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State Supreme Court sends school finance law back to lower court

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court disagreed Thursday with the dismissal of a lawsuit by property-rich school districts over the state's school finance system and sent the case back to a trial court for further action.

The property-rich districts had argued that so many schools have been forced to charge at or near the legal limit for local property taxes that it has effectively become an illegal state property tax.

The group wanted the court to declare the school funding system unconstitutional, which would force state lawmakers to come up with a new system.

Instead, the court ruled that a trial court and a lower appeals court erred in dismissing the plaintiffs' actions. So the Texas Supreme Court reversed that decision and returned the case to the original trial court for further proceedings.

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Body found in Wheeler Co.

Police say husband confesses to wife's murder

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

A Pampa woman is dead and her husband is in Gray County Jail charged with murder.

Jeffery J. Goldsmith, 42, 922 Oklahoma, was arrested by Pampa Police Officer Joey Williams at 9:27 p.m. Wednesday in connection with the death of his wife, Ethel

Jean Goldsmith, 31. Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said late this morning that his office was contacted Wednesday afternoon by Wheeler County Sheriff's Office that some "suspicious evidence" had been located on a ranch in that county.

Copeland said he and Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, as well as Morse Burroughs, traveled to the scene in Wheeler

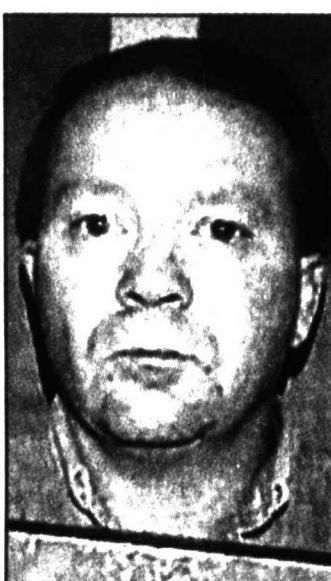
County. Copeland said Burroughs processed the evidence at the crime scene. Copeland said the woman's body was found late Wednesday a mile or two away from where the evidence was found. He did not elaborate on what the evidence was.

Co-workers became concerned when Ethel Goldsmith, a licensed vocational nurse, did not show up for her sched-

uled nursing shift at Coronado Nursing Center on Tuesday nor Wednesday and contacted the Pampa Police Department, said CNC Administrator Ed Dudley.

Dudley, who has been at the local nursing home less than two weeks, said she was employed at the nursing home "about a year."

In a news release received (See BODY, Page 2)



(Gray County Sheriff's photo) Jeffery J. Goldsmith

Thousands bid farewell to coach

By L.D. STRATE
SPORTS EDITOR



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Mourners sing the Pampa High School song at the end of Wednesday's Memorial Service for Coach Dennis Cavalier.

Dennis Cavalier started the El Norma legend, revised the school fight song and turned Pampa into a football powerhouse. But most of all, he was committed to building and molding the character of the young players he was put in charge of. He did it with a mixture of leadership, discipline and humility as the PHS head coach for the past 16 years.

Cavalier, who died Saturday at age 58, was eulogized in a memorial service at Harvester Stadium Wednesday afternoon that brought out approximately 5,000 mourners to pay their respects. Temperatures were in the low 90s under a mostly-cloudless sky, but nobody seemed to mind. A gentle breeze stirred the PHS banner hanging at half-mast at the north end of the field.

"Each year, Coach Cavalier would

come up with a motto which would signify unity and teamwork. This year it was "One Heartbeat." Steve Porter, PHS teacher and Baptist minister, told the huge crowd. "The motto became so popular it was used by coaches in every sport, tennis, basketball, and on down the line."

Porter, along with Dr. Randy White, First Baptist Church minister, officiated at the memorial service. They spoke from a platform podium, flanked by green and yellow flowers and plants, at the 50-yard sideline.

The Cavalier family was seated in the front row of chairs placed on the track in front of the home-side bleachers. Alongside them were the football players, while school administrators, board members, coaches, teachers, and their spouses were seated in the back rows.

Music Minister Barry Owens, also of First Baptist Church, sang two

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Future of ground water lies with districts

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE STATION — The future of ground water lies with ground water districts across the state. If the legislature changes the way ground water is regulated, the ground water districts will have no one but themselves to blame.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, told a packed auditorium at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center here Wednesday that bills filed in the Texas Legislature this session tried to chip away from that local control.

The Texas Legislature decided in 1997 that because

of the diversity of water in the state, the best way to regulate ground water was at the local level through water conservation districts.

"I'm a firm believer that the local control is the best method, and I'll be the first to admit it's the most difficult," Williams said.

Districts must be reasonable and fair with all the users through their rules and management plans.

"I think this is very important," Williams said. "I think ground water districts have the opportunity to address the future management of ground water."

"If we stomp our toe and don't do our job well, the legislature will come in with

some other method of regulation."

There were several proposals suggested during this spring's session of the legislature which ends Monday that could have decreased local control, something Williams opposes.

"It's the best method because the people who are making regulations have to live with them with all the people who meet them in the street every day," Williams said.

Williams was one of eight speakers at a conference about buying, selling and exporting ground water and the implications for ground water districts.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, and Ron Kaiser, a professor at Texas A&M University, discuss Williams presentation at a conference on exporting ground water at A&M this week.

Seniors' All-Night Party features prizes and fun

Pampa High School Senior 2003 All Night Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Party will be held at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, Saturday, May 31, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Admission is free to all 2003 PHS seniors.

One guest per senior will pay \$10. Prizes to be given away include TV, VCR, DVD player, digital camera, cash, and scholarships. For entertainment, there will be a hypnotist, games, dancing, and more. Breakfast will be served at 5:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Summer rec program begins Monday

City of Pampa's Summer Recreation program for all school-aged children will begin Monday, June 2.

Soccer, outdoor games, arts and crafts, computers, basketball, cheerleading and gymnastics will all be offered to the young people during the month of June.

Registration will be at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 29, at the southeast entrance of the Pampa Middle School. Students may also register the first day of class at PMS. Registration forms must be signed by a parent

or legal guardian and fees are payable at registration.

First session of classes begins June 2 and goes through June 13. The second session begins June 16 with the last day on June 27.

Each class is scheduled for one hour per day, beginning at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Registration fee will be \$10 for one class and \$5 for each additional class. All classes will be held at PMS.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the recreation office at 669-5770.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:45 am in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Public is invited. Call 669-3241 for reservations.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, May 20

Theft of beer was reported at a convenience store in the 1000 block of West Wilks. Estimate of loss was \$15.29.

