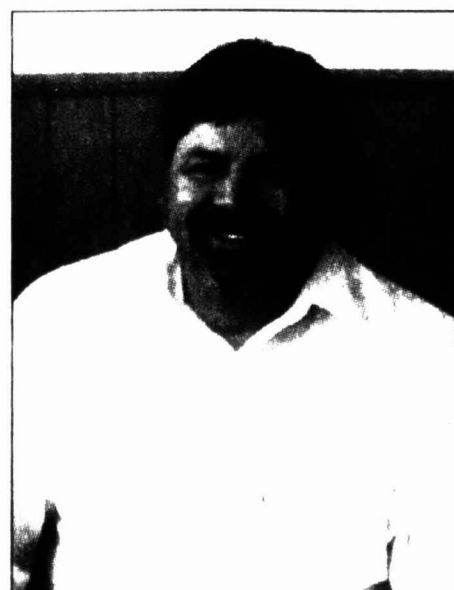
Right now Martinez leads the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education as president. He seeks a third term in Place 6 on the board and faces no opposition in the May 15 city/school election.

These past six years have been "quite a learning experience," Martinez said.

Rather than worry about how he appears to others like he did initially, he said, "I think of people first. Now I think, how can I make them comfortable?"

After two terms on the board, Martinez said he's learned to prioritize. He places first priority on the students.

"Then I look at what the parents value most," he said. "I use that to



Joe Martinez

work with on making board decisions.

He's also determined that school staff, the school board, and the parents work together on the same things.

"They all want a good education for the children and a safe place for them," he said. "They want their children to leave Pampa schools educated enough

to pursue college, military service or even enter the work force.

"My biggest plan is to try to get our schools back to exemplary," he said. "I know we've set a goal for 2006, but I hope we get there even earlier."

"It's frustrating. I know we have teachers that are doing the best they can do. I know the kids are working hard. I know the staff is working hard. We have all the players, but there seems to be something that's not quite getting there," he explained. "But I have a lot of faith that we will get there. Pampa is an excellent school system."

During his tenure on the school board, Martinez has worked through a number of difficulties including prayer in school, changing from traditional scheduling at the high school to the block system and back to traditional scheduling.

"There's a lot we're mandated to do and that's difficult," he said.

As the state legislature meets in special session to try to solve school financing problems, Texas public

school districts face a "confusing time," he said.

"We're looking at budgets, wondering, 'what's the state going to do?'" he said. "But you still have to continue functioning. You have to be ready when the kids go back to school."

"I still go back to teamwork," he said. "Each person has to put their ideas in. There's so much talent out there in the community. All it takes is tapping into those people."

He said the school board itself offers a broad variety of experiences to the school district, adding that he's learned a lot from working with the other board members through the years.

"They all have their talents to bring. We have people who work at the hardest job, dealing with people in their grief and loss. We have people who have been inside (as school administrators and educators) and seen how it really works. We have people in industry who know how that works. We have people who meet with people

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, May 5

Tommy Lee Swaney, 37, 604 Lefors, was arrested on a warrant concerning child support.

Telly Albert McGriggs, 27, Washington, D.C., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Jeffrey Curtis Thomas, 28, Lanham-Seabrook, Md., was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Arturo Soto, 27, McLean, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Nacho Soto, 28, McLean, was arrested for public intoxication.

Thursday, May 6

Brady Orval Helms, 42, Route 1 Box 87, was arrested for theft by check.

Patricia Saunders, 36, 313 Gray, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, May 5

A report resulted in the discovery of minors in possession of alcohol in the 800 block of East Locust. Multiple arrests were made and multiple citations were issued.

Zachary Ferris, 19, 1131 Farley, was arrested in the 800 block of East Locust for evading arrest.

Kyle Francis, 20, 1631 Dogwood, was arrested in the 800 block of East Locust for evading arrest.

Ryan Mark Garza, 19, 834 Craven, was arrested in the 800 block of East Locust for making alcohol available to a minor.

Kevin Lynn Boyd, 41, 704 E. 14th, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Raymond Dale Shell Jr., 18, 332 N. Christy, was arrested for injury to

a child and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Thursday, May 6

Diana Dee Garza, 43, 834 Craven, was arrested in the 800 block of East Locust for hindering arrest.

Possible theft and criminal trespass were reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. It is unknown what might have been taken, according to the police report.

Joshua Magana, 17, 436 S.

Hughes, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for criminal trespass and minor in possession of alcohol.

Charles Mejia, 18, Amarillo, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for public intoxication.

An agency assist was performed at Gray County Sheriff's Department at the request of a deputy. A standardized field sobriety test was performed on two subjects.

OBITUARIES

MITZIE CAROLE BLALOCK

Mitzie Carole Blalock, 47, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Born July 6, 1956, in Pampa, she was a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married Robert Blalock on Dec. 26, 1973, in Pampa. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

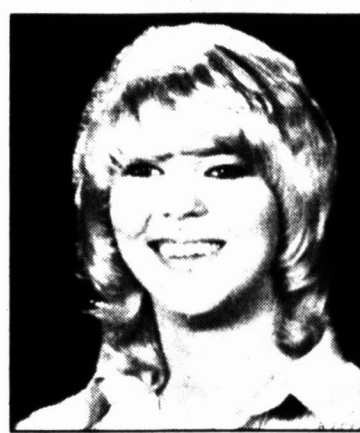
She was employed by IRI in the blueprint department, working until 1981.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Blalock of Pampa; one daughter, Brandy Blalock of Pampa; three sisters, Vickie Leshner and husband Tim, and Staci Proctor, all of Pampa, and Angie Brewer of Amarillo; mother, Dorothy Brewer and husband Troy of Pampa; father, J.P. Wright and wife Wanda of Pampa; four stepsisters; one stepbrother; and

one granddaughter, Christian Martinez. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Blalock on July 12, 1997.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. The family will be at 937 Wilcox in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



JAMES WADE BROWNING

James Wade Browning died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

James was born May 3, 2004, at Amarillo. Survivors include his parents, Roger and

Angela Browning, of the home; a sister, Whitney Browning, of the home; and his maternal grandparents, James and Patsy Ledford of Lovington, N.M.; and his paternal grandparents, Buddy Allen of Pampa and Marian Wilmoth of Miami.

The family will be at 432 Pitts in Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

RENA BOUCHARD MCKEAN

Rena Bouchard McKean, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Thomas, Odyssey Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. The body will be unavailable for viewing.

Mrs. McKean was born Dec. 30, 1924, in Eagle Lake, Maine. She married Wayne McKean on May 20, 1946, in Lewiston, Maine. She had been a resident of Pampa, since 1949. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She loved her pets, fishing, listening to country music, and gardening. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Bob" McKean, and a son-in-law, Jerry Jones.

Survivors include Wayne McKean, of the home; her children, Maxine Stauffacher and

husband Steve of Lefors; Barbara Kuhn and husband Chris of Noble, Okla.; Peggy Cauthorn and husband Don of Grand Prairie, Allen McKean and wife Majaunta of Pampa; and Kay Odom and husband Greg of Elk City, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, May 5

8:13 a.m. — A 1993 Chevrolet van driven by Chad V. Imani, 22, of Pampa, and a 1986 Chrysler Fifth Avenue driven by Tommy Joe Cox, 27, also of Pampa, collided at Starkweather and Francis streets. Imani was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and no insurance. Cox was cited for no valid driver's license. No injuries were reported at the scene.

3:15 p.m. — Pampa Police Department received a report of a hit-and-run accident that occurred at 3:30 p.m., April 10, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. An unknown vehicle struck a properly parked 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup owned by Gary Lee Lide of Miami and left the

scene. Lide was reporting the incident to police for insurance purposes, according to the report.

3:37 p.m. — A 1998 Ford driven by Krista Leigh Roby, 20, 2600 N. Hobart, and a 1991 Dodge driven by Katherine Lofton, 55, 1144 Neel Rd., collided in the 2300 block of North Hobart. Roby was cited for following too closely. Loft was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service suffering from possible injuries.

4:46 p.m. — A 2001 Jeep Cherokee driven by Merlin Kenneth Shearer, 70, 2417 Navajo, and a 2000 Chevrolet Impala driven by Jennifer Coleman Knowles, 31, 2525 N. Beech Lane, collided at Perryton Parkway and 29th Street. Shearer was cited for unsafe left turn. No injuries were reported at the scene.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, May 5

9:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Love and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 2300 block of North Hobart and transported

a patient(s) to PRMC.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Bond Street and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Reid and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Harvester and Lefors streets. No transport.

7:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Wilks and Faulkner streets. No transport.

10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, May 5

10:29 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Love.

11:31 a.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

3:39 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 2300 block of North Hobart.

4:01 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to

a medical assist in the 1200 block of Bond.

4:16 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist the 1400 block of Dogwood.

