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LOCAL

Car hits teenager; injuries not serious

A 14-year-old Pampa youth was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance Service shortly after being struck by a car in the intersection of West Kentucky and North Hobart.

According to the police report, Josh Eugene Combs, 14, was walking east on Kentucky across Hobart when the accident occurred.

Jose Larrazolo, 1125 N. Starkweather, 39, was driver of the 1975 Lincoln Continental that struck the youth. He told police he did not see the youth as he was blinded by the sun.

Larrazolo was traveling west into the sun, according to the report. He was cited for no drivers license in his possession and making an unsafe left turn.

Combs' condition was not believed to be serious, officials said.

DEATHS

Imogene Hinkle, 85, homemaker.

Helen Seitz, 65, former deputy tax collector.

Lola Warren Thompson, 93, former restaurant manager.

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NASA looking for mistakes

By **MARCIA DUNN**
 AP AEROSPACE WRITER

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA engineers are taking a second, harder look at video, computer data and everything else that led them to conclude — perhaps wrongly — that a flyaway chunk of insulation did not harm space shuttle Columbia during liftoff.

"We are completely redoing the analysis from scratch," shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said Monday, exactly one week after engineers assured him that any damage to the shuttle's thermal tiles was minimal. "We want to know if we made any erroneous assumptions. We want to know if we weren't conservative enough. We want to know if we made any mistakes."

The wrenching duplication of work to determine what doomed the shuttle Saturday morning, killing its seven crewmembers, was to be temporarily

halted Tuesday so employees could take part in a memorial service at Johnson Space Center with President Bush.

Practically from the start, investigators have zeroed in on a piece of foam insulation that fell off the shuttle's big external fuel tank during liftoff Jan. 16. The impact by the 2 1/2-pound, 20-inch fragment may have damaged the heat tiles that keep the ship from burning up during re-entry into the atmosphere.

"We're making the assumption from the start that the external tank was the root cause of the problem that lost Columbia," Dittmore said. "That's a fairly drastic assumption and it's sobering."

While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA engineers analyzed launch footage frame-by-frame and were unable to determine for certain whether the shuttle was damaged by the insulation. But they ran computer

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Burned baby's better

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

The condition of a tiny baby was upgraded today at the University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock.

The child's biological father, John Andrew Rosalez, was arrested Sunday evening at his home, 806 Oklahoma, in connection with the incident.

Pampa Police Det. Connie Lockridge said this morning that medical personnel at the Lubbock burn unit reported the baby's condition is satisfactory.

She said Child Protective Services took custody of the one month and 29 day old baby Saturday when he was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of burns to the head which apparently came from scalding water. Pampa police were notified by medical personnel at

(See BABY, Page 3)

Early morning fire



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Smoke billows from a burning residence in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive early today as firefighters battle to control the fire that erupted in the home shortly before 7 a.m. Smoke from the fire traveled as far as downtown Pampa. Fire officials at the scene said everyone safely escaped from the burning residence. The city fire marshal is investigating the cause. Further details were not available at press time.

Powell holds talks with foreign leaders

By **BARRY SCHWEID**
 AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell, bidding for U.N. support, is set to present evidence that Iraq has hidden large caches of weapons of mass destruction from international inspectors and defied calls on it to disarm.

Powell's public presentation Wednesday to the U.N. Security Council in New York will be the centerpiece of a strenuous campaign to enlist

support from Russia, France and other skeptical governments as well as from the American public.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been supportive of the administration on Iraq, has failed in a fresh attempt to persuade a reluctant France to join a U.S.-led coalition ready to move against Saddam Hussein if necessary.

President Jacques Chirac, during talks with Blair in France Tuesday, said he is still adamantly opposed to a war

against Baghdad without giving U.N. weapons inspectors more time to search for outlawed weapons.

France and Russia are prime targets for Powell, who said in an article published Monday by The Wall Street Journal that "we will not shrink from war if that is the only way to rid Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction."

Bush talked by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin for about 15 minutes Tuesday, before leaving to lead a memorial service at the

Johnson Space Center in Texas for the seven astronauts who perished last Saturday.

Powell also planned a series of meetings with foreign ministers and ambassadors from all 14 other Security Council nations Tuesday and Wednesday. And all 14, plus Iraqi Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri, are due to make statements Wednesday to the council in what could be a critical test of sentiment for using force to disarm Iraq.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday that Iraq's biological and chemical weapons programs "will be well documented tomorrow by Secretary Powell."

He said that while "I don't want to overstate it, for the obvious reason," Powell would also show "some intersections with various and sundry terrorist groups and that is our real fear with Iraq."

On Tuesday in Iraq, arms monitors fanned out to 10

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

Deputies arrest SUV driver for unlawful transport of 14

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

A Nashville, Tenn., man is in Gray County Jail today charged with unlawful transport after he was stopped by law enforcement officers on I-40 east of McLean last week.

Driving a Ford Explorer, Roberto Hernandez Juarez, 24, was stopped by Gray County Deputy Larry Wallis as he was traveling on the interstate highway in Gray County. Upon investigation, Wallis found 14 men in the vehicle with Juarez.

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said deputies were asked by the Border Patrol to stop the vehicle and check out the driver. He said all the men were of Hispanic origin.

Juarez has been charged with a state law regarding unlawful transport.

"This is a pretty new law," said Rushing. It was passed by the 76th Legislature in 1999.

It states that a person commits an offense if the person for pecuniary benefit transports an individual in a manner that:

- (1) is designed to conceal the individual from local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities; and
- (2) creates a substantial likelihood that the individual will suffer serious bodily injury or death.

According to the statute, the offense is a state jail felony.

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Cloud seeding Ag Day topic

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will present a program on rainfall enhancement at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Gray County Annex building.

Entitled "Rainfall Enhancement Programs: Facts, myths, and results," it will be presented in part with the Gray County Ag Day Program.

Counties which participate in the rainfall enhancement program within the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District include all or parts of Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler. The program is designed to

educate the public on general rainfall enhancement facts, provide a better understanding of why we chose to implement this program, explain seeding processes and provide seasonal results along with their economic impact to the region.

At the conclusion of the program, a question and answer session will follow to address public questions, concerns, and comments.

The public is invited to the program. However, anyone planning to attend the presentation along with the meal should contact the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

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OBITUARIES

IMOGENE HINKLE
1917-2003

Imogene Hinkle, 85, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hinkle was born Nov. 20, 1917, at Elk City, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1932.

She married B.V. Hinkle on Sept. 9, 1933, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1995.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lou Dean Scott and Cloteal Scott.



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

Survivors include a son, Ken Hinkle of Pampa; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

LOLA WARREN THOMPSON
1909-2003

Lola Warren Thompson, 93, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thompson was born Sept. 13, 1909, in Coryell County. She married Gerald Thompson on Sept. 28, 1924, at Osage; he died in 1985.

She moved to Pampa in 1951.

She was a homemaker, a former manager of Pak-A-Burger and a member of Highland Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Thompson in 1973; two sisters, Pearl Graham in 1986 and Ada Hord in 2001; and a brother, Marvin Warren in 1998.

Survivors include five sons, George



Thompson and Douglas Thompson, both of Pampa; Jess Thompson of Midland; Jerry Thompson of Houston and Dwight Thompson of Groom; two daughters, Jean Finley of Longview and Naomi Lamb of Lubbock; a brother, Willis Warren of Andrews; three sisters, Annie of Clifton, Bernice of Andrews and Charlene of Spearman; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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

HELEN SEITZ
1937-2003

Helen Seitz, 65, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Seitz was born on Sept. 14, 1937, in Love County, Okla. She married Joe Seitz in 1953 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1957. Mr. Seitz preceded her in death in 1965.

She was deputy tax collector for Gray County for many years and worked as a bookkeeper for Coronado Finance for a few years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, the Democratic Club and Mary Nole's ceramic class.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Seitz Mayo of Amarillo; a son, Jeff Seitz of Pampa; her mother, Maida Allen of Pampa; two sisters, Ada Lester of Mobeetie and Lizann Shugart of



Pampa. She was preceded in death by a brother, John Allen, in 1995; a half-brother, Jack Allen, in 1985; a sister, Pat Rynzelman, in 1986; and by her father Jake Allen in 1984.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

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

Hugoton, Kan.; five grandchildren, Ben Mayo and Jessica Mayo, both of Amarillo, and Daniel Abernathy, Eugene Abernathy and Alyssa Seitz, all of Pampa; and a sister-in-law, Nancy Allen of

SERVICES TOMORROW

ANDERSON, Flossie Johnson — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

HINKLE, Imogene — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

THOMPSON, Lola Warren — Graveside services 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

SEITZ, Helen — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Defense goes after victim in case of accused dentist

HOUSTON (AP) — Finding out her orthodontist husband was cheating sent Houston-area dentist Clara Harris into a self-improvement frenzy to win him back, an effort that ended futilely and ultimately in his death at the bumper of her Mercedes-Benz, according to testimony in her murder trial.