Tuesday, May 27

A burglary was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart. Several items were reported stolen. Amount of loss was not reported.

Found property was turned into the PPD.

Wednesday, May 28

Jeffery J. Goldsmith, 42, 922 Oklahoma, was arrested for murder.

Billy Don Williams, 46, 810 Brine, was arrested for unauthorized use of a concealed weapon and possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson. Several guns, computer, jewelry and Playstation were stolen with an estimated loss of \$4,070. According to the police report, a door was kicked in.

Theft of a lawnmower valued at \$173 was reported taken in the 2700 block of Rosewood.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell. Guns, coins and a laptop computer were reported taken. Value of items was estimated to be \$3,400. Police said a door from the garage was broken to gain entry to the home.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of North West. According to the police department, estimated pecuniary loss was \$500.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Bradley. No injuries were reported, according to the police report.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson. Amount of loss was unknown.

Forgery was reported at a business in the 300 block of East Brown.

Burglary of a storage building was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart. Estimated loss was \$470.

Theft of two City of Pampa street department signs from the intersection of Aspen and 25th was reported to the police department. Estimate of loss was \$200.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, May 28

1:20 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

1:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of Williston.

8:40 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Louisiana and Duncan.

9:23 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of North Perry.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 28

Levi G. Trevathon, 19, 1206 N. Russell, was arrested on a Gray County bond surrender warrant. Original charge was driving while intoxicated.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
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Halliburton	23.46 -0.10	Silver	4.63
Trud Hospitals	25.86 +0.13	West Texas Crude	28.58

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, May 28

8:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSAW in Amarillo.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSAW.

1:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; one patient was transported to PRMC.

3:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to South Loop 171; one patient was transported to PRMC.

8:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Chestnut; one patient was transported to PRMC.

8:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Duncan; no patient was transported.

9:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Perry; one patient was transported to PRMC.

Thursday, May 29

12:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland on a lifting assistance call.

2:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC.

5:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Warren; one patient was transported to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

FRYE, Leota Rea Johnson — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Old Hall Cemetery, Lewisville.

HENRY, Mrs. C.W. "Ann" — 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 90s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see mostly clear skies above with lows in the mid 60s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday should be partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Chance of pre-

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STATEWIDE

Some of the hottest temperatures of the spring are forecast over the state today and Friday.

Some areas will see relief this weekend. Northern West Texas will cool off Saturday. It will be a bit cooler in North Texas beginning Saturday, and in areas of South Texas on Sunday. A slight chance of rain will accompany the cooler weather.

An ozone action day is forecast in lower Southeast Texas

today, and heat indices may reach the low 100s there Friday. The Coastal Bend and southern West Texas will be particularly hot the next few days.

Temperature extremes Wednesday ranged from 92 degrees at Victoria to an overnight low of 52 degrees at Marfa.

West Texas will be sunny and hot today, with highs in the mid 90s over the region, except lower 90s in the far west. Friday will be a repeat of today,

but with highs about five degrees hotter. Relief comes this weekend in the north, with highs around 80 in the Panhandle, and in the 80s in the South Plains.

Clouds will increase some there, and slight chances of rain are forecast. Southern West Texas will a little cooler beginning Sunday. The west will continue to see highs in the 90s through Monday, with some highs above 100 in the Permian Basin.

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BODY

from the Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner at noon today, it said the officers were dispatched to the residence at 922 Oklahoma on a welfare check at 8:44 a.m. Wednesday.

The release said officers met with her husband at the home.

"Mr. Goldsmith led officers to believe that Mrs. Goldsmith had left sometime in the early morning on Wednesday and that a disagreement between the two had occurred the previous night," said Pitner, adding that Goldsmith said his wife had done that in the past.

Detectives returned to the home at 11:20 a.m. and were

allowed to enter the home and gather information about her to help in the investigation of her whereabouts. The couple's eight-month-old daughter was at the home with Jeffery Goldsmith, according to the release.

After additional investigation, detectives became suspicious that foul play could be involved, the release stated.

"However, they did not have enough evidence at this time to link Mr. Goldsmith directly," said Pitner.

It was about 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, when Gray County SO received information from the Wheeler County SO that suspicious evidence had been located by a citizen in eastern Wheeler county.

Gray County authorities were notified, according to the release, because some items at the scene were linked to Gray County and Pampa. While sheriff's deputies traveled to Wheeler County, local authorities followed up on additional leads in Pampa.

Pitner said additional investigation led authorities to link the evidence found in Wheeler County to the disappearance of Mrs. Goldsmith.

"Jeffrey Goldsmith voluntarily cooperated with authorities and an interview was subsequently conducted by

Pampa PD Detective Donny Brown, Chief Trevlyn Pitner and Texas Ranger Gary Henderson and a confession was obtained from him in the murder of his wife and location of her body in Wheeler County," according to the release.

Pitner said law enforcement personnel from Wheeler County SO, Gray County SO, Pampa PD and Ranger Henderson went to the location in Wheeler County about 9 p.m., Wednesday, and began their search for Mrs. Goldsmith. Her body was located about 11 p.m.

Pitner described the location as a "desolate area about 10 miles east of Wheeler, in the close proximity to where the other evidence had been located earlier.

"Mr. Goldsmith's confession had led authorities to the location of her body," said Pitner. "At this point in the investigation, it appears that Mrs. Goldsmith was severely beaten during a domestic violence altercation at her home in Pampa. Evidence at this time also leads investigators to believe this took place sometime late Monday night or early Tuesday morning and then her body was taken to Wheeler County by Mr.

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Archbishop opposing budget cuts
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Opposing deep budget cuts, the San Antonio archbishop has led several hundred South Texans to the State Capitol to seek tax increases in support of health care and related services.

Archbishop Patrick Flores acknowledged the timing of Wednesday's rally was problematic, saying that it had taken extra time to organize the rally, five days before the end of the 140-day legislative session.

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BODY

Goldsmith and he said. "The exact time of death is this time pending results."

Chief Deputy Rushing said Goldsmith will be arraigned Friday.

A nursing supervisor at a nursing home said morning Ethel Goldsmith worked the 6 shift. Mrs. Goldsmith made prior arrangements to take Friday, May 29, off. She said the supervisor who was to be named because of endangering herself and workers.

Mrs. Goldsmith worked two shifts on Monday. She worked her regular 6 p.m. shift and then a 10 p.m. shift, said staff members.

During that 10 p.m. shift, workers reported she received "multiple" calls from her husband, who appeared upset by what didn't tell anyone what had upset her.

