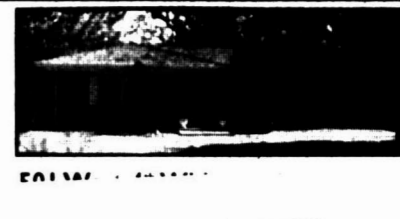


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'Self-advocacy' topic of MS support group

Pampa Area MS Support Group is hosting a program on self-advocacy presented by Laura Street, RNC, MSN, Thursday, Feb. 21, a brown bag lunch affair starting at noon at 300 W. Foster.

"Self-Advocacy: The Importance of Taking Care of Yourself" will cover how to ask for what you need from family, friends, caregivers, physicians, health care providers and your community at large.

Street, besides her medical and professional credentials as a staff member at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center and University Women's Health Center in Amarillo, was awarded the "Texans Caring For Texans" Outstanding State Employee for 2001.

Anyone interested in learning more about how to ask for help is invited. Bring a lunch. Drinks will be provided. For additional information contact Kayla Pursley, 806-665-8848, or Gail Lindsey, Programs Specialist, Panhandle Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 806-468-7500 or 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

DEATHS

- Reba Deloris Alexander, 58, services pending.
- Gladys A. Brownlee, 84, cosmetic saleswoman.
- Evelyn Kirkpatrick, 94, homemaker.
- Glenn L. Markham, 83, officemanager.
- Martha Ann "Mattie" McQueen, 91, homemaker.
- Hadda Marie Moore, 97, retired secretary.
- Donnie Lee Shipley, 57, deliveryman.

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(Courtesy photo by Pampa Firefighter Jerry Tomaschik)

Pampa Firefighters, Scott Reasor, Chad Ewing, Equipment Operator Charley Douthit, and Capt. Tim Kirkwood work together to stop a fire that started in the bathroom of this home at 805 E. Craven Saturday afternoon. Fire officials say a 4-year-old child playing in the bathroom caused the blaze.

Firefighters battle blazes on busy day Saturday calls keep PFD rolling

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

There was little rest for the weary as far as Pampa firefighters were concerned Saturday while they responded to one call after another, including two structure fires.

"We had structure fires, hazmats (hazardous material spills), medical assists, grass fires, dumpster fires, all kinds of things," said Capt. Mike Day of the Pampa Fire Department. "We thought we should have had a 10-50 (motor vehicle collision) thrown in just to have the whole repertoire."

A motor vehicle collision was practically the only call Pampa Fire Department didn't get over the weekend.

Between 7:50 a.m. and 8:27 a.m., firefighters had already helped with a medical problem in the 2500 block of Dogwood and cleaned up a can of paint that had spilled in the roadway at the Five Points intersection in east Pampa.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, a house fire was reported at 805 E. Craven. Four fire vehicles and eight firefighters, including the deputy chief and fire marshal responded to the call.

Inside the wood frame house, firefighters found the bathroom in flames and the fire moving out into the hallway. According to the fire report, the house, owned by William Carr and occupied by Mary Bennett, sustained an estimated \$10,000 damage.

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the

fire was apparently caused by a four-year-old child playing with fire in the bathroom, catching a trash can on fire.

No one was injured, firefighters said.

An hour later, the fire alarm rang again. This time to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North wells.

They got a reprieve for a few hours before the fire trucks took off again to a fire reported at Curtis Well Service, 1050 N. Price Rd. According to reports, firefighters arriving on the scene could see light smoke coming from the center and rear of the two-story metal building.

Inside, they found a bathroom in the center of the building in flames. Damage was estimated at \$8,000.

Stevens said the fire apparently started in a closet that housed a central heating unit. No injuries were reported.

The fire marshal said a grass fire that was called in an hour later appeared to be "suspicious," but the actual cause is still unknown.

Firefighters were called to the grass fire in a vacant lot at 732 Zimmers, at 4:01 p.m. Saturday. Only a small area was burned, according to fire reports.

Their extra-busy day finally ended at 5:13 p.m., with a dumpster fire in the alley behind Trollering Service Station, 1405 N. Hobart. No cause of the small fire was given in the report. Damage was limited to the contents inside the trash container.



(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)

Numerous fire hoses lead into Curtis Well Service where the Pampa Fire Department was called to extinguish a fire in a central heating unit closet on Saturday. Damage to the building was estimated at \$8,000.

Rabies returns

Two cases confirmed

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

"It's just a matter of time before a domestic animal gets rabies," warns local veterinarian Dr. Brian Gordzelik.

With a new outbreak of the fatal disease in Gray County, Dr. Gordzelik is urging animal owners to get their animals vaccinated.

Gordzelik told *The Pampa News* this morning that two skunks taken to his office in recent weeks have been positively diagnosed as rabid by the state laboratory in Austin.

"It wouldn't be a bad idea to get horses vaccinated," he said.

Two cases of rabies have been confirmed during the past few weeks in Gray

County by the state of Texas.

"They're spread pretty far apart," said the veterinarian.

He said the first case was reported at the end of January. The skunk was found in an area about 17 miles north of McLean and 18 miles southeast of Pampa, according to Dr. Gordzelik.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, another suspicious skunk was found near the Little Red School House, about six miles north of Pampa, off Texas Highway 70. The lab in Austin confirmed last week that skunk was also rabid.

In 2001, the Pampa area lead the state with 17-18 reported rabies cases.

Rabies is being reported earlier this year. The first cases last year were reported in March within the Pampa city limits.

Several clinics were held to get animals vaccinated, but not all animals were vaccinated. (See RABIES, Page 3)

Historical society may back down on renovation changes

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Historical Commission members may have relented somewhat on their position about requiring Gray County to redraw the plans for the courthouse restoration project.

County Judge Richard Peet told the county commission that ArchiTexas architect Larry Irsik told him he had talked with THC officials regarding their request to redraw the plans.

According to Peet, Irsik said the THC had learned the county commission on Feb. 6 questioned the THC being able to require the county to pay \$17,000 for the redrawing.

At that special meeting, commissioners court members were quite vocal about having to pay for the redrawing of the plans after they had been approved.

Initially approved, the plans reviewed by THC members week-end before last, received a thumbs-down due to lowering hallway ceilings on the second and third floors of the building.

The plan had been to lower the ceilings to make room for duct work for the heating and cooling system.

Irsik informed the county commission by letter the THC officials changed their mind because they were concerned about the historical appearance of the building.

Peet quoted Irsik as saying the THC was willing to accept both drawings in the bid packet and check the difference in costs of the two.

Peet said it will be up to the county commission to evaluate. (See CHANGES, Page 3)

Citizen volunteers needed

Pampa Citizens on Patrol (COP) and Pampa Police Department are looking for citizen volunteers to help protect our community from criminal activity and maintain our hometown security.