Employees of two clinics Clara and David Harris owned told jurors Monday that, after he admitted July 17 to sleeping with a receptionist, Clara Harris stopped eating and frantically

tried to improve her appearance.

"She couldn't eat — I don't think it was a diet," office manager Susan Hanson said, estimating Clara Harris lost "a dress size" in one week. "She was consumed by what was going on."

Within two days, Hanson said Clara Harris supplemented her conservative wardrobe with tighter, more provocative outfits, got new nails, began patronizing a tanning salon and consulted with a plastic surgeon regarding breast enhance-

ment and liposuction.

"She was very busy that day," Hanson said, referring to July 17. Also that day, Clara Harris exercised her rights as 51-percent owner of the couple's dental practice and fired David Harris' acknowledged lover, Gail Bridges, Hanson said.

None of it brought David Harris back, though, and Clara Harris confronted Bridges and David Harris in a suburban Houston hotel lobby the evening of July 24, resulting in a tussle between the women.

State property, income tax part of Robin Hood debate

AUSTIN (AP) — "No new taxes" is a popular phrase around the Texas Capitol these days.

But a state property tax and state income tax are among the options lawmakers must consider if they're going to fix the ailing Robin Hood school finance system, House Education Chairman Kent Grusendorf said Monday.

"We have to put everything on the table," said Grusendorf, a Republican from Arlington. "Most experts agree that a permanent solution cannot happen without having tax restructuring."

Tax restructuring is a term used by some politicians to describe changes to state tax laws, which prohibit a state property or state income tax.

Grusendorf's education committee plans to begin work Tuesday on a bill that would end Robin Hood by 2005.

He said the committee's quick start on the issue shows how committed lawmakers are to fixing the system.

"I think the message from the public is education should be the top priority of the state, and it should take priority in our

spending," Grusendorf said.

Now, Texas funds its schools primarily with local property tax revenue. State and federal money also is used. Money from property-wealthy districts is given to poorer schools.

Schools in low-income areas have bought computers, books and new buildings with Robin Hood money — \$600 million in the last two-year budget, a figure expected to approach \$900 million by 2004.

Still, many poor schools say they lag behind and need more money to provide a basic education.

The state's 118 wealthier districts that have given up \$1.5 billion are also pleading poverty. Many have raised local property-tax rates to the legal limit, making it hard to get more money. They say that Robin Hood is forcing them to cut programs and jobs.

Kathy Hayes, a Southern Methodist University professor of economics, said Grusendorf has a good point about taxes, but one that may be politically tough to make.

"Eliminating Robin Hood is probably a good idea and in order to properly finance public

education, we need to change our taxing system," Hayes said. "That would be a very difficult thing, I think, from a politician's point of view, to try to convince people."

Craig Foster of the Austin-based Equity Center, which represents hundreds of low-wealth school districts, said he hopes no-new-tax-pledging lawmakers are careful not to do away with the system without a better idea.

Otherwise, children in poor schools could be hurt, he said.

"If their goal was to maintain the same degree of equity by doing it with something other than Robin Hood then they would absolutely have to do something significant with regard to taxes," Foster said.

Grusendorf was reluctant to speculate about specific solutions, saying he wants to first hear from all sides of the issue.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst agreed Monday that education revenue needs to come from a source other than local property taxes.

However, he stressed, "I don't see that an income tax is...a possibility."

ON RECORD

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.36
Milo	3.87
Corn	4.40
Soybeans	4.88

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	28.97-0.03
Fidelity Magell	NA
Parran	NA
BP	38.84 +0.03
Celanese	21.34 -0.04
Cabot Corp.	24.75 -0.37
Cabot Oil Gas	23.79 +0.29
Coca Cola	39.92 +0.23

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

VLO	36.44 +0.06
Halliburton	18.89 -0.01
Trinidad Hospitals	26.64 -0.83
NOI	20.60 +0.03
KMI	45.79 -0.16
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Williams	3.16 +0.15
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Pioneer Nat	24.26 -0.01
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COP	49.41 -0.17
Schlumberger	37.57 -0.12
Tenneco	3.11 -0.24
CVX	64.66 -0.99
Wal-Mart	47.28 -0.79
OKE	17.14 -0.08
NS Group	6.65 NC
New York Gold	371.05
Silver	4.84
West Texas Crude	32.76

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4

6:55 a.m. — Pampa firefighters were called to a structure fire at 1140 Prairie Dr. Firefighters were still on the scene at press time this morning.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period.

Monday, Feb. 3

Forgery report was taken in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Minor in possession of tobacco report was made from Pampa Middle School.

Simple assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles. It was alleged to have occurred between Jan. 24 and Jan. 31.

An unattended death was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Damage to a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Charles. Estimate of loss was \$1,000.

A wallet was found and turned into the police department.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Zimmers. A rock was thrown through the back window of a car. Damage estimate was \$300.

CARSON COUNTY

Four persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of January 27-Feb. 2, 2003. Currently, fifteen persons are incarcerated in the jail and an additional 15 prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

Jan. 27-Feb. 2

Heather Dilworth, 18, Pampa, was arrested on a theft warrant out of Dallas County.

Jarrold Rickles, 25, Pampa, was arrested on a bond surrender charge.

Sabastion Donnellan, 32, Tucson, Ariz., was arrested on a bond surrender charge.

David Witt, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Feb. 3

11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to BSAW in Amarillo.

1:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; no patient was transported.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Hobart; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; two patients were transported to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Monday, Feb. 3

Robert Darren Remy, 25, 320 N. Dwight, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers for violation of parole. Original charge was criminal trespass.

John Hardy King, 51, 1608 N. Sumner, was arrested by DPS troopers for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

STATEWIDE

Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows around 19. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 20 percent. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows around 17. Chance of snow 20 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

A cold front slicing through the eastern half of Texas brought clouds and scattered showers to parts of southeastern Texas.

Clear, cool conditions filtered in behind the front and were expected to stick around for the rest of the week, forecasters with the National Weather Service said.

On Monday, temperatures ranged from the 50s across North Texas to the lower 70s around Lufkin. Temperatures hovered in the 40s across the Panhandle and West Texas. Meanwhile, readings in the lower 80s were reported in deep South Texas.

Temperatures will reach the 50s under partly sunny skies on Tuesday across North Texas. Overnight lows will be in the 30s.

South Texas will be partly cloudy and cooler on Tuesday, with highs from the 60s to the upper 50s in the Hill Country. Lows will dip into the 40s under partly cloudy skies on Tuesday night.

Mostly sunny skies were forecast across West Texas on Tuesday. Highs will be in the middle 50s before falling into the lower 20s under partly cloudy skies overnight.

City Briefs

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analyses for different scenarios and different assumptions about the weight of the foam, its speed, and where under the left wing it might have hit, even looking at the possibility of tiles missing over an area of about 7 inches by 30 inches, NASA said.

The half-page engineering report — issued on Day 12 of the 16-day flight — indicated "the potential for a large damage area to the tile." But the analyses showed "no burn-through and no safety-of-flight issue," the report concluded.

High-level officials at NASA said they agreed at the time with the engineers' assessment.

"We were in complete concurrence," Michael Kostelnik, a NASA spaceflight office deputy, said at a news conference Monday with NASA's top spaceflight official, William Readdy.

"The best and brightest engineers we have who helped

design and build this system looked carefully at all the analysis and the information we had at this time, and made a determination this was not a safety-of-flight issue."

No one on the team, to Dittmore's knowledge, had any reservations about the conclusions and no one reported any concerns to a NASA hot line set up for just such occasions.

"Now I am aware, here two days later, that there have been some reservations expressed by certain individuals and it goes back in time," Dittmore said. "So we're reviewing those reservations again as part of our data base. They weren't part of our play-book at the time because they didn't surface. They didn't come forward."

The Columbia sustained significant tile damage in 1997, after NASA stopped using the coolant Freon in production of foam that coats the external fuel tank, a NASA engineer said at the time. The change was made

because of the potential environmental damage Freon can cause.

