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Mary Kathryn 'Kathy' Holloway, 57, teacher.

Odds & Ends

GYPSUM, Colo. (AP) — A high school graduate has confessed to cheating on an English literature test — 47 years ago.

Eagle Valley High School Principal Mark Strakbein said he got a one-page, handwritten letter from a 65-year-old grandmother of five who admitted she and a friend stole the answers to a Shakespeare test in the fall of 1957.

"I know it makes no difference now (after 47 years), except maybe this will keep some student from cheating and help them to be honest — conscience never lets you forget — there is forgiveness with God, and I have that, but I felt I still needed to confess to the school."

Strakbein didn't release the woman's name but said he confirmed she graduated in 1958 from Eagle County High School, which has since been consolidated into Eagle Valley High.

Strakbein said he read the letter aloud to every homeroom class as a lesson in following your conscience.

"You could have heard a pin drop," he said.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Alligator heads are popping up in the pond at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, but don't worry. Officials say it's just ducky.

The life-size, urethane-foam alligator heads were being put in the pond Wednesday to scare away ducks and geese so the growing bird population will not become a health hazard.

The "Gator Guard" from Bird-X Inc. costs \$69 and has reflective orange-yellow eyes that resemble one of the birds' natural predators.

"Our fear is that we'll put them out and the ducks will figure out they're not a threat," said Marcia Green, director of the UAH office of environmental health and safety.

Bush starts Social Security campaign

President sets out on five-state trip to sell plan to key Democrat senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to build pressure on a wary Congress, President Bush campaigned Thursday for changes in Social Security that would combine reduced government benefits for younger workers with "a chance to build a nest egg" through personal accounts.



Bush

"We must make Social Security permanently sound, not leave that task for another day," Bush told lawmakers in a State of the Union address Wednesday night that elicited applause from Republicans and audible grumbles from Democrats in the audience. With success in

Congress far from assured, the president boarded Air Force One for a two-day, five-state trip to sell his program. Each state he visits is represented in the Senate by at least one Democrat the administration hopes to sway on Social Security.

Bush's first stop was North Dakota, which he won heavily in last fall's election. Even so, early indications were not so positive this time.

"He's saying we've got to take more money out of Social Security to start private accounts and borrow the money," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., a target of Bush's travels. "I just think it's very unwise."

Other Democrats said Bush's program could reduce guaranteed government benefits for younger Americans by 40 percent.

Bush offered no information on that point Wednesday

night as he outlined his plans in broad strokes. Aides said that by leaving many key details vague, he intended to give GOP congressional leaders room to piece together legislation that can command a majority.

He laid down a few markers, though, saying he will not agree to increase payroll taxes and wants provisions to keep lower-income

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Going, going, gone

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Travelers and packages will no longer have a means of public transportation to and from Pampa after today, with the closing of the Pampa Greyhound bus terminal.

"I don't know what we'll do now unless somebody puts in a courier service," said Dwight E. Chase, chief executive officer of D.E. Chase Inc. of Pampa, an oil field service company.

Chase was at the Pampa terminal to pick up two packages that had arrived by bus for his company this morning.

"We get freight out of Amarillo, Lubbock and Arlington about a couple of times a week or more," Chase said. "This will really put a burden on businesses."

Debra Epperson, manager of the Pampa terminal for the past six years, has sometimes gone the extra mile to see that customers got their

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

One of the last Greyhound buses to stop in Pampa today left the terminal at 115 S. Russell between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Today was the last day for bus service to and from Pampa, after Greyhound Lines, Inc. of Dallas decided to close the terminal.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Students in Mrs. Frels' second grade class at Wilson Elementary School are, back row from left, Travis Williams, Jacob Stewart, Erick Kuehne, Adrian Wallace, Alexis Stoddard, Nicole Dabbs, McKinli Thomas and Allison Noble. Middle row, from left, are Jesse Rivera, David Leshner, Ericka Spense, Zackary Gates, Jassmine Recio, Conor Bressler, Olivia Vasquez, Erica Soto, Sabrina Downhour and Kasandra Resendiz. Front row, from left, are Vanessa Valenzuela and Bradon Lawson. Not shown is Jessica Ramirez.

Second graders donate pennies for fire victim

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A group of second graders at Wilson Elementary School have taken the concept of giving to the next level by donating part of their tsunami relief funds to a substitute teacher who lost her home and belongings in a Feb. 1 blaze.

Mrs. Frels' second-grade class decided to give part of their collection to Margaret Lawyer after her home at 1100 Juniper burned Monday afternoon.

Each class at Wilson Elementary has been collecting pennies to donate to victims of the December 2004 tsunami, and the class which collects the most funds will

be given an extra recess. Deadline for collecting the pennies is Feb. 14, Frels said.

The class had been in a good position to earn the extra recess because Dustin Stoddard, one student's father, had donated \$50 worth of pennies, and his company had matched that contribution, Frels said.

"This morning, they were writing letters for Mrs. Lawyer. They all know her. They decided to give her part of the tsunami money," Frels said of her students.

A fund has also been set up for Lawyer at Cabot and NOI Credit Union, 320 W. Francis. For more information, call Janie Richard at 665-8439.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Four traffic stops were made.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks; in the 500 block of Yeager; and in the lobby of the police department.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. During the investigation of the call, two subjects were arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported at the police department, in the 1300 block of Coffee, and at 19th and Hobart streets.

A civil matter was reported at the police department.

Two separate reports of criminal trespass were made in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler and the 500 block of East Foster.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of Darby.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 400 block of Davis.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Hughes.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of Brunow.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 600 block of Jorden and the 100 block of Warren.

Warrant service was rendered at 19th and Hobart streets and in the 400 block of Hughes.

Jaime Theresa Jackson, 29, 1041 Huff, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for pos-

session of a controlled substance, a capias pro fine for theft, and a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.

Ronald Eugene Hill, 40, 1334 N. Coffee #1, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for possession of marijuana and assault causing bodily injury.

Kenneth Eugene Lovejoy, 25, Skellytown, was arrested at 19th and Hobart streets for theft by check, possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 2,000 grams in a drug free zone, and possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug free zone.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Lauren H. Holtman, 24, 937 Faulkner, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Kima Crystal Blanco, 32, 526 W. Gray, was arrested by GCSO for the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

Lucio Gutierrez Junior Magana, 19, 436 Hughes, was arrested by Gray Co. Constable Chris Lockridge on capias pro fines for minor in possession, for speeding and for no driver's license.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

9:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to the Clements prison unit, Amarillo.

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Obituaries

Mary Kathryn 'Kathy' Holloway, 57

DALLAS — Mary Kathryn "Kathy" Holloway, 57, of Dallas, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Houston.

Memorial services are scheduled at 3 p.m. today in Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church of Dallas.

Mrs. Holloway was born

Feb. 15, 1947, at Mount Vernon, Ohio. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1965, from Texas Tech University in 1968 and received her master's degree in education from East Texas State University in 1989.

Mrs. Holloway taught sec-

ond grade and later fourth grade at Merriman Park Elementary School in Richardson.

Survivors include her husband, John Holloway; two sons, John Russell Holloway and Stephen Holloway; her father, George Budd; a sister,

Virginia Grace; and two brothers, David Budd and John Budd.

The family requests memorials be to Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Village or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Economy

Productivity rises by 4.1 percent in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — The productivity of American workers, the critical component for rising living standards, increased by 4.1 percent in 2004, capping a remarkable three-year period in which worker efficiency climbed at the fastest pace in a half century.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity for the final three months of the year was up at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent, which was the slowest quarterly increase in almost three years.

The rapid gains in productivity began slowing in the July-September quarter when productivity rose by just 1.8 percent after increases of 3.7 percent in the first quarter and 3.9 percent in the second quarter last year.

Productivity is the key factor in boosting living standards because it allows companies to pay their workers more based on their increased efficiency without having to resort to raising the price of their products, which would increase inflation.

Productivity rose by 4.4 percent in both 2003 and 2004. When combined with the 4.1 percent increase last year, the 4.3 percent average gain for those three years was the strongest burst in productivity since 1948 to 1951.

The downside of that increased efficiency is that companies, by getting more output from their existing workforce, are able to avoid hiring new workers.

That is what occurred during the recession year of 2001 and the following two years in which job losses

mounted as companies, pressed by increased global competition, strove to get increased production from slimmer work forces.

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The Commerce Department said Thursday that orders to U.S. factories shot up a record 11.1 percent for all of 2004 despite the fact that order growth slowed to a modest 0.3 percent rise in December.

