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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Derrell DeLoach speaks at Thursday night's substance abuse awareness meeting.

DeLoach: Persistence can help users overcome drug addictions

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer
Persistence is a key factor in offering help and support to those who are engaged in substance abuse, according to Derrell DeLoach, a nurse practitioner who was the main speaker at Thursday's substance abuse awareness meeting.
"Physical Signs and Consequences of Drug Use" was the second in a six-part series of meetings on substance abuse in the Pampa area. About 95 local residents attended the meeting in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.
"Our job is to be persistent in trying to provide help. We are engaged in a war against drugs. The stakes are very high, and we cannot throw in the towel," DeLoach said.
The Dallas native has worked in the health care profession for more than 20 years, and has been a Pampa resident for the past 12 years. He has been a critical care nurse and

paramedic, and is a member of Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education. He and his wife, who is a Pampa native, have three children.
"There is no mistaking the fact that we have a drug problem in this area and this community," he said. "It's a well-known fact."
"The drug problem here is severe, and it's a problem that knows no borders. It is not limited to geography, gender, race, religion or socio-economic class."
Methamphetamine use is so widespread in the Pampa area that it directly affects approximately 30 percent of the population, according to DeLoach.
"But it indirectly affects 100 percent of the people in this community," DeLoach said.
"A narcotics officer recently told me that the drug trade is alive and well on every
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Authorities probe death of woman

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer
A semitrailer rig in which a dead woman was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center Wednesday has not yet been released to its owners, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.
"The truck has not been released to the owner as per instructions of the district attorney's office, and will not be released until a determination has been made on the death," Hoard said this morning.
Jesus Antonio Cantu, 54, of Houston drove his truck to PRMC during the noon hour Wednesday when he

could not awaken the woman, identified as Vicki Lynne Willis, also known as Vicki Lynne Long, 37, originally of Hattiesburg, Miss., last known address in Germantown, Tenn., according to a news release from the GCSO.
She had been a passenger in the truck and had been asleep in the sleeper portion of the cab, according to the release. She was pronounced dead at the hospital at 12:30 p.m.
The hospital reported the incident as an unattended death at 12:29 p.m. to Pampa Police Department, according to
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Supporting the team



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Travis Elementary School students lined the south fence of the schoolyard at about 11 a.m. this morning to show their support for the Pampa High School boys' basketball team that was passing by on its way out of town. The Harvesters play the El Paso Ysleta Indians at 6 p.m. today in Seminole for the area championship title.

Ballistics match report on Conrad deaths confirmed

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported this week that the preliminary ballistic match that had been made between bullets used to kill a rural Gray County family and a pistol taken from a Missouri man who was arrested for murdering a Missouri man and his daughter-in-law has been confirmed.

Texas Rangers previously confirmed a ballistics match on a weapon taken from Levi King, 23, Pineville, Mo., when King was arrested on warrants charging him with the murders of Orlie and Dawn McCool on Sept. 29.
Brian Conrad, 31; his wife Michell Conrad, 35, who was six

months pregnant; and her son Zach Doan, 14, were shot to death before dawn in their home 13 miles south of Pampa on Sept. 30. Robin Doan, 10, Michell Conrad's daughter, survived the attack on the family.
King was arrested Sept. 30 on warrants charging him with the double homicide in Missouri as he tried

to re-enter the United States at El Paso. Law enforcement officials said he had apparently crossed the border into Juarez, then decided to return to the United States.
Border Patrol agents found two assault rifles and a handgun in a
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Xcel says electricity demand will increase significantly

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy has issued a request for proposals for 250-500 megawatts of new, dispatchable electric power to be available in 2008 or 2009 for its customers in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, eastern and southeastern New Mexico, and the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwest Kansas.
The requested power could come from new power plants to be built in that Xcel Energy service region or via high-voltage transmission lines

from power generation facilities located elsewhere.
"One megawatt of electricity serves the needs of about 1,000 homes, or the needs of the residences, businesses and industrial customers in a community with a population of about 1,000," said Gary L. Gibson, president and CEO of Xcel Energy's operating subsidiary Southwestern Public Service Co., which issued the request for proposals. "Today, Xcel Energy owns and operates power plants in

this region with a total capacity of just over 4,350 megawatts.
"Our solicitation for these additional power supplies invites proposals from all potential suppliers outside our company, irrespective of ownership or size. We're seeking dispatchable power capacity that can be made available to us with start dates beginning either May 1, 2008, or May 1, 2009."
Examples of dispatchable generation technologies that might be eligible include natural gas-fired com-

bined cycle power plants, coal-fueled plants, firm power supplied by other utilities and customer-owned on-site cogeneration, Gibson said, adding, "Certain renewable resource technologies, such as generators fueled by biomass or municipal solid waste, also might qualify."
Gibson emphasized, "SPS provides low-cost power to its customers and is soliciting reasonably priced, efficient resources that will
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

O'LOUGHLIN, Miles William, III — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

Ashley Dawn Harvill, 16-days-old

Ashley Dawn Harvill, 16-day-old infant daughter of George and Anna Harvill of Pampa, died Feb. 21, 2006, at Pampa.

Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ashley was born Feb. 5, 2006, at Pampa. Survivors include her parents, of the

home; three sisters, Taffy Harvill, Angel Dawn McBee and Dallas Ann Aldridge, all of the home; two brothers, Alex Harvill and James McBee, both of the home; her paternal grandparents, Ruth Ann Lee of White Deer and David Harvill of Amarillo; her maternal grandparent, Maudie Aldridge of Pampa; her paternal great-grandmother, Ruth Ann Ward of Amarillo; and her maternal great-grandmother, Zellma Sifwite of Barnsdall, Okla.

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Miles William O'Loughlin, III, 59

AMARILLO, Texas — Miles William O'Loughlin, III, 59, of Amarillo, died Feb. 22, 2006, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Pampa with John Curry officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Miles was born Aug. 26, 1946, to Miles and Inez O'Loughlin. He was reared in Miami and graduated from Miami High School in 1964. Despite being involved in a car accident and breaking his back in February of 1964, he graduated in May of that year.

Miles graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois in 1970 with a BA degree in English. In December of 1970, his son Dennis was born. While teaching English at the University of Texas, he was awarded an MA degree in English and then a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas. In 1978, Miles became General Counsel for West Texas State University in Canyon.

In August of 1980, Miles and Leslie Wilson were married in White Deer. In 1981, Miles moved to Fort Worth to work for a law firm. He returned to Amarillo in 1983 to become an independent oil producer. In 1989, Miles became the co-owner and man-

ager of WO Operating Company in Pampa. Miles was the chairman of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for many years. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Lambda and the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association. Miles was also a partner in Pampans for Progress, and co-owner of the Americinn which will be opening in March in Pampa.

Miles was a great philanthropist. He supported the United Way, Clarendon College Pampa Branch, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Boy Scouts, University of Texas and University of Illinois scholarship programs, Special Olympics, the performing arts and countless other organizations.

Miles was the watch dog for the little guy. He gave legal advice freely to countless people. He was an amazing man who overcame great obstacles to be successful and an inspiration to many. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Leslie O'Loughlin, of the home; one son, Dennis O'Loughlin and wife Cindy of Aloha, Ore.; one granddaughter, Katie O'Loughlin of Aloha, Ore.; one sister-in-law, Aimee Martin of Amarillo; and his in-laws, Bob and Billie Wilson of Wichita Falls and Betty Wilson of Amarillo.

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O'Loughlin

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twelve traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 300 block of West Tyng. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Motorist assistance was rendered at an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets.

Found property was reported in the 2200 block of Williston.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2600 block of Milliron Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of West Brown and the 1200 block of South Christy.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 600 block of South Cuyler, the 1600 block of Duncan and the 900 block of North Somerville.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 300 block of North Wells and the 1600 block of North Banks.

Public intoxication was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. A television valued at \$50 was taken.

Theft was reported at AutoZone, 320 N. Hobart. Auto parts valued at \$210

were taken.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$30 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Grape.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Harlem.

PPD for public intoxication.

Allen Bailey Huffman, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of Talley by PPD on capias pro fines for operation of a motor assisted scooter, operation of a motorcycle without appropriate headgear and failure to appear.

Robert Wayne Ellison, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Tyng by PPD on bond forfeitures for failure to register as a sex offender and a Randall County motion to proceed on a sexual assault/fine.

Brennan Young, 18, of White Deer was arrested in the 800 block of West Francis by PPD for speeding and failure to appear.

Friday, Feb. 24

Jerry Ortiz, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of South Christy by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Edric Kelley, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of West Bond by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Thursday, Feb. 23

8:40 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2100 block of Alcock on a hazardous materials spill.

8:48 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Sumner on a carbon monoxide check.

3:22 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of South Starkweather on a hazardous material spill.

5:50 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of Campbell on an unauthorized burn investigation.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Feb. 23

12:10 p.m. — A 1998 GMC Sierra, driven by Taylor David Fatheree, 17, 931 N. Christine, and a 2001 Dodge Ram 2500, driven by Curtis Ray Babb, 48, 1531 N. Wells, collided in the 900 block of West Kentucky. No injuries were reported. Fatheree was cited for failure to control speed.

