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Two candidates file for Ward 1 spot

Mayor files for re-election, but only one candidate for school board so far

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

A race is shaping up for the Ward 1 seat on Pampa City Commission.

Brad Pingle this week filed as a candidate for the position presently held by Jeff McCormick. McCormick has also filed for re-election.

Mayor Lonny Robbins filed for re-election this week, as well, said Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary.

No one has filed so far for the

Ward 3 spot held by Commissioner Robert Dixon.

All three positions will be decided by Pampa voters at the city/school elections on May 7.

Lance DeFever, a member of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education, is the sole declared candidate in that election to date.

Three Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education members' terms will expire on May 7 - Jay Johnson, Place 3 trustee;

DeFever, Place 2; and John Curry, Place 1.

Candidate applications will continue through March 7.

March 14 is the final day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy in the city election, election officials said.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 20 and will continue through May 3.

Early voting in the city election will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays in Room 205 of Pampa

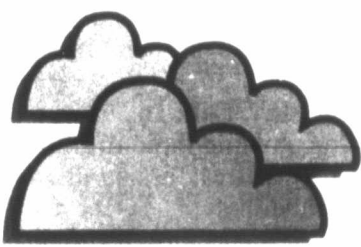
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Applications for mail-in ballots can be sent to Phyllis Jeffers at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79065. Applications for mail ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m., April 29.

Early voters in the school board election can cast ballots at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Election Day for both elections will be Saturday, May 7, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Today's weather



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Deaths

Sanford Ottis Barnes, 70, beekeeper.

Odds & Ends

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — J.D. the Labrador's owner may be wishing his dog wasn't such a good retriever.

Matthew Porter and two friends were in a suburban park Monday when a police officer who thought he smelled marijuana began questioning them.

As the officer was checking for outstanding warrants, J.D. waded into a nearby creek and emerged with a plastic bag filled with pot.

Porter, 25, was charged with possessing drug paraphernalia. Micah Hays, 24, was charged with marijuana possession. J.D. was turned over to the third person at the park, who was not charged.

J.D., meanwhile, may have a new job opportunity. "People have been asking if we're going to recruit the dog for police work," said police Sgt. Todd Dearing.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Yvette Thomas is betting that abstinence sells in sin city.

Her wholesome wares stood out at MAGIC Marketplace, an intimate apparel trade show at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Thomas quietly hawked her company's T-shirts and panties adorned with slogans such as "Virginity Lane: Exit When Married" and "No vows, no sex," amid booths sponsored by the likes of Playboy and Pamela Anderson.

"We have so much of the opposite out there, sometimes we have to remind ourselves what our values are," Thomas said Monday. "A number of people have walked by and said, 'I like your message.'"

Thomas launched Wait Wear five years ago. Without prior fashion experience, she slowly built her Los Angeles-based company through online sales and displays at youth events.

This week marks Wait Wear's first appearance at MAGIC Marketplace, which draws 93,000 visitors and \$129.7 million in non-gambling revenue.

Deputy arrests man after chase

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Three stops with a short chase mixed in ended in the arrest of a Pampa man by a Gray County sheriff's deputy at the intersection of Highway 152 and Farm to Market Road 1474 last night.

Deputy Geraldo Barrios first stopped Roque Castaneda-Cano, 20, of Farm to Market Road 1474, at 8:14 p.m. on East Frederic, near the National Guard Armory, for a broken tail lamp, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

Castaneda-Cano gave verbal consent to have his vehicle searched. After conducting the search, Barrios released him, Hoard said.

"Due to the fact that the driver acted in a suspicious manner, the officer continued to follow and watch him. After a short period of time, Barrios noticed (Castaneda-Cano) driving erratically, almost hitting a curb," Hoard said.

Barrios again stopped Castaneda-Cano who got out

of his vehicle, looked at a tire as the deputy approached, and then "got back in his car and sped away," Hoard said.

Barrios initiated a pursuit of the vehicle and used lights and sirens during the chase, which continued east on Highway 60 until Castaneda-Cano turned off on Highway 152.

Speeds were reaching 60 miles per hour near the intersection of Highway 152 and Farm to Market Road 1474, Hoard said. Castaneda-Cano was stopped just before that intersection, he said.

Castaneda-Cano was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 9 p.m. on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. He remains in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$1,500 bond.

Castaneda-Cano is also being held over for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to a jail spokesperson.

"He had no documents identifying him as a U.S. citizen" at the time of his arrest, Hoard said.

'He had no documents identifying him as a U.S. citizen.'

— Lt. Joe Hoard
 Gray Co. Sheriff's Dept.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

'Judge' Fisher presiding

Harry Fisher Sr., left, general manager of Fenton Motors of Pampa, acts as presiding judge at the MDA Lockup today at the dealership. Fisher heard pleas from "prisoners" and set the amount of "bail" they would need in order to be released. Kathryn Cota, right, of the Texas Workforce Commission, had her "bail" set at \$1,800 by Fisher. The Lockup is an annual fundraiser in Pampa for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year's event featured a Hawaiian luau theme.

Grand jury issues four indictments Wednesday

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Gray County Grand Jury yesterday handed up four indictments in 31st District Court on the third floor of the county courthouse.

Louisa Aguilar Black, 30, was indicted on two counts aggravated assault. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On June 1, 2004, Black allegedly caused bodily injury to another by striking them on the head and face with an angle stop. Black also allegedly struck the victim on the head and face with an unknown object.

Peter Galaviz Rodriguez, 37, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On April 28, 2004, Rodriguez allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

On Dec. 5, 1985, in Taylor County, Rodriguez was convicted of the felony offense of theft of a motor vehicle. On Dec. 28, 1989, he was convicted in Carson County of the felony offense of

aggravated robbery.

Sean Andrew Bauer, 17, was indicted on two counts of criminal mischief. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.

On Nov. 6, 2004, Bauer allegedly threw a bottle through window glass without the consent of Hugh Gately, the owner of the property, and caused \$500 or more but less than \$1,500 in loss to the owner.

Also on Nov. 6, 2004, Bauer allegedly threw a bottle through window glass without the consent of Martin Graham, the owner of the property, and caused \$500 or more but less than \$1,500 in loss to the owner.

Both incidents were deemed by grand jurors to have occurred in one "continuing course of conduct," and total losses are more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Donna Sue Gifford, 45, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Jan. 27, 2004, Gifford allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Early bloomers

Bright yellow crocuses with green leaves are in bloom in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen. Crocuses are one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter, heralding the approach of spring.

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Obituaries

Sanford Ottis Barnes, 70

MIAMI — Sanford Ottis Barnes, 70, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo with Dan Shaeffer officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Miami Cemetery at Miami with Pastor Lance Wood, of First Baptist Church of Miami.

Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Barnes was born Dec. 6, 1934. He came to Miami in 1974 from Tarzan, Texas, and graduated from Gotebo High School in Gotebo, Okla., in 1953.

Mr. Barnes retired from Cabot Corporation in 1987 after 25 years of service, was a beekeeper who produced and sold honey, and was a quarter horse breeder and

exhibitor of many years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany, and was an avid fisherman.

He was a member of Miami First Baptist Church.

Mr. Barnes was preceded in death by a brother, Theron "Sonny" Barnes in 2001 in Amarillo; and his father, Sanford O. Barnes in 1988 in Hobart, Okla.

Survivors include two daughters, Denise Nelson of Dallas and Kristi Guzinsky of Amarillo; his mother, Alene Barnes; a brother, Manlif "Shorty" Barnes of Birmingham, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Miami EMS in Miami, Texas, or to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis in Miami, Florida.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel.

Services tomorrow

BARNES, Sanford Ottis — 10 a.m., Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, 1 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Gray County Weather

Today: A slight chance of snow before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 49.