The December increase was the weakest showing since no increase in September. It reflected a 1.1 percent rise in orders for durable goods, which was revised up from a preliminary estimate of 0.6 percent, and a 0.6 percent decline in orders for non-durable goods, items not expected to last at

least three years.

The 11.1 percent surge in factory orders for the year was the biggest gain on record, besting the previous high of 8.1 percent set in 1994. It followed four lackluster years as U.S. manufacturers suffered the loss of 2.9 million factory jobs since mid-2000. Factory orders actually fell by 6.9 percent during the recession year of 2001 and 1.9 percent in 2002 before posting a modest increase of 3.9 percent in 2003.

The Labor Department said that the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits totaled a seasonally adjusted 316,000 last week, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week, pushing new claims to the lowest level since early December. Claims had risen by 7,000 the previous week after having plunged by 49,000 for the week ending Jan. 15.

The decline of 9,000 jobless claims last week represented a better-than-expected showing. Many analysts had been forecasting not a drop but an increase of about 5,000 in new claims being filed. The four-week moving average of claims dipped to 331,500, the lowest level since early January.

On Friday, the government will report on unemployment in January. Many analysts are looking for the jobless rate to remain steady at 5.4 percent with businesses adding 200,000 workers to their payrolls, an improvement from the 157,000 jobs added in December.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.			The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.01		Cabot Oil Gas	49.31	-0.65
Milo	3.08		Coca Cola	41.75	-0.17
Corn	3.58		VLO	59.45	+0.33
Soybeans	4.35		HAL	41.29	-0.26
			TRI	42.11	-0.40
			NOI	37.64	-0.65
			KMI	76.34	-0.16
			XCEL	18.13	NC
			Kerr McGee	62.42	-0.03
			XOM	53.74	-0.19
			Limited	23.94	-0.10
			Williams	17.56	+0.01
			MCD	31.90	+0.13
			Atmos	28.10	-0.09
			Pioneer Nat	39.06	-0.41
			JCP	42.81	+0.56
			COP	95.00	-0.08
			SLB	69.49	-0.63
			Tenneco	16.57	+0.04
			CVX	55.40	-0.13
			Wal-Mart	53.27	+0.21
			OKE	28.31	-0.10
			NS Gp	30.13	-0.53
			New York Gold	422.00	
			Silver	6.75	
			West Texas Crude	46.69	

Gray County Weather

Today: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Wind chill values between 18 and 28. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 57. Wind chill values between 22 and 28. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 32.

Wind chill values between 24 and 29. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain, mixing with snow after 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday: A chance of rain

and snow before 9 a.m., then a chance of rain between 9 a.m. and noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 51. Southwest wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. West southwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow before 8 p.m., then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 23. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 40.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 44.

Officials probe killings in north Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's federal Attorney General's office announced it was investigating the execution-style shootings of a man and a woman whose bodies were found with documents detailing police itineraries.

Work schedules for several police units were discovered with the bodies of the 24-year-old woman and 30-year-old man at a residence in the northern Mexican city of Matamoros, across the U.S. border from Brownsville, Texas, the department announced in a news release Wednesday.

It was not clear when the bodies were discovered.

In January, six employees at a maximum-security prison in Matamoros were slain and their bodies dumped outside the facility's gates in what government officials called a direct

challenge from drug traffickers to Mexico's government.

Last week, the U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory alerting citizens of recent drug-trafficking and kidnapping violence on Mexico's northern border.

Authorities also found an assault rifle, several other firearms and ammunition in the house where the bodies were discovered.

Also on Wednesday, authorities in Ciudad Juarez, across the U.S. border from El Paso, Texas, found the bullet-riddled body of a 41-year-old man who had been shot to death outside his home by three assailants.

Investigators believe the killing was related to drug trafficking, said Claudia Banuelos, spokesman for the Chihuahua state attorney general's office.

No arrests had been made in the case.

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House leaders propose \$3 billion for education

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public schools would get at least a 3-percent increase in funding as part of a House education proposal rolled out Thursday.

The legislation, introduced by Republican Rep. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, would add an additional \$3 billion to K-12 public schools, including money for technology such as electronic textbooks. Schools also would get more money for transportation and bilingual education.

Unlike a preliminary plan introduced last month by the Senate, the House plan does not specify money for a teacher salary increase, but restores a \$1,000 teacher health care stipend that was cut in half two years ago.

The legislation would reward some teachers with bonuses designed by local educators.

"We're moving full speed ahead to a destination we all want to reach, an education system with higher standards that allows all children to

reach their potential," Grusendorf said.

The package also would push the school year start date to after Labor Day, giving students a longer summer break. Right now, many schools begin classes in late August.

The Texas Legislature is under court pressure to change its \$30-billion school funding system after a judge last year ruled it unconstitutional. Both poor and rich school districts argued there isn't enough money provided in the share-the-

wealth system to ensure all students an adequate education.

The judge gave the state an Oct. 1 deadline to dedicate more money to schools, or all funding would be halted.

The bill outlined Thursday is the first of a two-part House package intended to change the way education is funded for the state's 4.3 million public school students. The second part, which has not yet been detailed, will address how the state's tax structure will be reorgan-

ized to pay for schools.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick has said he expects the full House to vote on the education proposal by early March.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has declared school finance an emergency, and the success of his 2006 re-election bid may depend on whether the Legislature approves a new education funding system. A special session he called on school finance last year failed to produce results.



Forty years of knowledge and experience

Retiring postal worker, Jerry Stroud, left, admires a retirement plaque hand made for him by Dewey Hutchinson, right. Stroud retired Feb. 1, after more than 40 years of service in the United States Postal Service. He began his carrier July 21, 1964. "Jerry was a distribution clerk who was very dedicated to his job, said Pampa Postmaster Bob Schrock. "Daily he could be relied upon to be at work. He had accumulated over 2,990 hours of sick leave." Stroud was presented the plaque made by Hutchinson, who is a retired postal letter carrier. Stroud also received a commendation from Susan Plonkey, the postal manager of the Fort Worth District, for his 40 years of service along with a bank made from an old post office box. Pampa postal employees along with Stroud's wife and friends shared in refreshments to honor his retirement. Schrock stated that, "Mr. Stroud takes with him 40 years of knowledge and experience that will be hard to replace."

Bush

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Americans above the poverty line during retirement.

"We must guarantee that there is no change" in current or promised benefits for anyone age 55 and older, he said in a move to neutralize opposition from older Americans.

In a 53-minute speech, Bush also blended the conservative with the compassionate, and gave no ground on his policy on the war in Iraq in which more than 1,400 American forces have died.

He renewed his call for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, and announced an increase in the use of DNA evidence to prevent wrongful convictions. "Soon I will send Congress a proposal to fund special training for defense counsel in capital cases," he added.

In an echo of his inaugural address pledge to promote freedom overseas, he called on the government of Iran to "end its support for terror. And to the Iranian people, I say tonight: As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you."

The longest applause was when Bush recognized Janet and Bill Norwood, the parents of Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood of Pflugerville,

Texas, who was killed in the assault of Fallujah. In an emotional and symbolic moment, Mrs. Norwood and Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, held each other in a long embrace.

The Iraqi woman had evoked her own protracted applause earlier when she stood and saluted Congress with an ink-stained finger and V-for-victory sign after the president had introduced her as a symbol of millions of Iraqis who voted in a free election for the first time last Sunday.

"I know that none of these reforms would be easy. But we have to move ahead with courage and honesty ..."

— President Bush
State of the Union speech

Social Security was the centerpiece of the speech, and Bush called for far-reaching changes in a program that was established in 1935 and remains one of the enduring legacies of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

Republicans and Democrats in Congress must "strengthen and save" the

program, Bush said, warning that without action, it was headed for bankruptcy. Official estimates predict that benefits will exceed tax receipts beginning in 2018. In 2042, these estimates predict the trust funds will be exhausted, and benefits will have to be cut to 73 percent of current levels.

The president noted that a variety of solutions have been proposed over the years — such as limiting benefits for wealthy retirees, raising the retirement age, indexing benefits to prices rather than wages, discouraging early collection of Social Security benefits and changing the ways benefits are calculated — and said all are "on the table."

"I know that none of these reforms would be easy. But we have to move ahead with courage and honesty because our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics," Bush said.

"He made it clear to the American people why we must strengthen the Social Security system, and gave the American people a realistic plan for how to do it," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said.

"Before the president's opponents get too worked up solely to scare seniors and play politics, I would hope both parties take the details of tonight's speech to heart,"

added Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Democrats, who argue that Bush is depicting the problems as grimmer than they are, attacked as soon as he finished speaking.