In his December 1997 report, Greg Katnik, a mechanical systems engineer at Kennedy Space Center, raised the possibility that the new foam may have had some unknown characteristics that were not compatible with the severe conditions of takeoff.

Kalpana Chawla, one of the seven astronauts killed Saturday, was on the 1997 Columbia mission.

The Marshall Space Flight Center later concluded that the absence of Freon led to the detachment of the foam, The New York Times reported

Tuesday. The formulation was later improved, the Times said.

On Monday, Readdy said the damage done by the broken-off piece of insulation is now being looked at very carefully as a possible cause of the tragedy.

"It may certainly be the leading candidate right now — we have to go through all the evidence and then rule things out very methodically in order to arrive at the cause," he said.

Monday night, searchers found the front of the shuttle's nose cone buried deep in the ground near the Louisiana line. But even more valuable

in trying to piece together what happened would be to locate any tiles from Columbia's left wing.

"That's the missing link that we're trying to find," Dittmore said.

The shuttle, covered with more than 20,000 thermal tiles, broke up 39 miles over Texas and fell to Earth just as it was experiencing maximum re-entry heat of 3,000 degrees.

NASA said temperature data showed that the shuttle's left side — the same side hit by the debris — heated up sharply just before Columbia disintegrated.

The foam that covers the shuttle's 154-foot external

fuel tank is hard enough to damage the shuttle when the spaceship is hurtling into space at high speed.

Dittmore said he knows of at least two other shuttle launches in which foam came off and damaged the shuttle, though nowhere near to the extent suspected in the case of Columbia's last launch. One of the flights — Columbia, in 1992 — had tile damage on the wing. The other happened on Atlantis' mission in October, when a piece of foam struck the bottom of one of the two booster rockets.

Engineers relied heavily on the fact that the previous damage was so minor.

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IRAQ

missile, chemical and other potential weapons production sites as U.S. diplomatic pressure mounted to possibly cut short the U.N. inspection plans.

A senior Iraqi official said Baghdad, looking to clear away obstacles to a clean U.N. report on inspections, may consider enlisting foreigners as witnesses for Iraqi weapons scientists who refuse to submit to secret U.N. interviews.

Powell is expected to present photographs of mobile biological weapons labs and transcripts of overheard Iraqi conversations to try to persuade the other nations that diplomacy and searches have about run their course, an administration official said Monday.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., said Monday he expected the evidence to show details of a transfer of

technology from other countries and the relocation of weapons systems within Iraq.

"He can go into a level of detail with respect to the present maintenance of the stock that he hasn't gone into before," Hunter said in an interview.

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BABY

PRMC. The child was transported to Lubbock by Rural Metro Ambulance Service.

Charged with injury to a child with serious bodily injury, Rosalez was booked into Gray County Jail Sunday night.

Lockridge said Rosalez was on parole and was served with a parole revocation warrant Monday evening in the Gray County Jail. Original charge was burglary of a building.

Rosalez is also being held on a \$25,000 bond on the injury to a child charge. Bond was set by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Lockridge said according to their investigation that the father was alone with the child at the family home when the incident occurred.

She said the case will be sent to the 31st District Attorney's office. She added that jail personnel have advised that Rosalez has been separated from the prisoners in the jail for his own safety.

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DRIVER

Rushing said all 14 men were turned over to Immigration Naturalization Service. He said Wheeler County Deputy Julian Torres assisted Wallis in the incident.

Juarez remains in the county jail on \$5,000 bond.

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 My lady love blessed me with
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 And I still feel part of her from their loving hands
 Please God in heaven, take care of my lady love
 Until the day I will join her in your sky above...

Love Always,
 Roy Velasquez



CLARENDON COLLEGE-PAMPA CENTER INTEREST SURVEY

Clarendon College-Pampa Center is busy considering and developing plans to expand its educational programs, offerings, and services. Your help is requested in assessing the need for our current programs and offerings as well as helping us identify courses, programs, and services which should be offered in Pampa. Please complete this brief survey and bring it by the new Pampa Center or mail it to: Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065 by Monday, February 24, 2003. The survey may also be completed by going to www.clarendoncollege.edu/pcs and completing the survey on-line.

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Bush on vouchers: Yes and no



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

Pundits, emphasizing the Iraq war question, have overlooked a domestic affairs innovation in last week's State of the Union address. The crucial paragraph was this: "Another cause of hopelessness is addiction to drugs. ... Tonight, I propose a new \$600 million program to help an additional 300,000 Americans receive treatment over the next three years. (Applause.)"

Not all will applaud once they study the details of the proposal. President Bush is taking a stand in favor of providing treatment vouchers for use in not only secular recovery programs but strongly religious ones, as well -- such as the program "at the Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge, La. A man in the program said, 'God does miracles in people's lives, and you never think it could be you.'"

This is more than words. Just before the speech, one White House official pointed out a new regulation that says drug treatment programs funded with vouchers do not have to separate the religious and secular elements of their programs. That's great, because the most effective anti-addiction programs are generally those with a religious emphasis mixed all through.

President Bush knows that when such programs face discrimination, taxpayers' dollars end up being thrown away on programs that don't work as well. He believes that whether an addict becomes an ex-addict through a Christian, Buddhist or atheistic program should not be the government's concern. The public

purpose is served when addiction and crime go down. Everyone is safer.

Having pointed with pride at President Bush's boldness in fighting addiction, let me view with alarm what he said in the State of the Union address about education: "During the last two years, we have seen what can be accomplished when we work together. To lift the standards of our public schools, we achieved historic education reform."

That statement went unchallenged by columnists I read, but the honest response should be: No, we did not achieve historic reform. Last year, the status quo won. Only tough competition will force schools to lift their standards. President Bush's decision not to foster competition via vouchers or tax credit programs will leave many poor children in classrooms where they are not learning to read and succeed.

I've seen the problem close up. My four children have grown up in a home with lots of books and magazines around, so they've generally done well in school. But recently my wife and I had the privilege of providing a home for six months for two boys from a very troubled background, and we saw the problems they

had in one of Austin's better public schools. Their teachers were nice, but bureaucratic pressures made it difficult for the school to provide the intensive help in reading that the two non-readers desperately needed.

Their problems got a few people thinking about alternatives, and the result is City School, a K-8 school my church started in September. We emphasize bringing together children from both rich and poor areas of Austin, and then discerning the distinct gifts and inclinations of each child. That's all very well, and we're pleased by the progress of all kinds of students in our classes, but City School is a pinprick, not the substantial competition that the Austin Independent School District needs in order to improve.

"Historic educational reform" will not come by tiny pokes, nor by shoveling more billions of dollars into existing school bureaucracies. If vouchers will work for addicts, they will work even better for poor parents desperate to improve their children's education. Even better would be a tax credit plan similar to Arizona's. Residents there can send dollars to scholarship funds for poor children and reduce their state income tax payments by that amount.

Competition will help kids get a better education. It will help school districts improve. It will give taxpayers a break. President Bush, a leader in other areas, is not willing to take the heat right now on education. Who will step up?

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2003. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 4, 1789, electors unanimously chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

On this date:
 In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1801, John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six Southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations came into existence.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 22,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala and Honduras.

In 1983, 20 years ago, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Ten years ago: A jury in Atlanta found General Motors negligent in the fuel-tank design of a pickup truck and awarded \$105.2 million to the parents of a teen-ager killed in a fiery 1989 crash. (The negligence verdict was later overturned, and the parents of Shannon Moseley reached an out-of-court settlement with GM.)

Five years ago: An estimated 5,000 people were killed when an earthquake hit northeast Afghanistan with a magnitude of 6.1.

One year ago: President Bush proposed a \$2.3 trillion budget, including billions for fighting terrorism. The World Economic Forum concluded five days of meetings in New York. Former Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay resigned from the board, cutting his last tie to the company beyond stock ownership.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 90. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 82. Actor William Phipps is 81. Actor Conrad Bain is 80. Actor Gary Conway is 67. Movie director George A. Romero is 63. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 59. Comedian David Brenner is 58. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 56. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 55. Actor Michael Beck is 54. Actress Pamela Franklin is 53. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 51. Rock singer Tim Booth is 43. Rock musician Henry Bogdan (Helmet) is 42. Country singer Clint Black is 41. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 37. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 33. Singer David Garza is 32. Actor Michael Goojian is 32. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 28. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 28.