Wind chill values between 25 and 32. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 8 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 33. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 45. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain, mixing with snow after 4 a.m. Cloudy, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A slight chance of rain and snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 60. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 63. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. West northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Presidents' Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

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

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 47.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48.

Taxes on cigarettes may go up

AUSTIN (AP) — Smokers beware: the Texas Legislature needs your money.

A \$1 per pack increase in

the cigarette tax is once again on the table as part of a funding solution to help lawmakers address a plethora of budget demands. While some hope the tax could help replace lower property taxes, others are eyeing the potential cash cow for health care costs.

The proposed increase, which has been estimated to bring in as much as \$750 million a year, has interested groups lining up at the state Capitol. A hearing on the topic is scheduled for Thursday before the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

Advocates of the measure, such as the coalition Texans Investing in Healthy Families, say the tax would persuade smokers in Texas to quit and discourage teenagers from ever lighting up. The group is made up of the Texas PTA, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, among others.

But opponents, such as

tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds, have hired big name lobbyists to make their cases to lawmakers. They argue that the higher tax would fuel an already lucrative black market, increase Internet sales and would drive Texas smokers to neighboring states to buy their cigarettes.

The current cigarette tax is 41 cents and a \$1 per pack increase would make Texas the most expensive among bordering states for smokers.

Cigarette makers also argue that a tobacco tax is not a stable revenue source because it will decline as the number of smokers dwindles.

But, proponents say the anticipated revenue decrease can be factored into tobacco tax money projections.

A tentative plan filed last month to fund a massive overhaul of the public school finance system includes the \$1 per pack cigarette increase. But the author of the plan, Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, cautioned that the bill would likely change significantly before it gets a vote. Keffer is chairman of the committee that must make a recommendation to the full House.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Fifteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of East Browning.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 900 block of East Browning. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East 17th.

A prowler call was received from the 800 block of Barnes.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of Warren, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 900 block of East Francis, and the 1500 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of East Foster and the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was rendered at three locations.

Theft was reported at Radio Shack, 1820 N. Hobart. A digital camera valued at \$259 was taken.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. The incident occurred on Feb. 14, when rolls of quarters valued at approximately \$90 were taken.

Emergency services assistance was rendered in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported at the police department and in the 700 block of Locust.

A criminal trespass call was received from the 400 block of Carr.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Hamilton and the 800 block of South Hobart.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1400 block of Ripley.

One residential alarm was reported.

A call concerning an offense against family was received from the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1200 block of Market.

Evading arrest/detention was reported in the 1200 block of Market.

Chad Henson Young, 26, Lefors, was arrested in the 700 block of Barnard for possession of drug paraphernalia, open container, no driver's license, and public intoxication.

Stephen Jerald Pierce, 21, 1214 Market, was arrested in the 1200 block of Market for failure to register as a sex offender and evading arrest by a felon.

address. 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. 16

Tommie Michelle Abernathy, 25, 748 E. Locust, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Roque Castanedo-Cano, 20, FM 1474, was arrested for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Armando Javier Avalos, 23, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

Anthony Alvarado, 21, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Feb. 16

12:36 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

3:55 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

4:46 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas leak at the Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. Firefighters stopped the leak and ventilated the structure.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

8:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Francis. No transport.

12:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Rd., and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, Feb. 7

5 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a fence on private property at 1045 Prairie, owned by Claudia Cota of that

Correction

In a headline on Page 1 Wednesday, an incorrect day was given for the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education meeting. The board meets tonight, Thursday, at 6 p.m. at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Couple missing after toddler's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A toddler found dead in an apparently abandoned Houston apartment died from blunt trauma to the chest, police said.

The 2-year-old girl was found dead Tuesday afternoon on a bedroom floor by the apartment manager and a maintenance man who entered the home to change an air filter and repair a drain.

"You expect to find all kinds of stuff in an apartment," said the apartment manager, Rebecca Toledo. "You find messes, a dog. But not a dead baby."

Police want to question the

girl's father, Roman Aguila, 27, and Marisel Perez Taxis, 23, who are from Mexico, said Lt. Robert Manzo, a spokesman with the Houston Police Department.

Police are also looking into the handling of three calls which came from an anonymous caller advising someone to check on the apartment. In response to the calls, officers arrived at the apartment three different times early Tuesday morning, but never entered.

Aguila and Perez Taxis were last seen leaving the apartment in a hurry Saturday with a young child thought to be their son, Manzo said. The

toddler's mother lives in Mexico.

Manzo said a medical examiner estimated that the toddler — who had a broken right forearm and previously broken ribs — had been dead since Saturday.

Dispatchers received two anonymous calls early Tuesday and a third call from Toledo, who summoned police after receiving an anonymous call herself, Manzo said.

During the first call, just after 1 a.m., a Spanish-speaking man requested an officer check on apartment No. 3. The responding officer "knocked repeatedly" on the door, looked in the window, saw nothing and left, Manzo said.

The second call, again summoning police to apartment No. 3, came about an hour later.

The "call slip" prepared by dispatch and used by the patrol officer — a different officer than the one who responded earlier — read, "Unknown young person has been left inside the apartment for three days," Manzo said.

That officer knocked on the door several times, looked in the window and asked a dispatcher to call the number where the call originated. No one answered.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of Pampa.

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Corn	3.61
Soybeans	4.65

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OXY	63.64	+0.37
BP PLC ADR	34.96	-0.04
Cabot Corp.	52.37	-0.48
Cabot Oil Gas	43.00	-0.30
VLO	63.40	-0.01
HAL	42.40	-0.06
TRI	43.07	NC
NOB	41.21	+0.12
KMI	77.90	+0.09
XCEL	18.12	-0.09
Kerr McGee	69.88	-1.74
XOM	58.30	-0.18
Limited	24.10	-0.16
Williams	18.68	-0.07
MCD	32.34	-0.26
Atmos	28.76	-0.33
Pioneer Nat	40.05	-0.25
JCP	44.05	-0.45
COP	104.04	-0.27
SLB	73.64	-0.25
Tenneco	15.80	-0.21
CVX	59.25	-0.25
Wal-Mart	52.66	+0.06
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Amateur photographers, here's your chance to win!

Enter The Pampa News' "Pampa Portraits" contest for a chance to win \$50 in Pampa Bucks and have your photo published as a special section cover on March 31.

One section of the annual "Pride" Progress special edition will be dedicated to photographs of Pampa people in Pampa. The best photos submitted for the "Pampa Portraits" contest will be included in one section of this special edition and the winning photograph will be published in color on the cover.

Eligible entries will be photographs of Pampa people in Pampa taken by amateur photographers. Photo subjects can be at work, at play, relaxing at home or celebrating special occasions. Photos of scenery or animals only will not be considered.

Newspaper staff members will determine the winner by judging on content, quality and originality. The decision of the judges will be final.

Photographs can be prints or digitals copied to a CD and submitted by mail or by bringing them to the newspaper

office. Digital photos can be emailed in the jpeg (.jpg) format. Photos submitted on a CD must be of the contest entry only.

A brief explanation of what is happening in the photograph, names of the persons, date and place must be included with each entry. If a person other than the entrant is in the photograph, a signed release to have his/her likeness published is also required.

The Pampa News will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos. Entrants are asked not to submit photos that are irreplaceable. Each entry must be accompanied by the entrant's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Entries that do not have all the required information will not be considered.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. The winner will be notified by Friday, March 25.

To submit an entry, mail to "Pampa Portraits" Contest, The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198; or bring to 403 W. Atchison. To submit by e-mail, send the entry to editor@thepampanews.com.



Judge orders blood analysis in shooting case

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has ordered analysis of a blood sample taken from a 10-year-old accused of fatally shooting his father last year.

The sample was taken shortly after the August shooting of Dr. Rick Lohstroh, who had arrived at the home of his ex-wife to pick up his two sons for

the weekend.