"There's a lot we can do to improve Americans' retirement security, but it's wrong to replace the guaranteed benefit that Americans have earned with a guaranteed benefit cut of 40 percent or more," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid.

Some Tarrant cities getting warrants for DWI suspects' blood

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some Tarrant County police departments have begun using search warrants, in some cases, to obtain blood to test suspected drunken drivers who refuse to take a breath test.

"We have to treat DWI as a serious crime, just like we do any other crime," Sgt. Don Hanlon, supervisor of Fort Worth's traffic investigation unit, said of driving while intoxicated. "We've become accustomed to giving blood samples for DNA testing for violent crime. This is just a continuation of that. It's evidence of a person's innocence or guilt."

Police say they will obtain search warrants sparingly and only against suspected habitual offenders.

Fort Worth DWI officers have obtained seven search warrants for blood. In each case, the drivers' alcohol-to-blood level was more than twice the legal limit of .08 percent, Hanlon said.

Police in the Fort Worth suburb of Keller have used search warrants to obtain two blood samples since December, like Fort Worth police, said Keller police Lt. Tommy Williams.

Hanlon said that, without

the blood-alcohol test results, obtaining convictions can be difficult in cases in which drivers refuse to submit to a breath or field sobriety test.

"Without a breath sample or blood sample, it's typically the officer's word against the defendant's," he said.

Roughly half of the DWI suspects stopped in Keller refuse to take a breath test, Williams said. Keller police also plan to use search warrants only in certain DWI cases, such as where the suspect is a repeat offender, he said.

"When you've got a situation where it's a very serious DWI — there are other mitigating factors in it — you definitely want to have a tool like that to get a dangerous driver off the road and keep them off the road," Williams said.

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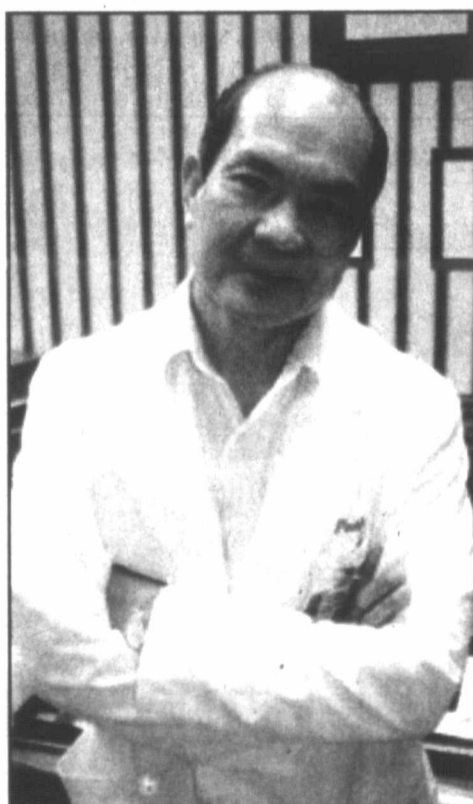
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packages. "One time, I was working at the Berger station one day, and a package of cheese had been left off of a regular shipment to a pizza place in Wellington. The company got it on a bus and got it as far as Pampa. I

agreed to deliver it to Wellington that afternoon," she said.

Pampa businesses and individuals could get same-day service on packages ordered from Amarillo by shipping them on the bus.

That speed will be lost with the closing of the terminal today, Epperson said.

"This used to be a 24-hour station. Living quarters were built on the back

for the manager," she said. The building dates from the 1940s, she said.

"Greyhound owns the building. I've been told they're going to put it up for sale," Epperson said.

A vintage sign from the terminal has been donated to White Deer Land Museum, and Epperson plans to offer the museum a couple of other items from the terminal.

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Viewpoints

'Body socks' for bicyclists: What's next?

Oh, what we give up for the sake of progress ... and a little velocity.

Do you remember riding around on your bicycle as a kid? How good it felt to feel the wind ruffling your hair, the breeze on your face as you went flying down a hill after, of course, struggling first to get up it? It was the prize at the end of a grueling feat. It was the pinnacle of success. (Life was much simpler then.)

Well, bicycle enthusiasts make way for the Body Sock.

What, exactly, is a body sock, and how, pray tell, is it of use to cyclists?

That was my question. A body sock, according to

Windwrap® Fairings on-line "recumbent" shop and photo galleries at other on-line sources such as the Lightning F-40 web site, fits comfortably over rider and bicycle somewhat in the fashion of a tent. Such apparatus supposedly serves to cut down on wind resistance, thereby assisting in the aerodynamics of the bike and promoting greater overall speed.

These body socks, which I understand are not new to the world of cycling, are better known as fairings.

The web site touting the Lightning F-40 sums it up thusly: "The spandex fairing means excellent ventilation, stability in crosswinds and results in an overall weight

of only 33 lbs.! (Sans rider, of course.) The fairing is also great protection from cold or rainy weather.

"The F-40's cruising speed is 50 percent faster than a standard bicycle and 6-10 mph faster than an unfaired Lightning. So if you can cruise at 18 now, say hello to 28 mph!

Scores of cyclists worldwide now use the F-40 for sport and century rides, touring and daily commuting.

"The F-40 is based on the P-38, so you can buy a P-38 bike and later add the F-40

body and fairing."

The web site cautions, however, that, "due to the extreme level of performance achieved by the F-40, it is recommended for experienced riders only."



Skyla Bryant
News Editor

Here, at the words "experienced riders," my mind immediately conjures up the image of a

pair of fidgeting young horses with saddles on their backs. Reckon that's the Texan in me.

So here is a bicycle so sophisticated it requires an experienced pedal-jockey?

Wow. What a machine.

And the folks at Windwrap, who I am happy to note have a sense of humor, stock a line of "Free Form Fashions."

The Windwrap web site offers "any color you want as long as it's neon green zebra stripes ... just kidding. Free Form usually has Red, Blue, Yellow, and Neon Yellow available."

At its web site, F-40 advertises that the "fairing provides ventilation, ease of cleaning and inexpensive repair or replacement in case of damage" and sports an "(e)xtremely long, curved zipper for easy entry/exit or additional ventilation for climbing."

And, in case you're wondering, "(f)oot slits on both sides allow fully enclosed fairing with easy stopping/starting" of the Lightning F-40.

Hmm. Wonder if the fairing hampers movement in case of a fall? After all, what's to prevent an "inexperienced" rider from wiping out on a dangerous curve?

What happens if you need to stick out your arms in order to catch or protect yourself?

A sedate, Sunday driver, I am allergic to speed and blissfully enamored of the wind in my graying hair.

If I still had a bike, I'd take it minus fairings, thank you.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2005. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

On this date:

In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. (The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.)

In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1924, the 26th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship "Dorchester," which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being

hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)

In 1994, The space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

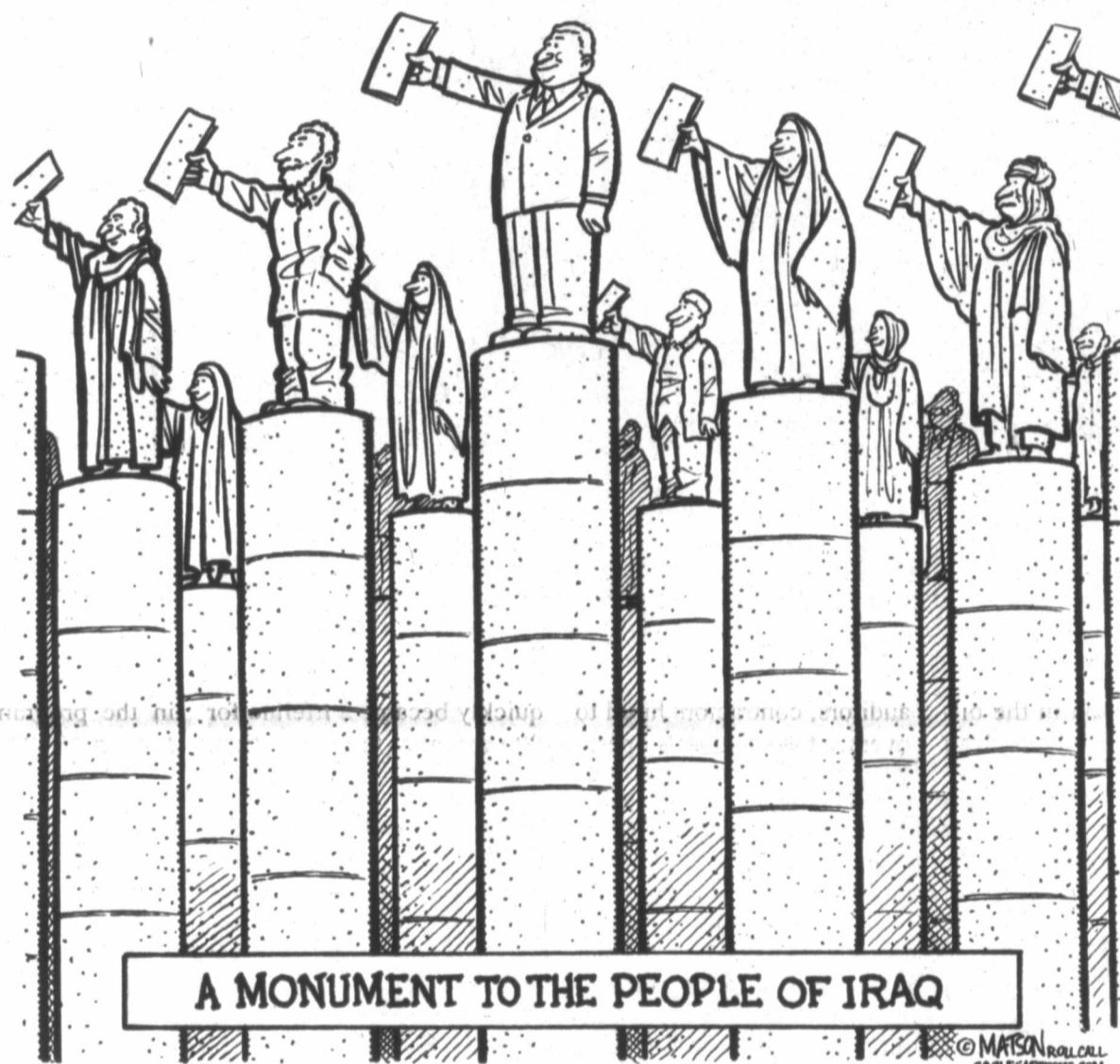
Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