In addition, mentors, who can serve as volunteer role models for young people, are needed.

COP is a program designed to put more eyes and ears in our neighborhoods to detect, report and deter criminal activity. COP members report suspicious (criminal) activity to the city's law enforcement officers for appropriate action.

You can help to improve

the quality of life and security of our community by volunteering to patrol our city streets, a police department spokesman said. We provide the training and give you the opportunity to make a difference here at home, the spokesman said.

COPs are not police officers and are encouraged not to take any form of enforcement action. But as a volunteer they can cause a robbery or burglary to be thwarted and the suspect to be arrested.

COPS can make a difference by watching for criminal activity and reporting it by CB radio or phone to law

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

MARKHAM, Glenn L. — 2 p.m. Wheeler First Baptist Church; burial Zybach Cemetery, Allison.
MOORE, Hadda Marie — 10 a.m. Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

REBA DELORIS ALEXANDER

AMARILLO — Reba Deloris Alexander, 58, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002. Services pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

GLADYS A. BROWNLEE
 1918-2002

ODESSA — Gladys A. Brownlee, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Medical Center Hospital. Burial service was to be at 11 a.m., today in Sunset Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Steve Trout officiating. Memorial services are scheduled at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church of Odessa. Arrangements are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors of Odessa.

Mrs. Brownlee was born Jan. 23, 1918, in Erath County near Dublin, Texas, to Henry Jay and Sallie Golightly. She graduated from Dublin High School and married Clyde Leslie Brownlee in 1935; he preceded her in death in 1985. The couple lived at DeLeon, Seagraves, Pampa and Colorado City before settling in Odessa in 1949.

Mrs. Brownlee was an award-winning saleswoman for a cosmetic company. She went to work in the Ector County Clerk's office in 1959 then transferred to the purchasing department and later retired from the office staff of the county library in 1983, after a total of 24 years of service.

She was an active member of First United Methodist Church and Friendship Sunday School Class for 52 years. A devout Bible student, she participated in Bible studies offered by various denominations in Odessa.

She was an avid cook and seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; a sister; and a grandson, Glen M. Fink.

Survivors include two daughters, Georgene Miller of Odessa and Kay Peek of San Angelo; a son, Les Brownlee of Alexandria, Va.; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Memorial Fund at First United Methodist Church of Odessa or to Door of Hope Mission. A message in memory of Mrs. Brownlee may be left on-line at www.wilson-funeral.com.

EVELYN "HONEY" KIRKPATRICK
 1908-2002

TERRELL — Evelyn "Honey" Kirkpatrick, 94, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002. Services were held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Allan Fuller Funeral Home Chapel of Wills Point with Keith Feerer, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Pat Brown and Daniel Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial followed in Bright Star Cemetery at Wills Point.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born Feb. 27, 1908, in Schertz, the daughter of Robert Dorow and Hulda Rittman Dorow. Raised near Schertz, she married Arlyn C. Kirkpatrick in San Antonio on Oct. 5, 1929. She lived in Grand Prairie before moving to Lake Tawakoni area in 1974. She had lived in Terrell for the past three years. She was a housewife and a member of the Russell Memorial United Methodist Church of Wills Point.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband Arlyn Clinton Kirkpatrick of Terrell; three sons, William Warren Kirkpatrick of Lumberton; Loyd Clinton Kirkpatrick of Terrell; and Reed Bryan Kirkpatrick of Pampa; one sister, Myrtle Williams of Canyon Lake; a half-brother, Louis Manger of San Diego, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Jordan Chapel Builders, P.O. Box 1355, Pampa, Texas, 79066.

GLENN L. MARKHAM
 1919-2002

WHEELER — Glenn L. Markham, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Wheeler First Baptist Church with Dr. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Zybach Cemetery at Allison under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Markham, a lifelong Wheeler area resident, was born Jan. 11, 1919, at Wheeler, to Charley B. and Eula Seawright Markham. A commercial farmer, he was also office manager for ASCS in Wheeler and for Shepard's Crook Home Health Service in Wheeler for several years.

He was a former Wheeler City Council member and belonged to First Baptist Church in Allison where he was a deacon.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Canadian, Disabled American Veterans Association and 69th Infantry Division Association.

He married Verna Belle Holbrook on May 1, 1937, at Wheeler; she died in 1991.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Glennis Wiebe; and two brothers, Cloyd Markham and Bob Markham.

Survivors include a son, Rick Markham of Wheeler; three daughters, Martha Childress, Melinda Parker and Judy Richardson, all of Wheeler; two brothers, Cecil Markham of Lovington, N.M., and Ralph Markham of Bernalillo, N.M.; a sister, Avis Parker of Wheeler; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice in Pampa.

MARTHA ANN 'MATTIE' McQUEEN
 1910-2002

WHEELER — Martha Ann "Mattie" McQueen, 91, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at Wheeler. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis with the Rev. Tom Posey, retired minister of Memphis, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. McQueen was born Nov. 23, 1910, in Santa Fe County, Texas, to C.A. and Annie (Brown) Veteto. She attended school in Memphis and was a lifelong Memphis resident until moving to Wheeler in 1995.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing 42 with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.L. McQueen Sr. in 1981; and by two sons, E.L. McQueen Jr. in 1986 and William Neal McQueen in 1994.

Survivors include five grandchildren, Max McQueen of Wheeler, Mark McQueen of Amarillo, Greg McQueen and Chris McQueen, both of Brownfield, and Steven McQueen of Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; and nine great-grandchildren.

HADDA MARIE MOORE
 1905-2002

White House Lumber Company for several years.

Survivors include three sons, Gilbert Moore, Carl Moore and Willard Moore, all of Pampa; eight grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.



Police in Texas suburb making house calls

DA'WORTHINGTON GARDENS, Texas (AP) — Police in this Fort Worth suburb will soon start making house calls.

It will probably take about two years for officers to visit all of estimated 650 homes.

"We want to introduce ourselves and give an idea of the services that we provide," Deputy Chief T.L. Campbell said.

The program is modeled after one in Highland Village, a city of 12,000 in Denton County. The program began 10 months ago after a resident caught a burglar.

So far, officers have visited about 300 of the city's 3,400 homes.

"We went door-to-door that first time, putting out suspect information and giving out crime prevention information," said Highland Village Police Chief Ed O'Bara. "It was so successful that we decided to do it on a monthly basis."

The program helps police be proactive rather than reactive, O'Bara said.