The 10-year-old's relatives have said the boy was taking a large, time-release dosage of an anti-depressant at the time of the shooting. He is charged with murder in juvenile court and remains in custody.

Police say the 10-year-old climbed into the back seat of his father's sport utility vehi-

cle and fired at his father through the driver's seat several times.

As part of the investigation into the shooting, juvenile Judge Kent Ellis said the blood sample should be analyzed.

Kathleen Collins, an attorney for the boy's grandparents, requested the blood sample be taken.

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Viewpoints

Modern lesson from parable of the talents

This week, I read an Associated Press article at Yahoo!@News that made me ponder the fickle hand of fate.

According to the AP, a minister at Newsong Church in Grove, Okla., recently distributed some \$14,000 in cash to his congregation.

"Loud gasps were heard throughout the 125-member, interdenominational church as the envelopes containing \$100 and \$50 bills were ripped open after the Sunday sermon. Some members thought the bills were counterfeit. (That's trust for you, isn't it?) Others shook their heads in bewilderment," the AP article read.

I no doubt would find my thoughts and reactions

aligned with that incredulous second group. Of course, it is pointless to try to guess how one would behave in such an unexpected situation, but it is such fun, I'm going to imagine it anyway. And I see myself pondering the cash as if it were some foreign object beamed into my clutches by an alien spaceship.

After turning it over and over numerous times in my hand, my amazement most probably would give way to incomprehensible pangs of guilt, as though I had somehow taken advantage of the poor minister who I would fear at this point had lost his mind.

After all, an entire congregation of people like me

might cause a psychotic episode of this nature to occur in the stoutest, most worthy of God-fearing Christian.

Virtuously, praying all along that I might actually get to keep the cash, I'd reluctantly offer it back. If the pastor refused, well, my duty was done. Conscience clear, I'd lift up my hands in praise and worship, and — hallelujah, let the celebration commence.

But, wait a minute. The pastor of Newsong, Pastor Steve Dyer, wants to receive

all the money back and then some? The AP article reports that Dyer is giving the cash to get cash. He wants the congregation to invest the unexpected windfall and return it and any profits to the church.

Well, what kind of pastor is he to just give and return it and any profits to the church?

Before distributing his stack of cash-stuffed envelopes, Dyer, the AP article said, delivered a sermon on the Parable of Talents (Matthew 25:14-28).

"The parable is about a landowner who leaves for a trip," the AP article explains, "but before leaving gives five talents to one servant, two talents to another servant and one talent to the last servant. When he returns from his trip, the landowner finds that the servants with five and two talents have doubled their talents, but the servant with one portion hid his talent in the ground."

Dyer, the article said, indicated that one talent amounted to approximately 15 years worth of wages.

Dyer wants his parishioners to lead lives without fear, to be unafraid of putting their talents forth, secure in the knowledge that God is more than capable of handling life's aggravating humps and wretched valleys.

When asked what would happen should he never see the money again, Dyer simply replied that he was content to leave that between individual churchgoers and their Maker.

Which only goes to show, nothing of any importance is ever left to such a thing as blind — or fickle — fate. And, really, what monetary compensation could possibly compare with a lesson like that?



Skyla Bryant

News Editor

Our readers write

DECA offers opportunities for students in business field

Once again I have had the privilege of traveling with a fantastic group from Pampa High School. There were eight wonderful students and an inspiring teacher. We traveled on a yellow bus to Amarillo for a Career Development Conference. These DECA students were competing in various events.

DECA is a great organization that teaches life skills. To be a member, one must be enrolled in a marketing class. To compete, of course, one must be passing all his or her classes. To compete with the Pampa chapter, the students know that they must dress tastefully and professionally. Also, their behavior should be professional and poised.

Through DECA, I believe the students are encouraged to be determined, enthusiastic, careful, conscientious, concerned achievers. It is very beneficial in today's fast-paced world to learn to be competitive at the high school level.

DECA teaches students how to be competitive when they are ready to enter the job market.

DECA teaches the student how to go into the various competitions with confidence, ready to take on their responsibilities. Competing at the high school level is valuable experience for the young people.

I have had the privilege of watching these students, last

year and this year, develop their abilities and talents that can be used in their jobs now. Some of them do have jobs now and through DECA they learn to plan and accomplish their tasks.

The outstanding young citizens are Mitchell Crow, president of the Pampa DECA chapter and president of District 8; Mark Williams, vice president of the Pampa Chapter; Lacy Kilcrease, chapter treasurer; Michael Kane, chapter reporter; Jacob Stillwagon, Kourtney Farmer, Destiney Dora, and Kaylee Keith. The traits of determination, enthusiasm, compassion, willingness, pride and excellence were shining in this group. After doing so well at the district competition, this group will be traveling to Dallas to compete at the state level.

The leader of this group and all of District 8 is Donna Crow. She is a very dedicated, motivating, role model. She truly cares for her students.

I would encourage any student that thinks he or she might be interested in the area of marketing or management to check out the opportunities in being a member of DECA.

Amanda Leathers
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Records should come with asterisk

Everybody is all juiced up over Jose Conesco. Baseball is all upset because Conesco has gone public about his own use of steroids. Why that came as a surprise is hard to understand, but organized baseball is acting as if they are aghast at the revelation.

To make it worse, Conesco has written a book about the widespread use of steroids among baseball players, adding that he used to inject Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and other of his fellow players with the banned substance.

If you take a step back from the furor you can see that the reason Bud Selig and the other baseball bigwigs are up in arms over Conesco's revelations is the fact that he, and people like him, have blown the lid off something baseball has known for a long time and, in their own way, have even supported.

Look at it this way: After the ruinous players' strike a few years ago, the team owners wanted to get people back to the ballpark. What

they did to make the game more exciting was build stadiums that had shorter outfields, they juiced up the ball by winding it much, much tighter, and they went to harder maple bats — all because they wanted to have more home runs and wanted to have records broken.

Thus all the players did was take baseball's lead. They reasoned that if baseball could juice up the ball, why shouldn't they juice up themselves — make themselves stronger, bigger and better — to allow themselves to get those home runs that baseball wanted them to hit. And to create excitement, baseball wanted to stir up increased public interest by staging competition over which home run records would be broken by which players.

Baseball knew what they were doing. Remember the intense public interest in

1998 when Mark McGwire went head to head with Sammy Sosa in the attempt to break Roger Maris' single-season mark for homers at 61?

As the fans' excitement grew watching the two fight for the record, McGwire hit two in the year's final game to end with 70; Sosa finished with 66. In 1999 the pair repeated their achievement, McGwire hitting 65 homers, Sosa 63.

The fans were ecstatic, and back where baseball wanted them — in the stands.

Ironically McGwire's single-season home run record was broken in 2001 by Barry Bonds who himself now stands accused of using steroids.

Baseball has known about the use of steroids by their players for a long time. They chose to turn a blind eye to it. They needed those home-run heroes to keep the fans juiced up. With the home

runs and the records being broken, the fans were coming back to the ballpark and that was the game baseball needed to win.

There is something else here that needs to be looked at. People like Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays or Hank Aaron and Roger Maris and some of the other great players of the past are having their hard-earned records challenged or broken because of shortened outfields, juiced-up bats, juiced-up balls, and juiced-up players.

In fairness to them, the fans should be demanding that asterisks be put beside the new records showing that there is no equivalence between the old records and the new ones. What's happening is not fair to the memories of the great players of the past or the fans of the future.

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.



Michael Reagan

Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2005. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

On this date:

In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its world premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

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The Pampa Hot Shots competed in and won the 4th/5th grade division of the MAYB Tournament in Liberal, Kan., Jan. 29-30. Pictured are, from left to right, front row- Kaitlynn Ramirez, Caitlin Sieck, Kirsten Kuhn and Lindsey Brown. Back row- Kara Stabel, Kailyn Troxell, Delaney Clendening, Alanna Stephens, Autumn Chidester and Coach Kevin Sieck.

