

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, April 24
Patrick D. Mize, 20, Lefors, issuance of a bad check and fleeing police.

CORRECTION

A picture which ran on Page 1 of the Wednesday edition, titled "Gear Up for Geraniums," incorrectly identified the photographer. The picture was taken by 4-H'er Emily Elliott. We apologize for the mix-up.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa:		VLO	46.10	+0.25	
Wheat	2.38	Halliburton	17.65	0.04	
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Fidelity Magellan	97.79	0.65	Lanited	18.99	+0.20
Patriot	17.67	-0.06	Williams	21.76	0.49
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		McDonalds	28.41	0.09	
BP	50.15	+0.29	Exxon Mobil	40.64	+0.34
Clorox	21.09	-0.71	Atmos	24.27	+0.10
Cabot Corp.	29.33	0.37	Pioneer Nat	22.70	-0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	24.78	+0.26	Pennsey's	21.39	-0.26
Coca Cola	54.43	-0.55	Phillips	60.49	+0.42
			SLB	55.30	+0.60
			Tenneco	5.15	0.05
			CVX	86.39	+1.39
			Wal-Mart	56.63	-0.82
			OKI	21.37	+0.15
			New York Gold	302.05	
			Silver	4.58	
			West Texas Crude	26.15	

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 17
An assault by threat was reported in the 500 block of South Somerville.

Monday, April 22
A 10-speed Roadmaster bicycle was reported stolen from a yard in the 1900 block of Grape.

Tuesday, April 23
A burglary in which a television and stereo speakers were taken was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. Entry was through the back door.

Wednesday, April 24
A \$15.30 gas drive off was reported at Allsups, 140 S. Starkweather.

A burglary was reported at 1914 N. Faulkner in which three televisions, three lamps, a couch, chair, microwave, two end tables, and two twin beds with headboards were taken. Entry method unknown.

An assault by threat was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne. The incident involved juveniles.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Wilcox in which a nightstand, four Indian head nickels and other coins were taken. Entry was through a window.

Tammy Diane Ryals, 28, 609 N. Christy, prostitution.

Felipa Cano Ramirez, 51, 1329 N. Starkweather, prostitution.

Michael Dittberner, 20, 2123 N. Nelson, 20, evading police with a vehicle.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, April 24
10:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Red Deer and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to North West Texas Hospital (NWTX) in Amarillo and transported one to PRMC.
1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

the 400 block of Magnolia and transported one to PRMC.
2:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility.
3:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported one to PRMC.
Thursday, April 25
4:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Henry and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, April 24
10:43 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Red Deer.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. East to southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs 70 to 75. Becoming windy with southeast winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph.

STATEWIDE

Most of Texas will be cloudy today, with a chance of showers and storms. North and West Texas will be windy.

Chances for rain increase tonight, with showers or storms likely in North Texas, the panhandle and South Plains, and possible showers in South Texas. The National Weather Service does not forecast severe storms in any region however.

Temperature extremes in the last 24 hours ranged from 40 degrees at Amarillo and Dalhart to 102 degrees at Wink.

South Texas will be cloudy today except for the deep south, with a chance of showers and storms today and tonight in the southeast, Hill Country and south central regions. Mostly sunny skies will prevail in the south: Highs today will reach near 90 in northern areas, in the 80s in the south and 90s in western areas of South Texas. A chance of storms also will exist in the far west tonight.

On Friday, a chance of rain will exist in all areas except the Coastal Bend, Rio Grande

plains and the deep southern coast. It will be slightly warmer in the north on Friday, and cloudy skies are forecast in all regions. On Saturday, clouds will break somewhat, warmer temperatures will prevail but a chance of showers will still exist over most of the region. Sunday, it will be partly cloudy with no rain forecast.

In North Texas, it will be mostly cloudy and windy today with a chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. Highs will be in the mid 60s north to mid 70s south. Showers and thunderstorms are likely tonight across the western two-thirds, and a chance of thunderstorms in the east. Lows will be in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Friday and Friday night, showers and thunderstorms are likely in central North Texas, and mostly cloudy with a chance of rain elsewhere. Highs on Friday will be in the mid and upper 70s, and lows in the 60s. Saturday it will be partly cloudy, with heavier clouds and a chance of rain in the east, and highs in the 80s. Sunday and Monday, it will be partly cloudy with highs in the 80s and no rain forecast.

In West Texas, it will be mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs will range from the 50s north to near 90 along the Rio Grande. High winds are likely in the far west. On Friday, partly to mostly cloudy skies are forecast with a chance of showers or thunderstorms in the panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains.

A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms is forecast Friday over the remainder of the area with the exception of the far west, where windy conditions will continue.

OBITUARIES

LESSIE MAE SWAIN

1912-2002

Lessie Mae Swain, 89, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at McLean Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall with John Turner, minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A Pampa resident since 1917, Mrs. Swain was born Nov. 28, 1912, at Bethel Springs, Tenn. She married Winford Swain on Oct. 19, 1935, at Pampa; he died Jan. 10, 1997.

She was an Avon representative for several years and owned-operated Pampa Parts and Supply along with her husband for 20 years.

She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Lois Steward, Lettie Smith and Mary Stephens; and two great-granddaughters, Kimberly Lynn Patton and Crista Sue Patton.

Survivors include a daughter, Nelda Patton of Pampa; two brothers, Troy Maness of Amarillo and Archie Maness of Pampa; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX-79065; to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

JERRY THURMAN HELMS

1931-2002

Jerry Thurman Helms, 70, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. The body was cremated and will be unavailable for viewing. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m., Friday at the Central Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Helms was born April 27, 1931, in Arnett, Okla. He was a private in the U.S. Army from 1947 until 1950, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Katherine Rambolt Walls on Dec. 1, 1958, in Pampa.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1941, recently moving to Miami. He was an oil field worker for Flint Engineering for 23 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Helms; his mother and step-father, Goldie and J.C. Parton; two sisters, Sudie Fields and Loudell Bagwell; and two brothers, Fred Helms and Bill Helms.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Trella Kay and Joe Talley of Miami; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Thomas and Chelly Helms of White Deer and Brady Orville and Stacy Helms of Pampa; a sister, Nadine Mullins of Wilcox, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren, Brandon Helms, Erica Helms, Jessica Helms and Blake Helms, all of Pampa, Byron Helms of Fort Benning, Ga., Reese Talley and Trinidee Talley, both of Miami, and Kyle Gordy Helms of White Deer.

SERVICES TOMORROW

HELMS, Jerry Thurman — Memorial services, 4 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Police captain killed responding to 911 call

WHITE SETTLEMENT (AP) — A community is mourning the loss of one of its most popular officers, a police captain who normally wouldn't have been involved in a domestic disturbance call but responded because part of the department was at lunch.

Capt. Scott Monier, 37, wasn't wearing a protective vest on Wednesday when he walked into a home where earlier a man was said to be holding a gun on his girlfriend. Monier, a 11-year veteran of the White Settlement Police Department, was shot once in the chest and twice in the abdomen. He died in surgery at Harris Methodist Fort Worth.

James Southall, 67, wounded by return gunfire, was found dead several hours later. For most of a standoff that lasted almost five hours, tactical officers who surrounded the house assumed Southall was still alive and armed inside the house.

The exchange of gunfire occurred shortly after 1 p.m. at a residence about 10 miles west of downtown Fort Worth where Southall had lived for about five years with Betty Cook, 65, her granddaughters said.

Brandy Cook, 21, said she made the 911 call after Southall pulled out a .45-caliber revolver and chased her out of the house, yelling, "I'm going to kill you!" She said she had just confronted Southall after learning that he had hit her grandmother the day before.

When the 911 call came at 12:40 p.m., part of the department was at lunch and Monier was the senior man in charge.

"I'm sure he was responding as quickly as possible, and that in his rush, he didn't want to let any more time pass," city manager Gus Pappas said as to why Monier wasn't wearing a bullet-proof vest.

When police arrived,

Southall was standing on the porch with a gun, and Betty Cook standing nearby.

As officers tried to coax Southall to put down the gun, Monier entered the house through a back door, apparently attracting Southall's attention.

Southall "was standing in the doorway. He went back in the house, and that's when the gunfire was exchanged between the two of them," Pappas said. Five shots were heard. "And then, Captain Monier came out the front of the house injured."

Officers moved Monier out of the line of fire, and Betty Cook was helped to shelter in a neighbor's house. Monier died less than two hours later. As Monier was being assisted, he told other officers he had shot the gunman, Pappas said.

Tactical officers from the Fort Worth Police Department replaced the White Settlement officers, and police snipers surrounded the residence.

At 4:45 p.m., they fired the first of two rounds of tear gas into the residence. There was no response. An hour later, after obtaining a search warrant, they fired a second volley of tear gas and stormed inside.

They found Southall dead of a gunshot wound. Police said they were not certain whether Southall killed himself.

