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Wildfire lawsuit draws stunned response from Cano

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Jeff Johnson, Cano Petroleum Chairman and CEO, said Tuesday he was stunned and disappointed that Cano and three of its subsidiaries have been sued by the Burnett Trust, owners of the Four Sixes Ranch.

The suit was filed April 10 in 31st District Court by Joseph and Judy Hutchison of Miami, according to a report in the Amarillo Globe-News on April 14. It claims that a wildfire on the ranch on March 12 that

destroyed 13,000 acres was caused by equipment for which Cano was responsible.

"We don't understand it," Johnson said in a press release. "It looks like they want to fight fires with lawsuits. Our focus has been on protecting the land and the people during this extraordinary drought. Over the past four months, hundreds of grass fires in the Texas Panhandle have been blamed on careless cigarette disposal, fireworks, trash burning, and even arson. The claims in this law-

suit are an unbelievable stretch."

The lawsuit alleges that equipment was neglected and that the companies did not correct fire hazards when they knew there was a high fire risk.

The Hutchisons allege the fire that spread to their property caused the couple damage and irreparable harm.

"Such negligence on the part of the defendants in failing to properly monitor oil and gas operations and inspect and secure the equipment and electrical supply sources ... con-

stituted negligence and was a proximate cause of the extensive losses sustained by the plaintiffs," according to the lawsuit.

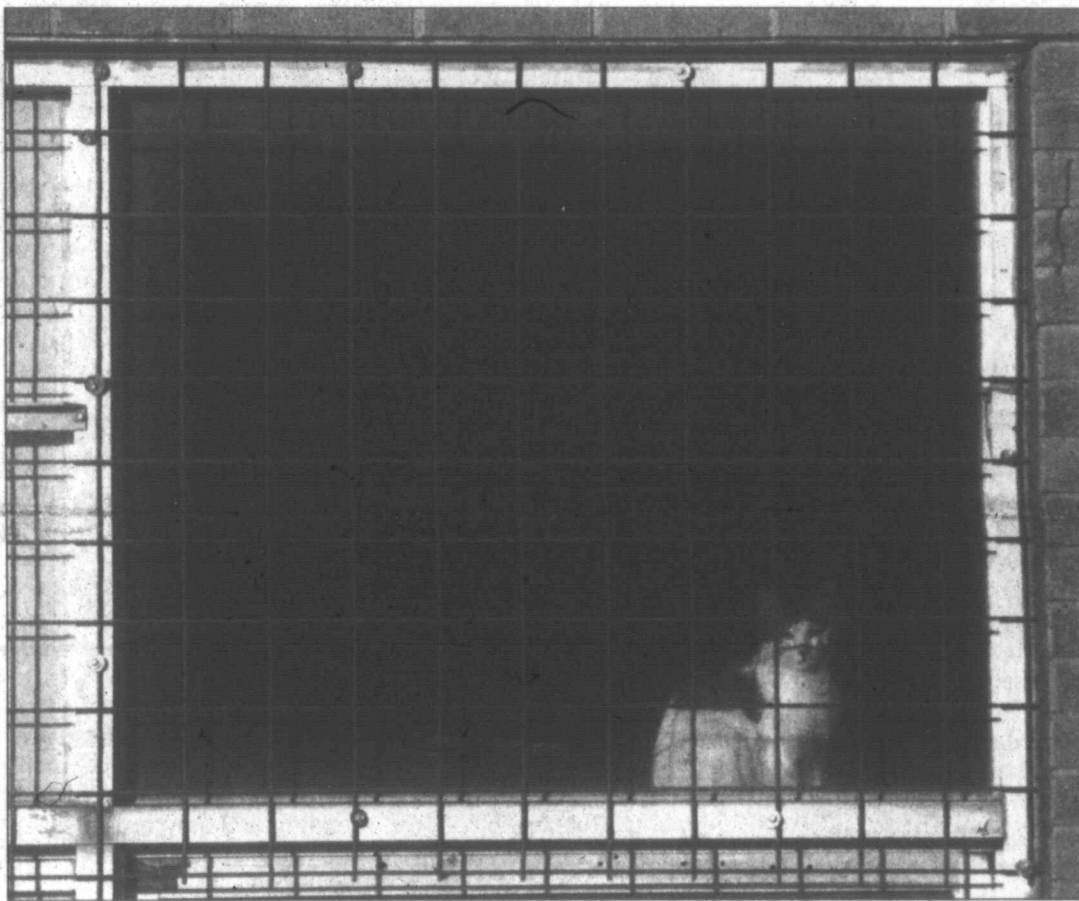
Johnson noted that the suit was filed only days after the fire started and before any state or federal agency issued a report that identified possible causes of the fires.

"The legal blame game has begun, even without the facts," Johnson

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A cat soaks up the warm sunshine recently in a window on Russell. The forecast for the next few days is for cooler temperatures and a chance of rain on Thursday.

2 from Perryton busted for drugs

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Residents' calls concerning erratic driving led to the arrest of two Perryton men Monday evening for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.

The first call was received by Pampa Police Department at about 9:30 p.m., said Lt. Fred Courtney in a news release. The caller said that a red Chevrolet pickup was driving erratically and had turned north onto Hobart Street from Highway 60.

A second call was also received concerning the pickup, according to police records.

Officer Neal Gardner responded to the calls and found the pickup, with two occupants, at 25th and Perryton Parkway.

"Officer Gardner clocked the speed of the truck at 56 miles per hour on Hobart," Courtney said in the release.