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BODY

Goldsmith and dumped," he said. "The exact cause and time of death is unknown at this time pending autopsy results."

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said today that Goldsmith will probably be arraigned Friday morning.

A nursing supervisor at the nursing home said Thursday morning Ethel Goldsmith usually worked the 6 a.m.-2 p.m. shift. Mrs. Goldsmith had made prior arrangements to take Friday, May 23, off, said the supervisor who asked not to be named because of fear of endangering herself or her co-workers.

Mrs. Goldsmith did work two shifts on Monday. She worked her regular 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift and the 2-10 p.m. shift, said staff members.

During that 16 hours, co-workers reported that she received "multiple calls" from her husband, saying she appeared upset by the calls but didn't tell anyone at work what had upset her.

Shortly before 6 a.m., Tuesday, staff members reported Goldsmith's husband

called and said his wife would not be at work that day. When staff members told him that the employee was the one who needed to call in, he said she was too sick to come to the phone.

A supervisor contacted the home several times throughout the day and told *The Pampa News* that Goldsmith repeatedly said his wife was too ill to talk on the phone. The supervisor said protocol required the employee to notify the employer and that was conveyed to the husband several times.

After the supervisor left work for the day and was at a Tuesday evening meeting about 6:30 p.m., Goldsmith notified the nursing home that his wife would not be in to work on Wednesday. Receiving the message later in the evening, the supervisor contacted the Goldsmith residence, again explaining the company protocol for absences.

After Mrs. Goldsmith did not report for work on Wednesday, staff members contacted the Pampa Police Department.

"It just didn't feel right,"

said a supervisor.

Staff members at CNC said this morning they have not had any communication with the Pampa PD since reporting they were concerned about Ethel Goldsmith's welfare on Wednesday.

A staff member at the facility said Goldsmith was laid off from his job about two months ago and has not worked since then.

According to nursing home personnel, the couple was the parents of a baby around six to eight months old. She also was the mother of two children from a previous marriage.

Staff members reported this morning that they received a phone call about 2 a.m. from a family member of Mrs. Goldsmith telling them that she had been found dead.

Mrs. Goldsmith was pronounced dead by Wheeler County Justice of the Peace Bradley Meadows who ordered an autopsy. Det. Brown accompanied the body to Lubbock for the autopsy today at Texas Tech University Health Science Center Division of Forensic Pathology.

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COACH

hymns: Great Is Thy Faithfulness and My Tribute. The PHS band was there also, directed by Jason Jones.

Porter said Coach Cav conceived the 'El Norma' idea in 1997 as a way of setting a standard for overcoming adversity and hardship through determination and dedication.

"When he came here, he asked where our school song and fight song were. I told him I didn't know if we had one," Porter said. "We found it in what I think was a 1930 yearbook and he resurrected it. After a game - win, lose or draw, the players and coaches would always come to the crowd with their fingers raised, singing the school song."

Porter pointed out that Coach Cav didn't measure his victories by the final score.

"The victory was not in the scoreboard, but in the effort expended. Coach Cav radiated that. He held character above all," he said.

Porter said everyone's desire was to comfort this family as much as possible

after such a devastating loss.

"We know our loved one, Dennis Cavalier, is in the hands of the Lord. It's not how long you lived, but how well you lived. My grandmother always said you're known by the company you keep, and I loved Dennis Cavalier's company," Porter said.

Cavalier is survived by his wife, Kathy; two daughters, Katy Moore and Abby Cavalier; and two sons, Andy and Tony Cavalier. He is also survived by his mother, Norma Cavalier of El Paso, and brothers Richard Cavalier of Westampton, N.J., and Tom Cavalier of El Paso.

Dr. White said Cavalier was a man of godly principles who turned boys into men, and he did it with honor and grace.

"Coach Cav, his assistant coaches and players always walked off the field as winners, no matter what the score was. After a big victory, I would look up from the pulpit on Sunday morning and see him, seated in his spot in the balcony. After a devastating loss, I would look up and see him there," Dr. White said.

"His faith and family were more important than football."

The Cavalier family were members of First Baptist.

"No other death in this community could have generated the same sense of loss as what we have experienced with Coach Cavalier," Dr. White said.

Near the end of the service, the senior football players went to the podium and led the crowd in reciting the Lord's Prayer. Porter led the crowd in the school song and the band followed with a rousing rendition of the fight song.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Cavalier's assistants: Rod Porter, Tad Smith, John True, Stuart Smith, Scott Lewis, Del Smith, Dale Ammons, Justin Turner, Heath Parker, Ken Benson, Dennis Doughty and Dick Dunham.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Pampa Independent School District, Athletic Department Scholarship Fund, in care of Sandy Clark, 101 Randy Matson Ave., Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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WATER

As a veteran manager of the second oldest ground water district in the state, Williams told the crowd of some 300 landowners, water managers and potential water buyers about the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's experiences in Roberts County, dealing with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the City of Amarillo, Mesa Water, Inc. and now a group of some 135 individual landowners in the county. Each of the four are or have plans to transport water out of the district.

Three of the four groups already have high impact pumping permits issued by the water district, but each of the permits is different. Williams indicated that the process for permitting each group has proven to be different, too.

CRMWA bought water rights from QUIXX, a subsidiary of the local electric utility. QUIXX had bought it for \$85 an acre with plans for using the water to cool a nuclear power plant, but the project never developed. Consequently, QUIXX sold 40,000 acres of their water rights to CRMWA at \$350 an acre.

CRMWA developed the water and is now pumping from

this well field.

"They are the only ones currently pumping out of Roberts County," Williams said.

QUIXX retained the rest and joined Dallas businessman and Roberts County rancher T. Boone Pickens, allying themselves with his Mesa Water

group, to export water from Roberts County to urban areas down state.

The City of Amarillo, which has had well fields in Carson County since the 1950s, has more recently bought some 70,000 acres of water rights in Roberts County.