DONNIE LEE SHIPLEY
 1944-2002

Simmons of Henton, Okla.; three daughters, Carolyn Joyce White, Kristie Dawn Fuller and Kendra Lashelle Henderson, all of Pampa; one brother, Kenneth Shipley of Arlington; two sisters, Judy Haynes and Gay Dismark, all of Pampa; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials go to Pampa Special Olympics.

Donnie Lee Shipley, Sr., 57, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at Amarillo. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Shipley was born Sept. 7, 1944, in Phillips. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Hoagie's Deli as a deliveryman.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Lynn Shipley and Kay Shipley, and his parents, Paul and Katy Shipley.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Shipley of Pampa, two sons, Donnie Lee "D.L." Shipley, Jr., of Pampa, and Bobby J.

ON RECORD

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. For more details, see a related article on Page 1.

Saturday, Feb. 16

- 7:50 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Dogwood.
- 8:27 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill at the Five Points intersection of Barnes, Albert, and Cuyler streets. A can of paint apparently fallen from the back of a vehicle into the street.
- 9 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 800 block of East Craven. A fire started in the bathroom and caused an estimated \$10,000 damage. No injuries were reported.
- 10:04 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
- 3:02 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to the 1000 block of North Price Road. A fire in a closet housing a central heating unit caused approximately \$8,000 damage. No one was injured.
- 4:01 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a small grass fire in a vacant lot in the 700 block of Zimmers.
- 5:13 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in an alley behind the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, Feb. 17

- 11:21 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Pitts.
- 12:04 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza to standby for LifeStar helicopter.
- 8:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of South Somerville.

Monday, Feb. 18

- 12:23 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 2200 block of Hamilton for a carbon monoxide check. A high level of the lethal gas was found to be coming from the wall furnace. Firefighters turned the furnace off and advised the residents to have it checked.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 16

- 7:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Dogwood and transported one to PRMC.
- 9:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to PRMC.
- 9:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Craven for a fire stand by.
- 12:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.
- 2:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Price Road on a fire stand by.
- 3:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.
- 4:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
- 5:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Crawford; unit canceled en route.
- 5:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; patient refused transport.

- 8:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.
- 9:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Perry Lefors Airport to meet Lifestar.

Sunday, Feb. 17

- 11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported one to PRMC.
- 3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.
- 5:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 15

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy where a windshield was cracked causing \$250 in damage.
- A theft of over \$1,500 was reported at Sonic Drive Inn, 1404 N. Hobart. The exact amount of cash missing wasn't determined at the time of the report.
- Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner. No injuries.
- Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Saturday, Feb. 16

- Vandalism was reported at Pampa Pool and Spa, 1700 W. Kentucky, where a mailbox was damaged.
- A theft under \$50 was reported in the 900 block of North Wynne.
- Possession of marijuana was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville.
- Evading/resisting was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.
- Theft of a check was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.
- Forgery was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

Sunday, Feb. 17

- A bicycle was stolen in the 2700 block of Navajo.
- Vandalism was reported in the 500 block of Yeager where \$50-\$100 damages resulted when a vehicle was shot with a BB gun.
- Disorderly conduct/cursing was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Yeager where an egg was thrown at a door.
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 2300 block of North Hobart. No injuries.
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner. No injuries.
- Violation of a protective order was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.
- Child endangerment was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.
- Burglary of a habitation and assault was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl. Minor injuries.
- Two miniature poodles owned by an out-of-town doctor were stolen from One Medical Plaza. The dogs had been tied to an auto bumper.
- Steven D. Lumley, 38, 969 Cinderella, arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Roy Dowell Britt, 38, 1105 Prairie, arrested on a theft warrant.
- Patrick D. Mize, 20, 1406 W. Coronado, arrested for burglary of a building and non-payment of fines.

Monday, Feb. 18

- The theft of several rings, a watch, Web TV, punching bag and several movies was reported in the 300 block of North Roberta. The items are valued at \$1,545.
- Four juveniles were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol while in the 1100 block of Terrace.

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Bush attempts to boost efforts to rally Japan's economy

TOKYO (AP) — From the playground of ancient archers to the cozy dinner table of a "yakitori" restaurant, President Bush celebrated the United States' partnership with Japan but also underscored that as its troubled economy goes, so goes Asia — and America.

"It is important for the world's second-largest economy to grow. It will help the region and it will help the world," Bush said Monday at a joint news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

In three hours of private talks, Bush also addressed Japan's unease about murky U.S. intentions toward Iraq, Iran and North Korea — the trio Bush has defined as the "axis of evil."

Bush said he told Koizumi "all options are on the table," presumably including military action to shut down those countries' terrorist networks and programs developing weapons of mass destruction.

"Other than that, there's nothing else to talk about," Bush said bluntly. He added that his wish is to "resolve all issues peacefully."

Without mentioning any specific target beyond Afghanistan, Koizumi said through a translator: "This fight against terrorism is not going to be a short one. ... Japan shall continue to support the United States."

As for the provocative "axis of evil" label, Koizumi said he presumes it merely "reflects the firm resolve of President Bush and the United States against terrorism."

A senior administration official said that, because Japan has diplomatic relations with Iran and America does not, Bush asked Koizumi to serve as a conduit in getting the U.S. message to officials in Tehran and working out a peaceful resolution to terrorism issues.

Amid all the talk of peaceful solutions, North Korea's official news agency, KCNA, com-

plained of a U.S. "policy of aggression on Korea."

"Japanese reactionaries should also bear in mind that they would not escape their doom if they join in the Korean war in league with the U.S. imperialists in a bid to achieve their ambition for overseas aggression," the agency said.

Bush and Koizumi spoke to reporters before retiring to the Kantei, Japan's equivalent of the White House, for a reception with Japanese cabinet ministers, business leaders, artists and sports and pop stars. Koizumi later treated the president and first lady Laura Bush to a cozy, casual dinner at a Tokyo restaurant specializing in yakitori, or grilled chicken on a skewer.

Both leaders, who began the day in bright sunshine at a lively demonstration of sixth-century horseback archery, were effusive about their personal friendship.

"This was our fourth meeting, but I feel as if

we've met each other umpteen times already," Koizumi said.