The pickup stopped in the 100 block of West 27th Avenue.

"Just before the truck came to a stop, Gardner saw a white bag being thrown out of the passenger window," Courtney said.

Officer Casey Ingersoll arrived to assist in the stop.

"Not taking any chances on how the subjects might react, the officers conducted a 'felony traffic stop' on the truck. This procedure is designed to protect both the officers and the subjects by removing the subjects from the truck one at a time through a series of verbal commands," Courtney said.

The officers secured the subjects and retrieved the bag which Gardner had observed being thrown from the truck.

"The tossed bag contained a white powdery substance

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Public hearing scheduled for PISD school calendar

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District's 2006-2007 school calendar will be among items on which the district's board of education will take action at their 6 p.m. meeting Thursday.

The proposed PISD calendar includes a begin date of Aug. 15, which requires a public notice and public hearing since state law requires that public schools begin the school year the week of Aug. 21.

Two public hearings on the pro-

posed calendar were included in the board's February and March meetings. A third and final public hearing on the proposed calendar will be at Thursday's meeting, before board members vote on the calendar.

If the proposed 2006-2007 calendar is approved by the board, the district will request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to begin the year on Aug. 15.

PISD is also requesting three other waivers for 2006-2007.

The Staff Development Waiver will allow the school district to oper-

ate with less than 180 days of instruction during the school year if the missed teaching days are devoted to staff development. The proposed calendar for PISD provides 178 instructional days, with two days of additional staff development.

An Early Release Waiver allows for up to six student early release days from instruction if the remainder of the day is devoted to staff development. No specific early release days are planned for the upcoming year, but training and a shortage of substitutes may require

early release.

A third waiver allows students who are not being tested during a TAKS test to begin their school day after the test has been administered and to be counted as present for funding purposes.

Other action items on Thursday's agenda are two budget amendments, one for the purchase of a rotary mower; employment of professional personnel; approval of an engagement letter for assessment of school facilities; and a lease for a broadband
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Former Pampa man pleased to be in NY Times

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

A former Pampa man received quite a surprise recently when he was featured in the New York Times.

In a letter to his aunt, Ethel Johnson of Pampa, Frank Stallings of Highland Heights, Ky., said he had switched his Medicare to another insurance company because he

wanted something that would fit him better.

A few weeks later, the insurance representative called and said The New York Times was looking for someone who had switched from one insurance company to another, and would be interested in talking to them about his reasons for changing.

"Of course, I would love to do

that," he said.

Several days later, a Times reporter called and got information he needed, and a Times photographer took some photos.

About a week later, a friend told him the picture was in the Times, in color, and was on the Internet.

"That was too much to wait for, so I rushed to Barnes & Noble, bought a copy of the paper, immedi-

ately looked for the first page of the Business Section and wow! There I was, in color," he said.

Stallings is a former Pampa resident, Johnson said.

"He worked at The Pampa News as a linotype operator when he was in high school," she said.

Stallings is a retired English professor who taught at the University of Texas.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

CROWNOVER, Jeanne Hollis — 11 a.m., St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Dallas.
PUTMAN, Mattie Mae — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.

Chrystle H. Attaway, 92

Chrystle H. Attaway, 92, of Pampa, Texas, died April 18, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Attaway was born March 25, 1914, in Bluff City, Kan., to Harrison Clinton Parker and Pearl Parker. She married Arthur (Art) Crow in 1930, and he preceded her in death in 1958. She later married Lester Attaway in 1960 in Amarillo, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 2001.

She was a secretary for the Pampa Independent School District for 26 years. She was a member of the Barrett Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Bud Crow and wife Barbie of Pampa; one daughter,

D'Rene Beets of Amarillo; one stepson, Lloyd Attaway and wife Kathy of Lowe, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Betty Caviness and husband Stan of Yucaipa, Calif.; one brother, John Leroy Parker of Jacksonville, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106, or the National Parkinson Foundation, inc., 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Rd., Miami FL 33136-1494.

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

Jeanne Hollis Crowover

Jeanne Hollis Crowover born in Pampa, Texas, August 25, 1930, and a long time resident of Dallas, Texas, passed away April 14, 2006. Jeanne married James D. Crowover in 1951 and had four children, Gail, John, Suzy, and

Chris. Preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lillie Hollis, Jeanne is survived by her husband James D. Crowover; her brother, Leonard Hollis; her children and their families; Gail and Ian Glen, son Stephen; John and Chris Crowover, daughters Katy, Kim, Michele; Suzy Crowover, sons Ryan and Russell; Jane and Conner Helms, daughters Taylor and Chandler.



Crowover

Jeanne was an accomplished artist, tennis player, loved to travel and unselfishly gave her time to the community as a volunteer to several organizations. Among her favorites were delivering teddy bears to children for CASA, working at North Dallas Shared Ministries, tending to the needs of her church, St. Matthias, of which she was a charter member. Jeanne made everyone feel special. Her vibrant personality and abundant energy will be missed by all that knew her.

A service will be held Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 3460 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas 75234. In lieu of flowers, Jeanne preferred donations be made to St. Matthias Church or North Dallas Shared Ministries, 2875 Merrell Rd. Dallas, TX 75229.

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Patricia L. Kieth, 66

Patricia L. Kieth, 66, of Pampa, died April 18, 2006, at Amarillo.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kieth was born Nov. 22, 1939, at Wheeler. She married Kenneth Kieth on June 6, 1959, at Pampa.

