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Today's weather



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Deaths

Helen Locke Carter, 66, literacy volunteer.
Grover Grimes, 75, clinic director.
Betty Ann Hester, 71, homemaker.
Melvin Leroy Toten, 61, Pampa resident.
Lillie B. Holt, 92, services pending.

Signups

Pre-school, Headstart registration set April 8

The gymnasium at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson, will be the site of pre-school sign-ups. Registration will be conducted between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon and again between 1 and 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 8.

Children 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2005, are eligible for enrollment.

Parents or guardians must bring to the sign-ups the following materials and/or information:

- Court-issued (not hospital) birth certificate for the child;
- Child's shot record;
- Child's Social Security card;
- Documentation of disability (if applicable);
- Proof of any or all public assistance the family receives (Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, Chips, HUD, Tanf, WIC);
- Health insurance card (if applicable);
- CCMS documentation;
- Driver's license or ID of adult overseeing the enrollment; and
- Verification of family income (check stubs for two months; income tax records; a letter of income verification signed by employer; or a letter of support from individual providing financial/housing/food support for family with an estimate of the dollar amount).

School officials will also at this time be taking applications for the 3-year-old and Head Start programs at Community Day Care.

Spring snow blankets area

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

More than a half-foot of wet snow blanketing the area has left motorists stranded, law enforcement officers busy investigating wrecks and firefighters struggling to put out fires.

A moisture-laden spring storm swept into the Panhandle overnight, dumping wet snow throughout the area. Darrell Sehorn of KGRO-KOMX reported at press time that approximately six inches of snow had fallen so far, equivalent to a half-inch of rain.

At least another two inches is expected to fall tonight, forecasters say. The snow will turn into rain Wednesday morning as temperatures rise into the 40s. However, the snow may continue that evening as temperatures fall. If it does, less than one inch is expected.

At press time, five fire trucks and nine Pampa firefighters remained on the scene of a motor home fire that damaged two neighboring residences in the 1900 block of North Banks.

Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said that a 1980s model motor home was completely enveloped in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene about 10 a.m. this morning.

The owner, A.W. Calvert, who had recently returned from a trip to south Texas, had started the motor home's furnace this morning because of the



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Bobby Armstrong, a City of Pampa employee, works to clear snow from the sidewalk in front of City Hall early today.

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Auditor: County funds in 'strong position'

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Parsley's Sheet Metal & Roofing Company was chosen this morning by Gray County commissioners to repair the roof of White Deer Land Museum.

Bids were submitted by Parsley's and by Roof Spotters of Amarillo. Parsley's bid of \$12,375 will cover replacement of two skylights, removal of the current stone surface, and installment of a new roof surface, including new tar and paper. The re-roofing will include two small roofs in addition to the main structure.

Roof Spotters' bid did not include any work on the two small roofs, and would have allowed only for sweeping away loose stones, rather than

stripping off the current surface. Their bid also did not include replacing the two skylights. The Amarillo company's total bid was \$10,500.

"The current skylights are very old and would be hard to seal," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

A representative of Parsley's who was at this morning's meeting said the company would probably be able to begin work on the museum roof in about six weeks.

Commissioners were still discussing an external audit report at press time this morning.

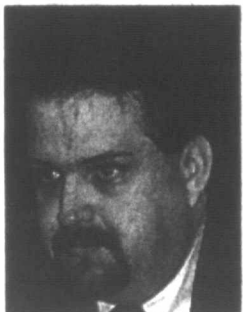
Cory Joiner, a manager with Doshier, Pickens & Francis, PC, cer-

tified public accountants, in Amarillo, attended this morning's meeting to present the report to commissioners.

Joiner said Gray County's fund balance as of Sept. 30, 2004, the date of the report, reflected "a very strong position" with funds to cover more than three months' worth of average expenses.

Joiner also praised the county's internal funds. He said the funded ratio of just over 90 percent placed the county in "absolutely phenomenal shape."

"Everything's in great shape. Your auditor's office does a wonderful job," Joiner said, referring to the office of County Auditor Elaine Morris.



Joiner

Commissioners accepted a \$100 bid on tax delinquent property at 737 Roberta. Taxes due on the property, a vacant lot, total \$701, and the property is valued at \$1,300. The bid was submitted by Doug Brown of Borger.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's report was approved. As of Feb. 28, the county had just over \$5,743,849 in total funds.

Bills totaling \$142,241.02 and payroll of \$208,401.81 were approved for payment.

Precinct 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis' 2004 racial profiling report was discussed and approved.

Commissioners recognized continuing education hours completed by Veteran's Service Officer Robert

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Snow halts testimony in trial today

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Heavy snow canceled testimony in the manslaughter trial of Jimmy Gawan Young today.

"Judge (Lee Waters) canceled today because of the weather," said District Attorney Lynn Switzer. "Depending on how it looks, the trial will begin again at 9 a.m. Wednesday."

Switzer said a jury of eight women and four men was seated about 2 p.m. Monday in 223rd Court here. Switzer was able to place one witness on the stand, and Young's defense attorney David Scott was in the cross examination process until about 5:15 p.m., she said.

"I anticipate this will go on the rest of the week," the DA said, adding that she had about 22 witnesses she expects to call to the stand.

Young is being tried on

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Enveloped by smoke, Pampa Firefighter Jerry Tomaschik washes down the sides of a garage at 1112 E. Francis as new flames ignite in the roof area.

Fire marshal: Kids playing ignite garage

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Children playing with fire caused approximately \$10,000 damage to a garage behind a residence in the 1100 block of East Francis Monday evening.

"It was started by kids," said Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens. He said a group of boys had built a club house inside the garage and started a fire like a camp fire inside the club house.

"They put it out before the left — they thought," Stevens said, "but then it rekindled."

Five fire trucks and eight firefighters responded to the fire call to 1112 E. Francis at 6:28 p.m. Monday. When firefighters arrived on the scene, flames were leaping up from the roof of the garage, said Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

A plume of black smoke from the fire rose over the east side of the city that could be seen for several miles east of Pampa.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

CARTER, Helen Elizabeth Locke — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Helen Elizabeth Locke Carter, 66

MIAMI, Texas — Helen Elizabeth Locke Carter, 66, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Miami. Services will be Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at 2 p.m. in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating.

Carter



Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Carter was a lifelong resident of Roberts County, born on May 17, 1938, and raised in a fourth generation pioneer family. She married local rancher Frank M. (Buster) Carter on Feb. 17,

1959. He died in 2002. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and received her B.A. degree in English from Texas Tech University in 1963. A longtime volunteer with the Friends of the Pampa Library and Roberts County Library Board, she participated in numerous programs, especially those involving adult literacy. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include one son, Locke Carter and wife Rebecca Rickly of Lubbock; one daughter, Susan Rhoades and husband Jerry Rhoades of Pampa; four grandchildren, Landon Carter and Ellis Carter, both of Lubbock, and Lindsay Rhoades and Tyler Rhoades, both of Pampa; one brother,

David Locke and wife Diana Locke of Miami, and their two children, Erin Locke and Mitchell Locke, both of Lubbock; and one aunt, Empress Signor of Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Carter in 2002, her father Ellis Locke in 1991, her mother Ouida Locke in 1968, and her stepmother Georgia Wells Locke in 1993.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity or to the Texas Tech Foundation, Inc., for the Helen Locke Carter Memorial Scholarship, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41034, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1034, (806) 742-0502, or at www.depts.ttu.edu/annual-giving/.

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

Melvin Leroy Toten, 61

Melvin Leroy Toten, 61, of Pampa, died Monday, March 14, 2005, at Amarillo. Memorial services are planned at a later date. Cremation and arrange-

ments are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Born Jan. 15, 1944, at Muleshoe, Mr. Toten had been a resident of Pampa for

approximately three years. Survivors include a brother, Bill Toten of Pampa; and a sister, Velma Louise Toten of Pampa.

