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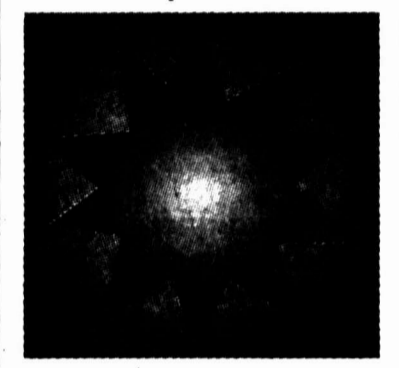
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Newspaper pulls election advertisement

PAMPA — The Pampa News this morning pulled a Concerned Citizens advertisement that was scheduled to run in today's newspaper. The ad ran earlier this week listing some businesses by name that the ad said have started here without help from the Pampa Economic Development Commission. Representatives of some of those businesses complained because their names were being used without their permission. Some said it made them appear anti-PEDC when they are pro-PEDC. Others did not indicate their stand on that issue but didn't want their names used without permission.

Santa's Helpers need bicycles

PAMPA — Local "Santa's Helpers" need bicycles. The donated bikes will be refurbished and distributed to needy children in the area. Bicycles are not sought for children who already possess one. Bicycle donations should be placed in the bed of the pick-up truck at the Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park.

New benchmark auto rates approved

AUSTIN (AP) — State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor announced Friday he has approved a 5.3 percent average increase in benchmark insurance rates for private passenger cars. Montemayor cited upward trends in collision, uninsured motorist and property damage liability claims.

• Myrtle Alice Lane Guthrie, 67, her cooking and recipes were sought after.

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Commissioners admit mistakes, lack of PEDC oversight; promise changes

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Mistakes have been made with the Pampa Economic Development Commission say the Pampa City Commissioners, but voting out the PEDC is not the answer to the problems.

All four commissioners say they didn't give enough direction to the PEDC when interviewed this week. They are unanimous in their belief the PEDC is vital for continued growth in Pampa.

If the local residents vote against the proposal to dissolve the economic development board on Tuesday, Nov. 6, all commissioners say major changes will take place with the PEDC.

Pampa City Commission is overseer of the PEDC. Appointing board members is just one of the responsibilities of the commission. The mayor and commissioners must also approve any economic development projects as well as financial matters of the organization.

Revamping the by-laws of the organization is a goal several city commissioners say is a top priority.

Board term limits, prohibiting any board member from being involved in any PEDC recruited business, help retain current businesses by providing assistance, city commission give PEDC more direction, changing the by-laws to allow for a wider selection of board members — these are just a few of the areas in which

the commissioners say changes will be made.

Bob Dixon

Commissioner Bob Dixon said, "If the voters vote to keep the PEDC I feel we would be mandated to make changes in the operation of it. I am committed to making changes in the (PEDC) by-laws."

Changes Dixon said he would like to make include term limits and changing the qualifications for board members. He said he would like to see board members appointed for only one three-year term, and also only allow a board member to serve as president of the board during the last year of his term.

Another change in the by-laws Dixon supports would be to change the board

member requirements to allow a wider selection of board members. He said the board is currently limited in their selection by the by-laws which were written when the PEDC was formed in 1992.

Section IV of the by-laws addresses the selection and requirements of the board of directors. The fourth paragraph states: "The City Commission shall consider an individual's experience, accomplishments and educational background in appointing members to the Board to ensure that the interests and concerns of all segments of the community are considered. Each Director shall meet at least one of the following qualifications: serve or have served as chief executive officer of a com-

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PEDC withholds dairy report; asks for AG's opinion

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

An Attorney General's opinion has been requested to decide whether a dairy consultant's report paid for by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation can be released to The Pampa News.

The opinion is being sought by City Attorney Don Lane in regard to an Open Records request by The Pampa News to obtain a copy of the report, according to a mailed communication from Lane's office.

Thursday afternoon the newspaper received a copy of a letter from Lane to the Attorney General's office asking for an AG opinion on whether to release the report. In the letter, Lane said the PEDC did not wish to submit reasons why the report should be withheld or released.

Additional contents of the envelope included a letter to the Rodens, owners of Top O' Texas Dairy, from Susan Triplehorn, PEDC Executive Director, informing them of the newspaper's request. In the letter she told them an AG's opinion was requested and the Rodens have 10 business days to file any objections and briefing in regard to the report being released to the public.

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The Attorney General's office usually is required to issue a decision within 45 working days on a requested opinion.

Meals on Wheels honors volunteers

Meals on Wheels (MOW) of Pampa recently held its Fifth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. The local MOW, which is dedicated to delivering low-cost, hot, nutritious noon meals to people 55 and older, is celebrating 23 years of service.

MOW serves individuals who are unable to prepare a meal for themselves. Through its volunteers, the organization provides warm, caring, friendly contact each weekday with the people it serves. MOW volunteers not only deliver hot meals, they deliver smiles and a friendly "hello."

The volunteers are at the very heart of the program which would not exist without the willingness of these volunteers who give of their time to help pack the meals and deliver them throughout the city. Volunteers are people helping people!

The following businesses, organizations, individuals and board members were honored at the luncheon:

Businesses and Organizations. Altrusa Club, Lions Club, Furniture and More, M&H Leasing, Pampa Nursing Center, Sheltered Workshop, St. Vincent's TYM, Tralee Crisis Center and The Pampa News and KGRO/KOMX (menus).

Individuals. Beverly Alexander, Helen Allison, Tyler Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Allison, Todd Alvey, Judy Anderson, James and Beadie Beard, Raymond and Dorothy Barrett, Dr. Wil Beck, Betty

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Judge denies bond for re-arrested man

WHEELER — Judge Steven Emmert denied bail for a Wheeler man indicted on possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver following a recent meeting of the Wheeler County grand jury.

After the grand jury handed up the indictment, Judge Emmert refused to set bail for Paul David Topper Jr., 37, of Wheeler, said District Attorney Rick Roach. Roach said Topper would be held without bond after the district judge determined that the man had been indicted for a felony crime while out on bond for another crime.

According to Texas law, bond can be denied if a district judge finds "substantial proof" that a person has committed a serious crime

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2001 Artist of the Year reception, display Sunday

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Two years ago, Linda Nowell of Pampa decided to widen her artistic horizons and learn to create jewelry and pottery.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Nowell will be honored as Pampa Fine Arts Association's 2001 Artist of the Year during a reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Deer Land Museum. A display of jewelry and pottery she's crafted, as well as her paintings and sketches, can be seen by the public in the Museum's Holland Wing for the next two weeks.

Nowell, whose name is pronounced like "Howell," received formal training from Dord Fitz, a renowned artist and teacher from Amarillo who once had promoted Georgia O'Keefe's paintings.

After painting for years, she decided she wanted to find different outlets for her creativity. "I bought a (potter's) wheel



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Fine Arts Artist of the Year Linda Nowell works on jewelry. Examples of her variety of work will be on display at the White Deer Land Museum Holland Wing through mid-November.



After painting for years, Nowell found other outlets for her creativity.

and a torch and I never looked back," she said, laughing.

She learned to "throw" pots by attending pottery classes in Lipscomb. Her first attempts turned out lop-sided and sometimes hardly identifiable. With time and persistence, she finally began to conquer the technique.

"After about a year, it clicked," she said.

At the same time, Nowell began teaching herself to make silver jewelry.

"I went to Sears and bought a torch. I turned it on, touched it to the silver and all I had was a lump of melted metal," she said. "I looked at my husband and said, 'Too big, huh?' and he said, 'Yep.'"

Nowell took the torch back and bought a small torch like those used for plumbing. This time, it worked.

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Notice ...

The Pampa News has something new in store for those who have been receiving The Panhandle Country Shopper at their homes each week.