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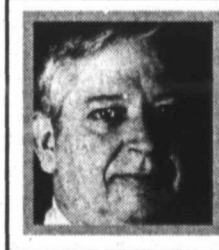
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Opinion doesn't depend on talent



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

I decided to spend a superficial evening recently and watched the Golden Globe Awards, those little statuettes handed out by the eccentric foreign press assigned to Hollywood.

It made me remember something I read years ago by a member of the original Rat Pack, which included John Barrymore, Errol Flynn and Thomas Mitchell, among others. Anyway, this guy said that actors were like children. And so they are, if you think about it. They make a living pretending to be somebody else. Like children, they put on costumes and makeup and pretend to be heroes or villains or soldiers or cowboys or Indians or whatever.

Who else would go to such elaborate lengths to dress up just to walk down an aisle in front of fans and cameras? Like children, they all tend to be very emotional, love praise and are easily stung by criticism. Some are sort of rascally children, like Jack Nicholson, and some are super-sincere like Richard Gere, but they are, with rare exceptions, childlike.

That's why no one should get too excited about actors taking political positions. Most of them approach everything from an emotional point of view, since acting is reproducing emotions, not making intellectual arguments. Actors have to cultivate their emotional side.

Most of them are political liberals, since liberalism is all about believing hard-luck stories, but actors are human

being and have the same right to express their opinions as anyone else. For some reason, actors who don't favor war or conservative politicians easily outrage some of the humorless neoconservatives, and those neoconservatives really give conservatism a bad name by being so lacking in grace and wit.

I don't care what Barbra Streisand's political opinions are. She has a lovely voice and showed true comic talent in one of my all-time favorite movies, "What's Up, Doc?" If I wanted a deeply intellectual conversation, I'd talk to a philosopher. To paraphrase a line, opinions are like elbows - most people have at least two.

The ability of actors to appear to be what they are not has always fascinated me. Some of those who played heroes actually were combat veterans. Jimmy Stewart was a bomber pilot; Lee Marvin was a combat Marine in World War II; David Niven was a British commando; James Garner and Michael Caine fought in the Korean War; Charlton Heston and Charles Bronson served in the Army Air

Corps. The most heroic and fiercest fighter of them all looked least like a warrior - Audie Murphy. Murphy as a young infantryman became the most decorated American soldier in World War II and in one battle personally killed about 255 German soldiers.

Other actors with no military experience at all can nevertheless be quite convincing - John Wayne, for example. Wayne was classified 4-F because of an injury suffered when he was playing college football. He was a genuinely strong man, a fine horseman and a good brawler, though.

A friend told me an anecdote about Wayne intervening at a nightclub where a drunk was harassing the wife of a young naval officer. The Navy man was about to punch the drunk when he felt a big hand on his shoulder. Wayne had been sitting a few tables over and observed the drunk's bad behavior. "Don't you do it, son," Wayne said. "You'll get in trouble. Let me do it for you." And then he knocked the drunk over a table. That sounds like the Duke.

All in all, Americans can be proud of Hollywood. The actors are about the best in the world at what they do, and if some of them have opinions we don't agree with, so what - so do a lot of people with a lot less talent.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, Fla., 32802)

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Venezuela strike crumbles as Chavez retains power

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A two-month strike designed to force President Hugo Chavez's ouster crumbled as workers in all sectors except the oil industry returned to their jobs.

Stores, factories, schools and banks started opening their doors as the government raised oil production to 1.2 million barrels a day, up from 1.1 million a day over the weekend, according to dissident staff at the state oil company.

The gains brought production closer to pre-strike levels of 3.2 million barrels a day in a nation that is a major supplier of crude to the United States and the world's fifth-largest petroleum exporter.

Oil production was still only about one-third or normal production as the strike frayed Monday, but Venezuela is expected to add 200,000 more barrels per day in the coming weeks, staff at Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. said.

Fear of bankruptcy and shortages of gaso-

line and other essentials prompted leaders to end the strike, which began Dec. 2. Still, strike leaders called their work stoppage a success, claiming it unified the country's diverse opposition — a mix of conservatives, leftists, business and civil groups and labor unions.

On Sunday, a nationwide petition drive collected signatures supporting a proposal to amend the constitution, cut Chavez's term to four years from six and pave the way for early elections.

Organizers said 4 million people signed the petitions, a claim that could not be verified. The petitions called for a binding referendum on Chavez's rule in August and an all-powerful constituent assembly to rewrite the constitution.

Government adversaries were unsure how and when the petition drive could bring results.

"We may have to wait until August, but then again it could be another year," said Leonardo Aparo, a 30-year-old store manager.

The Supreme Court ruled last month that the Chavez-dominated Congress must appoint a new National Elections Council. Without a council, no one can verify the signatures or organize a vote.

Julio Brazon, president of the Consecmercio business chamber, which represents about 450,000 businesses, said the strike was a "resounding success" because "an electoral solution to the crisis is in march."

Analysts disagreed.

The strike reflected "the disorganization of the opposition," said Riordan Roett, director of Western Hemisphere studies at Johns Hopkins University. "It was anti-Chavez but never pro-anything. What were they going to replace Chavez with?"

The United States and five other countries have joined the Organization of American States in mediating 3-month-old negotiations.

After meetings here last week, diplomats from the six nations said early elections were

the best way to restore stability in the increasingly volatile South American nation.

Little progress has been made since the talks began under OAS chief Cesar Gaviria in November.

Chavez, who was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000, claims his "revolutionary" government would crush the opposition at the ballot box.

As the conflict between entrenched political rivals drags on, the specter of more economic problems — made worse by the strike — looms on the horizon.

According to the Fedindustria business chamber, strike fallout and continuing recession will cost 200,000 jobs and close more than 20,000 small- and medium-sized businesses by August.

Lack of oil and tax income forced Chavez to cut 10 percent from Venezuela's \$25 billion budget for 2003. Economists forecast the economy will shrink 25 percent this year after an 8 percent contraction in 2002.

TABLE 1 — DECEMBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	14	6	11
(2) REFUGIO AREA	47	7	25
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	57	12	34
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	111	6	110
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	44	3	28
(6) EAST TEXAS	88	3	47
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	46	6	3
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	74	37	30
(8) MIDLAND	76	42	2
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	57	29	0
(9) NORTH TEXAS	142	13	59
(10) PANHANDLE	37	4	27

TABLE 2 — NOVEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,575,977	1. WEBB	22,707,594
2. ANDREWS	2,186,195	2. HIDALGO	22,270,509
3. YOAKUM	1,985,376	3. ZAPATA	21,305,872
4. HOCKLEY	1,791,919	4. PANOLA	20,236,157
5. ECTOR	1,571,480	5. PECOS	16,582,292
6. MIDLAND	845,771	6. FREESTONE	13,656,653
7. CRANE	825,049	7. STARR	11,328,145
8. SCURRY	797,703	8. CROCKETT	9,763,942
9. PECOS	712,329	9. BROOKS	9,133,875
10. UPTON	658,698	10. WISE	8,941,491

RRC posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission reported issuing a total of 793 original drilling permits in December 2002 compared to 697 in December 2001.

The December total included 646 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 26 to re-enter existing well bores, and 121 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2002 included 164 oil, 280 gas, 332 oil and gas, 12 injection, and five other permits.

Texas preliminary November 2002 crude oil production averaged 965,733 barrels daily, down from the 990,131 barrels daily average of November 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for November 2002 is 28,971,979 barrels, a decrease from 29,703,931 barrels reported during November 2001.

In December 2002, operators reported 168 oil, 368 gas, 15 injection, and three others compared to 178 oil, 437 gas, 16 injection and one other completion during December 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year-to-date are 9,192 up from 9,151 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 420 holes plugged and 81 dry holes in December 2002 compared to 450 plugged and 72 dry holes in December 2001.

Woman found dead at record producer Phil Spector's mansion; Spector arrested

ALHAMBRA, Calif. (AP) — Acclaimed music producer Phil Spector was arrested for investigation of murder after police found a woman shot to death at his castle-like mansion, authorities said.

Spector, 62, whose "wall of sound" technique transformed 1960s pop music, was freed Monday night after posting \$1 million bond. He had been arrested before dawn after the body of 40-year-old Lana Clarkson was found, Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Richard Westin said.

Clarkson was believed to have been a TV and film actress. Authorities wouldn't comment on her occupation or

what her relationship was to Spector.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Daniel Rosenberg said Clarkson was found in the foyer of the mansion, which is 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles. He said deputies found the weapon used in the slaying but declined to say where in the house it was located.

The call reporting that shots had been fired came from inside the residence, Rosenberg said. Authorities towed away a black Mercedes-Benz.