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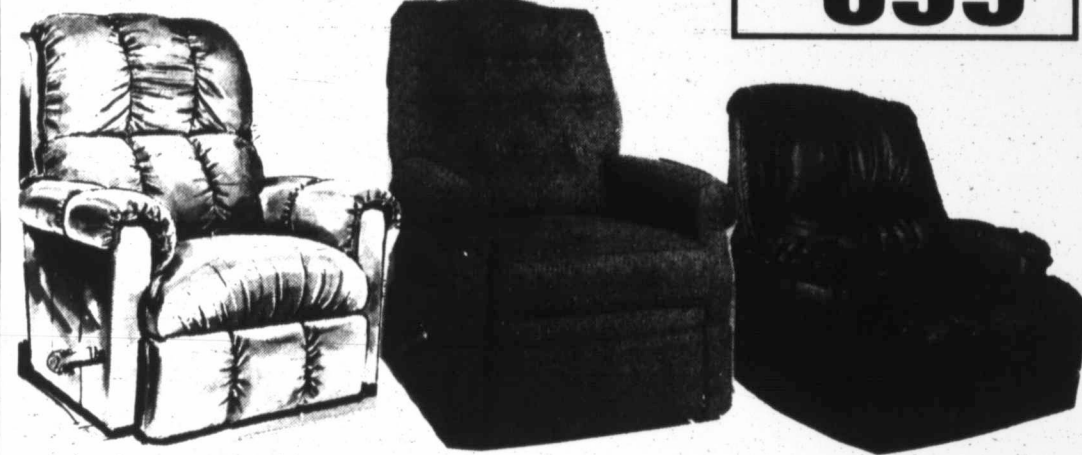
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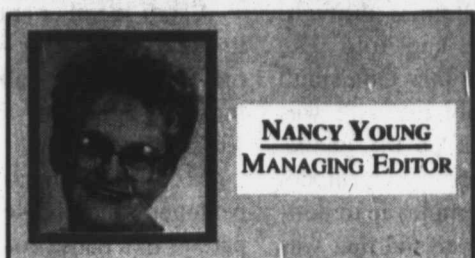
Sometimes I wonder where my children think they acquired their knowledge.

A couple of weeks ago — two weeks ago tonight to be exact — a record number of tornadoes were dancing across the Texas Panhandle. As the television was breaking in on regular programming to inform the people in the affected areas, weather watchers were out there in the trenches keeping a close watch on the potentially dangerous weather.

I was listening to the men and women with the Hutchinson County EOC report across the police scanner the areas of concern. As the storm moved from Fritch eastward, my daughter who lives in Borger frantically called from her cell phone asking what was happening as the sirens were sounding in that community. I told her that they were urging everyone to take cover immediately. She gave me a second-by-second account of what was taking place as she and her three children raced to a cellar. I was just relieved they were safe.

When they emerged from the cellar, she was telling me of the damage by the large hail. The hood on her vehicle had 21 dents from the hail. I listened as she counted everyone of them. She stopped counting then.

Just as I hung up the phone my son



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

called. Living in the country, he was closely watching another storm system headed towards the Stinnett area. He told me to call if I heard anything.

Going about my business of cleaning the kitchen, I kept one ear glued to the scanner and picked up the reports from television. It seemed as though it was going to miss us.

Then my phone rang. It was my son again. He told me he, his wife and two sons were headed to the cellar. "I just don't like the way this looks," he said. "You get to the neighbor's cellar — now." I looked out my kitchen window and it didn't look bad, so I continued washing dishes.

As I stood in the dining room, I heard something which sounded like a train. Realizing that the Rock Island line had pulled their trains out of Stinnett nearly 40 years ago, I thought it must have been the air conditioning system coming on. Then the electricity went off for a brief period of time. I looked outside to see several neighbors gathered looking north.

Wondering what was going on, I walked out to my next door neighbors. These are not people who react hysterically to these type situations, but I could see they were very concerned. I couldn't see a thing.

Soon it came across the scanner that a tornado had struck about one-half mile north of Stinnett. (I live at the north end of town.) My son called to see if I was okay, and I told him about the sound of the train. He asked me if I knew what a tornado sounded like and, several expletives deleted later, he expressed to me that I should have gone to the cellar. I started to tell him that the last time I went to the cellar was in 1968 when I was pregnant with him, but thought better of it. He hung up before I could anyway.

Immediately, my phone rang and it was my daughter. "Are you okay," she asked. I repeated to her about hearing the sound of the train. She reacted in much the same way as her older brother, expressing her aggravation with her apparently "aging" mother. "We always said you'd be blown away," she exclaimed as she abruptly ended the conversation.

Now just where do you think those two kids learned that tornadoes sounded like trains? They just didn't give their mother any credit for teaching them about storms.



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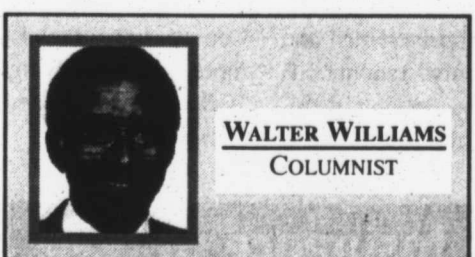
Bad grades for diversity efforts

Dr. Mike S. Adams, an associate professor of criminal justice at University of North Carolina's Wilmington campus, has given me an excellent idea for grading students, which appeared in his commentary in the web-based Agape Press newswire. For 35 years, I've taught economics and graded students on the racist, culturally biased standards of individual performance. In today's America, that's unfair and insensitive.

Starting next fall semester, in the interest of diversity and multiculturalism at George Mason University, I'm going to change the way my students are assigned grades. In my Ph.D. microeconomics class, students must complete three or four problem sets, plus an essay midterm and final examination. In the past, weights were assigned and total points computed. Ninety percent of the course work and above earned the student an A, 80 to 89.9 a B, and so forth.

Next fall, assignments, graded work, weights and computation of student grades will be the same as in the past. In the interest of promoting diversity and multiculturalism, there'll be one difference: I will compute averages by race. I'll compute a class average for white males, and another for white females. Group averages won't be computed for black male and female students, and other non-white students.

Having computed the class grade average for my white students, affirmative action — or you might call it com-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

pensatory — grading will be a breeze. Say the class average for my white male students is 80 and a particular white male earns a 92 score for the course. In the past, being insensitive to the goals of diversity and multiculturalism, I'd assign that student an A. But having seen the importance of diversity and multiculturalism, next fall I'll simply subtract twelve points from that white student's score and add it to a black student's score, leaving the white male student with the white male class average of 80.

You might ask: "What if the black student had a 95? Would you still employ compensatory grading?" The answer is yes, of course. With 12 points added to the black student's score, he'd have an A-plus.

Initially, compensatory grading might seem unfair. Some might make flimsy excuses such as that white student never held slaves, engaged in the mistreatment of blacks or even discriminated against blacks; his parents might have marched in the civil rights struggles of the '50s and '60s. They might also say, "Williams, the black student that you gave the 12 points to might

have a father who's a dentist and has a family income much higher than the white student from whom you subtracted points."