Starting next week, those residents will get a free copy of The Pampa News every Tuesday and the Shopper will be discontinued, said Publisher L.W. McCall.

"We'll increase our press run so the total number of papers delivered every Tuesday will equal that of papers plus the number of shoppers we've been delivering."

McCall said the decision to cease publication of the Shopper was made because "... It was a product that wasn't drawing much interest from

the community or from advertisers."

Those who have been getting the Shopper are non-subscribers to The Pampa News.

McCall says a Tuesday advertising message is going to be more valuable to merchants because the newspaper will be "much better read" than the shopper has been.

This change is an "experiment," he said, that will continue until the first of the year at which time it will be evaluated.

For those who want The Pampa News six days a week, the most economical way to do that is through home delivery by carrier. For more subscription details, call Carrie at 669-2525.

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Q Don't you think home schooling might negatively impact the socialization process? I don't want my children growing up to be misfits.

A This is the question home-schooling parents hear most often from curious (or critical) friends, relatives and neighbors. "Socialization" is a vague, dark cloud hanging over their heads. What if teaching at home somehow isolates the kids and turns them into oddballs? For you and all those parents who see this issue as the great danger of home education, I would respectfully disagree for these reasons.

To remove a child from the classroom is not necessarily to confine him or her to the house! And once beyond the schoolyard gate, the options are practically unlimited. Home school "support groups" are surfacing in community after community across the country. Some are highly organized and offer field trips, teaching co-ops, tutoring services, social activities, and various other assistance and resources. There are home-schooling athletic leagues and orchestras and other activities.

Even if you are operating completely on your own, there are outings to museums and parks, visits to farms, factories, hospitals and seats of local government, days with Dad at "the office," trips to Grandma's house, extracurricular activities such as sports and music, church youth groups, service organizations and special interest clubs. There are friends to be invited over and relatives to visit and parties to attend. The list is limitless.

Even a trip with Mom to the market can provide youngsters with invaluable exposure to the lives and daily tasks of real adults in the real world. While they're there, a multitude of lessons can be learned about math (pricing, fractions, pints vs. gallons, etc.), addition, subtraction, reading labels and other subjects. And without the strictures of schedule and formal curricula, it can all be considered part of the educational process. That's what I'd call "socialization" at its best.

To accuse home schoolers of creating strange little people in solitary confinement is nonsense. The great advantage of home schooling, in fact, is the protection it provides to vulnerable children from the wrong kind of socialization. When children interact in large groups, the strongest and most aggressive kids quickly intimidate the weak and vulnerable.

I am absolutely convinced that bad things happen to immature and "different" boys and girls when they are thrown into the highly competitive world of other children. When this occurs in nursery school or in kindergarten, they learn to fear their peers. There stands this knobby-legged little girl who doesn't have a clue about life or how to cope with things that scare her. It's sink or swim, kid. Go for it!

It is easy to see why such children tend to become more peer-dependent because of the jostling they get at too early an age. Research shows that if these tender little boys and girls can be kept at home for a few more years and shielded from the impact of social pressure, they tend to be more confident, more independent, and often emerge as leaders three to four years later. If aquainting them with ridicule, rejection, physical threats and the rigors of the pecking order is necessary to "socialize" our children, I'd recommend that we keep them unsocialized for a little longer.

Q You have advised women in domestic violence situations to "get out" immediately. Are you suggesting that any woman who is being beaten take the same course of action? My husband has only hit me once in a big fight we had. Should I separate from him?

A Your situation may represent another category of behavior. A man can become so enraged on a given occasion that he does something he is immediately sorry for and would never do again. That is very different from a repetitive, pathological situation. You will have to decide how you will deal with that exceptional situation, but I would recommend that it become a point of serious discussion between you and him. If he hit you once, he can hit you again. You need to set some ground rules that will prevent a similar situation from recurring.

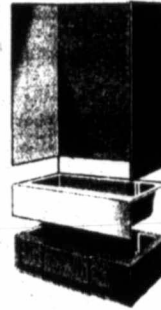
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Minister's musing ...

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

We've been passing through some difficult and terrifying days. There's a great deal of fear and confusion in the aftermath of the worst terrorist attack in history. Airplanes were turned into flying bombs. Things that once seemed so secure and safe were, in moments, turned to rubble. The very economy of our nation is suffering. Fear of war looms. People are uncertain where to look for something solid in the crisis.

Some believe that Psalm 121 was sung by people returning from captivity to re-establish life in their ancient land. They would face a scene of desolation. Ruins of burned cities awaited them. Their temple had been destroyed. Walls of their capital city lay in heaps.

Facing this grim challenge, they approached the hills near Jerusalem and started singing a Psalm. They sang about a God who made the hills — but who was higher than the hills. They sang of One who keeps His people. Their song declared that He never sleeps and never slumbers. His protection from the heat was described as a shade upon the right hand. They declared his protection by day and by night. Neither the day of prosperity, nor the night of adversity would hurt them while in His keeping. Neither the heat of persecution nor the coldness of a harsh world would defeat them. The Lord, they declared, was their keeper.

They expressed a determination to look up.



By Rev. Albert Maggard
First Pentecostal Holiness Church

I believe that to be God's direction for His people now.

We read of Wise Men from eastern lands who came seeking Jesus because "we have seen His star." While it may seem overly simple to point out; one does not see stars by looking down. We see the stars when we lift our gaze toward heaven — when we look above us. We, like them, may find the Star by looking up to Him in simple trust.

A renowned historian was once asked if he could summarize the lessons of history in a few brief chapters. He replied that he could do it in eight sentences. One of those sentences was: "When it gets dark enough, you can see the stars." In daytime, we don't see stars. In the darkness, they become very obvious. May dark times cause us to look up and see the "bright and morning Star." It's dark now, but He will shine brightest in such a time.

A confused world asks, "Where should we look?" In response, we say, don't look sideways. There the hand of flesh is found, but the hand of flesh will fail.

And don't look down. I've always been

uneasy with high places. At a certain distance above ground, my knees turn to rubber. A cold chill runs down my spine. Fear of falling paralyzes. A friend once told me, "Don't look down. You'll make it if you keep looking up and take one rung of the ladder at a time." That was some of the best advice I've ever had.

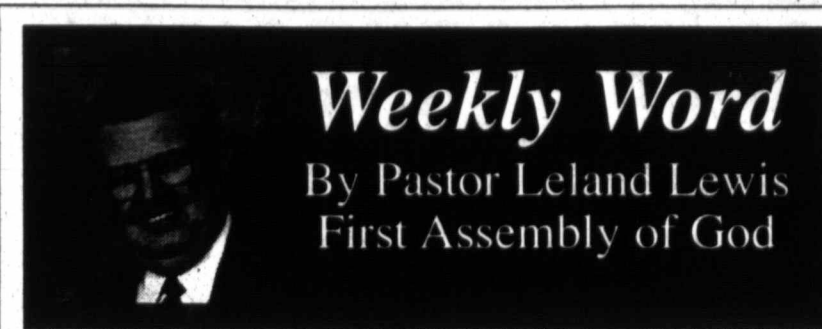
The Apostle Peter needed that advice. You remember the time when he asked the Lord to "bid me come to you on the water." The Lord told him to come. Peter stepped out of the boat and was walking on the water as if it were a pavement. The Bible tells us that "when he saw the waves boisterous" he began to sink and had to cry out for Jesus to save him. As long as his eyes were on the Lord, he could walk on water. When they looked down on the waves, he started sinking.

Psalm 34:5 tells us, "They looked unto Him and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed." Shame and failure come when we're not looking to Him. Our help comes when we look to the Lord, our maker.