Mrs. Kieth, a homemaker and a Baptist, moved to

Pampa in 1959. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Bertha Thomas; and a grandchild.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Kieth, of the home; three daughters, Kim Dunham of Pampa, Terri Kitchens of New Castle, Colo., and Tamie Reames of Channing; a son, Kevin Kieth of Pampa; a sister, Sandy Nelms of Yukon, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren.

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Richard Don Musgrave, 51

Richard Don Musgrave, 51, of Pampa, died April 17,

2006, at Rosenberg. Services are pending.

Mattie Mae Putman, 83

SKELLYTOWN, Texas — Mattie Mae Putman, 83, of Skellytown, died April 17, 2006, at Spearman, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Skellytown with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Putman was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Honey Grove, Texas. She married B.C. "Pete" Putman on June 24, 1946, in Vernon. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1986. She had been a resident of Skellytown since 1950.

She was a homemaker and she owned and operated the Corner Cafe in Skellytown for five years. She was also

employed in the cafeteria for the Skellytown Elementary School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown and a member of the Texaco Retirees Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Swearingin of Skellytown; two sons, Terry Putman and wife Susan of Amarillo and Ronny Putman and wife Vicky of Farnsworth; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond Stanley and Kenneth Putman; four brothers; two sisters; and one grandson, Monte Mitchell.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

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



Putman

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1900 block of North Grape.

A harassment complaint was received from the 1800 block of Beech.

Disorderly conduct calls were received from the 2400 block of North Charles, the 300 block of North Davis, the 900 block of East Francis, the intersection of Kentucky and Perry, the 2600 block of North Evergreen and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Escort service calls were received from the 800 block of West 23rd and the 2800 block of North Charles.

A criminal mischief call

was received from the 600 block of North Nelson where a driver's side window valued at \$50 was broken.

Violation of city ordinance calls were reported in the 400 block of North Wells and the 800 block of North Duncan.

Civil matters were recorded from the 1000 block of Sierra, the 600 block of North Christy, the 2200 block of North Nelson, and in the police department lobby.

Assaults were reported in the 2100 block of North Wells, the 1000 block of South Faulkner and two reports were received in the police department lobby.

A sexual assault was reported in the 400 block of North Gray.

A welfare check was made in the 500 block of

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West Oklahoma. Thefts were reported in the police department lobby and the 1800 block of North Sumner. Agency assistance was provided in the 800 block of East Craven, and the intersection of 18th and Duncan. A fraud report was received from the 1000 block of South Banks. Warrant service was attempted at one location. A 911 hangup call was received from the 800 block of South Hobart. An accident was reported in the police department lobby. One burglary was reported in the 1000 block of East Francis. A terroristic threat was reported in the 700 block of East Francis.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Tuesday, April 18** Robert Brewer, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of burglary of a building. John Brown Griffith, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of indecency with a child. Kermit Hartley, 37, of Pampa was arrested by

GCSO on charges of violation of probation - evading with a vehicle and bond forfeiture - theft. Tommy Carver, 49, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on seven capias pro fines. Erick Chennault, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by GCSO on violation of probation DWI. Mario Villalon, 24, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a warrant from Ochiltree County for possession of marijuana. Porin Deangelo Banner, 21, unknown city and state, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a warrant from Maricopa County, Ariz., for aggravated robbery. Jayson Calfy, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on charges of theft and burglary of a vehicle.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, April 18** 11:28 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of North Starkweather. Call was a false alarm. **Wednesday, April 19** 6:32 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, April 18** 8:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie. No transport. 1:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 2:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Craven and transported a patient to PRMC. 7:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC. **Wednesday, April 19** 1:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC. 3:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility. 6:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Aletary Grain of White Deer.

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

OXY	102.03	-0.63
BP PLC ADR	74.93	-0.15
Cabot Corp	34.39	+0.26
Celanese	21.06	+0.18
Cabot Oil Gas	51.58	-1.08
Coca Cola	41.71	+0.41
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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 67. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South-southeast wind around 10 mph. Thursday: Increasing clouds, with a high near 69. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 47. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind around 10 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 80. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 56. Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 78. Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Drugs

Continued from Page 1 that field tested positive for cocaine," Courtney said. The weight of the cocaine in the bag was 28.9 gross grams, he said. A white powdery substance was found by officers on the seats. The seats also tested positive for cocaine, Courtney said. "An empty 18 pack of beer, a full 18 pack of beer and a bottle of tequila were also found inside the truck," Courtney said. The occupants of the truck were identified as Jose Angel Palacios, 18, and Felipe Omar Palacios, 20, both of the same Perryton address. Each was booked into Gray County Jail at 9:40 p.m. Monday and charged with manufacture or delivery of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. The charge is a first-degree felony punishable by a term from five to 99 years, and a fine of up to \$10,000. Bond on the two was set at \$50,000 each and both remained in jail as of press time today. "The Pampa Police Department would like to thank the citizens that became involved. The community and the police are a team. This incident shows what happens when we work together," Courtney said.

Lawsuit

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said. "Presumably, state and federal investigators will also examine the origin of the 10 fires at Four Sixes that preceded the March blazes." Cano and its subsidiaries have spent the past 30 days focusing on getting things back to normal for their

employees, and Panhandle production is presently 95 percent of normal operations, according to Johnson. "Texans, especially the folks in the Panhandle, suspect that the real cause of the tragic fires that occurred in March is Mother Nature," Johnson said. "We have been too dry for too long. Litigation that blames some other cause is, quite frankly, a sad situation and a rush to judgment."