Workers comp slows pace

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. workers' wages and benefits rose in the first quarter at the slowest pace in three years as the spotty economic recovery translated into less generous compensation packages.

The employment cost index rose 0.8 percent in the January-March quarter, down from a seasonally adjusted 1 percent rise in the previous quarter, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The first-quarter increase in compensation was the smallest since a 0.4 percent gain posted in the first quarter of 1999.

On Wall Street, significant layoffs at Tyco and lackluster earnings from other companies sent stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 65 points in the first hour of trading.

The wages and salaries component of the index, viewed by economists as the best measure of changes in workers' compensation, grew 0.8 percent in the first quarter, slightly slower than the 0.9 percent rise recorded in the fourth quarter.

The costs of benefits outpaced gains in wages and salaries, increasing 1 percent in the first quarter. That was the smallest gain since the third quarter of 2000 and was down from a 1.2-percent increase registered in the fourth quarter of last year.

Fewer Americans filed new claims for state unemployment benefits last week, suggesting that the economic recovery is helping some laid-off workers get jobs.

For the work week ending April 20, new claims for jobless benefits fell by a sharp seasonally adjusted 31,000 to 421,000, the low-

est level in a month, the department said in a second report.

Sales of previously owned homes, coming off the two highest months on record, fell 8.3 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.40 million, a still-robust level of activity, the National Association of Realtors reported. The level of sales in March was the sixth strongest on record.

Even with the decline in new claims, a government analyst said that the level continued to be inflated by a technical fluke.

"There is still some impact, but it appears to be tapering off," the analyst said.

The distortion is coming from a requirement that laid-off workers seeking to take advantage of a federal extension for benefits must be 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 have been clouded in the last few weeks and could remain volatile for some weeks more.

The more stable four-week moving average of new claims, which smoothes out week-to-week fluctuations, rose last week to 452,500, the highest level since early November.

The number of workers continuing to receive unemployment benefits dipped to 3.7 million for the work week ending April 13.

Given the fledgling recovery, many economists believe the Federal Reserve will leave short-term interest rates — now at 40-year lows — unchanged when its meets on May 7.

City Briefs

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House passes bills relating to Enron; Senate taking time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has passed bills designed to extend new protections to workers' pensions and tighten oversight of the accounting industry in response to the Enron Corp. debacle.

But both measures face slow going in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

The House voted 334-90 Wednesday to approve the accounting bill, which also would toughen some corporate rules. Some Democrats accused House Republican leaders of bowing to financial interests by passing weak legislation. Houston-based Enron, which entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history in December, was one of President Bush's largest corporate donors.

Still, 119 Democrats joined the Republicans to vote for the measure; 87 Democrats opposed it.

Similar legislation in the Senate, focusing only on accounting-industry changes and described by its backers as tougher than the House version, hasn't yet been acted on. It wasn't clear when the Senate Banking Committee would begin drafting work.

"We think that it's real reform," said Darius Goore, a spokesman for Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., one of the measure's chief sponsors.

An influential House Republican also expressed displeasure with the House version. Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said in an interview on CNBC that the bill "doesn't do the whole job" and he planned to propose his own version. Tauzin's panel has been pursuing an extensive investigation of Enron's collapse and the role played by Enron's auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP.

The pace in the Senate also is slow for a bill passed by the House earlier this month that would add more worker protections to the nation's pension laws. Thousands of Enron employees lost their retirement savings as the company's stock plunged last year, while top executives cashed out hundreds of millions of dollars of stock.

In another Enron-related development, lawyers for the Andersen submitted a proposed settlement of its criminal case to the government Wednesday, according to published reports.

Last week, talks collapsed between Andersen and the Justice Department over federal accusations that Andersen shredded Enron-related documents.

The reports said the settlement proposal was made in a letter to Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department's Enron task force. In it, Andersen reportedly reiterated its commitment to acknowledge wrongdoing as part of a deferred-prosecution agreement but declined to go along with certain other provisions that the government had sought.

In Wednesday's House debate, the bill's GOP authors said it would bolster investor confidence — shaken by Enron's collapse and by accounting failures at other big companies — without creating needless red tape for business.

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PLANS

well as those of the latest designs will be at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Antique cars and farm machinery, re-enactments by the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains will be in the Atchison Park and White Deer Land Museum area. Pampa Fine Arts will host an art show at the Bank of America.

The Saturday evening meal — a come-and-go event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — consists of chicken fried steak at the Knights of Columbus building. The Centennial Cake is provided by Cakes by Carol. Entertainment includes duets by Dorothy King, violin, and Katrina Hildebrandt, flute; barbershop singers, a humorous style show, and Brian Quisenberry's group from McLean. Centennial decorations will feature pictures of the past by Pampa's Altrusa International.

Wanetta Hill promises an entertaining hour at the Follies, staged at M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., followed by a sock hop at the PHS McNeely Gym at 9 p.m., with Cooder Graw playing.

Masters of Ceremonies for the events include Warren Hassee, pioneer coffee; Bill Arrington, noon luncheon; Bill Hildebrandt, afternoon stage; and John Warner, dinner stage.

Organizers say they need volunteers or an organization to oversee the school exhibits in the foyer of M.K. Brown Auditorium and a chairperson to set up early Texas demonstrations — churning, tatting, etc. — along Cuyler Street. To volunteer, call 665-3552.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops are planning activities, and the 4-H will provide children's activities at McCarty Park with an overflow to Atchison Park.

Memorabilia for the Centennial includes caps with the Centennial logo at T-Shirts and More, and the 24k gold medalion of Gray County at Rheam's Diamond Shoppe.

Cachet envelopes and stamp cancellations are available at the Pampa Post Office through May.

Centennial Committee volunteers meet every other month at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building, 400 N. Ballard. Next meeting is June 13, at 5 p.m. Everyone interested in assisting with the celebration are welcome to attend.

Bush meets Saudi prince to discuss peace

CRAWFORD (AP) — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah met Thursday with President Bush at his central Texas ranch, where growing tensions between their two nations loomed over a summit originally meant to advance the Mideast peace process.

Bush shuffled his feet in the breezeway of his home, dressed in dark suit, silver belt buckle and cowboy boots, as he waited to receive the de facto Saudi leader, who arrived about 10 minutes late and carried a message of Arab frustration with U.S. support for Israel.

The president stepped into his driveway and greeted the crown prince with a handshake and a smile, and the two men exchanged pleasantries out of the earshot of reporters.

He escorted Abdullah, who

wore white-and-brown robes, into his home, introducing him to a U.S. delegation that included Vice President Dick Cheney, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, chief of staff Andrew Card and Secretary of State Colin Powell, who rode with Abdullah from the airport to the ranch.

It was Abdullah who gave momentum earlier this year to an initiative meant to quell Mideast violence by offering peace and full recognition to Israel in exchange for the territory Jordan and Syria lost in the 1967 war.

The crown prince was delivering a warning to Bush that America's backing of Israel was damaging prospects for peace.

Arab leaders said the discus-

sions could determine the Arabs nations' next moves. The meeting is "important, revealing of American stances, and will clarify a lot of issues and will be the basis for the Arabs' future steps," Egypt's foreign minister, Ahmed Maher, said Thursday in Cairo.

Abdullah's plan also includes the creation of a Palestinian state, for which Bush has voiced support. Also under review is an international conference on Mideast peacemaking. Bush so far has been noncommittal.

"The main advice will be that America must be engaged, America must restrain (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon, America must put the peace process back in its proper track because American inter-

ests and American credibility and the credibility and interests of Americas' friends and allies in the region are suffering tremendously as a consequence," Adel Al-Jubeir, the crown prince's foreign policy adviser, said this week on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

Abdullah in his meeting Thursday with Bush was expected to urge the president to pressure Israel to free Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from virtual house arrest.

In a fresh reminder of the tension, more than 100 Saudi intellectuals said over the weekend that the American role in the Israeli military operation against the Palestinians was "shameful" and that the "Israeli massacres do not differ in shape or form from what the Nazis did."

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Are we helping terrorists?

The Facts (Brazoria County) on foreign oil: Those who are bankrolling terror around the world seem to be everywhere these days. Governments in the Middle East and elsewhere send money to Hezbollah, the Islamic Jihad and other organizations that send young men and women into crowded marketplaces to blow themselves up, along with as many civilians as they can. Groups formed under the guise of charitable and humanitarian causes across the United States, including Texas, have allegedly funneled money to al-Qaida and other radical, anti-American forces.

A series of public service announcements popping up everywhere on television tells us that those people buying illegal drugs are helping to fund terror, as some of that drug money makes its way into the wallets of evildoers.

And who else is helping to pay for terroristic, evil causes? Look in the mirror. Each and every one of us, in our own small way, is thwarting a war we have been so passionately and patriotically fighting since Sept. 11. It happens while we are doing the most common of things filling up our gas tank.

