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City provides some funds for welcome signs

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Everybody agreed it is a good thing, but nobody wants to pay for it. When Chuck White first appeared before the Pampa City Commission in January with a proposal that the Pampa Rotary Club would put attractive signs on the five approaches to the city welcoming people to Pampa, he estimated the cost to be \$125,000 to \$150,000.

He wanted to use the \$6,000 that the city got from an insurance company when a trucker plowed up the welcome to Pampa sign at Sunset

Park where U.S. Highway 60 enters the city on the west side of town and \$5,000 that was left over from the Rotary Club's Super Playground project.

He asked that the city chip in \$25,000 and said the Rotary Club would figure out how to raise the money for the rest.

White said he thought the Rotary Club could erect five signs at entrances to Pampa without the endless committee meetings and the bureaucratic red tape that the city has gone through for the past decade. It was time to get something done, he

said.

Returning to the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon, White had good news and bad news. The good news was that the estimated price of the project had come down from \$150,000 to \$53,000.

The bad news was that the Rotary was having to buy about an acre of land adjoining Sunset Park for \$8,000 and move the trees at the park for another \$5,000 so motorists could read the message on the back of the stone sign as they leave town. The land, upon which the Rotary Club apparently planned to close

today, would be donated to the city once the project is complete.

The bad news was that White wanted the city to donate another \$10,000, bringing their share of the project to \$35,000 instead of the original \$25,000.

"I think we need to do the project," Mayor Lonny Robins said.

"We need some good signs out there saying this is a good community," White said.

"We liked the project," said Dwight Fiveash, president of the

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Local Red Cross aids in disaster relief

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Disaster relief efforts are under way to assist victims of Saturday night's tornadoes at Cactus and Tulia.

Damage at Tulia included a mobile home park, auto dealership and discount store, according to Amarillo media reports.

A second tornado passed through Cactus that evening and demolished at least 10 mobile homes while leaving others uninhabitable.

Most homes and businesses in Cactus received some damage as a result of the tornado, rated as an EF-2 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. EF-2 tornadoes have maximum winds of 110 to 137 miles per hour.

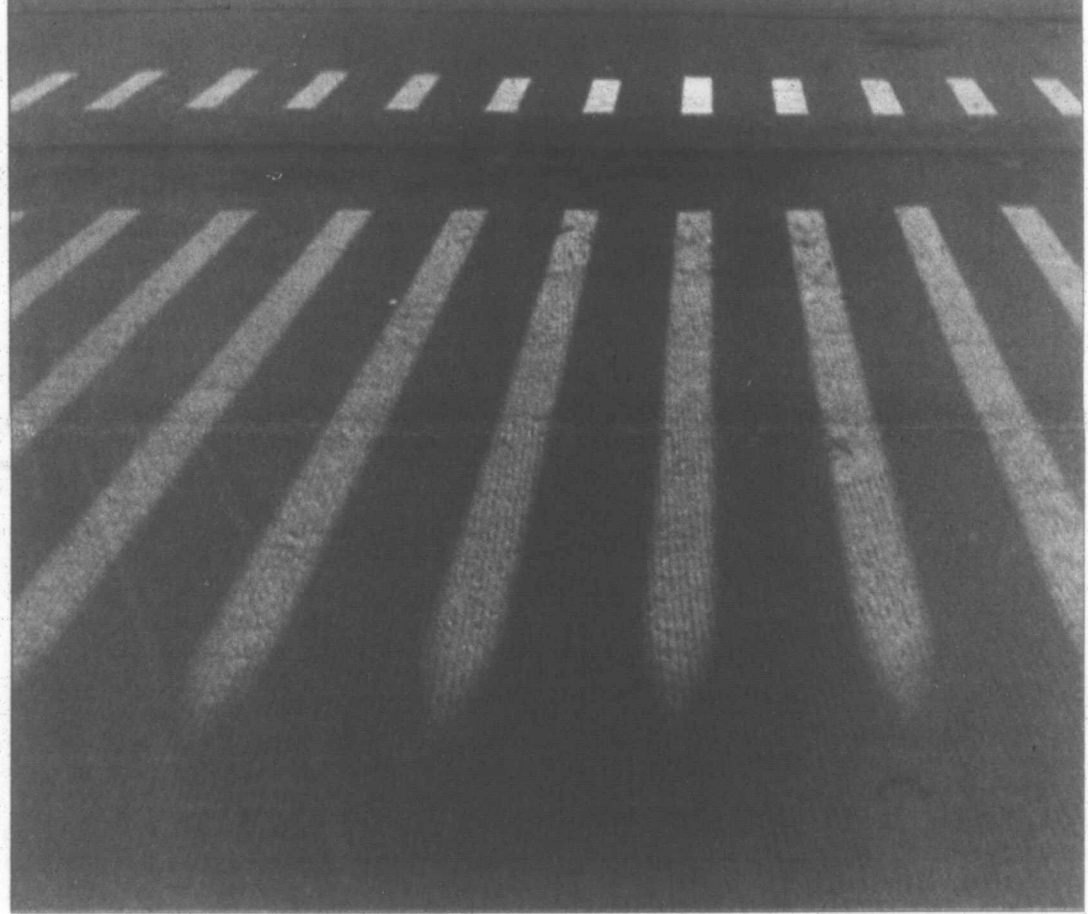
The Cactus tornado formed at around 7:15 p.m. and hit Cactus at about 7:42 p.m. It dissipated at 7:50 p.m. after causing 14 injuries. No fatalities were reported.

The tornado was estimated to be about three-quarters of a mile wide as it passed through Cactus, according to the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross has sent six volunteers to Dumas, according to Vanessa Vick of the chapter. The volunteers opened a shelter in Dumas for the Cactus tornado victims and are doing casework on victims who need assistance.

Those wishing to contribute to the Red Cross' efforts to help the tornado victims may mail a monetary donation to the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, TX 79066-1036, or take the monetary donation to the chapter's office at 108 N. Russell. On the memo line of

Shadowy structure



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

An early morning sun casts long shadows on the Mary Ellen Street bridge in Central Park recently. The forecast for Thursday is for partly cloudy skies with a high near 69. Winds will be moderate, 10 to 15 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph.

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United Way hearing



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Budget allocation meetings for Pampa United Way were held recently to decide which agencies will receive funding in 2008. The committee, consisting of, from left, Kim Powell, Joe Martinez, David Cory, Jack Reeve and Judy Butler listened to the request for funding for Tralee Crisis Center from Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of the center.

PEDC postpones director selection

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. postponed the selection of an executive director until the entire board could be present.

Citing a low board of directors turnout for the economic development corporation's meeting Tuesday, board President Dwight Fiveash said they had decided to wait until more board members could be at their meeting.

Only four members of the seven member board -- Fiveash, Kathy Cota, Kenneth May and Gary Sutherland -- were present at Tuesday's meeting.

Board members Shawn Clifton, Bill Berry and

James Bradley were absent.

In other business, Sutherland, treasurer for the economic development corporation, reported that prior to the arrival of April's check from the Texas Comptroller of Accounts, the EDC had a balance of \$641,585. The addition of the April revenue would bring the balance to about \$722,104.

The EDC received \$80,519 this month as their share of sales tax revenue in Pampa.

Since the EDC opened for business last September, they have spent about \$30,000.

Sutherland told the board all but about \$40,000 in the

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Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West-southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

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Machinist arrested in pipe bomb case

CHICAGO (AP) — An Iowa machinist was arrested today and charged with sending dud pipe bombs and threatening letters to investment companies in Denver and Kansas City in an effort to drive up stock prices. Authorities said he signed the messages "The Bishop."
 John P. Tomkins, 42, of Dubuque, Iowa, was arrested on his way to work, and federal agents began searching his home, the U.S. attorney's office said.
 A criminal complaint unsealed in Chicago charged Tomkins with one count of mailing a threatening communication with intent to extort and one count of possession of an unregistered explosive device. Officials said the pipe bombs would have exploded had just one wire been connected.
 A telephone message left at a number listed for a John Tomkins in Dubuque wasn't immediately returned. He was scheduled to appear in court in Chicago later today. Investigators have said "The Bishop" mailed more than a dozen letters to financial institutions for 18 months. The letters included references to heaven and hell and threatened recipients if the prices of certain stocks did not move to certain levels, often \$6.66; the number '666' is associated with Satan.
 "The way I see it, you owe it to us to make things right or I will make your life as miserable as mine is," one of the letters read.
 Tomkins is a former substitute letter carrier who worked weekends for the U.S. Postal Service, authorities said. They said he was not an employee at the time the devices were sent.
 An affidavit filed with the court by postal inspectors said two parcels with the pipe bombs inside were mailed Jan. 26 from Rolling Meadows, in Chicago's northwest suburbs.

Obituaries

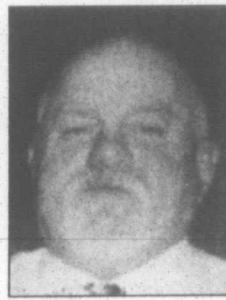
Services tomorrow

SLAGLE, Doug — Memorial services 3 p.m. at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount, Amarillo.

