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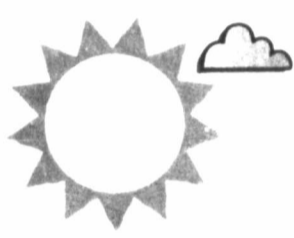
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Roy W. Bright, 60, maintenance worker.
 Mary Lou Simpson, 76, telegraph operator.

First day on job

Tough issues before new AG Gonzales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reporting for his first day as attorney general, Alberto Gonzales told Justice Department employees their priority would remain combatting terrorism "but we will do so in a way that's consistent with our values."
 Gonzales was opposed by many Democrats because of his work on administration policies they faulted in the abuse of prisoners in Iraq. Speaking to employees Friday, he alluded to the controversy but emphasized his own heritage as the grandson of Mexican immigrants and other up-from-poverty stories among members of President Bush's Cabinet. He said they had lived the American dream.
 "It's historically the case that it falls upon the shoulders of the attorney general to ensure that that dream is available," said Gonzales, who is the nation's first Hispanic attorney general.
 His plate is already overflowing with serious tasks: Lobbying Congress for reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act, the Justice Department's premiere, and widely criticized, anti-terrorism law; investigating who among his former White House colleagues leaked a CIA employee's name to the media; and coming through on his promise to the Senate to prosecute anyone who tortured or abused foreign detainees.
 He reminded Justice employees that President Bush has said their top job is protecting the country from future acts of terrorism. "But we will do so in a way that's consistent with our values, consistent with our legal obligations," said Gonzales, speaking in an ornate atrium near his new office.

Night halts search for missing Afghan jet

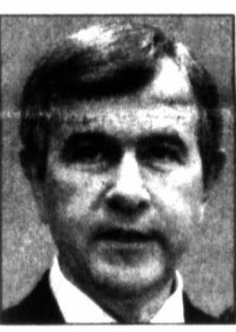
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO and Afghan forces suspended their ground and air search as darkness closed in Friday for an Afghan passenger jet carrying 104 people after it disappeared from radar screens during a snowstorm near the mountain-ringed capital. NATO and Afghan Officials denied statements from Turkish officials that parts of the wreckage had been located 20 miles southeast of Kabul, and they said the search would resume Saturday.
 The Kam Air Boeing 737-200 took off Thursday from the western Afghan city of Herat bound for Kabul, but was unable to land because of bad weather. The airline initially said the plane was diverted to neighboring Pakistan, but officials there said it never entered their airspace.
 Kam Air said there were 96 passengers and a crew of eight on the scheduled flight, but the exact number of foreigners was unclear.
 A Massachusetts-based aid group said three of its American staff were missing, Turkey said nine of its citizens were on the plane, and Italy said one passenger was Italian.
 Kamgar said the eight-member flight crew included

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Johanns: 'A friend in the White House'

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

SAN ANTONIO — In his first speech since being sworn in at Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns talked about trade, mad cow disease and budgets.
 "You have a friend in the White House," Johanns told a standing-room-only crowd at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention here today. "Not just the beef industry, but all of agriculture."
 The NCBA broke with a long-standing policy last year and supported George W. Bush for reelection.
 Johanns, the former governor of Nebraska, was sworn in as Secretary of Agriculture on Jan. 21. Today was his first public appearance since taking the job.
 "I can't imagine a better debut," Johanns said.
 He told cattlemen here that he took the job because of his passion for agriculture, a passion he said he shared with the President.
 Johanns said that when Bush announces his budget Monday, agriculture stands to gain in many areas. Citing increases in federal spending on conservation programs, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, the Healthy Forest Initiative, the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative and research for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE or mad cow disease, Johanns said the President's Fiscal Year 2006 budget will directly



Johanns

impact the American beef industry.
 The main point of contention here at this convention, however, is trade, specifically with Canada and Japan.
 Following the report of a cow in May, 2003, with BSE, the U.S. closed its borders to Canadian cattle and beef. That border is scheduled to reopen on March 7.
 Some cattlemen oppose the reopening of the border, and even NCBA voiced concern about some aspects of the cattle and beef trade with Canada, but Johanns said that the rule opening the border was the result of open careful and public policy making. He said the decision was based on science, although he admitted there are parts of the rule that he is still studying.
 He said there are ways of adjusting the rule before it becomes effective.
 "There are options," Johanns said.
 With the discovery Dec. 23, 2003, of a Canadian-born cow in Washington State with BSE, U.S. trading partners closed their borders to U.S. beef.
 Prior to the discovery of BSE in Washington State and subsequent shutting down of U.S. beef exports, the United States sold some \$7.5 billion of beef and ruminant products into the world market.
 Export sales, accounting for about 10 percent of the beef produced in the U.S., came to a sudden stop.