Unbeknownst to most of us, as we watch the numbers blip quickly by on the gas pump, a portion of the money we are spending is flowing directly back to the person we consider to be one of the most evil men on Earth, and one of the greatest purveyors of terror, Saddam Hussein.

Iraq is the sixth-largest supplier of oil to the United States, accounting for about 9 percent of our total supply. While in theory the money we spend on that oil is supposed to go toward humanitarian aid to the people of Iraq, none of us should be so naive as to believe that's the case. No, our oil money is actually going toward Saddam's attempts to buy or create weapons of mass destruction, and toward his pledge of giving \$25,000 to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

That we are willingly bringing oil in from a country that is our stated enemy is indicative of the hypocrisy of our society. We are sacrificing our brave young men to make the world a safer place, but we are unwilling to sacrifice our gas-guzzling vehicles to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and in turn further handicap those who regularly spread the evil our soldiers are fighting.

Perhaps that view is a bit simplistic. Realistically, it would be difficult to separate the Iraqi oil from that of the Middle East nations with which we are on friendly terms. And if we didn't buy it, someone else on the world market would.

Still, as we watch the carnage spread across our TV screens each day, and we wave our big stick and thump our chests proudly as the great protectors of innocents in the world, let us not lose sight of the fact that our thirst for foreign oil is helping to keep Saddam in power, the Palestinians armed and Saudi women oppressed, and it is giving terrorists everywhere the means to continue killing innocent people.

We should all be uncomfortable with that knowledge.

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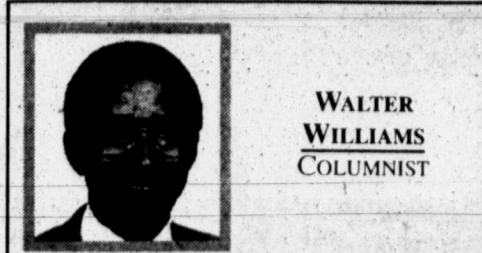
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Do peace treaties produce peace?

Europe has been at peace for an unprecedented nearly six decades. Why? It surely is not because of peace treaties between enemy states, and it's surely not because of disarmament. All that was tried before and failed.

The best explanation for Europe's unprecedented period of peace is that it was an armed camp bristling with weapons. Both adversaries — NATO, backed by the United States, and the Warsaw Pact, backed by the Soviet Union — knew for sure that aggression would produce Armageddon. Another reason is that the previous aggressor, Germany, was utterly and completely defeated. Had the Nazis, seeing they were losing the war, successfully sued for peace and a cessation of the hostilities, there would not have been this unprecedented period of peace in Europe. The Nazis would have simply regrouped.

The world can be thankful that today's mindset wasn't around during the 1940s. When we laid waste, through conventional warfare and firebombing, Dresden and other German cities — and doing the same thing to Tokyo and other Japanese cities — we didn't have to worry about the Red Cross and peace advocates going in afterward taking pictures and then holding us up to ridicule for "collateral damage." If they did, the public would have turned a deaf ear. After all, has there ever been war, at least during modern times, where non-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

combatants were not killed? Indeed, that is just one of the things that makes war so horrible.

If we had captured Joseph Goebbels, Heinrich Himmler or Hideki Tojo during the war, would anybody have cared much about their civil rights, like some people are caring about the civil rights of Taliban captives in Guantanamo, Cuba? I'm not making an argument for cruelty, but what civil rights are owed those hell-bent on trying to destroy our civilization? During World War II, how many Americans would have demanded that a captured German spy or saboteur be supplied with a taxpayer-provided legal team and jail amenities? Historically, spies and saboteurs have faced the hangman's noose or a firing squad.

This brings us to the Middle East crisis and the condemnation Israel has received for its military retaliation to Palestinian terrorist attacks. During U.S. Secretary of State Powell's visit, world news cameras captured a haggard, bedraggled Chairman Yasser Arafat asking: "Is this acceptable?"

Is this acceptable?" He was referring to the Israel Defense Forces' quarantine and destruction of his headquarters. I was trying to imagine the response of Americans, back in the '40s, to one of our Axis adversaries asking the same question.

There's one weapon that international thugs have today that yesterday's international thugs didn't, and that's "world opinion." Palestinian terrorists set off bombs to murder innocent Israeli civilians. When Israel retaliates, imposing high cost, Palestinians call up their only defensive weapon: world opinion. World opinion was also used by Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War by bringing the Western media to see the destruction of a supposed baby-milk factory by coalition forces.

How much should the Western world care about the opinion of those who demonstrate open hostility to the values that we hold, such as democratically elected officials, human rights and equality before the law? I say none whatsoever. At the same time, neither am I of the mind that we should interfere with their choices except to say that their acts of aggression should be met with harsh retaliation.

Were I prime minister of Israel, I'd trade peace for land on these terms: in exchange for each six months of peace, I'd completely turn over, say, five square miles of land. And for just one terrorist attack, I'd send in the Israel Defense Forces to take it all back.



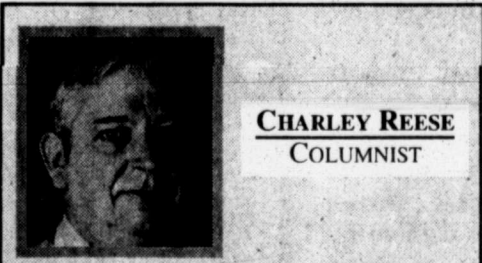
Typewriter good, computer bad

People who have children and computers should get rid of their computers when their children grow up and leave home. If not, they will be sorely tried and frustrated. The computers won't work, and they won't have a child to fix them.

It would not surprise me to learn one day that Bill Gates and other computer wizards in that mysterious Silicon Valley have entered into a conspiracy with children by flooding the market with machines that only work for children and geeks. What their ultimate motive is, I don't know. Maybe these young Silicon gazillionaires had trouble with their parents and are now getting even with adults.

Unlike a typewriter, which is ready when you are, computers might or might not be ready when you are. Sometimes you turn them on and for entirely mysterious reasons, programs that worked perfectly yesterday don't work today. Sometimes you get these types of messages: "There has been a gobbledegook error in the what-sit-called." That helps me not at all, since I don't understand what it is that has caused an error or where it caused it. Most of all, I do not understand why.

Why, indeed, should a computer suddenly decide not to work when you've done nothing at all bad to it? Perhaps computers can read our minds. I do confess that I have on occasion thought about ripping the wires out, hurling the box across the room and kicking the screen out of the monitor. But, I swear it, I have never done that. I've never even hit it. Well, maybe a



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

light tap once or twice.

It's generational. I grew up around barns, cows, horses, mules, wagons, plows, coal-burning stoves, fireplaces and guns. Today's children grow up with computers and the Internet. To them, computers are so simple, they cannot understand why we have trouble with them. But how am I supposed to know that a .dl file is not an abbreviation for dil pickle? What the heck is a ".dl" anyway?

Alas, we are stuck with them. Publishers want their manuscripts on disks or transmitted directly from your computer to their computer. Unless you are rich enough to hire a secretary to type your manuscript into the computer, you just have to deal with it. Recently, I decided to get one of those high-speed services so my coffee won't get cold while I'm waiting for one page to download from the Internet. They sent a man out who did mysterious things to the phone line and left me with a box of stuff. I studiously followed the directions; got it all hooked up, got all the software loaded into the computer and turned that baby on. It didn't work. I have loaded and

unloaded, hooked and unhooked, tried this, tried that, but it still refuses to work. I know full well that when I finally call someone out, the problem will be idiot-simple, and I will not only be out some bucks for the service call but embarrassed to boot.

That's OK. As the old Russian general would say as he retreated before Napoleon's army, "Time and patience, time and patience." One of these days I will reach the point where I will decide that I'm not writing another word for nobody, no how. And on that blessed day, I will no longer need a computer.

Then, Mr. Computer, it will be payback time. For all those hours of frustration, for all those vain purchases of upgrades, for all those arrogant little messages you knew I couldn't understand, I will pay you back in full.

First, I'll jerk all your wires out, sit you on the patio table and patiently wait for rain. After you're properly rusted and the birds have dumped on you, I will take a claw hammer and knock you into a thousand pieces. And nobody will come to your aid. Oh, the neighbors might talk.

"Heavens to purgatory, Arthur, what's that old grump next door doing out on his patio?"

"I don't know, Martha, let's see," he says, peeking through the fence. "Oh, my God, Martha, he's murdering a computer."

And I, looking like Jack Nicholson in "The Shining," will shout back, "Yes, yes, yes!"

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On April 25, 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.
On this date:
In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by

the guillotine.
In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.
In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.
In 1901, New York became the first state to require auto-

mobile license plates; the fee was \$1.
In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

She has been duct workshops in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.
For more info, register for the contact the museum at 537-3524.