3:50 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a 2000 Cadillac Seville, driven by Dane Edward Howard, 16, 2633 Evergreen, in the 800 block of West 18th Avenue. The unknown vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Robert James Ellis, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for criminal trespass.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Kimberly Deel Prox, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of Kingsmill by

Two former Southlake officials indicted

SOUTHLAKE, Texas (AP) — Two former city employees accused of misusing taxpayer money were indicted after an investigation of City Hall that spanned more than a year.

Prosecutors said the investigation will continue in Southlake, where 12 city employees were fired or disciplined in a scandal that forced city leaders to crack

down on fiscal mismanagement.

Michael Ray Patterson, 39, of Roanoke was indicted Thursday on five counts of tampering with government records and one count each of bribery, misuse of official information and theft of \$500 to \$1,500. He was the public works senior manager.

Jimmy Funderburg, 43, of Southlake was indicted on three counts of tampering with government records. He was a public works supervisor.

Both were fired last year. Tim Evans, Patterson's attorney, said his client "will work diligently to resolve this in a fair and equitable manner."

Former City Manager Billy Campbell was not indicted. He was accused of wrongdoing and suspended but retired during the city's investigation.

In late 2004, a worker told his minister about wrongdo-

ing in the Public Works Department. The minister called the mayor, who launched an investigation and alerted authorities.

Campbell and Patterson were suspended with pay two months later. Patterson was later fired, and Campbell retired a few months after that, a move he had planned before the probe began.

Southlake is an affluent Fort Worth suburb with about 25,000 residents.

The employees were accused of buying personal items with city money, accepting kickbacks from contractors and lying about overtime. Employees poured private driveways, strung Christmas lights and fixed cars for their supervisors — all on city time and at city expense.

Officials have said the abuse may have occurred for years and could involve hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Weather

Today: Areas of fog before 8am. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high near 64. Wind chill values between 25 and 30 early. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 28 and 33 early. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 30.

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Abuse

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street in Pampa." The types of substances being abused include marijuana; stimulants such as cocaine, amphetamines and methamphetamine; barbiturates such as depressants and some prescription drugs; narcotics, including codeine, Percodan and heroin; hallucinogens such as LSD and PCP; inhalants; and anabolic steroids.

DeLoach described the effects and symptoms of substance abuse, which is widespread among adults as well as juveniles, he said.

Physical signs of drug abuse include fatigue, repeated health complaints, dilated pupils, red eyes, glazed eye appearance, persistent cough, loss of appetite and unexplained weight loss.

Other physical signs are lethargy, worsening coordination, staggering gait for no reason, disrupted sleep pattern, hyperactivity, talking excessively, needle marks on arms or legs, excess nausea, profuse sweating for no reason, hand or foot tremors and irregular heartbeat.

Drug abuse may also cause personality changes such as becoming temperamental and difficult to deal with, sudden mood changes, irritable one minute and lethargic the next, irresponsible behavior, poor judgment, poor decisions, risk taking, sexual promiscuity, reckless driving and an apathetic attitude.

Some drug abusers may display a change in their dress, becoming more sloppily clothed. They may begin stealing and asking for money. They may lose the ability to be logical, reasonable and rational.

They may become argumentative, extremely negative or secretive. Some abusers withdraw from their families and become isolated. They cannot account for their whereabouts and do not tell others what they are doing.

Students who are abusing substances may show decreased interest in school, have a significant drop in grades and become disciplinary problems. Adults may lose interest in their work, miss work frequently for no reason and perform poorly on the job.

Drug users may develop friendships with persons who make poor decisions, DeLoach said.

"Bad company corrupts good morals, Solomon said," he said. "My mom used to tell me I could ruin my life in just a few seconds with just one bad decision. I've seen it happen over and over and over again."

Substance abuse can have long-term physical consequences.

"Prolonged drug use eventually adversely affects every organ system that person has," DeLoach said. "They appear to be many years older than they actually are. They display characteristics of chronic disease."

Long-term physical problems caused by drug use include damage to the neurological, cardiac, dental, respiratory and immune systems.

Drug use has an economic impact on society, DeLoach said.

"The annual cost to the U.S. economy was \$414 billion in 2003," he said. "There are more deaths, illness and disability from it than any other preventable health condition. One in four deaths are attributable to alcohol, tobacco and drug use."

"Half of all violent crimi-

nals tested positive for drugs. Alcohol and drug abuse are factors in over 75 percent of kids entering foster care."

Drug use may also have other repercussions on the user's children.

Babies born to mothers who are substance abusers may be premature, low birth weight, require a ventilator to help them breathe for an extended time after birth, and display neurological problems.

"They are predisposed to having a drug problem when they're older," DeLoach said.

Other factors which may predispose a child to substance abuse are a family history of substance abuse, a history of depression, low self-esteem, feelings of not being able to fit in with their peer group and smoking.

"The problem with drug abuse is that it does adversely affect the person using drugs, and it also negatively affects people who did not have anything to do with their decision to use drugs," DeLoach said.

A religious factor may be involved in the spread of drug abuse, he said.

"We are expelling God from every corner of our society, and we are reaping the benefits of that," DeLoach said. "I believe that if Jesus Christ was on planet Earth today, drug abusers are the people he'd be trying to reach."

"Be persistent in trying to get someone help. I urge you to continue to be a person who is concerned about them and willing to secure help for them."

"We need to make responsible decisions about who our children are with and what our children do," he said.

Persons seeking help for drug-abusers should turn to someone they trust who is

capable of providing help, such as a health care professional or member of the clergy, DeLoach said.

Agencies in Pampa which offer help for drug abusers include Genesis House for juveniles and Victory Outreach for adult males.

"Many times, I recommend an intense inpatient program away from the area where they live, such as Mission Messiah and Teen Challenge," DeLoach said.

"One of the worst things you can do is to know that this is going on and ignore this problem. It gives that person consent to continue. You have got to be proactive. You've got to talk to this person. If you can't do it, take them to someone you think can. Be persistent and loving and get help for them."

Future meeting dates, topics and speakers are:

March 2 -- Drug Trends in Pampa -- Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Pampa High School Counselor Lesley Gershmel

March 23 -- Community Role -- Ric Smith, Drug Enforcement Administration agent from Dallas

April 27 -- Path of Destruction -- Jenny Gomez, coordinator of the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids program in Dallas

May 4 -- Life After Drugs -- It Is Possible

Each meeting is scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Genesis House may be reached at 665-7123. Victory Outreach's telephone number is 665-2835.

A support group for parents whose children are abusing drugs meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Bible Church, 300 W. Browning.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension 124.



Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS
Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne was the speaker at the Lions Club Thursday. She demonstrated how to use the new electronic voting machines.

School board to meet Monday morning

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet at 7:30 a.m. Monday at the Carver Center Administration Building, 321 W. Albert.

Topics of discussion will center on the use of accessible voting stations or a direct recording electronic voting system.

If electronic voting is chosen, the board will discuss a lease agreement with Gray County, and discuss a resolution naming a direct recording electronic voting machine.

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Conrad

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2005 maroon Dodge Dakota pickup, which had been stolen from the McCool residence, officials said.

King is accused of stealing the weapons from his father's home, which is near the McCool residence, officials said.

Missouri authorities believe the McCools were killed the afternoon of Sept. 29.

Law enforcement officers think King traveled southwest out of Missouri to Oklahoma City where he drove west on Interstate 40. Officers think King drove north on Texas Highway 70, stopping randomly at the Conrad home around about 4 or 5 a.m., Sept. 30.

Missouri officials said they found an identity card in King's pickup which led them to contact Gray County authorities.

Death

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ing to police records. The police department referred the call to GCSO between 1 and 1:30 p.m. when it was determined that the incident would most likely come under their jurisdiction, Hoard said.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman ordered an autopsy on Willis which was to have been performed Thursday in Lubbock.

The cause of death could not be immediately determined, the release said.

"There were no visible signs of trauma or injury to the body," Hoard said.

"Cantu was making a delivery here in Pampa from an unknown starting point somewhere south," he said.

The trailer of the rig was empty at the time the incident was reported; Cantu had already made the deliv-

ery, Hoard said. B & B Transportation of Houston is the driver's employer and the owner of the truck, according to GCSO.

During questioning of Cantu, it was determined that the Immigration and Naturalization Service wished to have him detained.

"He had a resident alien card. We ran it, and they placed a hold on it," Hoard said.

Cantu has not been charged in connection with Willis' death, but was detained for the INS and transferred to one of their facilities Thursday, according to Gray County Jail records.

"He will appear before a federal magistrate later concerning his status," Hoard said. "He spoke good English."

Details of why Willis was riding in Cantu's truck are not known at this time, Hoard said.

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Viewpoints

Brief history lesson on state school finance

School finance is a topic on the minds of many Texans today. Some politicians are building their campaigns around the topic. District and Supreme Court judges have had an opportunity to express opinions about it. Many state legislators and school administrators bicker about it. I will not attempt to tell you how the Legislature will solve the problem, but I will provide a brief history of when and how this became such a hot topic in Texas.

The current dispute about adequately funding schools began in 1971. The case was *Rodriguez v. San Antonio ISD*. The case was heard in federal court, and the claim was that financing of schools in Texas discriminated

against poor schoolchildren and poor school districts. In district court, the state's system was found to be unconstitutional, and the case was fought all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a decision announced in 1973, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the state.