Doug Slagle, 54

AMARILLO — Doug Slagle, 54 of Amarillo, died Saturday, April 21, 2007. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount, Amarillo, with Mike Ecker officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Slagle was born Dec. 1, 1952, in Dumas to Vivian Boyd Slagle & Frank Prentis Slagle. He was a master electrician for 20 years. He owned Doug Slagle Electric

in Amarillo. He married Pamela Cleaver on June 16, 1985, in Amarillo. Mr. Slagle was preceded in death by a brother, Bryan Prentis Slagle. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Joseph Aaron Slagle & wife Michele of Pampa, Richard Gordon Slagle, and James Douglas Slagle II &



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wife Amanda all of Amarillo; five daughters, Melody Bills & husband Cory of Lubbock, Jennifer Slagle & husband Tim of Pampa, Amy Gordon & husband Steven of Amarillo, Brandy Spangler & husband Clay of Amarillo, and Susan McKee & husband Ryan of Amarillo; mother, Vivian McCann & husband Jim of

Amarillo; father, Frank Slagle & wife Normo of Pampa. He was the world's greatest "Poppy" to 19 grandchildren, Jaslynn, Jarren, Hunter, Amia, Shawn, Morgan, Megan, Matthew, Jaylee, Timmy, James, Aubrey, McKayla, Savannah, Alissa, Patrick, Gabriel, Halie & Julian. He loved his family more than anything in the world and will be greatly missed.

Helen Alice Bragg, 92

Helen Alice Bragg, 92, died Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at Coronado Care Center in Pampa. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Jimmy Cole, of the church, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Terry Armstrong, pastor of Church of the Nazarene in Guymon, Okla.

Interment will be in Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon. Mrs. Bragg was born Nov. 10, 1914, at Copeland, Kan., to Beulah and Alfred Morris. She married Lee Bragg on April 12, 1935, at Greensburg, Kan.; he died in 1972. Mrs. Bragg was the owner

of Anchor D Ceramics and was a longtime member of Church of the Nazarene in Guymon. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Glen Morris, Emil Morris and Forrest Morris; a grandson, Johnny Konkell; and two great-grandsons, Asa Neiman and Patrick Wise. Survivors include three daughters, Pat Radcliff of

Pampa, Margaret Konkell of Pratt, Kan., and Sharon Bragg of Moore, Okla.; a sister, Nellie Miller of Farmington, N.M.; a brother, Lewis Morris of Boxholm, Iowa; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 Fifteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.
 A traffic complaint was received from the 2300 block of Charles.
 Motorist assistance was rendered in the 2600 block of North Hobart.
 Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 2400 block of Rosewood.
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Rosewood.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2300 block of Primrose, the 2200 block of North Summer, the 400 block of Graham, the 1700 block of Coffee, the 500 block of North Warren, the 600 block of North Christy, the 700 block of East Frederic, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the 500 block of North Wells, the 1000 block of Terry Road, the 1300 block of North Russell and the 1800 block of Hamilton.
 Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of East 14th and on two occasions in the police department lobby.
 Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of Lefors and the intersection of Hobart and Alcock streets.
 Agency assistance was rendered in

the 800 block of South Price Road. A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of North Christy.
 Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells and the 400 block of North Naida.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of Canadian.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Frost and the 100 block of West 30th.
 Criminal trespass was reported at the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby and the 600 block of North Hobart, where two dents were made in the door of a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$800.
 Sex offender registration was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee.
 Sexual assault was reported in the 1200 block of South Nelson.
 Two burglar alarms were reported. Identity theft was reported in the 2400 block of Comanche.
 Theft was reported in the 400 block of East 17th by Pizza Hut Delivery and at Taco Bell, 1002 N. Hobart, where an estimated \$689.33 in cash was taken.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Davis. A stereo, speakers, a watch, cologne and a necklace were taken, for

an estimated loss of \$510. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1600 block of Hamilton, involving a Chevrolet Z71 pickup.
Sheriff
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Tuesday, April 24
 Aaron Eugene Young, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of South Farley by Pampa Police Department on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
 Francisco Duran Montero, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and a capias pro fine for running a stop light.
Fire
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, April 24
 7:13 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on an unconscious / unresponsive call.
Wednesday, April 25
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Celanese.....32.57 +0.21		Pioneer Nat.....50.06 +0.33
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		Silver.....13.78
		West Texas Crude.....64.58

Georgia fire flares up

WAYCROSS, Ga. (AP) — Dozens of residents evacuated their homes for several hours early today after a wildfire jumped a road and spread toward two small communities.
 "It looked like it was snowing with all the ash falling. You could feel the heat," said Darryl Cribbs, 44, who packed up his family in Braganza after sheriff's deputies came to their door around 1 a.m. "They said as soon as we left they were going to bring in tanker trucks and try to save the house."
 The wildfire spread rapidly Tuesday night and early Wednesday near the Okefenokee Swamp Park, fueled by dense and dry trees and brush.
 A 35-mile stretch of U.S. 1 was briefly closed to traffic but reopened when the danger passed, said Tracy Smith, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. She said residents were also allowed to return to their homes by sunrise.
 No homes were destroyed, but firefighters cautioned that the blaze still posed a threat to homes.
 "They're not out of the woods yet," said Eric Mosley, a spokesman for the Georgia Forestry Commission. "There's still a possibility there could be some danger."
 Over the past nine days, wildfires have burned about 67 square miles of forest parched by drought in southeast Georgia and destroyed 18 homes.
 More than 1,000 Ware County residents have been forced to evacuate, and 5,000 others have been urged to leave because of health risks associated with the smoke.
 A top concern this morning was a blaze that crossed state Route 177 and was threatening Braganza and Astoria, Smith said. Waycross, a city of about 15,300 resident three miles to the north, was not in immediate danger, though thick smoke blanketed the city, she said.
 Firefighters tried to slow the wildfire by igniting underbrush ahead of it used bulldozers to widen fire breaks along the northern edge of the swamp.

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Pampa Economic Development Corp., who was in the audience.

But in the end, the commission approved only the \$25,000 plus the insurance money and the money from the Super Playground.

Robbins asked if White had talked with the Pampa Economic Development Corp. White said he had made a presentation to the group and indicated that he wasn't going back.

Fiveash explained that as stewards of Pampa sales tax money, the EDC felt it was incumbent on them to require a detailed estimate of the costs, get bids and follow other accepted protocols.

"We asked questions," Fiveash said, "but have not gotten answers."

In other business, the city commission approved on second and final reading two resolutions. One resolution approved a loan agree-

ment for \$525,000 between the EDC and Hampton Village LP concerning low and moderate-income housing. The other resolution approved a \$75,000 loan from the EDC to MXT, LLC, to help the manufacturer of pet treats and packing material finish remodeling their Pampa facility so they can move from Amarillo within the next few weeks.

Fiveash explained that the loan to Hampton Village was an effort to help them get state and federal grants and that the loan wouldn't be made until the project was 80 percent complete. He said Hampton Village should know about the grant for which they've applied by August. They expected to begin construction in 2008 and complete the project by the end of 2009.

With regard to MXT, Fiveash told the commission that the company expected to employ at least 47 people. Six are working at their facility in Pampa now, Fiveash said.

He said that the EDC was

loaning them the \$75,000 at 9.25 percent interest payable monthly. Fiveash said the Pampa Industrial Foundation had given them a grant for \$75,000.

"Theirs was a grant," Fiveash said. "Ours was a loan."

The city commission also approved \$249,809.59 for a bulldozer for the landfill. City Manager John Horst told the commission that the price tag was \$50,000 less than anticipated and includes a five-year warranty and two-year maintenance contract.

The commission also approved the purchase of electrical devices at \$80,190 for the city's water wells that is expected to increase the efficiency of the well motors by about 20 percent.

Richard Morris, Pampa's public works director, said the devices should pay for themselves in less than three years, particularly with the cost of energy rising.

"We're not replacing motors," Morris said. "This is a piece of equipment that will improve efficiency."

Relief

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checks, contributors may write "For Cactus or Tulia Tornado" or may contribute to the general tornado fund by writing "General Tornado Fund" on the memo line.

The Pampa Salvation Army is also assisting in relief efforts for the two communities. The local canteen, along with three volunteers, went to the Cactus area after the tornado struck Saturday night. The volunteers returned Sunday evening, but the Pampa canteen is still in use in the relief effort, said Capt. Laura Martin.

The Pampa Salvation Army also took water, blankets and clothing to Cactus Sunday morning, she said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Salvation Army's relief efforts is asked to make a monetary donation, Martin said. "Salvation Army Disaster Relief Fund" should be written on the memo line.