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Adam Hagerman, a bassoonist in the Pampa High School band, has been named to the TMEA's All-State Band and Orchestra.

Pampa bassoonist named to All-State

Pampa High School band member, Adam Hagerman, was recently chosen for membership in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band and Orchestra.
 Hagerman will be participating in the Texas All-State Band and Orchestra Clinic/Concert held in conjunction with the TMEA's annual convention, Feb. 9-12, in San Antonio.

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Photo by DAVID BOWSER

Friedman announces candidacy

Author and musician Kinky Friedman announces his candidacy for Texas governor Thursday while standing in front of the Alamo at San Antonio.

Critics: House plan to fund education still 'not enough'

AUSTIN (AP) — Critics say \$3 billion a sweeping House plan proposes to funnel into public schools is still not enough money to adequately educate Texas' 4.3 million students and is inefficient because it doesn't increase teacher pay.
 Rep. Kent Grusendorf introduced the House bill on Thursday, the first of a two-part package aimed at overhauling the way Texas pays for public K-12 education.
 Every Texas school district would get a 3 percent increase in funding and be required to start classes after Labor Day.
 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 stipend would be paid as part of teachers' salaries.
 "Without a meaningful cross-the-board pay raise for Texas teachers, we cannot attract the best and brightest..."
 — Donna New Hashke
 TSTA President
 "Without a meaningful cross-the-board pay raise for Texas teachers, we cannot attract the best and brightest to the teaching profession and keep them in our classrooms," said Texas State Teachers Association President Donna New Hashke.

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Obituaries

Roy W. Bright, 60

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Roy W. Bright, 60, of Belleville, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Lincoln Home, Belleville.

Memorial services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Lake View Mausoleum in Fairview Heights, Ill., with the Rev. Charles West officiating.

The body was cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Lake View Funeral Home of Fairview Heights.

Mr. Bright was born Aug. 7, 1944, at Pampa, Texas, to Charles Arlington Bright and Nina Grace Schackelford Bright. He worked in maintenance and went to school through the 12th grade.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Bright was a resident of Fairview Heights, Ill., for 15 years before moving to

Belleville, Ill., in 2003. He was employed at Chic Filet at St. Clair Square Mall in Fairview Heights, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles; his mother, Nina Grace; and a brother, Charles Nelson Bright.

Survivors include a son, Roy (Mary) Fraizer of Pampa, Texas; a daughter, Tanja (Brian) Louia of Lawton, Okla.; brothers, Bobby (Patsy) Bright of Pampa, Texas, DeWayne (Cathy) Bright of Amarillo, Texas, and Dale Bright of Fairview Heights, Ill.; sisters, Bonnie (J.D. "Tex") Floyd of Pampa, Texas, and Patricia Ann (Morgan) DeMoroney of Rio Rancho, N.M.; a sister-in-law, Jane Bright of Miami, Texas; three granddaughters; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to Unity Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Mary Lou Simpson, 76

Mary Lou Simpson, 76, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

A Pampa resident since 1970 and a former McLean and Perryton resident, Mrs. Simpson was born May 14, 1928, at Altus, Okla., to Edwin and Ola Bell Walker Clark.

She married Cecil Simpson on Nov. 22, 1948, at Wheeler; he died in 1992.

Mrs. Simpson was a telegraph operator for

Rock Island Railroad and worked for Ideal Food Stores for several years. She penned a book of poetry that was copyrighted.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Ola; six brothers, Randall Clark, Ray Clark, Marvin Henderson, Clifford Putman, Barney Putman and Chester Putman; and a sister, Loretta Henderson Flowers.