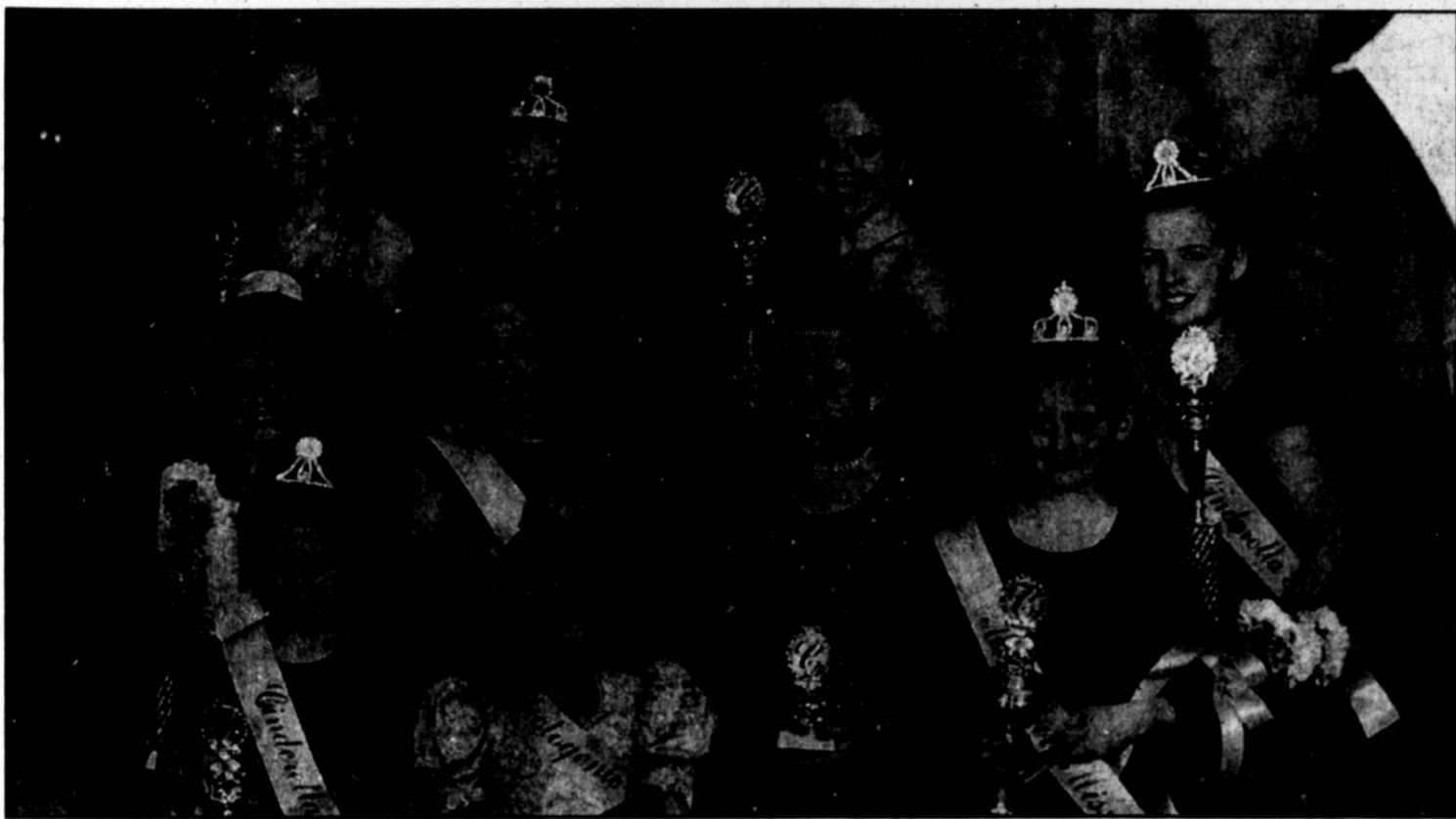
Bush called the prime minister a friend and "a man whose word I trust, a man whose advice I seek." Japan, Bush said, is "one of America's greatest and truest friends."

The U.S.-Japanese alliance, he said, is "the bedrock for peace and prosperity in the Pacific."

He was reinforcing that message in a speech Tuesday to the Diet, Japan's legislative body, before lunching at the Imperial Palace with Emperor Akihito and then continuing on to Seoul, South Korea.

Anxious about the prospect of Japan's economic problems unsettling the global economy and worsening the recession back home, Bush used his two-day visit to the Japanese capital to prod forward the tough economic reforms Koizumi has promised but not yet delivered.

Madeline Graves pageant participants



(Courtesy photo)

Some students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently participated in the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant staged at White Deer. Above, left-right: (front row) Abbey Rios, TOT Beauty; Kirstin Wood, TOT Photogenic; (second row) Daniellę Zuniga, Mini Miss Talent; Jenna Munsell, Mini Miss Photogenic; Caylee Steward, Mini Miss Talent third runner-up; Kylin Sinclair, Mini Miss Overall; (back row) Lauren Denney, Junior Miss Beauty second runner-up; Jaclyn Cargill, Junior Miss Overall; Myca Vinson Junior Miss Talent third runner-up; and Allison Cooper, Junior Miss Beauty. Not pictured: Ashley Stark, TOT Division.

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RABIES

ed, animal control officials said. Some family pets had to be euthanized after biting family members during the spring and summer of 2001. The first rabid animals reported in 2001 in the Pampa city limits was on March 1.

"If pets haven't been vaccinated, owners need to get them vaccinated," said Gordzelik. He said the cost of a post-rabies inoculation is \$100, and several are required. The cost of vaccinating animals is much lower, he said.

The 2001 rabies outbreak was reported to be the largest ever seen in Pampa and Gray County.

Many of the family dogs euthanized after biting someone had not been vaccinated against the rabies disease, officials said.

State law provides an unvaccinated animal which has been exposed to a rabid animal shall be euthanized.

Skunks coming into town can transmit the disease to local domestic animals.

Domestic animals such as dogs, cats and ferrets should be vaccinated.

A skunk out during the daylight hours is a warning sign of rabies.

Animal control workers urge all parents to instruct their children to stay away from wildlife.

"Do not touch sick, injured, or dead animals. Injured animals may be scared and in pain," said Sandy Burns of Pampa Animal Control. "Although you are trying to help them, they may bite you."

An animal biting a person is not the only way rabies is transmitted. Rabies can also be contracted if the infected animal's saliva gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth or a wound.

The National Center for Disease Control recommends people to call animal control to remove stray animals from their neighborhood and to consider having pets spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted animals.

Federal government takes responsibility for airline security

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — Airline passengers had their airport routines sharply altered after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and now the way they're protected has changed as well.

The new Transportation Security Administration took over responsibility for airline security Sunday, the first step toward a system where better-trained, higher-paid federal employees screen passengers and luggage.

The new system received two early tests Monday.

At Los Angeles International Airport, an inactive Army National Guardsman tried to pass an nonfunctioning military explosive through airport security and was arrested. A screener became concerned after noticing the device, which resembled an M-80 firecracker, said Sgt. Greg Glodery of the Los Angeles Police Department. A Federal Aviation Administration official said the device was found in the man's carry-on luggage.