At best, such arguments are simply cover for anti-diversity and anti-multiculturalistic attitudes. The overriding principle of the matter is that a white student need not have ever engaged in discrimination to have points deducted and a black student need not have ever been a victim of discrimination to receive the white student's points. This is widely accepted political thinking, plus it's settled law.

After all, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in an affirmative action case now before the U.S. Supreme Court, upheld the constitutionality of University of Michigan's race-based law school admissions policy, agreeing that a race-neutral policy was no way to achieve the state's compelling goal of diversity. Therefore, meritocracy must yield to broader social concerns.

Creating an advantage for one American by creating a disadvantage for another American, based upon race, has become an entrenched feature in our age of racial enlightenment. I'd be very interested in hearing any objections to my new grading procedure from politicians, university administrators and civil-rights experts. Of course, by fall, before my new agenda gets off the ground, the U.S. Supreme Court might rule it unconstitutional.

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Anonymous voting must end

From The Dallas Morning News:

When you elected your state legislators, did you intend to empower them to cast ballots on your behalf anonymously? Probably not. Yet that's exactly what they do.

In Texas, legislative votes go largely unrecorded. Most measures pass on a voice vote or undocumented division vote. Legislators may request that specific votes be recorded by name, but that means lawmakers get to pick and choose which tallies are documented and which aren't.

Guess what? Most aren't.

That's not right. How can you gauge a lawmaker's performance in office if you can't verify precisely how he or she voted on issues important to you? You can't. And guess again? Legislators like it that way.

We've been urging legislators since March to routinely record their votes. But they haven't budged. Instead, they've come up with a series of excuses for why requiring routinely recorded votes would be take your pick here unconstitutional, unduly cumbersome, too expensive.

We don't buy it. And neither should you.

Myth 1: The Texas Constitution prohibits routinely recorded votes because it restricts such tallies to instances in which three members present request a recorded vote.

The constitution does in fact specify that "the yeas and nays" must be recorded "at the desire of any three members present." But both chambers already record votes in certain instances without a specific request by three members. Senate Rule 6.15, for example, requires a recorded vote on bills appropriating lands or money. It would be entirely consistent with a number of provisions in the Texas Constitution to extend the recorded vote requirement to other key stages in the legislative process.

Myth 2: Recording every vote will take too much time and delay an already tedious process.

Nobody wants every single vote recorded. Most states automatically record votes on key amendments, on second reading upon the conclusion of debate, at third reading or final passage when the measure goes to the other chamber for review, upon passage of any bill returned from the other house with changes or on conference committee reports, and on joint resolutions that go to the voters as constitutional amendments. Legislators in those states believe the voters have a right to review their voting records, even if it takes an extra few minutes each day. Texas legislators should afford their voters the same right.

Myth 3: Recording votes will cost too much.

The House already has an electronic scoreboard. We're just suggesting it make greater use of it. The Texas House Journal's voting clerk says the cost of requiring additional recorded votes would be the cost of paper the additional pages required to print the names of yeas and nays in the journal. And it's just an extra keystroke or two to make those votes accessible online.

Bottom line: This system of anonymous voting isn't going to change unless voters demand it. And keep demanding it. ... Are you entitled to know how your legislator votes?

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SPORTS

Glo-Valve stays unbeaten in Optimist 11-12 league

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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills will have its annual Junior Clinic June 4-6 from 8:30 to 11:30 each day. The clinic is open to both boys and girls ages 6 to 15.

Cost is \$25 per child, which includes three days of instruction, contest prizes and snacks.

The clinic is taught by PGA golf professional David Teichmann, current high school players and staff.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The first session of the Harvester Baseball Camp will be held June 3-6 at Harvester Field.

The camp will be under the direction of Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty.

The first session will be for players ages 5 to 12 years of age.

Cost is \$50 per player.

The second session on June 9-12 is for players ages 13 to 15 and is limited to the first 27 to sign up.

Doughty will be assisted by former Harvester players Kaleb Snelgroves and Ryan Zemanek.

To sign up, contact coach Doughty at 669-6987 (home) or 669-4830 (work).

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella was looking for offense. Ben Grieve provided it with two swings.

Grieve homered twice and drove in four runs in the Devil Rays' 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

"How about that?" Piniella said. "A couple-homer night. That's what we needed."

Tampa Bay has won just two of its past eight games, and only totaled four runs in its previous four.

"I know the offense hasn't been scoring many runs," Grieve said. "Every team wants more pop."

Grieve hit a solo homer in the second inning, his first at home since Sept. 22. His three-run shot in the fourth put the Devil Rays up 4-3.

"The first one was a pitch he should have hit," Texas starter Alan Benes said. "The three-run homer, I thought was a little better pitch."

Benes (0-3) gave up four runs, six hits and four walks in 3 1-3 innings.

Grieve's outburst was needed after Tampa Bay right fielder Aubrey Huff, who has 10 homers in May, left after the first inning with a bruised right knee. He fouled a ball off the side of the knee and still had problems bending it after the game.

"It didn't feel good," said Huff, who has played in 164 consecutive games. "At least it's not broken. I thought it was."

Jeremi Gonzalez (2-1) gave up four runs, two hits, four walks in five-plus innings and a hit a batter.

PAMPA — Good teams find ways to win. Glo-Valve Service proved that with a hard-earned victory over Celanese Corporation in Tuesday night's action in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Celanese had 10 hits and Glo-Valve had four. Celanese slammed four extra base hits while Glo-Valve had none. Celanese played errorless ball and Glo-Valve committed three miscues. Defense made a huge difference in the game as Glo-Valve threw out two runners at home and two more at third to provide the difference in the ballgame.

It was a team effort for Glo-Valve as eight different players scored runs.

Celanese jumped on top in the first inning with a lead-off double by John Luke Covalt. He roared home on a double by Jeremy Busse, who scored on a single by Casey Trimble to stake Celanese to a 2-0 lead. The inning ended when Hayden Skinner hustled to be back stop and snapped a throw to brother Heath Skinner, to nab a Celanese runner trying to advance on a ball that had gotten away from Glo-Valve's catcher.

In the second inning, Brodie Peters led off for Celanese with a walk. Tanner Davis advanced him to second on a single. A double by Covalt plated Peters, but Davis was caught at the plate on a relay throw by Evan McElwain in centerfield to Anthony Allen at second to Hayden Skinner, who blocked the plate and applied the tag. Glo-Valve escaped with just a 3-0 deficit.