"I heard the boom, boom, boom. It was about three or four shots," neighbor Terrie Arias told Los Angeles television station KNBC. "I just ignored them because I never thought it was a shooting."

Spector lived alone and didn't have a girlfriend, according to close friend Marvin Mitchelson, a prominent Los Angeles attorney. According to records, Spector bought the house in 1998 for \$1.1 million.

Mitchelson said he and Spector had been trying to put together a movie about Spector's life.

"His mental state has been great — very rational, very together, super intelligent, a

very funny man," the attorney said.

Attorney Robert Shapiro, whose clients have included O.J. Simpson, was representing Spector. "I don't know answers to any of this," Shapiro said by telephone from the Alhambra Police Department before Spector's release.

Spector's "wall of sound" effect involved overdubbing scores of musicians to create a full, dramatic sound. The technique, which combined instruments, vocals and sound effects, changed the way pop records were produced.

It brought fame to singing groups like the Ronettes and the Crystals and resulted in a string of '60s hits, including the Crystals' "Da Doo Ron Ron" and "Then He Kissed Me"; the Ronettes' "Be My Baby" and "Walking in the Rain;" and Darlene Love's "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" and "(Today I Met) the Boy I'm Gonna Marry."

Spector's second wife was Ronnie Bennett, lead singer of the Ronettes. They divorced in 1974. He has five children from his marriages.

Spector's last major album was a 1980s collaboration with the Ramones, "End of the Century."

New Eimon exhibit coming to Square House Museum

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will showcase the work of area artist Pan Eimon this month. An opening reception is planned from 2:30-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9. The exhibit is dedicated to Jo Stewart Randel who helped found the museum and who befriended Eimon and her husband upon their moving to the Texas Panhandle.

Eimon and her husband Paul have traveled extensively over the course of Paul's career as a mining engineer. Pan has expressed her excitement with these different locales through her art and has exhibited in many of the places she has visited. She was the first American artist to exhibit at the Mongolian National Gallery in Ulanbaatar in 1996.

Eimon's work has also been featured in various U.S. cities including New York, San Francisco, Denver, and Salt Lake City as well as at New Mexico Tech at Socorro, N.M., and San Luis Obispo at Cal Poly.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Religious Message in Holiday Treat Can Be Politely Refused

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Happy Hindu in the Bible Belt," whose Christian friends tuck religious pamphlets into holiday boxes of baked goodies in an effort to convert her, was off base. You advised her to ignore the brochures and enjoy the goodies — unless she had lost her appetite — in which case she should donate the treats to a shelter or take them to the office.

I disagree. That lovely lady should politely tell her friends that she likes her own religion and ask them to please stop with the religious literature. If they continue, she should end the friendship. If converting her is more important than her friendship, there is no friendship.

BEEN THERE, TOO, IN BEND, ORE.

DEAR B.T.T.: Your answer is better than mine. Interestingly, "Happy Hindu's" problem appears to be widespread. That letter brought in a bushel of mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am Jewish. A friend from college kept sending me "Jesus Loves You" Christmas cards. I told her it hurt my feelings that she didn't respect my beliefs. I made it clear that I am Jewish and will always remain Jewish, as it is my religious and cultural background.

Like "Hindu," I know that some of these gestures are well-intentioned, but I would never dream of sending my friend Hanukkah cards. I send cards that say "Season's

Greetings" or "Happy Holidays." It's good to learn about other people's beliefs and be open to them — but not when they're forced on you.

JILL IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR JILL: I regret that I did not advise "Happy Hindu" to be as outspoken and upfront as you and "Been There."

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Happy Hindu" offended me as a Christian. In the circumstances were different, would you tell me to ignore my Buddhist friends, but enjoy their treats if I didn't gag first? Why is evangelical Christianity the only religion we shouldn't tolerate?

MARY S., ELLIJAY, GA.

DEAR MARY S.: It's not. Anyone who proselytizes is treading on "sacred ground." It's regarded as offensive, even if it is heartfelt.

DEAR ABBY: Hard as it is to live with some evangelicals, they are easier to take than people who feel justified in resorting to violence against those they feel are "lost." You have to understand that with evangelicals, it is an article of faith, and it's their Christian duty to preach their version of the Gospel, especially if they care about you and are genuinely concerned about your soul.

DOLLY IN LACEY, WASH.

DEAR DOLLY: I am aware of that. A devout and very sweet lady once told me she was "sad"

because she loved me and knew she wouldn't see me in heaven. I asked her why. She said, "Because you haven't been saved!" Once I got over the shock that her heaven was segregated, I assured her that even though I might not be in hers, she would definitely be in mine, so please not to worry any further.

DEAR ABBY: Many people have stopped me on the street or come to my door with religious tracts, so I had cards printed with the following: "I never told my own religion nor scrutinized that of another. I never attempted to make a convert, nor wished to change another's creed. I am satisfied that yours must be an excellent religion to have produced a life of such exemplary virtue and correctness. For it is in our lives, not from our words, that our religion must be judged." (Thomas Jefferson to Mrs. H. Harrison Smith, 1816)

KAYE IN N.Y.C.

DEAR KAYE: I agree with his timeless and profound conclusion.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Twin of seat
 - 7 Not wild
 - 11 Grad-to-be position
 - 12 Tow
 - 13 Gourmet meats
 - 15 Lucci of TV
 - 16 Cave critters
 - 18 Reporter's field
 - 21 Kind of boot or dancer
 - 22 Ineffective
 - 24 Epoch
 - 25 Napkin setting
 - 26 Lair
 - 27 Like an atrium
 - 29 Obey
 - 30 Without a date
 - 31 Penny
 - 32 Sand-bank
 - 34 Patsy Cline hit
 - 40 Carson predecessor
 - 41 Refusal
 - 42 Liberal study
 - 43 Like the night sky
- DOWN**
- 1 Farm beast
 - 2 Sunday
 - 3 Undivided
 - 4 Deceives
 - 5 Yoga
 - 6 Spheres
 - 7 Sandra Bullock film
 - 8 Tow grp.
 - 9 Marsh stuff
 - 10 Golf's Ernie
 - 14 Amassed
 - 16 Fake
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 - 19 Make broader
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 - 23 Finish
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Yesterday's answer

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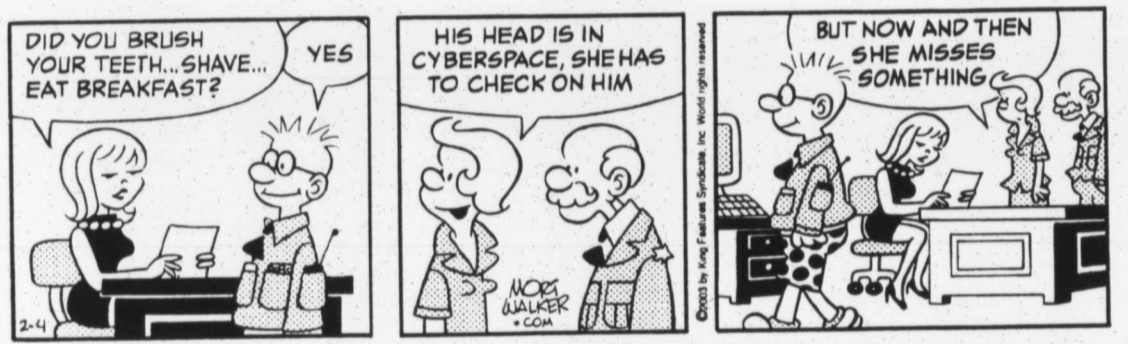
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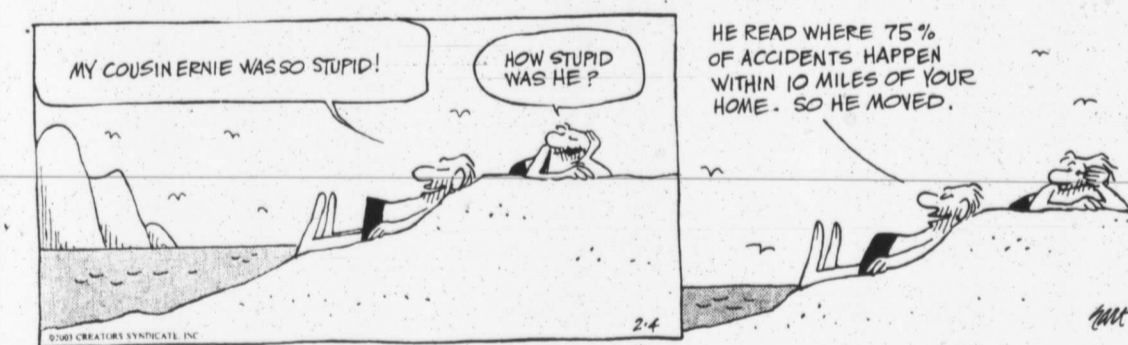
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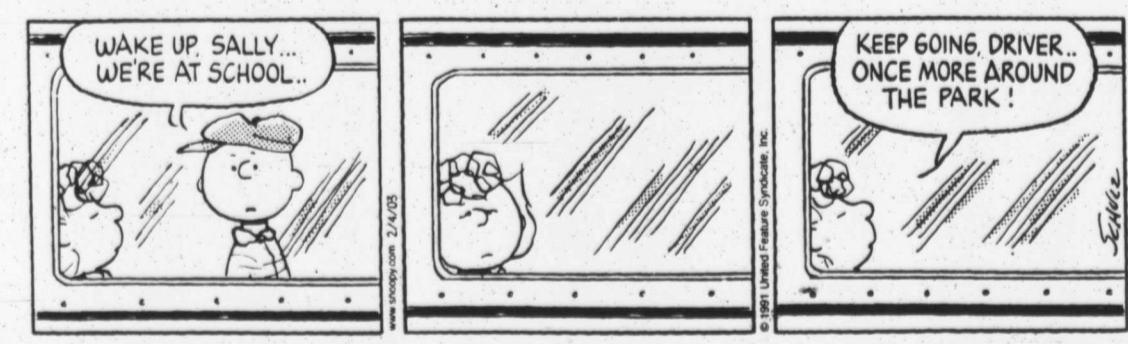
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SPORTS