Survivors include a son, Scott Simpson of Pampa; a sister, Ruth Braxton of Amarillo; and two stepisters, Helen Greninger of Hemet, Calif., and Pearl Hicks of St. Louis, Mo.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

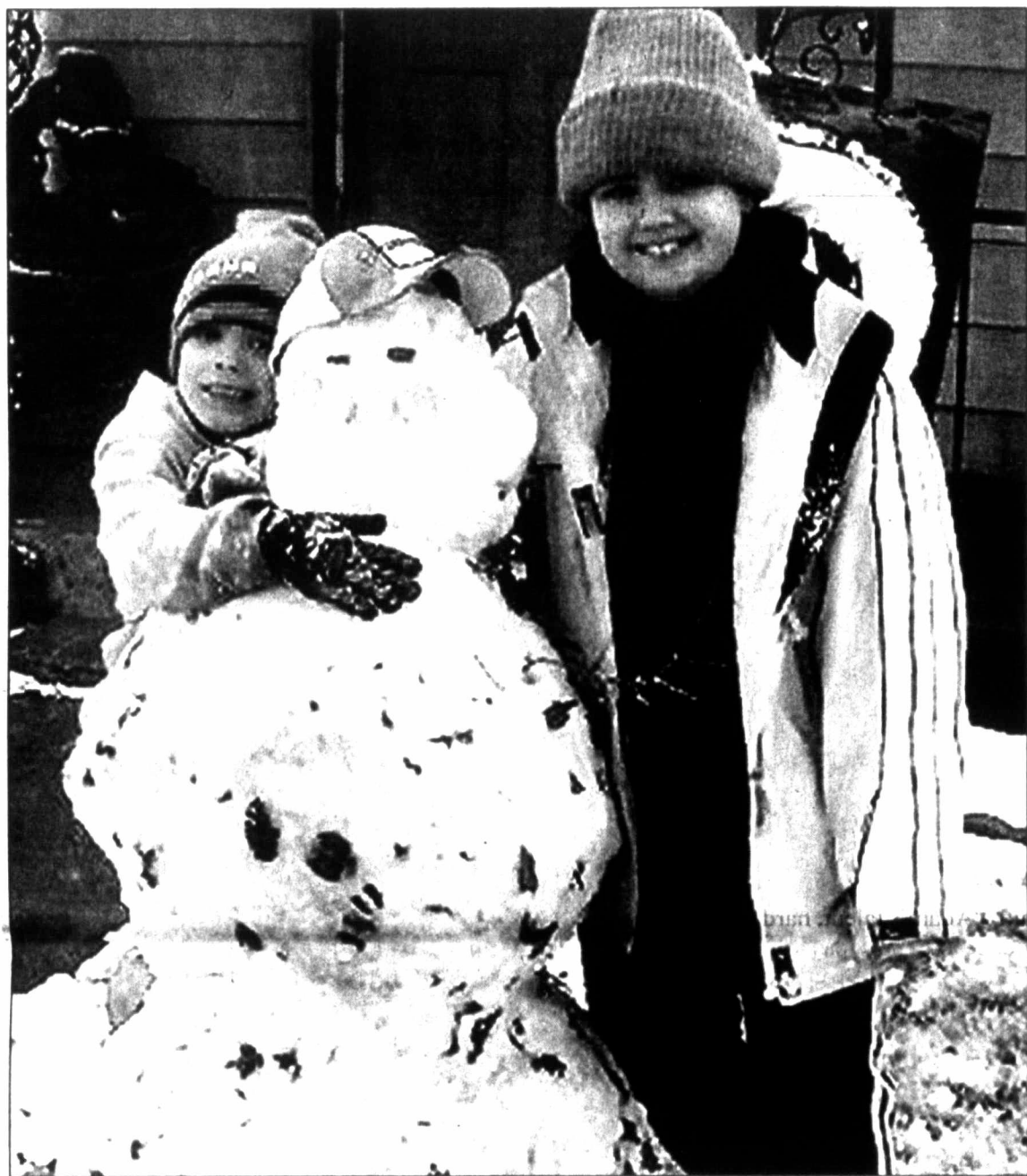
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Simpson

Services tomorrow

SIMPSON, Mary Lou — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.



