





### ON RECORD

#### FIRE

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

##### Wednesday, April 16

11:06 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to an unspecified call to the 2100 block of North Wells. After investigating, firefighters determined that someone was spraying weed killer on a front yard.

3:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the City of Pampa garage on a faint odor of gas in one of the wash bays. Firefighters shut off the gas pilot to the heater.

6:53 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire a half mile east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60 at Gray County Road 12. There was no fire, a vehicle had a blown radiator hose.

#### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

##### Tuesday, April 16

6:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Banks and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

##### Wednesday, April 17

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of West Crawford; no transport.

4:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported one to PRMC.

5:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

#### POLICE

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

##### Wednesday, April 17

Simple assault involving two juveniles was reported in the 1100 block of West Crawford. No injuries.

Assault by contact was reported in the 600 block of North Roberta. Minor injuries.

An information report was taken in the 200 block of West Brown in regard to stolen property.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson where a hole in a window cracked the glass.

### OBITUARIES

#### LINNIE C. SHAIR 1903-2002

SKELLYTOWN — Linnie C. Shair, 98, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Panhandle. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Shair was born April 23, 1903, at Dallison, W.Va., one of nine children. She married Walter Shair on June 4, 1930, at Enid, Okla.; he died Aug. 31, 1982.

She had been a Skellytown resident since 1956, moving from Spring Creek, and was a

member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

She was a homemaker and belonged to the Ceramic Club of Borger.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Smith and Donna Moreland, both of Skellytown; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church in Skellytown or to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle.

### WEATHER FOCUS

#### PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly sunny and breezy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 87. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight, partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance for thunderstorms. Lows around 52. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 75. South winds 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast. Friday night, cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 48. Saturday, cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 68. Saturday evening, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 45. Highs 65 to 70. Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 50. Highs 70 to 75.

#### STATEWIDE

Highs in the 80s and 90s are expected across Texas, increasing the likelihood of late-afternoon and evening thunderstorms, the National Weather Service said.

Meteorologists said conditions should be mostly cloudy and breezy through Friday with a slight chance of mainly evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs should be in the 80s and 90s and lows in the 60s and 70s.

High clouds associated with the upper-level jet stream were thickening across the state Thursday morning. Deep Gulf moisture brought low clouds elsewhere. Winds were mainly from the southeast at 15 mph.

It was unseasonably warm just before dawn Thursday as readings in the 70s were common. The only exception was in West Texas, where temperatures ranged from the upper 50s in the panhandle to the middle 60s in far West Texas. At 5 a.m., temperatures ranged from 64 at Paris to 71 at Wichita Falls.

A slight chance for thunderstorms exists through the weekend.

Conditions were expected to be windy statewide through Friday.

Along the Texas coast, temperatures were expected to be in the 80s and 90s, dropping into the 70s Thursday night. It should be mostly cloudy on Friday, becoming mostly sunny and windy during the afternoon. Highs will range from 82 along the coast to 98 farther west.

## Judge blocks Marshall's sale of lake water to electric plant

MARSHALL (AP) — A state district judge has blocked the city of Marshall from selling Caddo Lake water to an electric company for use at a new power plant in East Texas.

State District Judge Margaret Cooper agreed to the temporary restraining order Wednesday. The order, which the city's attorneys expect will be signed Thursday, would stay a water permit amendment that had drawn fire from Caddo Lake residents and environmentalists opposed to the sale.

"The parties have negotiated the terms of the order. I assume the judge will sign it," Martin Rochelle, the city's attorney in Austin, told the Marshall News-Messenger for a story in its Wednesday editions.

The order came in a lawsuit Caddo Lake-area residents and organizations filed in Austin on Monday against the Texas Natural Resource

Conservation Commission.

The city wanted to sell up to 5.5 million gallons of Caddo Lake water per day to Entergy Power Ventures for a power plant being built in Harrison County, near Marshall. Opponents said they fear the water diversion would threaten the state's only naturally formed lake.

The lake is a primeval expanse of shallow pools, sloughs and cypress swamps along the Texas-Louisiana border. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission said last fall that the Marshall proposal could harm a significant wetlands area.

The restraining order would delay the effective date of Marshall's water rights amendments for a couple of weeks, said Richard Lowerre, an attorney for the plaintiffs. He said he hopes a judge will upgrade the order to an injunction by mid-May, effectively putting off the water sale at least after a trial.

A trial is scheduled for May 13, Rochelle said.

The fight has been led by the Caddo Lake Institute, a foundation backed by rock star Don Henley and Dallas oilman Albert Huddleston. It seeks to reverse the state's approval of two water rights amendments.

One amendment allows the city to sell water for industrial purposes. The other allows the city to make a water transfer across the Cypress and Sabine basins.

The city has been in violation of its existing permit for about 50 years.

While Entergy officials have not dropped the water contract with the city, Mayor Ed Smith said he doubts the company will purchase Marshall water for the power plant because of pending litigation.

"They're going to be hard-pressed to take the water from Marshall," Smith told the newspaper.

## 85 percent of Texas sophomores pass graduation test

AUSTIN (AP) — A record 85 percent of sophomores have passed the Texas high school graduation test this year as students showed strong gains in reading skills, the Texas Education Agency reports.

But results on the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills also showed that nearly 2 percent of the Class of 2002, 4,450 students, has not passed the exam and isn't eligible to graduate next month.

Those students have had

several opportunities to pass the test, beginning as sophomores.

This year marks the last time that sophomores will take the TAAS, which will be phased out. Next year, the state will administer the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills to those students.

Texas Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis said the record passing rate indicates that Texas students are ready for a more challenging test.

The TAKS will be administered to all students in grades three through 10.

The new graduation test is being switched to the 11th grade and will be given for the first time in the spring of 2004. It will require knowledge of algebra, geometry, biology, chemistry, physics, English and American history.

The number of seniors who have not passed the graduation test this year is the lowest ever recorded. They will be allowed to retake the exam in early May, but for most there will be no diploma at graduation ceremonies.

The graduation test requirement has been law in Texas since 1984. It has been estimated that more than 100,000 students have been denied diplomas because they could not pass the exam.

#### STOCKS

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| Corn   | 3.48   |       |
| Soybeans   | 3.83   |       |
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| Fidelity Magell  | 100.52 |       |
| 0.24   |        |       |
| Puritan  | 17.93  |       |
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| Cabot Oil Gas  | 24.30  | +0.06 |
| Coca Cola  | 53.87  | -0.05 |
| VLO  | 47.99  | +0.44 |
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| West Texas Crude   |        | NA    |

## GOP, Democrats duke it out in tax cut debate

By CURT ANDERSON  
AP TAX WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying out political themes for the fall elections, House Republicans say making last year's huge tax cut permanent would create jobs and restore economic confidence. Democrats say it would be an unwise raid on Social Security.

Both sides say a vote planned Thursday on making permanent the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut will show clear differences between the parties for voters.

Democrats contend the cut is largely to blame for draining much of the government's budget surplus, meaning that the \$374 billion cost of extending the package through 2012 would be financed by Social Security where a surplus still exists.

Although the Social Security money would have to be repaid when needed to pay benefits and the transfer would have no impact on the level of retiree benefits, the program remains a potent political weapon — particularly among older voters.

"They are spending Social Security money," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "I'm happy to have this debate. We'll hold their feet to the fire on how they've dealt with Social Security."

Led by President Bush, Republicans claim Democrats are advocating a massive tax increase that would drag down the economy if the package of cuts is allowed to expire on Dec. 31, 2010, as it will under current law. That would bring back pre-2001 income tax rates, resurrect the estate tax, cut the child tax credit in half and reduce or eliminate a number of other tax benefits.

"Democrats might want this automatic tax increase, but I think that is irresponsible," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "This automatic tax increase will play havoc with the lives of the American people."

Democrats also contend that in the decade after 2012, the cost of the tax cuts will balloon to at least \$4 trillion counting interest and assuming certain necessary tax changes. Republicans say the tax cuts will ensure a robust economy that will generate plenty of revenue for the government.

The debate is largely for political consumption because the Senate's top Democrat, Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, emphatically opposes even bringing the measure up for a floor vote this year.

"We're going to be opposing it very aggressively in the days and weeks ahead," Daschle said.

The tax cuts will expire because of an obscure Senate budget rule, named for veteran Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, effectively forbidding any legislation that would worsen the deficit, or reduce the surplus, that is projected beyond the budget's 10-year window.

Conveniently for sponsors, this rule kept the cost of the bill at the \$1.35 trillion figure required by last year's budget and ensured the tax cut needed only a majority of 51 votes instead of 60 to pass the Senate.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress on Wednesday that most businesses are making investment decisions on the assumption that the tax cuts will be extended at some point. Yet Greenspan, too, said it would be better for the economy if the situation were clarified, particularly in such areas as the estate tax — which would be repealed in 2010 only to resurface in 2011.

"I think it has to be clear where the longer-term tax structure in this area is," Greenspan told the Joint Economic Committee. "Wherever the Congress comes out, I think it's far more important that it come out clearly and unequivocally, and not have an issue pending ... an issue which would create a degree of uncertainty."

## City Briefs

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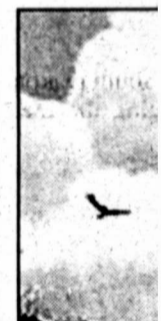
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# Plane slams into building in Milan; 2 reported dead

MILAN, Italy (AP) — A small plane with only the pilot on board crashed Thursday into a 30-story landmark skyscraper in downtown Milan that houses the regional government offices, authorities said. Two people were reported dead.

Smoke poured out of the building, but firefighters quickly put out the flames, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The weather was clear at the time of the crash, which occurred at 5:54 p.m. near the end of the work day.

"It sounded like a bomb. The pavement shook like an earthquake," said a woman identifying herself only as Lucia.

Police officer Celerissimo De Simone said the pilot of the Piper aircraft had sent out a distress call at 5:54 p.m. just before the crash near Milan's main train station. RAI state TV reported that the pilot said the SOS was because of engine trouble.

Earlier, in Rome, the senate's president, Marcello Pera, said it "very probably" appeared to be a terrorist attack. But Pera's spokesman later said he had spoken with the Interior Minister and the crash didn't appear to be any kind of an attack.

The plane had taken off from Locarno, Switzerland, and was heading to Milan's Linate airport, said De Simone, the police officer.