In the bottom of the second, Freddie Ramirez led off for Glo-Valve with a

single. Mark Ruth walked and Nick Riley was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Walks to McElwain and Heath Skinner forced in two runs. Kade Wilson slapped an infield grounder to a fielder who attempted to get Riley at the plate, but all hands were safe. Lane Douglass drilled a single to right which brought in two more runs. A wild pitch plated Kade Wilson, giving Glo-Valve a 6-3 lead after two innings.

Madison Wilson legged out an infield single to open Celanese's third inning. He went to second on an errant pickoff attempt. Busse followed with an infield single, but Douglass fired to Kade Wilson at third to get Madison Wilson trying to advance on the hit. Trimble singled and both runners moved up on a walk to Jemal Wheeler. Busse scored on a passed ball and Trimble kept coming after a bad throw to the pitcher trying to get Busse. Glo-Valve's lead narrowed to 6-5.

Glo-Valve got one of the runs back in the bottom of the third inning.

Allen lined a single to center and went to second on a passed ball. Luke Wilson and Heath Skinner walked and Hayden Skinner beat out an infield single to plate Allen. Celanese saved a run when Covalt fielded a ground ball at second and fired to Trimble at the plate to nip Watson. Glo-Valve was ahead 7-5 after three innings.

Madison Wilson boomed a triple to start Celanese off in the fourth inning. He barely beat the throw home after an infield ground out hit by Michael Alexander. Glo-Valve clung to a 7-6

lead.

An unassisted double play by Madison Wilson stopped Glo-Valve cold in the bottom of the fourth. Heath Skinner, who seemed to get stronger as the game went along, struck out the side in the Celanese half of the fifth inning.

Glo-Valve added three insurance runs in the bottom of the fifth without a hit. McElwain drew his second walk of the evening, followed by Heath Skinner's fourth walk. Kade Wilson was hit by a pitch to lead the bases with no outs. McElwain was out at the plate on a fielder's choice, leaving the bases loaded. Heath Skinner beat the throw to the plate hit by Douglass, upping Glo-Valve's lead to 8-6 and leaving the bases full. Kade Wilson and Hayden Skinner both scored on wild pitches to give Glo-Valve a 10-6 advantage.

Celanese was not through. After a strikeout, Michael Alexander drew a walk. Madison Wilson followed with a single and Busse walked to load the bases with one out. The game ended on a double play when Heath Skinner caught high pop up and threw to Kade Wilson at third for the final out.

Covalt for Celanese with two doubles, a triple, a run scored and one RBI led both teams in hitting. Close behind was Celanese's Busse with a perfect night at the plate. He had a double, single, two walks, two runs scored and one RBI. Madison Wilson and Trimble had two hits for Celanese. Trimble scored once. Davis had the other Celanese hit.

Hayden Skinner, Douglass, Ramirez and Allen had singles for Glo-

Valve. Douglass had three RBI.

Outstanding defensive plays for Celanese included Cobalt throw to the plate to force a runner and scooping up a groundball behind first and beating the batter to the bag to prevent a run from scoring. Madison Wilson's unassisted double play came when he picked a line drive off his shoe laces and doubled a runner off first base.

Glo-Valve's outstanding plays included a relay from McElwain to Allen to Hayden Skinner, a throw across the diamond from Douglass at first to Kade Wilson at third, a caught stealing from Hayden Skinner to Heath Skinner and Heath Skinner's game-ending double play to Kade Wilson after catching a flyball.

Heath Skinner, who spend the whole night pitching out of trouble, won his fourth game of the year against no losses. He surrendered 10 hits, but only four earned runs. He walked eight and struck out 12. Both sides stranded eight runners.

Madison Wilson, Wheeler and Busse pitched for Celanese. Wilson gave up seven runs on three hits. He walked seven, struck out four and hit one batter. Wheeler gave up three runs and one hit. He walked three and hit two batters while striking out four. Busse caused the batter he faced to ground out.

The winners remain undefeated and in first place at 10-0-2.

Celanese slid into third place with a season record of 4-5-1.

Jr. tennis champs



Pampa and Amarillo players made up a Panhandle-based tennis team which won the Elite Division of the Texas USTA Junior Team Completion earlier this month in New Braunfels. Team members include (l-r) coach John Thacker, Cathleen Touisithiphonexay, Ricky Gonzalez, Jennifer Taylor, David Thacker, Hayden Rush and B.J. Luangpraseuth. The team will represent Texas at the USTA Junior National Tournament, scheduled for November in Arizona.

BSA Hospice Scramble to be held June 14 in Pampa

PAMPA — The BSA Hospice 13th annual Pampa Golf Scramble will be held June 14 at the Pampa Country Club.

Proceeds from the scramble help benefit Olivia's Angels, support auxiliary

for BSA Hospice.

Registration fee is \$45 per golfer (\$180 per team), which includes green fee, cart, prizes, food and refreshments. Four-player teams will sign in at 7:30 a.m. and tee off at 8 a.m.

Teams will be flighted according to handicap by the Pampa Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place scores in each flight. Special prizes are planned for longest drive, closest to

the hole and a special Angels Earns His Wings ringer hole.

Golfers should contact Mark Hughes at the Pampa Country Club (806-665-8431) for more information or to register.

Buckle Up

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Mavs try to turn historic win into big comeback

DALLAS (AP) — The leading scorer and rebounder was out with an injury. They were facing elimination. And they were trailing by 17 with less than 20 minutes left.

Yeah, that pretty much qualifies the Dallas Mavericks' victory in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals as one of the greatest in team history.

By beating the San Antonio Spurs 103-91 Tuesday night, the Mavericks forced Game 6 on Thursday night. Dallas still trails 3-2 and probably won't have Dirk Nowitzki, but after the last game, anything is possible.

"It's not that all of a sudden we're not behind the eight-ball. We're still sitting right there," coach Don Nelson said Wednesday. "We still have to win all of our games and we know how good they are. We can only hope now to take it to a Game 7 and have that one shot." Nelson said Nowitzki is "very doubtful" because of lingering pain in his sprained left knee.

Nowitzki listed himself as a gametime decision.

"I'll just try to get the knee loose and see how it feels," he said.

Had the Spurs won Game 5, it would've been a nice treat for their home fans, especially considering they closed the last two series on the road. It also would've meant they could avoid getting on a plane for 11 days, not until after Game 2 of the NBA Finals.