4:45 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 29th and Perryton Parkway.

7:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

10:54 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small fire in the box seating at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena, U.S. Highway 60 East. The fire was started by welding slag falling on the wood.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for sunny skies, highs in the lower to mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows around 60 and south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday should see mostly sunny then partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to

20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

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More Iraqi abuse photos emerge; Bush tries to maintain calm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Additional photos of U.S. abuse of Iraqi prisoners emerged as pressure mounted Thursday on Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, and the International Red Cross said it had repeatedly asked U.S. authorities to "take corrective action" over the months the abuses occurred.

Trying to calm the anger of the Arab world, President Bush has promised that justice would be served in the investigation into the abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison. Bush aides

said the president chastised Rumsfeld for failing to tell him about pictures of prisoner mistreatment until after they aired on television.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, became the first in Congress to demand Rumsfeld's resignation. He called for Rumsfeld's ouster "for the good of our country, the safety of our troops, and our image around the globe."

"If he does not resign forthwith, the president should fire him," said Harkin, whose statement came as White House spokesman Scott

McClellan said President Bush "absolutely" wants his defense secretary to remain in office.

As outrage in the Arab world over the prisoner abuses continued, Bush scheduled an interview with al-Ahram newspaper in Cairo, Egypt. On Wednesday, the president did two interviews with TV networks broadcasting in the Arab world.

As pressure on Rumsfeld mounted, the defense secretary canceled a scheduled appearance at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and instead sent Deputy Defense

Secretary Paul Wolfowitz to speak. One Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rumsfeld decided he needed the time today to prepare for Friday's Senate hearing.

Six months before he stands for re-election, the prisoner-abuse controversy poses a major problem for Bush, already on the defensive about rising U.S. casualties and persistent violence in Iraq a year after he declared major combat operations completed.

Criticism of the administration's handling of the prisoner

abuse scandal escalated. Citing what it called "the botched handling" of the abuse investigation and his overall decisions about the Iraq war, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said in a Thursday editorial that "Rumsfeld should resign and take his top deputies with him."

Asked on CBS' "The Early Show" whether Bush should fire Rumsfeld, Sen. John McCain declined Thursday to "presume to tell the president what he should do." But the Arizona Republican added, "It's obvious that there's a lot of explaining that Secretary Rumsfeld and others have to do, including why Congress was never informed as to this."

McCain also said the Abu Ghraib prison should be razed because it is a symbol of torture and mistreatment "both from the Saddam Hussein regime and this one."

on, and based on our findings we have repeatedly requested the U.S. authorities to take corrective action."

Secretary of State Colin Powell telephoned the head of the International Red Cross, Jakob Kellenberger, on Thursday to assure him the Bush administration was dealing with the reported abuse of Iraqi detainees. "We will answer in a comprehensive way," Powell told reporters at the State Department.

More photographs of prisoner abuses were revealed by The Washington Post, which said it had obtained a new batch of more than 1,000 digital photos from Iraq. The newspaper said the photos ranged from snapshots depicting everyday military life to graphic images of various kinds of abuse. A front page photo showed a female soldier holding a leash that goes around a naked man's neck at Abu Ghraib prison. Friends and relatives of the soldier with the leash said the photo must have been staged, the Post said.

U.S. seizes governor's office in Najaf; car bomb kills five Iraqis, U.S. soldier

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — The United States intensified pressure on a radical cleric Thursday, seizing the governor's office from his fighters in Najaf and killing an estimated 40 insurgents in battles east of the holy city, a U.S. official said.

In Baghdad, a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb outside the so-called Green Zone that houses the U.S. headquarters in Baghdad, killing five Iraqi civilians and a U.S. soldier.

The soldiers took control of the building in Najaf without a fight, but heavy gunfire was heard after they moved in and smoke rose over the city. Motorists fled the area through deserted streets, honking their horns. Fighters loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr had controlled the building since they launched their rebellion April 4.

Fighting east of Najaf killed an estimated 40 militiamen, said Capt. Roger Maynulet, commander of a tank company with the Army's 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Chief U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer announced the appointment of a new governor for Najaf province as part of

the campaign to crack down on al-Sadr's militiamen.

Also Thursday, a videotape of a blindfolded man described as an Iraqi-American being held hostage in Iraq was shown on an Arab TV station. On the tape, the man pleaded for help.

The Baghdad car bomb injured 25 people, including two American soldiers. The bomb, hidden inside an orange-and-white taxi, exploded outside a 3-foot-high concrete blast wall protecting a U.S. checkpoint.

The U.S. soldier who died in the Baghdad car bombing was the 21st U.S. serviceman killed in Iraq in May. The injured included two U.S. soldiers and three Iraqi policemen, the U.S. military said.

The suicide bomber also died in the attack, the military said.

Hours later, a roadside

bomb exploded on Saadoun Street, a busy commercial avenue on the east side of the Tigris River near the Palestine and Sheraton hotels. Two Iraqis were injured.

Also Thursday, the U.S. command said that two U.S. soldiers were killed and two were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad. A statement said the explosion occurred just before midnight Wednesday but gave no further details.

The attacks came as U.S.-led forces increased pressure on al-Sadr. In the past two days, an estimated 76 militiamen loyal to him have been killed in gunbattles and raids, including Thursday's fighting.

"I think we are going to gain momentum from now on," said Lt. Michael Watson, a platoon leader with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Najaf.

In Najaf, soldiers moved into the area of the governor's office from four directions and took control of the building without a fight. Afterward, gunfire could be heard and U.S. helicopters were seen flying low over parts of the city.

"What we're doing is conducting operations where we see fit so that as we develop a target through intelligence, we'll go out to that target and do a precision operation and then move back out, because we really are knowledgeable about the sensitivities of the holy city," Army Lt. Col. Pat White told CNN.

Al-Sadr's forces last month seized government buildings and police stations in southern cities including Najaf and Kufa.

In Baghdad's Sadr city, an overwhelmingly Shiite Muslim enclave, militiamen ambushed four U.S. patrols. Ten attackers were killed in retaliatory gunfire, a U.S. officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity. There were no reports of U.S. casualties.

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MARTINEZ

daily and hear firsthand what the community is thinking," Martinez said. "It all adds so much."

Martinez, 12th in a family of 15 children, grew up in San Antonio, graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1971. He attended Ranger Junior College and earned an associate of arts degree from Clarendon College in 1981. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1972, serving his country until 1979.

He and his wife Charlene, an ESL paraprofessional at Lamar Elementary, have three children: Danielle, 19, a junior at Angelo State University; Michael, 17, a senior and honor graduate at Pampa High School; and Quila, 7, a first grader at Lamar Elementary.

The Martinez family is active at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Martinez is former president of St. Vincent's parish council. He's also a member of the Pampa Fine Arts Association and Pampa Parks and Recreation Board.

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ARRESTS

charged with making alcohol available to a minor. Diana Dee Garza, 43, 834 Craven, was arrested for hindering arrest.

Zachary Ferris, 19, 1131 Farley, and Kyle Francis, 20, 1631 Dogwood, were arrested and charged with evading arrest in the incident.

Diana and Ryan Garza were released from Gray County Jail today on \$2,000 bond each, according to a jail spokesperson.

Ferris was released on a \$1,000 bond today. Francis remains in jail in lieu of a \$1,000 bond as of press time today.

ON RECORD.
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Wheat	3.74
Milo	5.07
Corn	5.76
Soybeans	9.54

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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Coca Cola	51.21	+0.12
VLO	65.40	-0.61
HAL	29.58	-0.16
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NOI	27.57	+0.36
KMI	60.35	-0.13
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nursing: A noble but declining profession

To the editor:

Yearly America's 2.7 million registered nurses are honored during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. This annual observance was initially celebrated in 1954, and was formally recognized by a proclamation from President Reagan in 1982.

National Nurses Week highlights the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest healthcare profession, are working to improve the health care for all Americans. Due to the nature of our healthcare system, nurses are required to care for patients that have more complicated medical conditions. This increase in the acuity of our patients, coupled with the ever-increasing advances in medical technology, constantly challenge today's nurses.

Most people are aware that the nursing profession is currently experiencing a significant shortage. As of November 2001, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than one million new nurses will be needed by the year 2010. According to a Vanderbilt University research study, the number of full-time equivalent RNs per capita is forecast to peak around the year 2007 and decline steadily thereafter. There has also been shown to be a link between adequate and appropriate nurse staffing and positive patient outcomes by several studies performed by the American Nurses Association. Take all this information into account and add it to the fact that the nation's registered nurse workforce is aging significantly and there are reasons to aggressively seek solutions to this shortage.