The Italian news agency ANSA said two were reported dead in the crash, which left holes on both sides of the slim skyscraper.

"It was shocking," said Lucheta Antonio, 52, a barber down the block. "The windows shook and the mirrors."

"It was a violent explosion," said Stefano Bottazzi, 35, works in a skyscraper 500 yards from building. "The clock fell to the floor."

An unspecified number of people were rescued from elevators blocked in the building, ANSA said.

The scene in Milan mirrored the first moments of the attack on the World Trade Center, with black smoke billowing into the blue sky from the building where the aircraft struck.

On the streets, rescue workers in orange uniforms helped the injured — including a

man with a bloody shirt holding his head. Ambulances streamed into the area and pedestrians peered upward.

The crash put a hole in the 25th floor of the Pirelli building. Police cordoned off the area as people gawked at the skyscraper.

At 30 stories high, the Pirelli structure, located near the central train station, is Italy's first skyscraper and one of the world's tallest concrete buildings. It was built in 1958 and designed by architects Gio Ponti and Pier Luigi Nervi. The building is one of the main symbols of Milan, along with the city's cathedral.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer opened his lunchtime press briefing Thursday with this statement:

"The president just moments ago was informed about the incident in Milan. I have no additional information at all for you at this time. This is a breaking story and we don't have anything else beyond that — the president has been informed."

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and White House chief of staff Andrew Card broke the news to President Bush, Fleischer said.

"I think you can presume that we will be — if we are not already — in touch with Italian authorities and will ascertain precisely what the facts are," the spokesman said.

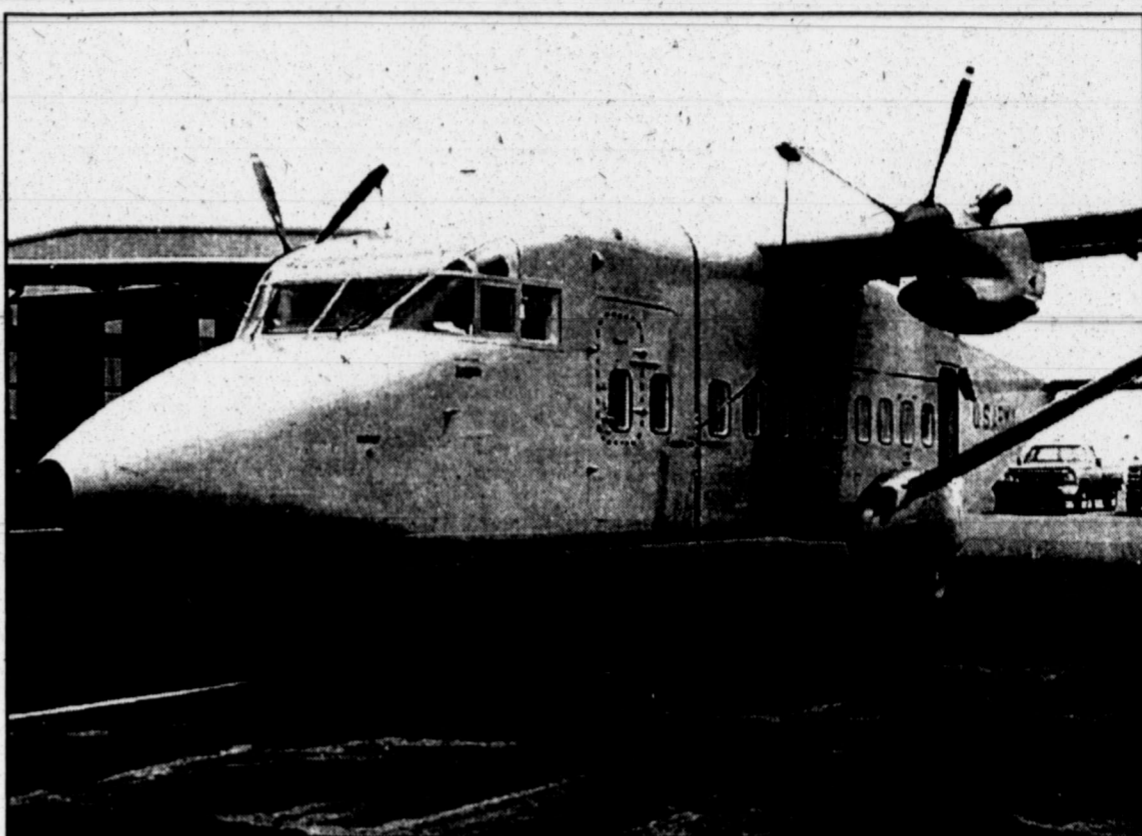
The FBI was trying to learn more about the incident. But one official, describing the matter on grounds of anonymity, said bureau personnel were assisting their Italian counterparts in the investigation.

On March 27, the State Department issued a warning for American citizens traveling in four Italian cities, including Milan, during Easter.

The warning said the possible threat was based on information about "extremist groups."

The announcement did not identify the groups or elaborate on the nature of the threats, but it warned that "these groups do not distinguish between official and civilian targets."

A U.S. official said the warning was based on very specific information that was "developed in very close cooperation with Italian authorities." Italian anti-terrorism officials refused to comment.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Oregon National Guard members and volunteers made the trip to Perry LeFors Field in a C-23 cargo plane that's one of only 43 like it.

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## PLANE

The huge helicopters, which can haul 26,000 pounds of cargo, were housed in the old Doolittle hanger until not too long ago when new facilities were added.

He said the search for the right model bomber had been on for about six years when a Navy computer search turned up the

Pampa aircraft.

The group flew to Pampa in a C-23 cargo plane that's one of only 43 like it, a flight crew member said.

And while it is "part of the job" for the Oregon National Guard members on site, one put the job into perspective.

"This is a very special deal for us," he said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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## MORENO

Moreno replied he had, but added, "I'm scared to speak up. I feel like I did in jail. It don't look good for the home team."

"I'm sure a lot of people who are in jail think it doesn't look good for the home team," Judge Waters said.

Before he finally agreed to the plea bargain, Moreno asked the judge if he would receive mercy if he went to trial, saying he was a young man and he wanted mercy. The judge remind-

ed him that his attorney believed the plea bargain would "be in his best interest."

After the 30-minute hearing, District Attorney Rick Roach said that Moreno would be eligible for parole in 11 years. He said the case that was dismissed "involved another individual where Moreno bit his cheek off." Roach said the victim had approved the agreement.

Moreno, who has been held in Gray County Jail on \$1 million bond since the assaults, was returned to the county jail until he is transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice authorities.

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## UPDATE

Meanwhile, Jerry Raines, area TxDOT engineer for Pampa, is currently working up an estimate on the project, Petr said.

In another highway-related matter, Morris asked for consideration with regard to a loop on the north side of Pampa that would connect with the existing Loop 171.

"I was just curious about

the loop," Morris said. "I've been asked about it. I think there was talk back in the '70s of a connection project."

Petr told Morris in order to start the process of a north side loop Gray County would need to submit a written request for a feasibility study. If the project is deemed feasible the state could only pay for construction of the roadway.

Petr said the county would

be responsible for 100 percent of all right-of-way acquisitions and utility adjustments. Once a feasibility study has been completed the project would be placed on the long-range funding list.

Additionally, the project would have to compete with other similar projects statewide and Petr said currently all funding for this category is obligated.

## Texas court rules in international custody case

DENTON (AP) — A Norwegian who claimed her ex-husband kidnapped their daughters and brought them to the United States flew to Norway with the children immediately after winning a favorable court order.

Denton County District Court Judge Vicki Isaacks' ruling Wednesday was stayed several hours later by the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth.

But by that time, Cisilie Vaile and daughters Kaia, 10, and Kamilla, 7, already had boarded a plane and left.

"The (Texas) case isn't over, but given where she is — Norway — it's pretty much over," the mother's lawyer, Mike Gregory, said Thursday. The children had been living with their father in Pilot Point, near Denton.

Under Judge Isaacks' order, future custody proceedings should be held in Norway.

Isaacks' ruling follows a Clark County, Nev., District Court order Tuesday and a Nevada Supreme Court decision last week that went against Scotlund Vaile, a U.S.

citizen and software engineer. The mother contended her former husband violated an international treaty designed to halt parental abductions when he took the girls during a supervised visit.

The case had wound up in Nevada because the Vailes agreed to get a divorce there, taking advantage of that state's six-week residency laws. The divorce was granted in 1998.

## Jordan Employee of the Month



(Courtesy photo)

Edgardo A. Yebra, Industrial Specialist III with Jordan Unit Industry, is the Jordan/Baten Units' April 2002 Employee of the Month. Pictured on the right with Mr. Yebra is the Jordan/Baten Units' senior warden, C. C. Bell. Yebra has been with the system for 10 years, helping to open the Jordan Unit. He says the best part of his job is the everyday challenge and the people are great. He's enjoyed learning the day-to-day operations of a factory. Yebra says he would like to work until retirement and continue to be an asset to the Unit. He enjoys traveling, especially with his family. Pictured on the right with Mr. Yebra is the Jordan/Baten Units Senior Warden, C.C. Bell.

## Convicted killer heads to death chamber

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Twice-convicted burglar Gerald Casey headed to the Texas death chamber Thursday evening for killing a 22-year-old woman in a scheme to steal a gun collection from a home northeast of Houston nearly 13 years ago.

Casey, 47, had hoped to sell the weapons to raise money so he and his girlfriend could go to Florida, testimony at his capital murder trial showed.

Casey instead got a trip to death row and the girlfriend, Carla Smith, received a 10-year prison sentence for her part in the plot that left Sonya Howell dead in a mobile home in New Caney in Montgomery County.

Howell, who was a friend of Smith, was shot nine times with a .22-caliber pistol in the July 10, 1989 attack.

Casey would be the ninth convicted killer to be put to

death in Texas this year and third this month. Another execution is set for April 30. At least seven are scheduled for May.

When arrested for murder, Casey already had been to prison twice for burglary, getting six years for a 1976 Montgomery County conviction, then 10 years for a 1980 conviction from San Jacinto County while on parole.

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this week refused to review Casey's murder conviction.

Lawyers tried a last-ditch appeal focusing on what they said was poor and ineffective legal help during his earlier appeals.

Jurors at Casey's 1991 trial in Conroe had two versions of Howell's shooting to consider.