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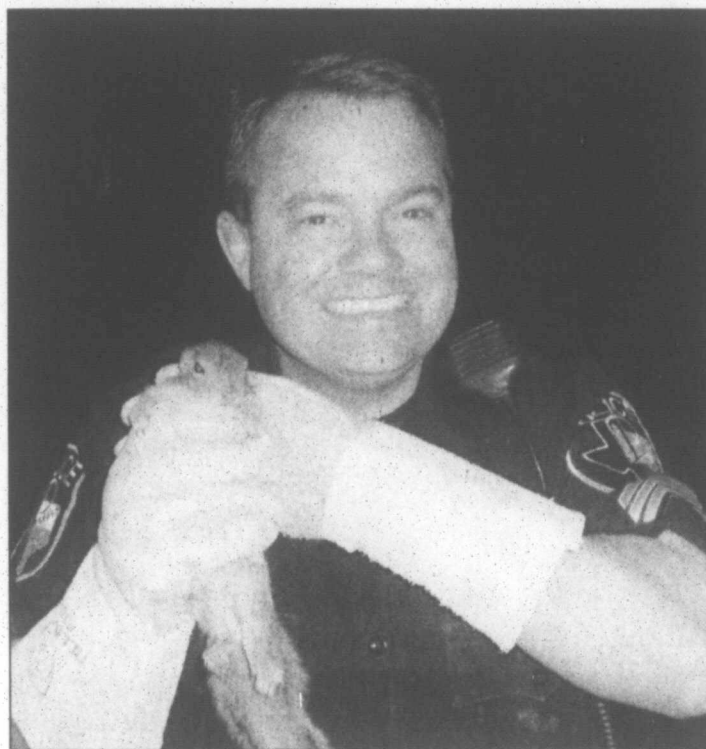
AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry and 68 other high-level state officials accepted 348 travel gifts funded by lobbyists in 2005-06, according to a report by a non-profit group that tracks money in politics.

Texas for Public Justice in its report released Tuesday does not allege that laws were broken by lobbyists giving or officials taking the trips. The trips were identified in filings with the Texas Ethics Commission.

But the group suggested that lobby-funded trips or gifts amount to an unseemly way for interests to curry officials.

Perry, who doesn't favor banning privately funded travel, almost always pays for his state travel from campaign donations. But his March trip to the Middle East was funded by TexasOne, a foundation started on Perry's watch to market Texas.

Rescue mission



Courtesy photo. Sgt. Colby Brown of Pampa Police Department responded to a call from a resident recently who discovered a squirrel in her house. It was late in the evening and Animal Control officers were off duty. Brown responded and captured the furry creature. Animal Control officers released the critter in an undisclosed location the next day.

Border twister fatal to 7

EAGLE PASS, Texas (AP) — Rescue and recovery efforts resumed early today after a tornado tore through the edge of this Mexican border city, killing at least seven people, injuring more than 70, destroying more than 20 homes and leaving several mobile homes missing, officials said.

Five of those killed were inside a mobile home when the twister slammed it into a school in a rural area Tuesday night, Eagle Pass City Councilman Ramsey English Cantu said. They were a girl between the ages of 4 and 6, her parents, and two other adult relatives, he said.

Debris from the shattered mobile home was indistinguishable from the wreckage of Rosita Valley Elementary School early today. Bricks from caved in walls were scattered around the campus, broken water pipes were spewing water and the metal roof was twisted violently.

"It's the worst I've seen," said resident Ricardo Tijerina, who rode out the storm in a house near the school with his six children. Tijerina, 38, said he watched as the storm destroyed a mobile home across the street.

"It was pretty scary; I saw the trailer when it blew apart," said Tijerina, who said all the mobile home residents survived.

One of those killed in the storm died in a house, but few details were available on the circumstances, Cantu

said. Another victim who was taken to a San Antonio hospital died today, according to Maverick County Judge Jose Aranda. Officials across the border reported three deaths in Mexico.

About 150 rescue workers were searching the Eagle Pass area for survivors today, including members of the National Guard and Border Patrol. Rescuers went door to door, and some were using search dogs.

About 350 people were in shelters early today, officials said.

"Of course, some also

may be staying with relatives," Cantu told AP Radio. "It's just a very, very catastrophic event that has come into this community."

The storm hit about 7 p.m. outside Eagle Pass unincorporated area of Maverick County, about 150 miles south of San Antonio. It was among several storms that ripped through Texas on Tuesday.

Cantu said several mobile homes were still missing, but he didn't know how many. Two schools were destroyed, but both were empty when the tornado hit.

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EDC account has been put in certificates of deposit in order to draw interest.

The EDC board also entertained a request from Community Christian School for funds. Mendi Bonner, a spokeswoman for the school, said the school was seeking between \$15,000 and \$71,000 in order to expand to a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum next year. They presently offer kindergarten through seventh grade.

While the school has had as many as 38 students, this year's enrollment is 25.

Bonner said the school, which has been in operation since 1996, is non-denominational and that funding for the school comes from tuition payments and contributions from local churches. She said, however, that tuition doesn't cover the cost of educating the students.

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Viewpoints

How gun-control laws kill innocent victims

Thirty-two fine young men and women are dead and that is a huge tragedy. It is also, however, a tragedy that the death toll could have been substantially lower if it were not for an absurd law that kept the students and faculty from exercising their Constitutional right to protect themselves and others by bearing arms on campus.

Thanks to that law a madman was able to confront the men and women at Virginia Tech secure in the knowledge that he was armed while his victims were unarmed and defenseless.

One of those victims used the only weapon he had to protect his students. Liviu Librescu, a man who survived both the Nazi Holocaust and Communist tyranny in his native

Romania, used his body as a defensive weapon against the madman's assault, putting his shoulder to the door to keep the killer from getting into the classroom while his students fled through the windows.

Tragically, that frail body was no match for the rapid-firing Glock 19 in the hands of a crazed Cho Seung-Hui. He paid with his life for being the body-in-between, as the Secret Service puts their role in protecting the president.

"My father blocked the doorway with his body and asked the students to flee," Joe Librescu told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from his home outside of Tel Aviv. "Students started opening windows and jumping out."

Those students who made it out of their classrooms owe their lives to the courageous Liviu Librescu, but they owe nothing but contempt for the Virginia legislature that decided in late January to deny to anyone on a Virginia campus the right to carry legally authorized concealed weapons on campus.

On Jan. 31, 2007, The Roanoke Times wrote: "Most universities in Virginia require students and employees, other than police, to check their guns with police or campus security upon entering campus." The proposed legislation was designed to prohib-

it public universities from making "rules or regulations limiting or abridging the ability of a student who possesses a valid concealed handgun permit ... from lawfully carrying a concealed handgun."

And guess who the newspaper quoted as gushing his approval of the legislature's lame-brained action to

defeat the proposal — none other than Virginia Tech spokesman and Vice President Larry Hincker, who told the Times: "I'm sure the university community is appreciative of the General Assembly's actions because this will help par-

ents, students, faculty and visitors feel safe on our campus."

In the aftermath of the killings on his campus, I wonder if Mr. Hincker still believes his students and faculty who were so cruelly slain — most had multiple wounds — remain safe on campus thanks to the legislature's ill-advised action that denied them the right of self-protection.

In Virginia, any adult who has a lawfully issued permit to carry concealed weapons anywhere in the state remains prohibited from protecting himself while on a state campus thanks to the defeat of the proposed law that would have allowed them the same rights they had off-campus while on-campus.

The very fact that the state considers a person capable of carrying a concealed handgun by their very act of granting a permit should demonstrate that the state believes that the permit holder can be trusted to use that handgun only for self-protection.

It is patently absurd to judge sane, normal people as being incompetent and untrustworthy to bear arms while blithely ignoring the obvious truth of the old saying that when good people are legally disarmed, only bad people will have guns.

Had just one student or faculty member on the Virginia Tech campus under assault by the killer been armed, the death toll would

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2007. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Five hundred years ago, on April 25, 1507, America got its name from German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller, who first used the term on a world map to refer to the huge mass of land in the Western Hemisphere, in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1906, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, the Pioneer X spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

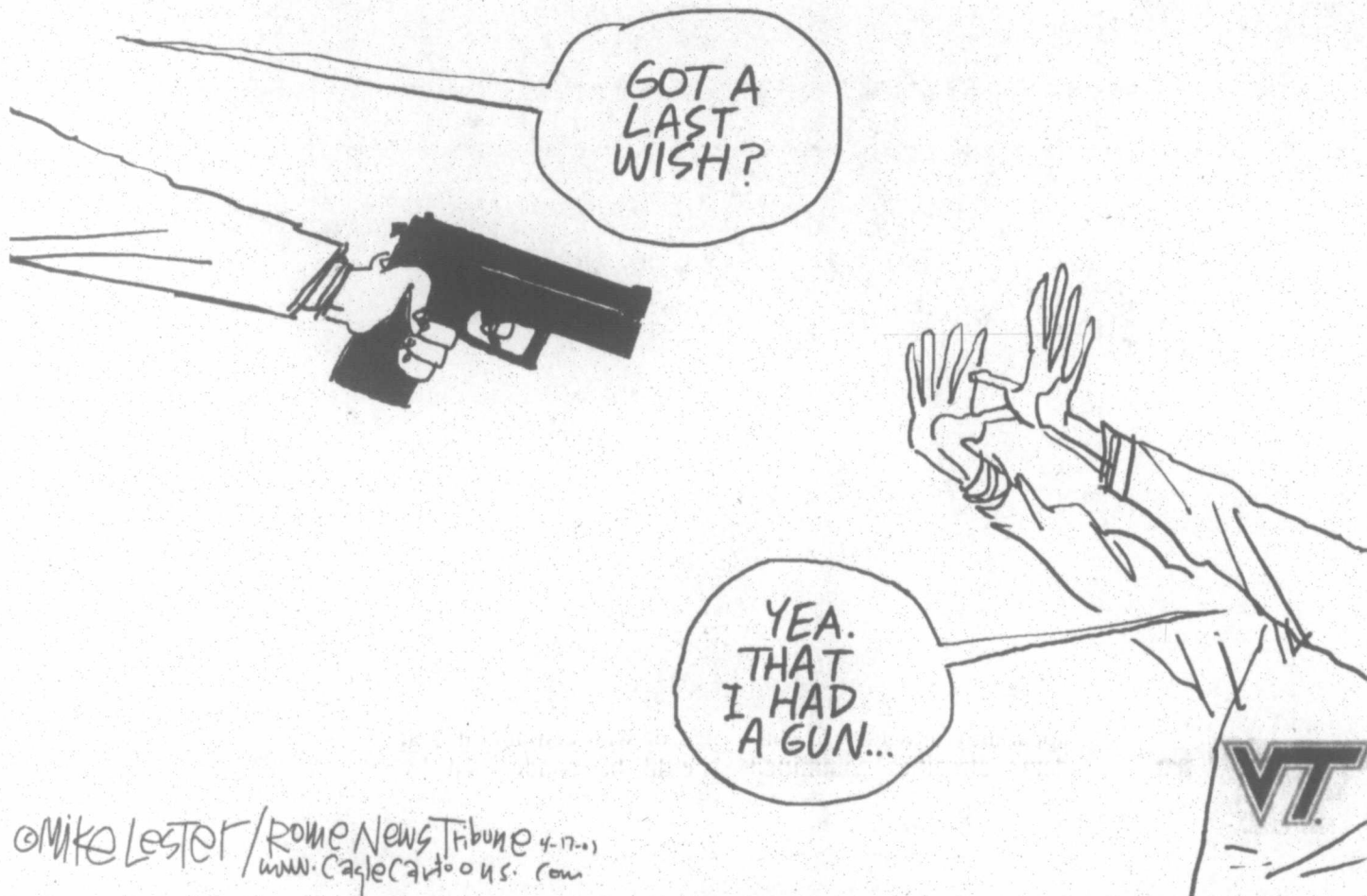
In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Ten years ago: The prosecution began calling witnesses in Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing trial. A federal judge ruled for the first time that the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco as a drug — but said it couldn't restrict cigarette advertising.