Five years ago: The flight data recorder from Alaska Airlines Flight 261 was recovered from the Pacific Ocean off California. The Senate voted 89-4 to confirm Alan Greenspan for a fourth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve. Richard Kleindienst, who had served as U.S. attorney general during the Nixon administration and resigned during the Watergate scandal, died in Prescott, Ariz., at age 76.

One year ago: John Kerry won Democratic presidential contests in five out of seven states. Work in the U.S. Senate slowed to a crawl, a day after ricin powder was found in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

"Mediocrity can talk; but it is for genius to observe."

— Benjamin Disraeli
British prime minister
(1804-1881)



Freedom comes at a high price

I got a letter the other day criticizing me for praising President Bush for trying to spread democracy around the world. Why, the writer asked, are we spreading democracy around the world when we haven't yet got it right here?

That's a load of garbage. We have it right. Sure, we keep tweaking it to make it better, but this constitutional republic we have works. If it didn't we wouldn't be here enjoying the blessings of freedom won for us more than 225 years ago by our courageous founding fathers, many of whom paid a terrible price for their crusade for independence and political liberty.

Someday, the people in Iraq will look back on those they will remember as their founding fathers, and all

their ancestors who braved death to cast their first ever votes in a free election in 2005, and recall the price they paid.

The men and women who faced death by running in that election were fully aware that they were putting their lives on the line, and in the weeks and months to come, many of them will be murdered by the thugs who make up the insurgency.

These Iraqi patriots, much like our own colonial forebears, knew what they faced but they did not let it deter them from going forward in their campaign for freedom and democracy. They know it's going to be hard, and

they know some of them are going to die. But they also know that someone will pick up the flag and carry it forward.

We will share those memories, for we know how high the price of liberty can be. We know it from the history of the 56 men who signed

the Declaration of Independence.

These were the men who proclaimed "...we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." Some of them lost their lives and their fortunes; none lost their sacred honor.

Much has been written about what they endured,

and much of it is inaccurate. The most reliable history I've seen came from the Heritage Foundation. Here's what historian Dr. Matthew Spalding wrote on the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence:

"Five of the signers were captured by the British during the war. Captains Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, and Arthur Middleton (South Carolina) were all captured at the Battle of Charleston in 1780; Colonel George Walton was wounded and captured at the Battle of Savannah. Richard Stockton of New Jersey never recovered from his incarceration at the hands of British Loyalists and died in 1781.

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Michael Reagan
Columnist

Duplicating services not the answer

Gov. Rick Perry floated an intriguing idea recently.

He proposed creating offices of inspectors general for state agencies that spend huge sums of tax dollars.

Their jobs would be to ferret out waste, fraud and abuse.

Noting that a system of inspectors general has worked in the federal government, he touted these

independent voices to assure "wise stewardship of taxpayer dollars."

The agencies he proposed including were the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission

and the departments of transportation, insurance and criminal justice.

The inspectors general would report to oversight boards rather than to the agency heads.

While no one could argue with measures to increase

efficiency and rid an agency of fraud, corruption and waste, the question is how the new positions would differ from the work of the state auditor.

Also, how would they differ from the reviews of the Sunset Advisory Commission?

The state must not duplicate positions in its attempt to eliminate waste.

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PFAA Annual Meeting

Artist of the Year Darlene Birkes was recognized by Janice Sackett, president of Pampa Fine Arts Association, during the association's Annual Meeting at Pampa Community Building recently.

Volcker: Report will be critical of U.N.'s oil-for-food operation

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker says his investigation of corruption in the oil-for-food program in Iraq found that program director Benon Sevan engaged in "an irreconcilable conflict of interest" by choosing companies that bought Saddam Hussein's oil.

Volcker's first report, as outlined by an official close to the investigation and by Volcker himself in an op-ed article in Thursday's Wall Street Journal, found the \$60

billion program "tainted" from top to bottom.

Volcker said in the article that program managers, auditors, contractors hired to oversee the program's operation and those who controlled U.N. expenditures for it, all failed "to follow the established rules of the organization designed to assure fairness and accountability."

The 200-page report was scheduled to be released by Volcker Thursday afternoon.

The oil-for-food program, launched in December 1996

to help ordinary Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, quickly became a lifeline for 90 percent of the population.

Under the program, Saddam's regime could sell oil, provided the proceeds went primarily to buy humanitarian goods and pay reparations to victims of the 1991 Gulf War.

Saddam's government decided on the goods it wanted, who should provide them, and who could buy Iraqi oil. But the Security

Council committee overseeing sanctions monitored the contracts.

Allegations of corruption in the program surfaced in January 2004 in the Iraqi newspaper Al-Mada, which published a list of about 270 former government officials, activists, journalists and U.N. officials from more than 46 countries suspected of profiting from Iraqi oil sales that were part of the U.N. program. Annan appointed Volcker in April to lead an independent investigation.

Price

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"Colonel Thomas McKean of Delaware wrote John Adams that he was 'hunted like a fox by the enemy — compelled to remove my family five times in a few months, and at last fixed them in a little log house on the banks of the Susquehanna . . . and they were soon obliged to move again on account of the incursions of the Indians.'

When the people of a future Iraq look back, I hope they will know what price their founders paid ...

New York home was destroyed and his wife was taken prisoner. John Hart's farm and mills were destroyed when the British invaded New Jersey and he died while fleeing capture. Carter Braxton and Thomas Nelson (both of Virginia) lent large sums of their personal fortunes to support the war effort, but were never repaid."

When the people of a future Iraq look back I hope they will know what price their

"Abraham Clark of New Jersey had two of his sons captured by the British during the war. The son of John Witherspoon, a major in the New Jersey Brigade, was killed at the Battle of Germantown.

"Eleven signers had their homes and property destroyed. Francis Lewis's

founders paid, unlike today's American students who are being kept ignorant of their own glorious history.

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Community happenings

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage"** 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

• **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swclassic@cox.net.

• **BSA Hospice** will offer a free volunteer training and community education class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 7-March 3 at the hospice offices, 800 N. Sumner. Clarendon College will award 2.4 CEU's if the class includes 10 or more participants. The program, entitled "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying," is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, who want to learn more about hospice care or who desire personal growth and enrichment. To register or for more information, contact Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, at 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law scoots off in his motorized wheelchair to the local bar a mile away and returns home drunk, missed one point. The bar has a legal responsibility not to allow customers to leave drunk, and instead of serving drunk customers, to cut them off.

"Fed Up" should go to the bar with the police and inform the bartender and management that the next time they "overserve" "Papa Jake," she'll see to it that the New York state liquor license people get an earful, and if anything happens to Papa Jake, or he causes injury to anyone in his drunken condition on the way home, the bar will share in that responsibility.