Smith, who testified against Casey in exchange for the 10-year sentence, said she called Howell to make sure the woman was

home alone, drove and left Casey there, then went to a convenience store to await a phone call to return to pick him up.

The plan was to knock Howell unconscious and take the guns, which belonged to Howell's boyfriend, Daryl Pennington, she said.

Pennington found her body later in the day.

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### TEXAS EDITORIALS

## On peace in the Mideast.

From The Dallas Morning News:  
Here's one of the many dangers in the Middle East inferno: Even if Israel succeeds in dismantling Yasser Arafat's tenuous power base, it remains unclear what would happen. Some Israelis like former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who spoke last week in Dallas, believe strongly that the Mideast would be better off without the Palestinian Authority chairman. Others like Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres worry that matters would grow worse if Mr. Arafat is toppled.

It is likely that in a post-Arafat world, hard-liners could dominate. Palestinian anger at Israel and the U.S. then could destabilize moderate Arab nations like Jordan. And the war could widen to include nations like Syria. Hence the need for intermediaries like Secretary of State Colin Powell to deal with Mr. Arafat.

Although Secretary Powell has been frustrated so far in dealing with the weak and corrupt Palestinian leader, organizations like Hamas and Islamic Jihad might step into the vacuum if Mr. Arafat is dislodged. And they clearly do not favor a two-state solution.

But no matter which side of the Arafat divide one comes down on, and no matter how brutal the situation becomes, it remains important to consider strategies that could help several steps down the road. Mr. Netanyahu offered some interesting ideas at his National Center for Policy Analysis appearance.

He suggested that Saudi Arabia invest some of its vast petrowealth in rebuilding Palestinian communities. The Saudis say they want stability in the region. Here's their chance. Rather than hand out money to families of suicide bombers, the Saudis could invest more in schools and housing. Without a viable economy and better infrastructure, the poverty in Palestinian communities will undermine any chance at stability.

Likewise, Mr. Netanyahu suggested that Palestinian business people in the U.S. could greatly aid Palestinians in the Middle East.

The major reform that would benefit the Palestinian cause any cause, for that matter is the development of genuinely free elections. Democracy could take long to plant, but the U.S. should include free elections as part of a longer-term vision for peace.

Middle East negotiator George Mitchell, who helped broker the cease-fire in Northern Ireland, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors last week that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may have to get worse before it gets better. What brought both sides to the negotiating table in Northern Ireland, the former senator said, was that they finally became sick of the killing, sick of seeing the coffins of children on the news. Sad to say, he may be right. Still, the search for peace must continue. It is never too soon to imagine a better situation.

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# Positive Pampa impressions

When I first came to work at *The Pampa News* three years ago I was cautiously optimistic. Even though I was now working only 40 miles from where I lived, it could have been 40 zillion miles away with what I knew about Pampa.

One of my first impressions of Pampa was the cleanliness as well as the extremely friendly people. The number of parks in the community and how well they were kept made a favorable impression. The concept of having so many small parks impressed me.

I saw some very, very Positive Pampa People and so many positives to the community.

The number of small stores in the community was impressive to me, and the many people who work in civic organizations.

The facilities for public use in the community are impressive. M.K. Brown Auditorium is a place many area communities would love to have.

As I listen to people talk about how bad the economy is here, I often wonder if local residents realize just what all they have in this community.

Do the people realize how much it helps them to have a state representative who lives here? A direct line to Austin is a tremendous positive.

Do they realize how much the former representatives have done to make Pampa what it is? Walter Rogers, Bob Price, Foster Whaley, Grainger McIlhany — all did so much for this community years ago and their past efforts continue to benefit the town. Many communities the size of Pampa would love to have a Social Security Office or a Railroad Commission office.

I remember coming to Pampa in 1974 to see a California politician at a bar-



NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

que at Bob Price's ranch. That politician later became U.S. president!

There are so many activities throughout the year in Pampa. Some towns only have one or two major annual events, but Pampa has several.

Top O' Texas Rodeo, Country Fair, Celebration of Lights, Tri-State Senior Golf Tournaments, and Chautauqua are just a few of the major events. There are many, many more.

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center was recently opened. There are several authors who still live in this community and some who used to live here who have recently written books.

Many civic groups are continually raising funds to help battle diseases as well as assist those who need help with social issues.

It takes people — dedicated people — to put in the endless less hours to have these many projects.

People are dedicated to helping people. So many events are held to assist others. Relay for Life and Pregnancy Support Center are two which are coming up soon. Each year the Harvest House helps students have the needed school supplies.

Pampa High Class of 1959 are helping Tommy Hill and his family by raising funds to assist with medical bills following a lung transplant.

Schools and churches continually

work to have programs to improve the quality of life in the community. Church members pray for those who need. I know. They prayed for me when I was diagnosed with cancer in 2000.

The local hospital and medical community are a plus to local residents.

While the population is declining, there are good things going on in this community.

Kentucky Fried Chicken will probably be re-opened in a week to 10 days. A Sears store will soon be opening locally. A company which hauls oil has recently opened here.

When a local greenhouse burned last year, it was rebuilt and has re-opened. West Texas Landscape has built a new building and expanded. Bourland & Leverich Supply recently expanded.

Now, the U.S. Army has re-opened its recruiting office in Coronado Shopping Center.

The annual rabies drive will be held May 3, May 4, and 6th.

Restoration at the Gray County Courthouse will soon be actively under way. The added traffic from the renovation will also bring more dollars as workers eat here, buy gas here, etc. All that means more sales tax dollars, too.

Speaking of sales tax, Pampa has shown continuously increasing sales tax figures for the past year.

Each community has good news and they have bad news. We at *The Pampa News* try to report the good, as well as the bad. Let us know if you know of news. Maybe we haven't heard.

There are so many good things happening in Pampa. Let's count our blessings.

(Nancy Young may be reached at nanceyoung@hotmail.com)



## Surely it's ignorance, not dishonesty

The Enron case made headlines because fraud and deception of such magnitude is fairly unusual in the corporate world. Washington fraud and deception of a much greater magnitude doesn't make the headlines because fraud and deception in government is standard practice. That's what's so disgusting when politicians posture and demand that something be done to ensure honest corporate accounting practices.

You say, "Williams, what are you talking about — Washington fraud?" Suppose a company had run up debt that it wanted to conceal from its stockholders, lenders and the Security Exchange Commission (SEC). The CEO comes up with the accounting gimmick of transferring money from its employees' retirement account to the company's budget account.

That way, when auditors come around, the books are balanced showing no debt. While the company's books are balanced, the company's debt has not disappeared. It still has debt. It's just owed to a different group of people: its employees. If a CEO commits this kind of fraud and deception, he should be summarily jailed.

Washington politicians have for decades been doing precisely what Enron has been accused of doing — concealing debt with accounting tricks. Congressmen tell us that our Social Security taxes go into a trust fund to pay for future retirement pensions. That is a boldface lie. The Social Security trust



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fund has no money in it. What Congress does with Social Security trust fund money is buy government bonds. The purchase of government bonds disguises the deficit by reducing the national debt.

In essence, here's what happens: Congress takes \$100 billion of Social Security trust fund money to retire government debt, and the national debt will be \$100 billion dollars less. But now the Social Security system is owed \$100 billion dollars.

You say, "Williams, what good does that do them? There's still \$100 billion dollars worth of debt." That's where you're wrong and where congressional treachery and accounting gimmicks comes in: Money owed by one government agency to another is not counted as part of the national debt. Thus, Congress' accounting gimmick is to move debt from where it's counted (public debt) to where it's not counted (Social Security debt) — but it's debt nonetheless.

How will Congress cope with the forthcoming fallout of its crooked accounting? It will be easy. Congress will simply cheat people out of their retire-

ment pension by gradually raising the retirement age. For example, Congress can legislate that 75 years of age, instead of 65, is when you're eligible for Social Security benefits. Unfortunately, they can't legislate that you live 10 years longer. That means you will have been cheated out of 10 years of Social Security checks.

Enron used accounting gimmicks to hide debt and make corporate executives look good and earn fat bonuses. Congress does the same thing. Each year, it transfers vast sums of money from the Social Security, and the Federal Highway trust funds to hide debt, and they boastfully lie to us saying they've not only balanced the budget but created a surplus.

Corporations employ accounting practices promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) that established Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Government accounting practices don't come close to the honesty of private accounting practices.

But the mystery to me is why Americans are so upset over an isolated case of a private company using devious accounting gimmicks and demanding that Congress do something, while we accept without question the accounting fraud and deception that has become an inherent feature of government.

I'd like to think that it's ignorance rather than a preference for government dishonesty.

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## China not s intelligence

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Blair, who r May 2, declined t any concrete exa acknowledged he know how muc information Chin lence official have. But he desc sort of details he get.



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# Jordanian foreign minister meets with Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Chiseling away at Israel's attempt to isolate Yasser Arafat, Jordan's foreign minister met with the Palestinian leader Thursday, while a U.N. envoy toured the battle-torn Jenin refugee camp, saying conditions there were "horrifying beyond belief."

Israeli officials said they were winding down their 3-week-old military offensive, but that troops would continue encircling Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem — until standoffs there over the surrender of wanted Palestinians were resolved.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher met with Arafat at the Palestinian leader's shell-scarred government complex in Ramallah on Thursday, becoming the second high-level visitor in two days. On Wednesday, Arafat held talks there with Secretary of State Colin Powell, who left the region without a truce deal.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had opposed Powell's visit to Arafat, calling it a "tragic mistake" to break the isolation of the Palestinian leader, who has been surrounded by Israeli troops since the West Bank offensive began.

Muasher was accompanied by Arafat's neurologist, Dr.

## China not sharing intelligence data

HONG KONG (AP) — The war on terrorism would be easier if China shared more intelligence information with the American military, the chief of the U.S. Pacific Command complained Thursday.

Defeating shadowy terror groups requires unprecedented pooling of information, and although progress is being made across the Asia-Pacific region, Beijing seems to be coming up short on specifics, Adm. Dennis C. Blair told reporters in Hong Kong.

"With other governments that we're operating with more closely, like the Philippines or Singapore and Malaysia, it's very detailed, tactical information of the type you need to take action," Blair said. "I think we need to get to that level with Beijing, and it's not quite there yet."

He added: "When we have all countries doing that in a very effective way, we will go a long way towards winning this campaign."

Blair, who retires on May 2, declined to provide any concrete examples and acknowledged he doesn't know how much useful information Chinese intelligence officials might have. But he described the sort of details he'd like to get.