Adam and Danielle Zuniga built a snowman during last Sunday's snowfall. More rain and snow is possible this weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers after

noon. Cloudy, with a high around 51. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low near 38.

Wind chill values between 31 and 36. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 53.

South southwest wind around 15 mph becoming west northwest.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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.

Cabot Corp	35.17	+0.36	Atmos	28.45	+0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	49.32	-0.32	Pioneer Nat	39.72	+0.29
Coca Cola	41.67	-0.07	JCP	44.18	+0.32
VLO	61.24	+0.03	COP	95.79	-0.06
HAL	42.08	+0.30	SLB	71.27	+0.89
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NOI	38.65	+0.16	CVX	56.29	+0.05
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XOM	54.53	+0.01	New York Gold	417.20	
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Twenty traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported at Randy Matson and Hobart streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart, Randy Matson and Hamilton streets, and One Medical Plaza. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Hobart and at Oklahoma and Christy streets.

Warrant service was rendered at City Hall.

A welfare check was conducted in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of South Nelson, Kentucky and Duncan streets, and the 1500 block of North Banks.

Burglary was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Found property was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. A belt buckle, knife and butane can were found.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of South Banks and the 700 block of Roberta.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester; and Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Davis.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 100 block of South Wells and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Murphy.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of Powell and the 400 block of Hughes.

Violation of a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission law was reported in the 900 block of Campbell.

One business alarm was reported.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Feb. 3

12:20 p.m. — A 1996 Ford Explorer, driv-

en by Jose P. Medina, 24, Borger, and a 2005 Toyota Rav, driven by Richard Gene Barton, 34, 1036 Sirocco, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Barton and a passenger in his vehicle, Karen Barton, 28, 1036 Sirocco, were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Medina was cited for failure to control speed and no proof of insurance.

3:11 p.m. — A 2005 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Kristi Kay Petty, 38, 938 Duncan, and a 2005 Sica Eagle bus, driven by Leroy Edwin Proctor, 68, 8566 County Road 2 1/2, collided at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hamilton streets. Petty was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Petty was cited for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Feb. 3

Rafael V. Felix, 36, 1232 N. Duncan, was arrested for having a fictitious registration.

Charles F. Mejia, 19, 1805 Williston, was arrested on a bond surrender for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Stephen Charles McAnear, 38, McLean, was arrested on a motion to modify probation.

Fire

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

Thursday, Feb. 3

11:55 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Randy Matson and Hobart streets. Firefighters cleaned up a small hazard caused by the minor three-vehicle collision.

12:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of North Russell.

3:13 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Randy Matson and Hamilton streets with one injury. Firefighters cleaned up a small hazardous material spill.

Friday, Feb. 4

5:26 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Jupiter.

Houston school district planning to close 10 schools

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston schools Superintendent Abe Saavedra said the district plans to close six elementary schools because of declining enrollments and four more as part of a school construction bond proposal.

The six schools with declining enrollments would be closed at the end of the school year and the four other

would close by 2006 under a plan school district officials say would save money and give students better access to services.

"We need to offer those kids more than they're getting now," Saavedra said. "This is an issue of education effectiveness and efficiency."

The district closed four other schools less than a year

ago, also because of shrinking enrollment. The district has 209,000 students, about 2,000 fewer than last year.

The six schools set to close this year have enrollments less than the district average of 750 students for elementary schools, and about 96 percent of the students at each school come from poor families. No more than 2 percent of the students at any of the schools are Anglo, the Houston Chronicle reported in Friday's editions.

More than 1,700 students would have to begin attending other schools. In some cases, students would travel less than a mile and others may commute more than three miles.

While the closures would save the district about \$1 million annually, the principal reason for the move is to get students into larger schools with more services, Saavedra said in a statement.