I'll bet a gin and tonic after that the bar will cut Papa Jake off long before he gets drunk. -- DAVID J. IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR DAVID J: That may be true in California, but I'm not sure it's so in every state. Your suggestion is an intelligent one, and it's certainly worth making an inquiry to the beverage control board in that woman's state.

DEAR ABBY: Why didn't you suggest counseling for that poor man? Obviously, Papa Jake is widowed and has too much idle time on his hands. After he has been given a thorough physical and mental evaluation, he needs to be introduced to AA, as well as activities that could spark his creative talents. -- JESSICA IN TENNESSEE

DEAR JESSICA: I'm sure that at the time of his stroke and afterward, Papa Jake received physical and neurological evaluations. However, if he's willing to admit he has an alcohol problem, AA could be helpful. (And so could Al-Anon for "Fed Up" and her husband.) They might also consider contacting the American Stroke Association, which maintains a listing of telephone support groups for stroke

survivors, their families, friends and interested professionals. The toll-free number is 888-4STROKE.

DEAR ABBY: As a follow-up to the letter from "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law was using his motorized scooter to travel to a bar, I suggest that she or her husband disconnect the battery to his scooter. I hope this is helpful. -- PHILIP C., HOUSTON

DEAR PHILIP: It might prove helpful, but only as a last resort. *****

DEAR ABBY: I need advice. My mother-in-law expects a phone call or card from her son and me on her wedding anniversary. Her husband died two years ago. I haven't called her or sent a card on that day since his death.

She frequently comments on who remembered to call her. Should I be sending her happy anniversary cards? -- CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: Consider how you would like to be treated on such a bittersweet occasion. Surely you would not want to be ignored. Because you feel uncomfortable sending her a "happy" anniversary card, create one that says you are thinking of her and the many happy years she shared with her husband. But don't treat her special day as if it never happened. *****

DEAR ABBY: I received a full set of utility knives for Christmas and would like to know the proper way to dispose of the old knives. Thank you. -- BEVERLY IN NEWPORT RICHEY, FLA.

DEAR BEVERLY: Make cardboard sheaths for the knives so they will retain their sharpness and not hurt anyone, and donate them to any charity that will take them. Or, offer them to a neighbor at a penny apiece. (In some cultures, it is bad luck to give a knife to someone without financial consideration.)

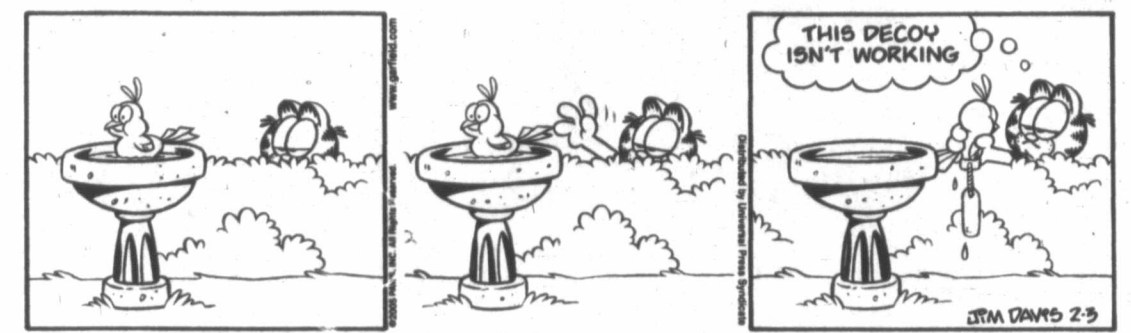
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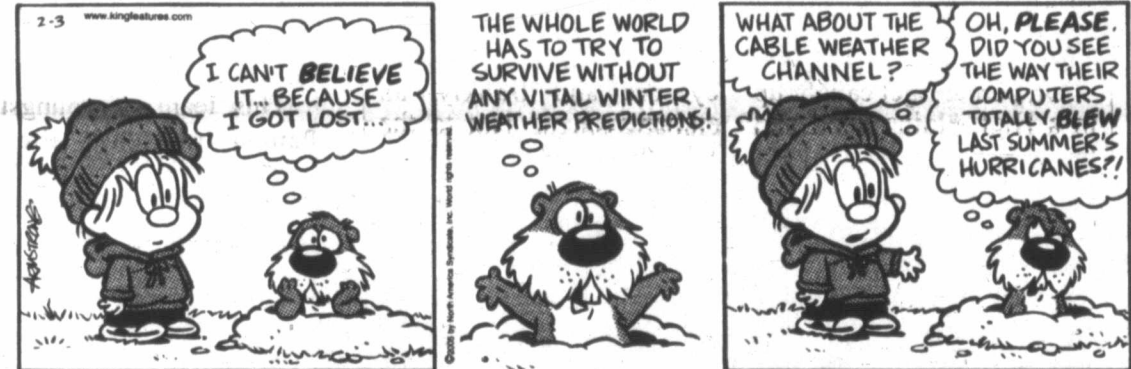
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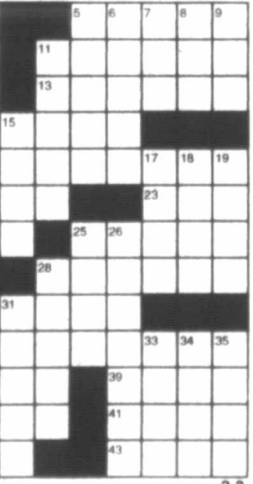
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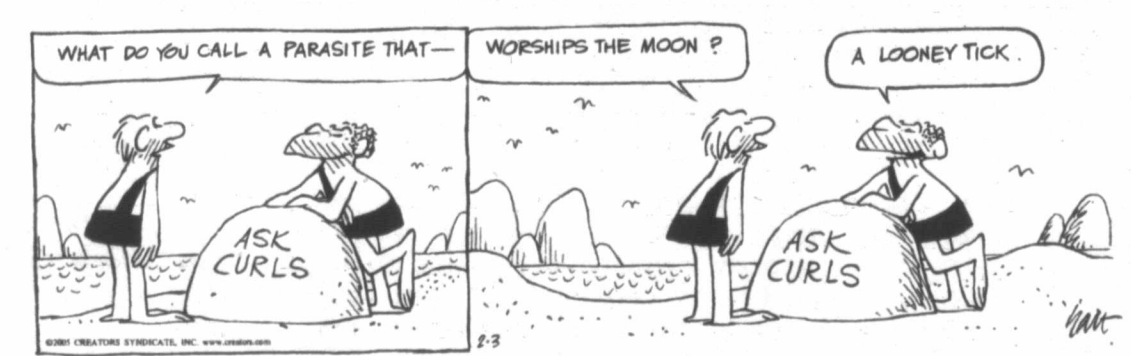
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Sports Day

SCHOOL PRIDE

Mama would have been a little upset

It should be noted this column would have been written had we won by 50 points, or lost by one. In fact, the subject matter really has nothing to do with the games.

My mother was one of those ladies who kept her home spotless. She still does. She is painfully neat and clean. I recall in my younger years whenever friends or family would stop by, they always commented on how nice the house looked. My mother was thankful for every compliment. She still is.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



some action photos, and made my exit.

Since I still live in Amarillo, I basked in the thought of knowing I did not have the long ride home that I usually do.

As I left, I drove by the student parking lot and couldn't help but wonder why it was left in that condition.

For my mother, first impressions were, and still are, very important.

She believes your home is an extension of who you are. I know Randall High School is better than the impression that parking lot would have given a first time visitor Tuesday night.

Nonetheless, it was an eyesore, and frankly, an embarrassment. Not to the school as a whole, but certainly the students. And possibly, a mom or two.



Recent recipients of the Kids Inc. Wendy's Sportsmanship Award, the Pampa Stars are, from left to right, front row- Drew Facio, James Thompson, Tyler Allen and Ryan Smith. Back row- Coach Bino Facio, Jonathon Cox, Ty Hutto, Cole Buck and Scott Kelly. Not pictured- Coach Tad Smith.

Kids Inc. honors Pampa Stars

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa Stars 4th grade basketball team recently competed in the Amarillo Kids Inc. league, finishing with a 6-2 record and a first place tie with Canyon. The team and Coach Bino Facio would later learn they earned something far more important than the record and the tie.

This team of youngsters upheld what has become a Pampa trademark after it was awarded the Wendy's Sportsmanship Award. Said Facio, "This team played so well. Many of the games were close with the difference being our ability to pass the ball, find the open man, and

sink the winning shot."

And though proud of his team's on-court accomplishments, Facio says it was what he recently received in the mail that moved him to tears. "I opened the envelope and pulled out eight sportsmanship certificates and a letter from the Kids Inc. executive director stating our team had been awarded the Wendy's Sportsmanship Award," said Facio.