Harvesters closing in on playoff berth

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

HIGGINS — Fort Elliott raced to an 81-32 win over Higgins in a District 2-1A boys' game last weekend.

Junior Newman scored 18 points and Justen Bryant had 13 to lead the Cougars' scoring assault.

Jonah Hendrickson had 13 for Higgins.

Fort Elliott won the girls' contest, 75-27.

Amanda Mick was high scorer with 13 points for the Lady Cougars. Tamera Hartline followed with 14.

Goff had 10 to pace Higgins.

Fort Elliott ends the regular season Feb. 4 at home against Allison.

GROOM — Amanda Conrad tossed in 30 points to lead Groom past Valley 77-69 in District 4-1A girls' action last weekend.

Malorie Homen added 16 points to the Groom attack.

Natalie Wheeler for Valley was the game's high scorer with 39 points.

Valley captured a 69-49 win in the girls' game.

Valley's scoring attack was led by Derrick Cruse with 15 points.

Kelby Noack had 14 points and Doug Fields 13 to lead the Tigers.

TRACK

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — Sprinter Brendan Christian won Antigua and Barbuda's sportsman of the year award for 2002, officials said Sunday.

Christian, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Texas, received the honor for his silver medal win in the 200-meter race at the World Youth Championships in Jamaica in July.

He became the first Antigua to win an athletics medal on an international stage and officials called it a historic marker for this small Caribbean country of 67,500.

Christian is listed as a member of the Longhorns' track and field team, according to the university's Internet site.

FOOTBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The agent for Barret Robbins confirmed Monday that the Oakland Raiders' All-Pro center has bipolar disorder, and that he expressed "remorse and deep sadness" for missing the Super Bowl.

Robbins remains hospitalized because of his condition, agent Drew Pittman said in a statement to ESPN.

"Barret would like to express his remorse and deep sadness for the events surrounding the Super Bowl," the statement said. "He knows many people have been hurt by his actions, including his family, his teammates, the Raider organization, the Raider Nation, and the game of football."

The statement, which also acknowledged that alcohol was a factor in Robbins' troubles, marked the first time he has commented publicly since he disappeared Jan. 25, the day before the Raiders' 48-21 Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay in San Diego.

PAMPA — With a 6-3 record, Pampa is sitting pretty going into tonight's District 3-4A battle against Caprock.

With just three regular-season games left, a win would guarantee Pampa the third-place playoff spot. Palo Duro, at 10-0, has already wrapped up the district title. Pampa, tied with Randall for second place, could still grab the runner-up spot.

Even if Pampa loses tonight, they could still clinch third by winning one of its last two games.

Should the Harvesters go 0-3, they would still end up in at least a third-place tie. That would mean a playoff game to determine the No. 3 seed.

Caprock (4-6) must beat both Pampa and then Randall to have a shot at making the playoffs.

"We had a tough non-conference schedule, but it's paid off for us. We slipped a little against Hereford in district, but we feel comfortable about our position," said Pampa head coach Jerry Schaeffer. "We had an open weekend, so we're rested

and enthusiastic."

Pampa beat Caprock 71-46 in the first round, but the Harvesters will be facing somewhat of a different Longhorn squad this time around, according to coach Schaeffer.

Senior guard James Russell has returned to the team after a brief absence. The 5-7 Russell is starting at point guard and makes Caprock more of a scoring threat from that position.

"Russell scored just seven points against us in that first game, but he'll be starting at point guard for them this

time. Caprock will be more of a scoring threat from that position," Schaeffer said.

Caprock's leading scorer throughout the season has been 6-0 junior Cheston Mitchell, who is averaging 21 points a game. He led the Longhorns with 15 against Pampa.

"Clayton Hall and Johnny Moore did a good job for us shadowing Mitchell in that game. They both played defense with a lot of intensity," added Schaeffer.

Schaeffer believes David Hernandez, a 6-5 senior, is Caprock's best player.

"Hernandez had only six points against us, but he makes the good passes and he's a thinking player," he said.

The Harvesters are a defense-oriented team this season, Schaeffer said.

"The three keys for us are defense, defense, defense," Schaeffer said. "Caprock is going to come out fighting for their lives tonight. They're going to be intense and we're going to have to match their intensity. We're going to have to put pressure on them and tighten our defense."

PSHOF honors Palmer, Quarles

AMARILLO — Senior discus champion Wendell Palmer and tennis coach Carolyn Quarles of Pampa were honored last weekend at the Panhandle Sports Hall of fame ceremony in Amarillo's Ordway Auditorium.

For the fourth time, Palmer was presented with a Special Achievement award by the Panhandle Sports Hall of fame. Palmer, a Pampa teacher, is the national age-group shot put and discus champion. Last August, Palmer was inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of fame in Lubbock. He was first in three events and second in another at the Texas State Masters Meet.

He broke his own national record in the 70-74 age group discus event last summer with a toss of 157 feet, 6 inches.

He also won the shot put at 44-6 as well as the 16-pound weight throw with a toss of 53-6.

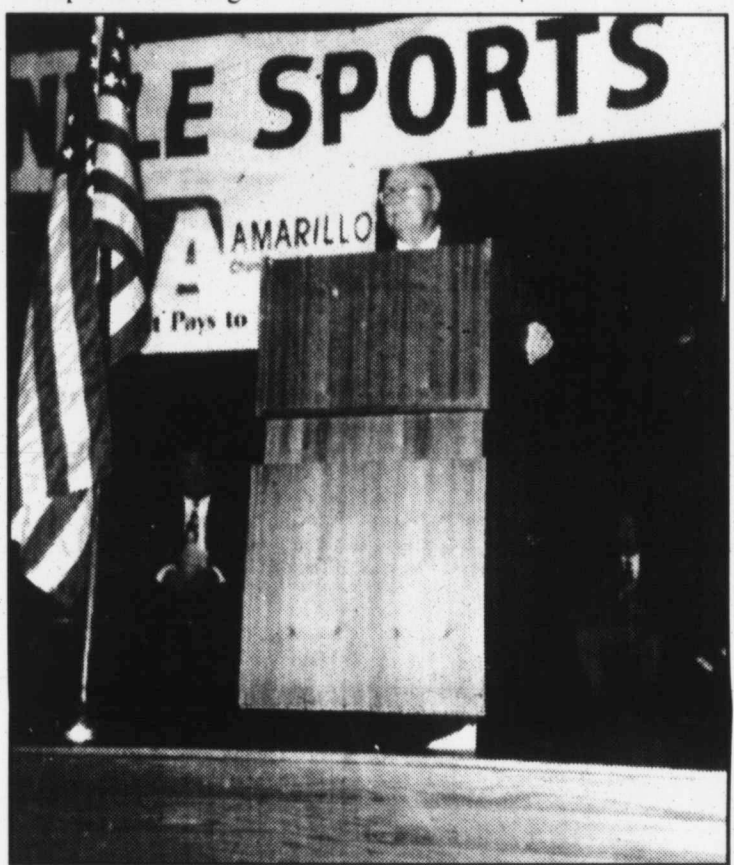
Palmer is a 15-time national champion in the discus, as well as a five-time national titles in the shot.