Ashraf al-Kurdi, who has said the Palestinian leader's regular checkup was four months overdue. Several years ago, Arafat developed tremors in his lower lip. Doctors have said it was a nervous tic. Media reports have speculated he suffers from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease.

Jenin camp in the northern West Bank was the scene of the deadliest fighting in the offensive launched by Israel to crush Palestinian militias after a string of suicide bombings, Israeli soldiers battled Palestinian gunmen in the camp for days, and Israeli shelling and bulldozers reduced large areas in the center of the camp to piles of rubble.

U.N. envoy Terje Roed-Larsen took stock of the devastation on Thursday.

"We are shocked," he said alongside his delegation after the tour. "This is horrifying beyond belief. Just seeing this area, it looks like there's been

an earthquake here, and the stench of death is over many places where we are standing."

The envoy said he came across the body of a boy who appeared to be about 12 years old and had been burnt. "Evidently, there are lots of other corpses. And the stench is telling its own story around here," Roed-Larsen said.

Palestinians claim hundreds of people may be buried beneath rubble in the center of the camp. Israel says the casualties were much lower, and that those killed were mainly gunmen.

Roed-Larsen demanded that Israel give immediate access to aid organizations and the United Nations so they could mount a "major humanitarian operation." Red Cross and Red Crescent teams have been operating in the camp since Monday, but say they do not have the equipment they need to recover bodies and to mount an exten-

sive search for any survivors.

Sharon's chief foreign policy adviser, Danny Ayalon, said Israel was already allowing some aid teams to operate. He said more would be let in shortly, and that troops would be out of the camp "very soon."

On Wednesday, troops withdrew from parts of the adjacent

town of Jenin and were expected to pull out of the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, within a few days. However, troops on Thursday raided a West Bank village near the town of Tulkarem, carrying out arrests and searching for explosives, the military said.

Despite the momentary lull,

Israelis and Palestinians were pessimistic following Powell's failure to negotiate a cease-fire and an Israeli withdrawal.

"I regret that the mission did not end in a more promising way," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio. "The situation is at its most tense."

## Opposition resumes against Chavez

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Despite pleas from the head of the Organization of American States, Venezuelan opposition leaders resumed their political offensive against President Hugo Chavez, insisting he cannot unite a country fractured and demoralized after a failed coup.

During a stormy parliamentary debate Wednesday, most opposition parties insisted Chavez resign and presidential elections be held.

Short of that, many proposed the National Assembly call a referendum to decide whether Chavez should stay. The existing constitution would allow such a vote in 2004. Chavez's term runs to 2006.

"It's not enough to talk," said Lilliana Hernandez, whose Justice First party also proposed that the entire National Assembly resign.

"There are moments for changing and moments to act. The moment for changing has past," she said.

"Fascist!" shouted ruling party legislators after Hernandez spoke.

Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the OAS, warned embittered Venezuelans to talk to one another or risk the loss of their democracy.

"This country has to learn from the traumatic events of last week," he said. "On both sides there is a theory that confrontation is inevitable, as if this is impossible to solve. Those theories lead to instability and war."

Gaviria was completing a fact-finding mission into the uprisings that overthrew

Chavez on April 12 and brought him back to power Sunday.

At least 49 people died — some say more than 100 — in massive street protests in the capital as soldiers first ousted Chavez, then brought him back. Both sides blame the other for most of the deaths.

Chavez, whose initial popularity in office allowed him to

run roughshod over opponents, has admitted errors and appealed for the country to calmly retreat from violence.

Opposition legislators didn't formally introduce the referendum proposal. The move was unlikely to succeed because of Chavez's majority in Congress. Ruling party legislators urged opponents to work with Chavez.

## Comptroller posts April sales tax rebates for state

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today delivered \$272.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts. Sales tax allocations to local governments are down 1.4 percent compared to April 2001. So far this year, local sales tax allocations are down 0.5 percent compared to the first four months of 2001.

April sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1 billion, down 1.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$182.5 million to 1,116 Texas cities,

down 0.6 percent compared to April 2001. April sales tax rebates of \$15.8 million went to 121 Texas counties, up 2.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Another \$7.2 million went to 66 special purpose taxing districts, a 5.9 percent increase compared to April 2001. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$67.1 million in sales tax rebates, down 5 percent.

For details of April sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html)

## United Way recognition



(Community Camera photo)

Brenda Amador, of Williams Energy Service, recently received a plaque on behalf of the company from Pampa United Way Director Katrina Bigham for its corporate matching pledge. A certificate was also presented to the employees of Williams Energy for their pledges totaling over \$7,000. Williams Energy conducted a fund-raiser for the local UW — a drawing for two half-beefs — during the 2001 UW campaign. The drawing netted \$46,220 in corporate matching funds.

## Student memorial service set at WT

CANYON — A Student Memorial Service to honor two students who died this year while enrolled at West Texas A&M University is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, April 26 at the J.A. Hill Chapel on the WTAMU campus.

The Office of Student Government will present scholarships in memory of Michael McNamara, a senior CIS major from Amarillo, who died in November, and Randy Rackley, a junior pre-medicine major from Amarillo, who died in

September. WTAMU held its first Student Memorial Service in 1986 and since then, the Student Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded 70 scholarships to WTAMU students. The service is planned and organized each year by Student Government.

For more information about the Student Memorial Service, or to make donations to the Student Memorial Scholarship Fund or to J.A. Hill Chapel, call the Office of Student Government at (806) 651-2385.

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# 4-Hers compete in county photography competition



Participants in the 2002 Gray County Photography Competition were (back, left-right) Drake Jackson, Cory Jackson, Emily Elliott, Sarah Schwab; (front, l-r) Emily Jackson, Jessica Baggerman, Ryan Baggerman and Matricia Davis. Not pictured: Dustin Neef and Megan Pettit.

Three area students will represent Gray County at the 4-H State Photography Competition at College Station in June. Another five students will represent the county at the Panhandle Photography Contest in May.

Senior 4-Hers Emily Elliott and Sarah Schwab of Pampa and Cory Jackson of Lefors had winning photographs in the recent Gray County 4-H Photography Competition. Their photos will next compete at the state level.

Intermediate 4-Hers Ryan Baggerman and Dustin Neef of Pampa and Drake Jackson of Lefors along with junior 4-Hers Jessica Baggerman, Pampa, and Emily Jackson, Lefors, will advance to the district level.

Results of the competition were announced at an exhibit and awards ceremony. The competition included 46 photos taken by 10 4-H photography students.

Judging was by area photographers James Hinkley of White Deer, Darlene Holmes of Pampa and Ken Payton of Groom.

In the senior division, Elliott received first place honors in "People," "Animals" and "Humor," all in color; and "People," "Landscape and Scenic" and "Flora and Plants," all black-and-white. Schwab received first place ribbons in "Flora and Plants," "Promote 4-H," "Careers," all in color, and "Animals," black-and-white. Cory Jackson took top senior honors in "Landscape and Scenic," color.

In the intermediate division, Neef won first place in "People," "Flora and Plants" and "Animals," all color. Drake Jackson received first place ribbons in both the color and the black-and-white categories of "Landscape and Scenic." Ryan Baggerman took top intermediate honors in "Flora and Plants," black-and-white, and "Humor," color.

The Best of County award-winners were: Cory Jackson, "Landscape and Scenic (color)"; Emily Elliott, "Landscape and Scenic (black-and-white)"; "People (both color and black-and-white)," "Animals, tie (color)" and "Humor (color)"; Dustin Neef, "Flora and Plants (color)"; "Animals, tie (color)"; "Promote 4-H (color)"; Jessica Baggerman, "Flora and Plants (black-and-white)"; and Sarah Schwab, "Animals (black-and-white)" and "Careers (color)."

Best of County awards were also given for the top scoring photograph in each category, regardless of age.

Area photographers Ken Payton of Groom, Darlene Holmes of Pampa, and James Hinkley of White Deer discuss photographs during the Gray County 4-H Photography Competition Judging recently. All three volunteered their time and expertise to evaluate 46 photographs taken by 10 area students involved in the 4-H Photography Project.

In the junior division, Jessica Baggerman won the color categories of "Flora and Plants" and "Landscape and Scenic." Emily Jackson won in "People," "Promote 4-H" and "Animals," all in color.

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## Missing minister wants to return from the dead

ABILENE (AP) — A minister who claimed to have amnesia when he resurfaced after a 16-year disappearance has gone to court to have his death certificate reversed and his estate returned to him.

Wesley Barrett "Barre" Cox disappeared 1984 while driving from Lubbock to Abilene, and he was presumed dead after his ransacked car was found off a remote highway. He was married, had an infant daughter and was a family minister at MacArthur Park Church of Christ in San Antonio.

He was recognized in December 2000 while in the pulpit of a Dallas gay church, where he was using the name James Simmons and auditioning to be pastor. Simmons has said he is gay, has amnesia and does not remember a wife and daughter, who now live in Franklin, Tenn.

The application for "reversal of presumption of death and for restoration of estate" was filed March 25 in Gray County in the Texas Panhandle, where Cox was ruled legally dead on Aug. 23, 1991.

The suit seeks a ruling that Barre Cox is alive and entitled to the return of his estate, as well as any profits from it since he was declared dead and any further relief.

Beth Cox, who never remarried after her husband's disappearance, told the Abilene Reporter-News that she used all the money to raise their child and would have to declare bankruptcy if Simmons wins his suit.

After her husband was declared dead, she received lease payments on part of a ranch owned by the Cox family in the Panhandle. She also received some money when the ranch later was sold.

"He's saying, 'I want all that back,'" Beth Cox said. She has said she wonders whether Simmons really has amnesia or faked his abduction and forged a new life after realizing he was gay.

Her attorney, Ed Bailey of Nashville, said Simmons filed suit after Tennessee began proceedings to collect back child support payments for the couple's daughter, who turned 18 on Jan. 1.

But Bailey said that happened only after Simmons failed to reach an agreement the past year with his former wife about paying for their daughter's education.

"We had really hoped he would be more responsive to his responsibilities as a parent," Bailey said.

Simmons attorney, Christopher Wright of Amarillo, said he does not know if the child support issue prompted Simmons to contact him.

The child support case has been transferred to Dallas. A hearing will be held June 7.

## Columbine review finds in favor of police

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Nearly three years after the massacre at Columbine High School, Brian Rohrbough is satisfied that he knows who killed his son.