Convicted in Palestine

RAMALLAH, (AP) — A man inside Yasser Arafat's inner circle was convicted of the slaying of an Israeli minister, but the unlikely to bring Israel's siege of the city to an end.

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Museum textile work

PANHANDLE County Square Museum in Pampa collaborate with a textile expert Orleans, La., to provide special hands-on work care, handling, storage of his from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 4 and from Sunday, May 5.

Ms. Hack has been a member of the Louisa University and London.

A member of the Institute for the of Historic and Anthropology. The International the Conservation and Artistic Embroiderer's America and Conservation Hack also served member for the Association of Crescent City Guild, Costume America and member of both Textile Conservation and the Louisa Conservation Association.

In addition, she in Canada, Japan out the east west textile and groups including specialize in preservation, and printed textiles.

She has been duct workshops in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

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Convictions handed out in Palestine

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A makeshift court inside Yasser Arafat's compound convicted four Palestinians on Thursday for the slaying of Israel's tourism minister, but the move was unlikely to bring an end to Israel's siege of the Palestinian leader.

At the other standoff in the West Bank, nine Palestinian youths emerged from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, along with two monks carrying two bodies.

Two monks carried the bodies, which had been decomposing inside the church for days, on stretchers and set them in the middle of Manger Square, where they were collected by Palestinian ambulances.

It was the largest group to leave the church since more than 200 Palestinians fled into the compound and were surrounded by Israeli troops who invaded Bethlehem on April 2. Israeli authorities detained the nine youths, a Palestinian official said.

Negotiators agreed Wednesday on the departure of the youths and the removal of the bodies, and talks were to resume Thursday on ending the standoff around the church, one of Christianity's holiest shrines, built over the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

"There is very cautious optimism that the affair is closer to an end today than it was yesterday," Israeli military spokesman Brig. Ron Kitrey told army radio. The Palestinians have proposed the gunmen be escorted to Gaza. Israel demands they surrender or accept deportation.

There was no sign of an end to Israel's siege of Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah, where the four men accused in the assassination of Rehavam Zeevi were put on trial in an apparent gesture toward Israeli demands.

Israel says it won't lift its encirclement of Arafat's offices until the men are handed over. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon dismissed the convictions announced Thursday and said the demands still stand.

Museum to offer textile workshop

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will collaborate with Jessica Hack, a textile expert from New Orleans, La., to present a special hands-on workshop on the care, handling, exhibition and storage of historic textiles from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 4 and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at the museum.

Ms. Hack has studied textile conservation at Newcomb College, Louisiana State University and University of London.

A member of the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, The International Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, Embroiderer's Guild of America and Textile Conservation Group, Ms. Hack also serves as a board member for the Louisiana Association of Museums, Crescent City Needlework Guild, Costume Society of America and is a charter member of both the Louisiana Textile Conservation Group and the Louisiana Art Conservation Alliance.

In addition, she has studied in Canada, Japan and throughout the east with numerous textile and conservation groups including some who specialize in dyeing, flag preservation, antique rugs and printed textiles.

She has been asked to conduct workshops for museums in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

Meredith House



(Courtesy photos)

Irene Webb, top, of Meredith House celebrated a birthday recently, joining her was family member Charlotte Webb. Also celebrating birthdays this month were Helen Minor, middle, and Flora Guinn, Helen Fallwell and Pauline Denham, bottom.

Extremist accused of renegeing on deal

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — The father of a kidnapped American missionary on Thursday accused the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group of renegeing on an agreement to free his son and daughter-in-law.

Paul Burnham called Radio Mindanao Network in the southern Philippines from his home in Wichita, Kan., saying the Abu Sayyaf had added extra, unspecified conditions to the deal he said was finalized March 13 and also to include the release of Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap.

Missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham, of Wichita, and Yap are the last hostages remaining from an Abu Sayyaf kidnapping spree that began a year ago. Some captives have escaped or

have been released, reportedly for ransom, and others have been beheaded, including American Guillermo Sobero.

"The family of Martin and Gracia are deeply saddened and disappointed to learn that the Abu Sayyaf has broadcast its intention to continue holding Martin and Gracia and Deborah Yap until additional demands are met," Paul Burnham said in a statement carried by the radio station.

It was unclear where Abu Sayyaf had broadcast that intention.

Burnham said a deal had been reached through a mediator, Abu Sulaiman, on March 13. He said Sulaiman told the family on March 19 that the Abu Sayyaf had agreed to a five-day window on freeing the hostages.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Truth Replaces Silence Between Daughter and Dad

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Been There in Iowa," the divorced mother of two who convinced her ex-husband — even if he did nothing else — to call the children once a week to tell them he loved them.

My parents divorced when I was 3. My sisters and I lived with our mother. For a few years we enjoyed regular visits with our dad, but then visits became less frequent. During my teens, I was lucky to see him for a few hours every six months or so, and there were no letters or phone calls between visits.

The infrequent visits I had with my father were very hard for me emotionally. I felt he was only taking token appearances — being a father when it suited him or when his conscience bothered him. Sometimes I cried when he brought me home, never knowing if it was the last time he'd ever want to see me.

I felt disappointed, angry, deeply hurt and unloved. At 16 I could no longer take the emotional roller-coaster ride and decided he should either be a real father and a regular part of my life or stay out of it completely.

For seven years I neither saw nor spoke to him, but in those years I did a lot of growing up. It wasn't until recently that I realized I didn't hate him anymore. I was finally able to let go of the hurt and resentment and allow myself to forgive him.

I wrote my father a long letter,

explaining that there were things I needed to say to him, pouring out all my feelings about the parent he had been and how it had affected my life. I made sure he knew I didn't hate him — I still loved him — and he didn't have to write back if he didn't want to.

Abby, he wrote me back! He said he'd been needing to hear everything I told him. He accepted the blame for his failings as a parent and apologized for hurting me. He is not the same man he was before, and he wanted the chance for us to get to know each other again. He said he loved me! His letter lifted a

10-ton weight from my shoulders. We now write frequently.

THANKFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR THANKFUL: Your letter proves the truth of several important life lessons:

1. People can change.
2. It's important to speak the truth because often people need to hear it.
3. The burden of hurt and resentment is usually more destructive to the vessel that houses it than to the person who caused it.

DEAR ABBY: If a woman is married and divorced, then marries husband No. 2, but it doesn't work out, so she is divorced again, then realizes that husband No. 1 wasn't

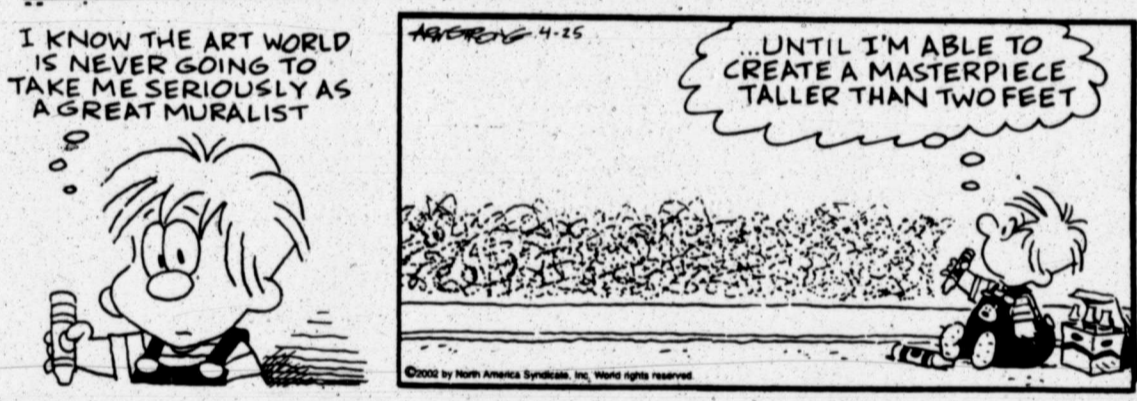
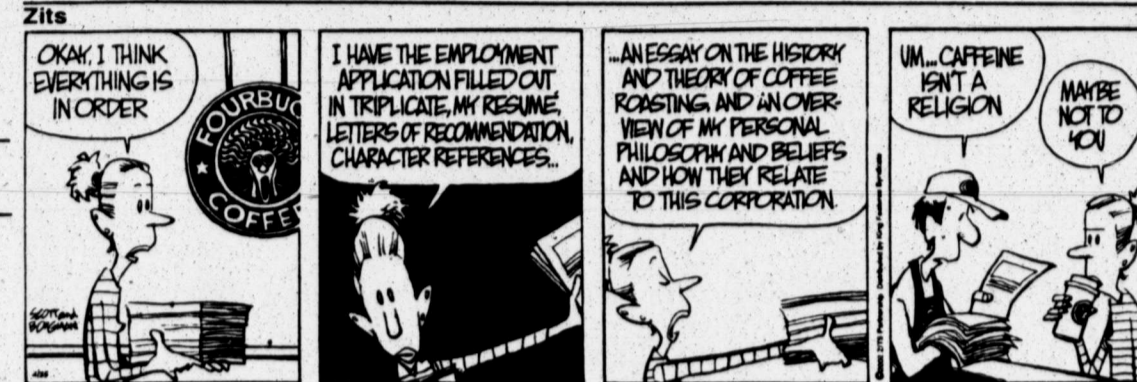
so bad, and they remarry — should the couple count wedding anniversaries from where they left off? Or should they start over? Also, is it OK to be remarried on their original wedding date?