Sonics stunned before All-Star break

(AP) — First-place teams don't usually look forward to the All-Star break. The Seattle SuperSonics certainly weren't complaining about having a few days off after their second straight home loss.

Jason Richardson scored 30 points and Derek Fisher had 21, including five 3-pointers, in Golden State's surprising 117-110 victory at Seattle.

Dale Davis had a season-high 16 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Golden State, which ended a three-game losing streak. Speedy Claxton added 17 points for the Warriors.

Seattle was led by its two All-Stars, Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis, with 26 and 17 points, respectively. But Allen had only four points in the second half on 2-for-8 shooting.

The Warriors scored 37 points in the third period to turn the game.

"You can't give up 37 points in a quarter," Sonics coach Nate McMillan said. "Defensively, you're not out there."

The Sonics still finished with a 10 1/2-game lead in the Northwest Division at the All-Star break at 35-16. See SONICS, Page 6

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Armstrong will try for seventh straight Tour victory

PARIS (AP) — Still hungry to race but wary he is not in the best shape, Lance Armstrong wants to take his Tour de France record to even mightier heights: He will try for a seventh straight title this summer.

Armstrong had left open the possibility he wouldn't compete this year in cycling's showcase event to pursue other races. But in an announcement Wednesday on the Web site of his Discovery Channel team the Tour's only six-time winner said he will again commit himself to the race to which he's dedicated his cycling life.

"I am grateful for the opportunity that Discovery Communications has given the team and look forward to

achieving my goal of a seventh Tour de France," Armstrong said.

Armstrong has overcome testicular cancer to become one of the most inspirational stories in all sports, and his sixth Tour crown last year sent him past four five-time champions: Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

Armstrong will start his 2005 season with the Paris-Nice stage race in March, according to the team Web site. He will then compete in the Tour of Flanders on April 3 before returning to the United States to defend his title at the Tour de Georgia that month.

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A RODENT PROBLEM

A rat I don't care for, the mouse I just met

Rat Neuheisel

Former University of Washington football coach Rick Neuheisel testified yesterday he had no idea the \$6,400 he placed on men's NCAA basketball tournaments in 2002 and 2003 was gambling, which is strictly prohibited by NCAA rules.

Neuheisel, who was fired in June of 2003, contends he thought he was placing "bids" not "bets" when he entered the friendly pools. When asked if he understood he had placed his money at risk, and that he may not see that money again, Neuheisel said he didn't think of it that way at the time.

On Tuesday, he said he didn't think the pools were illegal because no money was being retained by the house. He was asked if he knew it was possible to wager and win a lot of money. To which Neuheisel replied, "I knew you could do well."

I don't like Rick Neuheisel. I never have. To me, he has always seemed shifty and untrustworthy. As Bill McCartney's replacement at Colorado, he was gifted with a program he later butchered and left for Gary Barnett to clean up (a struggle that continues to this day).

When it became apparent the program McCartney left him would give way to his complete lack of coaching skills, Neuheisel dumped the Buffaloes to take over at Washington. I told anyone who would listen at the time, his time with the Huskies would be short. He could care less about the university or its football program. The school just happens to be in the Pac 10. The same division his alma mater, UCLA is in. That's the gig he was slobbering for.

By the way — just so you know — Neuheisel did, in fact, 'do well' with his 'bidding'. In 2002, his \$3,610 'bid' won \$4,799. In 2003, his \$2,790 'bid' netted a cool \$7,324.

Bidding is for auctions like those found on eBay, which is how Neuheisel may find his next job. Wait, he would have to list a skill, wouldn't he? Is Failed Professional Football Player/Destroyer of Collegiate

Football Programs really a skill?

Tough Girls

Pampa News Editor Dee Dee Laramore has been swearing for weeks now she has seen a mouse run by her desk. "There goes my little mouse friend," she would say. I have chalked it up to the mature mind playing tricks on her. I too have similar hallucinations while working inside my little cubicle.

Heck, I went through a spell a week or so ago where I saw a constant parade of critters, but was afraid to say anything out loud. These folks already have some concern about my mental stability. Still, I saw a horse, elephant, giraffe and some sort of hideous creature that appeared headless. I bent

over in my chair to have a closer look at one earlier this week. Turns out they were just some of my low-carb animal crackers that had wandered away from their plastic bag corral. Sadly, they had to be put down and buried in a private trash can ceremony.

This past Tuesday, Dee Dee and I were chatting with Bree and Brenda in their giant corner of the building. These are the graphics gals for lack of a more detailed description (they create the ads like the one to the right). As we spoke, Dee Dee says, "Oh, there goes our little mouse friend." She swears it ran across the tile floor. I didn't see it. Now I'm thinking she just has rodent issues and may be pining for someone to share them with. You know, that whole "the first step toward a cure" thing. Then, as we continued our chat, I saw the most amazing thing. The mouse crawling along a wall ledge. It was more like casual strolling really. He was unfazed by any of us. In fact, I think I saw him wave hello. I said, "Check it out, there's the mouse." Well, turns out Bree and Brenda had a name for the mouse. They talk to it. I think they believe it talks back. Bree keeps a bucket of chocolate kisses and mini candy bars by her desk. She says it's for us, her coworkers. But as I stared at that mouse, I noticed it had a bad case of acne.

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Stars players upset with canceled season

DALLAS (AP) — Don't count the Dallas Stars among those who felt the canceled NHL season was inevitable.

Several current and former Stars players met Wednesday night to share their frustrations after the final round of negotiations failed to save the season, upset that even their willingness to accept a salary cap could not end the labor dispute.

"We were sure there was going to be a deal done," former Stars defenseman Richard Matvichuk said. "The players have given everything we can possibly give. From when this thing started to when it ended today, it seemed clear the owners didn't want us to play at all."

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap — the flash-point issue that led to a lockout.

Matvichuk, who played

for the Stars for 12 seasons, said the proposed cap was proof that "owners don't trust themselves" and wondered why players were being "punished for something that isn't our fault."

Stars president Jim Lites said he was surprised by the player's union agreement to a salary cap so late in the discussions.