God's Word tells us about people who overcame adversity and prevailed over all foes because they were, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

We cannot deny that circumstances look dark. But we're aware that when the outlook is dark, the uplook is still glorious.

Look to Him.



Weekly Word
By Pastor Leland Lewis
First Assembly of God

IT'S ALL IN WHO YOU KNOW!

The book "Yeager" is the autobiography of Chuck Yeager, war hero and test pilot, the first to break the sound barrier. There is a chapter entitled "To Moscow With Jackie," in which Yeager tells about his flying across the Atlantic to visit the Soviet Union with famous woman pilot Jackie Cochran. Before they set out, they had received permission from the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Tommy White, to make stops at various Air Force installations for refueling and service. Gen. White had sent letters ahead to base commanders along the way.

One of their first stops was to be at Presque Isle, Maine, at about 2 a.m. In approaching that field, they were unfortunately almost out of fuel. Nevertheless, they were refused permission to land. Yeager told the tower they had permission from Gen. White, to which the tower responded, "So does Lana Turner." They argued over the radio and finally Chuck told the tower it was an emergency and they were going to have to land. The tower people threatened to turn off the runway lights.

Jackie grabbed the mike, "This is Jacqueline Cochran. I am landing." The moment they came to a stop, the air police surrounded them, climbed aboard, ordered them out, and took them under guard to base operations.

When the officer in charge, a colonel, finally showed up, unfortunately for him, he did not recognize the name of Jackie Cochran. "You people will leave immediately. This base is closed to all civilian traffic."

Smiling pleasantly, Jackie asked for permission to use the telephone, which the colonel granted. It was now 2:30 in the morning. Jackie was dialing the Chief of Staff.

"Tommy, sorry to wake you, but I've just landed at your base at Presque Isle and I'm getting the idiot's treatment ... Yes, sir, he's standing right here." The phone went to the colonel.

Yeager writes that the colonel was "the first guy I ever saw talk on the phone while standing at attention." He went white and began mumbling, "yes sir, yes sir" to the voice at the other end. After he had hung up, he smiled weakly at Jackie and said, "Miss Cochran, you can have anything you need or want, including this air base."

Isn't it great to have a friend in high places? His name is Jesus Christ!

First Christian Church bazaar Nov. 10

Members of Christian Women's Fellowship help keep an old-fashioned tradition alive by hosting their annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

This year's bazaar opens at 8 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall, and will continue through the day until 3 p.m. Again this year, a giant garage sale, chaired by Joann Coker, will take place in the Family Life Center, across the parking lot from Fellowship Hall.

Early-risers will find fresh coffee and cinnamon rolls baked by the Men's Breakfast Ministry as

soon as the doors open. Cinnamon rolls will also be available by the dozen. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., homemade chili or stew will be served for lunch. Included in the meal is fresh baked cornbread, homemade pie, tea or coffee. Carry-out plates and stew or chili by the quart are also available.

A country kitchen will be stocked with homemade breads, cakes, candy, pies, jellies, James, preserves and cookies. Many hand sewn items and artwork will be on display. Woodcrafts of all kinds can be found on the "men's table." Each year, Boy Scout Troop 404, sponsored by

the church and led by Bill Schroeder, offers pecans for sale.

For weeks, members of the Lydia Sunday School Class have been making craft items for the bazaar on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings, according to Bazaar Chairman Martha Green. Susie Osborne is in charge of the Country Kitchen. Sally and Catherine Stringer share duties as Sewing Booth chairpersons. Verna Schroeder will see that CWF Cookbooks filled with church members' favorite recipes are available to all who would like one.

The luncheon workers include Ralph and Jeanette Depee, kitchen

and drinks; Loretta Shultz, pies; Nancy Brogdon, chili; Joann Johnston, stew; and Jim and Lisa Crossman, combread. For take-outs, see Louise Fondren. Joe Stringer mans the check-out counter.

Youth Minister Paul Carruth and the church youth groups will serve tables. The clean-up crew includes Joe Nickell, tables; Kris Gamblin, kitchen, and Charles Franklin, trash detail.

Proceeds from the bazaar and garage sale are used by the CWF for their outreach program and special church projects. For more information, contact First Christian Church at 669-3225.

Briefly ...

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 at Waka Christian Center for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner. A board of directors meeting is scheduled prior to the meal at 4:30 p.m. at the center. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind serves the tri-state area. Visitors are welcome.

Chris Hurt will host a Youth Leader Conference at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 6 at **Lifeway Fellowship Church** in Amarillo. Carl Blunt is the conference leader and author of "The Simple Youth Ministry." The one-day conference will target youth leaders throughout the area. For more information, contact Hurt at (806) 358-9701.

Mormons lay claim to willed documents

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has laid claim to some of the papers, notes and documents willed by the late church historian Leonard J. Arrington to Utah State University.

Mormon leaders believe the collection includes confidential material owned by the church. USU has agreed to temporarily keep some of the materials from the public until the dispute is resolved.



Rev. Rob Randall makes music with glasses.

Randall will lead revival at Highland Baptist Church

Rob Randall will be leading revival services at Highland Baptist Church Nov. 4-8. Randall is a vocational evangelist from McKinney, Texas. He ministers throughout the United States and abroad, conducting over 600 crusades and campaigns. He is also an accomplished musician and performs on the trumpet, guitar, vibraharp, musical crystals and in song.

Randall was saved at age 6, called to preach at age 10 and ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church in Dallas. He received his education at Baylor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and International Bible Institute and Seminary. He has also done some undergraduate work at Hardin-Simmons University. He is a third-generation evangelist and has received several awards for his work in evangelism.

Randall and wife Pattie have been married for 25 years and have three children, all members of First Baptist of Dallas.

"It is my desire to preach God's Word so that all who hear will respond. Evangelism is my heart," Randall said.

Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Monday - Thursday. A nursery will be provided for children 4 years and younger.

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Let's Talk Real Estate

by **Jim Davidson**
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GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER
Sellers are advised to take a step back (literally) and view their homes as strangers would from the street. "Curb appeal" plays an important role in selling a home as a presentable appearance does on a job interview. With this in mind, sellers should view their homes in the context of other homes in their neighborhood. If the house does not rank among the most appealing homes, sellers should take some remedial steps. Chief among these is painting or replacing the front door so that it looks substantial and inviting. If the siding and shutters need paint, select a color scheme that is neutral, as well as visually expanding. And, finally, tend to the landscaping.

When you need in-depth advice about selling your house, or other real estate business, there is no substitute for a good real estate agent. At CENTURY 21 - PAMPA REALTY INC. we are here to answer your questions, and we treat you and your house with the respect you both deserve. We are an independent, locally owned agency serving the people of the Pampa area and Gray County, and we are available to our customers 24 hours a day. We also have national relocation services. Located at 312 N. Gray Street in Pampa, we are happy to take your call at 669-0007.

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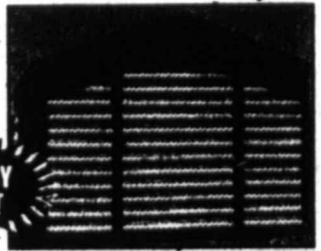
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Grandma's Goose Tale Is Strictly for the Birds

DEAR ABBY: I am 87 years old and live in a retirement apartment. Sixteen years ago, you printed a funny letter in your column about a mother's wild goose tale.

Over the years I have entertained a lot of people with that story. Please consider printing it again. Our country could use a good laugh.

HELEN RODGER,
KOKOMO, IND.

DEAR HELEN: You're right. It is a funny story and worth repeating. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Whenever you mention the poem, "I Had a Mother Who Read to Me," I have to laugh because my mother never read to me. Instead, she'd tell me bedtime stories that were more or less true.