Edward Hennessy, a Houston attorney who represents the Hutchisons, said he plans to prove a pattern of negligence that predated the fires, according to the Globe-News report. Hennessy said other lawsuits may be in the works. "We're just scratching the surface now," he said. "We have enough information to believe that we need to go forward and get something working on this."

PISD

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wireless tower at Harvester Field. The engagement letter for assessment of school facilities concerns a complete engineering assessment of all school facilities. The assessment will be used as the basis for a master plan and decision to renovate or build new facilities. Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. of Lubbock will perform the assessment at a cost of \$48,759. Projected completion of the assessment is May 15, with a master plan completed by July 6.

The proposed purchase of a rotary mower for \$26,820.10 would use funds left over in the 2006 athletic budget, and the mower would be used on PISD athletic fields. The other budget amendment concerns provision for payment of the facilities assessment. A representative of Clearwire, a broadband wireless Internet company, will be at Thursday's meeting to present a proposal and answer questions concerning the company's leasing one of the stadium light poles at the Pampa High School football field for a tower. The tower would be three to five feet tall, and would require that power and a

telephone line be run to the pole. Clearwire wishes to lease a 7' x 7' space for \$500 per month. Other items on Thursday's agenda include declaration of unopposed candidates, consideration of bids for football equipment, sale of delinquent tax property at 514 and 516 S. Barnes, work on PHS soccer fields and possible sale of the Sam Houston and Baker Elementary campuses. No candidates filed to run against incumbents Lee Porter, Place 4, and Charles Smith, Place 5, in the May 13 school board election. As a result, the election was canceled and the two candidates will serve another term on the board.

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Viewpoints

True servants have many bosses but only one master

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves. Do not merely look out for your own personal interests but also on the interest of others" Phil 2:3-4

My grandmother taught me that one of the most powerful decisions that we can make in our lives is to do something for someone who lacks resources to return the favor.

Despite her fixed income,

she always had a coin to give to someone in need.

Greek philosophy says "be wise, know yourself," Roman philosophy says "be strong, discipline yourself," education says: "be resourceful, expand yourself," materialism says, "be satisfied, please yourself," but the Word says "be a servant; give of yourself."

Hurricanes, brushfires, homicides, drug addictions, poverty, and other tragedies have stressed this community and our nation. Yet, with

each event I've watched the residents of this community dig deep and pull out something to give after each event.

The underlying truth is that this community knows the three pillars that define true servants.

First, true servant is not a title, it is a state of mind. Shortly after hurricane

Katrina struck, I helped raise several thousand dollars to donate.

Later that evening, the phone rang and it was a resident who offered to drive his truck to Houston and pick up as many people as his truck could carry and bring them back to Pampa.

He didn't care whether he

knew the victims or not. Being a servant was a normal state of mind for him.

Secondly, true servants have many bosses, but they have only one Master.

Most workers have up to 10 bosses that stand between them and their CEO.

A true servant knows deeply that he has one Master in his life and he doesn't wear a pinstripe suit.

Finally, true Servants have no other motivation than to be a servant. Like the resident who offered to

drive to Houston, true servants possess a sincere desire to help others without a hidden agenda.

The thought of "what's in it for me" never enters their mind. They help out of genuine concern for others.

As we enter the season of fires, hurricanes, and tornadoes I haven't a clue as to which will strike next, but I am confident of one thing — true servants will be waiting on the other side to help in any way they can.

David Cain
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 19, the 109th day of 2005. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

On this date:
In 1782, the Netherlands recognized American independence.

In 1893, the Oscar Wilde play "A Woman of No Importance" opened at the Haymarket Theatre in London.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

'The charm, one might say the genius of memory, is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental: it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust.'

— Elizabeth Bowen
Irish-born author
(1899-1973)

In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1975, India announced it had launched its first satellite, from the Soviet Union atop a Soviet rocket.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