"I believe for the first time in three years we have the very first plausible explanation for what happened to my son," Rohrbough said.

The cause of Daniel Rohrbough's death has been the source of a heated dispute between his father and law enforcement. Brian Rohrbough has alleged Denver police Sgt. Daniel O'Shea accidentally killed his son, while police maintained it was teen gunman Eric Harris.

On Wednesday, authorities released the results of an independent investigation led by El Paso County Sheriff John Anderson that determined O'Shea was not yet on the scene when the deadly shot was fired. It also found that the bullet in Rohrbough's body was a "textbook match" Harris' weapon.

"The murder of Daniel Rohrbough at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, was

undeniably caused by gunman Eric Harris beyond any reasonable doubt," the report said.

Rohrbough, 15, was among 12 students and a teacher killed by Harris and Dylan Klebold during the rampage in suburban Littleton. The gunmen then killed themselves in the school library.

Denver police said O'Shea would not be available for comment. But police Chief Gerry Whitman said he welcomed the findings.

"It is also tragic that Sgt. O'Shea has been subjected to public accusations claiming that he took a life, when in fact he courageously risked his own life to save others," Whitman said.

The investigation was conducted by the El Paso County sheriff's office and detectives from Colorado Springs at the request of the Jefferson County sheriff's department, the lead agency in charge of responding to the attack. El Paso County's deputies had no role in the initial response to the attack.

Jefferson County investigators had reported in May 2000 that Rohrbough was shot by

Klebold, then corrected themselves a year later to say Harris killed Rohrbough.

Rohrbough's parents, left with questions over who killed their son, filed a lawsuit alleging O'Shea accidentally killed Rohrbough.

The lawsuit was dismissed in U.S. District Court but is pending at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal. Rohrbough's relatives will review the full report before deciding on their next step, said their lawyer, Barry Arrington.

Jefferson County investigator Kate Battan declined comment on the new findings until she could review the full report. Sheriff John Stone was out of town on business and unavailable for comment.

In a 34-page executive summary, El Paso County sheriff's investigators indicated that Harris was the only person who could have shot Rohrbough from the angles matching the wounds on his body.

Rohrbough was shot before 11:30 a.m., based on witness accounts cited in the report. O'Shea arrived on the scene just before noon.

## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross, Gray County Chapter, Annual Golf Scramble will be played at the Hidden Hills Golf Course on April 20th Shotgun starts for the four person scramble will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration is \$40.00 per person and includes Green fees, Golf Cart, Breakfast and Lunch, and many opportunities to win prizes. People wishing to sign up or enter a team should call David Teichman at (806) 669-5866.

All proceeds are used by the local Red Cross Chapter to provide services on a local basis. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jana Gregory at 669-7121. This year's Scramble is sponsored by:

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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**Teacher Set Good Example For Continuing Education**

**DEAR ABBY:** My "Aunt Woo Woo" was a high school teacher all her life. She retired at 62, and after her husband died, she returned to college to get a degree in special education.

She lived in a dorm, showed the young co-eds a thing or two (she was quite a rounder!), and then taught until she was 87.

Tell those who have a dream to go for it — at any age.

ROSE PITTFORD, KEOKUK, IOWA

**DEAR ROSE:** I've been doing it for years, and readers have taken it to heart. I recently read about a gentleman in his 90s who had just graduated from college — and he's not alone. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** As a child, I wanted to be a teacher to follow in my grandmother's footsteps. I made my sister play school. I made the neighbor kids play school. Nobody was safe from my teaching.

I never went beyond high school, married young and had a family right away. On my 38th birthday, our home and all possessions were burned in a fire. My life changed forever. I became a firefighter. At the age of 42, I began taking college classes in fire science. With 60 hours of college credit, I became a substitute teacher on my days off from the fire department.

It took years to earn my associate's degree in fire science technol-

ogy. I entered the University of South Florida — still a professional firefighter. (I was the oldest female professional firefighter in the United States throughout my career.) I retired from the fire service in 1998 and, at age 55, entered college full time. It took 2 1/2 years to complete my degree.

Abby, not for a moment do I regret all the life experiences I brought to the teaching profession. I know I can continue to contribute to the education of children for another 20 years if I choose.

Would I do this over again? In a heartbeat!

E. DIANE LAPOINTE, BRADENTON, FLA.

**DEAR DIANE:** Your work

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**DEAR ABBY:** After being frustrated about not being able to track down and properly thank some of the teachers who helped me get where I am today, I had an idea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each teacher had an e-mail address assigned to him or her — even after they retired? If teachers heard from their former students, they would better understand the impact they made on our lives. Perhaps some great former teachers

would even return to their profession. **GRATEFUL DOCTOR IN DALLAS**

**DEAR GRATEFUL DOCTOR:** Your idea has merit. However, until that day arrives, a phone call, or better still a letter, can achieve the same goal.

**DEAR ABBY:** Do you have space for one more "birds and bees" story? When my son and his playmate were very little, some big boys horrified them by bluntly telling them the "facts of life." Left alone, the two little boys talked the matter over anxiously. They finally decided, with a great surge of relief, that the big boys had been lying through their teeth. "Of course they were lying!" my son's little pal assured him triumphantly, "and I can prove it. You see, maybe my mother might, but I know for sure my daddy would never!" **M.S. FROM DALLAS**

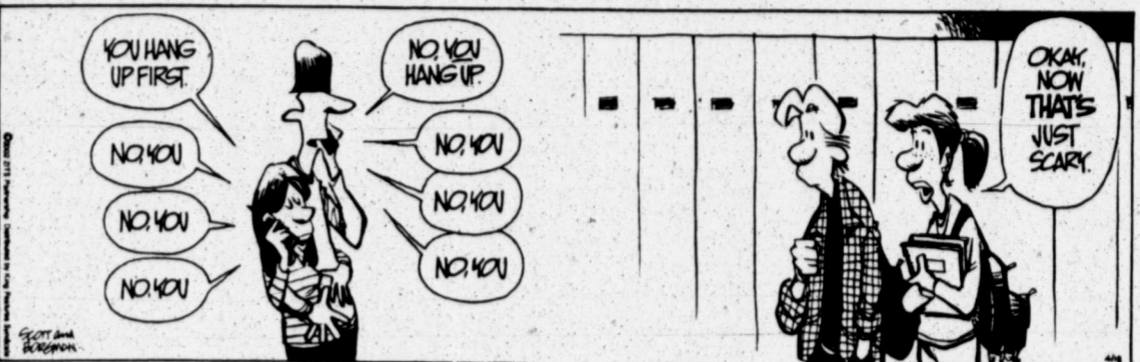
**DEAR M.S.:** Which proves you should never say "never!"

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

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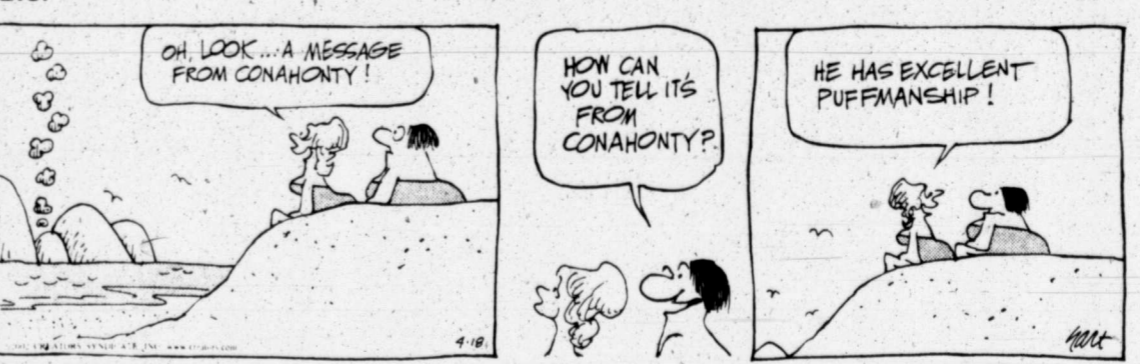
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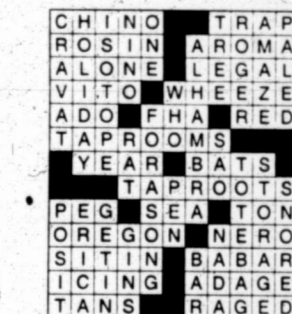
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**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 42 1984 comedy "The Woman"



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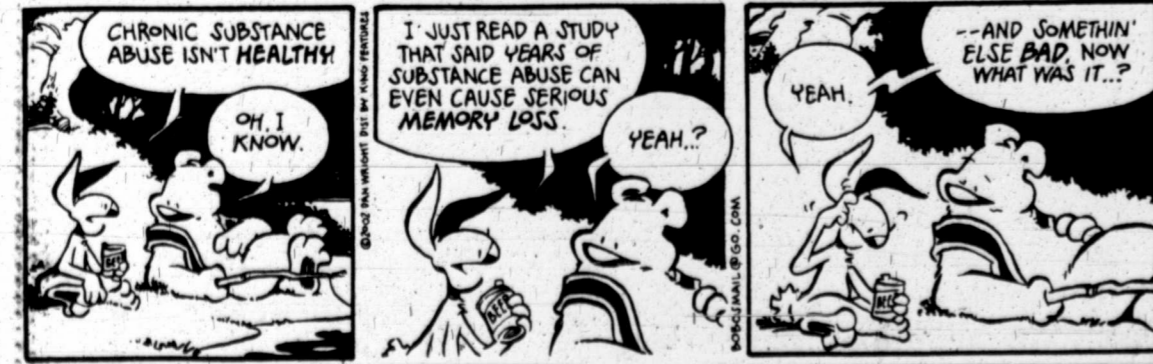
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"Maybe Mr. Quan puts his elbows on the table a lot."

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# SPORTS

NOTEBOOK

## RODEO

**AMARILLO** — Beverly Witcher of Canadian won the breakaway roping in last weekend's Tri-State High School Rodeo. Witcher recorded a 4.169 in Sunday's second-round results.

Four members of the TPCA Club placed among the top three at the Amarillo Rodeo.

Taylen Gregory of Pampa was second in barrel racing (17.950) in Saturday's first-round results. Kaily Richardson of Pampa was third in goat tying (8.821) in the first round.