The one I liked best was the one about how she and her cousin Alice tried to make whiskey. They filled a large crock with water, wheat, oats, grain, raisins, raw potato peels, and any other garbage they could find. After a couple of weeks, the mixture in the crock smelled so bad my grandmother insisted they get rid of it. Mom and Alice carried the crock down by the river and dumped it on the bank. Naturally, Grandma's geese followed them and gobbled it all up.

A while later, Grandma looked out the window and saw her geese lying about in the yard. She thought they were dead, so she instructed the girls to pluck all the down from the geese and told them as soon as their grandfather got home from

Dear Abby

Is written by
Pauline Phillips and
daughter Jeanne Phillips

the lumber mill, he'd have to bury those dead geese. (The geese were not dead; they were drunk!)

The next morning, the geese were running around the yard stark naked, so Grandma crocheted little jackets for them to wear. That was the last time my mother and her cousin Alice tried to make whiskey.

JOE EASTMAN,
COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, I was afraid of needles, and I was terribly busy, so I didn't donate blood. Today my country has been attacked by terrorists, and my neighbors have been murdered and wounded, so I stood in line for three hours, rolled up my sleeve and donated — because I'm an American, and that's what we do.

Yesterday, I had too many financial problems of my own to think about giving money to charity.

Today, my country has been attacked by terrorists. My neighbors are in need, so I opened my wallet and gave — because I'm an American, and that's what we do.

Yesterday, I viewed my immigrant neighbors with suspicion, because they looked, dressed and believed differently than I do. Today, I see the same grief in their eyes that I see in my own when I look in the mirror. The United States is their home, too. Today, I put aside my distrust and extended my hand in friendship and solidarity — because I'm an American, and that's what we do.

We'll pick ourselves up out of the wreckage, and we will rebuild — because we're Americans, and that's what we do.

HOPEFUL AND COMMITTED
IN CHARLOTTE, N.C.

DEAR HOPEFUL AND COMMITTED: You said it, my friend. Bless you.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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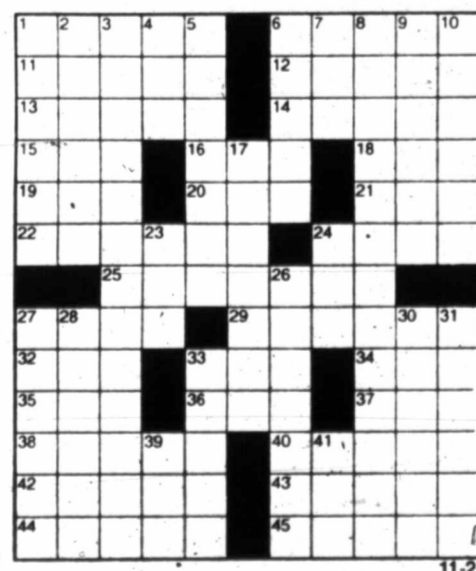
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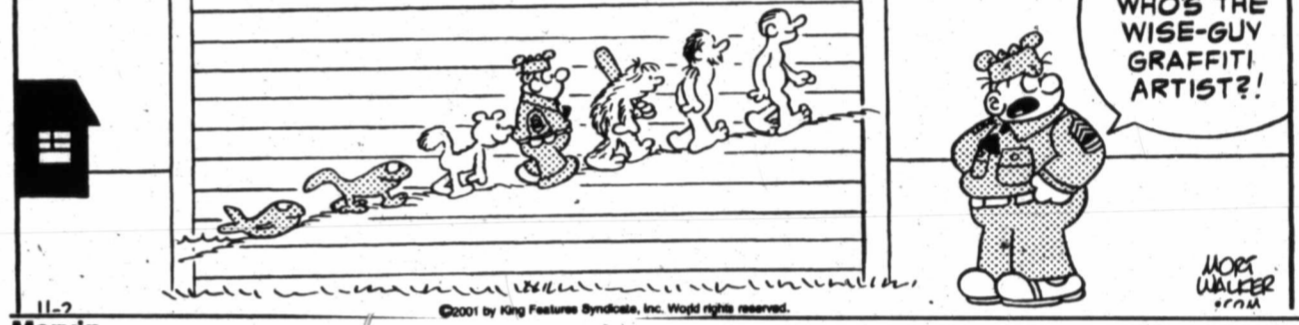
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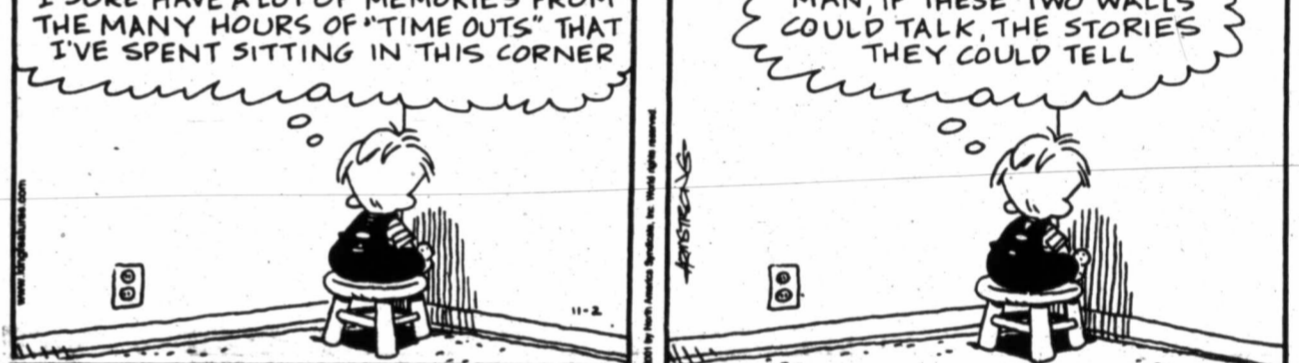
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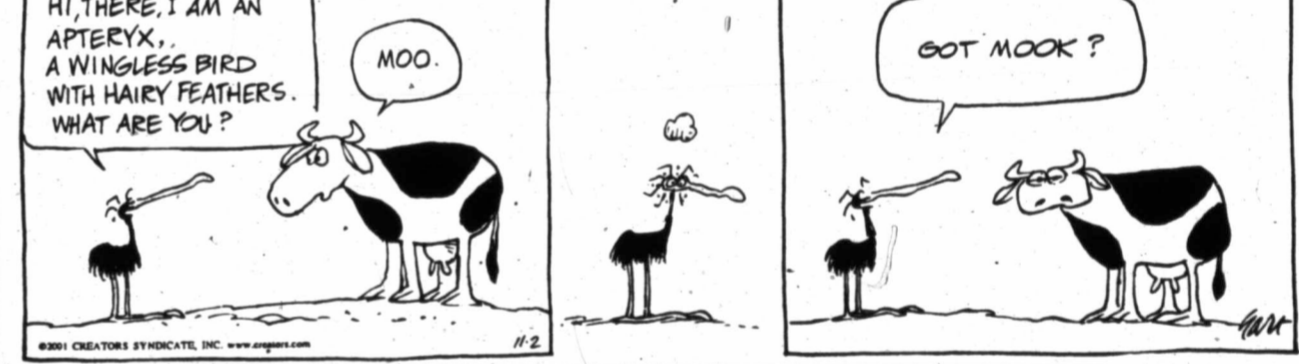
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SOCCER

PAMPA — Harvester Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7:30 Monday night at the Pampa High athletic building.

All parents of prospective players are urged to attend.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa fell to Canyon 26-0 in 8th grade football action.

Pampa's record is 1-6 for the season.

Pampa played outstanding team defense to win the B team game 18-6.

Two of the three Pampa touchdowns came from the defense. Nick Robbins scored on a 64-yard interception return and Clay Jones went 76 yards for a touchdown after picking up a Canyon fumble.