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

Grover Grimes, 75

WICHITA, Kan. — Grover Grimes, 75, died Friday, March 11, 2005 in Wichita, Kan. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Grimes was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Forman, Ark. He

had been a resident of Wichita, Kan., for 30 years. He was a clinic director for New Chance Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Clinic. He was a Mason.

Survivors include one son, Grover Grimes, Jr., of Houston, Texas; one brother, Claude Porterfield of Derby, Kan.; four sisters, Vera Payne of Tulsa, Okla., Bobbie Lance of Weatherford, Texas, Mary Coble of Pampa, Texas, and Patsy Snyder of Tahlequah, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Clifford Porterfield, Jr.

The family will receive visitors between 6 and 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home in Pampa and requests memorials be to Volunteer Services at the V.A. Center, c/o Robert J. Dole Memorial Hospital, 5500 E. Kellogg, Wichita, Kan., 67218.

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

Betty Ann Hester, 71

Betty Ann Hester, 71, died Sunday, March 13, 2005, in Houston. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in Highland Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hester was born Dec. 7, 1933, in Morton. She married Troy Hester on Jan. 24, 1953, in Hominy, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. She was a member of Highland

Baptist Church. She worked for C.R. Anthony for 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Troy Hester, of the home; one son, Troy L. Hester of Austin; one daughter, Tonya Smith of Happy; one brother, R.B. Gladden of Claremore, Okla.; five grandchildren, and three

great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Memorials may be made to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas, 79065, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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



Hester

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, March 13

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. The theft involved a cell phone, steam cleaner and speakers worth an estimated \$269.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis. A window, valued at an estimated \$100, was broken.

Monday, March 14

Officers conducted 15 traffic stops; served, or attempted to serve, three warrants; checked one business alarm in the 900 block of North Hobart Street; provided three escorts, including two funeral escorts; and assisted the local fire department in the 1100 block of East Francis Avenue.

Americo Montes Rivera, 33, 1108 Sandlewood, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and for possession of marijuana under 2-ounces.

Noe Roe, Jr., 17, 312 Ward, was arrested on a capias pro fine for failure to give information.

A driver's license was reported missing. The Department of Public Safety was notified of a recovered ID.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. A vending machine reportedly sustained an estimated \$35

in damages. Stalking was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Verbal/domestic was reported in the 400 block of Pitts.

A civil matter was reported in the 1300 block of Charles.

An open door was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 800 block of South Banks.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Harassment was twice reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of Charles St., the 2200 block of Mary Ellen, and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. The report said a boat appeared to have been hit, that the trailer was partially in the street.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious persons reports were taken in the 100 block of North Cuyler, at Wilks and Farley streets, and in the 2800 block of Charles St.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of North Zimmers St.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Pitts.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

Saturday, March 12

2:36 p.m. — A 2002 Ford Escape, driven by Halei Leshea Skinner, 16, 2634 N. Chestnut, and a 2005 Buick Century, driven by Monica M. Leonard, 64, 413 Jupiter, collided in the 200 block of

East Harvester. Skinner was cited for backing without safety.

Monday, March 14

12 a.m. — An unknown vehicle collided with a parked 1976 Dilly Custom trailer, owned by Steve Thompson, 532 N. Dwight, in the 1200 block of West Montagu.

Sheriff

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

Monday, March 14

Curtis Lee Wine, Jr., 32, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Tuesday, March 15

Salvador Rodriguez, 27, 417 N. Faulkner, was arrested for expired registration and no valid driver's license.

Fire

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

Monday, March 14

9:24 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart on a call for medical assistance.

3:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

6:28 p.m. — Five units and eight firefighters responded to the 1100 block of East Francis on a structure fire.

10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1900 block of North Christy on a carbon monoxide check. An alarm was malfunctioning.

Ambulance

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

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Soybeans	5.80	Williams	18.89	+0.29
		MCD	32.84	-0.12
		Atmos	28.11	-0.01
		Pioneer Nat	43.59	+0.26
		JCP	48.49	-0.39
		COP	106.96	+0.66
		SLB	73.50	+0.54
		Tenneco	15.48	+0.23
		CVX	59.39	+0.45
		Wal-Mart	51.54	+0.24
		OKE	30.77	-0.07
		NS Grp	31.82	+0.32

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

OXY	72.73	+0.33
BP PLC ADR	65.20	+0.55
Cabot Corp	35.23	-0.12
Cabot Oil Gas	53.32	+0.32
Coca Cola	42.56	+0.22
VLO	68.07	+0.60
HAL	43.04	+1.04
TRI	44.77	-0.04
KMI	79.95	+0.67
XCEL	17.74	+0.11

New York Gold	440.92
Silver	7.36
West Texas Crude	54.95

First State Bank of Miami and the Pampa Branch will be closing at noon on Wednesday, March 16, 2005

We will be re-opening at regular business hours on Thursday, March 17, 2005

Lillie B. Holt, 92

Lillie B. Holt, 92, of Pampa, died Monday, March 14, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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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.



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.

Greenspan renews call to reform Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan issued a fresh call to Congress Tuesday to move promptly to put Social Security on firm financial footing, warning that doing nothing would lead to massive budget deficits and cause the "economy to stagnate or worse."

Greenspan, in prepared remarks to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, said the looming retirement of 78 million baby boomers will put a huge strain on the Depression-era retirement program and aggravate the country's already bloated budget deficits.

"Unless the trend is reversed, at some point these deficits would cause the economy to stagnate or worse," Greenspan said.

Greenspan once again endorsed a key part of President Bush's Social Security overhaul — to set up private investment accounts. He said Congress needed to do other things to fix the retirement program's financing problems.

Congress will need to consider possible benefit cuts and higher tax rates before the baby boomers begin retiring, Greenspan suggested yet again.

He cautioned that "closing the gap solely with rising tax

'Unless the trend is reversed, at some point these deficits would cause the economy to stagnate or worse.'

— Alan Greenspan
Federal Reserve chairman

rates would be problematic" because the high level of taxation that would be required could by itself "severely inhibit economic growth."

Greenspan again found himself in the middle of an issue that has raised partisan hackles on Capitol Hill. Bush has been traveling the country frequently to sell his Social Security overhaul plan, although various polls have shown a lukewarm reaction among the public to the idea of personal savings accounts for younger workers. Democrats have vehemently opposed his plan, although they have not offered a unified party counterproposal, and some Republicans who are up for re-election in 2006 are nervous about Bush's push for Social Security changes.

The Fed chief said

Tuesday that unless growth in the Social Security as well as the Medicare programs is restrained, these programs will require more and more government resources. Spending on these programs will rise from about 8 percent of the total economy currently to about 13 percent by 2030, he said.

"These projections make clear that the federal budget is on an unsustainable path" in which large budget deficits will push up interest rates, Greenspan said.

The government last year produced a deficit of \$412 billion, a record in dollar terms.

The president's plan to revamp Social Security would allow workers to divert a chunk of their payroll taxes into personal investment accounts.

The accounts by themselves won't fix the solvency of the retirement program, but they raise the specter of increasing savings, which is extremely low.

County

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Dixon, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, and

County Court Coordinator Sandra Martin.

All names except Sheriff Don Copeland's were removed from the Sheriff Office Civil Process checking account, and Shelly McCarn's name was added

to the account.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley and Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley were both absent at this morning's meeting due to illness.

Fire

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east of Pampa. Pampa police closed off

the 1100 block of Francis while firefighters laid water lines from a nearby fire hydrant. Neighbors and onlookers crowded the area.

Capt. Keith Fischer said firefighters were able to quickly control the blaze, however a booster truck

returned to the scene to spray foam on the fire area.

The roof and rear of the building sustained the bulk of the fire damage, with some damage to the contents of the building, he said.

Snow

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cold, Stevens said. "The heater malfunctioned and caught the motor home on fire," the fire marshal said. Heat from the motor

home blaze spread to the Calvert's house at 1909 N. Banks, and smoke and heat also damaged the neighboring house, south of the motor home, at 1905 N. Banks, Stevens said.

No one was injured in the fire, he said.