Five years ago: President Bush hosted Crown Prince

"I think that the glorious thing about the human race is that it does change the world — constantly. The world or 'life' may seem to more often overwhelm the human being, but it is the human being's capacity for struggling against being overwhelmed which is remarkable and exhilarating."

— Lorraine Hansberry
American author-dramatist (1930-1965)



Bad behavior has nothing to do with race

If you are a white bigot who hates African-Americans and wishes to hurt them, all you have to do is nothing. The African-American community is hurting itself.

Everyone is familiar with the high crime rates, high rates of illegitimacy, high dropout rates and, of course, the language demeaning black women that pours out of the mouths of black comedians and black rappers. It is encouraging that some blacks, like Bill Cosby, are beginning to protest this practice.

That is a battle that will have to be waged within the black community, though the white executives who promote, publish or sponsor the comedians and rappers certainly deserve a share of the blame. They are hurting the country, because when any segment of our popula-

tion is wounded, the whole country is wounded.

Part of that problem also can be attributed to American journalism, which seems to think there are only two African-American lead-

ers in the United States — Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Many African-Americans will tell you, however, that these two men don't speak for them.

The truth is that there are many responsible, intelligent, well-educated and successful African-Americans, but they are rendered more or less invisible because they are not on the Rolodexes of the television and radio talk-show crowd. Sharpton and Jackson can always be

counted on to say something inflammatory. Since, sadly, oversimplification and exaggeration are the characteristics of much of what passes for journalism these days, Sharpton and Jackson fill the bill.

I'm not suggesting that white racism no longer exists. So does black racism.

Anti-Semitism exists, but so does anti-gentilism. Because all forms of racism and prejudice are ideas, they will always have to be combated by education. Every child born in this world comes into it with a blank slate. Every child has to be taught what is right and what is wrong. That includes not only matters of race, but also behavior and matters like

patriotism.

The transmission of good values from one generation to the next is one of the most important factors in human civilization. Unfortunately, it seems to be broken down in our society. Part of that cause is the fact that parents must not only compete with their children's peers, but also with a morally corrupt entertainment industry that reaches children through television, movies, the Internet and advertising. Not to be excluded is a public-education bureaucracy that teaches some of the worst ideas to come down the pike.

Another part of our problem is that both black and white journalists and politicians are often afraid to condemn bad behavior if it is committed by a minority. Years ago, I interviewed an idealistic young man from

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

April 15

Houston Chronicle on the firing of eight U.S. attorneys:

President Bush says he will not let his aides comply with congressional subpoenas or testify under oath regarding the firing of eight U.S. attorneys. He cited his need to maintain executive privilege.

The principle is recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court and useful for keeping the legislature from badgering the executive branch to distraction. However, Bush's reason for needing executive privilege is mistaken.

Bush said he depends on his staff for

good, candid advice, implying that advice would not be good and candid if the public had a way to learn of it. This might sound plausible at first blush but doesn't stand up to scrutiny.

Armies of politicians, professional commentators, policy analysts and concerned citizens give the president candid advice every day. The more prominent and widely heard this advice, the better the advisers like it. Apart from matters of national security, the only reason to keep candid advice secret is if the advice is wrongheaded or contrary to the public interest and therefore likely to embarrass the adviser and the president.

The next skirmish between Congress and the executive branch occurs Tuesday, when U.S. Attorney General

Alberto Gonzales will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. There he will be asked to explain his contradictory and false statements regarding the fired prosecutors.

In a written opening statement released in advance, Gonzales says, "I know that I did not would not ask for the resignation of any U.S. attorney for an improper reason" and that he had no basis to believe anyone else did. Unfortunately, the wording betrays his doubt. Were the attorney general more certain, he would likely have written, "I did nothing improper, and neither did anyone else."

To make his case, Gonzales has only to tell Congress and the American peo-

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Let the race begin



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Brooke Woelfle fired from the starting line during one of the races at CREATE-a-Beat! "Good Behavior Games" recently, part of the reward that the students received for being respectful and obedient.

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Uganda. He had come to the United States to persuade the

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have been much lower.

As revealed in NewsMax.com, that was proven in Pearl, Miss., in 1997, when 16-year-old Luke Woodham used a hunting rifle to kill his ex-girlfriend and her close friend, and wound seven other students after having killed his own mother. His murder spree was stopped only when Assistant Principal Joel Myrick got his handgun from his car and halted Woodham's shooting spree. He kept Woodham at bay until the police arrived. While the shooting was widely reported, the fact that Myrick — an armed citizen — prevented a larger massacre with his gun was ignored by the media.

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

U.S. government to impose sanctions on the regime of that mad tyrant Idi Amin. He got the cold shoulder from the Congressional Black Caucus as well as from the White House, then occupied by Jimmy Carter. Both were apparently unwilling to condemn atrocities committed by a black tyrant.

This caused an African scholar to observe that blacks in South Africa were lucky. When they were killed or abused by the white

government, the world condemned the actions. When Africans were abused and slaughtered by black tyrants, the world remained silent.

Behavior has nothing to do with race or ethnicity. Bad behavior is bad, regardless of who commits it, and should be condemned by every decent person. As long as the condemnation targets the individual and not the group, there is no prejudice involved. If and when we get to that point, then the decent

people, regardless of color, will be on the road to saving our civilization from decay.

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Bush

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ple who wanted each attorney fired, and for what reasons. After that, he could explain why he would delegate the task of firing chief federal prosecutors to subordinates acting on the whims of White House political operatives.

Speaking of good, candid advice, did anyone advise the president and attorney general that applying a partisan test to U.S. attorneys would blow up in their faces? If not, why not?

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for nearly three years. My husband is fine except for one problem: He has a very tiny male organ. It does not bother me, but he constantly apologizes to me about it. He's so self-conscious that he doesn't like for me to see him undressed. I'm an old-fashioned girl. I saved myself for marriage. Before I met my husband I did some heavy petting with a couple of former boyfriends, but that was all. When he and I dated, I knew he was not as well-endowed as my former boyfriends, but I accepted it. Now he has started saying he thinks I should have an affair with someone "properly endowed" so I won't feel cheated. He says he wants me to experience satisfaction in a way he knows he can't provide me. Abby, I don't want this. I can't understand why he's asking me to do such a thing. He keeps harping on it. At first, I was shocked. Now I must admit, he has me wondering if I really am missing something. Should I do it to pacify him and satisfy my own curiosity? I can't bring myself to go against my upbringing and commit adultery. Please advise me. I'm frustrated about this entire situation. — **NO BIG THING?**

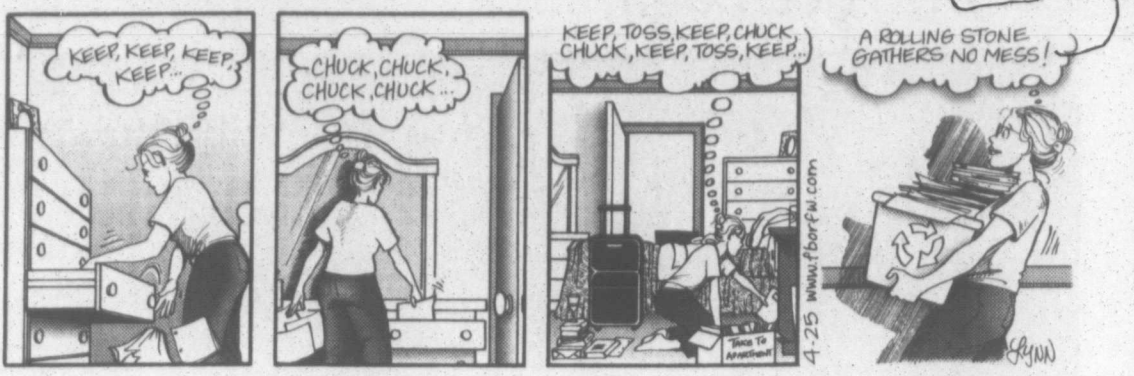
DEAR "NO": If you do what your husband is suggesting, he will never forgive you, and it will spell the end of your marriage. He is only testing you; don't go for it. Your husband's insecurity has gotten the best of his reasoning, and he's overdue for a frank talk with his doctor about what it takes to provide satisfaction for his wife. While he's at it, he should ask for a referral to a specialist who can help him overcome his irrational insecurity. If he refuses to go, I urge you to go without him. It could save your marriage — which at this point is in big trouble.