"I believe this is the highest honor a coach and a team can receive," said Facio. Adding, "The Pampa Stars took part in this league and, in the process, displayed the very same qualities all Pampa youth exhibit each time they compete in functions outside our community."

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PJHS teams competing in tournaments; other Pampa sports on tap

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

When it comes to Pampa sports, there is plenty to choose from over the next few days.

Today

The Pampa Junior High School 7th grade boy's basketball team will compete in a tournament in Dumas that will get underway today and last through Saturday. Please contact the school for start times.

The 8th grade girl's team will compete in a tournament at Westover Park in Amarillo. That tournament also starts today and lasts through Saturday. Again, contact the school for start times.

Friday

Important basketball games Friday as

Pampa visits Caprock. The varsity boys team till tip off at 7:30. The junior varsity boys team plays at 6 p.m. The Lady Harvester varsity team will take the floor at 6 p.m., while the junior varsity team will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

The freshmen boy's basketball team will travel to Randall Saturday. That game will begin at 10 a.m.

A big day for the Pampa wrestling team Saturday.

They will compete at the Varsity District Tournament at River Road High School in Amarillo. Matches are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

By 7 p.m. that night, those advancing to Regionals (to be held in El Paso) will be known.

Time rolls on and so does Twig

By **STEVE WILSTEIN**
Associated Press

Rudy Tomjanovich retired, saying he will never coach basketball again. Emmitt Smith was expected to announce his retirement from football on Thursday. Brett Favre is rumored to be thinking about hanging up his cleats.

The time to leave the games behind comes for everyone, though not quite yet for a spry old ballplayer who is looking forward to his 57th season in baseball and managing at age 80.

When the new season starts this spring, Wayne "Twig" Terwilliger, skipper of the Fort Worth Cats in the independent Central League, will be out there again throwing batting practice and hitting fungoes. He'll be on the field, as always, before his players, and won't grouse about the 13-hour bus rides to places such as Pensacola, Fla.

He's been in uniform for more than 5,000 professional games as a player, coach and manager in the majors and minors, but baseball never seems to get old for him, and he never gets too old for the game.

"I'm 79 but I don't feel that way and I don't act that way, and I have more enthusiasm than some of these guys I work with," Terwilliger said from his home in Texas on Wednesday.

Four and a half years older than Florida Marlins manager Jack McKeon, Terwilliger is the oldest manager in minor league history and the second oldest in the history of pro baseball. On June 27, he will join the legendary Connie Mack as the only 80-year-old managers in baseball history.

The way Terwilliger is going, he just might match Mack's longevity and manage when he's 90.

"Twig brings credibility and respect and an old-school love of the game," Cats general manager Monty Clegg says. "He's still a tremendous teacher, someone the players can relate to."

Terwilliger has been in a uniform of one sort or another since he joined the Marines at 18 and served for 2 1/2 years during World War II, mostly in the South Pacific in places such as Saipan and Iwo Jima.

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Flight club

Pampa's 6'8" junior post Jarett Kotara soars to the basket during Tuesday night's game at Randall. Kotara scored 14 points and was busy under the boards throughout the night in the 53-51 loss to the Raiders. He and his Harvester teammates are at Caprock tomorrow night.

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Emmitt Smith to announce retirement

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith is retiring after 15 years, two sources within the NFL said. Smith, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons and spent the last two years with Arizona, will make the announcement in the afternoon at the site of the Super Bowl, according to the sources, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. He is expected to sign a one-day

contract with Dallas so he can retire as a Cowboy. Dallas owner Jerry Jones will be at the ceremony. The 35-year-old Smith ran for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns in his career, both NFL records. He rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns for the Cardinals this season. He was more consistent than he was spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards when tough yards were needed.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing in 1991, 1992 and 1995 and in touchdowns in three different seasons. But despite his impressive statistics, he won just two major awards in 15 seasons — NFL MVP in 1993 and the Super Bowl MVP that same season, when he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 30-13 win over Buffalo in Atlanta.

Stars

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Kids Inc. executive director Jimmy Lackey justified Facio's feelings. "This is a big honor not just for them (Pampa Stars) but for us as well," said Lackey. "Kids Inc. is celebrating 60 years service to our local kids and their families. And the Wendys Sportsmanship Award simply adds to our commitment to these kids."

When asked what it was about the Pampa Stars that deemed them worthy of such an honor, Lackey replied, "We really didn't have much to do with the decision. It is voted on by the other coaches in the league." He added, "It is a peer award. And I believe the Pampa kids received most of the votes."

Twig

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An all-night bus ride to a ballpark is like a pleasure cruise to a guy who spent as much time as Terwilliger did storming beaches in amphibious tanks. "We were the assault wave on Iwo," he says. "We were one of the first tanks, if not the first tank, to get on Iwo Jima. We were getting ready to go to Japan when the war ended, thank goodness." He was one of the lucky ones to emerge unscathed from the war. He returned home to Michigan, starred at Western Michigan University, then played semipro ball before being signed by the Chicago Cubs.

He made his major league debut in 1949, becoming the Cubs' starting second baseman, then went to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1951 as part of an eight-player trade. He played 37 games and batted a career high .280 for the Dodgers that star-crossed season. He might have played more often, but the Dodgers already had a pretty good second baseman named Jackie Robinson. Twig, a sure-handed fielder, came in in the late innings and gave Robinson a rest once in a while, and was happy to go along for the ride. "I was in the dugout counting my money" when Bobby Thomson's shot-heard-round-the-world for the New York Giants spoiled the Dodgers' World Series hopes. "I was sitting around the bats in the corner of the dugout, that far corner towards the fence where Thomson hit it," Twig recalls. "I didn't think it was

high enough to go out, and I kind of leaned way over and slid off the bench onto my knees on the floor of the dugout. I saw (left fielder Andy) Pafko go back and then he just turned around. I said, 'Holy cow!' Then I looked around and, geez, everyone was going goofy. That was it."

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— Wayne Terwilliger
Manager, Fort Worth Cats

So much for that World Series paycheck, but Twig would get two many years later as a coach with the Twins in 1987 and 1991. His glove and arm more than his bat brought him

jobs playing second, short, a little third base and a little outfield for the Washington Senators, the New York Giants and the Kansas City Athletics before he retired as a player after the 1960 season.

He began managing in Greensboro, N.C., in 1961 and in six other minor league cities through 1968 before moving to the majors as a third-base coach for the Washington Senators under fellow Marine vet Ted Williams.

"It was Ted's first year back in '69 and we had a good season, a kind of magical year," Twig said.

Williams asked him once what he looked for when he came up to bat. Twig gulped, thinking, this is the great Ted Williams asking a lifetime .240 hitter about hitting.

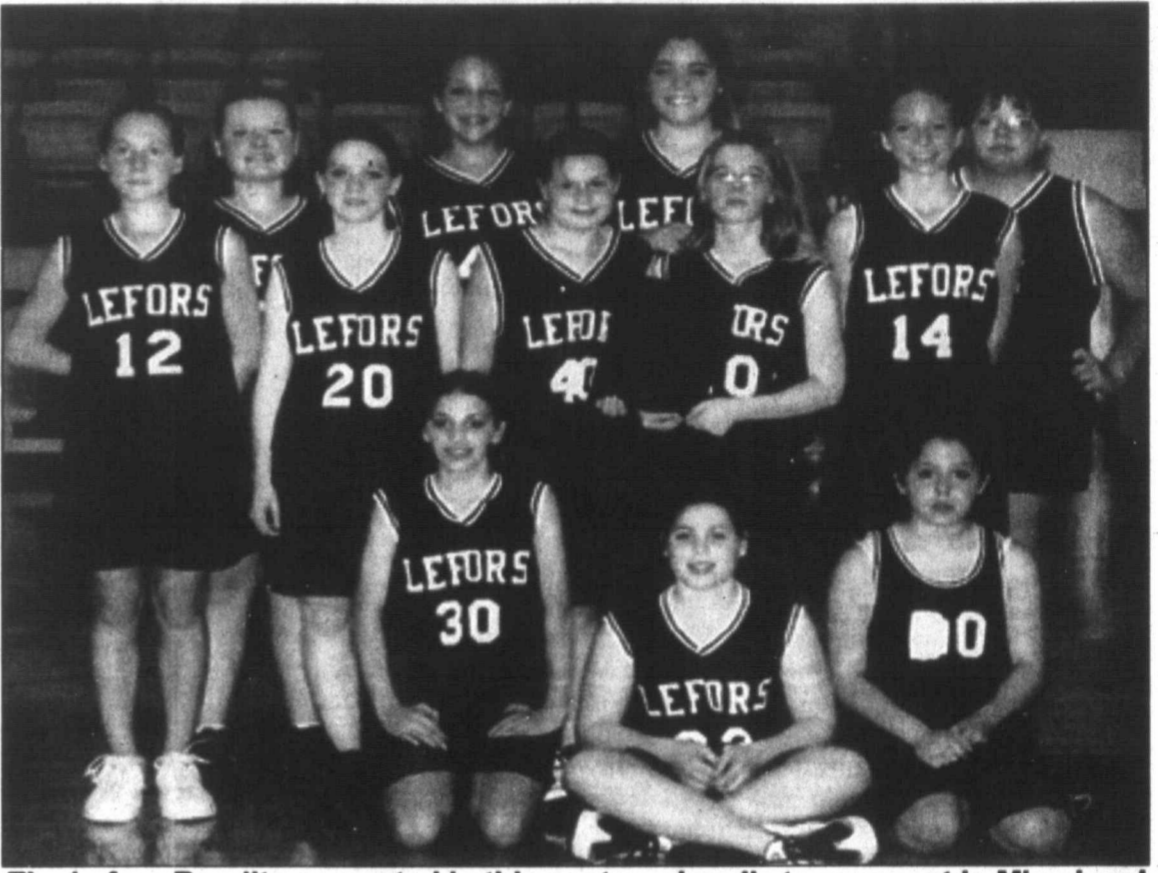
"Well," Twig replied, "I looked for a fastball until I had two strikes."