SECOND THOUGHTS IN PHOENIX

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: While it may seem romantic to remarry on your original wedding day, I'd recommend against it. You can't make a divorce and a second marriage "disappear" by pretending they never happened. Your recommendation to each other is a fresh start, and as such, the anniversaries should also start anew.

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 90069.

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Crossword Puzzle

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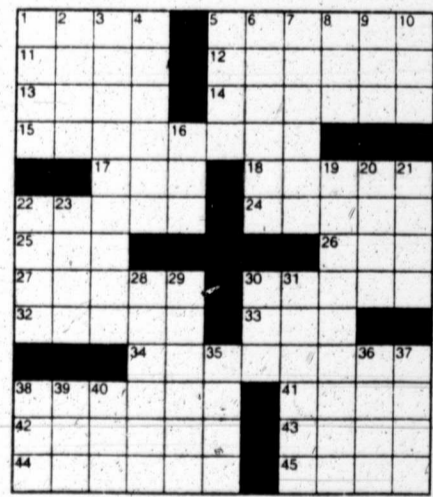
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"I think taking him for a walk is not such a good idea. He's been watching the dog races."

The Family Circus

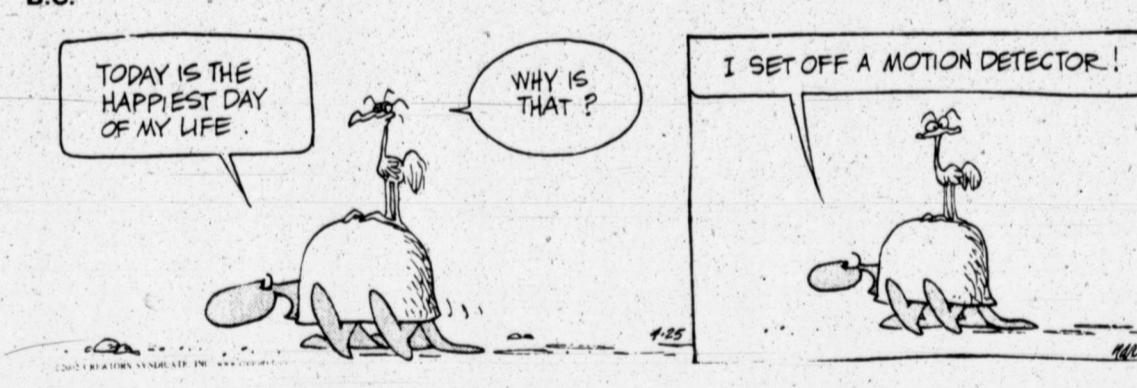


"If home-schooled kids mess up, can they be expelled from the family?"

Wildwood



B.C.



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Peanuts



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NOTICE

GOLF

PAMPA — senior Daniel just two strokes qualifying for Golf Tournament

Heuston had total of 148 on regionals, which San Angelo. round of 70 tied lowest score.

Heuston v Harvester to regionals.

Paul S. Andrews was a 141.

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PAMPA

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SPORTS

Middle School tracksters place at District Girls Meet

PAMPA — Pampa had two first-place medalists in the 8th grade division at the District Middle School Girls Track Meet.

Amy Youree won the 100-meter dash and Kaysha Lee won the high jump.

Second place went to Whitney Wichert (discus) and Callie Cobb (100).

Logan Winkleman won both the high jump and long jump in the 7th grade division for the Pampa girls team.

Other first-place medal winners were Cassidy Tice (shot put) and Kalie Jimenez (pole vault).

Placing second was the 400-meter relay team (Shandale Young, Cassidy Tice, Megan Crain and Logan Winkleman);

Girls Middle School District Track Meet Pampa Results 8th Grade Division

Discus: 2. Whitney Wichert; 6. Adeena Dallas.

Shot put: 3. Adeena Dallas.

High jump: 1. Kaysha Lee; 3. Robin Bell; 5. Jackie Gerber.

Triple jump: 4. Amy Youree; 6. Callie Cobb.

2400: 6. Mayra Hernandez.

400 relay: 3. Amy Youree, Callie Cobb, Mariza Scott and Monica Johnson.

110 hurdles: 3. Nicole Fernick; 5. Jordan Albracht.

100: 1. Amy Youree; 2. Callie Cobb.

400: 6. Krissie Alexander.

800 relay: 3. Mariza Scott, Robin Bell, Callie Cobb and

Amy Youree.

7th Grade Division

Discus: 5. Cassidy Tice; 5. McKinsie East.

Shot put: 1. Cassidy Tice; 5. McKinsie East.

High jump: 1. Logan Winkleman.

Long jump: 1. Logan Winkleman.

400 relay: 2. Shandale Young, Cassidy Tice, Megan Crain and Logan Winkleman.

800 run: 5. Krista McClelland.

110 hurdles: 3. Brittani Rice.

100: 5. Cassidy Tice.

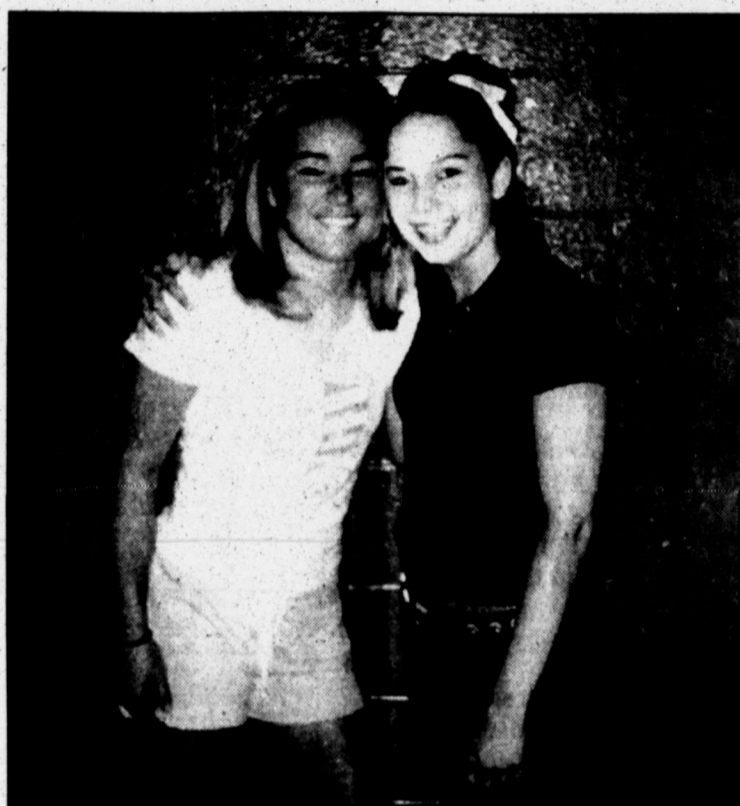
800 relay: 5. Shandale Young, Cassidy Tice, Nicole Clark and Logan Winkleman.

300 hurdles: 3. Brittani Rice.

200: 5. Logan Winkleman.

1600 relay: 6. Kelsie Wyatt, Heather Hendrick, Tanna Stowers and Tamara Trevathan.

Pole vault: 1. Kalie Jimenez; 3. Tamara Trevathan; 5. Kelsie Wyatt.



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa 8th graders Amy Youree (left) and Callie Cobb were first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter dash.

Mavs go up 2-0

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Finley saw what was happening across the NBA. Teams were wasting home-court advantage, and he didn't want his Dallas Mavericks to make the same mistake.

They never even came close.

Heeding the warning from Finley and coach Don Nelson, the Mavericks put on an offensive showcase Wednesday night — a 122-110 rout of the Minnesota Timberwolves for a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

Finley scored 28 points, including several highlight-reel dunks and a long 3-pointer as the first quarter ended, and grabbed eight rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 15 rebounds, and Steve Nash contributed 17 points and 10 assists.

The league's highest-scoring team also got a boost from its two late-season additions as Nick Van Exel scored 17 points and Raef LaFrentz had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"They did what they were supposed to do, win two games at home," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "Now we've got to make it a series. The only way by doing that is to win on Sunday, then win again and force a Game 5."

Before Wednesday, the first four series around the league were all tied 1-1. Detroit ended the jinx a few hours before Dallas followed suit as the Pistons beat the

Toronto Raptors 96-91.