This is the third time Quarles has been honored by the PSHOF as Tennis Coach of the Year. The Pampa tennis team won its fifth consecutive district title under Quarles this season. Quarles has also guided Pampa to the Region 1-4A

semi-finals five years in a row.

Quarles' teams have a 76-2 record in district competition, including 40 consecutive victories.

She also won coach of the year honors in 1998 and 2000.



Wendell Palmer addresses the crowd at the PSHOF ceremony.

TABC Boys Basketball Poll

HOUSTON (AP) — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Feb. 3.

BOYS

Class 5A

1. F.B. Hightower, 2. Coppell, 3. DeSoto, 4. S.A. Clark, 5. John Tyler, 6. Dallas Carter, 7. Arlington Bowie, 8. Cedar Hill, 9. Elsie, 10. Amarillo, 11. R.R. McNeil, 12. C.C. Ray, 13. Dallas Skyline, 14. F.B. Elkins, 15. Cinco Ranch, 16. S.A. Reagan, 17. Houston Milby, 18. Austin Bowie, 19. Cy-Creek, 20. Kingwood.

Class 4A

1. F.W. Dunbar, 2. Beaumont Ozen, 3. Lancaster, 4. Killeen Ellison, 5. North Crowley, 6. Houston Jones, 7. S.A. Sam Houston, 8. Dallas Kimball, 9. Frenship, 10. Palo Duro, 11. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 12. Highland Park, 13. Angleton, 14. Lubbock Estacado, 15. Denton Ryan, 16. Harker Heights, 17. Texas City, 18. Austin LBJ, 19. Del Valle, 20. Sharyland.

Class 3A

1. Everman, 2. Hempstead, 3. Mexia, 4. Hardin Jefferson, 5. Pittsburg, 6. Canyon, 7. Aransas Pass, 8. Merkel, 9. Wimberly, 10. Kountze, 11. Tatum, 12. Lindale, 13. Dallas Madison, 14. Van, 15. Sweetwater, 16. Lubbock Cooper, 17. White Oak, 18. Carthage, 19. Ingram Moore,

20. Crandall.
- Class 2A**
1. Edgewood, 2. Shallowater, 3. Argyle, 4. Woden, 5. Brock, 6. Hitchcock, 7. Clarksville, 8. Jim Ned, 9. Schulenburg, 10. Haskell, 11. Hearne, 12. Abernathy, 13. SA Randolph, 14. SA Cole, 15. Forsan, 16. Olney, 17. Ponder, 18. Cooper, 19. Brookshire Royal, 20. Winona.

Class 1A Div. I

1. Normangee, 2. Crosbyton, 3. Morton, 4. Iron Co., 5. Port Aransas, 6. Lipan, 7. Claude, 8. Dallardville Big Sandy, 9. Kingsville Academy, 10. Martin's Mill, 11. Memphis, 12. Moulton, 13. Hamlin, 14. Douglass, 15. Rotan, 16. McLeod, 17. Sudan, 18. Whiteface, 19. Petrolia, 20. Tenaha.

Class 1A Div. II

1. Nazareth, 2. Utopia, 3. Grady, 4. Calvert, 5. Ft. Elliot, 6. Avinger, 7. Channing, 8. Panther Creek,

9. Silverton, 10. Blackwell, 11. Oakwood, 12. San Isidro, 13. Chireno, 14. Karnack, 15. Balmorhea, 16. Huckabay, 17. Fayetteville, 18. Lometa, 19. Follett, 20. Chillicothe.

Private Schools-Large

1. Houston Westbury Christian, 2. Austin St. Michael's Academy, 3. Dallas Jesuit, 4. Houston Strake Jesuit, 5. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 6. Tyler Grace Community, 7. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 8. Tyler Bishop Gorman, 9. Dallas St. Mark's, 10. Addison Trinity Christian.

Private Schools-Small

1. Cleveland Heritage Christian, 2. Kingwood Northeast Christian, 3. San Antonio Trinity Christian, 4. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 5. Fort Worth Ambassadors, 6. Waco Texas Christian, 7. Watauga Harvest Christian, 8. Midland Classical Academy, 9. League City Bay Area Christian, 10. Muenster Sacred Heart.

Pampa freshmen finish regular season with 16-4 won-loss record

Pampa, led by Sharod Young's 23 points, defeated Plainview 58-50 in a freshmen basketball game last weekend.

Braydon Barker added 17 points to Pampa's attack, and Ryan Torres followed with 8.

Tascosa defeated Pampa 73-45 Monday to end the regular season for the Pampa

freshmen.

Pampa's scoring leaders were Torres with 14 points, Barker 13, Colby Scott 6 and Young 6.

Pampa finished the season with a 16-4 record and 11-2 in district play.

The Pampa freshmen compete in the District Tournament in Tascosa, starting Thursday.

Three Harvesters take third in district tourney

DUMAS — Pampa competed in the District 6 Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Dumas and three Harvesters just missed advancing onto regionals.

Shawn Goodin (103 pounds), Kevin Parks (heavyweight) and Chris Veal (180) all finished in third place in their respective weight class.

Only the top two wrestlers in each weight class advance to regionals.

Pampa finished fourth with 57 points in the team standings.

"We did okay for a second-year program. This dis-

trict (District 6) is probably one of the two toughest districts in the state," said Pampa head coach Justin Turner. "Our kids being so young and inexperienced, I thought they did a tremendous job."

Turner looks for the Harvesters to move up the ladder in next year's district tournament, which will be held in Pampa.

"Burger, Dumas and Boys Ranch are losing six to eight seniors," Turner said.

"We're all coming back and that's going to put in good shape for next year."

Big 12's also-rans are running better

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Don't blame the Big 12's upper echelon for looking back. Those teams at the bottom are gaining on them.

From Texas A&M to Kansas State to Colorado, the usual also-rans in the Big 12 are making a move. Maybe none will win enough games to grab an NCAA tournament bid this year, but they're getting closer.

Melvin Watkins' Texas A&M Aggies were 3-13 in the league each of the past two seasons. But they're 3-3 this year, with an upset win over Texas Tech.

Kansas State gave No. 7 Oklahoma a big scare last week before losing by two points in overtime. Colorado actually did beat No. 12 Kansas, breaking a nine-year losing skid to the Jayhawks and reminding the elites that they could be in trouble every time out — especially away from home.

"You look around and there are no gimme games in this league," said coach Rick Barnes of No. 3 Texas. "I have so much respect for the coaches. They know how to keep games close. And then anything can happen."

At Colorado last month, anything did. The Buffs made their long-awaited breakthrough against Kansas with a one-point thriller.

"I can vouch for what Colorado has," said Kansas coach Roy Williams. "But Texas A&M has done some very nice things. And Kansas State has the best club they've

had in the last several years."

In every case, of course, coaches have been able to recruit better players, such as Texas A&M freshman Antoine Wright, just named newcomer of the week for the third time.

"Up and down this league, everybody has a plan," said Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson. "We've played teams in the past, you say, 'How did they want to win the game? I don't know. They didn't have a plan.'"

"But that's not the case in this league. Schools know how to use their best players."

Baylor also deserves to be listed among the most-improved, the coaches said. The Bears are 0-6 in the league, but their first five games pitted them against No. 21 Missouri, No. 3 Texas, Texas Tech, No. 7 Oklahoma and No. 11 Oklahoma State.

"Don't let Baylor's record fool you," Sampson said. "Their toughest games were at the start."

Said Barnes, "There is no doubt they're going to break through. You ask any coach in this league."

The biggest strides may have been made at Texas A&M, where senior Bernard King is about to become the Big 12's career scoring leader.

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McLean teenager will compete in Rodeo Houston scramble

HOUSTON — The 2003 Rodeo Houston debuts in the new Reliant Stadium, and 15-year-old Krista Smith of McLean will have the opportunity to see the new stadium from the arena floor as one of 28 calf scramble contestants on March 9.