At New York's La Guardia Airport, a flight that had left for Cleveland was forced to

return after it was discovered that one passenger had not been properly screened, FAA spokesman Laura Brown said in Washington. A concourse was evacuated and passengers were screened again after the flight returned.

Passengers at Washington Dulles International Airport were pleased with the changes, even if security is tougher.

Tanie Guy, an Oracle Corp. employee, now arrives two hours early at the airport. "They're a bit stricter, to say the least," he said before going through the security checkpoint en route to San Francisco.

"If a private organization does it, they're looking to make money so they're cutting costs and cutting corners in order to make money," said Brandon Buhai of Chicago, departing O'Hare Airport, also for San Francisco. "You hope cost is not as much of a concern to the government."

Travelers, however, said the security changes they observed Sunday weren't dramatic.

"I was with passengers a

lot, and they really didn't notice any difference," said Melanie Miller, a spokeswoman for Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

Employees have not been given any new instructions, said American Airlines spokeswoman John Hotard. "We've always reinforced that they need to do their jobs," he said.

At Boston's Logan Airport, originating point for the two jetliners that crashed into the World Trade Center Sept. 11, there were no outward signs of the federal takeover.

The only things passengers will notice at first are chairs to sit on when asked to remove their shoes to be checked for explosives, said John Magaw, undersecretary for transportation security.

In addition, travelers inspected with handheld wands will have their valuables in front of them.

"I hope that they'll notice a slight difference in the courtesy," Magaw said. Magaw was at a security checkpoint at Dulles, where a plane was hijacked Sept. 11 and crashed into the Pentagon.

"Hopefully, they won't

notice anything much different than that," Magaw said.

Some arriving passengers said they saw tighter security.

"They were very thorough," said Alison O'Keefe of Boston, arriving at Dulles to visit relatives. "They made me take my shoes off. They went through my purse."

Before the changeover, actions taken since Sept. 11 by the Transportation Department or mandated by Congress have tightened airline security.

The FAA, which, like the airlines, handed over security responsibilities to the new TSA, has closed airport concourses and rescreened passengers because of security breaches.

Last month, the airlines began examining passengers' checked bags for explosives.

"Security is unquestionably much tighter," Transportation Department Inspector General Kenneth Mead said. "People should feel much better about it."

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CHANGES

ate both bids. He said Irsik and his staff are working on new drawings with new projected paths of ducting.

He said there would be four stations of temperature control: two on the second floor and two on the third floor. One would be at the north end and the other at the south end of the building on each of the floors.

"People can control their own room's temperature, but must have ducting," said Peet.

In other business, the court also unanimously approved exempting the tax on travel trailers. Deadline for persons to apply for the tax exemption is April 30, said Peet. He said all persons wanting the exemption must contact the Gray County Appraisal District office.

Gray County Treasurer presented the monthly county treasurer's report.

Approval was given to adding the names of Gaye Whitehead, Christie Browne and Dona Kitterman to the special vehicle inventory tax account at Bank of America and Pampa Banking Center of Pampa.

Alicia Heil's name will be deleted as she is retiring after working in the tax office 42 years.

Peet announced a reception will be held for her from 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the county courtroom at 315 N. Ballard. He encouraged the commissioners and the public to attend.

Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris said her office will be closed Thursday afternoon so that her employees may attend the reception.

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CITIZENS

enforcement personnel.

Participants in the mentoring program help young people find positive role models and support by donating an hour a week, the spokesman said. That hour can back a big difference to a young person in need of someone to talk to, or someone to help with homework or life choices.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Single Woman's Paper Trail Could Point The Way To Safety

DEAR ABBY: When I was single and living alone, whenever I went out with friends or on a date, I'd leave a note on my refrigerator stating the date, time I left, with whom I was going, the person's phone number, address, work, where we met — anything. I would also jot down when I expected to return.

My friends thought this practice was silly. But if Chandra Levy or other missing persons who lived alone had done this, at least there might have been a trail to follow. Call me paranoid, but to me it was always a basic safety issue.

Maybe this letter will help other singles out there — both women and men. Thanks.

SHELLEY
 IN SAINT CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR SHELLEY: Thank you. You displayed intelligence and maturity at a young age. I suspect many young people may be reluctant to leave that kind of information because they're afraid it might somehow curtail their independence. However, it's a potent form of insurance in the case of any kind of emergency.

DEAR ABBY: I was engaged in 2000. Sadly, my fiancée passed away from cancer. I was with her throughout her ordeal, at every doctor's

appointment and all night with her in the hospital. I held her hand when she passed away.

She left a 7-year-old son, "Danny," who now lives with her parents. Before she died, I promised her I would stay in Danny's life. He calls me Dad, and I call him my son. He stays with me quite often, and in my eyes I am his dad.

This year, I plan to begin dating again. However, Danny comes first, and I will not jeopardize our relationship by bringing someone into his life I feel would not be good for him.

My question: When someone asks if I have children, do I have the right to say I am a dad? How do I explain the circumstances without feeling like I am trying to exploit the situation?

BACHELOR FATHER IN TEXAS

DEAR BACHELOR FATHER: Just be honest and tell it like it is. A deathbed promise — a lifetime commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a worried 11-year-old girl. My dad went to a class reunion last summer without my mom because Grandma was in the hospital.

When he was at the reunion, he met up with an old band member who used to be his girlfriend. They've been e-mailing and calling each other ever since.

AN 11-YEAR-OLD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR 11-YEAR-OLD: Have a little more faith in your father. Since he has introduced her to "the whole family," it indicates how proud he is of all of you. From his point of view, I'm sure it's strictly friendship. If it isn't that way from her point of view, she'll have the other three women in his life to reckon with. I don't think she'd stand a chance!