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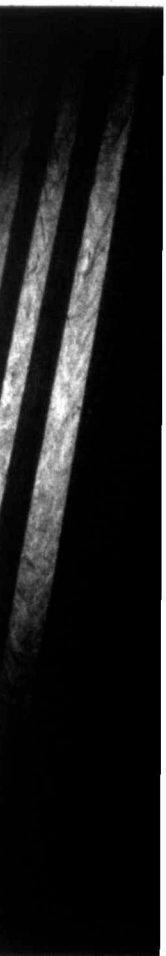
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Grusendorf, R-Arlington, said districts would have the option of providing teacher pay raises with the new

money. The legislation would also provide districts with money for teacher mentor programs and district-designed incentive-pay programs for teachers.

The legislation would provide money for technology such as electronic textbooks

and would move toward online testing and replace state exit-level testing with end-of-course exams, also online.

Schools would get more money for transportation, bilingual education and more funding for high school stu-

dents than for younger students.

The 137-page package also would enforce a uniform and mandatory start date for schools, after Labor Day. Right now, many schools begin classes in late August. Grusendorf estimates the new

start date would save \$85 million, mostly in utilities costs.

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.

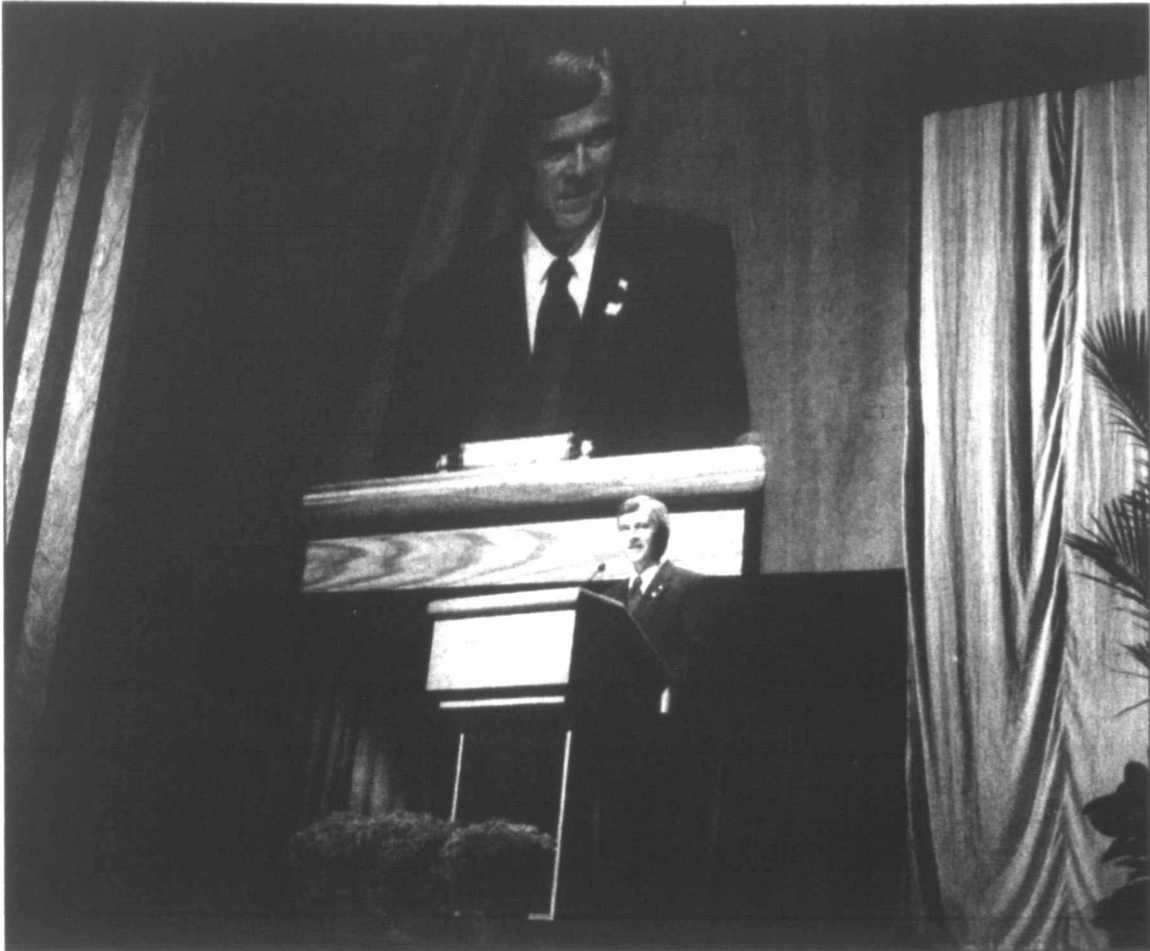


Photo by David Bowser

With his projected image behind him and U.S. and Texas flags flanking him, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns gave his first speech since being sworn in Jan. 21, to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association at their convention in San Antonio today.