Law enforcement officers were called to the scene of a four-vehicle collision on

Loop 171 this morning. Further details were not available by press time.

Officers on Interstate 40 are working numerous roll-overs and accidents involving vehicles that had slid into ditches. Officers were also seeking a woman who was six months pregnant who was reportedly stranded in a ditch at press time.

Trial

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manslaughter charges in connection with the April 3, 2003, death of Tracy Rena Williams. The charges are enhanced to a first-degree felony because of a prior

conviction.

If convicted, Young faces five to 99 years to life in prison.

Five persons have been charged with deadly conduct with a firearm after Williams' death.

On that April evening about 6 p.m., Pampa police, responding to a call of a shooting, found Williams,

32, lying in the driveway at 1040 S. Huff Road. She was pronounced dead at Pampa Regional Medical Center about 30 minutes later by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. Curfman said Williams had suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest.

said Cpl. Max Geron, a Dallas police spokesman. The gunman was believed to have two accomplices with him, police told WFAA-TV.

The shootings happened about 2 a.m. Tuesday just inside the University Park community on the southbound frontage road of U.S. 75, near the Southern Methodist University campus.

A police officer stopped for the light at the intersection witnessed the shootings and stopped to help when the second car crashed next to a former Mrs Baird's Bread factory, Geron said. Police policy prohibited the officer from pursuing the fleeing vehicle because he already had a prisoner from an unrelated case in his back seat, Geron said.

Record

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Monday, March 14 9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Foster and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

A mobile ICU unit, at an unlisted time, responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA, Amarillo.

3:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900

block of Lynn.

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

A mobile ICU unit, at an unlisted time, responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Anthrax in two mail rooms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators are trying to learn why sensors at two military mail facilities in the Washington area detected signs of anthrax on two pieces of mail.

They are not sure whether the discoveries are signs of an attack.

The two pieces of mail, the origins of which were not provided, had been irradiated, so officials believed any anthrax in them was inert when they triggered alarms at the two mail facilities on Monday.

Additional tests and other sensors at the two facilities, one of them at the Pentagon and the other nearby, found no presence of the bacteria, which can be used as a biological weapon. There were no initial reports of illness.

The Pentagon's mail delivery site, which is separate from the main Pentagon building, was evacuated and shut down Monday after sensors triggered an alarm around 10:30 a.m., spokesman Glenn Flood said. It was expected to remain closed until at least Tuesday while the investigation continued.

It was not clear when sensors at the second Defense Department mailroom were triggered. Pentagon officials said only that a nearby satellite mail facility was closed.

But firefighters in nearby Fairfax County, Va., reported that a military mailroom in the Bailey's Crossroads business district a few miles from the Pentagon had been shut down after a hazardous material was detected, and no one was allowed to leave that building.

Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell said mail at both facilities had been irradiated before arriving at either one. The radiation treatment should kill any anthrax

bacteria, but sensors would still be able to detect it.

She had no information about the origin of the two pieces of mail.

About 175 people work at the Pentagon's mail facility, and an additional 100 may have been in contact with deliveries for the Pentagon, officials said.

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Viewpoints

Is Ashley Smith lucky, smart or brave?

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The 26-year-old resident of Duluth, Ga., kept her cool for seven hours while a fugitive from justice took refuge in her apartment northeast of Atlanta.

This fugitive, Brian Nichols, was being tried in Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta for charges which included rape and false imprisonment of his ex-girlfriend.

Last Friday, Nichols reportedly killed four people and attacked at least four more within 24 hours of his escape from the courthouse.

The first victim was the 51-year-old grandmother who, in her work as a sheriff's deputy, was leading Nichols, 33, to the

courtroom.

This woman was alone with Nichols, who is 6'1" and weighs 210 pounds. She was slammed into a cell wall and hospitalized for a brain injury and facial fractures.

Her gun was taken. Next, the judge hearing Nichols' case, along with a court reporter, were shot in the courtroom.

Another deputy was the next victim, dying of multiple shots to the abdomen, received on a nearby street.

A journalist was next, the victim of a pistol-whipping.

By now it was nighttime. But the violence wasn't over.

A couple reportedly got into a scuffle with Nichols when he tried to rob them. They were lucky. He

ran away.

The next victim wasn't so lucky. A U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agent was shot and killed.

Others were victims, too, although they did not suffer such physical violence. Several were held for a time as

hostages, and others had possessions, including vehicles and clothing, stolen from them.

Those who suffered violent attacks were victims in other ways, too. The agent's truck was stolen. The journalist's jacket was taken. Two guns were taken,

one from the deputy with head injuries and the other from a deputy who had been held hostage.

By 2:30 a.m., Nichols had made it to Duluth, northeast of Atlanta, where he soon forced his way at gunpoint into Smith's apartment, according to media

reports.

There he stayed for the rest of the night and half the next morning, until she was able to call for help.

During those hours of captivity, Smith said she showed Nichols family photos and read to him. She cooked breakfast for him,

and they watched televised coverage of the manhunt for him.

She said she followed him in her vehicle when he left to hide the stolen truck he'd been driving, and then brought him back to her apartment.

She told him about her deceased husband, who'd died in her arms four years earlier after being stabbed. She told him about her 5-year-old daughter, who was thankfully at a relative's home.

But mostly Smith talked to Nichols, she said, in an attempt to gain his trust. It must have worked, because he let her leave her apartment alone to go to a 10 a.m. visit with her daughter.

She called 911 after leav-

ing the apartment, and a SWAT team responded, after which Nichols reportedly surrendered without a struggle.

Why wasn't Smith killed? Why wasn't she hurt? So many others had been hurt or killed. Did Nichols just get tired of all the violence, or was he biding his time?

Some may wonder if Smith told the whole story of her hours of captivity. Some may question whether she is worthy of being listed with the "good guys."

For example, she said that at one point, Nichols took a shower and then changed into men's clothing which was in her apartment. Does this indicate loose morals?

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Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 15, the 74th day of 2005. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States,

Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided

'We're all in this together — by ourselves.'