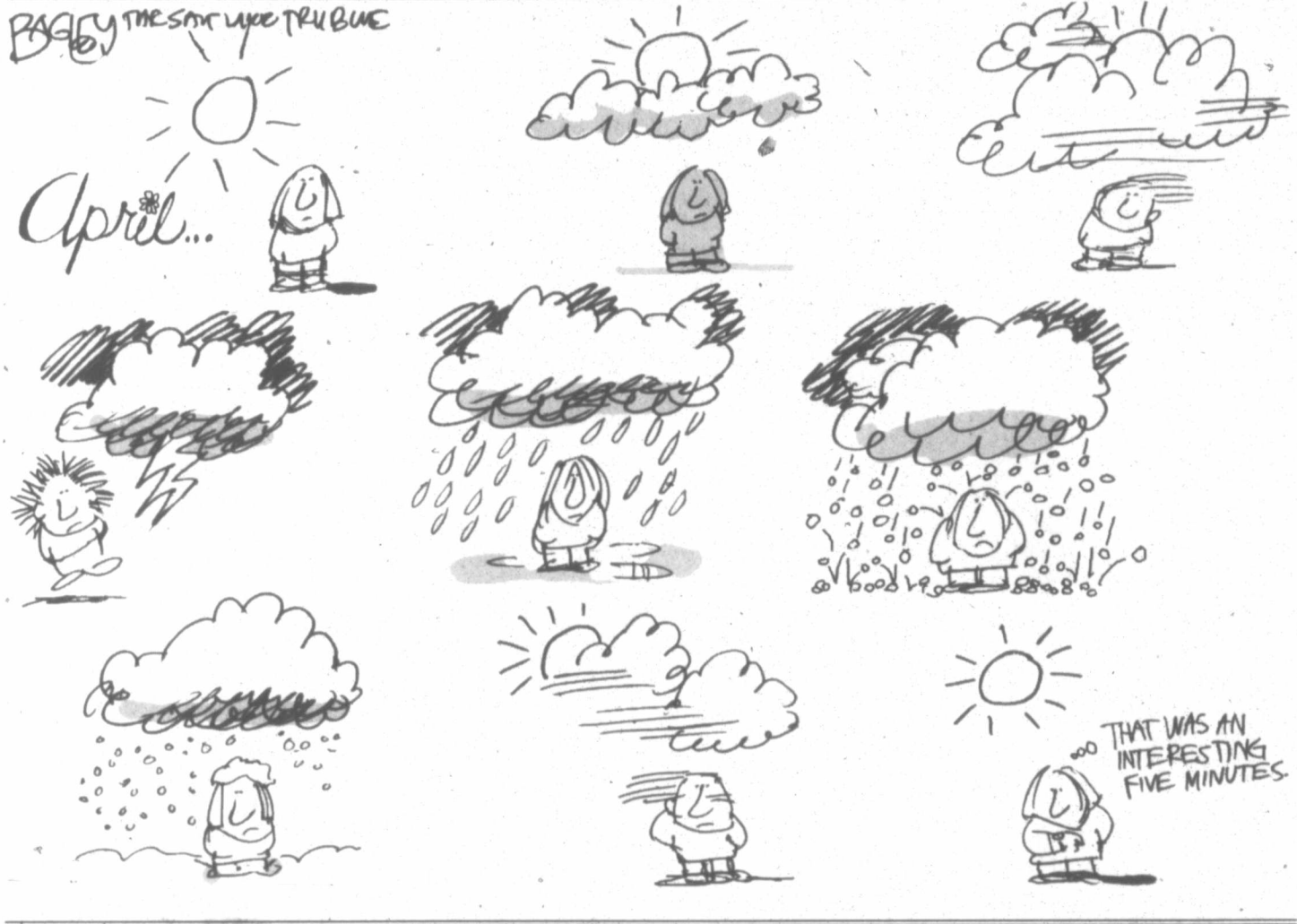
In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds. (Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

Ten years ago: On the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, hundreds of mourners paused for 168 seconds of silence at the site where the federal building once stood. President Clinton, visiting Russia, paid tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Russians who died in the Nazi siege of Leningrad — and to the victims of the Oklahoma bombing as well.

Five years ago: Pharmaceutical giants dropped a lawsuit against a South African law that could provide cheaper, generic AIDS drugs to millions of Africans — ending an international battle over patent rights and profit. The musical "The Producers" opened on Broadway. Former New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson died at his home in Orford at age 89.

One year ago: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI.



Hillary leaves room for Gore to step forth

Hillary Clinton made a fundamental decision in 2002 to support the invasion of Iraq. In doing so, she sought the center of American politics, reacting to issues much as her husband had throughout his ascent to the presidency.

But times have changed, and the center is not what it used to be. In the highly partisan and charged environment of politics in 2006, what has become of the centrist doctrines that reelected Bill Clinton and brought George W. Bush to the White House? Is the center still the place to aim in getting votes?

At the White House, I described the Clintonian brand of centrism as triangulation, with the polarized, partisan participants in the dialectic aligned to the left and the right at the base of the triangle and the centrist synthesis atop the apex, embracing the best of both

arguments and rejecting the worst.

But the desideratum of American politics is not always found in the apex. When we confront new issues, challenges or problems, we are not ready for synthesis. We want our politicians, on both sides of the aisle, to develop alternatives and to debate and elaborate them.

But as the 21st century dawned and the old problems of the '90s had been largely solved, a raft of new issues arose with which we were less familiar. As we pondered the questions of international terrorism, global climate change, the catastrophic consequences of our dependence on imported oil, the privacy issues raised by the Internet, massive illegal

immigration and the high costs of the new medicines and medical treatments, we looked to our political leaders to develop alternative solutions and both want and welcome debate.

Hillary Clinton bet on consensus and centrism in backing the war and an aggressive policy on terrorism — and may have bet wrong.

There are no rewards for those who push consensus when we want polarized debate.

Hillary may have misjudged the left. She may have opened herself up to a challenge from the left over Iraq and the war on terror. She may have chosen the wrong time and the wrong issue on which to cross party lines.

But Al Gore, who has no stain of support for the war to overcome and is the custom-designed candidate for the issues of energy and climate change, could mount a serious challenge to Hillary Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton is trying to move to the left on anything and everything but the war.

Now she is in a fix. If she retreats and retracts her support for the war, she will become the ultimate weather vane, shifting with the political wind. If she adopts a pro-peace posture, she undoes all of her work to position herself as a hawkish female.

But if she stays in the center as the Democratic Party falls off to the left, she could find herself with a deadly primary challenge from her husband's former running mate.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Dick Morris
Columnist



Americans need to again learn responsibility

If I didn't have to transmit my copy by computer, I would be writing on a typewriter instead of on this computer, which yesterday refused to work for reasons as mysterious as the subtlest passage of the I Ching.

My knowledge of computers consists of the on/off button and clicking on icons with a mouse. When what is supposed to happen doesn't happen, I'm sunk. I believe this computer knows that I despise it. Several times it has provoked me into using foul language, and once it provoked me to slap it. I make that statement in keeping with America's new motto, which is, "I ain't responsible for anything."