Johanns

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Johanns said reopening those markets were important to cattlemen.

While trade has resumed with some of those countries, 41 percent of the U.S. beef markets around the world remain closed,

most notably Japan and Korea, who were two leading markets for U.S. beef.

Johanns said these two markets must reopen their borders to U.S. beef.

"My focus will not shift until the job is done," Johanns said.

He said that opening beef trade to Japan is his top priority.

"I don't intend to let up on this," Johanns said. "I'm just going to keep pushing."

All-State

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In auditions held Jan. 8 at Frenship High School, Hagerman was one of three bassoonists chosen from schools in the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and El Paso areas.

Having performed last year as a

member of the 4A All-State Band, Hagerman set a goal this year to perform in one of the TMEA All-State Orchestras.

To achieve membership in an All-State Orchestra, students from 4A high schools must forfeit their option to compete within their school's enrollment classification and compete against students from the larger 5A classification, said Assistant Band Director Jordan

Holmes in a press release.

"In some ways a risky decision, much like a high jumper choosing to set the bar at a record height rather than being satisfied with merely qualifying," Holmes said, "Adam's talent, hard work and persistence will now pay off as he travels to San Antonio to compete in one final round of try-outs for the double reed players' coveted positions in the Texas All-State Orchestra."

Search

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six Russians and two Afghans.

Afghanistan's NATO peacekeeping force sent helicopters and ground teams to scour an area of high mountains southeast of the city, where officials said the plane was last reported on Thursday afternoon, but returned to base empty-handed.

Maj. Karen Tissot Van Patot said freezing fog had forced down even the Apache helicopters, which are equipped for night flying. An Associated Press reporter also saw Afghan troops heading back toward Kabul.

"Things will shut down for the night and resume in the morning," Patot said, discounting media reports that a piece of the wreckage had been found. "We'd have heard fairly quickly if anything had turned up."

Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammed Zahir Azimi said Afghan troops had also given up for the night. "They could not find a single piece of the plane," he said. "Tomorrow we will search a wider area."

A Turkish Foreign Ministry official in Ankara had said Turkish military officers in Kabul confirmed wreckage had been found

southeast of Kabul. The Turkish air force is in charge of Kabul airport as part of the NATO peacekeeping mission. The Turkish official, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, also said the Afghan Transportation Ministry has confirmed the crash.

Haroun Rassoul, secretary to the Afghan transport minister, said late Friday there was no confirmation that the plane had crashed. "We have no precise information about it and the investigation is continuing," he said.

The clouds lifted for several hours on Friday afternoon, presenting a chance to find

and reach any survivors if the plane had crashed.

Hundreds of Afghan troops were sent to Khaki Jabar, a district southeast of Kabul with few roads and steep ridges rising to more than 13,000 feet. An AP photographer saw two helicopters flying over the area and a column of German armored vehicles moving along a mountain road.

Three American women working for Management Sciences for Health, a non-profit group based in Cambridge, Mass., were believed to be aboard, said William Schiffbauer, a company representative in Kabul.

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• **Several courses, worth varying continuing education units**, will be offered in the area for individuals with pesticide applicator licenses. The courses will include the following: Crop Production Clinics on Jan. 13 in Spearman and on Jan. 14 in Panhandle; West Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Jan. 18, Dickens; Ornamental & Turf, Jan. 20, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center; Flight of Way, Jan. 25, TAMREC; Hemphill County Ag Day, Jan. 27, Canadian; and Grain Elevator Workshop, Feb. 8, Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo. For more information, contact Gray County Cooperative Extension office at 669-8033.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

• **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.