In the second round, Karra Daniel of Groom was third in breakaway roping (4.349) and Curry Porter of Pampa was third in pole bending (21.786).

K.W. Lauer of Canadian was second in ribbon roping (9.656).

## FISHING

**PAMPA** — The Top of Texas Bassmasters held its 2001 banquet and plaques were presented to the top six anglers.

First-place angler was Danny Hathcoat, while Mike Young placed second, followed in order by Bill Crook, Steve Stauffacher, Kenny Hathcoat and Maxine Stauffacher.

Danny Hathcoat was named Angler of the Year and also won "Big Bass" with 8.46 pounds. A special plaque for over 20 years of participation in the club was presented to Mike Young.

The first tournament of the 2002 season was held March 23-24 at Lake Alan Henry. Coming in first was Steve and Maxine Stauffacher with 10.56 pounds. Second place went Danny and Kenny Hathcoat with 9.35 pounds. Maxine Stauffacher won Big Bass with 5.55 pounds.

The next tournament will be April 20-21 at Baylor and Childress Lakes.

## GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association will start having Playdays. There will be a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Hidden Hills public golf course.

## BASKETBALL

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Tony Parker thinks he's ready for the NBA playoffs. After watching him beat the Utah Jazz, who would argue?

The 19-year-old rookie point guard drove the length of the floor and scored on a layup with 2 seconds left, lifting San Antonio to an 86-84 victory over Utah on Wednesday night to clinch the Midwest Division for the Spurs.

"I like having the ball when it's like that," Parker said. "It was a big game for us. We wanted to win the Midwest Division. I like being in the game when there's a lot of pressure."

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 16 rebounds as San Antonio won the Midwest for the second straight year and closed the regular season with a nine-game winning streak. But he gave the credit to Parker.

"Tony Parker was awesome, pushing it down there at the end and making it happen," Duncan said. "He had a tough game all night but he stayed with it, and he was there for us at the end."

## Former Cowboy reflects on career

**ABILENE, Texas** — Drew Pearson did not have to be pushed or persuaded. Coaches never doubted his ability to think on his feet or to make decisions under pressure on the football field.

Maybe even more than his unusual athletic talent, that was what made the early part of the former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver's experience as a high school and college football player special. Pearson was a black quarterback, and that was just fine with his coaches at Southriver High School in New Jersey and the University of Tulsa in the 1970s.

Pearson was a part-time quarterback early on in high school only because he was playing behind an older player by the name of Joe Theismann. Once Theismann graduated and went on to Notre-Dame, Pearson remained a quarterback until midway through his college career at Tulsa. And Pearson's race had nothing to do with the reason he moved to wide receiver as a junior.

"When I was coming through college I realized that I was not that big or strong, so why create even greater odds of making it to the NFL," Pearson said recently following a press conference at Fairway Oaks Country Club announcing he would headline the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Golf Classic. "Just before my junior year at Tulsa I insisted that I play wide receiver."

The way Pearson looked at it, playing receiver was his best chance to make it to the NFL, which did not have a team select a black quarterback in the first round until James Harris in 1970.

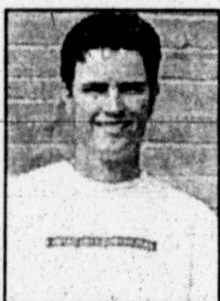
"I certainly was not going to be a quarterback in the NFL, and I was not going to be a cornerback because I didn't like to hit anybody," said Pearson, who signed as a free agent with the Cowboys before the 1973 season. "I didn't mind getting hit, but I was not going to hit anybody, so I knew if I was going to make it I needed to be a wide receiver."

Pearson displayed a few nifty moves as a football player for the Cowboys over the years, but the decision to move to wide receiver may have been his best of all. Pearson was named an All-Pro in the NFL three times, played in three Super Bowls and also produced one of the most memorable moments in football history.

Pearson caught a "Hail Mary" pass from Roger Staubach with just 24 seconds left in an NFC Divisional playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings and scampered into the end zone to give the Cowboys the win in 1975.

## Pampa golfer qualifies for 3rd straight regionals

**PAMPA** — Two-time District 3-4A medalist Daniel Heuston didn't win the No. 1 spot this season, but the Pampa senior still qualified for another trip to the regional tournament.



Heuston

The Harvesters finished third in the final standings and Heuston was fifth in the medalist race.

According to the district format, the top two teams and the top two individuals who aren't among the top two teams qualify for regionals. Randall won the district title and Dumas was runnersup. Pampa placed third with Heuston as the lone regional qualifier.

Heuston was hampered in his this third straight medalist quest because two rounds were canceled due to unplayable greens at

Hereford. A year ago, Heuston won the individual title by four strokes and the Harvesters won their second district title in a row.

The Class 4A regional tournament will be held Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

The Pampa girls golf team is going to San Angelo after taking second behind Hereford in the district tournament.

The Lady Harvesters are relatively young this season with Cortney Locknane listed as the only senior on the team. Other team members are Meagan Shannon, Krissy Holman, Mollie Crossman and Michelle Haley.

The top two teams and the top two individuals not among the first and second-place teams also advance to state in Austin.

## Home run



Jennie Rogers gets ready to step on the plate while the Covalt sisters, Abbi (7) and Cali, wait to greet her. Rogers had just hit a two-run homer in Pampa's 20-3 win over Hereford earlier this month. The Lady Harvesters close out the regular softball season this weekend with a chance to make the playoffs. They host Randall at 4:30 Friday at Optimist Park and then play at 3 p.m. at Berger on Saturday. PHS seniors will be recognized during Friday's game.

## Berkman on a power surge

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Lance Berkman has homered to right field, to center and to left — twice — to drive in eight runs in two games.

Is it Berkman, or is it Cincinnati's pitching?

"He's a good hitter. He just happens to have power," Houston manager Jimmy Williams said after the Astros beat the Reds 7-2 Wednesday night.

Jose Acevedo gave up two homers to Berkman on Tuesday night — four altogether in 1 2-3 innings — and found himself with Triple-A Louisville the next day.

Jimmy Haynes (1-2) hung a pitch Wednesday night and Berkman drove it for a two-run homer, his eighth.

"It was a splitter," Haynes said. "I was trying to bounce it, but it stayed up. You can't make mistakes to a hitter who's in a zone like Berkman is now."

What the Reds did right

was turn Berkman around in his last at-bat.

All four of his homers in Cinergy Field came left-handed. But even though Berkman was 2-for-6 right-handed — and both hits were home runs — he felt more comfortable left-handed because he had been facing mostly right-handed pitching.

With the bases loaded in the seventh, lefty Gabe White got Berkman to foul out. Berkman said he was too eager.

"I didn't even make the guy throw me a strike," Berkman said.

He was relieved that Richard Hidalgo followed him with a two-run single that gave Houston a 7-2 lead.

Berkman hit .331 with 34 home runs and 126 RBIs last year, his first full season with Houston. But he doesn't want the home run to be his only weapon.

"Right now, I'm in a streak of them," Berkman

said. "I like to play fundamentally sound baseball, and I didn't do that in my last at-bat."

Berkman is the seventh Astros player to homer four times in a two-game span. The last was Vinny Castilla, who did it last July 27-28 at Pittsburgh.

Haynes created problems for himself right away. He hit leadoff batter Craig Biggio, who later scored on a sacrifice fly by Berkman. Daryle Ward doubled in two more runs in the inning to make it 3-0.

Haynes retired nine in a row in one stretch, until Jeff Bagwell doubled with two out in the fifth and Berkman's homer made it 5-2. Haynes allowed five hits and two walks and struck out four in five innings.

"He made a big mistake to Berkman," Reds manager Bob Boone said. "We were in the game until then. That ended up being the pitch of the game."

## Pampa Bowling Roundup

**Harvester Lanes League Individual Results**

**Clarendon College League**

**Week 3**

**Week's Top Scores**

**Men**

High scratch game: Jonathan Smith 159; High scratch series: Jonathan Smith 390; High handicap game: Jonathan Smith 236; High handicap series: Jonathan Smith 621.

**Women**

High scratch game: Caryn Lowry 166; High scratch series: Lee Ann Winton 417; High handicap game: Valerie Malone 254; High handicap series: Valerie Malone 715.

**Lone Star League**

**Week 27**

**Week's Top Scores**

High scratch game: Carla Schiffman 218; High scratch series: Carla Schiffman 624; High handicap game: Debbie McKinney 258; High handicap series: Debbie McKinney 673.

**Cartoon Network 2**

**Week 12**

**Week's Top Scores**

**Men**

High scratch game: Jesse Cannon 223; High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 605; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 224; High handicap

series: Jesse Cannon 608.

**Women**

High scratch game: Judy Morriss 173; High scratch series: Becky Hall 436; High handicap game: Judy Morriss 222; High handicap series: Marilyn Ruhl 571.

**Boys**

High scratch game: Tyson Williams 200; High scratch series: Tyson Williams 485; High handicap game: Tyson Williams 235; High handicap series: Tyson-Williams 590.

**Girls**

High scratch game: Staci Searl 144; High scratch series: Staci Searl 384; High handicap game: Emily Ruhl 204; High handicap series: Emily Ruhl 576.

**Chamber Merchants League**

**Week 30**

**Week's Top Scores**

**Men**

High scratch game: Shaun Smith 224; High scratch series: Shaun Smith 615; High handicap game: Jerry Salazar 259; High handicap series: Jerry Salazar 719.

**Women**

High scratch game: Jody Barker 204; High scratch series: Becky Hall 490; High handicap game: Jody Barker 248; High handicap series: Barbara Pipkin 664.

## Mavs fall to fourth place in Western Conf.

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Jake Tsakalidis scored 19 points and Stephon Marbury had 15 points and 13 assists Wednesday night as the Phoenix Suns beat Dallas 89-76, relegating the Mavericks to fourth place in the Western Conference.

The Mavs went into the finale tied with San Antonio Spurs at 57-24. But the Spurs held the tiebreaker, and their victory at Utah an hour earlier

ended Dallas' shot at its first division title in 15 years.

This loss completed the playoff seedings, because the Los Angeles Lakers, who played later, held the tiebreaker against the Mavericks. The two-time defending champs are seeded third and will play Portland.

Dallas will play Minnesota in the best-of-five first round. Joe Johnson had 16 points off the bench, Shawn Marion

scored 14 and Dan Majerle, who made his first start for the Suns since April 4, 1995, scored 10 points and eight rebounds in the final game of his 14-season career.