In 1984 the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) filed suit against the Commissioner of Education for the state of Texas William Kirby on behalf of the Edgewood ISD in San Antonio. MALDEF claimed that the funding of education in the state was discriminatory against poor schoolchildren; however, they filed the suit in state court this time. The case

was based on the fact that the state's system provided funds to a school district based on the property values in each school district. The system made the "rich, richer" and the "poor, poorer" the plaintiffs contended. They presented facts that within Bexar County, some school districts received only \$2,900 per student for education and other districts in the same county had \$7,200 per student to spend. Before the case could come to trial, the state legislature increased aid to poor schools, and the case did not

come to trial. It came to be referred to as Edgewood I.

Edgewood II began in 1985 when MALDEF challenged the reforms enacted by the Legislature to end Edgewood I. After a long period of litigation, the courts ruled

in Edgewood's favor in 1987. The state appealed the case and the state Court of Appeals reversed the decision, but in 1989, the state Supreme Court ruled in Edgewood's favor. The Legislature was unable to create a system that met legal "muster," so in 1990 the courts assigned to an

individual the responsibility of creating a legal finance system. His plan was the first time the term "Robin Hood" was used to describe a school funding distribution system. To avoid the political backlash from taking property taxes from wealthy schools and giving them to poor schools, the Legislature met and quickly passed a finance plan before this "Robin Hood" plan could be implemented.

The Edgewood III lawsuit began in 1990. In state district court, Judge Scott McCowan ruled against the state, and the Texas Supreme Court upheld the lower court decision. To meet the expectations of the district court decision, County Educational Districts (CED)

were created. CEDs were an attempt to consolidate the wealth in the schools located in a county or adjoining counties and to redistribute the property taxes among the schools that were a part of the CED. The wealthy school districts filed suit against the CEDs, and in 1992 the state Supreme Court ruled that the taxes collected by the CEDs were an unconstitutional property tax.

The Edgewood IV lawsuit was filed soon after CEDs were dissolved, and the result of the litigation was the creation of the school finance plan we use today that is nicknamed "Robin Hood." The current funding plan was overturned by State

Barry Haenisch
PISD Superintendent



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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2006. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.
In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.
In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

'It is the individual who is not interested in his fellow men who has the greatest difficulties in life and provides the greatest injury to others. It is from among such individuals that all human failures spring.'

— Alfred Adler
Austrian psychoanalyst
(1870-1937)

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at

the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

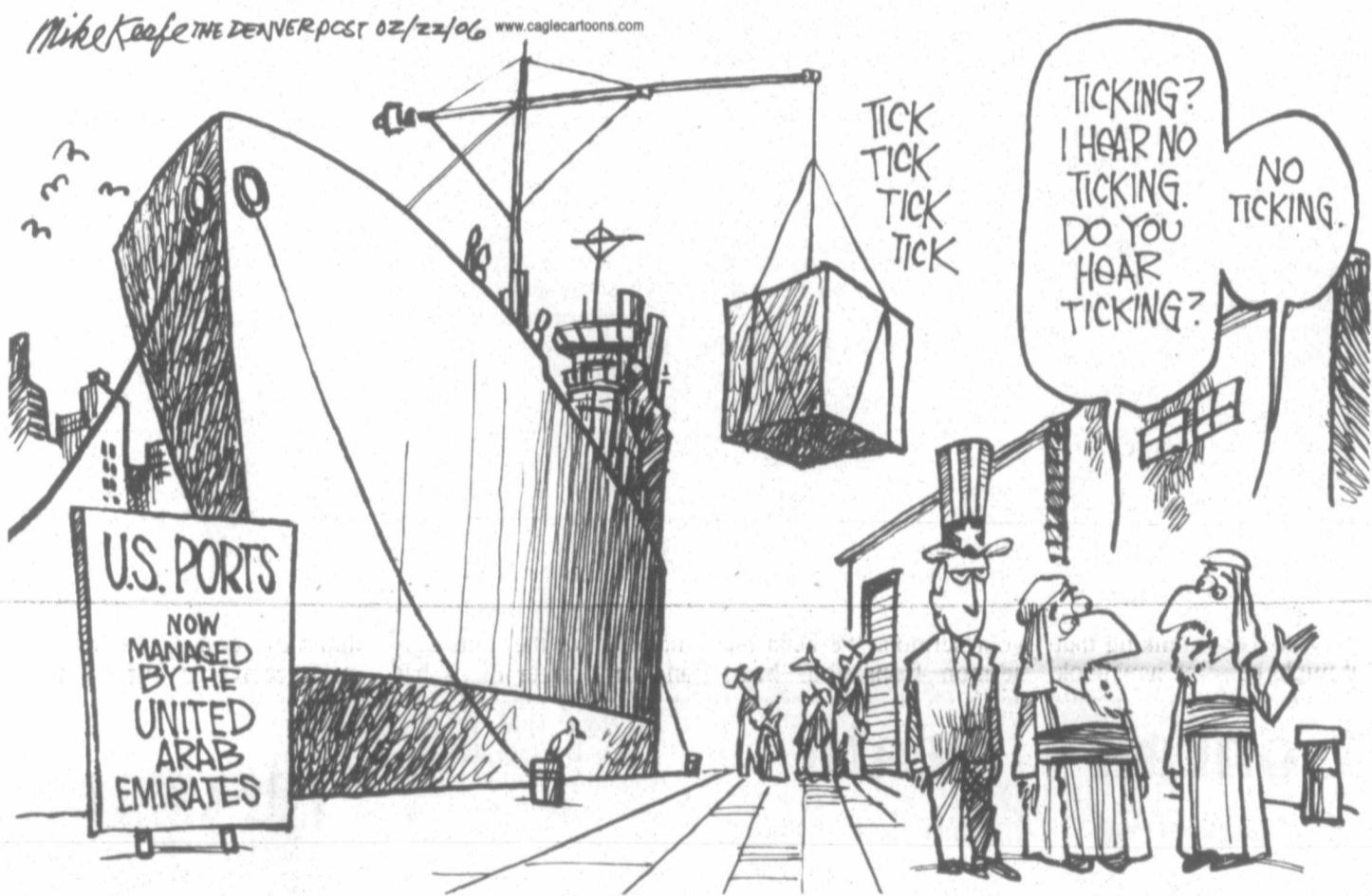
In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

In 1981, a jury in White Plains, N.Y., found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower.

Ten years ago: Steve Forbes won the Delaware presidential primary. Cuba downed two small American planes that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace.

Five years ago: In an amicable first meeting held in Jerusalem, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov pledged a constructive approach to dealing with Iraq, missile defenses and other points of policy discord. Fugitive financier Marc Rich, whose 11th-hour pardon by former President Clinton caused a wave of controversy, spoke out for the first time, describing the pardon as a "humanitarian act."



Port scandal may be downfall of GOP

After Jimmy Carter gave away the Panama Canal, my father, Ronald Reagan, grabbed hold of the issue and never let go. He rode that horse all the way into the White House.

President Bush needs to think about that because if he fails to back down and at least give the opponents of the Dubai ports deal a chance to be heard, the Democrats are going to mount this gift horse and ride it into the White House just as my Dad did with an issue Jimmy Carter handed to him.

The way the Bush people have handled this matter from the very beginning is simply appalling. And coming on the heels of the vice president's inept handling of the Harry Whittington accidental shooting — which

gave impetus to charges that the administration plays its cards too close to its chest — the Dubai deal gives even more validity to the charges. Because it was done behind closed doors, with nary a word to the leadership on Capitol Hill, it comes out looking like a bungled attempt to put one over on the American people.

The deal would allow Dubai Ports World (DPW) of the United Arab Emirates to run ports in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Miami. The Dubai government-owned DPW recently bought the London-

based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., which had been managing the six ports.

It may well be that the arrangement has great merit and could prove beneficial to the U.S., but as a political matter it is an unmitigated disaster — and one which could cost the GOP dearly in both the 2006 and 2008 elections.

Here we have an issue — national security — that is uppermost in the minds of the American people, largely because the president has hammered away at it and used it brilliantly to portray the Democrats as weak-kneed in the war on terror

and on matters involving national security. In one fell swoop, the president throws it away, and even worse allows the Democrats to appear stronger in defending the American people than he and the Republicans have been.

It's worse than stupid — it's suicidal.

The great majority of Republican leaders on the Hill recognize this. They find themselves surrounded by such anti-war Democrats as the appalling Sen. Charles Schumer suddenly waving the flag and asserting his shock over the president's apparent willingness to risk the nation's security by allowing Dubai, with its alleged ties to al Qaeda, to run some of the nation's

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Administration's long-range Mideast plans

I'm going to tell you what the real Bush administration policy is. I have no take-it-to-court proof. No one does, because the administration doesn't tell the truth and is very secretive.

But from conversations I've had with people from the Middle East and from extensive reading, I infer that the Bush administration's policy encompasses three goals:

One of the goals is to replace the present Syrian government with one the administration hopes will be more pliable in its policy toward Israel. Another is to construct four permanent

bases in Iraq, and that means the administration has no intention of ever withdrawing all U.S. forces. The third goal is to attack Iran's nuclear facilities from the air. The propaganda campaign to justify this attack is already under way.

The U.S. government has lied a lot about Syria. It has implied that Syria was helping jihadists slip into Iraq. Some of the neoconservatives have claimed that Iraq hid its infamous nonexistent weapons

of mass destruction in Syria. Now they have joined in accusing the Syrian government of assassinating a Lebanese politician.