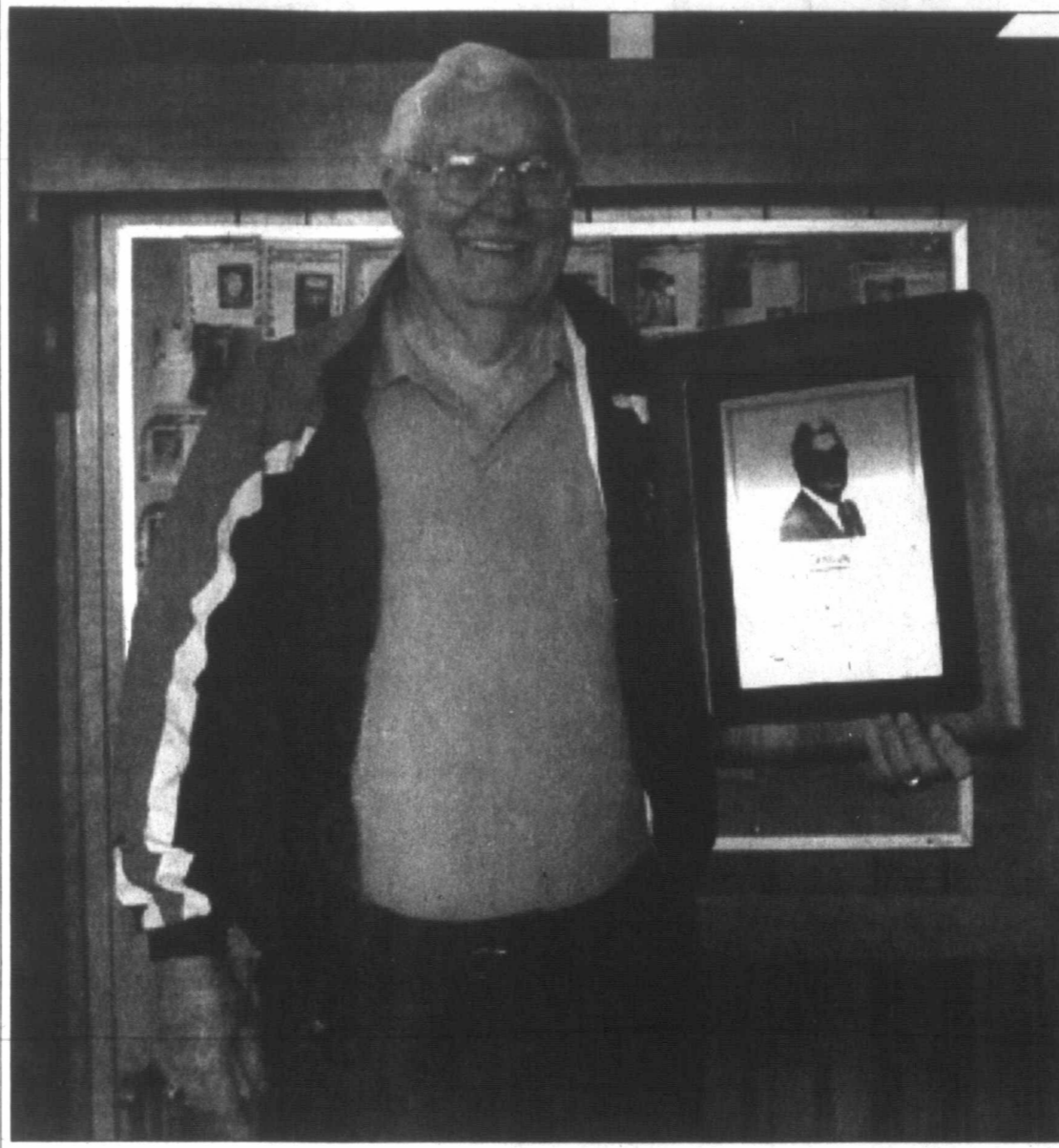
"Talking about a salary cap, it could have been done a long time ago and we could have bridged the gap," Lites said. "There are all kind of avenues."

"It's been a colossal waste of time. I'm quite offended by it."

"We don't kid ourselves," Lites said. "The fans are upset at us, and should be."

Stars forward Mike Modano, who will lose \$9 million because of the canceled season, said he hopes the canceled season will provide an opportunity to make wholesale changes to the NHL — and not just in terms of a new bargaining agreement.

Hall of Fame honors



Pampa's Wendell Palmer smiles as he displays his United States Track & Field Masters Hall of Fame plaque. Palmer was among those introduced and inducted into the Masters Hall of Fame during the USATF's 26th annual meeting held in Portland, Ore., early last December. Among his accomplishments, Palmer ruled the discus competition, going undefeated with 16 national championships from 1982 to 2003. Palmer was awarded the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Special Achievement award in 1989, 1995, 1999, and 2002. He was inducted into Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame in 2002.

Sonics

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The Warriors are 15-38, including losing streaks of nine, six and six games. And with one big victory before the break.

"I'm really happy that these guys have stuck together and they've believed in each other," first-year coach Mike Montgomery said. "Certainly we've all made some mistakes that sometimes would allow guys to kind of separate and start pointing fingers. We haven't done that even though our record's not very good."

In other games, it was: Miami 113, the Los Angeles Clippers 95; Detroit 93, Philadelphia 75; New Jersey 96, Sacramento 85; Cleveland 111, Atlanta 89; Chicago 121, Toronto 115; Boston 90, Memphis 88; Indiana 95, Portland 87; Charlotte 94, Denver 88; San Antonio 101, New Orleans 78; and New York 108, Milwaukee 90.

Heat 113, Clippers 95

At Miami, Shaquille O'Neal barely was needed as the Heat won for the seventh straight game and sent the Clippers to a seventh consecutive loss — all part of their nine-game road trip, the longest in the league this season.

Damon Jones had a career-high 31 points (8-for-10 from 3-point range) and Dwyane Wade added 28 points and 12 assists. **Pistons 93, 76ers 75**

At Philadelphia, Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton scored 20 points each and the Pistons held NBA

scoring leader Allen Iverson to 23 points.

Billups was 7-of-8 from the field, including 5-of-6 from 3-point range, as the Pistons won their fourth straight.

Iverson, who scored a career-high 60 points — most in the NBA this season — on Saturday and then had 38 in his next game, was just 8-of-21 against Detroit's tight defense.

Nets 96, Kings 85

Jason Kidd had his 64th career triple-double and Vince Carter scored 21 points for the host Nets.

Carter reached 20 points for the 11th straight game and the 17th time in the last 18. Kidd finished with 19 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his third triple-double in the last six games. Rookie Nenad Krstic scored a career-best 18 points.

Mike Bibby had 25 points to lead the Kings, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Cavaliers 111, Hawks 89

At Cleveland, LeBron James scored 28 points, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 18 points and 13 rebounds and the Cavaliers reached 30 victories before the All-Star break for just the fourth time. The last time Cleveland had 30 wins before the All-Star break was 1992-93, when the Cavs made it to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Cavaliers completed a four-game season sweep of the Hawks (10-41), who dressed only nine players and lost their 15th straight road game.

Bulls 121, Raptors 115

At Toronto, Kirk Hinrich had 28 points, Ben Gordon scored 15 in the

fourth quarter and the Bulls reached a season high for points.

Celtics 90, Grizzlies 88

At Boston, Ricky Davis hit a 12-foot jump shot with 3.9 seconds remaining for the Celtics, who have won six of eight.

Mike Miller made a 3-pointer with 9.8 seconds left to tie it at 88 for the Grizzlies before Davis hit an open jumper. **Pacers 95, Trail Blazers 87**

At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 27 of his season-high 36 points in the second half. Jeff Foster had 14 points and 17 rebounds, and Fred Jones added another 14 points for the Pacers.

Bobcats 94, Nuggets 88

Kareem Rush scored 14 of his 20 points in the third quarter and the host Bobcats snapped a seven-game losing streak. Keith Bogans added 18 points to lift the Bobcats to their first win since Feb. 1.

Denver was led by Carmelo Anthony's 21 points.

Spurs 101, Hornets 78

Tim Duncan scored 19 points and the Spurs pulled away in the fourth quarter at New Orleans, where they have never lost.

Rookie J.R. Smith led New Orleans with a career-high 25 points.

Knicks 108, Bucks 90

At New York, Jamal Crawford scored 23 points to lead six Knicks in double figures.

The Knicks won for just the fifth time in 24 games and had their first double-digit victory margin since Dec. 29 against Minnesota.

WINTER CLASSIC

Pampa goes for gold in Borger tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvesters kick off their season tomorrow when they take part in the annual Borger Winter Classic. Pampa is the defending Silver Division champion, but Coach Bobbi Gill and her team will be panning for gold this time around.

"We are the defending Silver Division champs, but hopefully we will be in the Gold Division this year instead," said Gill. "I would love to win the tournament and talent wise, we are capable. We just have to get it all clicking."

Just days removed from basketball duty, Nicole Clark and Callie Cobb joined the team yesterday. Are they ready to for the diamond? "Nicole and Callie fell right into place yesterday," said Gill. "They really are not having trouble right now. They are such good athletes the transition is usually easy."