From my perspective, the residents of Pampa are very fortunate to have the nurses that we have in our city. I encounter nurses in many areas of the healthcare arena and have found our nurses in Pampa to be strongly dedicated to improving the quality of life for our citizens. Many of the nurses I know are active in the community or within their churches, and exhibit their fundamental beliefs in all that they do. I would urge that if you know a nurse, to please thank them this week.

Thomas L. Barton, Chief Nursing Officer
Pampa Regional Medical Center

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, May 6, the 127th day of 2004. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg bursted and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:

In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

In 1882, Congress passed, over President Arthur's veto, the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died.

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Last year, Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-S.C.) and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) introduced bills calling for reinstatement of the military draft. A far more descriptive term for the military draft is government confiscation of labor services, but keeping with the spirit of euphemistic obfuscation, I'll stick to the term draft. Let's first ask why a draft would be needed in the first place.

Rest assured that if the military offered a compensation package of, say, \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, it could get all the soldiers it wanted. Thus, lesson No. 1 is that whenever there's a draft, you know that the wage is too low to get a sufficient number of people to voluntarily supply their labor services.

Sen. Hollings said, "One way to avoid a lot more wars is to institute the draft." That's a statement that reflects gross economic ignorance. In terms of incentives, it produces the opposite effect. Why? The draft is used because the wage the military offers isn't high enough to get what's deemed as a sufficient number of people to volunteer.

Here's my no-brainer question: Under which scenario is war cheaper for the Defense Department — the volunteer army or the draft? Obviously, it's the draft since the Defense Department doesn't have to pay the higher wages to get men to sign up voluntarily. Since the Defense Department has a smaller man-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

power expense, the draft disguises the true cost of war, and one would expect more, not less, military adventurism.

Waging war requires much more than soldiers. You need tanks, bombs, bullets and aircraft. Have you heard a call to draft \$15 million F-15 fighter jets or \$4.3 million M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks? I haven't. The reason is that the government pays the kind of prices whereby producers voluntarily supply these products. Of course, if the Pentagon were willing to pay McDonnell Douglas only \$5 million for an F-15 and General Dynamics only \$1 million for a tank, it would have to draft (read: confiscate) jets and tanks.

Does one have a duty to defend his country? I say yes. In order to field one soldier, I'm guessing you need hundreds of civilian workers to supply him with boots, food, bullets, tanks, jets, medical equipment and thousands of other items needed in war in addition to soldiers. Thus, if you're engaged in producing these items, you are participating in the defense of your country.

Being employed producing the hardware for the defense of our country need not be voluntary. The government could send us draft notices ordering us to report for work at General Dynamics' Texas track-vehicle facility at \$400 a month. If the government did this, would you call it a draft or slave labor? Not to worry, the Defense Department offers attractive contracts to firms like McDonnell Douglas and General Dynamics, and they in turn offer attractive wages to employees, and thus, volunteerism gets the right number of workers to make the right number of jets and tanks.

The Defense Department might argue that a draft is needed because it would be too expensive to pay market wages to get the desired number of soldiers. It would be right so far as the military budget is concerned but wrong when it comes to military's true cost to the nation. The true cost of a soldier in the army is the value of what he could have produced, and society must sacrifice, were he not in the army — what economists call "opportunity cost." Even if the military paid the soldier nothing, the nation must forgo what the soldier could have produced were he not in the military.

National defense is an important government function; for rational decision-making, we mustn't permit concealment of its cost through measures like the draft.



Tough times for free, fair trade

The twin ideals of free trade and fair trade are having a rough time in this very political year. They are dividing both political parties and generating a fog of hypocrisy all around. These thoughts are prompted by a preliminary ruling by the World Trade Organization against the United States, in a suit brought by Brazil. At immediate issue are American cotton subsidies, but the ruling could affect subsidies for other crops, such as corn, wheat and rice. It has brought cries of alarm and outrage from farm-state legislators, and an implied threat by our chief negotiator that, if the ruling stands, it "would have a negative effect on how officials see the WTO and free trade in general."

This country has been paying subsidies to its farmers, in one form or another, since Herbert Hoover and the early days of the Great Depression. Their purpose then was to prevent rapid, destabilizing rises in agricultural prices or plunges that threatened farms and markets at a time when the specter of economic catastrophe hung over the nation. But once awarded, such handouts have proved extremely hard to end.

Today, the United States is the largest food exporter in the world, thanks in part to the more than \$22 billion it spends to subsidize its farmers — most of which goes to agricultural corporations, or "agribusinesses." Subsidies, of course, permit American farmers to pocket high profits on their products while exporting those products at prices far lower than farmers in other nations can sell theirs. The practice devastates both the farmers of poor nations and their markets.



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One of the long-standing goals, or hopes, of free trade has been fairer trade — the parallel effort to help developing nations out of the rut of poverty. And in recent years, there have been serious efforts to end or to at least reduce the unfair advantage of the rich nations over the poor. There has been some success. Some limitations on specific crop subsidies have been agreed to. But Brazil has claimed that the United States exceeded its limit on cotton subsidies — a charge denied by American negotiators. And the Americans insist that the issue should not be the subject of a ruling but of negotiations.

The American position is not helped by the fact that Brazil got its figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or by the record of the Bush administration. President Bush did two things shortly after gaining office: He unilaterally raised tariffs on steel, and he increased agricultural subsidies to record amounts. The steel-tariff hike was rescinded last year only under the threat of a trade war.

Actually, America is not the biggest bully on the block. Together, the rich nations (mainly Japan, the United States and those of the European Union) spend some \$300 billion a year on agricultural subsidies. The American expenditure is by

far the smallest. But because we are the biggest exporter, we also are the biggest target.

This presidential election year has coincided with some hard economic times and high unemployment in this country, which, for many Democrats, discredited another aid to developing nations. The practice of outsourcing, which Democrats decry and Republicans occasionally defend, actually has been a substantial aid to a number of poorer countries, supplying jobs where none existed and at wages previously unavailable — in spite of the fact that those countries undersell American workers and cost jobs here at home.

The Democrats began using the "free, but fair trade" slogan. However, the word "fair" is defined differently in Detroit than in Bangladesh. Have we Americans (along with other rich nationalities) come to consider the advantages resulting from our overwhelming economic power as nothing more than our due?

There seems to be a sense of entitlement shared by American workers and business leaders, liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats. But in spite of its cost, free trade also has been the driving force behind huge increases in American exports that have greatly helped both American farmers and manufacturers. So it is more than a little ironic that free trade should now be in such bipartisan trouble here.

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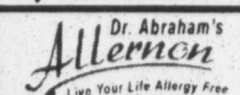
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Leader of breakaway region flees to Moscow after street protests

BATUMI, Georgia (AP) — The leader of the breakaway region of Abkhazia fled Thursday after street protests, and Georgia's president flew into the restive province, vowing to pursue the integration of two other separatist regions.

After Abkhazian leader Aslan Abashidze left for Moscow aboard a Russian government plane, Mikhail Saakashvili flew triumphantly into Batumi, announcing that elections will be held in the province by the end of June and calling for negotiations with two other regions.

"The process of restoration of the country's unity has begun," Saakashvili said.

He praised the thousands of anti-Abashidze protesters who had massed outside the Abkhazian leader's residence for two days as "heroic."

Demonstrators chanted Saakashvili's nickname — "Misha!" — and waved the red-and-white flag he made Georgia's after his landslide election in January. What had been an anti-Abashidze protest turned into a celebration, with a fireworks display.

Abashidze arrived in Moscow, Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Later Thursday, Georgian Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania promised elections in Abkhazia within five to six weeks, while Saakashvili said they would be held by June 30.

After Abashidze left his residence early Thursday, ending 13 years leading Abkhazia, a Georgian lawmaker carried the chair from his office outside. Protesters broke it apart near a statue to Abashidze's grandfather, Mehmed, a key regional figure decades ago, and burned it.

Saakashvili has vowed to unite the former Soviet republic, fractured when two regions, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, broke away in wars in the early 1990s.

Asked repeatedly on Thursday what he intended to do about Abkhazia, Saakashvili first said, "In time, we will be in (Abkhazia's capital) Sukhumi, too," but then later, less provocatively, he promised talks.

"We must begin negotiations on the reunification of the country," Saakashvili said. "We must act peacefully, but we must act firmly."

Abashidze ruled here since Georgia's 1991 independence from the Soviet Union and has defied Georgia's central authorities for years.

He is a longtime critic of Saakashvili, who led massive demonstrations in November that prompted his predecessor, Eduard Shevardnadze, to step down. Saakashvili won a January presidential election by a landslide.

For Saakashvili, bringing Abkhazia under control was a top priority. Under Abashidze, revenues from Batumi's lucrative port and customs duties were withheld from Tbilisi's coffers and political dissent was repressed.

"With Abashidze's resignation, a new epoch begins not only in the lives of the residents of the autonomous republic, but in Georgia as a whole — an epoch of democracy, of peace, an epoch of real unity," Saakashvili said on Georgian television.