Pampa's last touchdown came on a 19-yard run by Dylan Henley.

The Pampa B team has a 4-2-1 record.

The season ends Nov. 6 with games against Valleyview. Starting times are 5 p.m. (B team game) and 6:30 p.m. (A team game).

PAMPA — Pampa was defeated by Canyon 40-14 in a junior varsity game last week.

Mac Smith and Cody Locknane scored the Pampa touchdowns.

MIAMI, Fla. — Zach Thomas, Miami Dolphins' middle linebacker, will help with the donation of 2,000 tickets for the Dolphins' home game Sunday against the Carolina Panthers.

The tickets will be donated to South Florida's police, fire fighters and rescue workers who assisted in the relief effort in New York City.

"After everything that happened on Sept. 11, I think that now we all see who this country's real heroes are," said Thomas, a Pampa native and former Texas Tech All-American.

Miami has a 4-2 record and leads the AFC East Division standings. Carolina has a 1-6 record.

GOLF

PAMPA — Roger David of Pampa had a hole-in-one Thursday at the Pampa Country Club. He hit an 8-iron for the hole-in-one on the 160-yard, No. 5 hole.

Frank McCullough, Eddie Duenkel and Terry Hall were witnesses.

GENERAL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — With high-profile coach Bob Knight at the helm of men's basketball, Texas Tech hopes to increase its projected athletic department budget expenditures after falling to 11th in the Big 12 Conference.

The school's athletic department expects to spend \$22.28 million for fiscal year 2002 — slightly more than Baylor's \$22.02, which ranked 12th.

"It's not where we want to be, but we're working very hard to move up that list," Texas Tech president David Schmidly told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for Friday's editions. He said Tech athletic director Gerald Myers and others were working on initiatives outside of Lubbock for private fund-raising. "And hopefully by doing that, we'll be able to move up that list," he said.

Flashback

1990: Sophomore Nikki Ryan won five gold medals to lead the Pampa girls track team to victory at the Top O' Texas Relays. Ryan won the long jump, triple jump and 200 while anchored the winning 400 and 800-meter relay teams. Other relay members were Tonya Osby, Christa West, Lisa Jeffery and Shanna Molitar.

Pampa CC team enjoys flag relay experience

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvester cross country team members had the experience of a lifetime when they were asked to participate in a relay event in honor of the Sept. 11 victims of the terrorist attack. Relay runners are carrying a flag across the country to honor the victims.

The flag is following the route of one of the downed airplanes that was scheduled to fly from Boston to Los Angeles.

Pampa coach Mark Elms was contacted Monday to see if his team would like to participate.

The athletes were eager to be a part of the tribute and the team traveled to Jericho on I-40 Wednesday to meet the flag.

Pampa runners ran in pairs with each pair covering two miles.

The runners would pass the flag to the other one along the way.

The last quarter mile, the

entire team ran together and were joined by coach Elms for a fast sprint the final 200 meters.

All the team members expressed gratitude at being able to participate in a patriotic, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"This is definitely the neatest thing I think I've ever done," said sophomore Kori Dunn.

The Pampa runners were amazed at the passing motorists who honked their horns to show their support. Many stopped to film the runners.

The flag continued west on I-40 and passed through Amarillo.

Seniors Randa Morris, Ashley Derington and Rebecca Fatheree, along with junior T'Andra Holmes, sophomore Kori Dunn and freshman Jerica Timmons took part in the relay.

"This is something I'll never forget," Fatheree added.



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa coach Mark Elms stands with the flag-carrying members of the cross country team.

Yanks win again in extra innings

NEW YORK (AP) — The young closer had seen this before. There was no need to turn around and watch the ball leave the park.

Byung-Hyun Kim dropped to a crouch on the mound as Scott Brosius circled the bases and the stadium erupted.

Incredibly, the New York Yankees had done it again in the World Series. The rest was inevitable.

Brosius saved the Yankees with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning, then Alfonso Soriano singled home the winning run in the 12th to give New York a 3-2 victory and a three games-to-two edge.

"No disrespect to the fans or the Diamondbacks, but you have to sit back and kind of chuckle a little bit because it's so unbelievable," said Chuck Knoblauch, who scored the winning run.

A day earlier, it was Tino Martinez who tagged Kim for a two-out, two-run shot in the ninth. Then Derek Jeter homered in the 10th to win it.

Kim could only apologize for the double disasters.

"I am sorry to my teammates and my manager for giving up the tying run," he said through an interpreter. "I want to thank my manager for giving me another chance to pitch."

The Yankees became the first team in postseason history to win two straight games when trailing after eight innings, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I can't be surprised. It just happened the day before," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Said Brosius: "It seemed like the whole situation was set again, and it happened again."

Now, the defending three-time champions will try to wrap up another crown in Game 6 Saturday night at Bank One Ballpark.

Randy Johnson, who pitched a three-hit shutout in Game 2 for Arizona, once again will start against Andy Pettitte.

"You can't win them all. We would like to win them all, but the Yankees are very tough here in their house, and we know that," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said.

Knoblauch opened the 12th with his first hit of the series, ending an 0-for-13 rut, and moved up on Brosius' sacrifice. Soriano followed with a single off losing pitcher Albie Lopez, and Knoblauch scored ahead of right fielder Reggie Sanders' throw.

Sanders had a shot at Knoblauch, but his one-hop throw skipped and could not be handled cleanly by catcher Rod Barajas.

Soriano made a key defensive play in the 11th as the Yankees won their Series-record 10th straight home game. Sterling Hitchcock got the victory.

New York has won seven straight extra-inning games in the Series, dating to 1964.

Brenly, second-guessed for pulling Curt Schilling and bringing in Kim with a late lead a day earlier, was not afraid to make a similar move.

The rookie manager yanked Miguel Batista with a 2-0 lead in the eighth after the Yankees put two on with two outs. The strategy worked when Greg Swindell got Martinez on a harmless fly ball.

But the sellout crowd of 56,018 roared as the Yankees came to bat in the ninth, and the noise level got even louder when the fans realized Kim was coming in to pitch.

"He is our closer, he wanted the ball in that situation," Brenly said.

Jorge Posada gave a sign of things to come, leading off with a double. Kim retired Shane Spencer on a grounder and struck out Knoblauch, bringing up Brosius.

At that point, Barajas walked toward the young closer and held up a finger, seeming to indicate: one more out.

But Brosius, the 1998 World Series MVP launched a long drive to left field and immediately raised his arm in the air.

Brenly did not move. From the dugout, he stared glassy-eyed at the wild scene unfolding in front of him.

Then, as Barajas rushed to the mound, Brenly slowly walked out and signaled for reliever Mike Morgan.

Before this week, only three times had there been a two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth that tied or won a Series game. Now, add two more to the record book — and add to the Yankees'

mystique.

"This is the most incredible couple of games I've ever managed," Torre said.

Arizona had its chance in the 11th against Mariano Rivera, loading the bases with the help of Matt Williams' first sacrifice bunt since 1990.

Soriano, playing back at second base in hopes of a double play, saved the Yankees with a diving catch on Sanders' liner up the middle. Rivera ended the threat by getting Mark Grace on an easy grounder to Brosius at third.

Batista, a 30-year-old journeyman, outpitched Mike Mussina and kept the Yankees in his hitting funk.

A few days ago, after Schilling and Johnson excelled, Batista chafed at the notion that Arizona was merely a two-man team. Yet on this night, Batista and Barajas were almost too much for the Yankees.

Barajas, a backup who hit just .160 this season, and Steve Finley homered in the fifth inning for a 2-0 lead.