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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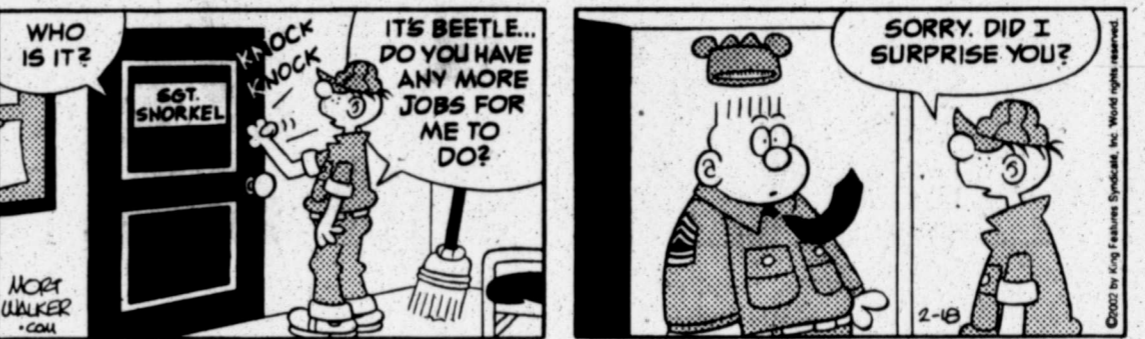
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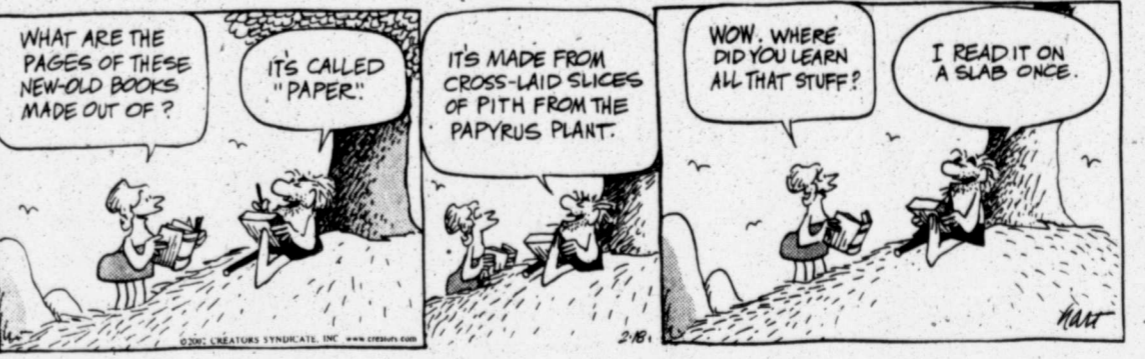
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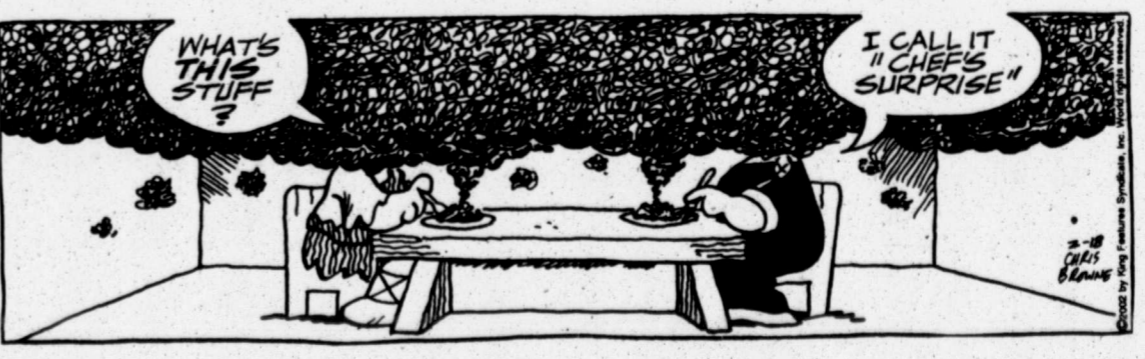
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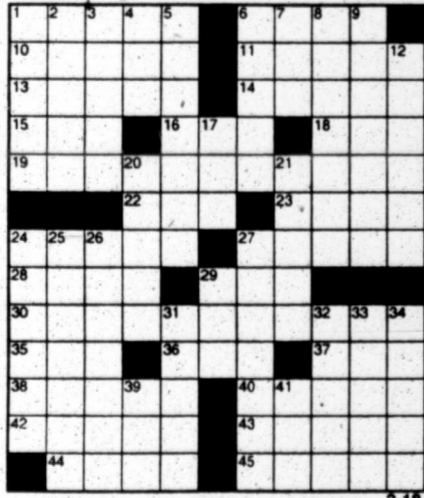
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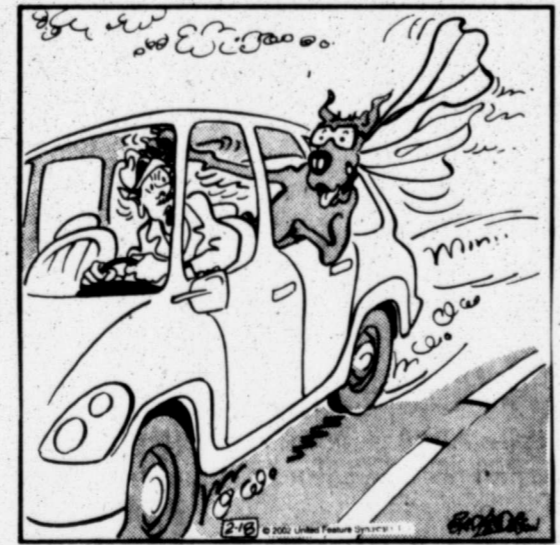
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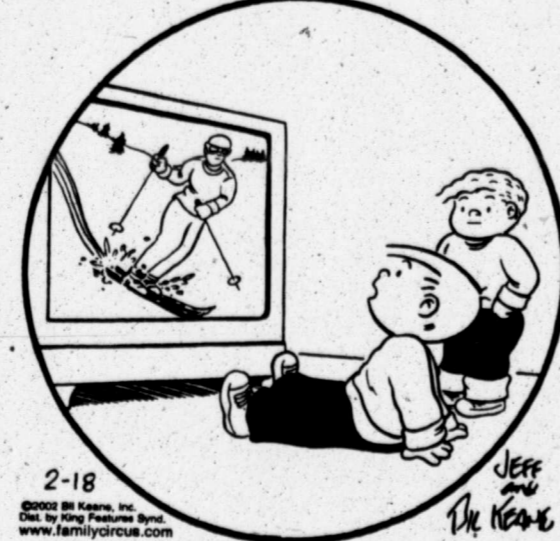
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SPORTS

Pampa pulls off double win in district soccer

Harvesters lead district with perfect 4-0 record

AMARILLO — Pampa came away with a double win against Palo Duro in District 3-4A soccer action last weekend.

In girls play, Pampa was victorious 3-0 in a shootout.

Danielle Martinez scored the only Lady Harvester goal in regulation play on an assist from Mary Alice Warner in the first half.

Palo Duro would answer

back to tie the score at 1-1 the first half on a goal by Dania Lopez.

The Lady Harvesters took several shots on goal in the second half, but regulation time would end with the score tied 1-1. It would take the game into a shootout, which is the best of 5 attempts, one on one, shooter vs. goalie.

The Lady Harvesters would dominate the shootout as Kori Dunn, Mary Alice Warner and Misty Northcutt each had a goal. Goalie Leslie McWilliams hung tough for Pampa in the shootout. She had 6 saves in regulation and shut out Palo Duro in the shootout.

The Lady Harvesters

The big win gives the Lady Harvesters a 2-2 record in district.