He called for order in Abkhazia, and Zhvania, the prime minister, said a commission of Georgian and Abkhazian officials would be named to run the province's interim affairs.

Zhvania called for weapons that Abashidze's government distributed to civilians to be turned in within a week. Deputy Security Minister Gigi Ugulava said a surprisingly large number of arms had already been surrendered.

Libyan court sentences nurses, doctor to death

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — A Libyan court Thursday sentenced five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor to death on charges they intentionally infected more than 400 children with the AIDS virus as part of an experiment to find a cure.

A sixth Bulgarian, a doctor, received four years in prison for changing foreign currency on the black market. He stood trial for infecting patients with AIDS, but his verdict did not mention that charge, and no explanation was given for the change.

Human rights groups have alleged that Libya concocted the experiment story to cover up for unsafe practices in its hospitals and clinics.

As soon as the sentence of death by firing squad was announced by Fadallah el-Sherif, the head of the five-judge panel that heard the case, five relatives of the infected children shouted: "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great!"

There was no visible reaction from the accused.

Under Libyan law, death sentences generate an automatic appeal.

"I thank God for this sentence," said Abdel Razek al-Odaibi, father of an infected child. "If there is a greater sentence than death, I would have wished it for them."

Al-Odaibi brought his 6-year-old infected son, Akram, to court. He was infected when he was 1 year old.

In Sofia, Bulgarian government spokesman Dimitar Tsonev said the verdict was "unacceptable."

"The verdict not only will be appealed, but we will make every possible effort to declare the medics not guilty," Tsonev said.

Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen told his Libyan counterpart, Abdul Rahman Shalghan, that the European Union has "serious concerns" about the

fairness of the trial. EU spokesman Diego de Ojeda said.

"This is a very negative surprise for us," Ojeda said. "The European Union has assessed severe irregularities during the trial in terms of the rights of defense."

Cowen, whose country holds the EU presidency, met Shalghan at an EU-Mediterranean meeting.

Many relatives stood outside

the packed court, holding pictures of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and placards that read: "God is great" and "Long live justice."

Prosecutors demanded death sentences, accusing the defendants of intentionally infecting more than 400 children with HIV-contaminated blood as part of an experiment to find a cure for AIDS. Twenty-three of the children reportedly have died of AIDS.

Gymnastics recital



(Courtesy photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa students will be presenting their annual recital, entitled "Island Adventure," in two performances at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14 at the gymnasium on Loop 171, north of Pampa. Above (back, left-right) Seth Langley, Carter Sprinkle, Hylee Gomez, Alex Smith, Kade Hood, (front, l-r) Ashlynn Organ, Macey Rabel, McKenzie O'Neal, Bailey Joyce and Duyen Nguyen.

President to toughen U.S. policies toward Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush hopes to end Cuba's jamming of U.S. government broadcasts to the island as part of a broader effort to toughen U.S. policies toward the island, a senior official said.

The official said Bush, acting on a recommendation by a government commission, has decided to order deployment of military aircraft to transmit signals of the Miami-based Radio Marti and TV Marti.

A formal announcement was expected on Thursday, three days after a government commission headed by Secretary of State Colin Powell sent the president a 500-page report with Cuba policy recommendations, including one to circumvent jamming.

The commission's mandate was to propose steps to hasten an end to communist rule in Cuba and to provide ideas on ways to assist a post-Castro government.

TV Marti has been jammed since its inception in 1990. Jamming of Radio Marti began

almost simultaneously, five years after it first went on the air.

The president also is prepared to adopt measures to curb the flow of U.S. dollars to Cuba. While eager to apply economic pressure against Cuba, Bush is not expected to reduce the \$1,200 a year ceiling on transfers to needy Cuban families by Cuban-American relatives, the official said.

Frank Calzon, executive director of the anti-Castro Center for a Free Cuba, said the decision to maintain the ceiling rather than slash it was welcome news because it deprives the Cuban leader of a "propaganda victory."

The commission also urged increased support for Cuban dissidents and families of political prisoners. In addition, it called for measures to encourage foreign governments to distance themselves from the Cuban regime.

The official said the anti-jamming plan contemplates an "airborne platform to break through the information logjam" that Cuba has imposed against the two stations.

With all local media under state control, Cubans have little access to information that is not approved by the government.

The plan involves use of C-130's that will fly over international waters adjacent to the island. Operations are expected to begin in a few months.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

High-Flying Test Pilot Refused to Let Colostomy Ground Him

DEAR ABBY: "B.J. in Georgia" was seeking support from others who have had a permanent colostomy. He seemed down in the dumps. I'm here to say there is definitely life after such an operation.

I was operated on 20 years ago. I resumed riding my motorcycle a month afterward, and my exercise running program soon thereafter. At the time, I was directing the flight testing department for a major combat aircraft manufacturer, and flying F-16s on test flights. Within four months I was again flying the ultra-performance F-16s with no difficulty.

The permanent colostomy need not be a show-stopper or agent of great change in one's lifestyle. I'm now retired and lead an active life at 72, and yes, I'm still riding my motorcycle. -- PHIL IN FORT WORTH

DEAR PHIL: It would be an understatement to say that you qualify as a role model for B.J. and others facing this kind of surgery. I have been inundated with messages of support for him. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A permanent colostomy is not the end of the world. I am a strong believer that a person has two choices: Feel sorry for yourself and stop living, or get up, brush yourself off, and go back to what you were doing before the surgery. The latter course of action has worked well for me.

If B.J. can do something similar, he'll find that his surgery and colostomy will not greatly hinder his ability to live a good life. I hope that knowing he isn't the only one with this problem will be of help and comfort. -- "GLASS" IN EDMONDS, WASH.

DEAR "GLASS": You have a healthy outlook. Thank you for sharing your philosophy, because it can benefit B.J. and many more people who are coping with a variety of challenges.

DEAR ABBY: Please assure B.J. that he's not alone. My husband had an ostomy six years ago. Common sense, a desire to live, a loving and supportive family, an excellent surgeon and a good ostomy nurse at the hospital have helped tremendously. My husband swims with his shirt off at the beach, plays golf, hikes, travels, and has a full life in all respects. He isn't missing a thing, and neither am I -- and B.J. shouldn't either. -- NANCY IN ANDERSON, IND.

DEAR NANCY: I'm sure he won't. A reader named Lester in Milwaukee informed me that after his colostomy 27 years ago, he has played racquetball, lifted weights and hiked. It's a matter of attitude.

DEAR ABBY: The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses (WOCN) Society is a professional specialty organization of nurses who treat individuals with wounds, ostomies and incontinence. Studies substantiate that when a WOC nurse specialist is involved with the care of patients with ostomies, everyone benefits.

We develop individualized rehabilitation plans to facilitate the patient's return to a productive lifestyle. We help to select the optimal stoma site, provide patient and family education and follow-up care, and promote rehabilitation.

Our Web site is www.wocn.org, and our phone number is (888) 224-9626 for those who would like more information.

LAURIE MCNICHOL, MSN, CWOCN, PRESIDENT

DEAR LAURIE: Thank you for the helpful information. Another excellent resource for information is the American Cancer Society: (800) 227-2345, or www.cancer.org.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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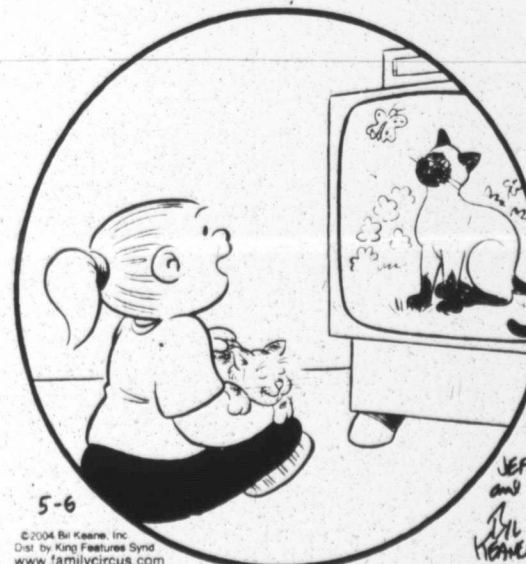
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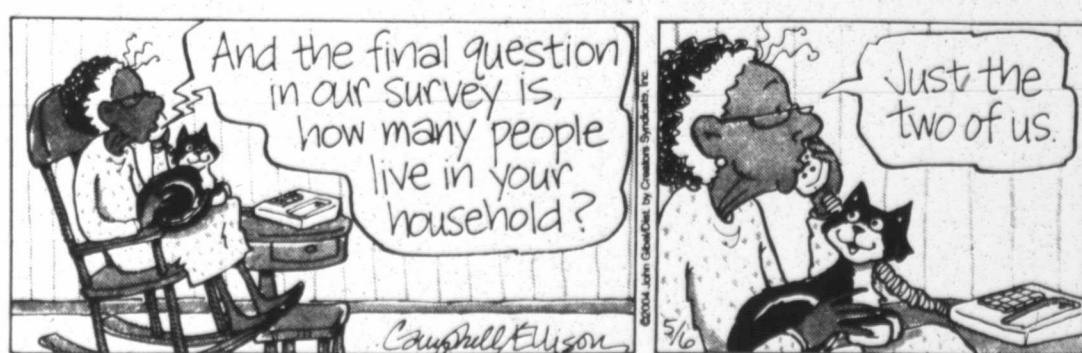
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BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Brooklyn basketball sensation Sebastian Telfair declared his eligibility for the NBA draft, ending months of speculation about his future.