Majerle initially rejected the offer of coach Frank Johnson to start, but reconsidered on game day. He was honored in a pregame ceremony.

Wang Zhizhi led the Mavericks with 22 points and Johnny Newman had 11.

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# Suzuki's double clinches Mariners' 10-0 road trip

By The Associated Press

Ichiro Suzuki swung at the low-and-away slider, a nasty pitch that would've struck out most hitters, and simply flicked it foul. He did even better with the next breaking ball, lining it for a game-breaking, three-run double.

"I think he can hit anything," teammate Bret Boone said.

Hardly a surprise considering how well things are going for the Seattle Mariners these days.

The Mariners completed a 10-0 road trip Wednesday night, with Suzuki's eighth-inning double ensuring a 7-4 win over the Oakland Athletics.

"Not a bad way to start out," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "What do you want to me to say? We're not playing to make records but to accomplish something."

The Mariners, who set an AL marks with 59 road wins and 116 victories last season, won four games at Anaheim, four more at Texas and finished with a two-game sweep at the Coliseum.

Seattle became the sixth team to start a season with at least 10 straight road victories. Atlanta was the last club to do it in 1994.

"We felt in spring training that we had a good team, but winning like this just reinforces it to the players," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said.

In other games, Boston beat Toronto 10-3, Chicago downed Cleveland 7-2, New York defeated Baltimore 7-1, Kansas City routed Minnesota 16-3, Texas topped Anaheim 4-1 and Detroit defeated Tampa Bay 7-6.

At 13-3, the Mariners once again have the best record in the majors. Oakland lost its third in a row.

"They have a killer instinct," Athletics manager Art Howe said. "Right now if you make a

mistake against them they make you pay."

Jeff Cirillo's RBI single off Tim Hudson put the Mariners ahead 4-3 in the sixth.

In the eighth, Seattle loaded the bases with no outs for Suzuki, the reigning AL MVP and Rookie of the Year. Reliever Mike Holtz got two fast strikes before Suzuki delivered the clinching double.

"Ichiro put the game out of reach for us. It's so nice to have him come up there and hit the ball for us," Boone said.

## Red Sox 10, Blue Jays 3

Manny Ramirez homered, drove in four runs and scored three times to lead Boston over Toronto.

Ramirez had four hits, making him 7-for-9 with seven RBIs in the two-game sweep at SkyDome.

The Red Sox have won three straight games overall and are 5-0 on the road.

## Yankees 7, Orioles 1

Jason Giambi homered for the first time in pinstripes, and New York connected five times to beat Baltimore.

Giambi, who's been getting mixed cheers and boos at Yankee Stadium, doubled in the fourth inning and homered in the sixth. Urged by Derek Jeter, Giambi acknowledged an ovation by taking a curtain call.

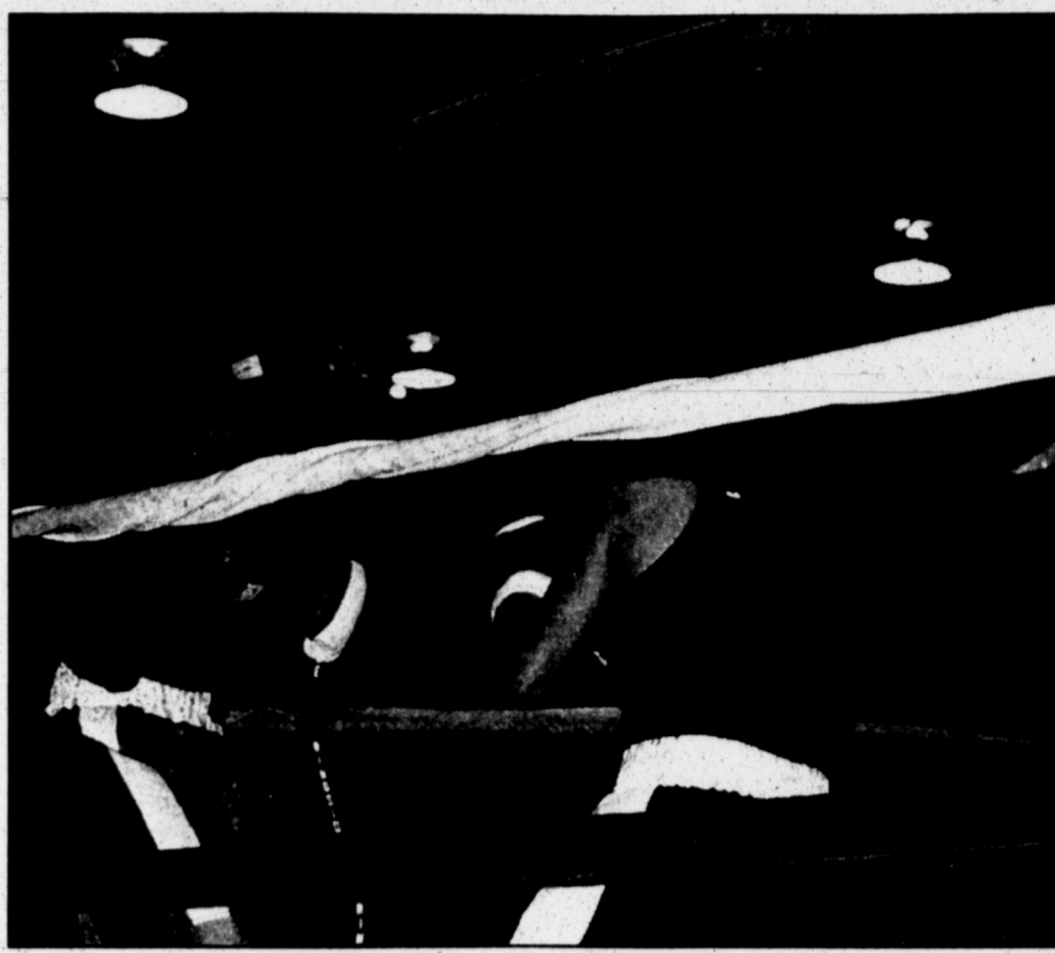
Alfonso Soriano, Jorge Posada, Rondell White and Shane Spencer also homered for New York, which won for only the second time in eight games.

## White Sox 7, Indians 2

Mark Buehrle became the AL's first four-game winner and Ray Durham drove in four runs as Chicago again beat Cleveland.

The White Sox won for the seventh time in eight games. The Indians, who had their 10-game winning streak stopped Tuesday night at Comiskey Park, have lost two in a row for the first time this year.

## Knockdown



Welterweight boxer David Cano (left) of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa knocks down Nick Alcozar of Hereford enroute to a winning decision at the Portillo's Boxing Club Invitational in Plainview. Cano was entered in the Open Division. Boxers from Odessa, Hereford, Garden City, Plainview, Taos, Amarillo, Hobbs, Dimmitt, San Angelo, Lubbock and Slaton competed in the tournament. The Pampa boxers return to Plainview this weekend for another tournament.



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| Anaheim                 | 5  | 9  | .357 | 7     |
| Texas                   | 4  | 11 | .267 | 8 1/2 |

| Thursday's Games   |   |
|--|---|
| Houston (Oswalt 2-0) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0), 12:35 p.m.   | N.Y. Mets (Leter 1-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  |
| Philadelphia (Person 0-2) at Florida (Beckett 0-1), 7:05 p.m.  | St. Louis (Kile 0-0) at Milwaukee (Figueroa 0-1), 8:05 p.m. |
| San Diego (Tollberg 0-2) at Los Angeles (Daal 1-0), 10:10 p.m. | <b>Friday's Games</b>                                       |
| Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 3:20 p.m.                          | N.Y. Mets at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.                            |
| Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.                          | Florida at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.                               |
| San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.                            | St. Louis at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.                           |
| Colorado at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.                                | San Diego at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.                        |

### HOCKEY

#### National Hockey League Daily Playoff Glance

| By The Associated Press                                |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| All Times EDT  |   |  |
| FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)                                |   |  |
| Wednesday, April 17                                    |   |  |
| Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, Carolina leads series 1-0    | Philadelphia 1, Ottawa 0, OT, Philadelphia leads series 1-0 |  |
| Vancouver 4, Detroit 3, OT, Vancouver leads series 1-0 | San Jose 2, Phoenix 1, San Jose leads series 1-0            |  |
| Thursday, April 18                                     |   |  |
| Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.                             | N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.                           |  |
| Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.                           | Los Angeles at Colorado, 10 p.m.                            |  |
| Friday, April 19                                       |   |  |
| Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m.                           | New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.                           |  |
| Saturday, April 20                                     |   |  |
| N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 3 p.m.                      | Los Angeles at Colorado, 3 p.m.                             |  |
| Phoenix at San Jose, 3 p.m.                            | Chicago at St. Louis, 3 p.m.                                |  |
| Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.                         | Sunday, April 21  |  |
| Carolina at New Jersey, 3 p.m.                         | Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.                                  |  |
| St. Louis at Chicago, 7 p.m.                           | Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.                               |  |
| Monday, April 22                                       |   |  |
| Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.                         | San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.                                |  |
| Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.                       | Tuesday, April 23   |  |
| Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.                             | Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.                              |  |
| Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.                      | St. Louis at Chicago, 8 p.m.                                |  |
| Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.                       | Detroit at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.                            |  |
| Wednesday, April 24                                    |   |  |
| Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.                         | Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.                           |  |
| New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary           | San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m., if necessary                  |  |
| Thursday, April 25                                     |   |  |
| Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.                             | Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary                  |  |
| Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary             | Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:30 p.m., if necessary            |  |
| Friday, April 26                                       |   |  |
| Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary           | N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary             |  |
| Phoenix at San Jose, 10 p.m., if necessary             | Saturday, April 27  |  |
| Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m., if necessary               | Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m., if necessary                |  |
| St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m., if necessary             | Colorado at Los Angeles, 6 p.m., if necessary               |  |
| Detroit at Vancouver, 7 p.m., if necessary             | Sunday, April 28  |  |
| Philadelphia at Ottawa, 3 p.m., if necessary           | Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m., if necessary             |  |
| San Jose at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m., if necessary          | Monday, April 29  |  |
| New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary           | Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m., if necessary                    |  |
| Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary             | Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary                  |  |
| Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:30 p.m., if necessary       |   |  |