They've even picked out a successor to the current president of Syria. More recently, they accused Syria of inciting mobs to burn a foreign embassy in Damascus during a riot related to the prophet cartoons.

In fact, Syria's government is Baathist — that is to say, it is secular, socialist

and nationalistic. It highly disapproves of religious extremists, whether Shiites or Sunni. There is no evidence whatsoever that Syria incited the mobs to burn the foreign embassy in Damascus. Professor Juan Cole searched the databases of Arab newspapers and radio broadcasts, which are monitored and translated by the U.S. government and the BBC. Not a peep from the Syrian government in the way of incitement.

The Syrian ambassador to the U.S. told me of another instance of U.S. lying. Our government asked the Syrian

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Charley Reese
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Religion

Christian group thinking small to tackle big changes

By BRIAN MURPHY
AP Religion Writer

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) — Charged with promoting Christian unity, the World Council of Churches has taken its work seriously — each of its meetings has grown bigger and more ambitious over the past six decades.

But now even some of the most ardent backers of the WCC's mission are wondering if smaller may be better.

During the WCC's latest global assembly — bringing together 4,000 envoys from more than 350 churches — delegates challenged the group to look hard at whether such parliament-style, mega-meetings are

still relevant at a time when Christianity is being rapidly reordered around the world.

In the West, mainline Protestant churches face graying congregations and declining influence. Some denominations, most

notably Anglicans, also are in danger in splintering over disputes on gay clergy and same-sex blessings. Pentecostal and evangelical movements, meanwhile, keep steamrolling through Africa, Latin America and

elsewhere — but accounted for less than 2 percent of participants at the WCC gathering which ended Thursday.

"The ecumenism of structures, the ecumenism of papers and documents and speeches has reached its limits," said Norberto Saracco, a Pentecostal pastor and theologian from Argentina. "We cannot continue in this way."

It was more than just grumbling from groups outside the World Council of Churches, whose core membership includes mainline Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox churches. (The Roman Catholic Church is not a member, but cooperates closely.)

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— Norberto Saracco
Pentecostal pastor

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Great advice can sometimes hurt

Have you ever had someone give you some great advice? Looking back on my life, I have received some great advice and counsel. Some of it I listened to and benefited from. Some of it I didn't listen to and suffered the consequences accordingly. After all, the Bible says, "As a man sows that shall he also reap." This article is about two of those occasions.

The first example of some great advice that I received took place in Kansas. A dear friend, kind of a mentor, had been to a special Christian Workshop and said to me, "We found something there that we really need here at our church."

Now I was thinking that it might be some new book or Sunday school curriculum or maybe some piece of new office equipment. I asked him what it was. His response was the most painful stab in the heart that I had ever experienced up to that point in my life. He said, "Good preaching."

I had never been that angry and hurt. I walked off without a word and

went to my office to pray. Why? Because what I was thinking in my heart was too ugly and dark not to pray over. After a great time of prayer, I came out and there stood Hal. He had been crying and still was.

He said, "You know that I love you, and that I wouldn't do anything to hurt you, don't you?"

I told him, "Yes." He then said, "Mike, every time you begin to preach from your heart and with passion, you pause, apologize for raising your voice and resume your sermon. We need the sermon from your heart and with all of the passion that God stirs up in you."

That day totally changed my preaching. I discovered that I was trying to fit the mold of the kind of preacher that I grew up with. He was very intellectual, calm, rational and reserved in his preaching. If that style was "A" then I certainly was "Z."

I have thanked God a thousand times for Hal's courage to risk our friendship and tell me what I needed to hear. Here is 1,001: "God, thank you for Hal, and bless him wherever he is."

The next example took place in Oregon. Another mentor looked me in the eyes one day and said,

"Mike, I think that maybe it is time for you to quit preaching and go find something that you really love to do; not something that you feel like you have to do."

When Verne said those words, I found myself in the midst of the same ugly and dark anger that I had experienced about 15 years previously in Kansas. Verne loved me and would never have done anything to hurt me. I went home and prayed again.

Prayer is such a great thing. Not because we get what we want, but because from prayer we get what He wants. I called Verne and thanked him for caring

enough to tell me what I needed to hear. I had lost my passion for preaching again.

"Holy Father, thanks for Verne. Please bless him wherever he is."

In Kansas, I had found my passion for the Lord, but in Oregon I lost it. Returning to the Lord helped me find it again. Then God brought Shari and I back home, back to Pampa.

What is the point for you? Just because a friend gives some advice or counsel that wounds you, don't automatically disregard it. God may be using that friend to help mold you into more of what/who He wants you to be for Him. Some of the best counsel and advice that we will ever receive in our lives may feel like a dagger in our heart at the time, but that may be exactly what we need.

"So God, take us and wound us if necessary. Please do whatever You have to do to make us into the faithful servants that You want us to be. Amen." God bless.



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

Religion briefs

Dispute over Iowa prison religion program goes to federal judge

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Arguments have concluded in a closely watched church-state case over whether Iowa's Christian prison program is unconstitutional and should end.

The InnerChange Freedom Initiative at Newton Correctional Facility houses inmates in a special unit and enrolls them in a program of immersion in Christian values in order to improve behavior, reduce recidivism and protect public safety.

Kansas, Minnesota and Texas have

similar programs.

Attorney Alex Luchenitser, representing Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, sued in U.S. District Court in Des Moines, saying the program seeks converts and requires participation in religious activities.

Lawyers for the Iowa Department of Corrections and Prison Fellowship Ministries, which sponsors InnerChange, said inmates participate voluntarily. Deputy Attorney General Gordon Allen said "this is a program that works ... and it works constitutionally."

Anthony Troy, representing Prison Fellowship, disputed a claim that InnerChange excludes inmates who aren't Christian. "Inmates of all faiths and no faiths are welcome," Troy said.

U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt heard testimony in the case last fall.

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Massachusetts governor, House leader, cool to Catholic bid for gay adoption exemption

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Mitt Romney and a top legislator say the

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"Just As I Am"

Charlotte Elliott of Brighton, England wrote a poem in 1836 to help her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, raise funds for a school for the children of poor clergymen. The poem was printed and sold across England and was called "Him That Cometh to Me I Will in No Wise Cast Out." The poem became the most famous invitational hymn in history, "Just As I Am."

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School

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District Court Judge Dietz, and parts of his decision were upheld by the state Supreme Court in November of 2005. In its order the Supreme Court mandated a deadline of June 1, 2006, for the Texas

legislature to create a constitutionally sound system for funding the schools of Texas.

You now know the "what" and "why" of public school financing in Texas. The most important question, "How?" will be answered by the state Legislature in special session later this spring. The quality of the education your children receive depends upon the answer to that question.

Reagan

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biggest and most important seaports.

South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham recognized the deal as a political disaster, calling it "tone-deaf politically at this point in our history" and added that "we certainly should investigate it. I'm not so sure it's the wisest political move we could have made. Most Americans are scratching their head wondering why this company, from this region, now. I don't think now is the time to outsource major port security to a foreign-based company."

The Democrats may be crazy, but they are not stupid. They recognize that the President has handed them the reins and boosted them into the saddle of the Dubai horse, and they know that at the very least they can use it to ditch an issue that has plagued them. They now look stronger on

the national security issue than the president and his party.

New York's Rep. Peter T. King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, told the Associated Press that the takeover terms are insufficient to guard against terrorist infiltration.

"I'm aware of the conditions, and they relate entirely to how the company carries out its procedures, but it doesn't go to who they hire, or how they hire people," he said. "They're better than nothing, but to me they don't address the underlying conditions, which is how are they going to guard against things like infiltration by al Qaeda or someone else? How are they going to guard against corruption?"

The president has until March 2 to step in and either kill this deal or hold it in abeyance until Congress has a chance to check it out. He better get moving.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Reese

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government to help it catch an Iraqi who was hiding in a tribal area that extended across the border, partly in Iraq and partly in Syria. The Syrian government agreed and indeed captured the man and 32 of his followers, all of whom were handed over to the U.S. Syria asked the U.S. for only one thing in return: just tell the world we cooperated with you.

Did the U.S. do that? No, it lied and said that the Syrians had harbored the fugitive. As for Saddam Hussein hiding his weapons in Syria, it so happens that the Syrian Baath Party and the Iraqi Baath Party have famously been at odds for years. People spreading that nonsense seem to have forgotten that Syrian troops fought alongside Americans in Gulf War I against Iraq. You can be sure Saddam did not forget that. He would have no more turned over his nonexistent weapons to Syria than he would have to Israel.

The large American military bases in Iraq already exist and are being improved. These are billion-dollar-plus facilities, and you can bet nobody in the

Bush administration intends to hand them over to the Iraqis. Watch carefully the language used when the Bush people, in or out of uniform, talk about "withdrawal." It is always surrounded by conditions. They don't intend to leave Iraq. Now, that doesn't mean that the new Iraqi government might not force them to leave. That remains to be seen.

As for bombing Iran's nuclear facilities, we have that capability. There's not much the Iranians could do to stop us. And, yes, it would be a stupid and foolish thing to do, since at present there is no evidence that Iran intends to build a bomb. As we know from the Iraq invasion, this administration is capable of doing stupid and foolish things.