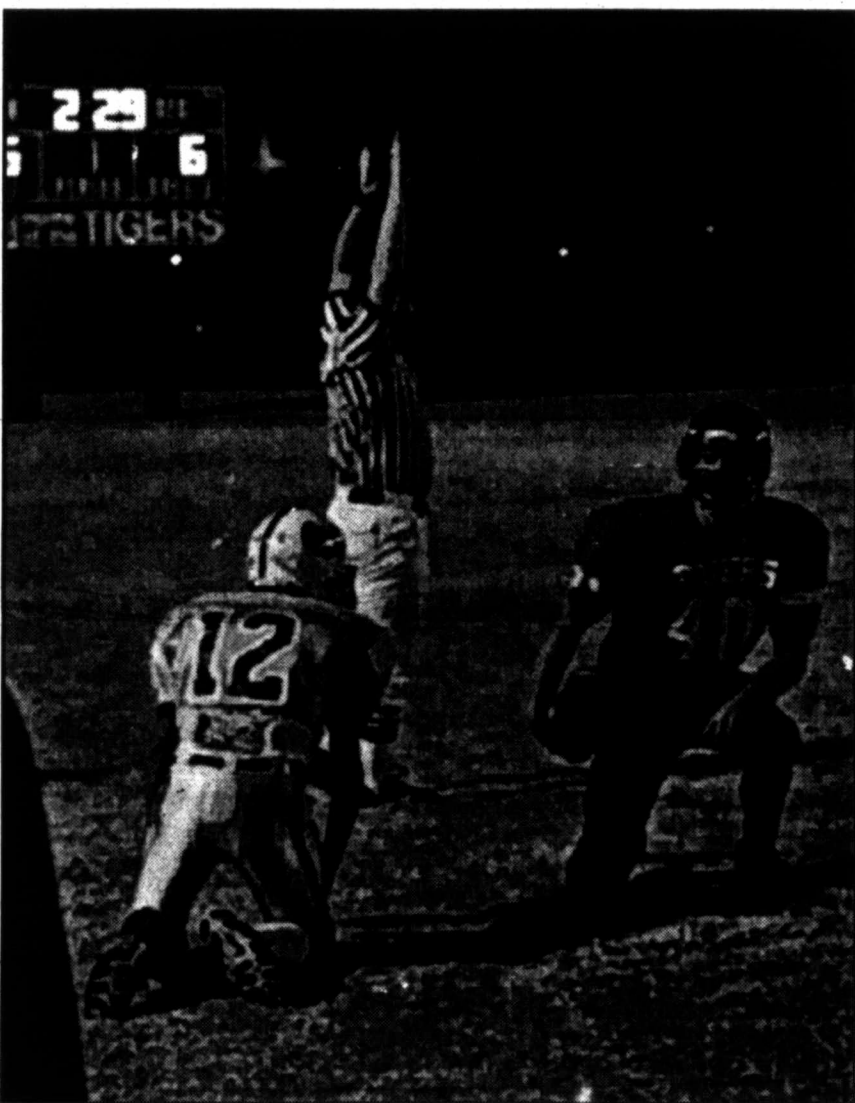
Finley hit his first career post-season homer, leading off with a drive against the facing of the upper deck in right field.

Barajas, making his first start of the postseason only because catcher Damian Miller was scratched with a strained right calf, hit his first homer since April 21.

Paul O'Neill was cheered all night long. The 38-year-old right fielder, who said after the game that he will retire after this season, drew two walks. He also grounded into a double play, slamming his helmet in disgust.

O'Neill tipped his cap to the sellout crowd of 56,018 when he ran in from right field after the top of the ninth.

"I can't think of a better way to go out in my last game at Yankee Stadium," O'Neill said. "You don't want to put yourself in this position every night, but it makes for exciting baseball."



The official raises his arms to signify a catch after Groom's Hugh Weinheimer makes a reception in the first-half Thursday night against Hedley.

Groom rips Hedley in six-man contest

GROOM — Groom extended its unbeaten record to 9-0 Thursday night, rolling past Hedley 52-6 in six-man football action.

Clay Ritter led the Groom offense with three touchdowns, including a 70-yard kickoff return to open the game. His other TDs came on passes from Clay Britten, covering 14 and 36 yards.

Cody Bivins added two touchdowns on 33 and 15 yard runs.

Groom's defense came up with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter. Doug Fields recovered a fumble in the end zone and Garrett Britten had a

35-yard interception return. Bivins also had three conversion kicks.

Hedley's only TD came in the first quarter on a 30-yard pass from Bradley Conaster to Eric Alston.

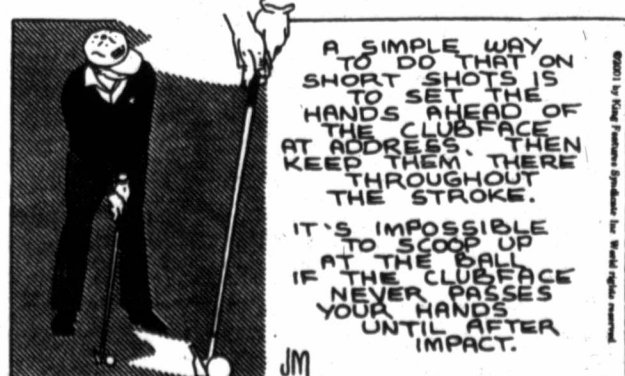
The Tigers finished with 186 yards, including 114 on the ground. Hedley managed only 50 yards of total offense and had three turnovers.

Groom led at the half 46-6 and the game ended in the third quarter due to the 45-point rule.

The Tigers, 4-0 in district play, close out the regular season next Thursday night at Happy.

Hedley falls to 2-7 and 0-4.

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Williams is Astros' manager

HOUSTON (AP) — Jimmy Williams has a new job and a new outlook.

Williams became the 13th manager of the Houston Astros on Thursday, landing his third manager's job.

He was fired as the skipper of the Boston Red Sox on Aug. 16 after five seasons there. With the Red Sox, he had an icy relationship with management and a celebrated feud with outfielder Carl Everett.

With the Astros, he'll have a new challenge on the field and in the clubhouse.

"What happened in Boston is not unique in our business," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "Part of my job is to bring in the right kind of players that have focus on winning. If I do my job as general manager, that makes the manager's job a lot easier."

Williams looked relaxed and chatted amicably with the media, a contrast to his final days as manager of the Red Sox.

"I understand all you people have a job to do, and I respect you for that," Williams said. "If you don't like what I'm doing, just say

it, that's your job. I probably won't read it anyway."

Williams, one of six applicants to replace Larry Dierker, had a 414-352 record with Boston. The Red Sox dropped out of first place in the AL East after the All-Star break, and Williams was dismissed after the team lost six of seven games.

"Gerry called and offered the job and I said I'd sleep on it," Williams said. "I called him back in 45 minutes and told him I was a fast sleeper."

More clubhouse difficulties could await Williams with the Astros. Dierker noted in his departure that he had difficulty getting some players to accept his ideas.

Williams made it clear his thoughts would remain within the team.

"We all have challenges and that's great because it means we're still alive," Williams said. "Any challenge that we have will remain in the clubhouse. That's where it will stay."

Williams, who led the Red Sox to the playoffs in 1998 and 1999, wouldn't promise that the Astros

would improve their playoff record, 2-12 under Dierker.

"If you start making statements that you can't back up, you're in trouble," Williams said.

The Red Sox reached the AL championship series in 1999, when they lost to the New York Yankees. Williams was AL manager of the year in 1999.

He was fired by the Toronto Blue Jays in his fourth season as their manager, in 1989, when the team started 12-24.

Hunsicker praised Williams' ability with young players, which fits in with the Astros.

"He still feels you can teach at the major league level," Hunsicker said. "So many managers talk about what you can't do as opposed to Jimmy."