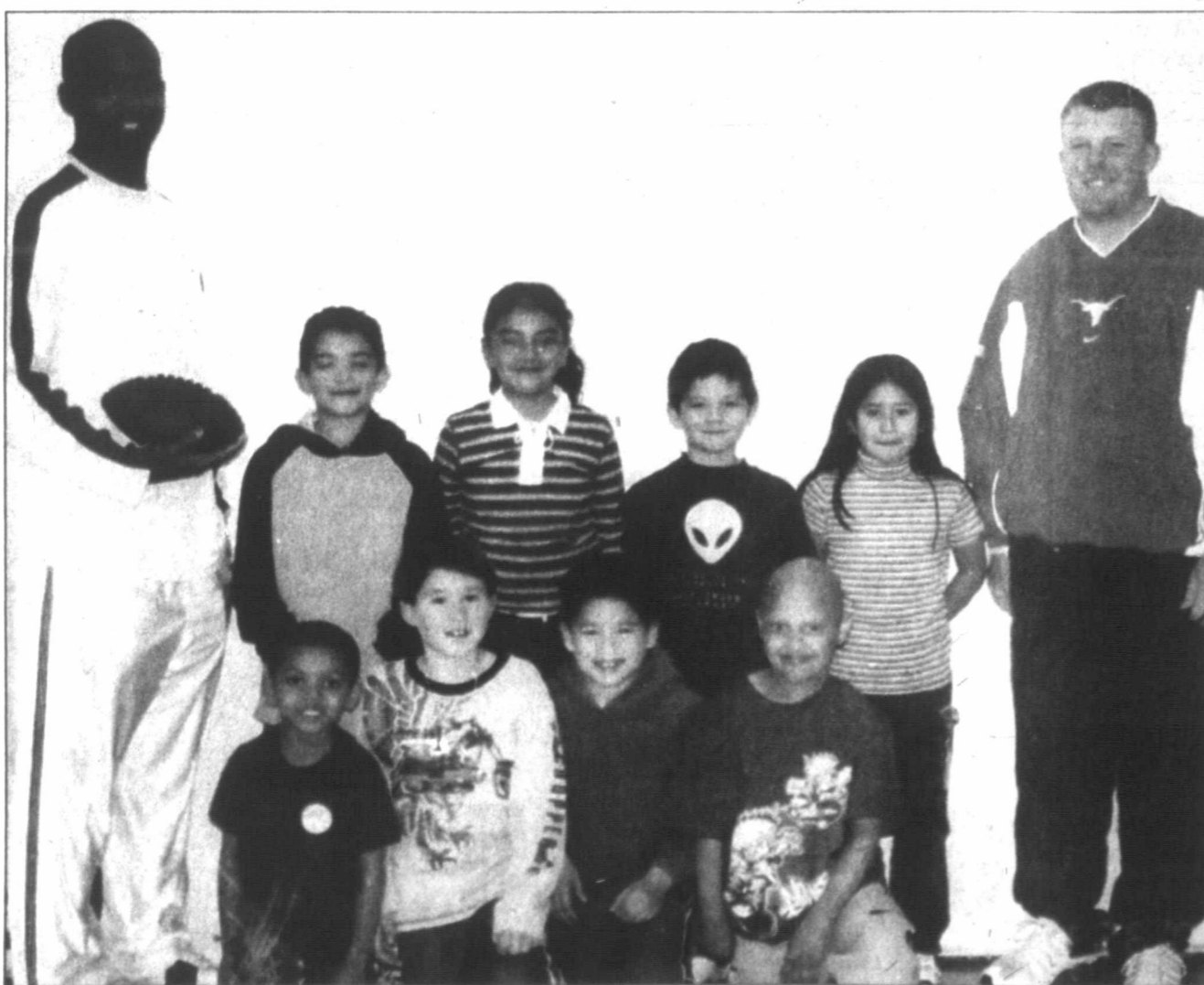
Coach Gill says, though early in the season yet, the Lady Harvesters look good. The team has been working and practicing hard, and their game is fairly solid. Said Gill, "We just need to fill a few gaps and get a little more consistent and confident in what we do."

Adding, "I am very excited about this year. Our program has been through a lot in the last year and a half. We most definitely have a goal that is very attainable. The girls seem to be excited and looking forward to a great year."

Among the teams competing in the Borger Winter Classic are Amarillo High, Tascosa, Canyon and Perryton.

The Lady Harvesters have games scheduled at 9 a.m., 12 p.m., and either 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. It will depend on how the team finishes in pool play.

Say cheese



NFL football player and former Pampa Harvester Devin Lemons stopped by for a visit with friend and Wilson Elementary second grade teacher Josh Blackmon and his students recently. Lemons has played for the Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins. He currently plays for the Washington Redskins. Pictured are, from left to right, back row- Devin Lemons, Chris Perez, Madelyn Solis, Matthew Rossiter, Olga Garcia and Coach Josh Blackmon. Front row- Lemon's son Gabriel, Trace Leftwich, Jason Solis and Aron Avila.

DEI has competition at 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Picking a favorite at Daytona used to be easy: Just look for the DEI logo.

Not anymore.

Sure, defending Daytona 500 champion Dale Earnhardt Jr. and two-time winner Michael Waltrip figure to run up front in Thursday's 150-mile qualifying races, which set most of the field for Sunday's big race.

But the list of potential contenders runs much longer than Dale Earnhardt Inc., the restrictor plate-savvy team that has dominated the 2 1/2-mile, high-banked oval for several years.

Dale Jarrett already has clinched a spot on the pole. Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and the rest of the Hendrick Motorsports drivers are running strong. And, in Wednesday's final practice, Jeremy Mayfield turned in the fastest speed.

"It was a matter of time before somebody found out what DEI was doing," Tony Stewart said. "Whether Hendrick has found it or not or if they found something else, they're pretty stout right now."

Waltrip won his first 500 in 2001, the same day Earnhardt's father and DEI's namesake — a seven-time NASCAR Cup champion — was involved in a fatal crash on the final turn.

Two years later, Waltrip won again in a rain-shortened 500. Then it was Junior's turn in Victory Lane,

giving DEI its third victory in four years.

Adding to their domination, either Waltrip or Earnhardt has won a qualifying race each of the last three years. Clearly, DEI knows how to run fast with the horsepower-sapping plates that NASCAR mandates at its two fastest tracks, Daytona and Talladega.

Apparently, some of those lessons have rubbed off on their competitors. "There are more guys that have a shot this year than in recent years," Stewart said.

The top two spots in the 43-car field were determined in qualifying last weekend. Jarrett, a three-time 500 winner, posted the fastest speed, with Johnson claiming the outside of the front row.

The rest of the starting order will be determined by the two 150-mile qualifying races, though the top 35 teams from 2004 are guaranteed spots in Sunday's race. Four more drivers also got in through their qualifying speeds last weekend.

On Thursday, there will be 18 drivers vying for the last four spots — two from each race.

For part-time racers such as Stanton Barrett, it won't be easy to squeeze in.

"We have a good sponsor, but the funding of other teams is so significant," he said. "It should be fun. It's going to be good experience, even if I don't make the race."

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of James Marvin Dougless, Deceased, were issued on February 14, 2005, in Cause No. 9164, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: Robert Steven Dougless.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the timead in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o J.A. Martindale
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1017
114 West Kingsmill
Avenue
Pampa, Texas 79065
DATED the 14th day of February, 2005.
J.A. Martindale
Attorney for Estate

1 Public Notice

State Bar No.: 13127000
P.O. Box 1017
114 West Kingsmill
Avenue
Pampa, Texas 79065
Telephone:
(806)665-0714
facsimile:
(806)665-2915
Feb. 17, 2005
City of McLean
Notice
ORDINANCE NO. 298
AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTIONS
2 AND 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 265, SETTING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR GARBAGE SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MCLEAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.
B-75 Feb. 17, 2005

5 Special Notices

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10 Lost/Found
FOUND Female Mini Dachshund. Brown. In the 2400 Blk of Evergreen. Call 665-0219.
LOST Diamond Tennis Bracelet, Mon. Feb. 14th, Wal-Mart or KFC in Pampa. Reward. 323-6380

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Re-placement windows, steel siding & trim Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169
NEW Const., remodeling, replacement windows. Shawn Deaver Constr. 662-2977, 665-0354.