Just because Iran can't stop us from bombing it doesn't mean the Iranians can't retaliate. They very likely have the capability of setting the entire Middle East on fire with a general war that could disrupt the world's oil supply and wreck much of the world's economy. Unfortunately, history shows that those who bet on wise political leadership avoiding war end up losing their shirts and often their lives and their fortunes.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Events calendar

• **The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum** will host the Kwahadi Indian Dancers on the dancers 40th Annual Winter Night Ceremonials at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the museum in Amarillo. Dinner will be served prior to the show. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.

• **The Small Business Development Center** in Amarillo is offering several spring seminars beginning in February. The first seminar will be Monday. Additional seminars will be March 27, April 24 and May 15. For more information, call (806) 372-5151 or visit the center's Web site at www.SmallBusinessDevelopmentCenter.com. Each seminar will cost \$175.

• **Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout October. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Tuesday. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• **Top O' Texas Rodeo Office**, 200 N. Ballard, will be accepting entry forms, fees and pictures no later than March 1 for the 2006 Miss Rodeo pageants to be held in June. Entry forms, rules and general information are available at the rodeo office. For more information, call 665-6093 or 669-0434.

• **Once again Shamrock will be hosting**

its Saint Patrick's Celebration and Miss Irish Rose Pageant March 17-20. The Miss Irish Rose scholarship pageant is open to all ladies from any region who are between the ages of 14 and 19 and are in high school. The 2006 Miss Irish Rose, her three runners-up and Miss Congeniality, will all receive a scholarship to the college of their choice. For more information, send a SASE to Miss Irish Rose, Attn Dana Hosack, P.O. Box 43, Shamrock, TX 779079; or call the chamber of commerce at (806) 256-2501. The deadline for entries is March 1.

• **The Texas Association of Armed Guardsmen** will hold its annual meeting March 2-4 in Fredericksburg. The association has no dues and is trying to reach all guardsmen who do not know about the organization. All World War II merchant marines are invited to the meeting as well. For more information, call (325) 942-6756 or (512) 671-3464.

• **Saint Francis Knights of Columbus**, 10 miles east of Amarillo, will host two all-you-can-eat fish fries from 6-8 p.m. March 3 and April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1121.

• **Pampa Book Club** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library. The list for the next two months is March 8 "Mermald Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd; and April 12 "One Soldier's Story" by Bob Dole or "Dying Thunder (Red River Wars)" by Terry Johnston.

• **College-bound high school students** can take the ACT Assessment on April 8 the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's Web site at www.actstudent.org.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was visiting my friend, "Carla," last week and arrived a little early on our way to go shopping. While I was waiting for her to dress, I noticed some photographs on her kitchen counter. I browsed through them and was shocked to see they were pictures of Carla and her husband, "Cesare," naked, in various positions and stages. Cesare has always flirted with me. He has even suggested on a couple of occasions that he'd like to take me out. Of course, I deflected his advances. But now, after seeing these pictures, I am torn. Cesare is extremely "manly." My husband is a kind and gentle person, but he has nothing close to what Cesare has to offer. Now, whenever I see Carla's husband, I flash back to those pictures and can't help fantasizing about what it would be like to be with him. This has begun to affect my sex life with my husband. I know it's wrong, but I can't help it. Should I tell Carla I saw the pictures? Should I tell her that Cesare has been coming on to me? Help! — **TEMPTED IN CAROLINA**

DEAR TEMPTED: I see nothing to be gained by telling your friend you saw the pictures, nor do I think it would help the situation to tell her that her husband has been coming on to you. The fantasy in which you are indulging is a common one, but let's get real here — not all daydreams make for a pleasant reality. My advice is to snap out of it and find something else to occupy your mind, because from my perspective, it seems you have too much time on your hands.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 7 or 8, I was molested by a friend of the family — but my real problem is my mother. After the incident, I had nightmares and wanted my mother to sleep with me. One morning I woke up and felt her touching me where I shouldn't be touched. I didn't know what to do, so I moved away from her.

It happened three more times, until I finally asked her to stop sleeping with me. I am now 14, and about to become an aunt. I'm afraid of what my mother might do to the baby. I'm afraid to say anything because I don't think anyone will believe me. (After the incidents I became distant to Mother and we don't get along.) What should I do about this, and what would make her do such a thing to her own daughter, knowing I was already trying to get over having been molested? — **SCARED IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR SCARED: Your mother is sick. Your concerns about the baby are justified, and you have kept this secret too long. Please tell the parents-to-be so they can protect their little one from your mother. Because you are afraid you may not be believed, start out this way: "You may have wondered why I don't get along with Mother. This is the reason — and I'm worried about the safety of your baby." Your mother may have been molested herself, or she may simply have touched you out of some warped sense of power. She should never be alone with any child who is too small to fight her off. Please discuss this with a trusted teacher or counselor at school, so you can receive professional counseling regarding your multiple molestations. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years recently left me for another woman. My mother-in-law e-mailed me today telling me to return all of the gifts given to us for anniversaries and Christmas for the past 10 years. I am hurt beyond words. What would be the best way to respond to her e-mails? — **STEWING IN SEATTLE**

DEAR STEWING: There are times when silence speaks volumes. The strongest message you could send this woman would be to ignore her outrageous e-mail.

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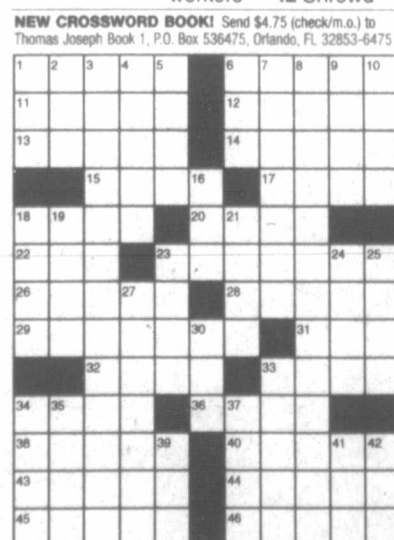


Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Catching
 - 1 Last letter
 - 6 Lots
 - 11 Daughter of Leda
 - 12 Lily variety
 - 13 Wintry weather
 - 14 Opposition
 - 15 "Like that'll happen!"
 - 17 Lip
 - 18 Horse feature
 - 20 Golfer's choice
 - 22 Altar promise
 - 23 Ear-shaped shell
 - 26 "Will & Grace" role
 - 28 Singer
 - 29 Fellow feeling
 - 31 Chart shape
 - 32 Approximation words
 - 33 See 38-Across
 - 34 Forest youngster
 - 36 Sightseeing jaunt
 - 38 With 33-Across, Peter Fonda film
- DOWN**
- 1 Surprised
 - 2 Flo's boss
 - 3 Dancer of the movies
 - 4 Skein members
 - 5 Against
 - 6 Blackjack
 - 7 Chewbacca's pal
 - 8 "Pollyanna" of music writer
 - 9 Charity over
 - 10 Foots the bill
 - 16 Whopper
 - 18 Emcee's aid
 - 19 First father
 - 21 Suggestive
 - 23 Small workers
 - 24 Diamond of music
 - 25 Looked over
 - 27 Heartfelt
 - 30 Spicy
 - 33 Show the way
 - 34 To-do
 - 35 Jai — out
 - 37 Leave out
 - 39 Utter
 - 41 Sailor
 - 42 Shrewd



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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



Blondie



Valentine hug



Jodie Jones visits with Pampa Nursing Center resident Lena Watson during a Valentine's Day do at the center where Jones is activity director.

St. Matthew's, First Presbyterian make joint service arrangements to celebrate Lent

Lenten services, co-hosted by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church, both of Pampa, will begin at 12 p.m. March 1 at First Presbyterian, 525 N. Gray, and continue at the same time every Wednesday at the same place through April 5.

Each congregation will hold its Holy Week observance separately on April 12.

This joint effort was launched in 1995 by Father Jake Clemmons, then-rector at St. Matthew's, and the Rev. Dr. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian. Since then, the services have alternated between the two locations with the meditations being led by a variety of pastors from different congregations in Pampa.

The schedule of speakers is as follows:
March 1 - Cooley.

March 8 - Susie Wilkinson, deacon, St. Matthew's.
March 15 - Paul Carruth, associate pastor, First Christian Church.
March 22 - Nancy Ruff, parish associate, First Presbyterian.
March 29 - Robin Gantz, retired pastor, Clarendon First Presbyterian Church.
April 5 - Linda Kelly, pastor, St. Matthew's.
Soup will be served following each service in the newly-renovated parlor of First Presbyterian. A charge of \$3 will cover the meal. The public is cordially invited to attend both the service and the luncheon.
This will be Cooley's final service as pastor at the local Presbyterian. He will then begin working as stated supply/interim pastor at Canadian First Presbyterian.

Briefs

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state's Roman Catholic bishops are unlikely to win exemptions so church social service agencies aren't forced to place adoptive children with gay couples.

Romney told The Boston Globe he's not authorized to grant such exemptions. State Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, House chairman of the joint judiciary committee, said he respects the church's position but would oppose exemptions from anti-discrimination laws for a social agency that contracts with the state.

The archbishop of Boston and bishops of Fall River, Springfield and Worcester plan to have lawyers explore strategies for opting out of gay adoptions.

Catholic Charities in Boston had made 13 out of 720 placements the past 20 years with gay couples to comply with anti-discrimination laws, all with "hard to place" foster children. The

Catholic Charities board voted unanimously in December to continue letting gays adopt.