| National League         |    |    |      |       |
|-------------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| At A Glance             |    |    |      |       |
| By The Associated Press |    |    |      |       |
| All Times EDT           |    |    |      |       |
| East Division           |    |    |      |       |
|                         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| New York                | 9  | 6  | .600 | —     |
| Montreal                | 8  | 7  | .533 | —     |
| Florida                 | 7  | 7  | .500 | 1 1/2 |
| Philadelphia            | 7  | 8  | .467 | 2     |
| Atlanta                 | 7  | 9  | .438 | 2 1/2 |
| Central Division        |    |    |      |       |
|                         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| Pittsburgh              | 9  | 5  | .643 | —     |
| St. Louis               | 9  | 6  | .600 | 1/2   |
| Cincinnati              | 7  | 7  | .500 | 2     |
| Houston                 | 7  | 7  | .500 | 2     |
| Chicago                 | 5  | 9  | .357 | 4     |
| Milwaukee               | 3  | 12 | .200 | 6 1/2 |
| West Division           |    |    |      |       |
|                         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| San Francisco           | 10 | 5  | .667 | —     |
| Arizona                 | 10 | 6  | .625 | 1/2   |
| Los Angeles             | 8  | 7  | .533 | 2     |
| San Diego               | 8  | 7  | .533 | 2     |
| Colorado                | 5  | 11 | .313 | 5 1/2 |

| Tuesday's Games             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Montreal 8, Chicago Cubs 4  | Florida 7, Philadelphia 6    |
| N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 1      | Houston 8, Cincinnati 3      |
| Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 1   | Colorado 6, Los Angeles 4    |
| Arizona 5, St. Louis 3      | San Francisco 5, San Diego 1 |
| Wednesday's Games           |                              |
| Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 1      | Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2    |
| Los Angeles 6, Colorado 3   | St. Louis 8, Arizona 4       |
| Montreal 15, Chicago Cubs 8 | Philadelphia 7, Florida 5    |
| Houston 7, Cincinnati 2     | San Diego 5, San Francisco 3 |

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2002

### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)

\*\*\*\* Indulge yourself, as well as others. If you can, work from home and don't push beyond your limits. You'll see that a relaxed day fits the bill, even if you have a lot of ground to cover. Count on flourishing in the present atmosphere. Tonight: Why move? Happy at home.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Whatever you do appears to be perfect. Others naturally respond to your efforts and go out of their way for you. Use timing. Ask the boss for a raise or ask that special person out. You'll like the results. Tonight: Let another know that you appreciate him or her.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* You might feel ill at ease over a personal matter. Be clear and direct with your dealings involving a loved one or friend. If you feel the need to clarify feelings — there's no time like the present. Make that extra effort toward a friend or loved one. Tonight: Shop for a card.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* A friendship could be developing into a lot more. Don't push so hard to have another think like you or approach a situation as you would like. Let events happen. Let feelings build. Success greets you as a result. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Assume a lower profile than normal. You could feel a bit overwhelmed by what is going on with another. Listen to a boss or older relative. This person has key feedback. Go out of your way to touch base with another who might not be feeling up to snuff. Tonight: Continue being mysterious.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Success comes from many people or meetings. Be willing to work in groups. You might not have all the answers, but you certainly know how to find them. A brainstorming session provides more options than you considered. Tonight: Hop out the door. Join your pals.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Take charge at work if you have any thought of leaving at a normal time this afternoon. You find that an associate does a reversal when you least expect it. Relax with immediate information. Know what you're seeking. Tonight: Are you ready to be the lead actor? Spotlight, please.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Your mind certainly isn't present, as you might already be "gone" for the weekend. Why not cut your losses and clear your desk, answer your e-mail and head out the door? Network if you must stay in the office. Someone finds you to be unusually appealing. Tonight: Split town, if you can.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* If another could part the waters for you, he or she would! You can count on another's follow-through right now. Ask for more of what you need from those in your daily life. You find their responses to be overwhelming. You might not have realized how popular you are. Tonight: Opt to be with a special friend.

#### WATERS, H. P.O. Box 790, Pampa, Texas 79701. Tel: (806) 696-7900. Fax: (806) 696-7900. By: DAVID E. H. Attorney at Law, State Bar No. 051-17 Apr. 18.

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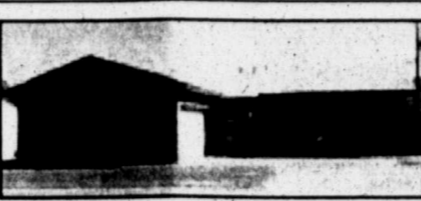
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### 69 Misc.

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### 69 Misc.

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# Senate nears vote on drilling in Alaskan wildlife refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barring a big shift in sentiment, Senate Republicans are likely to fall short in their push to open an Alaskan wildlife refuge to oil drilling, which has been one of President Bush's top energy priorities.

Several GOP senators conceded late Wednesday they don't have the 60 votes needed to cut off a Democratic filibuster blocking an amendment to a broad energy bill that would open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil companies.

A showdown vote over ending the filibuster was scheduled for Thursday. If unsuccessful, Republican sponsors of the proposal are likely to withdraw their amendment.

Drilling for the billions of barrels of oil believed to lie beneath the coastal plain of the sprawling refuge has been a centerpiece of Bush's energy plan released a year ago — and the most contentious issue facing senators trying to craft energy legislation.

Bush repeatedly has argued that the oil can be extracted without harming the environment or wildlife, and he has cited Iraq's current oil embargo as proof that new drilling is needed more than ever.

But environmentalists and many Senate Democrats — as well as a handful of GOP senators — argued the oil can be found elsewhere without risking the refuge and its wildlife, including a herd of 123,000 caribou that calves each year on the coastal plain.

The House approved an energy package last year that includes refuge drilling.

During two days of sometimes emotional debate, drilling supporters assailed "radical" environmentalists who have opposed drilling and talked as much about the recent turmoil in the Middle East and Iraq's suspension of oil shipments as about the refuge itself.

"There's an inferno in the Mideast and we're importing more than 50 percent of our

oil," said Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, arguing that extracting the oil in ANWR, as the refuge is commonly known, is a matter of national security because it will cut the need for imports.

Drilling opponents scoffed at that argument.

"I've learned a few lessons about national security as a soldier and a senator, but the mathematics I learned in elementary school prove that Arctic drilling won't make a difference for national security," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a decorated Vietnam veteran.

Kerry, who has led the filibuster against refuge drilling, said the United States has 3 percent of the world's oil and uses 25 percent of the world's sup-

ply. "The solution is not in the Arctic," he said.

If energy security was the issue, he said, Republicans should have supported his proposal, which was rejected earlier, to require increased automobile fuel efficiency.

The drilling issue has attracted intense lobbying by environmentalists who have made it their No. 1 issue. Stung last summer when the Republican-controlled House passed an energy bill that would open the refuge to oil development, they vowed to press the issue in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

"Oil rigs do not belong in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge," said Mark Van Putten, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, lashed out at the "reactionary, radical environmental groups" that he said were using the Arctic refuge issue as a fundraising tool.

Geologists believe ANWR's 1.5 million-acre coastal plain may contain 11.6 billion barrels of oil, almost as much as has been taken from nearby Prudhoe Bay.

At peak production, ANWR would supply about 1.9 million barrels a day, according to the Interior Department estimates. The United States today uses 19 million barrels a day, 57 percent of that from imports.

With indications that they were significantly short on votes, drilling supporters

explored ways to bring senators to their side.

Stevens offered a proposal to funnel money from oil lease sales in the refuge to help coal miners and steelworkers, an overture that fell flat. And Murkowski offered to limit areas to be disturbed by exploration and another to expand the wilderness area of the refuge — even a requirement that some of the oil be earmarked for Israel if the country needs it.

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## Economy: Jobless claims edging up

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment insurance inched up last week, suggesting the some people are having trouble holding onto their jobs even as the economy recovers from recession.

For the work week ending April 13, new claims for jobless benefits edged up by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 445,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

Employment is considered a lagging economic indicator because businesses, which had shed workers during the slump, want to make sure the rebound is here to stay before hiring them back.

A government analyst said that the layoffs picture continues to be clouded by a technical fluke, which has caused the level of claims to be inflated over the last several weeks.

The distortion is coming from a requirement that laid-off workers seeking to take advantage of a federal extension for benefits must required to submit new claims.

Congress recently passed legislation signed into law by President Bush that provided a 13-week extension of jobless benefits.

Because of the re-filing requirement, the weekly claims figures could be volatile in the weeks ahead.

The more stable four-week moving average of new claims, which smoothes out

week-to-week fluctuations, also rose last week to 448,750, the highest level since the middle of November.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, testifying before Congress Wednesday, believed that the labor market is improving and didn't foresee a period of chronic unemployment.

Businesses added jobs in March for the first time in eight months, a clear sign that the economy is bouncing back from a recession that began in March 2001. Job growth wasn't strong enough to prevent the nation's unemployment rate from rising to 5.7 percent.

Thursday's report also showed that the number continuing to receive unemployment benefits rose to 3.84 million for the work week ending April 6. That was the highest level since Feb. 26, 1983.

That number, the government analyst said, is not being affected by unemployed people receiving benefit extensions under the new law.

Greenspan said that the behavior of consumers and businesses in the coming months will be the key to how strong the economic recovery turns out to be.

Consumers continued buying throughout this recession. Given that, they may not have a lot of pent-up demand coming out of the slump, which would make for a less than sizzling rebound.

## Judge places hold Texas man's assets

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction on the financial assets of two businesses owned by an East Texas man accused of conducting an illegal telemarketing scheme.

U.S. District Judge John Ward issued the order Wednesday to convert a temporary restraining order into a preliminary injunction for two businesses — TeleCom 2000 and Independence 2000 America — and their owner, Allen Petty Jr.

The court issued the temporary restraining order on April 4 at the request of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Petty, 68, of Overton, Texas, created the two businesses last year, advertising Telecom2000 as a total communications network that would provide cellular phone service, long-distance phone service and financial independence, the U.S. Attorney's office said in an affidavit.

An FBI special agent claimed in an affidavit that Petty created a Ponzi scheme, in which funds paid in by later investors are used to pay artificially high returns to the original

investors, thus attracting more funds.

In issuing a preliminary injunction Wednesday, the court found "a substantial probability the government will prevail on the issue of forfeiture in this case in that there is a substantial probability it will convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that Petty violated" the law, according to a statement from the office of U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig.

The court said property could be moved or destroyed without a preliminary injunction.

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