Instead, San Antonio met with reporters at the airport Wednesday before flying to Dallas, still seeking the win needed to secure a spot in the Finals against the New Jersey Nets.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 30, 2003:

You have a way of making the best out of difficult situations. Loosen up and make firm decisions. You might not always be comfortable with what comes up. Take in an overview. Learn to look for answers and solutions. Don't hesitate to hop on the computer or take a class to increase your expertise. Detach and learn from different situations. If single, you'll find that you have many admirers. Many of you will network your way into a new circle of friends and a new relationship. If attached, you will grow in new ways together. Sometimes your sweetie might find you too me-oriented. Work on your listening skills. GEMINI understands 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)

***** You're a live wire, as are your friends. Get in weekend mode. You might not be sure about a friendship, but pressuring this person won't help. Return calls with an eye to clearing your desk. You might be surprised by what you accomplish. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Just when you thought you were in the clear, a boss stages a major switch. Instead of wondering what gives, stay open and centered. You need to make money, and this might look like catering to this person. Don't lose sight of the big picture. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You beam; others respond. Think through a change more carefully that involves someone at a distance. You might not be sure what to do to make

someone more comfortable, especially as this person might be bent on creating an uproar. Tonight: Be yourself. Be a wild thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Take your time, especially if you don't feel up to snuff. You might want to think through a decision more carefully that involves a partnership. This person could be unusually erratic. Know what you want. Know what you need. Tonight: Take a timeout.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You accomplish more than you thought possible and feel as if anything is possible. If someone acts up, so be it. You cannot change this person, and you are smart enough not to try. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** If you lean back, you'll suddenly realize just how much you need to accomplish, whether you want to do it or not. Dig right in if you have any hope for a fun, rewarding weekend. Others appear to be in control. Look to more efficient ways of handling your work. Tonight: Be creative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You might not have the control you need or want right now. A child or loved one acts up in an unanticipated manner. You can only contain someone up to a certain point. Be realistic. Be instinctive in your response, and you could be delighted by what someone else does. Tonight: Split as fast as you can!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** A partner has an odd way of testing your limits. You know what you want, but can you convince someone else without turning yourself inside out? Be careful, because on some level you will have to pay the piper. Unexpected developments surround your home life. Tonight: Go along with another's

request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Defer to others and see what might be put on your plate. You might not be sure at first, but others will reveal much more than you think. Go with the flow, carefully seeking answers. Unexpected actions might cause you to sit back and think. Tonight: Accept a wild invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Though others charge through their work, you get more done than you originally anticipated. You complete what others don't. No wonder you have the reputation as the workhorse of the zodiac! Still, you might take a wild risk or expenditure. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Your unpredictability has a way of triggering others around you. Think in terms of gaining and moving forward. A loved one might feel a bit intimidated by your behavior. Help this person understand you better. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You could be confused by a family member. Perhaps you might not want to see something and would prefer to look in another direction. Be open with this person. Discuss an agreement or financial matter that revolves around you. Buy your home life. Tonight: Buy a new CD on the way home.

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High school basketball star testing skills with Rockets

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Kendrick "Baby Shaq" Perkins is studying the NBA while the NBA studies him.

Perkins has declared his intentions to skip college and go straight from Beaumont Ozen High School to the pros and is a possible first-round pick in the June draft. He can change his mind as late as June 16 and still attend college as an amateur.

"Right now it's 50-50. I'm going to keep on with these workouts and trying to

get ready and that's it," Perkins said Wednesday in Houston, where he worked out for the Houston Rockets. He worked out earlier in the week for the San Antonio Spurs.

"I'm working on my conditioning to see where I'm at," said Perkins, who is 6-foot-11 and weighs 290 pounds.

"There's really no pressure on me, it's a win-win situation. If I don't like where I'm at (in the draft), I can always go to college so I'm not losing either way."

In order to protect his amateur status, Perkins has been paying his own way to,

the workouts. He also doesn't have an agent.

The Rockets don't have a coach or a first round pick in the draft, but they worked Perkins out at the team's practice facility as a courtesy to the player and to gather more information for their scouting journals.

Andre Boutte, Perkins' high school coach, is helping his star pupil through the workout process.

"What he's doing now is getting some workouts in to see just where he is," Boutte said. "We're confident that he's skilled enough to get the job done. What he's doing is putting on exhibi-

tions for those who have to decide.

"We're going by feel. After this workout we'll try to work out another one."

Dennis Lindsey, Rockets vice president basketball operations/player personnel, conducted the workout.

"It's always been our stance that these guys should go to school, but he's a talented guy and we feel out of loyalty, him being a local kid, to work him out and show him what the process is all about," Lindsey said.

Perkins led Ozen to a 96-3 record in his final three

high school seasons.

He averaged 27.5 points, 16.4 rebounds and 7.8 blocks per game last season, when Ozen lost in the state championship finals to Fort Worth Dunbar.

Boutte has mentored Perkins since his junior high days. He hopes Perkins is ready for the next step.

"I don't think any kid at 18 years old is ready for what the world has to offer," Boutte said. "I'm 40 and I still get surprised. You don't think you're ever ready. It's how you go about things after something has happened.

"As far as him being levelheaded and making good decisions, I'm confident he can do that but with any child, going to the service and being stationed in Chicago or going off to college in California, you still have concerns."

Perkins has signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Memphis and coach John Calipari. Perkins thinks his decision will come right down to the June 19 deadline.

"Coach Cal? I talked to him last week," Perkins said. "He said he's happy for me whatever I decide. He's just happy for me."