Judge backs Christian school on dismissing unwed pregnant teacher

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The decision by a Christian school to fire an unwed pregnant teacher has been upheld by a judge who ruled the school is exempt from federal pregnancy discrimination law.

U.S. District Judge William Acker Jr. said Tessana Lewis' pregnancy was a motivating factor in her firing but Covenant Classical School in Trace Crossing, as a religious institution, is exempt and can hire and fire based on its beliefs.

Lewis also lost her bid to win damages of \$15,000 for mental anguish as a jury suggested.

School lawyers said Lewis was fired not over pregnancy but sex outside marriage, which violates Covenant's Bible-based principles.

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World

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The keynote address of the conference repeatedly raised the idea that Christian churches need to find clearer ways to connect and cooperate beyond simply sharing the stage at meetings and issuing joint communiques.

Catholicos Aram I, the spiritual head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, sounded at times like a CEO, saying the WCC must become more "efficient and credible" and reverse an "in-house mood of restlessness," with the group's income falling about 30 percent since 1999.

Aram, the moderator of the assembly, urged for more outreach to the evangelical powerhouses and stressed that the WCC members must learn how to engage more with youth or risk becoming spiritual dinosaurs.

"The ecumenical movement, for some, is getting old. For others, it has already become obsolete," he told the conference last week. "Institutional ecumenism has been preoccupied with its own problems and, therefore, lost touch with the issues facing the churches."

The modern map of the Christian world has little in common with the Euro-centric model at the WCC's founding congress in 1948. The Christian centers of gravity now reside in the countries where European missionaries once brought the faith.

"Mainstream Christianity is aging and falling in number," Aram said. "Christianity is re-emerging with new faces and forms ... that have dramatically changed the Christian panorama."

But it's not clear what that means for the WCC and its tradition of big tent meetings. The only consensus is that it cannot afford to freeze out the Pentecostal, evangelical and related churches, which some experts predict could account for more than a third of the world's 2.2 billion Christians in less than 20 years.

The handful of Pentecostal and evangelical guests at the Brazil conference expressed a desire for closer contact with the WCC, but gave no clues on how it could happen. There is still deep resistance across the movements for such pan-Christian alliances.

Many pastors worry that the WCC will try to rein in their spontaneous style of worship and their plans for expansion, which are often bankrolled by what's called "the Gospel of prosperity" which says God smiles on those who help the church.

But the mainline churches seem to have little choice but to make room. Some WCC veterans say the future could include fewer academic speeches and large conventions. Instead, they foresee more attempts at joint worship and social programs — especially those aimed at young people in the West.

"Many people, especially youth, have lost hope and confidence in 'official' deliberations for unity," said the Rev. Jacob Kurien, vice principal at the Malankara Orthodox Syrian seminary in India. "They have been seeking alternative channels of Christian unity."

It could be as simple as flipping the equation, some say. Phase out the big congresses of like-minded delegates and concentrate on those who have drifted away from the churches.

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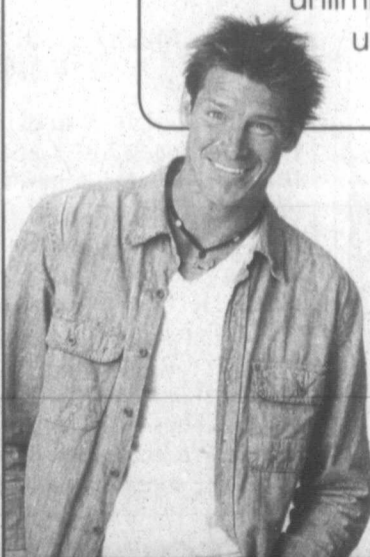
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Sports Day

Pampa chases another championship tonight against Ysleta Indians

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Coach Dustin Miller and his Pampa Harvesters basketball team left town shortly after 11 this morning en route to the area championship game against El Paso Ysleta in Seminole tonight.

The Pampa bus made a brief tour past Austin and Travis middle schools where students held signs and shouted good luck wishes to the team. The bus was then led out of town under police escort.

The Harvesters hope to add another gold basketball to the PHS trophy case with a win over the Indians tonight. Ysleta comes into the game with a 2A championship and an overall record of 22-12. Coach Miller says the Indians look very much like his Harvesters, including a tall man at post. "They have a big 6'7" post who likes to block shots," said Miller. "They are similar to our style of play, they like to rebound and push the ball up the floor fast."

One of the unique challenges to the playoffs is preparing for teams you rarely, if ever, get to see. So how did Miller and his staff get the Harvesters ready for tonight? "We worked on what we do best and hopefully that is good enough," Miller said. "But we called around and spoke to other people and got their scouting report on them."

Just a few days removed from a dominating performance in the bidistrict championship against Frenship, Pampa is riding a wave of confidence into tonight's game. But there's another element that may provide that extra spark Pampa can use to overcome any challenge tonight. "They (his

team) understand now what it's like to win and celebrate," noted Coach Miller. "I think they enjoyed that and would like to do it again."

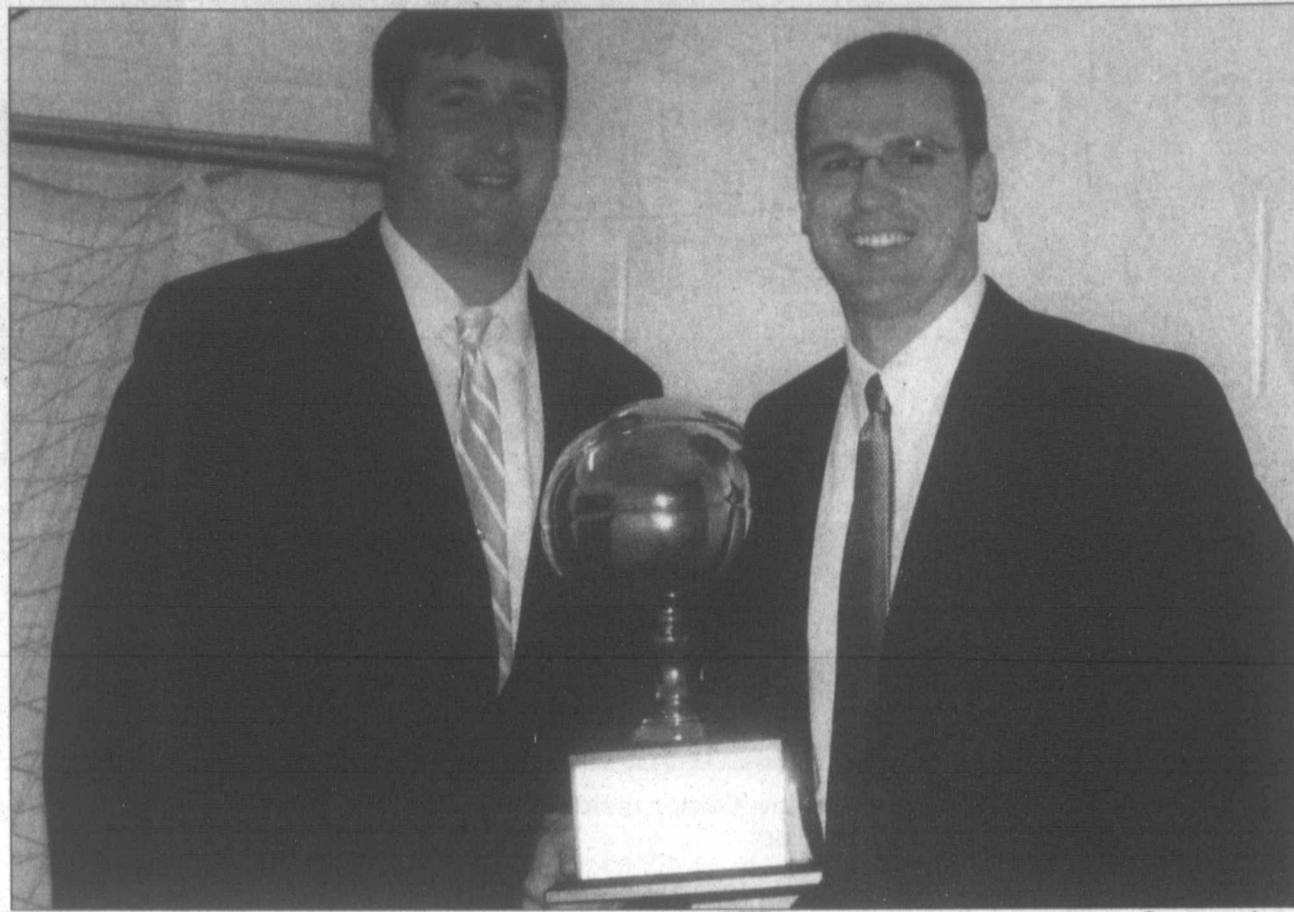
A must for Pampa tonight may be keeping 6'9" senior post Jarett Kotara out of foul trouble. He was forced to the bench at the start of the fourth quarter Tuesday. Miller thinks Kotara may be part of the Pampa game Ysleta is not ready for. Especially given that Kotara is a threat at both ends of the floor. He is very athletic for a big man. Still, Miller says this time of year, teams have seen almost everything, which means execution becomes vital to victory.

Asked what concerns him most about the Indians, Miller replied, "The unknown." He continued, "They come from a long ways off and we have not seen them. We do have a common opponent in El Paso Parkland which gives us a little bit of an idea. We have to limit their transition baskets which concerns me some because Frenship had a little success doing that."