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14s Plumbing/Heat
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Borger Hwy. 665-4392

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SEMRUDE — has an opening for Crude Oil Transport Drivers within the Texas Panhandle area. Requires Class A CDL, with endorsement. Excellent benefits are included. Please call Joe Critchlow at 806-681-2405 or 806-934-7505 for application.
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Immediate Openings REQUIREMENTS:
•CDL Class A & DOT Physical
•Hazmat Endorsement & Oilfield Exp. a plus
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BENEFITS:
•Monthly Safety Bonus
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•Uniforms
•4 days on & 2 days off
Apply in person at: D.E. Chase, Inc. 1445 S. Barnes Pampa, Tx. No phone calls!

21 Help Wanted

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WANTED: 2 CNA's for 11-7 shift, FT w/ benefits; PRN CNA. Positions are also avail. St. Ann's Nursing Home, Panhandle, Tx. 537-3194.

NEED part time and full time.

Must have dependable trans. DK Glass, 315 W. Foster, Pampa.
FT & PT Cashiers needed. Mr. Payroll. Must pass drug & background check. apply 309 N. Hobart, inside Allsup's.

50 Building Suppl.

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60 Household

\$128 QN mattress set, brand new never used with warranty, QN Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr., sell \$199, Full Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkgd, warr., sell \$169, Full size mattress set new, never used \$89, \$170 King mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, \$218 King Pillow top mattress set, brand new, still pkgd, warranty, Queen Cherry sleigh bed, new, still boxed, List \$750 sell \$350, new 7 pc QN cherry wood bdrm set w/sleigh bed, still boxed, sell \$999, new 7 pc QN Pinewood bdrm set w/4 poster bed, still boxed, \$999. Call 806-517-1050.

CNAs

2 pm-10 pm Shift. Must be TEXAS State Certified! EOE. Apply in person only at CORONADO HEALTHCARE CENTER, 1504 W. Kentucky Ave. Pampa, TX 79065

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NEW Name Brand. Mattress Sets 1 yr.-20 yr. warr.

All sizes, 40%-60% off Retail. 806-677-0400
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New cond. Cost \$2900, \$1200 obo. Call 806-669-1747.
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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-17 CRYPTOQUOTE

UPJQPK VGPB DX EJQG; NE
NM LPKM DX ZPWNM, XGR
LGRYH BMJX GRM JKH
XGRW HGV LGRYH VG NK.

— ZJWT MLJNK

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT IS BETTER TO DESERVE WITHOUT RECEIVING THAN TO RECEIVE WITHOUT DESERVING. — R.G. INGERSOLL

69 Misc.

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2 sofas \$15 ea., computer desk \$20, elec. stove \$175, elec. dryer \$100, gas heater \$25. 665-5923

69a Garage Sales

ESTATE Sale! LOTS of Stuff. Everything Must Go. 604 Gardenia. White Deer. Fri. & Sat. 9am-7

77 Livest./Equip.

SKIPPER W John, 3 yr. old gelding, grandson of Shouuff Cash / Goldseeker Bars. Broke well. Roping / dogging / barrel prospect. Can run. In Stuttgart, 806-595-0386.

80 Pets & Suppl.

REGISTERED tan/white Pekingnese (2 yr.) to give away. Perfect stud dog. Call 669-0012, 663-0595.

FREE puppies- mini Chihuahuas. Call 665-1335.

95 Furn. Apts.

2234 Christine 3-1-1 \$495
501 Magnolia 3-1-1/2-2 \$425
503 Magnolia 2-1-1 \$325
Details on Rental List in Gray Box by porch at 125 S. Houston. 665-7007.

3 bdr., condo 1 3/4 ba., w/d hookup, fpl., cathed. ceilings, sw. pool. Avail. Feb. 21, 1143 E. Harvest-er. 665-3788, 665-6936.

NICE 2 bdr. house, central heat, fenced backyard, 1 car detached gar. \$225 mo., dep. req. 806-669-6198 or 806-669-6323.

3 bdr., cent. heat & air, 400 N. Nelson. No more than 4 people. References. 669-2080, 440-1969

98 Furn. Apts.

1 bedroom, furnished, bills paid from \$200 mo. 520 N. Frost. Call 665-4842 or 662-3572.

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96 Unfurn. Apts.

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COUNTRY home, lease w/ option to buy. 3 bdr., 2 ba., 2 car gar., on 1 acre. 9 mi. west of Miami. Miami sch. dist. 806-335-9703.

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99 Stor. Bldgs.

TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

102 Bus. Rent. Prop.

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Twila Fisher
Century 21 Pampa Realty
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669-0007

3 bdr., carpeted, garage, fenced. Very clean. 321 Jean. Call 665-5276.

3/2, 2 liv. areas, sec. system, lrg. backyard, in Austin sch. area. 665-3278, 440-1342 for aptt.

BY Owner. 3 bdr., 1 ba., c h/a. Need work. \$18,000 cash or best offer. 665-2228 or 898-4227.

BY Owner. Very nice Duplex. 1014 & 1016 N. Dwight. Both sides, 3br., 2 ba., 2 car gar. \$125,000 OBO 664-3317, 662-9487

FOR sale by owner 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath austin school district call 6651110

PRICED to sell. 117 Walnut Dr., 5 yr. old 5-6 bdr., 2 1/2 ba., dbl gar. Master ba. w/jacuzzi, storm cellar, c h/a, \$150,000. 1012 E. Gordon, 2 bdr., lrg. livrm., din. rm., oak kit. cab. \$12,000. 595-0900

104 Lots

CITY Lot For Sale. \$2800. 723 Banks. Call 665-7777.

106 Coml. Property

2222 Perryton Parkway, Vacant Commercial Lot. Price Reduced by 1/2. C-21 Realtor, 665-4180.

112 Farms/Ranches

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115 Trailer Parks

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120 Autos

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Transport Drivers Needed

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If you are 25 yrs. of age or older, have a clean driving record, current Class A CDL w/HAZ Mat / Tanker and 2 yrs. driving experience, we would like to hear from you. All applicants must be able to pass drug and alcohol test. Background check will be performed.

Please call Phyllis or Trista at 432-339-0540 for more information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 18, 2005

You have the wherewithal to make this a very exciting year. Don't let someone else steal your glory. You have the ability to create what you want. What also might be important is accepting responsibility for positive and negative accomplishments. Your ability to learn and break past established thought patterns marks your thinking. Your thirst for knowledge will be close to impossible to quench. If you are single, carefully check out each person you might like to frolic with. You're up for romance and flirtation this year. You could also meet someone key to your life. Don't let this person slip away. If you are attached, relive some of your courtship days. GEMINI is a hoot.

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)

Take time to smell the flowers rather than race around full-speed ahead, not enjoying your life. Sometimes you take a lot for granted. Use the next month to review the past year and what might add to the quality of your life. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Aim for what you want most, no matter what realm of your life you are dealing with. If you ask for what you want, you are likely to have it tumble into your lap. Jump over any obstacles. Tonight: Join friends for munchies and a drink.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Use the morning to discover what is key to your well-being.

14h Gen. Serv.

IS your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in bricks or walls? Door won't close? Call Childers Brothers, Inc. Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo.

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR

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Mike Albus, 665-4774.

14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...it pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

TRUCK Drivers with Class A CDL needed.

Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd., Pampa.

HIRING Wait Staff, all shifts.