Lily Tomlin
Comedian

German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

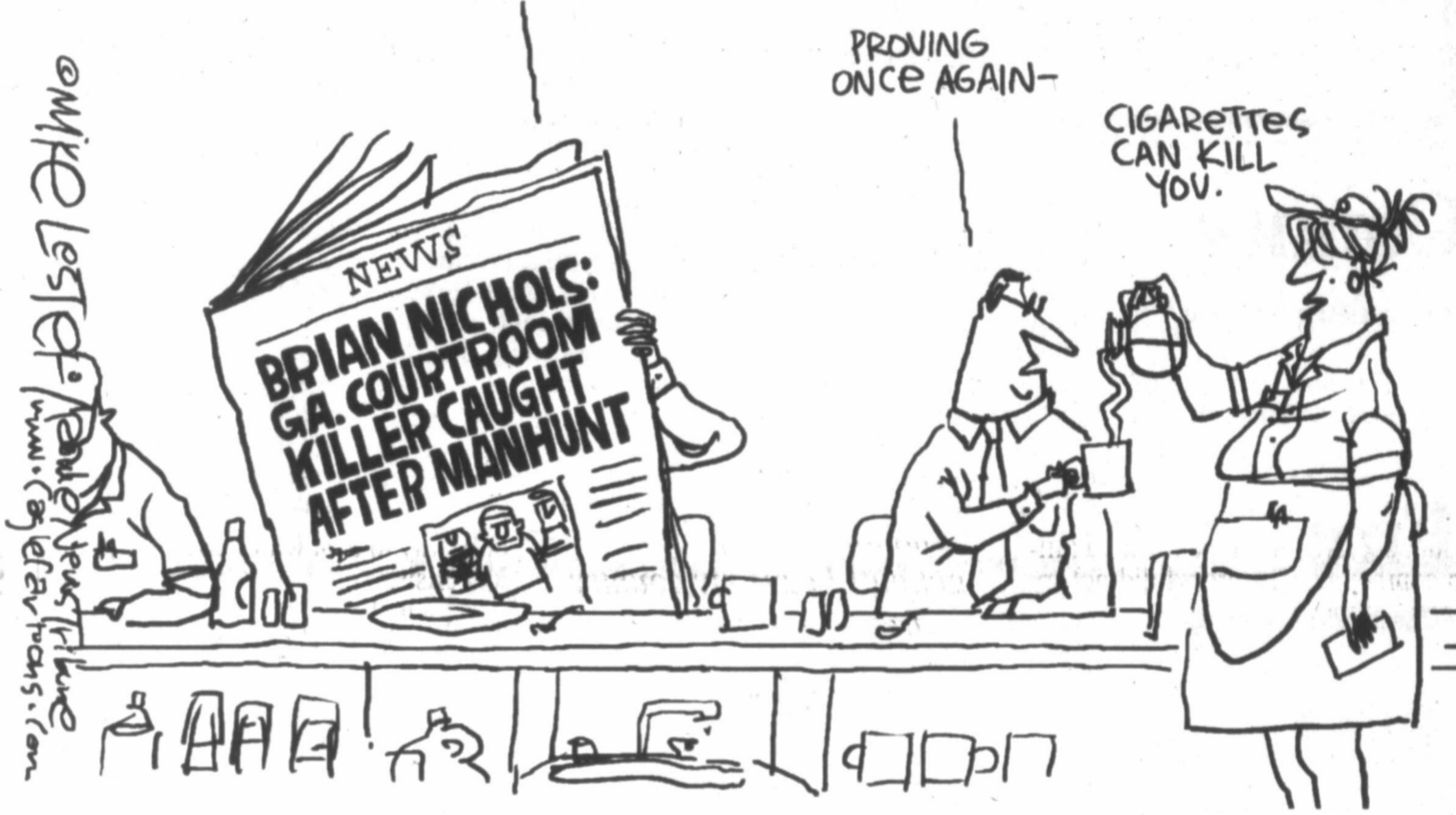
Ten years ago: President Clinton issued an executive order formally blocking a \$1 billion contract between Conoco and Iran to develop a huge offshore oil tract in the Persian Gulf.

Five years ago: Their presidential nominations secured, Al Gore and George W. Bush dug in for the eight-month battle to Election Day, with Bush saying he was braced for Gore's "politics of personal destruction and distortions," and Gore arguing that Bush's "risky tax scheme" would hurt the economy. TV funnyman Durward Kirby died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 88.

One year ago: Ten days after being convicted in a stock scandal, Martha Stewart resigned from the board of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to the Caribbean from African exile after winning temporary asylum in Jamaica. A drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, killed four American missionaries.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Carl Smith is 78. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 73. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 72. Jazz musician Cecil Taylor is 72. Actor Judd Hirsch is 70. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 65.

"ASHLEY SMITH WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE AFTER GOING OUT FOR A PACK OF CIGARETTES AT 2:00 A.M..."



Social Security vital federal program

It may be obvious to say that Social Security is one of the most important programs in the federal government. But, it is also true. Millions of people rely on Social Security for at least a portion of their retirement income. Millions more new retirees will begin receiving Social Security benefits in the very near future.

What is also obvious is that Social Security is in trouble. We cannot pretend that there is not a problem. The system is going broke and we must do something soon to fix it.

How best to fix the problem is the question. Finding the right answer is going to take some time and careful consideration. At the present time, I am not committed to vote for or against any par-

ticular plan. Although there are some proposals that sound good in theory, I learned a long time ago that details are important.

Let me share a few things that demonstrate why the solvency of Social Security is in jeopardy. In 2008, the first of the Baby Boom generation will begin to retire. By 2018, Social Security will no longer be receiving enough revenue from payroll taxes to cover the cost of the benefits being paid out. How has this happened? Essentially, it is because our population is changing.

One change is that we are

enjoying longer life spans. Thanks to modern medicine and better health habits, people are living longer. That is great news, but we must recognize that the length of time individual retirees will draw Social Security is also increasing.

Another change is that there has been a decline in our nation's birth rate since the Baby Boom era. That translates into fewer workers paying the Social Security taxes that fund the benefits for all of those retirees.

When you combine huge numbers of the Baby Boom generation living longer (and receiving benefits longer)

with the lower birth rate, the math looks bad for the future of Social Security. For example, in the very early years of the program, there were more than 40 workers paying into the system for every one retiree receiving benefits. Today, the ratio is down to 3.3 to 1 and dropping.

We need to come up with a good plan to keep Social Security fiscally sound for the generations to come. For those of you currently receiving benefits, or about to start getting them, nothing will change. Every proposal that I have heard of makes it plain that people who are already retired or nearing retirement will not be affected. But, for the rest of us, every year we delay doing

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Rep. Mac Thornberry

Guest Columnist



Asbestos lawsuits clogging court dockets

It's a simple principle: If you're sick, you deserve your day in court.

But that's not been the history of asbestos litigation in the United States. Court dockets remain clogged with lawsuits from people who have been exposed to asbestos but aren't sick, a practice that diverts dollars and court attention from those who really need help.

A bill from state Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, could change that for the better. His measure would set medical standards to determine whether a person has an illness or impairment from asbestos exposure. Only if a case meets certain medical

standards will it be allowed into Texas courts. A person whose case doesn't meet the standards now won't be shut out entirely. That person will be able to file a lawsuit if he or she later becomes ill.

It's a smart, commonsense reform. About 40 percent of asbestos claims in the United States are in Texas courts, the result of creative venue-shopping. Moreover, a Rand Institute study estimates that up to 90 percent of asbestos claimants do not suffer from

any physical impairment from asbestos-related disease.

These cases not only are hurting legitimate victims, but also are driving scores of businesses into financial ruin. In 2003, more than 200,000 new claims were filed in courts across the country, many against companies whose only misstep is that they used asbestos in their buildings years ago.

Ideally, Congress should put the brakes on this mess,

but it has repeatedly deadlocked on the issue. The latest attempt by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., would remove cases from the courts, create a \$140 billion asbestos compensation fund to pay victims and shield businesses from future asbestos-related litigation. Yet the measure is bogged down with complaints from both Democrats and Republicans, and it's not clear whether Congress will find a consensus soon.

That shouldn't stop Texas lawmakers from doing what is right and fair. The Texas measure will stop the legal lottery and provide help to those who need it most.

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Friday Fun Night



Friday Fun Night, a children's ministry event at First Baptist Church, is open to children in grades one through five. Friday Fun Night includes food, game rooms, praise songs, Bible stories, crafts, a movie and more. Above, left-right: Katelynn Peters, Shay Shook, Jade Mundell, Katie Holmes and Ryan Mundell eating hot dogs during Friday Fun Night.

World news

Pro-Syrian protesters march on U.S. embassy; military intelligence vacates office in Beirut

By **BASSEM MROUE**
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — About 2,000 pro-Syria demonstrators denouncing what they said was American interference in Lebanon marched toward the U.S. Embassy in a Beirut suburb Tuesday, and scores of riot police and soldiers used barbed wire to block the approaches to the compound.

The protesters, waving Lebanese flags and chanting, "Ambassador get out! Leave my country free!" stopped at the barbed wire blocking the road about 500 yards from the fortified hilltop compound. The crowd did not try to break through.

A day earlier, hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the capital in the largest anti-Syrian protests yet since international pressure on Damascus to withdraw its troops has intensified.

Pro-Syrian groups have blamed the United States for pressuring Syria into deciding to withdraw its 14,000 troops from Lebanon. They also reject a U.S.-sponsored U.N. Security Council resolution demanding that Syria withdraw and dismantle militias, a reference to the militant Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah.

Also Tuesday, Syrian military intelligence agents vacated an office in Beirut, hauling furniture into three trucks protected by Lebanese police. A policeman at the scene said some Syrian agents have already left and the others were on their way out.

A resident said about 20 agents left

in a van and a car earlier Tuesday.