The last two series reach Game 2 Thursday, with Philadelphia playing at Boston and Portland at Los Angeles. The Celtics and Lakers each lead 1-0.

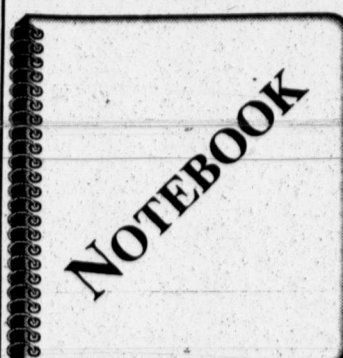
"I know what's going on around the league," Finley said. "We didn't want to follow that trend."

The Mavericks were trend-busters last season, too, by overcoming an 0-2 deficit against Utah. They were only the sixth team in NBA history to do that. They certainly will do all they can to avoid making Minnesota the seventh when the series shifts north for Game 3 on Sunday. Dallas also will be seeking the first sweep in franchise history.

"Each game we win, we know the next one is going to be even tougher," Finley said. "We know it's going to be tough to win at the Target Center. It will be a hostile environment. We've got to keep our composure."

Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 18 rebounds and Wally Szczerbiak and Chauncey Billups each scored 25. It was the most points in a playoff game for Garnett and Szczerbiak, but it wasn't anywhere near enough, not when Dallas was able to suck Minnesota into such a fast pace.

"When you're going 100 mph out there, it's like an Indy car race, there's no time to assess. You've just got to go with it," Garnett said.



GOLF

PAMPA — Pampa High senior Daniel Heuston was just two strokes away from qualifying for the Class 4A Golf Tournament this spring.

Heuston had a two-round total of 148 to take sixth at regionals, which was held in San Angelo. His second-round of 70 tied for the day's lowest score.

Heuston was the only Harvester to qualify for regionals.

Paul Slaughter of Andrews was medalist with a 141.

Southlake Carroll won the boys title with a 602. Second-place Granbury was three shots back.

PAMPA — Chunky Leonard of Pampa shot his age last week at Hidden Hills.

Leonard had a 77 score. Playing partners were Bill Wade, Loyd Waters and Pat Montoya, all of Pampa.

FOOTBALL

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — In the five seasons since he retired, Jim Kelly waited for the Buffalo Bills to find someone capable of replacing him at quarterback.

The wait might be over. Drew Bledsoe, acquired last weekend in a trade with New England, was joined by Kelly at a news conference Wednesday.

"Look at this," Kelly said, embracing Bledsoe and pointing to the dozens of reporters inside the Bills' field house and about 1,000 fans outside. "This is all for you."

Kelly led the Bills to four AFC titles and will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer. He believes Bledsoe will bring leadership to the Bills.

"That's something they've definitely lacked here the last couple of years," Kelly said.

After Rob Johnson, Doug Flutie, Todd Collins and, briefly, Alex Van Pelt failed to emerge, Bledsoe has captured Buffalo's attention, particularly after last year's 3-13 season.

A nine-year veteran and three-time Pro Bowl player, Bledsoe wants to be held to a high standard.

"If I don't produce, then I'll be the one that's most disappointed," he said. "I welcome the expectations."

Bledsoe called this a fresh start, having spent most of the past seven months on the sideline. A severe chest injury sidelined him two games into last season, and he lost his starting job to former fourth-stringer Tom Brady, who led the Patriots to the Super Bowl title.

"It was an unanticipated situation," Bledsoe said. "But looking at it now, I think it's going to be a very, very positive change for me, and hopefully a positive change for the Buffalo Bills."

While Bledsoe held no ill feelings toward his former team, Kelly spoke out about the trade in which the Bills gave up a first-round pick in next year's draft.

"There's no doubt that he can play," Kelly said. "That's why I'm kind of surprised that the New England Patriots would let him go to an AFC East team. I don't know if I'd call it a slap in the face, but I'd call it stupidity, maybe."

Bledsoe and wife Maura were flown to Buffalo from their home in Montana on team owner Ralph Wilson's plane. They received a police escort to the stadium, where they were greeted by a marching band and hundreds of fans.

Pitching comes through as Rangers down Blue Jays

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers might have a chance to recover from a terrible start if their pitching stays like this.

Kenny Rogers, coming off a five-hit shutout at Seattle, threw seven solid innings Wednesday night, and Rudy Seanez and Hideki Irabu both pitched perfect innings as the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2.

"Tonight was the way it was planned and drawn up ... the blue print," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "Kenny has been outstanding all season. And then we had a clean eighth and ninth inning."

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 452nd career homer, a two-run shot, and Alex Rodriguez had an RBI single as the Rangers won their first one-run game. They had lost their first five one-run games.

"It's just that we haven't really hit and the pitching has been overshadowed because we have lost some games we haven't scored," Palmeiro

said. "This was the ideal game. We got a good start from the starter, good relief from the bullpen. It wasn't much hitting, but just enough."

The Rangers, who are 6-14 for the first time since 1982, are playing without two of their biggest bats: two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez (thumb) and 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez (back).

Gonzalez is eligible to come off the disabled list but still isn't able to work out with his right hand. He was to see a doctor Thursday. Rodriguez has a herniated disc and is out at least 4-to-6 more weeks.

"Our pitching is what really gives us a chance to really turn it around," said Narron, whose staff has an ERA of 4.72, after a majors-worst 5.71 last year.

Rogers, a 37-year-old left hander who had season-ending surgery last year, is 2-0 with a 1.91 ERA. He hasn't allowed more than two runs in any of his five starts.

"I didn't feel like I was great out there at all stuff-wise," Rogers said. "I just know how to pitch better than I did early in my career, find

out what I have and work myself through the game."

Last year, Rogers was 5-7 in 20 starts, his fewest games and wins since becoming a starter in 1993.

After he started to lose feeling in his hand and strength in his arm, doctors determined he had a circulatory problem caused by a rib pinching nerves and arteries. He had surgery in July and went on the disabled list for the only time in his career.

"Kenny is throwing the best he has in the last four or five years," Narron said. "Obviously, the surgery has given him the ability to do that again."

After Rogers gave up a solo homer to Raul Mondesi in top of the first, Palmeiro hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom half to put the Rangers ahead to stay.

Rogers gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked one.

"He makes you swing at the ball a couple of inches off the plate. He knows how to pitch," Toronto center fielder Vernon Wells said.

Luke Prokopec (1-2) allowed three runs on five hits

over 6 2-3 innings. He had four strikeouts and one walk.

Tom Wilson hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth for the other Toronto run.

Notes: Irabu has two saves in three chances. ... Palmeiro tied Carl Yastrzemski for 25th on the career home run list with his fifth this season. ...

Astros beat Marlins, 7-4

MIAMI (AP) — Florida's Preston Wilson shook his head from side to side as he tried to think of a pitcher comparable to Roy Oswalt. After a long pause, Wilson had just one answer.

"He's himself. He's pretty much Roy Oswalt," Wilson said. "I don't think anybody's going to be comparing him to anybody else. They might be comparing other people to him, though."

Only if they are really good.

Oswalt allowed five hits and struck out eight in seven sharp innings, leading the Houston Astros past the Florida Marlins 7-4 Wednesday night. The right-hander won for the eighth time in his last 12 starts.

Lance Berkman, Richard Hidalgo and Craig Biggio homered to help Houston win for the second time in six games. Berkman's two-run shot in the

first inning was his major league-leading 10th homer.

It gave Oswalt a much-needed lift. He felt ill before the start — coughing, sniffing, sneezing and struggling to breathe. He looked just fine once he took the mound with a 3-0 lead, though.

"It was his turn and he wanted to pitch," Astros manager Jimmy Williams said. "He wasn't going to turn it over to someone else."

Oswalt (3-0) gave up two runs, one earned. He has given up one earned run or less in 10 of his last 13 starts.

"He didn't have his best stuff, but he's the kind of guy who doesn't have to be at his best to beat you," teammate Jeff Bagwell said. "He's good, real good."

That's been evident the last two seasons. Oswalt went 14-3 with a 2.73 ERA as a rookie last year, and has been even better this season.

Dolphins player Wagstaff injured in auto accident

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins guard James Wagstaff seriously injured his left hand and was listed in serious condition at Broward General Medical Center after a single-car accident early Thursday.

Wagstaff's SUV flipped on Interstate 595 in Davie, home of the Dolphins' training camp, at 4 a.m. EDT, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The 6-foot-4, 330-pound Wagstaff severely injured his left hand in the crash, a nursing supervisor said. His condition was upgraded from critical to serious Thursday morning.

Trooper John Baker, who investigated the accident, said in his report that Wagstaff was driving "at a high rate of speed" as he exited Interstate 95 to I-

595, and at some point tried to change lanes.