Of course, I am responsible. It's my temper and my choice to say or do what I say or do.

These days, however, many Americans desire to blame someone else or something else for whatever they do or for whatever happens to them.

That's because some folks view the tort system as a trip to Las Vegas or as a lottery. If they are involved in a single-car crash, then it's the car's fault or the road's fault. If they are stupid enough to get out of a car when live power lines are laying on it, it's the power company's fault that they die. If they get fat or harden their arteries, it's the food industry's fault. If they become drug addicts, it's the drug dealer's fault. If they

stupidly shoot themselves, it's the gun manufacturer's fault. Et cetera, et cetera, and so forth.

"Responsibility," like "frugality," is a word that is out of favor and rarely seen these days. That's because if you're responsible for your own mishap, there is nobody to sue. The truth is, we are individually responsible for practically everything that happens to us. Not always, but most of the time that is true, especially in America, where there is still some liberty.

Growing up I got a lot of advice from my father. The advice about sex was simple. Get a girl pregnant and you

marry her, no ifs, ands or buts about it. For a young man not desiring to settle down, that certainly cooled my ardor.

The rest was all practical stuff. How to duck your head if you fall so you won't break your neck. How to lift heavy objects with your legs instead of your back. Why you should never wear jewelry or loose clothing when working around moving machinery. How to avoid being kicked by mules or horses. How to drive safely.

We are all responsible for ourselves, our family, our community and our nation. We need to shuck this "It ain't my fault" syndrome and start taking care of business.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Quinn," and I have been married for two years. We're college sweethearts who re-found each other. Our marriage is solid and romantic. We were both married before -- to the worst life has to offer -- so we truly appreciate each other. Quinn is extremely good-looking, and I'm no slouch, either. We have been told many times what a striking couple we are. Quinn came into this marriage with grown children. He has five daughters, three of whom make a point of saying, each time we see them, how "Mrs. Smith really has the hots for Dad," or, "Miss Johnson wants Dad so bad she can't get over him," or, "We ran into our old high school teacher, and she only wanted to talk about Dad and how hot he was." Another daughter tells us how all her friends (21 to 23) want to date him! This has become redundant and tiring, and I don't believe any of it is true. I think they say it only to make me uncomfortable and, frankly, I feel it's rude. What's the best way to handle this? -- **THE NEW WIFE**

DEAR NEW WIFE: Do it with humor. If Quinn was my husband, I'd smile, put my arms around him and say, "Let 'em eat their hearts out, girls, 'cause he's mine, all mine!" Then I'd add, "And by the way, we're thinking of starting a family." Since they can dish it out, let's see how well the "girls" can take it.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a large drugstore chain as a clerk. There is no special training required to be a clerk in a drugstore except to learn to operate a cash register. I earn \$7 an hour, and the job is mostly physical (running shipments, etc.). While I like my job, I am puzzled by the number of

people who ask me for medical advice, especially senior citizens. I do not work in the pharmacy part of the store, but people often approach me and ask me and my co-workers all sorts of medical questions -- as if we had to attend medical school to work here. I always try to be helpful, but as I have no medical training, I'm usually of no help at all. It distresses me that there are people who would take the advice of a clerk in a drugstore over that of their own doctor. Recently, an elderly gentleman asked me to take the catheter out of his arm and insert it correctly, as it had been incorrectly inserted at the hospital and he was bleeding. I was horrified. I told him he should go back to the hospital and have them re-insert it properly. He said he had not asked for my opinion and accused me of not wanting to help him! He then asked the pharmacist the same question and got the same response from him. This scenario is not uncommon. It happens every day. Please tell your readers that just because someone works in a drugstore, it does NOT mean he or she has had any medical training. -- **"KITTY" IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR "KITTY": I'm printing your letter and hope it will help, but please don't bank on it. The people you are describing appear to be confused and not completely on track. Your problem may be something that simply goes with the territory, and my advice is to continue directing customers who are in need of medical intervention to get help from someone who is qualified to give it.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

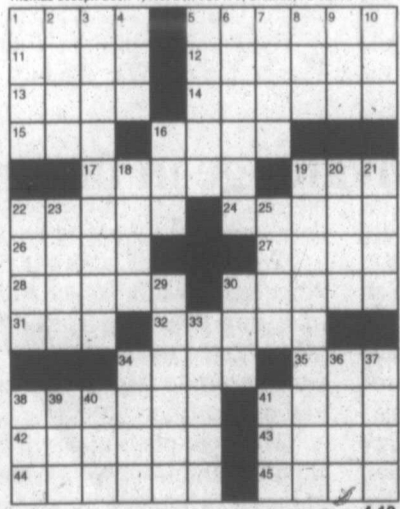
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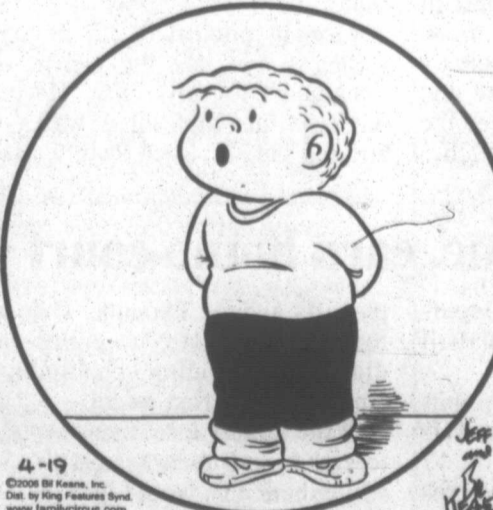