Rodeo Money Leaders

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Men's Professional Rodeo Association By The Associated Press Through May 27 (Rodeos competed in parentheses) ALL AROUND COWBOY		STEER ROPING (HEADING)	
1. Cody Ohi, Stephenville, Texas, \$55,662		1. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (13) \$29,238	
2. Trevor J Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$55,211		2. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (15) \$28,352	
3. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, AB, \$36,944		3. Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (16) \$21,117	
4. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$35,971		4. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (16) \$20,802	
5. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$34,079		5. Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (15) \$17,797	
6. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$33,594		6. Speed Williams, Amarillo, Texas (15) \$17,703	
7. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$32,948		7. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif. (15) \$17,689	
8. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$30,403		8. Charles R Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (14) \$15,064	
9. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo., \$26,640		9. Trevor J Brazile, Anson, Texas (16) \$14,396	
10. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas, \$25,701		10. Shain Sproul, Arlee, Mont. (14) \$14,329	
11. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$24,681		11. Brady Wren, Kerrville, Texas (17) \$14,247	
12. Brent A Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$23,337		12. Tanner E Bryson, Cornville, Ariz. (14)	
13. Joe A Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$22,866			
14. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$21,884			
15. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$20,539			
16. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont., \$16,817			
17. Casey Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$15,243			
18. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$15,122			
19. Jeff Miller, Blue Mound, Kan., \$13,438			
20. Justin Nulisch, Huntsville, Texas, \$12,266			
BAREBACK RIDING		SADDLE BRONC RIDING	
1. James F Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (18) \$31,247		1. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas 84.25	
2. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (19) \$29,595		2. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz. 78.00	
3. Tom McFarland, Morristown, Ariz. (16) \$27,955		3. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta 70.58	
4. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah (16) \$26,743		4. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta 67.10	
5. Trey Fisher, Madisonville, Texas (18) \$24,645		5. Cody Martin, Hatfield, Ark. 64.50	
6. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo. (16) \$23,647		6. Matt Marvel, Battle Mountain, Nev. 64.00	
7. Chad Klein, Clinton, La. (21) \$23,507		6. Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas 64.00	
8. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan. (11) \$22,789		8. Mo Forbes, Kaycee, Wyo. 63.25	
9. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (19) \$22,168		9. Jeffery Willert, Belvidere, S.D. 58.50	
10. Larry E Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D. (16) \$22,163		10. Charles Soileau, Stephenville, Texas 55.60	
11. Darren Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (20) \$19,448		11. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo. 55.50	
12. Scott Drennan, Buffalo, Texas (26) \$16,530		12. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. 52.50	
13. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas (15) \$15,821		13. Shane Moran, Dillon, Mont. 50.60	
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Restaurant's Plea To Parents Makes Meal A Pleasure For All

DEAR ABBY: "Annoyed in the Sunshine State" described a meal in an upscale restaurant that was ruined because of disruptive children at a nearby table. She asked what you would have done had you been the manager.

While traveling in Arizona with adult friends, we stopped at an attractive restaurant. After we were seated, we saw the following card, which had been placed on each table in the dining room:

"We ask parents to monitor the conduct of their children while dining with us. We ask that all children remain seated."

"As parents, we fully empathize with teaching your children how to behave at the dinner table. We ask for proper decorum from all of our guests and appreciate parents' cooperation in supervising your children while dining with us."

I counted nine young children in the room. They were all well-behaved and having fun.

NANCY IN FAIRFIELD, OHIO

DEAR NANCY: I'd say that was a well-run establishment. The management was certainly within its rights to assure the enjoyment of all of the patrons who dined there—regardless of age. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Let me tell you how the manager of an O'Charley's restaurant handled out-of-control children. Customers were complaining, some were threatening to leave and some were walking out. The family had ordered their food!

The manager walked up to the parents, thanked them for coming in, and explained that other customers were complaining about the noise their children were making. Then he asked them to leave. He had boxed up their dinners and the food was waiting free at the door. He had also included complimentary desserts. It was great! The family had to get up and leave because there was nothing they could say. Everybody won.

PHYLLIS IN WEST CHESTER, OHIO

DEAR PHYLLIS: I'll bet the other patrons applauded and will return again for peaceful dining.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Annoyed," I just had to write about how a mother admirably handled her toddler's temper tantrum.

I was enjoying a restaurant meal with friends when a child began crying and screaming. A few seconds later, the young mother hurried toward the exit with her squirming, screaming child in her arms. My friends and I, veteran mothers and grandmothers, glanced after her sympathetically.

Several minutes later, the mother returned, leading the now-calm child by the hand. They stopped at each table, and I soon realized that the little boy—with gentle help from his mother—was apologizing to the diners for disturbing them. What a lucky child to have a mother who understands that "discipline" means teaching.

IMPRESSED IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR IMPRESSED: What a lucky child to have a conscientious parent who didn't abdicate responsibility and inflict him on other people.

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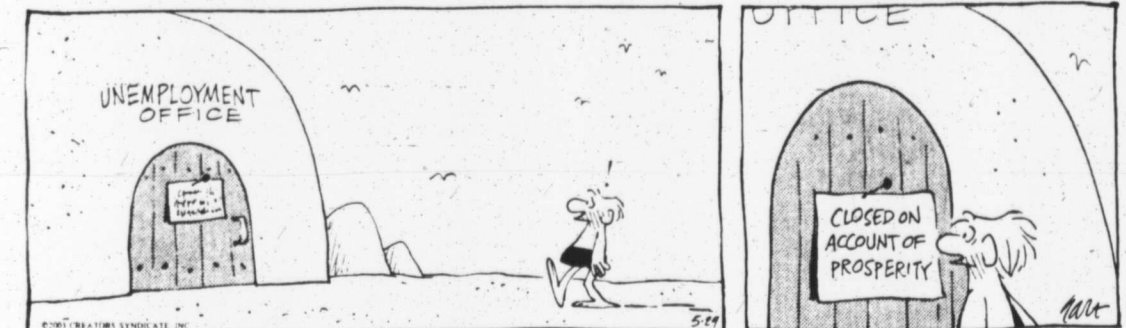
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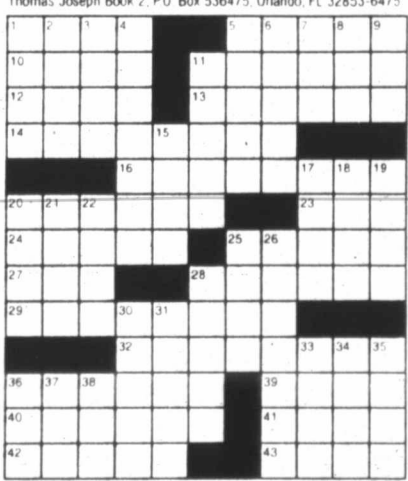
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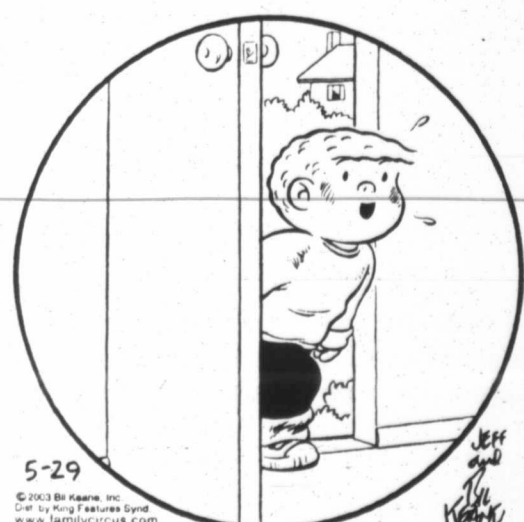


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