Harvesters fans might recall this team played and won a lot of road games before finally playing a game at home. Coach Miller said then the heavy road schedule would pay off later in the season, and they have. Still, he says it doesn't matter to his kids where they play, "they just love to play basketball," he said.

Miller's keys to a win tonight? "As always, stay out of foul trouble, limit their transition baskets and make them execute on offense. We need to control the rebounding department at both ends of the floor," he said.

The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start.



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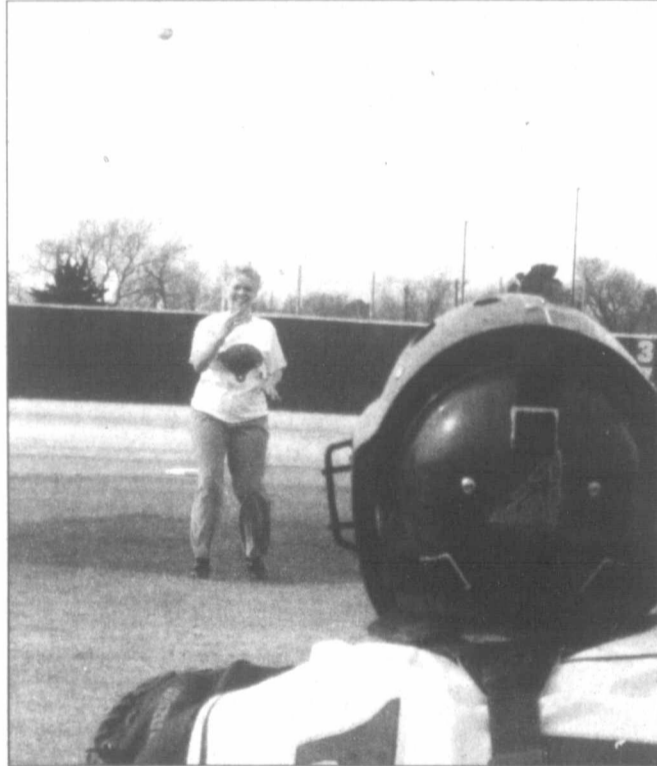
▲ Head coach Dustin Miller (left) and assistant coach Jason Farmer pose with the Bidistrict Championship trophy the Harvesters won Tuesday night.

► Jarett Kotara and Tyler Hall 'skin' each other following a free throw by Kotara Tuesday night.



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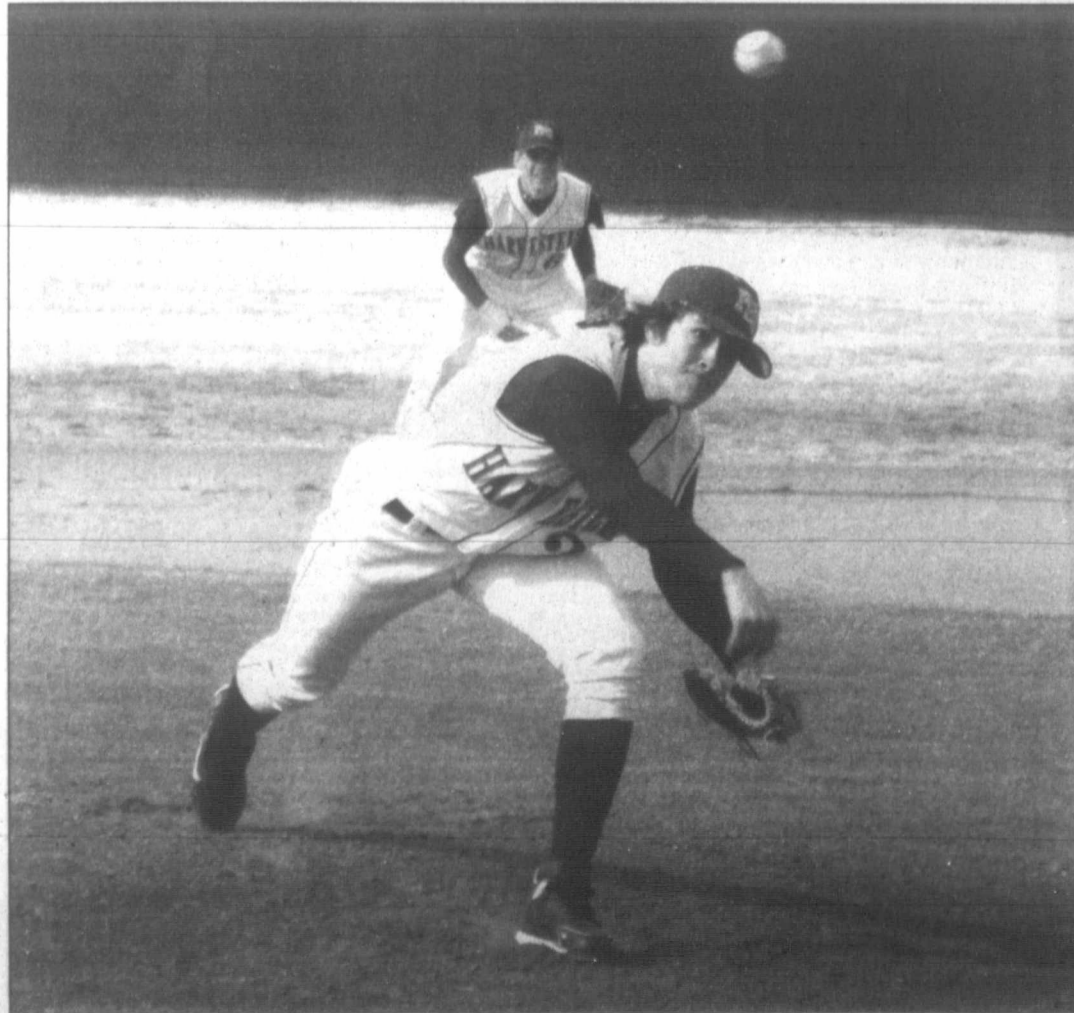
Cavalier classic



◀ Kathy Cavalier tosses out the first pitch prior to the game between Pampa and Dalhart Thursday afternoon. The inaugural Cavalier Classic baseball tournament is named after her late husband, Dennis Cavalier. Also pictured is Harvesters catcher, James Coffee. The tournament concludes this afternoon.

▼ Pampa pitcher Weston Teichmann sends an offering toward home plate during Thursday's game against Dalhart. Also pictured is Harvester second baseman Brady Eakin.

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Hidden Hills senior scramble results

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Pat Montoya
Tom Lindsey
James Lee
Callens George
Nathan Lancaster

Closest to the Pin
Jim Brashears (#6)
Ronnie Wood (#15)

STATE TOURNAMENT

Leal goes for wrestling title

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa High School wrestler Richard Leal and coach Josh Cadenhead left Pampa earlier today for Amarillo where the two boarded a plane bound for Austin and the UIL State Wrestling Tournament. Leal is among those vying for the 103 weight class. He is scheduled to meet Trinity's Adam Purcell in the opening match.

Said Cadenhead prior to leaving, "Richard has had two weeks to prepare for state. The first week was a nice recovery/reload week for him. He was able to get the soreness out and focus on getting

his body ready for State competition."

Coach Cadenhead continued, "This week, we have had three really tough gut check practices and he has responded well. This week's focus was on our weight and maintaining it at a level that would not compromise us the day before the tourney. We have watched film on ourselves and started getting in the right frame of mind."

Cadenhead noted Leal is excited about this — his first trip to State — where he is hoping for more than just the experience. Said Cadenhead, "but turn some heads." Sports Day will post Leal's results as soon as they become available.

PHS soccer, softball teams busy Saturday, McLean basketball tournament scheduled March 4

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
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Soccer

The Pampa High School soccer teams will start the second half of the district season when the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters host Randall Saturday at the Harvester Soccer Complex. Games are set to start at noon.

Softball

The Lady Harvesters will have a busy day in Lubbock Saturday. They will face

Frenship at 11, then travel to Lubbock Cooper for a meeting with the Lady Cougars. That game is scheduled to start at 3.

Basketball

The McLean Trinity Church youth ministry will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Mar. 4 for both men and women, ages 16 and up. There will be a \$40 fee per team. Deadline for registrations is March 1. Contact Mike Maxwell, 806-779-3207 for information.

On the road again



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

After visits to Austin and Travis elementary schools where enthusiastic students bid them good luck, the Pampa High School varsity basketball team left for Seminole under police and fire department escort shortly after 11 this morning. The Harvesters (25-6) face El Paso Ysleta in an area championship meeting at 6 tonight.

Hendrick settles for silver in men's 10,000

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Chad Hedrick wanted to make a run at Eric Heiden's record five gold medals. Instead, the Texan now has one of each color. Bob de Jong of the Netherlands bounced back from a miserable performance at the Salt Lake City Olympics to win a surprising gold in the 10,000 meters, the final men's event of these games. Hedrick, the world record holder, finished second to complete his set: one gold, one silver and one bronze. Another Dutch skater, Carl Verheijen, took the bronze. De Jong's winning time of 13 minutes, 1.57 seconds

was nearly four seconds better than his personal best. Hedrick, who faltered in the middle of the grueling race, finished in 13:05.40 — a full 10 seconds off the world mark he set in December at Salt Lake City. Verheijen's time was 13:08.80. While Hedrick didn't come close to matching Heiden's mark from the 1980 Lake Placid Games, he still became the first American to win three medals in Turin and will be remembered for one of the great performances in U.S. speedskating history.