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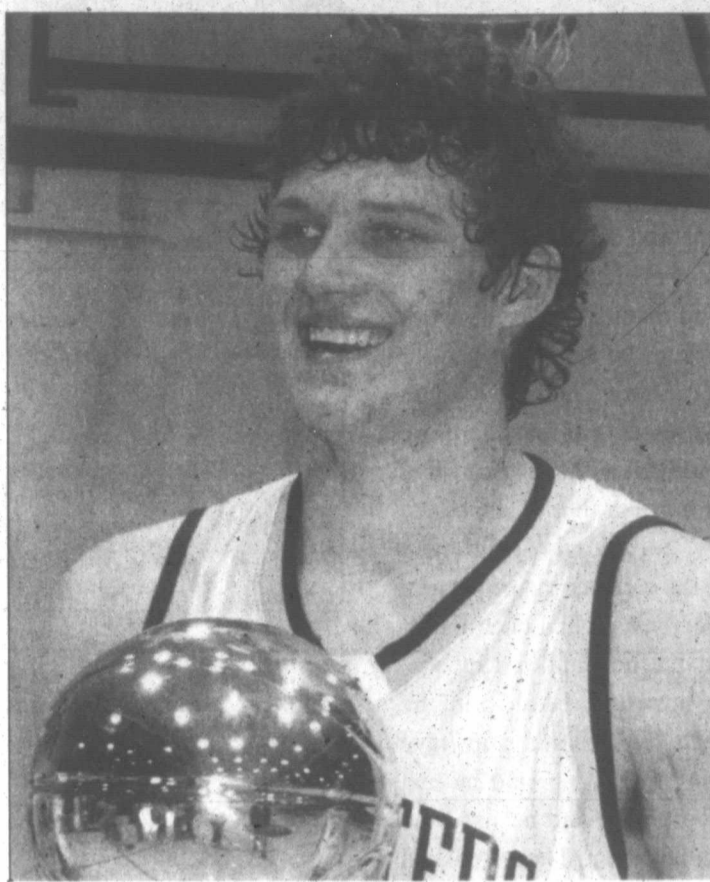
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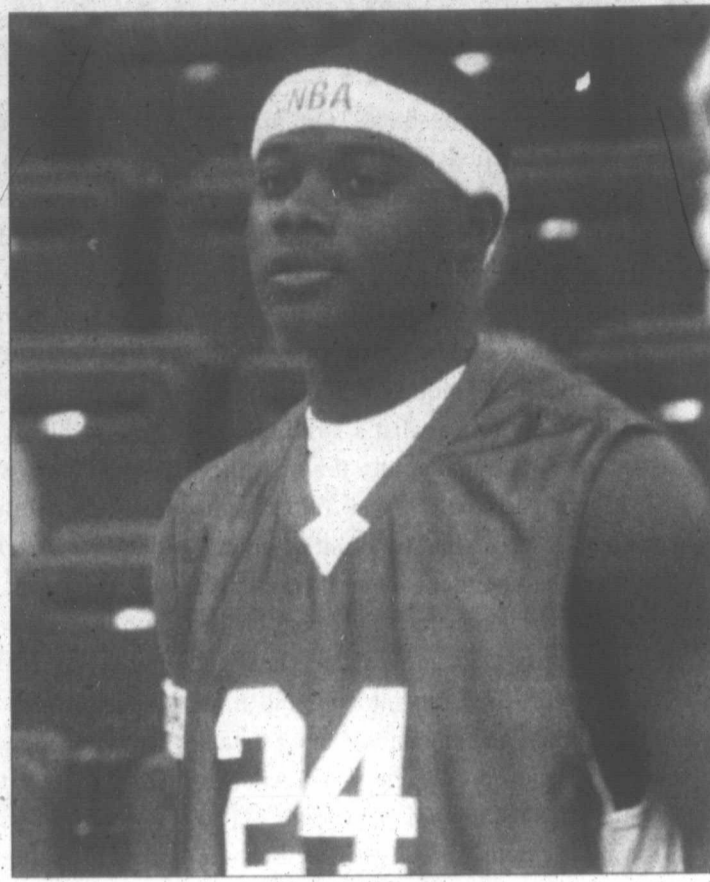
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Kotara, Young sign on with FPC

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Fresh off outstanding performances at the 36th annual Golden Spread All-Star Tournament - not to mention a play-off-deep 25-7 season - Pampa High School seniors Jarett Kotara and Sharod Young signed letters of intent this morning to play basketball for Frank Phillips College in Borger.

The pair join Harvester baseball players Tyson Hickman and Jake Craig who recently signed on to attend FPC as well.

Coach Chad Kline has taken his Plainsmen basketball team from the bottom of the WJCAC conference to the top in a very short period of time.

His is a program that boasts success on the court as well as in the classroom. Kline has had a number of players nominated for NJCAA Academic All-American. His team is a fixture as an academic Team of the Year nominee. All-Conference and All-Region V players are also becoming commonplace for Kline's program. Kotara and Young

should be great additions and could make immediate contributions.

When asked why he chose Frank Phillips College, Young replied, "It's a great opportunity and it's close to home. It will let me stay in touch with my family and they can come see the games."

Kotara also likes the fact FPC is only a 30-minute drive away for family reasons. "I also wanted to be with someone I knew," he said. He knows teammate Young. The two were pillars in the Harvester basketball program.