Syrian agents remained at their main office for the Lebanese capital, located at Ramlet el-Baida on the edge of the city.

A main demand of the Lebanese opposition has been the evacuation of Syrian intelligence officers, a widely resented arm through which Damascus controlled many aspects of Lebanese life.

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Despite Syria's troop withdrawal last week from northern and central Lebanon to eastern positions closer to the border, most intelligence offices remain. Intelligence agents closed offices in two northern towns and dismantled two checkpoints in the area.

Workers removed a giant portrait of Syrian President Bashar Assad that used to hang near Beirut's seafarers' corniche. About two dozen Lebanese arrived later at the scene waving their country's flags.

Syrian laborers have been attacked, and a bust of the late Syrian President Hafez Assad was vandalized recently amid rising anti-Syrian sentiment sparked by the Feb. 14 assassination of former premier Rafik Hariri.

Pro-Syrian Prime Minister-designate Omar Karami began consultations Tuesday to form a Cabinet. He has been in caretaker capacity since Feb. 28 when he was forced to quit under popular pressure. He was reappointed to the job by President Emile Lahoud 10 days later.

Karami hopes to form a national unity government, which he said is the only way to deal with Lebanon's political crisis.

Karami began his day by meeting former prime ministers before heading to the parliament building in downtown Beirut, where he met Speaker Nabih Berri and later began talks with legislators. He, as well as pro-government groups, have called for a national unity government while the opposition demands a neutral Cabinet that could oversee the investigation into Hariri's assassination and prepare for parliamentary elections in April and May.

"The only way to face these difficulties, complications and rescue the country is a national unity government. This is what we are seeking and this is what we will do. If we can, then that is good and if not we will deal with it later," Karami said before beginning his meetings with legislators.

Smith

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No mention was made of a husband. Did she do anything for Nichols besides talk and cook breakfast?

According to news reports of the manhunt, Smith's daughter lives with an aunt. Why?

Nichols reportedly forced his way into Smith's apartment when she returned from a 2:30 a.m. jaunt to buy cigarettes. How many women go out alone at that hour with a manhunt under way for a person accused of killing, injuring, holding hostage, or stealing from at least 15 people?

Smith's less than sterling qualities and decisions, if any, are not the issue, however. Ultimately, what matters is that she stayed alive and brought about the capture of a dangerous, murderous escapee.

She must be lucky, smart and brave.

System

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something about Social Security increases the cost of solving the problem by \$600 billion.

As you consider what you would like to see done to strengthen Social Security, I urge you to do your own study. There will be plenty of advocacy groups and fundraising organizations putting out all sorts of information. Unfortunately, some of what you hear may be exaggerations and distortions.

Before I will agree to any plan, I want to hear from you — the people of the 13th District. Your

opinions mean more to me than what anyone else, including any other elected official, has to say. Very soon, I will begin conducting a series of town hall meetings across our area. But whether you attend a meeting or write a letter, I appreciate your honest, constructive suggestions.

I also want you to know that you do not have to give money to any group or individual in order to let me know your thoughts about Social Security. You can always contact me through one of the addresses or telephone numbers listed below.

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• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The

TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., March 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** with Mike Porter will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059. Please bring snacks.

• **Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood** will present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of best-selling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may

be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.

• **BSA Hospice will sponsor** a grief education and support group for adults every Tuesday for six consecutive weeks starting March 22. The group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. at the hospice facility at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The program is free of charge to participants from Pampa and the surrounding area. Hospice officials recommend individuals wait approximately two to three months after the death of a loved one before attending the group. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

• **The Ochiltree County Extension Office** has announced a grain sorghum meeting Tuesday, March 22, at the Ochiltree Co. Expo Center in Perryton. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Topics will include Dryland Sorghum Management, Sorghum Insect Management, Sorghum Irrigation and Ochiltree Hybrid Trials followed by a Texas Grain Sorghum

Producers update. A noon meal will be provided attendees at no charge. The meeting will be worth two CEUs. For more information, call Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.

• **The Women's Center of the Don** and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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THE AMAZING BABE

From track and field events to golf to bowling to basketball, Babe Didrikson-Zaharias proved that women can excel in sports. Meet this sports legend on today's Kid Scoop.

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly.

Babe said that one reason for her succes was lots and lots of practace. When trayning for the Olympics, she practiced at least three hours every day.

Is there something your would like to get really good at? A sport? Playing a musical instrument?

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INDIVIDUALITY

The Sporting Life

Babe Didrikson Zaharias is considered one of the greatest athletes of the last century. Few, if any, have matched her achievements in this new century.

How many of each style of marble can you find on this page?

Babe was born on June 26, 1911. When she was young, most little girls did not participate in sports. Babe loved sports. In her lifetime she was

an Olympic gold medalist in track and field, an All-American basketball player, a champion golfer, and an extraordinary baseball player, swimmer, bowler, diver, tennis player and even the marble champion of second grade!

COMMITMENT

Hedge Hurdles

When the news of the 1928 Olympic Games filled the papers, Babe decided to begin training right away. Babe practiced hurdles and high jumps by soaring over seven hedges alongside her street. When one of the hedges was a bit too high, she asked the people who lived there to cut it down to the right size — and they did!



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

USGA Offers FREE Booklet about Babe: Would you like to know more about Babe? Email DNormoyle@USGA.org and ask for a free copy of the U.S. Golf Association's booklet for kids "Character of a Champion."