"Why?" Williams asked. "Because I couldn't hit the breaking ball," Twig confessed.

"Not a bad idea," Williams said.

Twig has been working on his autobiography this winter in Texas, telling the stories of a life rich in baseball lore and a love of the game.

Great job



The Lefors Bandits competed in this past weekend's tournament in Miami and came away with an impressive 3rd place finish. The team is, from left to right, bottom row- Brittney Coombes, Rebecka Lawrence and Tabitha Carter. Middle row- Valerie Willis, Misty Parish, Lacy Johnson, Abby Andis and Emily Jackson. Back row- Ashley Shepard, Ashlyn Johnson, Haley Smith and Kendra Ray.

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Super Bowl too tempting for gamblers

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — One by one, they filed in for a Tuesday night meeting of Gamblers Anonymous.

One man wore an Eagles sweat shirt. One remembered the Super Bowl Sunday he spent babysitting his granddaughter, only to find himself with an uncontrollable urge to bet \$10,000 on the game, 10 years after his last bet.

Then there was the newcomer, facing his first Super Bowl since he quit a lifelong addiction in which he bet up to \$12,000 a game on the NFL.

"It's a tough week," he told the gathering. "It's the trifecta: We've got football, the Super Bowl and my favorite team playing."

For gambling addicts like these, the Super Bowl is anything but super. The buildup to Sunday can be even worse: It is a time to relive bad memories, to fight gnawing temptations, to avoid thinking about the event everyone seems to be talking about.

That's a difficult proposition, especially here — in a southern New Jersey community awash in Philadelphia Eagles fever.

There are "Go Eagles" signs on cars, grocery store circulars advertising Super Bowl snacks and seemingly nonstop coverage of Terrell Owens' injury on radio and TV.

"They just have to ignore it, and it's really difficult in this area because of all the hype about the Eagles," said Harvey Fogel, a compulsive gambling counselor. "If they were in Minnesota, it wouldn't be that big a deal. It's worse here, there's more hype because of the Eagles."

The same is true in New England, where Patriots fans are immersed in the team's hunt for a third NFL title in four years. The game also is the subject of advertising, news media coverage, office pools and watercooler talk about the Patriots, who are favored by a touchdown to beat the Eagles.

"Certainly, this is a hard time for folks in recovery from sports betting," said Marlene Warner, program director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. "In particular, the media's hyping the Super Bowl, saying it's a dynasty here in New England and the Patriots are favored to win."

Baltimore Sosa's kind of town

BALTIMORE (AP) — He signed autographs, praised manager Lee Mazzilli and took great care in avoiding use of the word "I" when discussing his goals for this year.

Still smarting from the backlash of his final days with the Chicago Cubs, Sammy Sosa was determined to make a good first impression with the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday. He really didn't have to try so hard, because the Orioles clearly were delighted to have him on their side.

The trade that sent Sosa from the Cubs became official after commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical. Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

Sosa has 574 home runs, seventh on the career list, and will almost certainly join the exclusive 600-homer club this season. He insisted that reaching the milestone is secondary to becoming an integral part of his new club.

"The 600 is going to come. What's important to me is to have a great relationship with my manager and the whole team," he said. "I'm not thinking about 600. I'm thinking about being comfortable, relaxed and to be loved again."

Sosa was once revered in Chicago, but the relationship between him and the fans began to deteriorate two years ago when he was caught using a corked bat. Last

season was worse — Sosa complained about being dropped to sixth in the batting order by manager Dusty Baker and walked out on the team before the conclusion of the final game.

The Cubs didn't want to go through more of the same this year, so they literally paid the Orioles to take him off their hands.

"I feel sad that it had to end the way that it did," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "Obviously, he made some mistakes late in the year. But he really deserves a better fate than has been cast upon him the last couple of months."

Hendry hopes Cubs fans remember Sosa for his bright smile, boyish enthusiasm and potent bat.

"I'm hoping he will not be viewed as someone who did a lot of wrong things in his last few months on the job," Hendry said. "He was great to the fans to the fans for a lot of years, and that's how he should be viewed. When he's done, we're going to talk about 600, maybe 700 home runs, and certainly a place in Cooperstown. He did a lot of good things."

Sosa loved his 13 years with the Cubs, yet he happily put all that behind him upon joining the Orioles.

"I gave Chicago everything that I have. It was a beautiful experience for my wife and family," he said. "I had a great time in Chicago, but you have to move on. This is my new house, and I love it."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 4, 2005:

Your sense of direction often points to the winner's circle. Sort through your priorities and take charge while you are on the right path. This year is dynamic and one that you will remember for years. Network, socialize and break past restrictions. You will greet happiness, success and a greater sense of direction. You will learn a lot and open up to different styles of thinking. Travel and education could play significant roles in your year. If you are single, a very unusual person will enter your life. This connection will help you grow in new ways. Be open, but don't decide this is "the one" for a year. If you are attached, let your significant other play a bigger role in your life. Expect to be more in the public than in past years. SAGITTARIUS is always a fun friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Foreign ideas open your eyes. Many of you will decide to revolutionize your approach. Others will want more eye-opening experiences and will sign up for a workshop or course. Walking in another's shoes works well too. Tonight: Your call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ What you can accomplish with one other person could be surprising to even you. In fact, what happens today could revise your thoughts about this relationship or your interaction with someone else. Let yourself be serious. Tonight: Flex with another's needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others simply cannot get enough of you. How very nice! Explore

options rather than close doors. Network, socialize and stay open. Right now, new avenues of thought expand your life opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You plunge into work, determined to clear out as much as you can. In fact, the sense of accomplishment you gain will be well worth a couple extra hours. When you leave work, your mind can relax and not worry. Tonight: Run errands but also get some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Why you're so upbeat isn't as important as the fact that you are upbeat. With this attitude, you can take on the world. The good news is just how much you can get done. Calls and actions have an impact. Go to it and get as much done as possible. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are building a greater sense of security, which will help manifest more of your desires. Just because your cash levels are growing doesn't mean you need to spend or invest immediately. Take your time and do needed research. Tonight: Watch the long version of a favorite movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Wherever you put your energy works. What might be important is not to overextend or spin off into too many areas. Funnel your attention to one matter at a time, keeping your goal in mind. Your Libra charm helps diminish any resistance. Tonight: Favorite person, favorite place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others find you to be a wizard with money. Your intuition helps you make the right decision at the right time. You don't need to flaunt your suc-

cess. Others notice. Resist giving others advice even though you feel that you know more than many. Tonight: Splurge and buy something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You beam, and others respond. Notice how much you draw to you. Make choices that serve you not only at this moment but also in the long run. Don't diffuse your winning streak. Use it well. Tonight: Smile and get what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take your natural place in the order of life. Be a leader. What you do could bring positive results not only immediately but also in the long run. Your sixth sense points you in the right direction. Tonight: Reassess your direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Friends push you in a new direction or in a way that feels positive. Your sign is about friendship and caring. You're in your element during meetings. You love taking time to visit with associates and to network. Tonight: You are a walking happening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Maintain a steady pace. Others misread your smiling and positive attitude. Reach out for associates and steer the course that is best for you. Responsibilities weigh on your shoulders. Your way of handling a problem works. Tonight: A must appearance.