The 18-year-old point guard had committed to Louisville, but signed with an agent and picked up a six-year endorsement deal with Adidas. Telfair said it was worth more than \$15 million.

At 6-feet, he would become the shortest high school player ever selected in the draft.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first two playoff games between Los Angeles and San Antonio followed a consistent formula.

The Spurs take a first-half lead, and the Lakers chisel it down in the third quarter. But the Spurs hang on through the fourth period to win.

Tony Parker scored eight of his 30 points down the stretch in San Antonio's 95-85 victory Wednesday night.

Now Los Angeles returns home in an 0-2 hole against the defending NBA champs, winners of 17 straight games.

HORSE RACING

BENSALEM, Pa. (AP) — Sal Sinatra never had a day like this.

The racing secretary at Philadelphia Park was scurrying around the barn area Wednesday morning, trying his best to maintain order on the first day of the Smarty Jones onslaught.

"We're working on the fly," Sinatra said. "We've never really had anything like this. It's just overwhelming."

At a track known for claiming races instead of champions, the morning unfolded without a hitch in greeting its Kentucky Derby winner.

There was a "Welcome Home Smarty Jones" cake and a big sign on trainer John Servis' barn congratulating him and owners Pat and Roy Chapman.

And there was a rare concession by horsemen that allowed Smarty Jones to have the track all to himself on a chilly and sunny morning.

"At 8:30, the track will remain closed for 15 minutes to let Smarty Jones train," bellowed a voice over the loudspeakers near Barn 11.

Ever hear of anything like that before?

Never, said Servis. "They came to me with the idea, and it's awesome," Servis said, still smiling even after the long drive home from Louisville.

Flashback

1963: Pampa defeated Palo Duro 6-2 in a high school baseball game.

Centerfielder Kenny Hebert and first baseman Ricky Maynard each knocked in a run with base hits.

Jerry Glover pitched a six-hitter while striking out five and not walking a batter.

PHS girls try to keep playoff success going

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Timely hitting throughout the lineup coupled with outstanding defense and solid pitching helped lead Pampa to a 7-0 win over San Angelo Lakeview in the opening round of the Class 4A softball playoffs last weekend.

The Lady Harvesters would like to put those same ingredients together again when they meet El Paso Ysleta at 5 p.m. Friday in the Area round at Ratliff Complex in Odessa.

Pampa takes an 18-6-1 record into the second round of post-season play. El Paso Ysleta is 20-5.

Pampa's 10-hit attack against Lakeview was led by senior shortstop Stacey Johnson, who knocked in three runs with a triple and two singles. Callie Cobb had two hits, Whitney Roden, Amy Youree, Teryn Garner, Abbi Covalt and Nicole Clark one each. Freshman catcher Logan Winkelman didn't have a hit, but she knocked in a run with a

groundball. Lakeview put ace pitcher Cassi Perez on the mound in the third inning, but the damage had been done. The Lady Harvesters already held a 4-0 lead.

Pampa coach Bobbi Gill said each player shares the role of stepping up and making the big play when they need to.

"Stacey Johnson has been hitting the ball very well of late, but again, everybody on the team has been relatively consistent," coach Gill said. "I have been so pleased with the way some of our young inexperienced kids have risen to the occasion and been solid for us this year."

Pampa's defense couldn't have played much better against Lakeview. The Lady Harvesters turned two double plays while outfielders Abbi Covalt and Callie Covalt robbed Lakeview hitters with sensational catches.

"Our defense is solid and when we show up to play, there is very little that doesn't get taken care of on the field," Gill said.

Freshman pitcher Nicole Clark performed like a senior

veteran, holding the opponents hitless until the sixth inning. She takes a 14-6 record into the Area clash.

The Area winner meets the El Paso Burges-Andrews

winner in the next round of the playoffs.

"As for Ysleta, we don't know a whole lot. They have a great record. Their defense must be pretty solid to go

undefeated in their district. I really think if we show up and play on top of our game, we should be a happy team on Saturday morning," Gill added.



(Photo by Stephen Rogers)

Pampa's Brittany Adams is at the plate while teammate Amy Youree leads off third in one of the district games.

Baseball and Spider-Man, a comic alliance

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Columnist

With great power comes great responsibility.

That's Spider-Man's motto, not Bud Selig's.

Selig lives by the words, "Let's make a deal."

The best interests of baseball, which Selig is charged with protecting, are not served by sticking scarlet ads on the bases and on-deck circles to hype a sequel to the movie about the masked man in tights.

That's only a small issue for the moment when the promotion hits interleague games June 11-13. What this petty money grab portends is something grander: corporate logos painted on the outfield grass, emblazoned on backstops and sewn onto uniforms. Umpires want in on the dough, hoping to sport patches for pay like the jockeys who won their legal fight to do that at the Kentucky Derby.

Let the purists howl and cast

laments. "It's gotten beyond grotesque," says the ever-indignant presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader. "The fans have to revolt here. Otherwise, they'll be looking at advertisements between advertisements."

Calm down, Ralph. They already are, with virtual ads flashing across the TV screens in every game.

"I guess it's inevitable, but it's sad," said Fay Vincent, a former

baseball commissioner and former president of Columbia Pictures, which is releasing, "Spider-Man 2."

"I'm old-fashioned. I'm a romanticist. I think the bases should be protected from this. I feel the same way I do when I see jockeys wears ads: Maybe this is progress, but there's something in me that regrets it very much."

Many in baseball, like Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, simply shrug off this gimmick.

"I don't care," Baker said. "You've still got to touch base, whether they got spiders, scorpions or snakes on them."

For those of us who rue the daily decay of good taste and the ascent of commercialism, there's little use in railing against the assault on our senses. The fight has long been lost. The marketers of the sports world, empowered by the likes of Selig, call the shots. All we can do is hope they somehow see the error of their ways.

At least the New York Yankees, that bastion of tradition, had the wisdom to balk at the promotion after the deal was announced. They will put ads on the bases only during batting practice, and then just for one game, team spokesman Rick Cerrone said.

No matter how Selig and baseball's chief operating officer, Bob DuPuy, try to spin this \$3.6 million deal, it's a loser for the sport — a turnoff to more fans than those who will find it appealing.

"This was a unique chance to

combine what is a sort of a universally popular character and our broad fan base, including the youth market we're trying to reach out to," DuPuy said.

Baloney.

This wasn't a unique chance to do anything. There are all kinds of popular characters, from Superman to the Terminator, that baseball could have promoted over the years if it wanted to cave in utterly to tackiness. Given the steroid scandal in the sport, the Incredible Hulk might have provided a more appropriate image.

What stopped baseball from going in that direction was an abiding sense that the base paths and grassy expanses between the foul lines were something akin to sacred grounds — immune to time and fashion.

It was an illusion, of course, made obvious by all the ads on the outfield walls and scoreboards, going back to the 19th century and extending from Little League to the majors. But baseball sold itself on its fidelity to the past in most regards: The bases stayed pure white, the uniforms kept their retro look, and the statistics from one era to the next could be compared with some degree of credibility — at least until muscles and home run totals started getting inflated.

This, also wasn't, as DuPuy claimed, a wonderful opportunity to reach out to "the youth market," a phrase that aptly sums up baseball's misguided views of kids. Those aren't young fans out there,

those are a demographic quartile along with Gen-Xers, Baby Boomers and senior citizens.

It's doubtful that "the youth market" will develop a passion for baseball because of Spider-Man or any other superhero.

Giveaways and even a Spider-

Man sleepover night, as the Toronto Blue Jays are planning, are fine promos for the kids, the teams and the filmmakers. But the intrusion of the ads onto the field borders on offensive to the legions who love the game more deeply because of its essential constancy.

Hidden Hills team victorious in girls softball league action

PAMPA — Kara Stephens' inside-the-park home run helped lead Hidden Hills to victory over Dyer's Barbecue in the 10-12 girls fastpitch Optimist Softball League.

Stephens also had a double in addition to her home run.