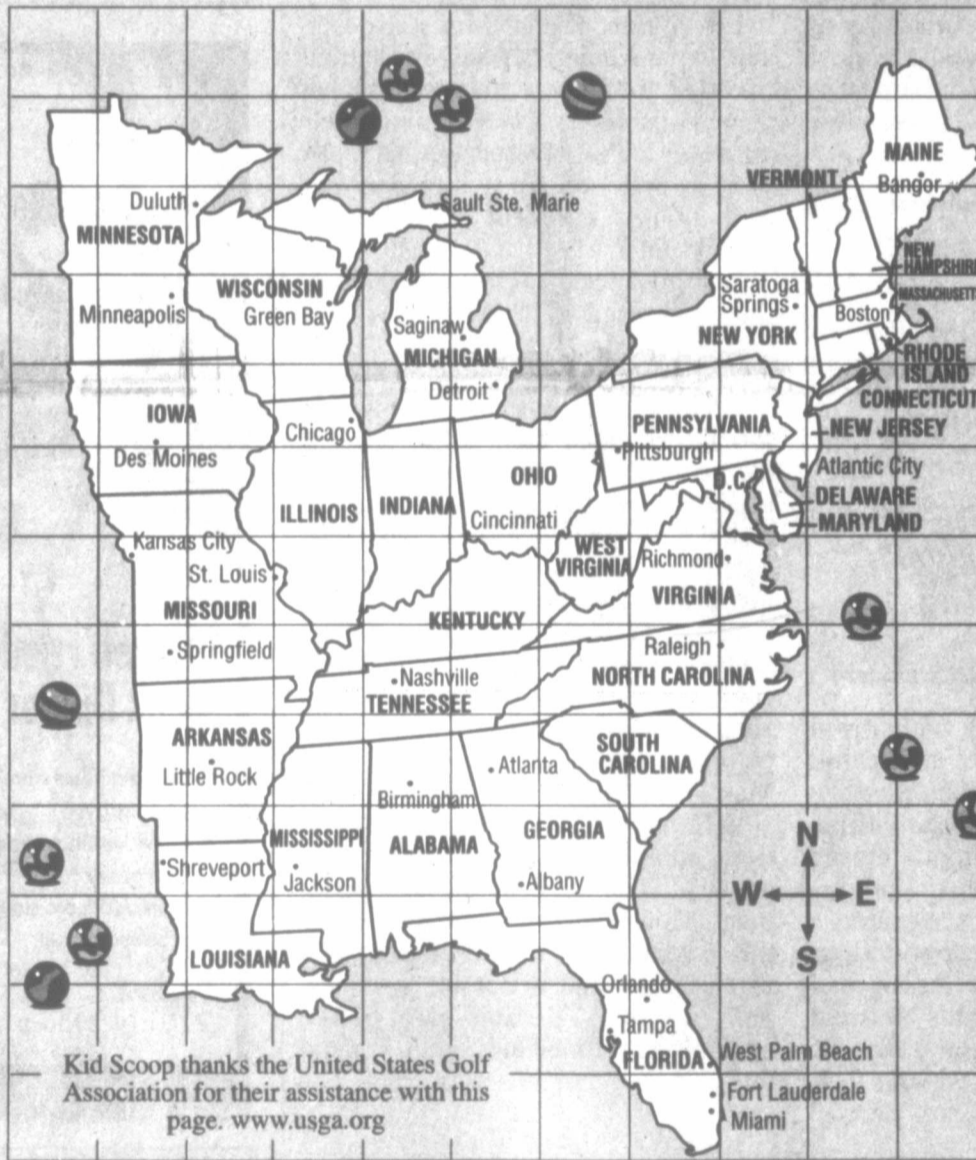
PERSEVERANCE

Baseball Babe

In the summer of 1934, Babe played 200 baseball games as she traveled the country with an all-male team called, the House of David. Babe was their star pitcher.

Use the clues to find the names of four cities where Babe played baseball with the House of David team.

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to locate information.



CLUE 1:

Find Fort Lauderdale, FL on the map. Move 1 square west. Next, move 9 squares north. Then move 2 squares to the east. What city is located in that square?

CLUE 2:

Start in the square where the city you found in Clue 1 is located. Move 3 squares west. Next move 1 square south. Which city is located in that square?

CLUE 3:

From the final square in Clue 2, move 2 squares south. Next move 2 squares west. Then move 2 squares north. Which city is located in that square?

CLUE 4:

From the final square in Clue 3, move 2 squares west. Next move 1 square north. Which city is located in that square?

Extra! Extra!

Just Like Babe

Babe was a woman of commitment, discipline, perseverance and determination. Find examples of people with those same character traits in today's newspaper.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

DETERMINATION

Babe the Golfer

Babe played her first game of golf when she was in Los Angeles for the 1932 Games. She took to the game at once.

Where does each word belong?

GOLFER

However, Babe's entry into a Texas state golf championship was rejected at first.

AMATEUR

Some _____ in the Texas Women's Golf Association complained about Babe's lack of social standing.

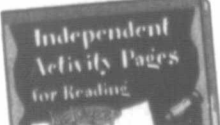
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But Babe was determined to be a _____. For several years she played exhibition games until she was finally permitted to play in _____ tournaments. The first year, 1946-47, she won 13 tournaments in a row. Babe would go on to _____ 113 golf tournaments.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand the importance of individual action and character.



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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

What a Character! Kindness is ...



... being a friend to someone who feels left out.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **LONGEVITY**
 The word *longevity* means something that lasts a long time.

The 100-year-old man said his longevity was due to avoiding junk food.

Use the word *longevity* in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Famous Fun

Babe's athletic talent and quick wit often made headlines in the newspaper. Select headlines from today's newspaper and rewrite them so they convey the opposite meaning.

Standards Link: Writing Strategies: Use descriptive words when writing.



Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

ANSWER: In case he got a hole in one.

Write On!

Wonderful Woman

Who is a woman you admire? The woman can be a historical figure, book character or living person.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In 2000, I won full custody of my two children, a boy, 12, and a girl, "Dallas," who is now 14.

I have done everything I could to raise them both with good morals and provide them with a good education.

A few weeks ago, Dallas confided in me that she's attracted to girls, and has a long-distance relationship with a girl in a different state. It came as a shock, but I have tried to understand so that she doesn't feel bad about it. I'm hoping this is just a phase she's going through and that it will pass -- but if it doesn't, I'll do my best to deal with it.

My problem is that Dallas insists on letting everyone know about her orientation. She even wears jewelry with the rainbow colors. I keep trying to make her understand that this is HER business, and it's not something she should make public, but she responds by asking me if I'm ashamed of her. (I always reply, "Of course not.")

Am I wrong by telling her that? What's the correct way to deal with this? -- **CONFUSED PARENT**, ARLINGTON, VA.

DEAR CONFUSED: It is a compliment to you that your daughter trusts you enough to be open with you about her sexual orientation. Many gay teens -- and younger children -- are so afraid they'll disappoint their parents by disclosing they are "different" that they don't talk about it.

What your daughter needs right now is to know that you love and approve of her. You must be doing something right, because she is assured enough about who she is that she feels safe being open about it. Congratulations on that.

It is extremely important that you come to terms with your own feelings about homosexuality. It is not uncommon for the parents of a gay child to feel guilt or shame, when in truth, it has nothing to do with the quality of their parenting and everything to do with genetics.

Your wisest move at this point would be to contact PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and join one of its many support groups. Once you do, you will find it enormously helpful. Contact it by calling (202) 467-8180, or check the Web site at www.pflag.org.

I have recently learned about another helpful resource for parents of younger children who exhibit gender-variant behavior and interests. It's the Children's National Medical Center, which offers a booklet titled "If You Are Concerned About Your Child's Gender Behaviors." It can be downloaded from www.dchildrens.com/gender-variance in either English or Spanish. It can also be ordered by writing CNMC, 111 Michigan Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010.

In addition to the booklet, the Children's National Medical Center's outreach program provides clinical mental health services and referrals to other knowledgeable professionals, a free monthly support group for parents and children, an online discussion group for parents, and a Web page with information for both parents and professionals.

DEAR ABBY: Please alert other dog lovers about something our family learned this week after spending hundreds of dollars at an emergency veterinary clinic: Dogs can become seriously ill or die from eating grapes, raisins, onions and garlic.

Our darling puppy may have permanent kidney damage because, in our ignorance, we left a bowl of grapes on the dinner table. I hope other families will read this and keep their pets safe. Thanks for spreading the word. **GERMAN SHEPHERD MOM**, THORNTON, COLO.

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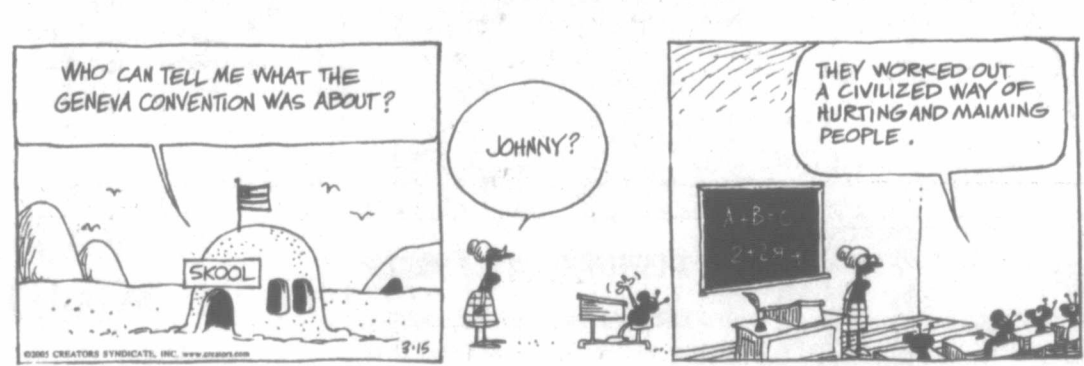
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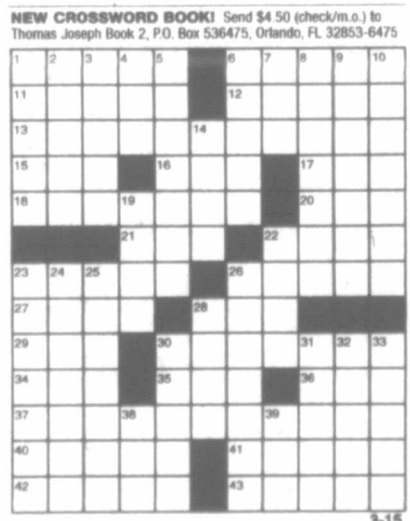
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Potter County Commissioners consider legal action against Dillas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

To sue or not to sue, that is the question Potter County commissioners are asking themselves. They voted 4-0 Monday to seek action against the Amarillo Dillas baseball organization for not keeping Potter County Memorial Stadium in operating order. Specifically, for not winterizing the stadium and allowing electrical problems to go unchecked.