"He lost control, began to spin and then overturn," Baker reported. "While overturning, the driver was partially ejected. While the vehicle was rolling, Mr. Wagstaff suffered a serious hand injury along with numerous cuts and bruises."

Wagstaff, from Charlotte, N.C., is a first-year player with the Dolphins. He played at North Carolina from 1999-2001.

Scramble planned

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Association has a scramble planned for 6 p.m. Monday at Hidden Hills.

Entry fee is five dollars plus green fees.

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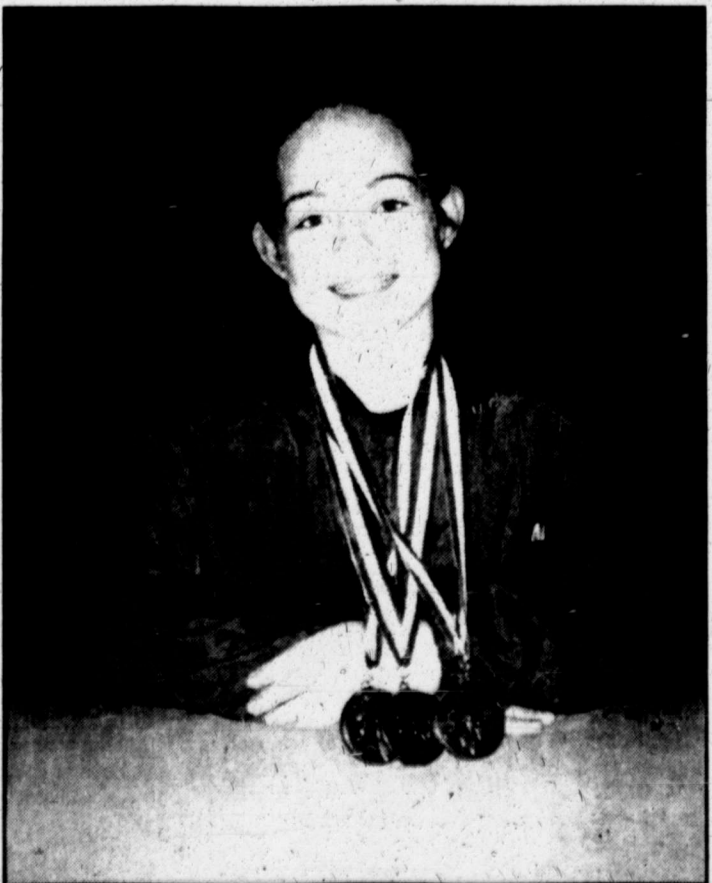
Pampa gymnast competes in Dallas

DALLAS — Lacie Long, a Gymnastics of Pampa Level 7 gymnast, recently participated in the Texas State Championships in Dallas.

Lacie was making her first trip to the Level 7 state meet. She competed in the Level 5 state meet in 1999, where she finished 9th All-Around.

Lacie had solid performances on all four events this time around, also. She had her best bar score of the year, 9.2, to win the 8th place medal. She also had her best floor score this season, 9.35, to finish 13th. Her 35.7 All-Around was a personal best and was 19th overall.

The Level 7 state meet had 236 athletes entered from all over Texas and is held once a year.



Lacie Long with her state medals

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Braves' Foster makes Major League debut by beating D-backs

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

A whirlwind day for John Foster turned out better than he ever imagined. Not only did he make his major league debut, he wound up with a win over the World Series champions.

Called up from Triple-A before the game, Foster pitched a scoreless inning Wednesday night as the Atlanta Braves beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-3.

"I didn't expect this on my first day," the rookie said. "That's a bonus. It's awesome."

The Braves trailed 3-2 when Foster was summoned for the eighth inning. He walked his first batter, Steve Finley, on four pitches before retiring the next three hitters.

"I don't know what it was," Foster said. "I was trying to hit my spots, but I was up in the zone. I made adjustments real quick. I was just trying to throw it at the ground."

Atlanta rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth, and John Smoltz pitched the ninth for his seventh save, giving the win to Foster.

In other NL games, Montreal beat Milwaukee 5-4 in 15 innings. Cincinnati outlasted Colorado 4-3. Chicago downed San Francisco 10-4. St. Louis beat New York 4-2. Houston defeated Florida 7-4. Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 5-1 and San Diego topped Philadelphia 7-2.

Foster, a 23-year-old lefty, is in his fourth season of pro ball.

He was 2-0 with a 3.60 ERA and four saves for Richmond, which was playing this week at Durham, N.C.

On Tuesday night, Richmond manager Fredi Gonzalez went to Foster's room, pretending to make a curfew check. Gonzalez asked whether Foster had unpacked and when the pitcher said no, the manager told him, "That's good, because you're going to Atlanta tomorrow."

"No way," the startled Foster said. "Are you kidding me?"

The Braves stopped a seven-game losing streak to Arizona at Turner Field, including three in last year's NL championship series.

Henry Blanco, who got into the game when catcher Javy Lopez left after the second inning because of a sore left thumb, singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth.

Expos 5, Brewers 4, 15 innings
Montreal won its fifth straight game when Milwaukee center fielder Alex Sanchez dropped Jose Vidro's two-out line drive in the 15th inning.

The Expos opened a two-game lead in the NL East before a crowd of 5,295 at Olympic Stadium.

Mike Mordecai squeezed home the tying run in the 12th, then led off the 15th with a double. With runners on second and third and two outs, Sanchez dropped Vidro's liner for an error.

Cardinals 4, Mets 2
Pinch-hitter Eduardo Perez snapped an eighth-inning tie with a two-run homer off Mets ace Al Leiter, and St. Louis stopped a five-game losing streak. Tino Martinez, booed at Shea

Stadium because he used to play for the Yankees, went 3-for-5 for his first multihit game with the Cardinals. He started the eighth with a single.

New York catcher Mike Piazza did not play after straining his left hamstring Tuesday night. He's expected to be out a couple of days.

Reds 4, Rockies 3
Juan Encarnacion singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning for Cincinnati.

There was a 2 1/2-hour rain delay in the third inning, and only about 100 fans were left at Cinergy Field when Encarnacion's hit ended it at 12:45 a.m. EDT.

Colorado lost its fourth straight game and have the NL's worst record at 6-15.

Cubs 10, Giants 4
Fred McGriff drove in four runs to lead Chicago over San Francisco at Wrigley Field.

Giants star Barry Bonds did not play. With the temperature dropping and the field wet, he got a day off to rest his sore hamstring.

Joe Borowski won in relief, his first victory in the majors since 1998 with the New York Yankees.

Astros 7, Marlins 4
Lance Berkman hit his major league-leading 10th home run as Houston won at Florida. Richard Hidalgo and Craig Biggio also homered for the Astros.

Roy Oswalt (3-0) extended his scoreless streak to 18 innings before Charles Johnson hit an RBI double in the Marlins' seventh.

Dodgers 5, Pirates 1
Omar Daal pitched six effective innings in place of injured

Kevin Brown as Los Angeles won at PNC Park. Daal has won seven straight

starts against Pittsburgh since 1998 while with the Dodgers, Philadelphia and Arizona.

Major League Standings

American League					National League				
East Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	12	6	667	—	San Francisco	13	7	650	
New York	14	8	636	—	Arizona	13	8	619	
Tampa Bay	9	10	474	3 1/2	San Diego	13	8	619	
Toronto	8	11	421	4 1/2	Los Angeles	10	11	476	
Baltimore	8	12	400	5	Colorado	6	15	286	
Central Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	14	7	667	—	San Francisco	13	7	650	
Minnesota	13	8	619	1	Arizona	13	8	619	
Cleveland	12	9	571	2	San Diego	13	8	619	
Kansas City	7	12	368	6	Los Angeles	10	11	476	
Detroit	4	16	200	9 1/2	Colorado	6	15	286	
West Division					East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Seattle	17	5	773	—	Atlanta	11	10	524	
Oakland	11	10	524	5 1/2	Florida	11	11	500	
Anaheim	7	14	333	9 1/2	Philadelphia	8	13	381	
Texas	6	14	300	10	St. Louis	9	11	450	

Pampa Gold closes season with doubleheader sweep

AMARILLO — Pampa Gold swept a baseball doubleheader from Ascension Academy earlier this week.

Pampa won the opener 10-4 as Rickey Gattis and Dusty Lenderman combined to pitch a three-hitter.

They combined for seven strikeouts and seven walks.

Lenderman, Brittin East, Jared Winegeart, Q.B. Cobb, Jeremy Pritchett and Daniel Resendiz had one hit apiece.

In the second game, Pampa rolled to a 20-10 victory.

Lenderman led Pampa at the plate with four hits. Heath Miller and Jerrod Busse had three hits each, while Cobb and Aaron Hunt had two each.

East, Winegeart and Gattis had one hit each.

Pampa Gold finished the season with a 7-7 record.