Krista, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Smith, will represent McLean Future Farmers of America during a star-studded rodeo performance, beginning at 4 p.m. that includes seven PRCA-ProRodeo and WPRA rodeo events and entertainment by Invocable and Los Tress Amigos featuring Little Joe, Roberto Pulido and Ruben

Ramos. During the calf scramble, 28 4-H or FFA members will attempt to catch and halter one of 14 calves that are released into the Reliant Stadium arena. With the drop of a hat, the calves will dart into the arena and the challenge will begin. With youngsters and calves scattered about and moving in every direction across the arena floor, the calf scramble is one of the most chaotic and heart-warming events of the show.

If successful, Krista will receive a \$1,000 certificate for the purchase of a beef heifer and will join the ranks of 16,066 boys and girls who

have received certificates. Additional "hard luck" certificates are presented to individuals who don't catch a calf, but are recognized for their efforts. Since the program started in 1947, \$7,042,000 has been awarded in certificates and bonuses to Texas youth.

The purchased heifer becomes a year-long project for the scrambler — feeding, grooming and providing all the care necessary to raise and show a beef animal. Supervised by an agricultural science teacher of extension agent, winners must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress.

Mavericks slip past Jazz, 92-90

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks played well enough at the beginning and the end against the Utah Jazz that it didn't matter so much what happened in the middle.

Nick Van Exel hit a 3-pointer with 13.1 seconds left as the Mavericks beat the Jazz 92-90 Monday night despite squandering a 16-point lead in the game, which included two flagrant fouls, two technicals and lots of contact inside that wasn't called.

"What a physical game. Holy cow," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I don't

think there would be any players left to play the game if they were all this rough. Just an unbelievable game."

The Mavericks spoiled Karl Malone's 1,400th career game and avoided falling to 0-2 against the Jazz this season. It could have just as easily been the Jazz celebrating.

Utah's Matt Harpring, who missed Saturday's game with sore ribs, returned to the lineup and scored 20 points — but he missed a baseline jumper that would have forced overtime.

"Having Matt Harpring take that shot, I can live with

it because he's going to make it 70 percent of the time," said Utah's Scott Padgett, who passed the ball to Harpring on the final play. "It shouldn't have come to that."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and Steve Nash had 20 points and six assists for the Mavericks, who have won four straight.

Malone finished with 18 points and Padgett scored 13 for the Jazz, who outbounded the Mavericks 46-31.

Van Exel finished with 12 points, including the final three after Andrei Kirilenko gave Utah a 90-89 lead on a layup with 29.9 seconds left.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard section containing BOWLING, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, and BASKETBALL results. Includes league results, team scores, and individual player statistics.

Pro Rodeo Money Leaders

Table listing Pro Rodeo Money Leaders with columns for name, location, and earnings. Includes categories like Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Men's Professional Rodeo Association.

Kansas holds off stubborn Missouri

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Missouri forward Kevin Young thought his team played with more effort than Kansas. He'll get no argument from Jayhawks coach Roy Williams.

Outrebounded all night and outshot from beyond the 3-point arc, the 12th-ranked Jayhawks still got enough grit and offense from seniors Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich to beat No. 21 Missouri 76-70 Monday night.

"I think we played way more harder than them," Young said. "Stuff just wasn't falling. We just made too many little mistakes that just kept adding up."

The Tigers outrebounded Kansas 38-29, had 10 3-pointers to the Jayhawks' two and forced Kansas point guard Aaron Miles into six turnovers while holding him to a single field goal.

"I told (Missouri coach) Quin Snyder I'm not sure that the best team won tonight, because I thought they played better than us," Williams said. "I am very pleased to win. I am not so sure they didn't outplay us."

In the only other game involving a ranked team Monday night, it was No. 19 Syracuse 88, Georgetown 80.

The difference was Missouri had 20 turnovers and Kansas just 12 — and Kansas had Collison and Hinrich.

The 6-foot-9 Collison, working outside as well as near the basket, had 22 points. Hinrich, often running the offense as Miles sat on the bench, had 24 points and eight assists.

"I don't think we played as well as we

can," Hinrich said. "I don't think Missouri played as well as they can. They kept making runs and we were tough enough to not lose poise and keep playing."

The Jayhawks (16-5, 6-1 Big 12) also got three key free throws in the final seconds from Michael Lee, who was celebrating his 20th birthday, to win their 15th straight conference home game.

"Michael's been huge all year for us," Hinrich said. "I can't be more pleased with the way he's playing."

Ricky Clemons had 19 points for the Tigers (13-5, 4-3 Big 12), who have lost 13 in a row to ranked teams on the road. All of Missouri's losses this season have come away from home.

"They made some big shots and capitalized on our turnovers," Clemons said.

Rickey Paulding's two free throws cut Kansas' lead to 71-69 with 1:07 left in this 246th game in one of the nation's most spirited rivalries.

Then with 50 seconds to go, Missouri center Arthur Johnson picked up his fifth foul and Bryant Nash made the second of two free throws to put the Jayhawks on top 72-69.

"It was a weird game," Williams said. "I loved our guts and stepping up to the free throw line and making the plays there at the end."

In the final five minutes, Collison hit a turnaround jumper to ignite a 6-0 run for Kansas. Then, after Paulding's three-point play made it 62-61, Hinrich canned a 3-pointer and Collison worked inside for a bucket and a 67-61 lead.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003: You head down an unusual path this year. You have friends pushing you toward your goals, and partners supporting you. Play your cards right, and you will have what you want. Ideas come to you naturally. Have trusted associates test your projects before you run with them. A loved one enhances your life because of his or her open and clear caring. If you are single, a relationship will drop in your lap that could knock your socks off. An opportunity crosses your path after March. If you are attached, your relationship will build because of mutual goals and expanding your circle of friends. As a couple, you're inspired. ARIES is a good friend.

Information might need to come from a more direct source. Tonight: A meeting proves to be critical. CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Realize that someone close might not be in the mood to have the conversation you want to have. On the other hand, you might need to please a boss, or do something strategic. An associate is understanding. Tonight: A must appearance. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You make the right moves at the right time. A child or a creative source could push you hard. Your fiery energy appeals to an associate. This person inspires you. Together you create a strong force and team. Tonight: Off to the movies. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Deal with a loved one as a team or partnership. Carefully realize your limits that involve this tie. You might have pushed way beyond them. Establish groundwork with associates. You might fall into good guy-bad guy roles with a key partner. Tonight: An intimate dinner for two. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** The key to better understanding is asking questions. Though your imagination can delight you, others often tap into it for answers and solutions. Share more by being responsive to others' questions. What you can trust is that others seek you out on a larger scale. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You're able to deliver the work completed takes you in a new direction. Ideas that bubble forth need to be honored. Realize what needs to happen within your work circle. You can only push so hard, but you can trust a superior to back you. Tonight: Get some exercise. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You deliver a far more direct and happening presentation than you are aware of. Sure, you have ideas, though how others react could take you in a new direction. Listen to someone in the know who could give you excellent insight. You will appreciate the feedback. Tonight: Live up to your playful image. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Reach out for others, but do not lose your primary values. A key supporter in your life always needs to be honored. You cannot read into others and their reactions. Remain clear and direct with your dealings. Realize what someone might be saying. Tonight: Reach out for a loved one. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You're an idea person, but you also frequently act on your ideas in a most impulsive manner, disarming and sometimes shocking others. Right now, you discover that your entourage is far more flexible and ready to join in. Present the off-beat. Do something different. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your finances could be enhanced if you try to do something very different. You'll understand much more of what's happening within your immediate circle if you kick back and observe. Keep your eye on the main objective — making money. You could go overboard. Tonight: Pay bills. BORN TODAY Author William S. Burroughs (1914), baseball player Hank Aaron (1934), politician Adlai Stevenson (1900) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2003 by King Features Syndicate Inc.



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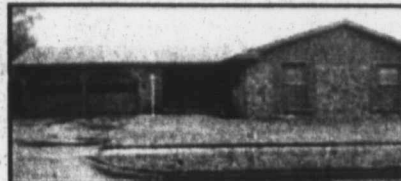
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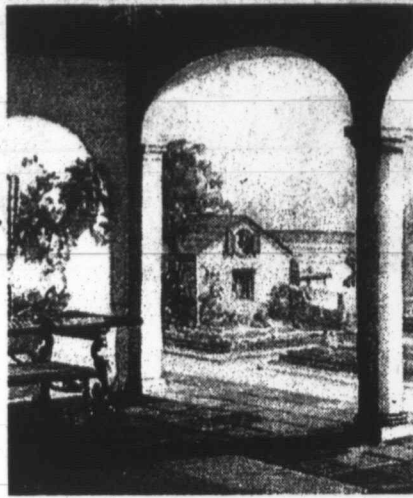
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