According to Facilities Director Mike Head, the estimated cost of completing those immediate repairs is in

the neighborhood of \$109,151. He said an additional \$10,590 would be needed to take care of the electrical repairs. Head also suggested he may be able to trim those costs back some.

Though some officials believe it may be necessary to take action against the Dillas, a few wonder if it would do any good. County Attorney Scott Brumley says the first thing to do is decide if there is proper cause to allow action to be taken — and, will they really get anything if they do and win. Brumley hints that the Dillas may be on the verge of insolvency.

Commissioner Manny Perez says it

is the commissioner's fault the stadium has fallen into such disrepair. Perez argues commissioners should have kept better tabs on the teams that have leased the stadium over the years. An argument some would agree with.

New tenant, Ace Baseball Academy, has agreed to make \$12,000 worth of repairs each year for five years. An Ace spokesperson says he believes the county will allow them to take over as soon as officials believe the stadium is in good operating condition. Ace plans to bring baseball back to Amarillo by June.



Stokes soars

Pampa's Kendall Stokes is captured in mid-air during the Triple Jump competition of this past weekend's track meet. Stokes finished first in the event.

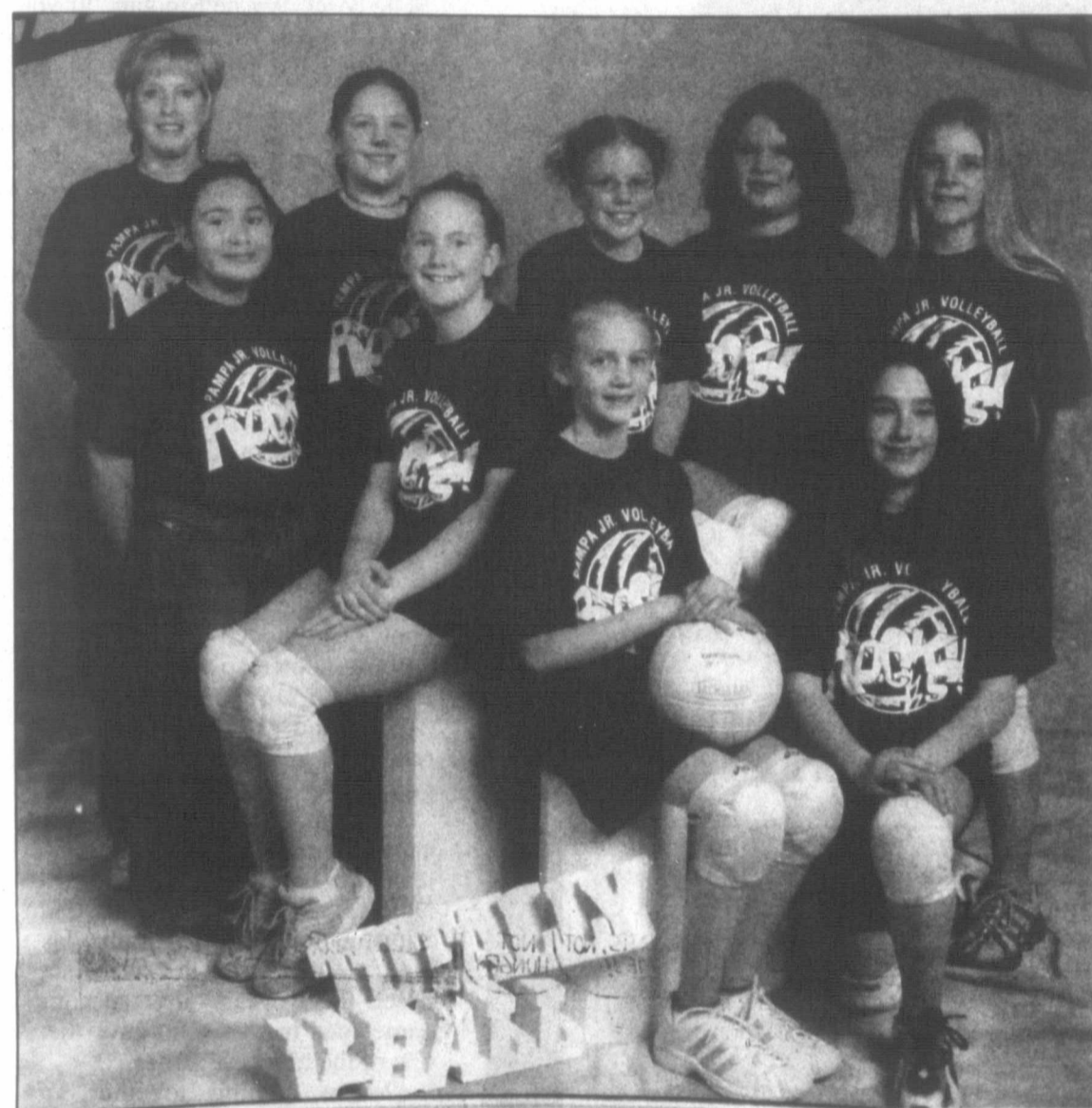


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Team effort

Coached by Velma Earl, the Pampa 5th and 6th grade Junior Volley Ball League maroon team finished in first place during the regular season. The team then went on to win the tournament. Picture from left to right are, back row- Coach Earl, Brittany Clark, Miranda Patterson, Laci Hernandez and Kylee Wyatt. Front row- Victoria Saiz, Erica Blaine, Kailyn Troxell and Taryn Eubank.

Pampa JV girls outlast Borger, 9-8

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the first, courtesy of a Pampa error, 2BB, a double and a single. Borger would add two more runs in the second. In fact, the Lady Harvesters would be held scoreless until the third inning when they got two runners across the plate. Tamara Trevathan walked and stole second. Kali Jimenez got a hit to knock Trevathan in. Jimenez was later sent home by way of a ground out from Angela Mechelay.

Pampa would score five more times in the fourth. Kambra Jimenez was hit by a pitch and later scored off a single by Kenzi Nickell. Halie Skinner also crossed the plate thanks to a single by Trevathan. Maggie Hopkins brought Nickell home with a single, and would later score herself on a pass ball.

Borger would get one more score in the Lady Bulldog half of the fourth.

Pampa ended its scoring in the sixth with one more runner finding home.

Jasmaine Moore was credited with the win, improving her record to 4-1-1. Pampa improves to 6-1-1 on the season.

Skinner led the Lady Harvesters in hits with three. Hopkins had two. Nickell, Trevathan, Kali Jimenez and Jamie Perguson each had one hit on the afternoon.

Rockets' win streak goes on

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — When Golden State erased Houston's 18-point second-half lead, it looked as if the Rockets' perfect West Coast trip might be in jeopardy.

Then Tracy McGrady hit a tiebreaking jumper and the Rockets made their free throws in the closing moments to wrap up an unbeaten four-game swing, 97-94 over the weary Warriors on Monday night.

"It's a great road trip," McGrady said. "Many teams in this league can't say they went out west and won four in a row. It's hard to win in this league and it's hard to win on the road."

McGrady had 20 points,

seven rebounds and four assists and Juwan Howard added 18 points and seven rebounds before leaving with a sprained right knee late in Houston's fifth straight victory. This is the team's second-longest winning streak of the season behind an eight-game run from Jan. 31-Feb. 15.

The Rockets led by 14 heading into the final quarter, then held off a remarkable rally by Golden State in the waning moments.

Mickael Pietrus hit back-to-back 3-pointers to pull the Warriors to 79-74 with 7:37 left. Zarko Cabarkapa then made consecutive 3s that got it to 87-83 with 4:49 left. Pietrus tied it with a four-

point play at 2:56, but McGrady hit a jumper on the other end.