DEAR ABBY: I have been working as a nurse's aide for more than 20 years. Now that I am older, no one wants to hire me. I'm in good health and very active. I have never missed a day of work except in 1996, when I had surgery for colon cancer. Three weeks after that I went back to work, even though I took chemotherapy for a year. I really need to work. Living on my husband's small Social Security check is impossible. I have a grown daughter who is bipolar. Our combined incomes barely cover the rent and some of our utilities. Why can't we older folks be allowed to do something we like? I have met and taken care of some wonderful people. Having a lot in common really helped.

I don't want charity — just a chance to work. I'm not ready to sit in a rocking chair and watch television. I enjoy getting up in the morning and being needed. Not being active bores me to death. Maybe it's time you said something about older folks who are still young at heart, Abby. — **NEEDS TO BE ACTIVE**

DEAR NEEDS TO BE ACTIVE: With pleasure. Not everyone ages at the same rate. We all know people who are vigorous and healthy well into their 70s and beyond. I view older workers as a valued resource. Those who are able and willing to devote their energies to the workplace should be given the opportunity. Their loyalty, work ethic and wealth of experience are tremendous assets to any employer.

For Better Or For Worse



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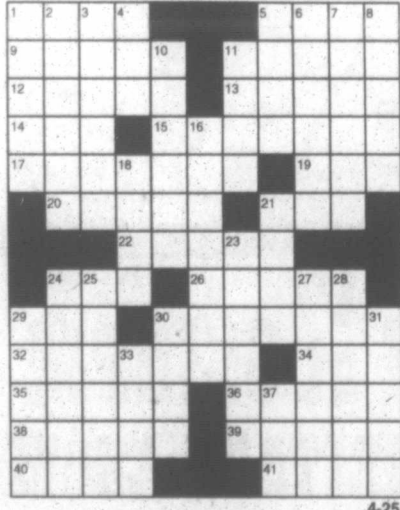
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 - 19 "The Matrix" hero
 - 20 Train stop
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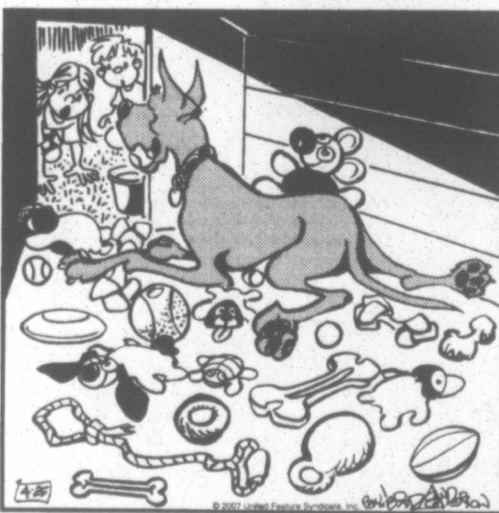
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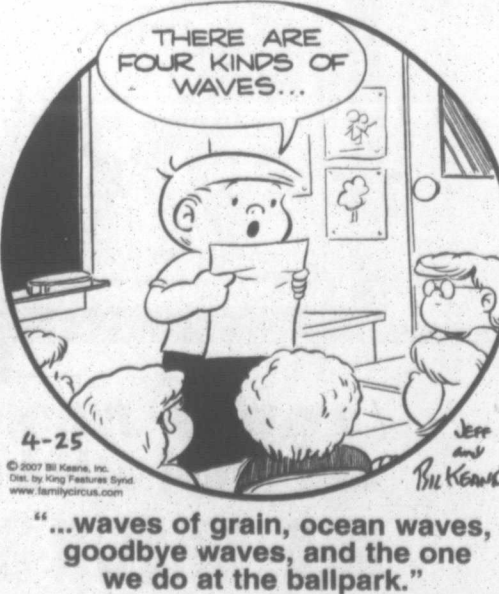


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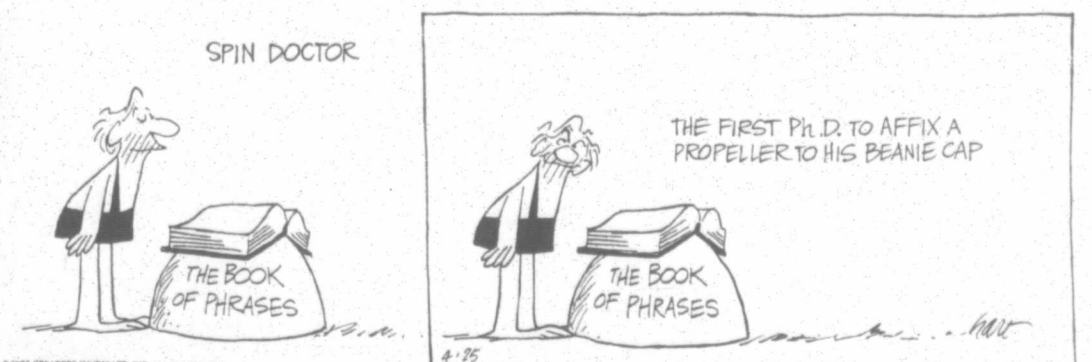


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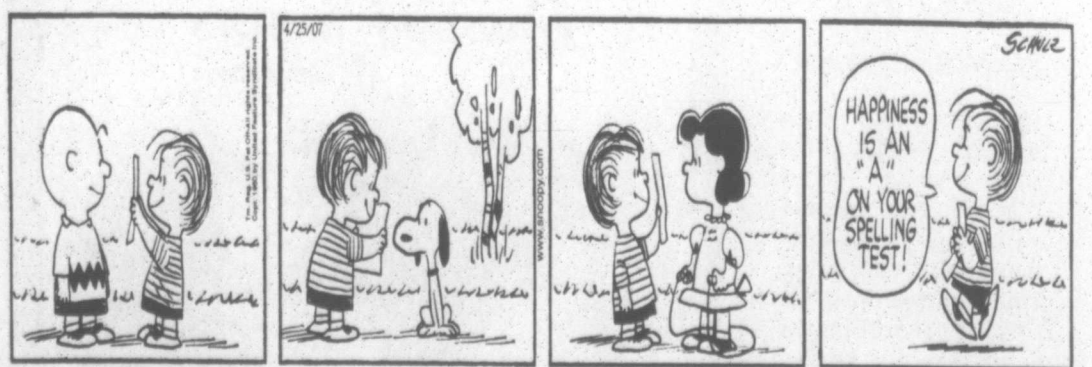
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Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Seniors play last games on Harvester Field

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

With graduation just around the corner, Pampa High School seniors are beginning to see the last of several things.

On Monday and Tuesday, the baseball seniors played their last two home games on Harvester Field against district opponents Dumas and Hereford.

Blake Sieck stepped up as starting pitcher against Dumas Monday, and had six strikeouts in seven innings, allowing five runs.

With the score tied at five going into the eighth inning, Colden Fortenberry pitched two thirds of the inning, allowing four earned runs.

Brett Powell ended the eighth inning, recorded the final out and picked up the win, his third this season.

Pampa came back in the bottom half of the eighth to out score the Demons 10-9.