"It was great to see these guys end the season on such a positive note," said coach Clint Allen. "It has been a fun year and the team really improved."

City Softball League Standings

SPRING SEASON				Tuesday Night			
Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost		
Men's Open			Celavese	5	1		
Division One			Market Square Thriftway	5	1		
Team			Pampa Regional Medical Center	4	2		
Sadie Hawkins	2	0	DFB	3	3		
Roberta's Flowers	2	0	Out For Fun	2	4		
Bible Church	2	0	Just Ask Rental	1	5		
Smokers	2	0	Deaver Construction	1	5		
A.S.S.I.	1	1					
Wood Group Pressure Con.	0	2	Thursday Night				
Culbertson-Stowers	0	2	Team	Won	Lost		
Trinity Fellowship	0	2	Pampa Cyber Net	6	0		
City of Pampa	0	2	Gators	4	2		
Division Two			Easy's	4	2		
Team			Emily's	3	3		
Wolfpack	2	0	Stan's	2	4		
Hall's Auto	2	0	DK Glass	2	4		
Dominos	1	1	E.C. Fashion	0	6		
American Energy Services	1	1					
Spearman Cattle Co.	1	1	Mixed Church				
Jerry's Remodeling	1	1	Team	Won	Lost		
Texas Outlaws	1	1	Briarwood Church	5	1		
Chief Plastic & Supply	0	2	First Christian Church	4	2		
Century 21-National Home Health	0	2	First Baptist Church-Adult	2	4		
Mixed Open			First Baptist Church Youth	1	5		

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 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)
***** You might be overwhelmed by what another dumps in your lap. Raising the roof simply might not be worth it. Juggling finances could definitely backfire. Make sure everything you do is on the up-and-up. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You cannot change another's opinion. Stay focused on what is important to you. You're vulnerable to another's criticism. Make sure you have all loose ends tied up at work and financially. Accept an invitation. Give up standing on ceremony. Tonight: The only answer for now is "yes."
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Realize that you cannot always be the focus of attention. Today's Full Moon hits you where it counts. You might have to pick up the pieces for others who decide to head out the door for the weekend. Take your time with details. Tonight: Do errands on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your imagination, when funneled into your work, could make you a leader. This same ingenuity charged into your love life could have passions running high. Use your innate skills to better

your life. Someone comes closer tonight. Go for an old-fashioned date.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Concentrate on the basics with others. Your ability to get past a problem could relieve you and others again. Though responsibilities call, you know when to call a halt to them and deal with emotional sensitivities, even during work. Another appreciates your efforts. Tonight: Mosey on home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Finally, you find that others listen. You might feel you're on a whirlwind ride with information, calls and visitors coming in left and right. Understand that you might need to close your door or screen your calls. Postpone personal matters until later. Tonight: Hop out the door.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Finances need to be carefully guarded. You could make a flamboyant expenditure, causing yourself angst later. Check in with a partner or your more-reasonable self. Remember, you have many assets, not necessarily material. Tonight: Pay bills first.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Count on change. A swing comes from behind the scenes to thrust you into the limelight. You could find yourself in a position where you need to decide what your boundaries and limits are. On the other hand, you might be enjoying all the action. Tonight: Go with your impulse.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Use the morning to get what you want. You'll discover that pressure mounts as the day ages. Keep your own counsel and don't spill the beans. Subtly stay on top of a problem. Know that someone cares more than you realize. Tonight: Vanish quickly.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You're on top of a personal matter. Relax and worry less. Maintain a high profile at work. Attend a meeting or get-together later in the afternoon. Get together with others. Don't be all business; allow others to express their sense of fun. Tonight: Join the crowd.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Make long-distance calls and follow through on priorities. How another handles a change could tell you a lot more about him or her than you previously knew. Pressure builds as you juggle work and your home life. Honor priorities. Tonight: Clear out of work as soon as possible.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Deal on a one-on-one level. Stand a partner better by giving this person his or her head. Let this person reveal what might be on his or her mind. Return an important call in the afternoon, even if you find yourself reorganizing your schedule. Tonight: Do something you've always wanted to do.

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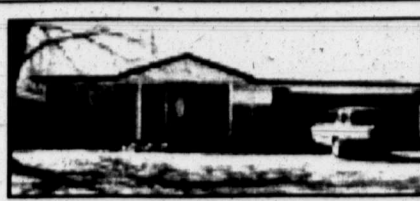
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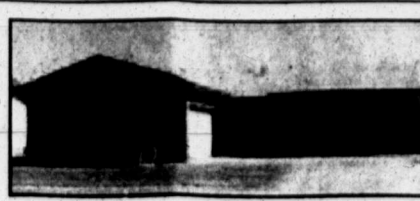
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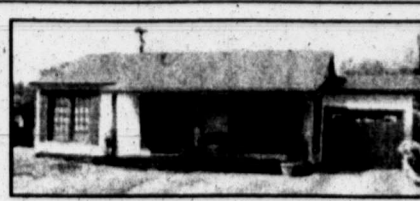
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House readying INS legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sponsors predict victory for a House bill that would split the duties of the Immigration and Naturalization Service between two new agencies, even though the White House wants changes before the bill is enacted.

The bill "is going to pass with a huge bipartisan vote," predicted House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "That should be a message to everybody that Congress is not going to wait for the umpteenth administrative restructuring of the INS, which will probably be doomed to failure."

The overhaul would scrap the INS and create one agency to enforce laws and keep out unqualified people and another to smooth the way to possible citizenship for legal immigrants.

It is seen as vital by many in Congress because of a series of immigration foul-ups that included approving visa extensions for two of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers and sending another a newsletter about his pilot training months after the attacks. Although all 19 came on valid visas, several were illegally in the country on Sept. 11.

The Bush administration originally wanted to divide the INS functions administratively while keeping the agency intact. That plan has not been warmly received in Congress, and Sensenbrenner's committee approved the breakup plan two weeks ago on a 32-2 vote.

Under the plan, the INS would be abolished, and the bureaus of Citizenship and Immigration Services and of Immigration Enforcement

would take over. The new agencies would remain under the Justice Department.

The full House plans to vote on the measure Thursday.

"The American public has signaled in hundreds of different ways, in thousands of different ways, its dissatisfaction with the current operation of the INS and has been complaining for the last 10 years," said Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., a co-sponsor of the bill.

The White House now supports Sensenbrenner's bill but says it needs some work.

The administration wants the new immigration agencies' boss, who would be an associate attorney general, to have as much power as the current INS commissioner. The White House also wants Congress not to limit whom the president can appoint to run the agencies.

The House bill would require the new associate attorney general to have a minimum five years experience running "a large and complex organization."

"There are several improvements we would like to see in the legislation, but we share a common goal and believe that Congress needs to get this done," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The immigration service has been criticized for years because of huge backlogs of applications for benefits such as naturalization or permanent residence. In addition, critics say the service's dual missions conflict: to help immigrants enter and stay in the country, and to identify and keep out those who try to enter illegally or may pose a danger.

Sexual abstinence programs get boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee has voted to renew a sexual abstinence program after turning back a Democratic attempt to let states decide whether to include discussion of birth control methods.

The debate contrasted to five years ago when Congress included the program in welfare legislation with virtually no public discussion.

Majority Republicans defended the "abstinence-only" program, and the House Commerce Committee voted 35-17 on Wednesday to extend it for five years.

Nothing requires states to take the restricted dollars, said committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, R-La.

Democrats spoke in favor of "abstinence-plus" programs, which already are used in many schools across the country. Such programs emphasize that abstaining from sex is a person's best choice and the only sure way to prevent pregnancy and dis-

ease, but they urge those who have sex anyway to use condoms or other protections.

The federal law bars discussion of the benefits of birth control and instructs programs to teach that any sex outside marriage has harmful consequences.

"A gag rule on information is no way to solve a serious health problem," said Rep. Henry Waxman, a

Democrat from California, the only state that has opted out of the program.

On a mostly party-line, 32-22, vote, the committee rejected an amendment that would have given states power to create alternate programs with the money.

The panel also rejected a Democratic amendment that would have required that only medically accurate

information be included in the programs.

Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., argued that many of these programs are exaggerating the failure rate of condoms and "trying to use terror techniques to keep teens from having sex." Republicans responded that it would be impossible to agree on what information is medically accurate.

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Amarillo Museum of Art to host student exhibit, awards banquet




AMARILLO — An awards ceremony for participants of the 2002 Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Show, currently on display at Amarillo Museum of Art (AMOA), is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m., April 26 in the atrium level of the museum. A reception will follow directly after the awards ceremony in the galleries and will conclude this year's exhibition.

The Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Show showcases the work of middle school and high school students throughout the area and provides a

unique opportunity for these young artists to share their work with the community in a professional museum setting.

Directors of this year's exhibit are: Laura Landes, Elaine Maples and Melissa Anderson, all art instructors at Amarillo's Caprock High.

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