Hidden Hills defensive play was outstanding with Kenzie Carter behind the plate catching two foul tips. Kelbi Barton at third base scooped up a grounder and threw out a runner going to second. Mary Russell at second base threw out runners to first two different times. Natalie Parker threw out a runner from center field to first base in the last inning.

Katelin Wall pitched for Dyer's Barbecue, striking out eight batters in four innings. Holly Sparks struck out one batter in the last inning.

Kamy Miller pitched for Hidden Hills, striking out five batters in three innings. Kara Stephens also pitched for Hidden Hills and struck out four batters in two innings.

Hidden Hills bats were hot. Diana Mechelay, Candia Jimenez, Mary Russell and Ashlee Holland each had a single. Kamy Miller had a single and double.

In last week's opener, Culberson-Stowers defeated Hidden Hills by one run.

Libby Dyson pitched a no-hitter for Culberson-Stowers with 12 strikeouts in four innings. Kara Stephens pitched a no-hitter for Hidden Hills with 12 strikeouts in four innings.

Candia Jimenez singled in the last inning.

Hidden Hills next game is Tuesday, starting at 8:15 p.m.

All-District



Pampa's Carissa Snelgroes (left) and Krissy Holman were named to the 2004 All-District 3-4A Girls Golf Team. Snelgroes was 8th and Krissy Holman 10th in the final individual standings. Both were second-team selections.

Flyers and three newcomers fill conference finals field

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When the Philadelphia Flyers last won the Stanley Cup in 1975, there were 18 NHL teams in the league and none in Tampa, Fla., San Jose, Calif., or Calgary, Alberta.

Now, those three newcomers are looking to make Philadelphia's drought another year longer.

The Flyers knocked out the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday night, by winning Game 6 in overtime, and will face the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Eastern Conference finals.

Jeremy Roenick's game-winning goal popped the water bottle off the top of the net less than an hour before the San Jose Sharks reached their first conference finals appearance by eliminating Colorado.

That set up a matchup with the Calgary Flames, who haven't been this far

since they won it all in 1989.

Toronto, an Original Six club that hasn't lifted the Cup since 1967, and Colorado, which has two titles in nine seasons since leaving Quebec, are out. The Lightning are making their conference finals debut and have the best record of the remaining teams.

And they have some recent history behind them. A year ago, they won their first playoff series in their 11th NHL season before falling in five games to eventual champion New Jersey.

"We don't have a clue what it's about yet," Lightning coach John Tortorella said.

After splitting two home games in the first round against the New York Islanders, the Lightning won the final three games to take that series in five.

Then they overwhelmed the Montreal Canadiens, winning four straight against the 23-time Stanley Cup champions.

That series wrapped up last Thursday and the Lightning will have had eight days off before opening at home against the Flyers on Saturday.

"We're climbing the lad-

der to respectability within the league," Tortorella said. "I still think most of the teams in our conference want to play us in the playoffs because they're not sure if we're battle-tested, and rightfully so."

The Lightning won all four meetings this season from the Flyers.

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Glo-Valve picks up 11-4 win over Cabot Corporation

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service took advantage of three Cabot Corporation errors in the first inning to score five unearned runs enroute to an 11-4 victory Tuesday in Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken play.

Four Glo-Valve pitchers combined to hold Cabot to two hits as Glo-Valve improved its record to 2-1. Tyler Malone won his second game of the season, pitching the first two innings. He struck out six, walked one, allowed one hit and one run. Anthony Allen struck out all three batters in the third inning. Kade Wilson was touched for two unearned runs in the fourth inning as Glo-Valve's defense fell apart by committing three errors.

Alex Clendening pitched the

final 2-1/3 innings. He allowed one unearned run and one hit. He struck out four and walked two.

Reid Bradley went the distance for Cabot in the five-inning game which was called due to the time limit. He allowed nine hits, struck out four and walked eight. He showed great heart in holding Glo-Valve to just two runs in the last two innings of play despite throwing 114 pitches.

Malone struck out the side in the top of the first inning which brought Glo-Valve to bat. Allen was safe on an error and went to third on another error. He scored on a single by Wilson, who went to second on an error. Wilson made it to third on a single by Malone, who

was permitted to take second on a fielder's choice. Both runners rushed home on a single by Evan Meschke. Meschke went to second and third on passed balls, and hustled home on a wild pitch. Travis Chester walked and went to second on a passed ball. He scored on a single by Cody Davis.

Cabot picked up a run in the second inning when Zach Shaw walked and scored on a combination of passed balls and a wild pitch.

Glo-Valve went back to work scoring four more runs in the bottom of the second. Wilson singled and went to second on a wild pitch. A single by Malone sent Wilson to third. A double steal plated Wilson and brought Malone to third on a

throwing error. Clendening rocketed a double to left to score Malone. He stole third. Brennan Dickinson walked and stole second. Both runners crossed the plate on a single by Michael Fisher.

In the bottom of the third, Glo-Valve's Allen drew a walk and went to second on a groundout. Malone tripled scoring Allen and scored himself on a wild pitch.

Cabot got things going in the top of the fourth. Mitch Simon walked and advanced to third when Zach Shaw was safe on an error. An attempt to get Simon at third got past the fielder, allowing Simon to score.

Wilson made the outstanding defensive play of the game

for Glo-Valve by making a diving catch of a popup for the first out. Clendening came in to pitch for Glo-Valve. He walked Sam Newman, who went to second on a fielder's choice. Steven Botello brought them both in with a single.

Shaw made the outstanding fielding play of the game for Cabot by snatching a soft line drive and doubling a Glo-Valve runner off at third to choke off a Glo-Valve threat in the fourth.

Malone was the leading hitter for Glo-Valve with three hits, including a triple, three runs scored and one RBI. Wilson contributed two hits, two runs and one RBI to Glo-Valve's offensive efforts.

In the nightcap, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance

Agency broke open a 3-3 ballgame against Rotary Club with eight runs in the fifth inning to hand reliever Braden Hunt an 11-3 victory.

Monday's games saw D.E. Chase Inc. break into the win column with a 15-1 victory over Rotary and DFB defeat Celanese 8-5.

Today will see Glo-Valve take on Chase at 5:45 with Celanese clashing with Cabot at 7:45. On Friday, Glo-Valve challenges Rotary in the early game while Cabot and DFB play the second game.

The Pampa Optimist Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League					American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	16	11	.593	—	Boston	16	11	.593	—
Atlanta	13	13	.500	2 1/2	New York	16	11	.593	—
Philadelphia	12	13	.480	3	Baltimore	13	12	.520	2
New York	12	15	.444	4	Toronto	10	18	.357	6 1/2
Montreal	7	21	.250	9 1/2	Tampa Bay	9	17	.346	6 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	10	.630	—	Chicago	17	10	.630	—
Chicago	15	12	.556	2	Minnesota	16	10	.615	1/2
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	3	Detroit	13	15	.464	4 1/2
St. Louis	14	14	.500	3 1/2	Cleveland	12	14	.462	4 1/2
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	4	Kansas City	8	18	.308	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	13	.480	4	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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San Diego	17	11	.607	—	Texas	18	10	.643	—
Arizona	12	14	.462	4	Oakland	12	15	.444	5 1/2
Colorado	12	14	.462	4	Seattle	10	17	.370	7 1/2
San Francisco	12	16	.429	5	Wednesday's Games				
San Diego 2, Atlanta 0					Boston 9, Cleveland 5				
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N.Y. Mets 8, San Francisco 2					Minnesota 5, Seattle 1				
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Thursday's Games					Friday's Games				
San Diego (Lawrence 3-2) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-2), 1:05 p.m.					Kansas City (Affeldt 0-3) at Boston (Wakefield 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
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Pittsburgh (Benson 3-1) at Houston (Miller 3-2), 2:05 p.m.					Cleveland (C Lee 3-0) at Baltimore (Bedard 0-0), 7:35 p.m.				
Arizona (Dessens 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 4-1), 2:20 p.m.					Detroit (Bondemian 3-1) at Texas (Benoit 1-0), 8:05 p.m.				
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San Francisco (Schmidt 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-1), 7:10 p.m.					Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 1-2) at Anaheim (Lackey 2-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Obermueller 1-1) at Cincinnati (Harang 2-1), 7:10 p.m.									
Friday's Games									
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St. Louis (Morris 3-2) at Montreal (Kim 1-0), 7:05 p.m.									
Los Angeles (W Alvarez 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Oliver 2-0), 7:05 p.m.									
Milwaukee (D Davis 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glasnow 4-1), 7:10 p.m.									
San Francisco (Rueter 0-3) at Cincinnati (Lacle 2-1), 7:10 p.m.									