Pampa boys team came out strong to defeat Palo Duro 4-0.

The Harvesters struck early, scoring on a Curtis

Pritchett pass to Blake Helms three minutes into the match.

The Harvesters would score again before halftime on a breakaway pass from Chance Crain to Sammie Silva to close the first half leading 2-0.

The second half also belonged to Pampa as Sepp Haukebo, Tristan Brown, Jason Brown and Keenan Davis played outstanding defense to keep the ball in Palo Duro territory most of the time.

Ryan Nash would up the score to 3-0 on a pass from

Sammie Silva.

Chance Crain followed with an unassisted goal to finish the scoring.

Pampa goalies Carlos Medina and Shea Brown combined for the shutout as the Harvesters lifted their district record to 4-0.

Both Pampa teams play the final game in the first half of district Thursday night against Caprock in Dick Bivins Stadium.

Caprock boys, 3-1 in district play, defeated Canyon 2-0 last weekend.

Caprock girls, lost to Canyon 8-0.

Canadian girls win area title

PAMPA — Canadian overcame a 32-point performance by Tonica Newsome to defeat Memphis 51-44 Friday night in a Class 2A area girls game in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Tandi Rankin and Jana Francis scored 15 points each to lead the Lady Wildcats in scoring.

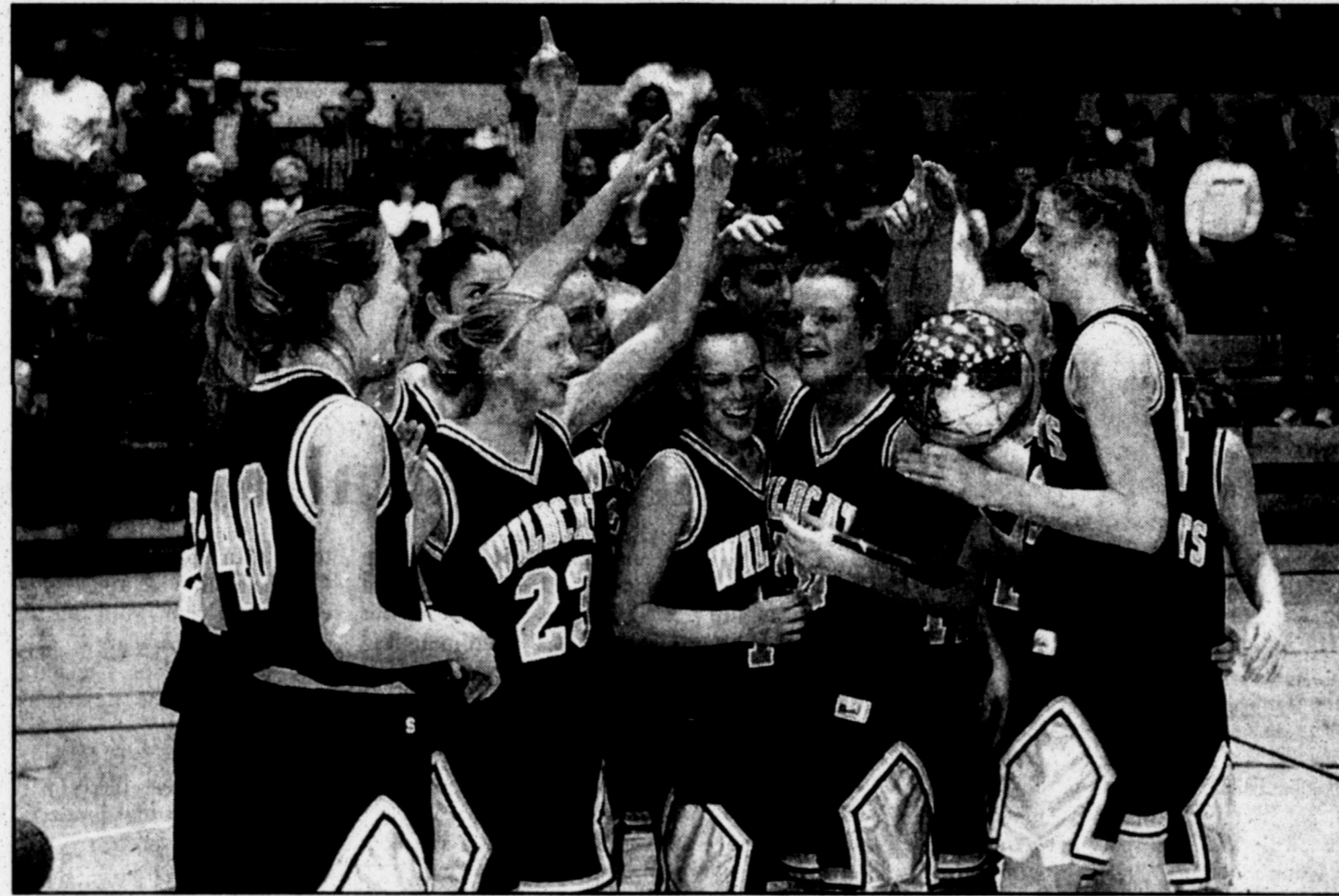
Canadian stayed ahead after taking a 10-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Wildcats built a 9-point lead (39-30) going into the fourth quarter.

Canadian, which improves to 25-8, meets Abernathy at 7 Tuesday night at Tascosa Activity Center in the regional quarterfinals.

LEFORS — Lefors played Vernon Northside in a boys' practice game and won by the score of 42-37.

Ricky Vaughn had 19 points and Stevenson had 14 to lead Northside.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Jana Francis, Canadian's 6-3 post player (right), shares the area championship trophy with her teammates after the Lady Wildcats beat Memphis last weekend in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Lady Harvesters win three games in Borger Classic

BORGER — The Pampa softball team played in the Borger Classic last weekend and came out with a 3-2 record.

Pampa routed River Road 22-2 in the opener as Stephanie Clark picked up the mound win with four strikeouts and two walks, while allowing three hits and no earned runs. The offense was led by Lindsey Ledbetter, Ashley Derington, Stacey Johnson and Chelsey Davis, all with singles. Cali Covalt also had a triple.

Game Two versus Amarillo Tascosa was a heartbreaking loss by a 1-0 score. Clark, who took the loss to even her record at 1-1, gave up seven hits while striking out three and walking three.

The lone base hits were by Clark, Lindsey Narron and Abbi Covalt.

The Lady Harvesters played outstanding defense led by Derington.

Pampa came on top of Sanford-Fritch 11-1 in the third game. Chelsey Davis was the winning pitcher, giving up five hits, one earned run and striking out four batters. The offense was led by Derington, Cali Covalt, Johnson Clark, Davis and Lindsey Narron, all with singles. Morgan White, Ledbetter and Abbi Covalt all

contributed doubles in the victory.