Yao Ming made two free throws with 49 seconds left and David Wesley hit two with 10 seconds remaining. Baron Davis made a layup

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Big 12 coaches hopeful of getting to the Final Four

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After saying all season they play in just about the toughest conference in the country, Big 12 coaches have found a couple of high-profile supporters — the selection committees of the NCAA and NIT tournaments.

Led by NCAA No. 2 seed Oklahoma State, the Big 12 has eight teams preparing for the post-season — six in the NCAA and two in the NIT. The only other conference with six NCAA entries is the Big East.

"Six doesn't surprise me at all," said Kansas coach Bill Self. "I thought if Texas A&M had won a couple of more, they could have got in."

The greatly improved Aggies of Texas A&M and Big 12 coach of the

year Billy Gillispie are in the NIT hosting Clemson on Wednesday. Also in the NIT is Missouri.

The Tigers host DePaul on Tuesday at the brand new Mizzou Arena.

The only Big 12 teams sitting home are Baylor, Nebraska, Colorado and a disappointed Kansas State.

Seeing Missouri in the NIT must be particularly galling to the Wildcats (17-12) since they swept the Tigers (16-16) in their season series and had a better record. "I am disappointed for our players

and coaches with the NIT's decision not to select Kansas State," coach

Jim Wooldridge said in a statement. "We certainly felt that we earned our way into the tournament. We had been playing our best basketball of the season, winning four of our last six games, with both losses coming to Big 12 co-champion Kansas.

"We had a successful season. Unfortunately, the NIT did not select a good team in Kansas State."

In the main event, do all six Big 12 teams in the NCAA tournament

have a chance to make it to the Final Four?

"I definitely think they could," Gillispie said. "There's not an easy bracket. But I definitely think they can. Our league plays as good a defense as anybody in the country, we take care of the ball as well as anyone.

"The coaching of those teams in there is something else. I wouldn't be surprised to see a couple of (Big 12) teams make it to the Final Four. You have to be lucky."

Oklahoma State, the conference tournament champ, is the highest Big 12 seed and will play Southeast Louisiana on Friday. The No. 3 seed Jayhawks will join the Cowboys for their first-round games in Oklahoma City, opening against

Bucknell.

Texas Tech, which played a tough game against Oklahoma State in the Big 12 tournament finals on Sunday, will have a quick turnaround. The Red Raiders must play on Thursday as the No. 6 seed against UCLA in Tucson, Ariz.

Oklahoma, which tied Kansas for the regular-season championship, is at Tucson on Thursday as a No. 3 seed facing Niagara.

Texas, which fought through a series of injuries, is seeded No. 8 and will play on Thursday against Nevada.

The lowest seed from the Big 12 had to make the biggest rally to get there. Iowa State, which lost its first five league games and then won six in a row, including victories on four straight weekends over ranked teams, is a No. 9 seed and will play Minnesota on Friday.

"I've said all year that our conference top-to-bottom might be the strongest in the country," said Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan. "If you go 12 schools vs. 12 schools top to bottom, we'd prevail most of the time."

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moments later, then Wesley converted two more free throws. Pietrus missed a long 3 at the buzzer.

The Warriors got a huge boost off the bench from Cabarkapa, who added career highs of 26 points, 10 rebounds and 32 minutes. His five 3-pointers also were a career best.

"I need to show everybody that I can play the game," he said. "I know I can shoot 3-pointers. I was a 3-point shooter, so tonight I made a lot of them."

Yao had 14 points and 15 rebounds, and Wesley added 16 points.

Houston's previous four wins came against four of the best five teams in the Western Conference: Dallas, Seattle, Phoenix and Sacramento. But it was the last-place Warriors — they were supposed to be weary after an eight-game road trip — who gave them one of the toughest games.

"We're coming together and playing really well," Yao said. "We've prepared thoroughly to play these tough teams. To come out like this is great, but we still have a lot of tough games ahead of us."

Howard went down hard after teammate Mike James fell backward into his knee while guarding Cabarkapa. Howard was on the floor for several minutes before being helped off the court by two teammates.

'We've prepared thoroughly to play these tough teams.'

— Yao Ming

He grimaced in pain as he left. He left the arena on crutches and was scheduled to be evaluated by team doctors Tuesday morning.

Houston swept a West Coast trip of three or more games for the first time since winning five straight from March 4-11, 1997 — against the Los Angeles Clippers, Golden State, Los Angeles Lakers, Dallas and San Antonio.

Troy Murphy had 24 points and nine rebounds for the cold-shooting Warriors, who at times showed signs of fatigue after returning from the grueling eight-game, 13-day trip that covered 6,951 miles.

Davis, acquired in a trade with New Orleans on Feb. 24, was in the Warriors' starting lineup for the first time, playing in place of the injured Mike Dunleavy. Dunleavy and forward Calbert Cheaney both were sidelined with sprained right ankles.

But Davis, Jason Richardson and Derek Fisher started the game 3-for-27 — Davis 1-for-8, Richardson 2-for-10 and Fisher 0-for-9. Richardson finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. Fisher was scoreless, 0-for-10 from the field.

Davis had eight points on 2-for-12 shooting and seven assists.

"It's not an easy team to finish against," Davis said. "It was frustrating. I looked like I was out of place. It was tough to get my legs going and have enough energy to contribute the way I wanted to."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Expenses might occur, but you have the ability to handle the costs by putting in overtime or perhaps assuming more responsibility. A boss might have many great ideas but might not be able to give good instructions. Tonight: Expenses soar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are in the right place at

the right time. Your personality melts others' resistance. Use your creativity, intellect and personality to empower your actions and relationships. Your popularity soars. Your mind experiments with new ideas. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Take your time making decisions. A situation surrounds your personal and domestic life. Evaluate more carefully changes that involve key life issues while you can. Assume greater control of your life. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zoom in with that magnetic energy that you so often exude. Others inspire you, but you also know how to inspire them. Speak and share more. You could be surprised at the optimism that bubbles forth. Make what you want possible. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You assume more responsibility than you have in a long time. Understand that often your efficiency creates more work for you. If there is something you have always wanted to do, either involving your work or daily life, now is the time. Tonight: Discuss your dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You naturally say and do the right thing. Don't hold back; be spontaneous. Information you get puts a smile on your face. A loved one or child might not be as together as you would like. Tonight: Buy tickets to a concert or rent a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ A partner is on top of an issue that heads your way. You might want to rethink a decision because of what this person shares with you. The situation might not be as clear as you would like

it to be. You also might be holding back information. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others make suggestions that work for you. Meetings, networking and people in general help you realize key goals. You feel good. Your intuition works overtime. Use your imagination. Add your unique touch. Tonight: Go along with a friend's or loved one's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your ability to identify what needs to be done emerges. Others approve of and appreciate your efforts. An acknowledgment, promotion or pay raise will head your way in the next few months. Be careful with funds today. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your excitement is contagious. Your ideas and dreams are well received. Your creativity flourishes, attracting many to you. If you are single, a romantic scenario is highlighted. If you are attached, why not add some of the old spice to your bond? Tonight: Dinner with music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your mind drifts to personal matters. An investment that might involve a partner could prove to be extremely lucrative. Discuss the part you play financially. Listen to a family member or roommate who clearly cares. Tonight: Happy at home.

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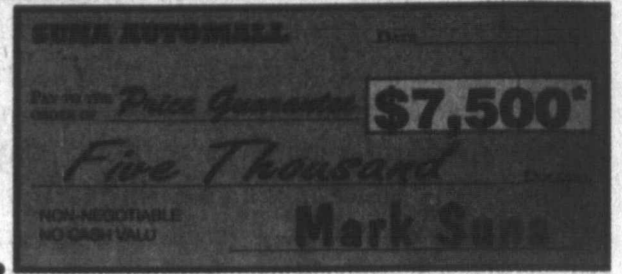
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