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 7, 2004:

You have what it takes to create a better relationship with a business partner or associate. Don't even think that you are the only one putting in time and money. Both of you will give a lot in order to achieve your goals. Learn to work with and trust this individual. You are likely to expand mentally through travel, education or workshops that help you open doors that you never knew existed before. If you are single, a foreigner or someone you meet on your immediate turf could turn your life topsy-turvy. By the end of the summer, this person will be in your life. If you are attached, you as a couple might want to rededicate your priorities to your relationship, perhaps planning on a special trip or re-organizing finances. Both work well. CAPRICORN understands much more than you think.

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)

★★★★ Face facts: Everyone has different ideas, and that is where the confusion lies. As hard as you try, you cannot get a consensus or agreement. Visualize more of what you want, and be willing to go out on your own to make it so. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Investigate options, and you'll gain. Many simply don't agree with you, no matter which way you turn or twist. Let differences be. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Take off, if possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by what others dump on your plate. It will take all your diplomacy to not react too strongly. Allow differences and know that in the long run they will benefit you. Isolate a discussion to a key person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Mars moving into your sign works as an energizer. You have all the energy you want, though you could be a bit touchy or difficult at times. Take it easy, especially late this afternoon. Others have strong opinions, too. Listen. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others pull at you from different sides, adding to your confusion but providing options. You will need to drum up your creative genius to find answers. Perhaps, on the other hand, you enjoy the many options available to you. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Concentrate on your work and/or a project. Creativity flows later in the day. Extremes merge from all sides. Take the opportunity to look at different sides. Allow more playfulness into your life in the evening. Tonight: Play the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for others. Complete your e-mail, clear your desk and deal with what might be happening around you. Others might not be easy, but you'll certainly hear many different points of view. Each might be right for that person. Tonight: Head on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You see much more than others do. How someone presents his or her idea can make all the difference in what goes down. Loosen up and have a long-overdue chat. In the afternoon, you'll gain a better understanding.

Tonight: At your favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others seek you out, but without great success. You seem to be everywhere handling a multitude of demands. Allow greater happiness by letting others reveal their true colors. Expenses demand some attention. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Digest all you need to at work, even if on some level you might not believe you are spending enough time on the issues. Sometimes completion is more important, especially this Friday. You gain a better perspective of your actions later in the afternoon. Tonight: Your night to howl.

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★★★★ Friends provide provocative information at best. You wonder about the heres and nows of a situation. Others provide various different impressions, making a decision close to impossible. Give yourself time to mull over a decision (like the weekend). Tonight: Your night to be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ One person says one thing, and another denies something else. You could feel like a piece of taffy if you let this confusion get to you. Know that the solution will be a while coming. Focus on your long-term needs. Tonight: Follow your pals.

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Political leader Eva Peron (1919), composer Johannes Brahms (1833), composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840)

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Softball

City of Pampa Recreation Department Softball League Standings through May 5

SOFTBALL 2004

Spring Leagues

Mens Open

	Wins	Losses
A.S.S.I.	4	0
Shockers	3	1
Dobson Cellular	3	1
The End Zone	2	2
Century 21	2	2
Curtis Well Service	2	2
Domino's	2	2
Parts in General	0	4
Triangle Well Service	0	4

Mixed Open

Division 1

Pampa Machine	8	0
Easy's	6	2
Jay's Drive Inn	5	3
Reed's Welding	3	5
WW Sports Bar	2	6
The Riot	0	8

Division 2

Duncan Fraser & Bridges	5	1
First Baptist Church	5	1
Phil-Pet Credit Union	2	4
Green Team	0	6

Mens Church

First Christian Church	2	1
Bible Church of Pampa	2	1
First Baptist Church	1	2
Trinity Fellowship Church	1	2

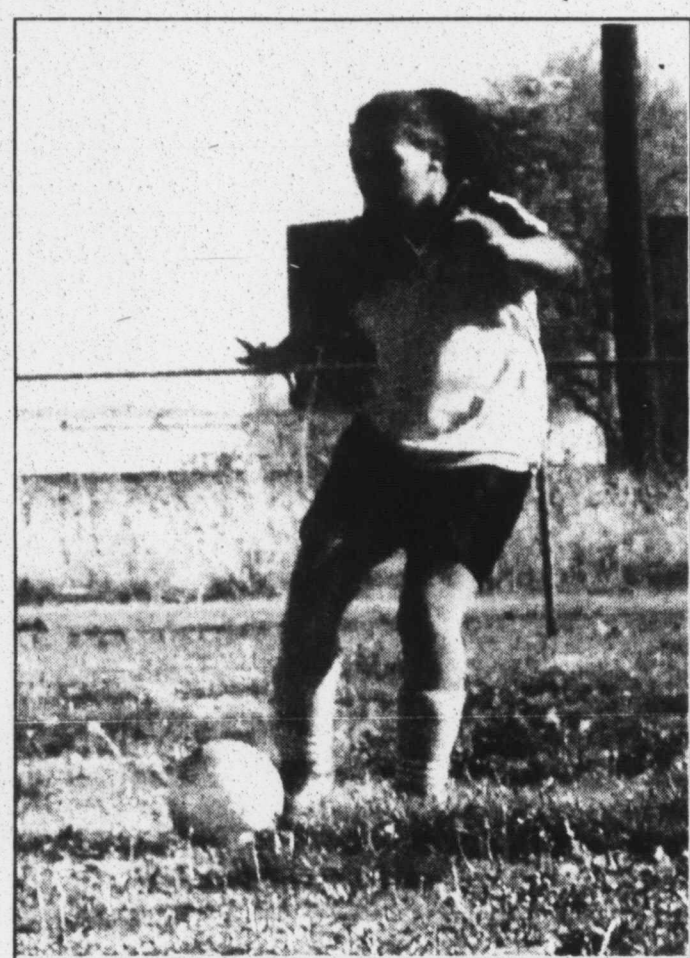
Clemens moves up on the strikeout list

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens moved past Steve Carlton for second place on the career strikeout list with his 4,137th in Houston's 6-2 win over Pittsburgh.

Clemens struck out Raul Mondesi swinging in the fifth inning to pass the Hall of Fame left-hander.

He finished the night with nine strikeouts to run his career total to 4,140. Nolan Ryan tops the strikeout list with 5,714.

Ball control



Tessa Walker of the Hot Shots works to control the ball during a recent soccer match. The Hot Shots are an U-12 girls team.

Boston stops losing streak

By The Associated Press

A night after his two errors helped send the Red Sox to another loss, Bill Mueller helped stop Boston's slide.

Mueller hit a tiebreaking three-run homer, and David Ortiz connected twice as the Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 9-5 Wednesday night, breaking a five-game losing streak.

After Tuesday's 7-6 loss, Mueller sat alone at his locker for 45 minutes. The third baseman was much more upbeat Wednesday.

"This club knows it is going to perform," he said. "Hopefully, this is the start of what we're capable of doing."

After Boston sputtered to a 15-6 start, the five straight losses had dropped the Red Sox into a tie with the New York Yankees for the AL East lead. A strong relief effort helped Boston avoid falling into second place.

Bronson Arroyo (1-1) gave up one hit and struck out three over two scoreless innings.

Alan Embree, Scott Williamson and Keith Foulke each worked one scoreless inning. Foulke, who has had

back spasms since Sunday, pitched for the first time since last Thursday.

"We had a full bullpen and used it for a much-needed win," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

In other games it was New York 4, Oakland 3; Anaheim 6, Detroit 3; Texas 6, Tampa Bay 1; Minnesota 5, Seattle 1; Chicago 6, Baltimore 5; and Toronto 10, Kansas City 3.

At Cleveland, Mueller broke a 5-5 tie with his homer off reliever David Riske in the sixth. Ortiz had his sixth and seventh homers, driving in four runs against Jeff D'Amico (1-2). The Indians had won four straight.

"Tonight, I was very fortunate the ball I hit carried and gave us a cushion," Mueller said. "Hopefully, this is the start of what we're capable of doing."

Yankees 4, Athletics 3

Visiting New York won its eighth straight, rallying for the second straight night. Alex Rodriguez hit a tying homer in the ninth off Arthur Rhodes (0-1) and Tony Clark doubled in the go-ahead run with two outs.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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.

5-6

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Greenspan: Rising budget deficit long-term threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's soaring federal budget deficits represent a major obstacle to the country's long-term economic stability, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned on Thursday.

Greenspan told a banking conference that the federal budget deficit was a bigger worry to him than America's soaring trade deficit or the high level of household debt because those two problems can be corrected by market forces.

"Our fiscal prospects are, in my judgment, a significant obstacle to long-term stability because the budget deficit is not readily subject to correction by market forces that stabilize other imbalances," he said in remarks to a banking conference.

Greenspan noted that the federal deficit, estimated to climb above \$500 billion this year, will amount to 4.25 percent of the total economy after being in surplus just a few years ago.

He said one of the biggest concerns was that the deficits now were occurring right before the first wave of baby boomers will begin retiring.