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Mid-East

Summit host Mubarak trying to cement position

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, whose mantle as the region's main mediator has been tested by four years of Israeli-Palestinian violence, is trying to reassert his role by inviting the leaders of Israel, the Palestinians and Jordan to a summit to push the reinvigorated peace process.

The 76-year-old president, Egypt's ruler since 1981, has gone from leading the Egyptian air campaign against Israeli jets in the 1973 regional war to urging Palestinian militants to stop suicide bombings and describing Israeli Premier Ariel Sharon as a peacemaker.

Mubarak's praise of Sharon marked a huge shift. Since 2001, the Egyptian had refused to meet with the Israeli leader, and less than two years ago Mubarak dismissed Sharon as a man with no "intention to start working for peace."

In the wake of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Nov. 11 death, Mubarak recognized an opportunity for an end to the cycle of Palestinian-Israeli bloodshed sparked by Sharon's September 2000 visit to a revered Muslim shrine in Jerusalem.

"Mubarak wants to be in charge of trying to end the Middle East conflict, because this has always been the main problem for the Arabs," said Mohammed Salah, Cairo bureau chief of the leading pan-Arab newspaper Al-Hayat.

"It is important for him to be able to say to the people

that 'I solved this problem, I am the only Arab leader that could do it.'"

Mubarak took a step in this direction Wednesday, inviting Sharon, new Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Jordanian King Abdullah II to a summit next week in the Sinai resort of Sharm el-Sheik to capitalize on the revived peace hopes.

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The summit, which has been welcomed by the White House, is expected to focus on the fate of Palestinian fugitives and a West Bank troop redeployment. Speculation is also circling around the possible return of Egyptian and Jordanian ambassadors to Israel.

On Thursday, Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres said his nation and the Palestinians are working to iron out the terms of a cease-fire to be declared at the summit.

Israeli Cabinet ministers

on Thursday approved the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners and a withdrawal from the West Bank town of Jericho, officials said. About 500 of the prisoners will be released immediately after the summit.

Peres said he did not know whether the truce would be a signed, written agreement, but said the goal was to declare the end to four years of violence.

The timing of Mubarak's announcement also coincided with high-level talks between Egyptian officials and Syrian-based leaders of the Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Cairo to try and secure a Palestinian cease-fire in attacks against Israelis.

Egypt has been the lead player in trying to make Palestinian militants lay down their weapons. It has also tried to get Palestinian security forces increased in the neighboring Gaza Strip ahead of a planned Israeli withdrawal expected later this year.

Egypt, which once controlled Gaza, has said it would take responsibility for securing its own border with the volatile coastal strip, which has been the scene of heavy fighting and fierce Israeli military reprisals during the Palestinian uprising.

"There is no agreement yet on a truce" with Israel, Islamic Jihad spokesman Nafez Azzam said in a phone interview from Gaza. But the talks are "taking place in a positive atmosphere."

Georgian prime minister said killed by gas leak from a heater

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Georgian Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania, who helped lead the revolution that toppled the corruption-tainted regime of Eduard Shevardnadze, was killed Thursday by what officials said apparently was gas from a heater.

Georgia has a history of political intrigue that sometimes turns violent, but there was no immediate indication of foul play in the death. An autopsy was under way and the prosecutor-general's office said an investigation had been opened.

Zhvania, 41, was visiting the Tbilisi apartment of his friend Zurab Usupov, deputy governor of the Kvemo-Kartli region, who also died, Interior Minister Vano Merabishvili said on Rustavi-2 television.

Security guards broke through a window when they heard no sign of life inside the apartment several hours after the prime minister arrived, Merabishvili said. Zhvania had entered at about midnight and the guards came in between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m.

"It is an accident," Merabishvili said. "We can say that poisoning by gas took place."

A gas-fired heating stove was in the main room of the mezzanine-floor apartment, where a table was set up with a backgammon set lying open upon it. Zhvania was in a chair; Usupov's body was found in the kitchen.

Levan Chichua, a top official in Georgia's National Bureau of Forensic Medicine, said

there were no signs of violence and that preliminary examination showed both died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Deputy Prosecutor-General Georgy Dzhnashia told journalists the heater was installed "with serious technical violations ... there was no ventilation in the apartment."

Central heating is scarce in Georgia. Many people rely on gas or wood stoves in their homes and fatal malfunctions are often reported.

President Mikhail Saakashvili convened an emergency Cabinet meeting, which began with a moment of silence.

"Georgia has lost a great patriot, who devoted his entire life to serving the motherland. Zurab's death is a great blow to Georgia and to me personally," Saakashvili said.

Radio Imedi reported that Saakashvili named Vice-Premier David Baramidze as acting prime minister, citing government chief of staff Petre Mamradze.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a telegram of condolence to Saakashvili, which said that Zhvania "was well known in Russia as a supporter of the development of friendly, good-neighborly relations between the Russian and Georgian peoples."

Zhvania was a key ally of Saakashvili's in leading the November 2003 protests against election fraud. The demonstrations, which became known as the Rose Revolution, drove Shevardnadze into resignation.

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State president

Roberts County livestock show in offing

Thirty-six student members of either 4-H or FFA will be participating in the Roberts County Junior Livestock Show set to get under way at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Roberts Co. Project Center, according to a news release from Roberts Co. Extension office.

Weigh-in will be conducted between 7 and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at the project center.

Judging this year's event will be Dr. Lance Kieth.

On Saturday, a barbecue dinner, sponsored by Miami High School senior class of 2006, will be served from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m., followed at 2 p.m. by the Premium Sale with auctioneer W.B. Dickerson.

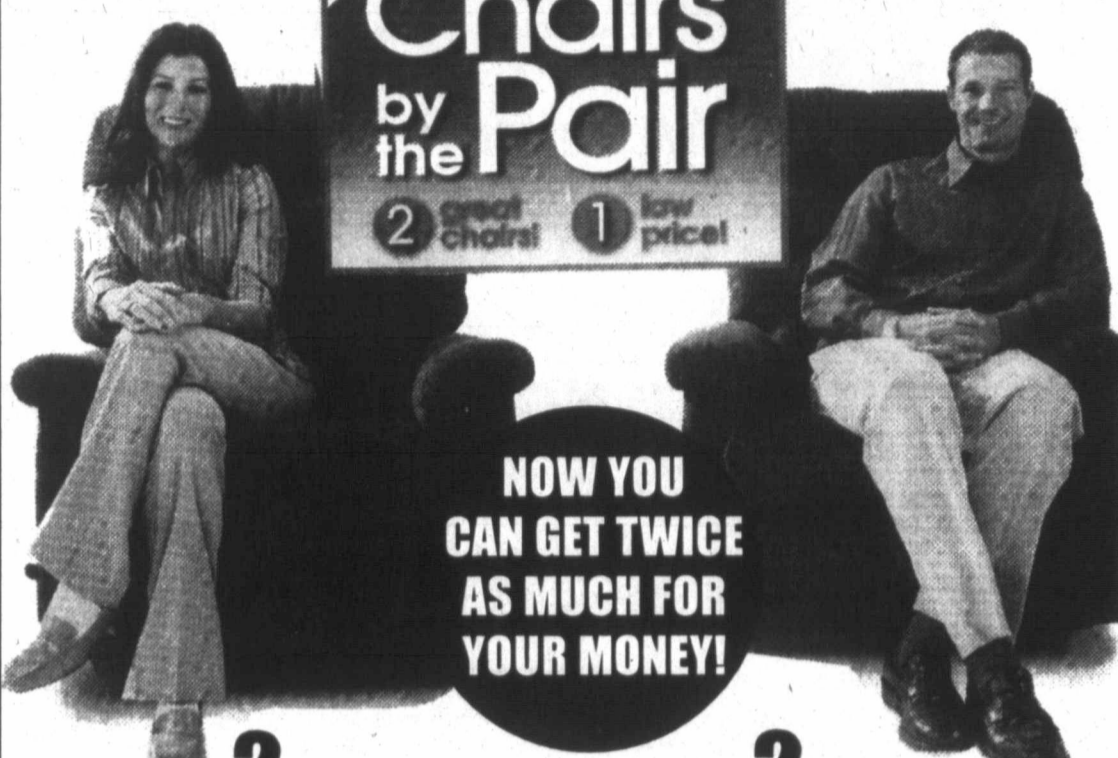
The Extension office reports 31 barrows, 10 steers and eight goats are entered in the upcoming competition. The show order is goats, swine (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire and crossbred), Small Fry and steers (English and exotic).

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