Must be able to work any shift. Apply in person. Apply Texas Rose

HEMPHILL County Hospital in Canadian, Tx. now taking appli. for Full-Time Reg. Nurse, for 7 a.m.-7 p.m. shift. Competitive Salary & Benefits. Contact: Tammye O'Neal @ 806-323-6422 ext. 231. May Fax resume to 806-323-8061. May also e-mail resume to tammye.oneal@hchd.dst.tx.us

Visualize and create what you ultimately want.

Community commitments and volunteering might play significant roles. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your energy builds to a peak this afternoon. Your determination and exuberance make you close to unstoppable. You glow as only a Moon Child can. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Use the daylight hours to achieve your most important goals. Review recent happenings more realistically. Sometimes you let others get away with a lot. In the next month, make it a point to schedule quality alone time. Tonight: Head for home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You swing from heavy responsibilities to a lot of fun. An afternoon meeting becomes a social event. Lunch could merge with happy hour. Don't complain about not getting this and that done; rather, let go and relish the moment. Tonight: Party the weekend in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You could be confused by what appears to be changeable. Just don't try to pigeonhole others. You like flexibility. Others appreciate the same. Your responsible attitude and understanding breed a nurturing atmosphere. Tonight: Out and about in the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You work well with individuals this morning. By the afternoon, your mind could be drifting to the weekend, tonight's plans or whatever knocks your socks off. Hop on the computer or phone. Finish what

you must. Tonight: Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a 22-year-old daughter who insists on wearing low-rise jeans. I have seen half her rear end at least five times, and I'm embarrassed for her. I have had to tell her every time. When I do, she acts mad at me for saying something. Last October, she squatted down to look in a box at a yard sale, and the poor elderly gentleman who was trying to assist her had quite a view. It was awful! I wish I had a camera so I could take a picture and blow it up to an 8-by-10 so she could see what everyone else is seeing. Believe me, this is no laughing matter.

This couldn't be the style -- to show off so much skin -- is it? Please, Abby, print this. Maybe my daughter will see your response. She says she doesn't care. How can that be? Where did I do wrong in rearing this one? -- BUMMED-OUT MOTHER, BRIGHTWOOD, VA.

DEAR MOTHER: You didn't go wrong; your daughter is a willing slave to fashion. It seems every generation has its own erogenous zone on display. Remember the lyric, "In olden days, a glimpse of stocking was looked on as something shocking. Now Heaven knows, anything goes!" In the '60s it was the thigh. In the '90s it was exposed navels adorned with gold rings. Today the fashion industry appears to have turned us into a nation of "crack addicts." The trend will end only when God grants us the gift to see ourselves as others see us -- in other words, "hindsight."

DEAR ABBY: I have just had an upsetting experience. I walked into my local public library this morning to find a man angrily confronting one of the librarians. I don't eavesdrop, but there was no way to miss what he was saying because he was shouting.

Apparently, when it was his turn to be helped, he was on his

cell phone and refused to hang up. She informed him that she would help the next person in line, and then help him when he had finished his conversation. Part of his problem, according to him, was that he was so involved with his cell phone call that he hadn't heard what the librarian said!

I don't feel that was the librarian's fault. I don't see why she and the other people in line should have been expected to wait for him to finish his call, and I certainly don't understand why he felt entitled to intimidate this woman. His anger upset me, and I wasn't even involved, so I can only imagine how she must have felt. She was visibly shaking after he left.

Isn't it time for some rules of conduct for cell phone use? -- COURTESY, PLEASE, IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

DEAR C.P.: It should not be necessary to have written rules of conduct for cell phone users. Common sense and basic good manners should apply. The librarian was within her rights to take the next person in line if the one in front of her was pre-occupied. And if the man was belligerent and intimidating, she was also within her rights to have a security guard escort him out.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this great-looking girl, "Marcy," for some time now. I'm completely attracted to her, except for one small thing. She has really bad shoulder acne.

We have discussed the issue, but we can't seem to determine the cause. Any suggestions? -- FRETIN' IN FRESNO

DEAR FRETIN': Absolutely. Marcy can resolve her problem by consulting a doctor who specializes in skin problems -- a dermatologist. Please encourage her to consult one.

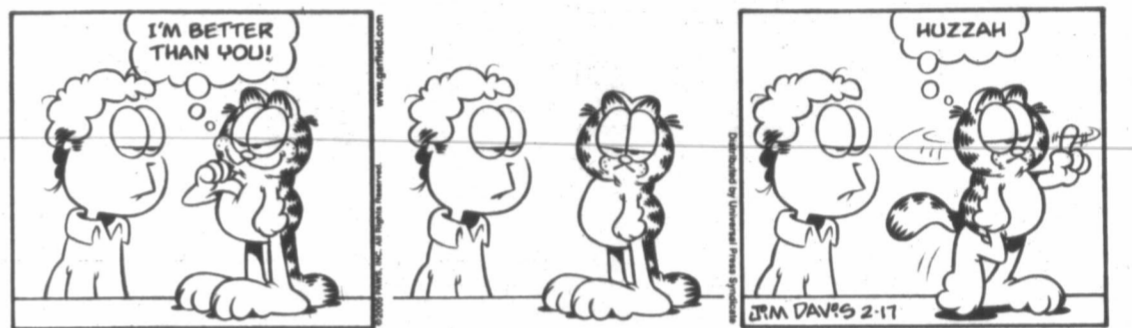
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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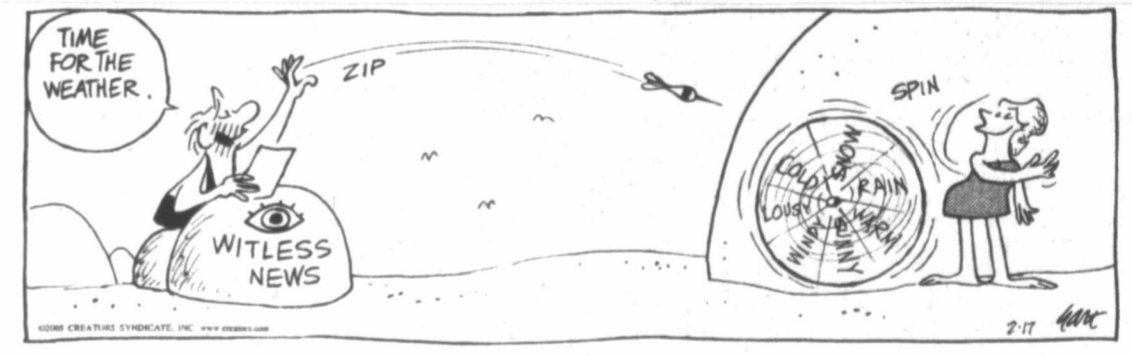
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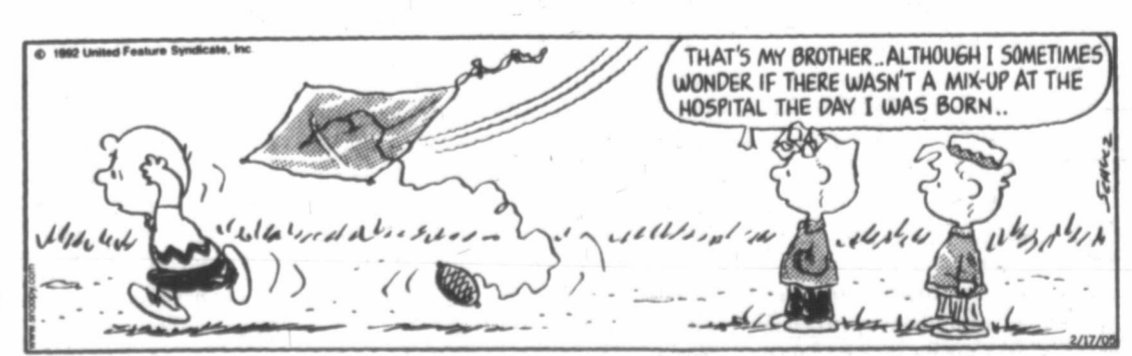
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