"We have legislated commitments to our senior citizens that, given the inevitable retirement of our huge baby-boom generation, will create significant fiscal challenges in the years ahead," Greenspan said in his remarks, which were delivered by satellite to the conference in Chicago.

Greenspan cautioned that the country should not be lulled into a false sense of security about the federal deficit just because at

the moment interest rates on long-term Treasury securities remain at low levels.

He said that the dollar's foreign exchange value has remained close to the average level of the past two decades in spite of soaring trade deficits and there have been no major economic disruptions triggered by record high household debt.

"Has something fundamental happened to the U.S. economy and, by extension, U.S. banking, that enables us to disregard all the time-tested criteria of imbalance and economic danger?" Greenspan asked.

Answering his own question, the Fed chairman said, "Regrettably, the answer is no. The free lunch has still to be invented."

Greenspan said he believed market forces would provide the impetus to move the trade deficit and high household debt to more sustainable levels.

He said his concern was that there were no market forces that would push the country to deal with the federal budget deficit.

Greenspan did not offer a solution to the budget deficit in his speech Thursday although in the past he has called on Congress to move quickly to address the looming funding difficulties in Social Security by trimming the benefits of future retirees.

Two proposals he has suggested include raising the retirement age for receiving full Social Security benefits and reducing annual cost of living adjustments that Social Security recipients receive.

Retailers reporting modest gains

NEW YORK (AP) — After a strong spending pace the first three months of the year, consumers retrenched a bit in April, leaving many retailers with disappointing sales gains. Cool weather, particularly in the Northeast, hurt results at many stores.

Wal-Mart, Limited Brands and Talbots were among the retailers reporting lackluster sales Thursday.

"It was winterlike weather in the Northeast," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Niemira's preliminary sales tally for 35 retailers was up 5.3 percent, about in line with his projections. The International Council of Shopping Centers-UBS tally is based on what the industry calls same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year, considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

A fairly early Easter prompted many consumers to do their shopping in March,

depressing last month's business, Niemira said.

Wal-Mart announced a gain of 4.4 percent in April, slightly below the 4.5 percent estimate of Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call. Total sales were up 11.7 percent.

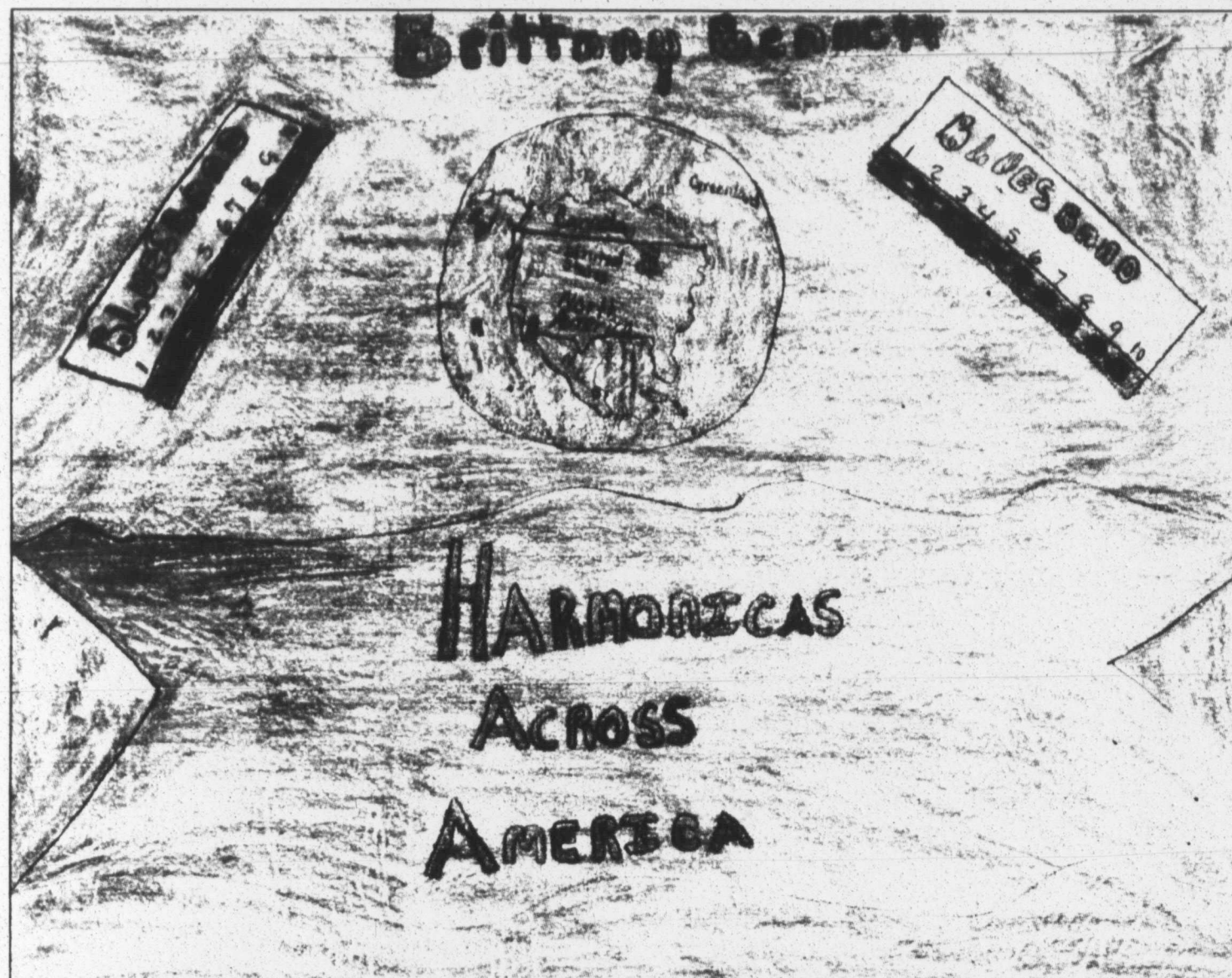
Costco Wholesale Corp. reported a 10 percent increase in same-store sales, a bit below the 9.8 percent Wall Street estimate. Total sales rose 13 percent.

Limited Brands reported a 2 percent increase in same-store sales for April, below the 4.8 percent forecast. Total sales rose 1 percent.

Talbots had a 0.3 percent gain in same-store sales; Wall Street analysts expected a 2.5 percent increase. The clothing retailer's total sales were up 6 percent.

On Wednesday, teen retailer Hot Topic Inc. reported that same-store sales were up 0.7 percent, below the 3.4 percent forecast. Total sales were up 22 percent.

Logo contest winner



Brittany Bennett, a fifth grader at Wilson Elementary School, won Harmonicas Across America's logo design contest with this entry. Brittany was awarded a \$500 savings bond. Grants totaling \$150 each went to her music teacher Tammy Greene and her art teacher Pat Lash. According to a news release from Harmonicas Across America, the organization is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to giving harmonicas to children over the age of eight and teaching them to play "This Land is Your Land." A time capsule with Brittany's logo included is being donated to Missouri Historical Society to be opened in the year 2104. Harmonicas Across America was organized by Pat Stewart, a Woody Guthrie musician from St. Louis, Mo., who has come to Pampa annually to perform for the Woody Guthrie tribute and to teach harmonica classes to local elementary school students.

Methodist stand may leave denomination divided

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Conservatives in the United Methodist Church proposed splitting the denomination Thursday, the latest sign of decades of disagreement over homosexuality that continued at a national meeting this week.

The Rev. William Hinson, president of the Confessing Movement for conservative Methodists, said evangelicals were just beginning to explore the idea and that no break was imminent in the 8.3 million-member church.

But he said he and others were convinced that no compromise could be found after yet another bitter General Conference debate over what the Bible says about gay sex.

"We can't bridge that divide," said Hinson, former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Houston.

The Rev. Troy Plummer, executive director of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which advocates for gay and lesbian Methodists, rejected the idea. He accused evangelicals of plotting to harm the church.

"It disturbs me," he said. "We can still be a family together."

The announcement came after conservatives prevailed at

the meeting in maintaining the church's firm stand against homosexuality.

Delegates affirmed that gay sex was "incompatible with Christian teaching" and made it a chargeable offense under church law for clergy to conduct same-sex marriages and for unmarried ministers to have sex.

Evangelicals expect that those

who want a broader role for gays and lesbians in the church will continue to ignore church law and appoint sexually active homosexual clergy.

"I think that a number of us in the evangelical coalition are wondering if it's time for us to consider some kind of loving division," said the Rev. James Heidinger, leader of the

Methodist evangelical group Good News.

Hinson said conservatives want the church to form a task force that would divide up church property and funds. That idea would meet intense opposition from many in the denomination. Church law prevents any congregation from walking away with Methodist assets.

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Pampa Regional Medical Center on June 7-8, 2004.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to

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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.