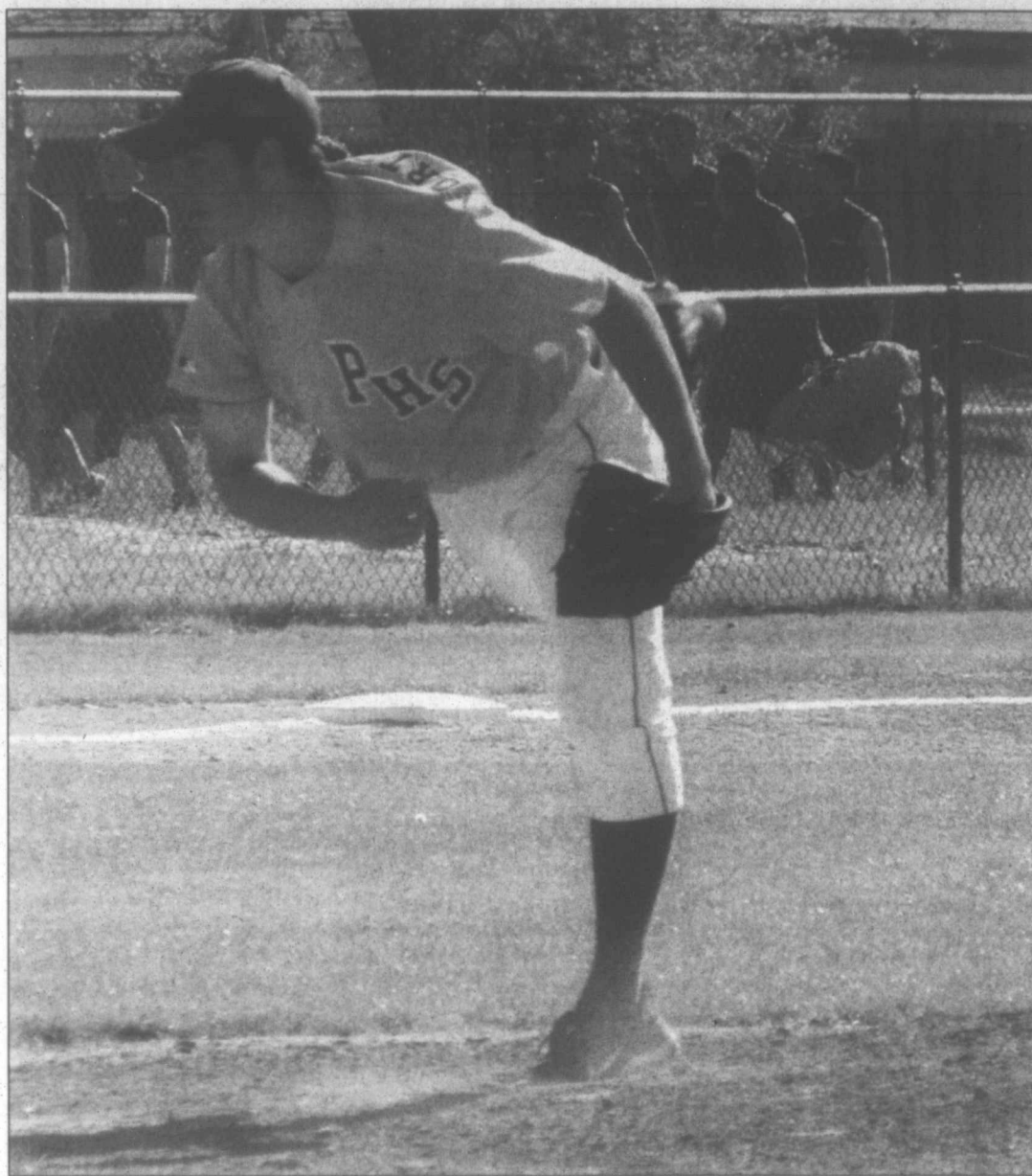
Seniors James Coffee, Robbie Dixon and Brett Ferrell each hit a home run, the first of the season for Ferrell and Dixon and the sixth for Coffee.

Shane Davis was 2-for-4 with one run scored.

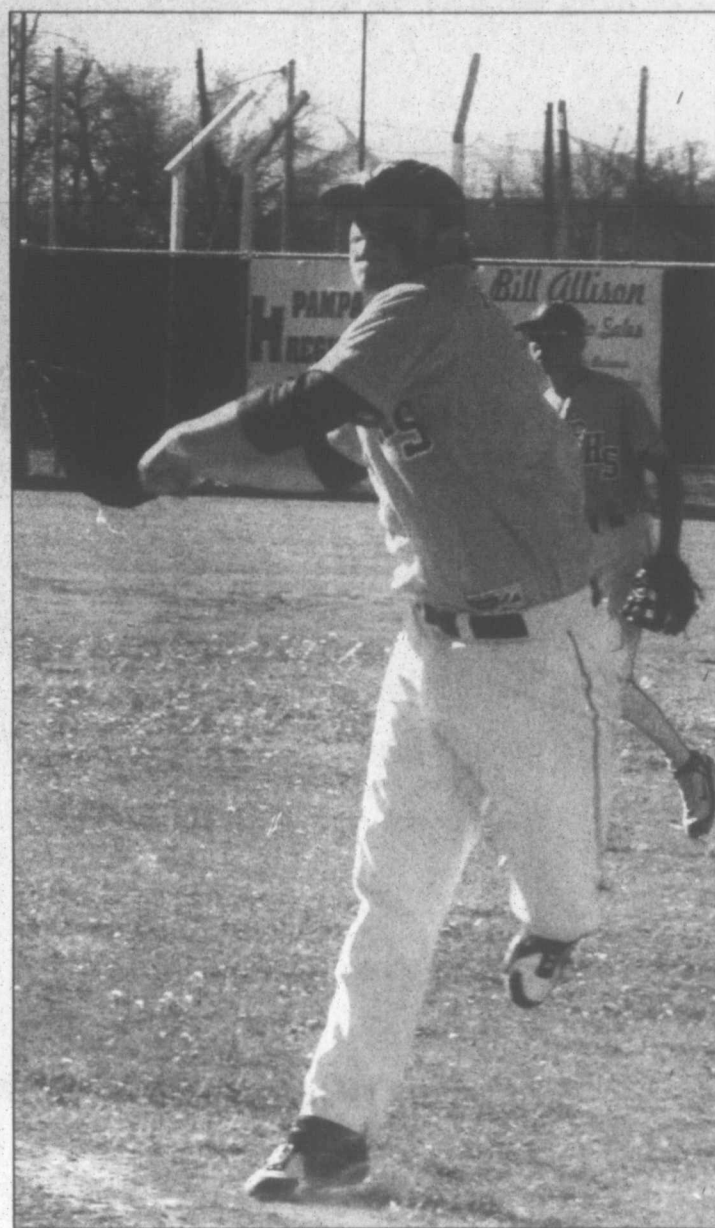
Improving their record to 7-1 in district and 20-6-1 overall, the Harvesters clinched a playoff berth.

On Tuesday, Pampa hosted the Hereford Whitefaces in their last home game of the season.

Senior Bradley Johnson started on the mound, but was replaced by Colden Fortenberry after giving up



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN
Colden Fortenberry throws a pitch during the third inning of Tuesday's game against Hereford.



First baseman Brett Ferrell throws to home plate to keep Hereford from scoring another run.

several early runs.

Hereford had a strong 6-0 lead going into the third inning, but was held to no runs as Coffee hit a grand slam to bring Pampa up 6-4.

In the fourth inning, the Whitefaces got back up with five runs on Fortenberry, as the Harvesters brought in one run in the bottom half.

While Pampa held

Hereford to no runs through the remainder of the game, the Harvesters couldn't catch up, with three runs in the fifth inning and one last run in the sixth to make the final

score 11-9.

The loss brought Pampa's record to 7-2 in district and 20-7-1 overall.

Fortenberry recorded the loss, making his record 4-3.

The Harvesters will play at 1 p.m. Friday at Randall to wrap up district play.

Pampa Optimist Club 11-12 Cal Ripken league starts season with exciting play

Three Glo-Valve Service pitchers combined to hold Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency to a single hit en route to a 13-3 win as the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League opened the season Tuesday.

Reid Miller faced only six batters in two innings to receive credit for the win.

Krysten Miller and Zach Graves finished up for Glo-Valve.

Rudy Rodriguez and Shelby Carpenter pitched for DFB.

Glo-Valve started the top of the first inning with a statement as Reid Miller hit the third pitch over the left field fence.

After a walk to Sam Cain, Zach Graves hit the second pitch over the right field wall.

Jordan Lemons and Krysten Miller walked and

scored on a series of stolen bases, a passed ball and a wild pitch.

Glo-Valve led 5-0. DFB got on board in the third inning as Ceygan Jameson started things off with a walk and Ryver Nunn was hit by a pitch.

The runners advanced on a passed ball and scored on a single by Rodriguez, who stole second and third and hurried home on a passed

ball. Reid Miller and Graves were the leading hitters for Glo-Valve. Miller had a home run, double and single, scored three times and had one RBI.

Graves had a home run, double, two runs scored and four RBIs.

The outstanding defensive play of the game for DFB came when catcher Drake Fisher threw a Glo-Valve

runner out at third.

Lemons nabbed a runner at second and Graves picked off a runner for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive plays.

Reid Miller allowed no runs or hits, struck out three and walked one.

In the third inning, Krysten Miller allowed a hit and two earned runs, walked one, hit a batter and struck out two.

Graves pitched the last

inning striking out two and walking one while giving up no runs or hits.

In the early game, Rotary Club scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to rally past Celanese Corp. 12-11. Celanese will play Glo-Valve at 7:45 p.m. Thursday.