"My goal is to give Jimmy the right kind of players, and if we both do our jobs, we can go to the World Series."

The Astros also interviewed third-base coach Mike Cubbage, Double-A manager Jackie Moore, Triple-A manager Tony Pena, former major league manager Jim Fregosi and Milwaukee bench coach Jerry Royster.

Nikki steps into boxing ring

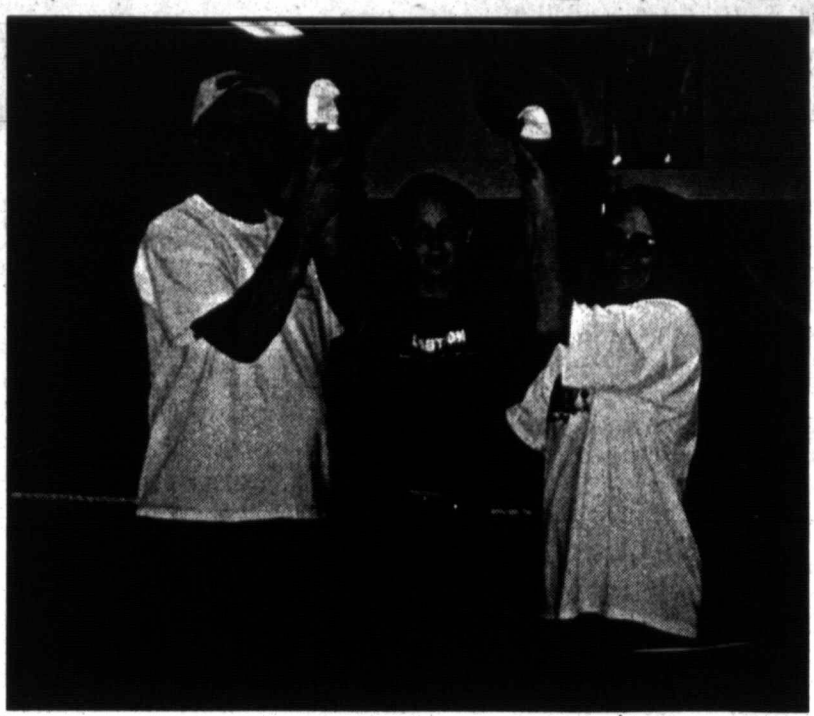
PAMPA — Nikki Medley of Pampa will be competing in the Maverick Club Boxing Tournament Saturday in Amarillo.

Nikki, a junior olympic champion at age 13, is entered in the 113-pound bantamweight division. She has a record of four wins and no losses.

Boxers from West Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas are entered in the tournament, which start at 7 p.m. at the Maverick Club, 1923 S. Lincoln.

Nikki is a member of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. She has been working out with Michael Wilkinson, also a junior olympic champion. Nikki learned how to box when she joined the club at 12 years of age.

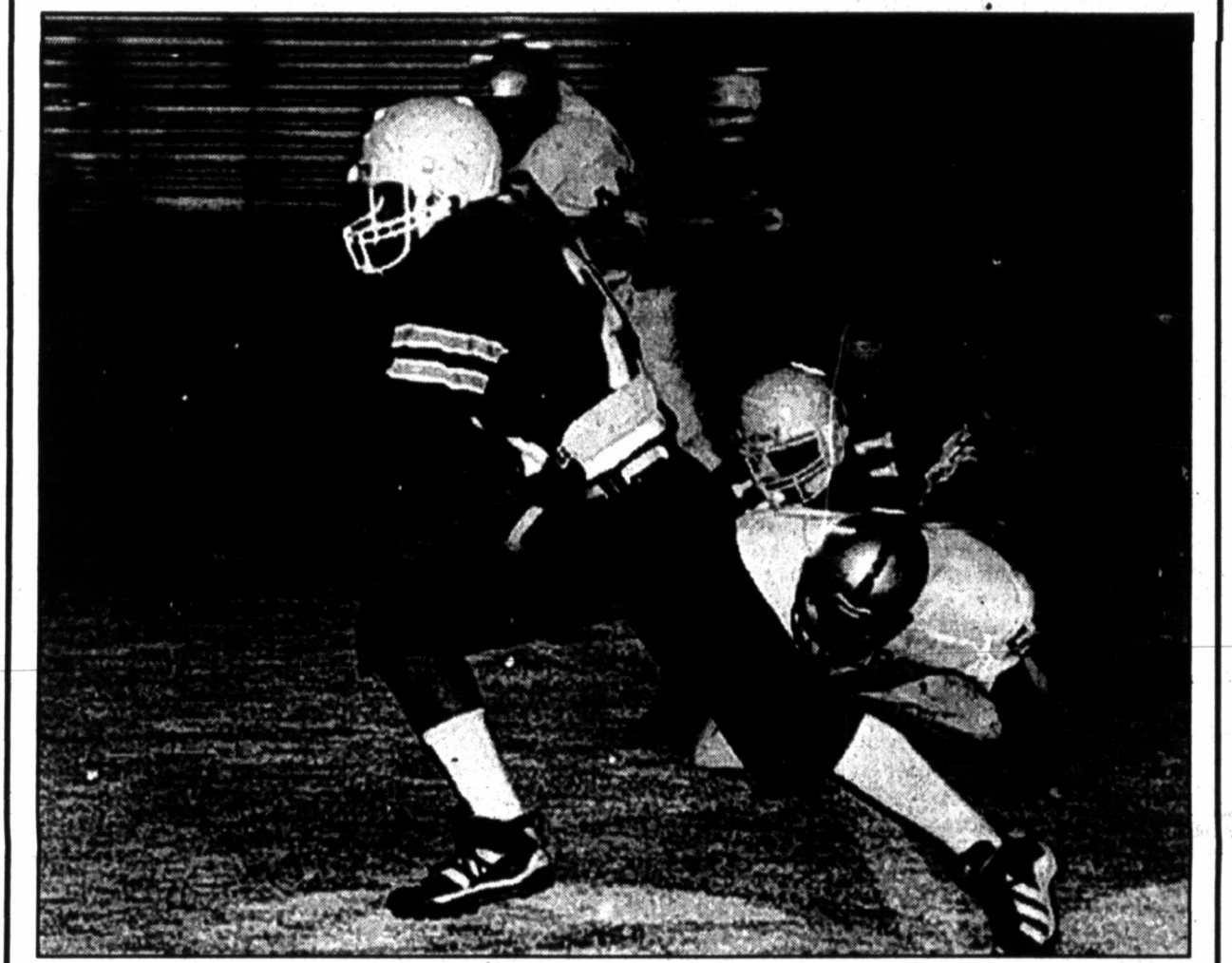
Weigh-in for the Amarillo tournament begins at 12



Vice-president Kenny Fisher and Secretary Mitzie Medley of the Youth Survival Boxing Club are looking for Nikki Medley (center) to come away the winner in Amarillo.

noon Saturday, followed by learning more about the physical at 5:30 p.m. tournament can call 806-371-8361 or 806-376-7960.

Into the open



Running back Dannie Meza of Pampa breaks into the open in a junior varsity game Thursday night against Randall. The final score was 29-0, Randall's favor. Pampa JV's close the season Nov. 8 at Borger.

Injured Tiger struggles to survive

HOUSTON (AP) — With Tiger Woods having wrapped up all the big awards, the question at the Tour Championship was whether it would have any drama.

It does now. Will Tiger even make it to the first tee on Friday?

How serious is the back injury that left him incapable of even the most simple tasks, like bending over to stick a tee in the ground or retrieve his ball from the cup?

And just how did he manage a 1-under 70, leaving him only five strokes behind, co-leaders Bernhard Langer and Frank Liekliter, when Woods grimaced in pain with every swing?