When asked where they wanted to be in five years, each replied with answers not akin to long term plans, nor should they have been expected to.

Said Young, "I would like to be an engineer. I want to be living a Christian life and just loving it. And I want to play basketball."

Kotara said, "I want to have a college degree and maybe start a family, maybe. I just want to be happy."

This morning's signings took place in the Ready Room at Val Halla shortly after 11.

Glo-Valve survives feisty Celanese club

Landon Powell came racing home from third on an error in the top of the sixth inning to provide the winning run as Glo-Valve Service edged Celanese Corporation 3-2 in the first game of the season for both Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken Baseball League teams Tuesday.

Powell had fouled off a couple of pitches before working a walk on a full count with two outs in the top of the sixth for Glo-Valve. Cory McCarn and Schrade Thompson later walked to set the table for Powell's alert base running.

Glo-Valve took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Reid Miller singled, went to second on an error, took third on a passed ball and scored when Latigo Collins was safe on an error.

Miller made it 2-0 in Glo-Valve's favor in the third when he singled and went all the way to third when the ball got past the outfielder. He scored on a wild pitch. Glo-Valve made the 2-0 lead hold up until the bottom of the fifth inning.

With one out in Celanese's half of the fifth, Skyler Brown was safe on an error. Jacob Green walked. A single by Cole Engle brought Brown home and sent Green to third. Green later tied the score sliding home after a wild pitch.

Celanese refused to go quietly in the sixth inning. James Thompson opened with a walk, stole second base and went to third on a wild pitch. Miller struck out the next two batters, and McCarn made a game-ending catch in center field sliding to his knees to take away a Texas Leaguer which would have tied the score.

Miller, who came on in the fifth inning, was the winning pitcher. He allowed no runs and no hits. He struck out three and walked one in 1 1/3 innings of work. Cody Davis started for Glo-Valve. He pitched to seven batters in two innings striking out four, walking one and allowing no runs or hits. Collins pitched the third inning giving up no runs or hits. He walked two. Zach Graves pitched the fourth and two-thirds of the fifth inning. He struck out two and walked three while giving up two unearned runs on one hit.

Engle started for Celanese. He was touched for two hits and one unearned run. He struck out three and walked none.

Morgan pitched 3 2/3 innings for Celanese and was the victim of two unearned Glo-Valve runs. He permitted two hits and three walks while striking out six. Zach Ruth walked the

only Glo-Valve batter he faced in the sixth.

Miller was the leading hitter in the game with three hits and two runs scored. Collins for Glo-Valve and Engle for Celanese were credited with an RBI each.

Defensive plays of the game for Glo-Valve were made by Thompson, who made a running catch off his shoe tops in right field in the third inning, and McCarn's catch in center field in the sixth. Miller also caught a runner trying to steal in the third inning.

Ruth picked up a grounder at first and threw to second to get the lead runner in the first inning which ultimately saved a run for one of Celanese's outstanding defensive plays. Engle threw out a Glo-Valve runner at second to end the sixth inning for another defensive gem.

Errors proved to be Celanese's undoing leading to all of Glo-Valve's runs while Glo-Valve had only one error in the game. Glo-Valve outthit Celanese four to one.

Glo-Valve and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency are tied for first place with 1-0 records. They do battle Thursday at 5:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Clippers lose game, earn home-court advantage in first round

(AP) - The Los Angeles Clippers lost a game and got a better playoff matchup.

Jake Tsakalidis scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Lorenzen Wright finished with 17 points Tuesday night as the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the Clippers 101-95, securing the fifth seed in the Western Conference.

The Grizzlies will open the playoffs on the road against fourth-seeded Dallas, while the sixth-seeded Clippers have home-court advantage against Denver because they have a better record than the Nuggets - who earned the third seed by winning the Northwest Division.

The rest of the first-round matchups will be determined after the final day of the regular season today.

If the Los Angeles Lakers beat the New Orleans Hornets, they will take the West's seventh seed and open the

playoffs against Phoenix. That would leave Sacramento in eighth place, drawing defending champion San Antonio in the first round.

If the Lakers lose, then they'll drop to eighth and open against the Spurs, while the Kings would face the Suns.

In the East, the top four seeds are set: Detroit, Miami, New Jersey and Cleveland. However, their opponents are still to be determined.

Washington will take the No. 5 seed with a victory at Detroit on Wednesday, or with a Chicago loss at home to Toronto. The Wizards can finish no worse than seventh. Indiana, also in the mix, finishes the season at home against Orlando. Milwaukee, currently in eighth place, is done but could have its seeding improve.

Despite all the talk about the convoluted playoff picture, the Clippers showed down the stretch, even though it was done mostly with reserves, that

they were hardly trying to lose.

"We didn't talk about it much," Los Angeles forward Walter McCarty said of losing their way to the sixth seed. "We wanted to win this game, and we were trying to win it with the guys we had on the floor."

"We were playing down to the wire. If people think we were trying to throw games or whatever, they've really got it wrong."

In other games, it was: Atlanta 103, Miami 100; Washington 116, Milwaukee 103; Philadelphia 91, New Jersey 88; and Sacramento 111, Seattle 105.

At Memphis, Tenn., the Clippers cut the Grizzlies' 18-point fourth-quarter lead to 96-93 when Daniel Ewing hit a pair of free throws with 29.6 remaining. However, a 3-pointer by Mike Miller with 11 seconds left put the game out of reach.

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