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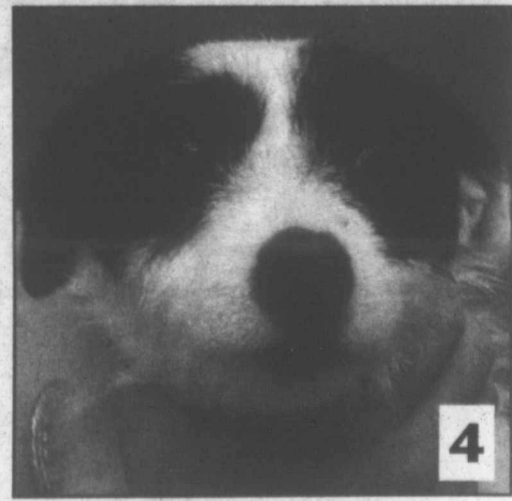
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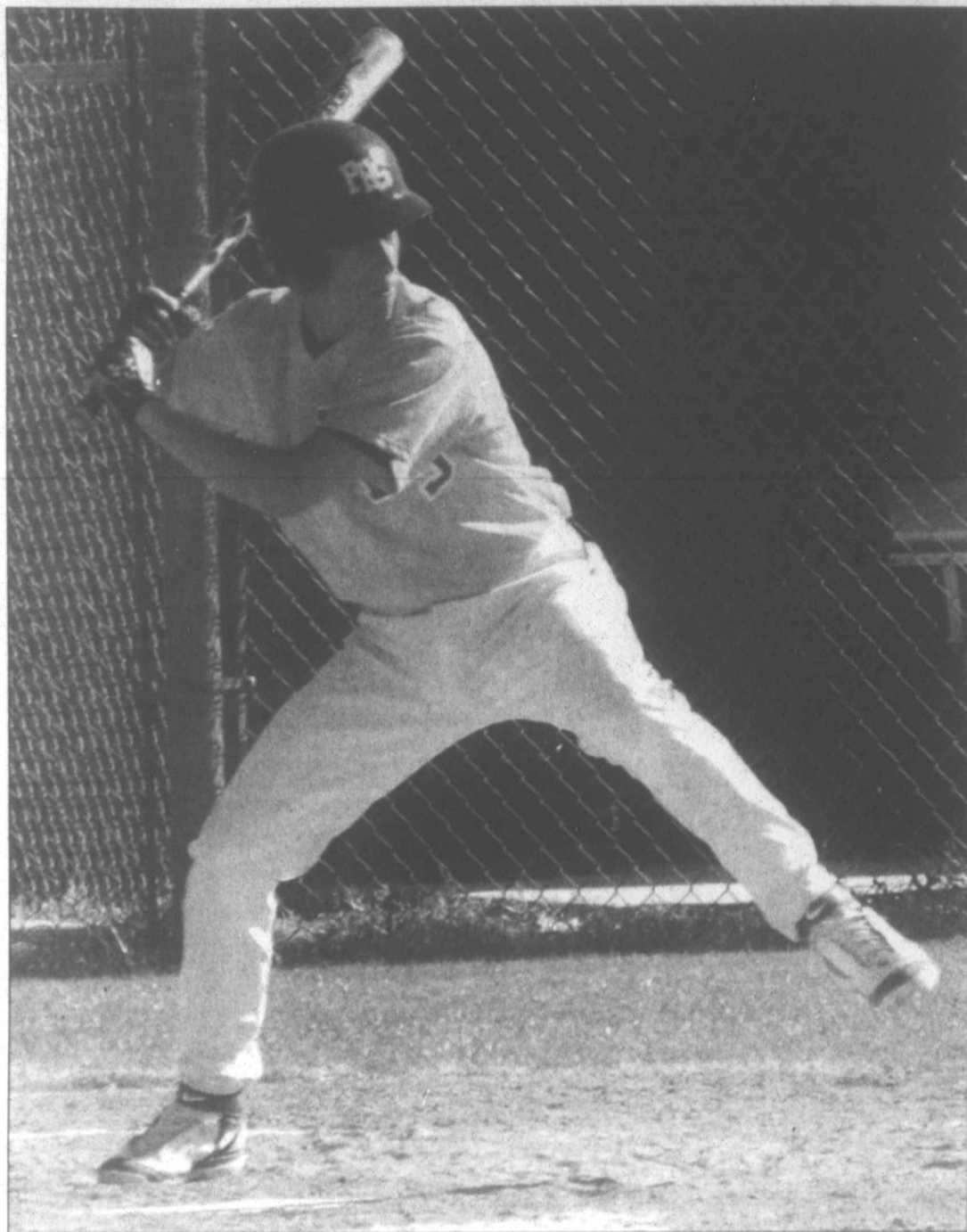
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At the plate



Sophomore Blake Sieck steps up to the plate Tuesday against Hereford.

Yankees complete 0-5 trip

By The Associated Press
 Carl Crawford's first career grand slam sent the New York Yankees home with a winless trip. Crawford connected off lefty specialist Mike Myers for a slam that overcame a seventh-inning deficit, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat New York 6-4 Tuesday night. "Considering the timing and what it did for us to win the game, that was the best home run I ever hit," said Crawford, who went 4-for-4. New York dropped into last in the AL East and has lost five straight for the first time since a six-game slide from May 28 to June 3, 2005. The 0-5 trip, which began with three games in Boston, was the first winless

trip of five games or longer for the Yankees since they dropped the final six games in 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. "It's tough," said Derek Jeter, who left after being hit with a pitch in the first inning. "We should have won a few of them, but it didn't happen. It's just one of those things you have to work yourself through." A night after hitting his 13th and 14th homers to tie the major league record for home runs in April, Alex Rodriguez went 0-for-3 with a walk. Rodriguez had hit in 23 straight games dating to September. "The only thing I can tell this ballclub is you can't start forcing it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "You just have to continue doing what

you're doing. You can only do what you do. If you're out there trying to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders, it's going to come back and bite you." In other games it was Toronto 10, Boston 3; Los Angeles 9, Detroit 8 in 10 innings; Oakland 4, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 5, Minnesota 3; and Chicago 9, Kansas City 7. Seattle's game at Texas was postponed because of bad weather. Chien-Ming Wang (0-1) allowed four runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings after being activated from the disabled list earlier Tuesday. Juan Salas (1-1) got one out in relief, and Al Reyes pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Maholm holds off Astros

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Maholm wasn't perfect, and he didn't flirt with a no-hitter. To pitch much better than this, though, the Pittsburgh Pirates' left-hander might have to do exactly that. Maholm allowed only three singles in his first career complete game and the Pirates avoided their longest home losing streak to start a season in 109 years, beating the Houston Astros 3-0 on Tuesday night. Playing only their fifth home game — they lost their first four — the Pirates got their best-pitched game so far this season from Maholm (1-2), who hadn't won since Sept. 15, and a pair of run-scoring hits from Jason Bay. "If I throw out the one walk, everything was pretty perfect," Maholm said. "I threw hardly any balls that were hit in the air, and for a sinkerball pitcher that's got to be the thing to do." The left-handed Maholm faced only 29 batters, two over the minimum, while giving up three hits and walking one. Craig Biggio, who had two of Houston's three hits, was thrown out trying to steal second in the fourth. He also was retired on a double-play grounder following a sharply hit single to left field on Maholm's first and probably worst pitch of the game. "He swings at the first pitch a lot, but for some reason he's been taking and I just laid one in there and he hit a ball through the 6-hole (at shortstop)," Maholm said. Maholm, who took a 6.19 ERA and an 11-

13 career record into his fourth start of the season, didn't throw many bad pitches after that one as the Astros never came close to getting anything going offensively in their fourth consecutive loss. Houston never advanced a runner past first base against Maholm, who got 15 outs by groundball or easy popups and struck out four. Maholm was so successful in keeping the ball down, Houston didn't hit a fly ball until the fourth and had only six flyouts overall. Good pitching or bad hitting? The two managers disagreed. "You can count the number of bad pitches he threw on one hand," the Pirates' Jim Tracy said. "He was exceptional." "It was a very bad game, we looked like we had no clue what we were doing," the Astros' Phil Garner said. "We hit one ball good. We didn't square the ball up and swung at a lot of bad pitches and, unfortunately, we put them in play. I think it was more us than him, though obviously he pitched well." The Pirates haven't lost their first five home games since 1898, the 12th season of their existence and one in which the entire club hit only 14 homers all season. These Pirates did homer — Ronny Paulino's solo shot in the second, his first of the season and one of their four extra-base hits while taking a 3-0 lead by the fourth against Woody Williams (0-3).

Griffey passes Reggie on HR list

By The Associated Press
 Ken Griffey Jr. moved up on the career home runs list with another of his familiar sweet swings, swatting Reggie Jackson out of the top 10. "To pass him, sometimes it's mindboggling because I didn't think when I started playing this game 19 years ago that I'd be anywhere close to where I am now," Griffey said. Griffey moved into sole possession of 10th place with his first homer of the season, and 564th of his career, helping the Reds to a 10-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night. Jackson made a congratulatory telephone call last fall when Griffey tied him, and Griffey expected another call soon. "Not yet, but somehow he'll find out," Griffey said. "I just don't hit them as long as he did. I don't get the ooh, aah, ooh shots." Randy Johnson's presence on the mound is still an imposing sight, but the

Big Unit was outpitched in his season debut by fellow 43-year-old counterpart David Wells in San Diego's 10-5 victory. It was the oldest matchup of left-handers in major league history. "I thought everything went pretty well," said Johnson, who struck out seven. "It's not the way I would have written things up." Six months after back surgery, Johnson (0-1) gave up six runs and six hits in five innings against San Diego, his first start for the Diamondbacks since 2004. The Big Unit allowed two home runs and two doubles. He walked four — two intentionally — hit two batters and threw just 53 of 97 pitches for strikes. Johnson said there was "absolutely no comparison" to how he felt at the end of last season with the New York Yankees. "I don't want to hash out last year," Johnson said. "I'm looking forward to this year. The bottom line is, I'm looking for results. Spring training's over for me."