Game Four on Saturday morning saw Pampa defeat Canyon-Randall 2-0. Stephanie Clark was the winning pitcher, moving her record to 2-1.

Clark struck out six, walked one and gave up only two hits. It was a well-pitched game by Clark, backed up by outstanding defense from Davis, Johnson, Derington and Narron. Davis and Narron both had big RBIs to seal the win.

Game Five was played immediately after Game Four. The Lady Harvesters looked to be fatigued and had an emotional letdown.

The result was a 17-0 loss to Borger, who looks to be the top team in the panhandle. Davis took the loss, giving her a 1-1 record.

Borger lost to Tascosa 6-5 in the championship game. The game went into extra innings with Tascosa scoring the winning run in the eighth.

Overall, head coach Rod Porter said he was real pleased with the Harvesters efforts. They take their 3-2 record into the Midland Tournament, which starts Thursday.

Marlins and Expos put confusing offseason behind them as first workouts start

By HOWIE RUMBERG Associated Press Writer

The Montreal Expos' and Florida Marlins' new coaching staffs barely beat their pitchers and catchers to the first workouts.

After a contentious offseason that ended Saturday when former Expos owner Jeffery Loria closed on his purchase of the Marlins — and fired at least 60 Florida employees and replaced them with his Montreal staff — the Marlins and Expos began practicing Sunday.

Omar Minaya had six employees, including manager Frank Robinson, when he was named Montreal's general manager on Tuesday by the commissioner's office.

"My No. 1 priority when I signed on for this job was to have this coaching staff in place for the first day of spring training," Minaya said.

Robinson didn't think that the Expos were at a disadvantage, even if his coaching staff wasn't familiar with many of the players.

"This is no big deal with the players down here because this is the first day of spring training and they are here to get ready for the season," Robinson said. "From this point, we are not behind the other clubs, we are in

the same condition as they are." Catcher Michael Barrett didn't seem to mind that he had a new manager.

"This man is etched in stone in the Hall of Fame," he said. "The opportunity to be on the same field as that guy is awesome."

Florida also has a new manager. Jeff Torborg followed Loria to the Marlins and took most of his coaching staff with him.

"We have a month and a half to really get to know each other," All-Star catcher Charles Johnson said. "The coaches seem to be very positive, they seem to be ready to get started."

Elsewhere in spring training, Cubs fans got their first look at 6-foot-5 right-hander Mark Prior, the No. 2 pick in last year's draft.

Prior is happy to go from being the most dominating pitcher in college baseball last season to learning from new teammates like 20-game winner Jon Lieber.

"I'll try and pick up some things from the older guys and kind of take it easy. I'm trying to make the team, but I'm not going to do it on the first day," Prior said. "I'll go out there and do a lot of listening and observing and kind of take everything in stride."

In Peoria, Ariz., the Padres

are trying to cope with loss of teammate Mike Darr. The absence of Tony Gwynn for the first time since 1981 has made it that much more difficult.

"It's been a difficult spring," manager Bruce Bochy said, two days after Darr and one of his friends were killed in a single-car accident. "Not having Tony here makes it just a little more difficult."

Gwynn retired at the end of last season, completing his 20-year playing career with 3,141 hits and a .338 career batting average.

Veteran Mike Hampton is hoping that he can improve on a terrible second half in which he went 5-11 with a 7.37 ERA as the Rockies opened camp in Tucson, Ariz., with a bunch of new faces.

Third baseman Todd Zeile, right-handed reliever Todd Jones and lefty Dennys Reyes head a list of 11 new Rockies.

Colorado traded Brent Mayne, Neifi Perez and Pedro Astacio during the season, let Jeff Cirillo go for salary reasons and traded reliever Mike Myers in the offseason.

"We lost or traded away so many good players," Hampton said. "We've got a good nucleus of young pitching and some young infielders and outfielders, and hopefully we can keep a lot of these guys together."

Softball signups going on now

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreational Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church (Competitive and Recreational), and Mixed League.

Entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 per-

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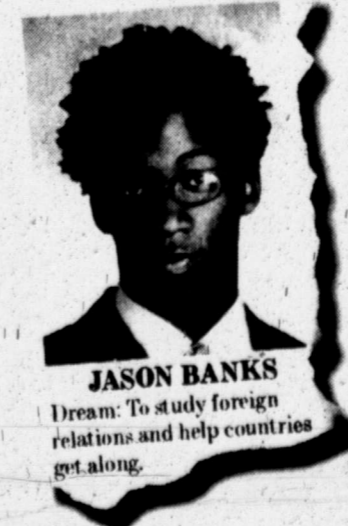
Entry deadline is March 20 at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 27 at the Recreation Office. Play begins the week of April

1. Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Tommy Joe Crutcher, a linebacker who helped the Green Bay Packers win three straight NFL titles and the first two Super Bowls, has died. He was 60.

BASKETBALL

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — The last guy out of the Cole Field House should have shut the lights, closed the door and put a padlock on the place.

It would be entirely appropriate if the final two games scheduled for the venerable building were held at another venue. Such a move would enable Maryland fans to further savor the lasting memory of one final upset at the arena they've called home since 1955.

What can the Terrapins possibly do for an encore after their emotionally charged 87-73 rout of top-ranked Duke on Sunday?

Third-ranked Maryland led from the start, and when the final buzzer sounded, many in the crowd of 14,500 stormed the court to celebrate the Terrapins' first win over Duke at Cole in five tries since 1997.

"It was a great day," said Chris Wilcox, who had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Maryland. "At the beginning of the season, we came to an agreement that we would not lose another game at Cole Field House this year. We wanted to close Cole with an undefeated record."

In other Top 25 games Sunday, it was Rutgers 64, No. 13 Miami 61; No. 19 Wake Forest 92, No. 15 Virginia 70; and No. 22 Indiana 75, Michigan 55.

The Terps improved to 13-0 at home this season, with games against Wake Forest and Virginia to follow. Neither of those will generate the kind of emotion from the players or fans that this game did.

"Every pass — forget the possessions — every pass was big," said Maryland coach Gary Williams, who improved to 8-25 against the Blue Devils. "Every defensive stop, too. When you stop them, you're like building something."

"You know you're going to have to do that for 40 minutes against a team like Duke. It was tremendous to see our guys really dig it out when they made that run in the end."

Last year, the Terrapins lost 98-96 to Duke at home in overtime when they failed to hold a 10-point lead with a minute left in regulation. The Blue Devils won three of four against Maryland last season, rallying from a 22-point deficit at the Final Four on the way to the national championship.

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