Nice hit, kid



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's James Coffee (#15) is mobbed by teammates following a towering home run against Dalhart in the Harvesters' Cavalier Classic opener Thursday afternoon. Pampa defeated Dalhart 22-0.

Mancuso takes giant slalom gold

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — Julia Mancuso doesn't need a tiara anymore. She has an Olympic crown. The 21-year-old Californian earned a stunning victory in the giant slalom on a snowy, foggy Friday to salvage a disappointing Olympics for the U.S. women in their final Alpine event of the Turin Games. Mancuso gave the American women their first Olympic Alpine medal since Picabo Street's gold in the super-G at the 1998 Nagano Games. "It was perfect timing," U.S. women's coach Patrick Riml said. "She skied beautifully." Mancuso often skis in the slalom with a costume jewelry tiara instead of a helmet — a good luck charm from her coach. She wore a white helmet in the longer, faster giant slalom, but she didn't need much luck, anyway. With two strong runs in awful weather, Mancuso had a combined time of 2 minutes, 9.19 seconds, .67 seconds faster than silver medalist Tanja Poutiainen of Finland. With a big second run, Anna Ottosson of Sweden took the bronze, 1.14 seconds behind. "My first thought was, 'Oh, my gosh! This is unbelievable!'" Mancuso said. "It was going through

my head: 'Tonight, big party!'" Boyfriend Steven Nyman, also a U.S. Olympian, already had left Italy and wasn't there to celebrate with her. Janica Kostelic of Croatia, the defending Olympic champion, did not race because of illness. Mancuso's medal was the second for the Americans in Alpine skiing, both gold. Ted Ligety won the men's combined last week. Anja Paerson, winner of three medals in the Turin Games and the giant slalom favorite, was second to Mancuso after the first run but skied poorly in the second and finished sixth. "I'm happy," Paerson said. "This has been a good Olympics. It was always a tough fight with the snow. I really wanted a medal today, but you can't have it all." Mancuso had never before led after the first run of a World Cup or other major event. She took an aggressive line and lived on the edges of her skis down the rock-hard course and held a .18-second lead over Paerson entering the second run. "That was my first time," she said. "I was very nervous in the start, but I just had to bring it in."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Arakawa skates off with gold

OLYMPICS
TURIN, Italy (AP) — Shizuka Arakawa skated off with Japan's first medal of these Olympics — a gold in the showcase event. The 2004 world champion stunned favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim figure skating's biggest prize. Arakawa did it with an elegance and technical brilliance that even had two-time Olympic winner Katarina Witt standing and applauding before the Japanese skater was done. Cohen fell twice and finished with a silver; Slutskaya fell once and took bronze. The American freestyle team was shut out in the aerials and will leave Italy with only one medal — the bronze won by Toby Dawson in men's moguls. The team won three golds in 1998 and three silvers in 2002. American Rosey Fletcher put her past Olympic meltdowns behind her by finishing second in the women's parallel giant slalom qualifying. Russian Ekaterina Tudigescheva had the fastest combined time at 1 minute, 20.85 seconds, just .03 ahead of Fletcher. **PRO BASKETBALL**
SEATTLE (AP) — Earl Watson returned to the Seattle SuperSonics and forward Ruben Patterson was dealt from Portland to Denver on as part of a four-team, nine-player trade. The Sacramento Kings also were involved in the deal. Seattle sent forward Reggie Evans to Denver and center Vitaly Potapenko to Portland and received Watson, forward Byron Russell and a second-round pick from the Nuggets. Portland sent Patterson and Charles Smith to the Nuggets and acquired Voshon Lenard from Denver and forward Brian Skinner from Sacramento. Portland then sent Potapenko to the Kings along with Sergei Monia. The Sonics also traded Ronald Murray to Cleveland for guard Mike Wilks and cash. **PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — The Philadelphia 76ers traded forward Lee Nailon and a second-round pick in the 2006 draft to the Cleveland Cavaliers for a conditional second-round pick. **OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — The New Orleans Hornets acquired forwards Marc Jackson and Linton Johnson III from the New Jersey Nets for forward Bostjan Nachbar. **MIAMI (AP)** — The Heat acquired Derek Anderson in a trade that sent guard Gerald Fitch to the Houston Rockets. **PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Portland Trail Blazers guard Sebastian Telfair was suspended for two games by the NBA for violating the league's firearms policy.

Bagwell arrives at Astros camp

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell made his much-anticipated arrival at the Houston Astros spring training complex Friday. The 37-year-old slugging first baseman is locked in a dispute with the team over how effectively he can play with his surgically repaired right shoulder. Bagwell missed 115 games last season after June surgery. He returned late in the season and could bat, but could not throw. He went 1-for-8 with an RBI and a run scored in the World Series. Manager Phil Garner expected Bagwell to fully participate in the team's first full-squad workout Friday morning, although Bagwell will not be required to make hard throws. "He's going to be doing normal baseball things," Garner said. "He will throw, (but) when he takes ground balls, just throw back to the coaches. His throwing will be restricted." Bagwell is guaranteed \$17 million by his contract this season, but the Astros filed an insurance claim in January and can recoup \$15.6 million if Bagwell retires or is deemed too disabled to play. Doctors who examined Bagwell last month told the team that Bagwell's shoulder was still damaged and that the team could no longer expect him to be productive. Bagwell has said that the insurance situation has created a rift between him and the team that may never be resolved. He was scheduled to meet with reporters after a morning workout Friday, team spokesman Jimmy Stanton said. Garner said he planned to use Bagwell as a designated hitter in the early part of the Astros' spring training schedule. "I'll DH him until we get to a certain point when the doctors OK him to start throwing," Garner said. "When you think about it, Baggy really hasn't had a whole lot of at-bats since his surgery. As much as he can tolerate early on, we want to get him as many at-bats as possible." Garner reiterated Friday that Bagwell's situation would not be a distraction to the rest of the team. "Sure, players are going to talk about it," Garner said. "A distraction, to me, is something that takes away from your focus on what you're trying to do. It will not be a distraction. Everybody knows the situation." Bagwell has played 15 seasons in Houston and is the franchise's all-time leader in home runs (449), RBIs (1,529) and runs scored (1,517).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006: Monitor your energy and enthusiasm levels this year, as they will be the best guide to answers and choices. Your body might often tell you more than your mind. Know when you aren't content with a facet of your life. At the same time, be willing to change and transform areas that don't work. You might opt to spend a lot of time alone, walking, thinking and recharging your batteries. If you are single, you might find someone quite exotic but, at the same time, not exactly who he or she says he or she is. Investigate rather than commit. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from plenty of downtime alone together. **AQUARIUS** reads you cold.

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) ★★★★★ Not everyone knows which course to follow, but today you cannot go wrong if you follow your friends. You might find a loved one, child or even yourself a bit sour and difficult. You laugh, and someone else joins right in. Loosen up. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Others want you to be more responsible than you necessarily choose to be. Still, you will have to listen to complaints and comments whether you choose to or not. You can lighten up and enjoy yourself wherever you go, despite a dreary associate. Be easygoing and fun-loving. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Sometimes taking in all the possibilities works. More often, you

think you have to pick and choose between alternatives. You will find that meeting the challenge and squeezing as much as you can into your day might be fun. The more different they are, the better your adventures will be. Tonight: Respond to a distant drummer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ How you deal with a situation could change dramatically if you go with the flow. Understand that you need to be more easygoing with someone you really care about. Listen to and work with this person. Tonight: Now, for that touch of romance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Others might be controlling, but they have great ideas. Are you looking for some fun and adventure? Jump to a lively pace and go forward with a smile. Nothing is written in stone. Understand what you need to. Tonight: Say yes. Let others do the offering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You really might have to say no to adventure or fun. A "no" also might be appropriate regarding accepting extra work or taking on a project. Sometimes everyone needs to be babied. Tonight: Run with easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Revise and think carefully. What might work today will not always be acceptable. Moods change; people change. With this concept in mind, grab the moment and run with an offer or invitation. Tonight: Remember, you have one life to live. Live it well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Establishing limits and boundaries is a must. Knowing when to slow down and handle a personal matter also scores high on your list of priorities. Right now, the less obvious parts of your life need attention. Take time to smell the roses

and listen to others. Tonight: Do what you need to do for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Speak a lot and try another approach with a situation or someone who might be testing your patience. You, too, have limits and need to honor them. Stay with those you enjoy. Hang out and relax. Tonight: How about a game of Scrabble?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Acknowledge someone for what he adds to a situation, even if it might be cynicism! Learn to look at life and people as positively as possible. Know when you need a breath of fresh air. Tonight: Let your guard down. Let everything flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are in your prime as long as you deflect a moody family member's or friend's comments. Why let anyone rain on your parade? I can think of no reason. You laugh with ease because of your unusual perspective. Tonight: The happy Water Bear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Knowing when to skedaddle could be important. You might be more tired than you realize. Do cut back on plans and get in an afternoon snooze or two. Once revived, then you can decide who, what and where. Tonight: Put yourself first.

BORN TODAY
Beate George Harrison (1943), actor Jim Backus (1913), actor Sean Astin (1971)

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