In other NL games, it was Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0; New York 2, Colorado 1 in 12 innings; Philadelphia 6, Washington 3; Atlanta 11, Florida 6; Milwaukee 4, Chicago 1; and San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3. At St. Louis, Griffey entered with no homers and seven RBIs in 51 at-bats, and was limited to one pinch-hit appearance the last four games due to diverticulitis, an inflammation of the colon. He grounded out and walked his first two at-bats before hitting a two-run shot in the fifth and passing Jackson. "Reggie will be fine," said Reds manager Jerry Narron, Jackson's teammate when he hit his 500th homer. "Reggie was one of the best power hitters ever." Alex Gonzalez tied career highs with two homers, four hits and five RBIs, and Aaron Harang (3-0) worked into the eighth for the Reds. Kip Wells (1-4) got knocked out in the fifth for St. Louis, which fell to 1-7 at home.



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A LOS ELECTORES REGISTRADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE LEFORS:
 ESTE DOCUMENTO SE COMUNICA QUE EL Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Lefors ha convocado elecciones para la emisión de bonos para permitir a los electores cualificados del Distrito votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de una Proposición, descrita a continuación con más detalle, autorizando la emisión y venta de bonos para la compra, construcción, reforma y equipamiento de edificios escolares y el gravamen, aval, cálculo y recaudación de impuestos anuales ad valorem suficientes para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos propuestos.
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las 7:00 de la tarde del 12 de mayo de 2007, fecha uniforme para la celebración de elecciones, en el siguiente centro electoral:
 Lefors Civic Center (Centro Cívico de Lefors) 103 N. Court St. Lefors, Texas 79054
 Juez presidente: Barbara Porter
 Juez suplente: Kristina Porter
 La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en el Centro electoral principal designado para la votación anticipada:
 Non-jury Courtroom, 1st floor
 Gray County Offices (Sala de tribunal sin jurado, 1er piso Oficinas del Condado de Gray) 205 Russell Pampa, Texas 79066
 La votación anticipada se llevará a cabo durante el periodo de votación anticipada permitido o dispuesto por la ley, siendo desde el 30 de abril de 2007 hasta el 8 de mayo de 2007. La votación anticipada se llevará a cabo todos los días y durante el horario abajo indicado, excepto sábados, domingos y días festivos esta-

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tales, en los cuales no tendrá lugar la votación anticipada en persona:
 Fecha
 Lunes, 30 de abril de 2007 De 7:00 am a 7:00 pm.
 martes, 1 de mayo de 2007 De 8:00 am a 5:00 pm.
 Miércoles 2 de mayo de 2007 De 8:00am a 5:00 pm.
 Jueves, 3 de mayo de 2007 De 8:00 am a 5:00 pm.
 Viernes, 4 de mayo de 2007 De 8:00 am a 5:00 pm.
 Lunes, 7 de mayo de 2007 De 7:00 am a 7:00 pm
 Martes, 8 de mayo de 2007 De 8:00 am a 5:00 pm.
 El Centro electoral principal para la votación anticipada permanecerá abierto durante el horario establecido para la votación anticipada en persona.
 Las solicitudes para la votación anticipada por correo se enviarán a Pat Seely, Early Voting Clerk, Lefors Independent School District, 209 East 5th St., Lefors, Texas 79054. Las solicitudes de

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boleta por correo deberán recibirse en fecha no posterior al cierre del horario comercial del día 4 de mayo 2007. En las Elecciones, se presentará la siguiente PROPOSICION de acuerdo con la ley:
PROPOSICION
 El Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Lefors queda autorizado para emitir bonos del Distrito, que tendrán fecha de vencimiento, devengarán intereses, y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley en el momento de su emisión, en una o mas series, por un importe total de capital de \$2,000,000, para la construcción reformas equipamiento de edificios escolares en el Distrito, la compra de terrenos necesarios para los edificios escolares y la compra de autobuses escolares? El Consejo de administración queda autorizado para gravar y avalar, y hacer que se calculen y recauden impuestos anuales ad valorem, sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el

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Distrito, suficientes para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad?
 Las boletas oficiales para las Elecciones se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código electoral de Texas, a fin de permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION anterior, y dichas boletas incluirán las disposiciones, anotaciones y lenguaje que la ley exige, y cuya PROPOSICION quedará expresada sustancialmente de la manera siguiente:
PROPOSICION A FAVOR EN CONTRA LA EMISION DE BONOS POR VALOR DE \$2,000,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCION, REFORMA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES LA COMPRA DE TERRENOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y LA COMPRA DE AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES EN Y PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDE-

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proposed bonds. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the above-described Election was ordered to be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2007, a uniform election date at the following polling place:
Lefors Civic Center 103 N. Court St. Lefors, Texas 79054
Presiding Judge: Barbara Porter
Alternate Judge: Kristina Porter
 Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place at:
Non-Jury Courtroom, 1st floor Gray County Offices 205 N. Russell Pampa, Texas 79066
 Early voting shall be conducted during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 30, 2007 through May 8, 2007. Early voting shall be conducted each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, at the following

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times on the following days:
Date Times
 Monday, April 30, 2007 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 1, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 2, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 3, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 4, 2007 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Monday, May 7, 2007 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 8, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 The Main Early Voting Polling Place shall at all times remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.
 Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to Pat Seely, Early Voting Clerk, Lefors Independent School District, 209 East 5th St., Lefors, Texas 79054. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007.
 At the Bond Election, the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the law:

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PROPOSITION
 Shall the Board of Trustees of Lefors Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, purchase of necessary sites for school buildings, and purchase of school buses, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?
 The official ballots for the Bond Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforementioned proposition, with the

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Mother's Day Out

The 4- and 5-year-old Mother's Day Class at First Christian Church, taught by Linda Bodie, recently learned about space. Above: Jaclyn, Klaire, Jarren, William, Branden, Evan, Jesus, Sarah, Sydnee, Halie and Timmy. The children learned about space and astronauts and rockets.

HSQ to bid farewell to violist

AMARILLO — Violist Joanna Mendoza will perform her final concert as a member of the Harrington String Quartet in the quartet's last concert of its 25th anniversary season.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly in Amarillo.

Mendoza accepted a job as a viola instructor at the University of Oklahoma today.

HSQ members have a three-pronged job description: In addition to their duties with the Quartet, they also are principal members of the Symphony and instructors at West Texas A&M University.

Mendoza joined HSQ in 1996, only the fourth violist since the quartet's founding in 1981.

She has been a guest with ensembles such as the Pro Arte Quartet, the Miami String Quartet, the Felici Trio, the Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society, and the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota. She has performed at the Bellingham Festival of Music, the Colorado Music Festival, the Oregon Bach Festival and with the Santa Fe Pro Musica. Contemporary music performances include the Museum of Modern Art Summergarden Series in New York City, the American Festival of Microtonal Music at Columbia and New York University, and the FOCUS! Festival at the Juilliard School.

A former principal violist with the New World Symphony, she has toured South America and Europe

with the orchestra and as a chamber musician. She has taught at the University of Oklahoma and with the American Festival for the Arts, and has given masterclasses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Houston.

Originally from Milwaukee, Mendoza earned her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Master of Music degree

from the Juilliard School.

Friday's performance will include works by Mozart, Schubert and Debussy, as well as another candidate for the quartet's open violin position.

Francesca Anderegg, a student at the Juilliard School of Music, was recommended to HSQ by Joel Smirnoff, one of the finalists for the Amarillo Symphony's Music Director & Conductor position.

WT's Man, Woman of the Year to be announced Friday

CANYON — A.J. Swope, a senior mass communication-broadcasting major of Pampa, has been nominated, along with five others, for Man of the Year at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Six female Woman of the Year nominees have also been selected.

The winners will be announced during the 28th annual University Honors Banquet Friday at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Finalists will be announced at a reception at 6 p.m. the day of the banquet on the Isley Terrace at the Alumni Banquet Facility.

The banquet will follow at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility's Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining Hall.

Some of the other prestigious awards to be presented at the annual banquet are Outstanding Student Organization, Outstanding Student Organization Advisers and, possibly, the Presidential Order of the Silver Buffalo, which is reserved for elite individuals or organizations whose accomplishments have brought national honor and distinction to the University.

"The Silver Buffalo is reserved for very special accomplishments that merit special recognition," Dr. Don Albrecht, vice president for student services, said. "It is not automatically awarded every year, just when it is especially deserved."

Tickets for the University Honors Banquet are \$12 and may be obtained at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center information desk. Everyone

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PHS to stage Woe-Man competition

The annual "Woe-Man Contest" at Pampa High School will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the PHS auditorium. Fourteen senior boys will be vying for the title of Miss Woe-Man 2007.

The boys will compete in a talent division as well as participate in two big dance routines featuring all the contestants.

Five finalists will be interviewed before final judging.

The 14 contestants are Alex Torres, Austin Pritchett, Ben Gibson, Bobby Sikes, Brett Ferrell, Bryant Noble, Devan Shults, Eric Morales, James Coffee, Logan Howard, Michael Foreman, Robbie Dixon, Urvish Trivedi and Zac Ammons.

All proceeds will go to fund different student council activities including Homecoming and prom.