Woods bolted from a group of reporters after answering questions for five minutes. He shed little light on how the injury occurred Wednesday while he was getting worked on in the fitness trailer.

"It just happened," Woods said. "Just one of those things."

The first round was hardly normal beyond Woods' injury.

One of the leaders is Langer, the two-time Masters champion who hasn't played in the Tour Championship since it was created in 1987. Part of the reason for his absence, he explained, was not playing in America on a regular

basis.

The 44-year-old German returned this year and enjoyed a banner season — 24th on the money list, close calls in the Players Championship and British Open, election to the World Golf Hall of Fame.

"I have played like this for many, many years," Langer said. "It's just the last two or three years, I hadn't played quite this well. You're going to see more of me the next few years."

He played Thursday with Steve Lowery, who had a 67 and was tied with Scott Verplank. Brad Faxon and Mike Weir of Canada were another stroke back.

Lickliter is playing his first Tour Championship, thanks to his runner-up finish in San Diego and his first PGA Tour victory in the Kemper Open. Lickliter's health was good, but he still felt out of whack from the time he set foot on the course.

Part of that is because he is working on big changes to his swing, although he didn't want to reveal what those changes were.

"I felt very uncomfortable on the range, very uncomfortable on basically every shot I hit," Lickliter said. "Golf is weird."

So was the opening round. Hal Sutton was leading at 5 under until he and Billy Mayfair

were put on the clock — never mind that only 29 leading money-winners are in the field and they were an entire hole ahead of the next group. He dropped four shots on the next five holes for a 70.

David Duval, who won the Tour Championship on this course in 1997, had a 90-foot birdie putt that rolled all the way off the green.

Duval had another 3-putt from about the same distance on the back nine — although the first putt stayed on the green — and he finished with a 69, tied with Ernie Els.

Three of the top four money-winners at Champions all struggled with bad backs — Davis Love III, PGA champion David Toms and Woods, the biggest surprise on the injury list.

"I've never had this problem. This is a first," Woods said. "I don't see how it cannot concern me."

He grabbed his lower back after a big swing on No. 2, mumbled to himself before just about every swing and sat on a cooler during a lengthy wait on No. 9.

Perhaps the most telling impact of the injury came on No. 6, a 430-yard hole where his preferred tee shot was a hard 3-wood with a slight fade. After standing over the ball, Woods backed off and asked for a driver.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table containing results for COLLEGE FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, PRO FOOTBALL, and AMERICAN CONFERENCE. Includes team names, scores, and game times.

Mavericks victorious over injured-riddled 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson wore gray sweatpants, matching sweat-shirt, a white headband and an empty expression.

No matter how hard Iverson cheered for his teammates, the Philadelphia 76ers just couldn't pull out a victory without him — and Aaron McKie and Eric Snow.

Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 13 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 22 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks over the Sixers 99-92 Thursday night in the first game at the First Union Center since Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

Dikembe Mutombo had 19 points and 16 rebounds, Derrick Coleman added 18 points and 11 rebounds and Matt Harpring had 21 points for the injury-riddled Sixers.

"We were lucky to be playing them now," Nowitzki said. "They are a very dangerous team."

Philadelphia, which opened last season with a franchise-best 10 straight wins, is off to an 0-2 start. But coach Larry Brown was encouraged by the performance of his young players.

"We have made a lot of progress," Brown said. "When you have young guards and a new (small forward), it's tough. Our improvement has been dramatic."

The Sixers closed to 82-77 with 7:59 left after Harpring hit a 19-footer and Coleman made a short jumper. But Nowitzki drilled a 3-pointer to make it 88-79 during a run in which he outscored the Sixers 7-2, and Philadelphia didn't get closer than six the rest of the way.

Nowitzki shot 10-of-17,

including 3-of-6 from beyond the arc for his second straight 30-point game at the First Union Center. Nowitzki scored a then career-high 36 points in a 112-94 victory at Philadelphia last Dec. 15.

"It's a good shooting gym," Nowitzki said. "I tried to be aggressive. My teammates kept on top of me and things worked out well."

Dallas took advantage of Philadelphia's inexperienced guards by starting Tim Hardaway and Nash in the backcourt, and playing Michael Finley at small forward.

The Sixers' starters, Speedy Claxton and Raja Bell, combined for four of the team's 18 turnovers.

Philadelphia looked nothing like the team that won the Eastern Conference championship for the first time in 18 years last season.

At one point in the first quarter, the Sixers had five players on the court who weren't on the active roster for Game 5 of the finals. Three of those players — Coleman, Vonteego Cummings and Corie Blount — arrived last Friday.

Iverson, the NBA MVP, still is rehabilitating his right elbow. McKie, the league's Sixth Man of the Year, has an injured right shoulder. Both are close to returning.

Snow is out up to three months with a broken thumb, and forwards George Lynch and Tyrone Hill were traded.

"With a healthy roster, we are one of the top three teams in the NBA," Sixers forward Matt Geiger said.

Notes: Sixers coach Larry Brown addressed the crowd before the game, and the team

Meeting produces rule changes for next year's Daytona 500 race

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Driver after driver complained about the aerodynamic package used at Talladega Superspeedway last month. NASCAR proved it was listening by adopting new rules for next year's Daytona 500.

NASCAR on Thursday met with about 80 drivers, crew chiefs and car owners for suggestions on how to improve restrictor-plate racing, then threw out the aerodynamic package used in races at Daytona and Talladega for most of the past two seasons.

Gone from the Winston Cup cars will be the thin metal strip across the roof, and the rear spoiler angle will be increased to 55 degrees — 10 more than was used two weeks ago at Talladega. The air-catching upright bend also will be removed from the top of the spoilers.

Cars will go to Daytona for testing in January with seven-eighths-inch carburetor restrictor plates, one-sixteenth of an inch smaller than the ones used in the most-recent plate races.

The height of the rear spoilers and the clearance of the front air dams for each of the four makes of cars used in Winston Cup will be finalized after January manufacturers' tests at Daytona. NASCAR officials said those measurements could be altered during next season's Speedweeks activities to address any competitive imbalances.

the terrorist attacks. ... Coleman, who played three seasons with the Sixers from 1995-98, received a mixture of loud boos and some cheers in his first game back in Philadelphia. ... The Sixers out-rebounded their opponent for the second straight game.

"In regard to the heights, we're going to dance with that after we get to Daytona and see how the cars are running and try to equalize whatever has evolved," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said. "If the balance is skewed one way or the other, we would be prepared to make a change."

The rules change came after a two-hour meeting held at Joe Gibbs Racing headquarters. The meeting was called by NASCAR as a forum for teams to voice their complaints about racing at Daytona and Talladega.

Carburetor restrictor plates and aerodynamic devices are used to keep speeds under 200 mph in the interest of safety on the circuit's two biggest and fastest layouts.

The current aero rules, used the past two years at Talladega and Daytona, result in a large pack of cars running bumper-to-bumper and side-by-side for the entire race.

It often leads to multicar wrecks, most recently a 16-car pileup that occurred on the final lap at Talladega last month.

Angry drivers stormed the NASCAR hauler after that race, complaining about the conditions. NASCAR promised to re-evaluate the rules and called Thursday's meeting to gather input.

What was decided closely resembles a set of changes 19 teams tried during an August testing session at Talladega.

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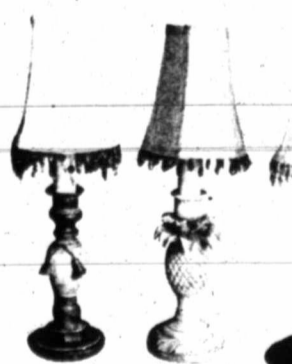


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