• **Texas CattleWomen are currently sponsoring** a statewide scholarship for high school students called the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be a 2005 graduating senior at a Texas high school or equivalent institution and must be accepted into an agricultural-related field at a Texas college or university for the 2005 fall semester. The deadline for applications to be returned to Amy Brainard, P.O. Box 570, Canadian, TX 79014, is Feb. 18. For more information, visit www.texascattlewomen.org on the Internet or call Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County** will sponsor a beginning futures and options workshop for area producers from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Dr. Steve Amosson will be the instructor for the course which will provide basic information to producers about using futures and options in marketing. The registration fee is \$10. To register or for more information, call Scott Strawn by Feb. 16 at (806) 435-4501.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance**, featuring Mike Porter, is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

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Viewpoints

Tales of 'the great Rock Island adventure'

"Dad, what's so funny? You're laughing so hard you almost hit that car!"

My oldest son Daniel was right. My uncontrolled laughing had nearly resulted in a head-on collision on our way back from the Davis Ranch between Lefors and Alanreed.

The three Palmitiers, pater and two offspring, were returning to the grandparents after a day's worth of fishing and exploring with Jim Davis on his ranch during a summer vacation. Daniel was in the front seat with me while little brother Jeremy was passed out with exhaustion in the back as I drove by the old railroad trestle bridge along side Highway 273

between Lefors and Pampa.

Actually the trestle had been long gone along with the Rock Island train that used to come from McLean to Pampa, but the vividness in my memory was getting the best of me. Hence the laughter and near head-on collision.

"It's a good story, Daniel — another Jim and Dad growing up story like the one about the rattlesnakes," I said through my laughing episode. Daniel immediately was all ears, for the rattlesnake story was one of his favorites. "Tell me dad!", he shouted as he straightened, wide-eyed with anticipation.

"Okay, but you have to promise me that you will not

attempt the same thing when you're able to drive," I responded.

"I won't, Daddy. I won't," Daniel replied with a grin.

Get ready, I thought to myself. Payback is hell. My hackles tingle over this future angst with his humorless mother.

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

"I'm in the basement," Jim answered. "Just come downstairs when you get here."

The word "basement" was the key to the reasoning for Jim asking me over. The basement at the Davis abode was the staging area for our

many forays that took place on the Davis Ranch.

"John (Budd) and Doug (Morgan) are already here. We need you," was Jim's disconnect on the telephone.

Anytime Jim Davis wanted to meet in his basement, an event was going to happen.

The event would take place no matter what. "No matter what" included any information kept secret from our respective parents. Yes, basements make good staging areas for teenagers, n'est pas?

When I came downstairs,

Jim, John, and Doug were bent over a table with a map spread out on top.

"Twenty-eight miles total," Jim said as he acknowledged me into the circle. "We should be able to drive the distance in about 45 minutes at no more than 30 miles an hour," Jim continued.

Jim Davis was/is amazing to me. He would plan out any escapade with calculated success and failure potential included in the fun factor we would achieve by our careful planning. The fun factor always took precedence over a common sense factor when analyzing our escapades in those days; meaning, having fun was the objective over

any legal or parental fears we might have.

"The train only travels the track once a week — on Wednesdays — so Friday won't present a problem for us," Jim went on. "We can start before the trestle over the North Fork (Red River) east of Lefors. I've already measured the width of the train track with the '56 (Chevy) and they're a perfect fit."

Jim's plan was to drive the '56 onto the railroad track, deflate the tires to where the rubber draped over the rail which created a slot in relation to car wheel and tire fitting the track (remember,

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2005. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

On this date:

In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1789, electors unanimously chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1801, John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 22,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala and Honduras.

In 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

'La vida es duda, y la fe sin la duda es solo muerte. (Life is doubt, and faith without doubt is nothing but death.)'

— Miguel de Unamuno
Spanish philosopher



Anti-intellectualism in academia

Dr. Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, has been excoriated for suggesting that innate differences between men and women might be one of the reasons fewer women succeed in the higher reaches of science and math.

Adding insult to injury, he also questioned the role of sex discrimination in the small number of female professors in science and engineering at elite universities.

Professor Nancy Hopkins, an MIT biologist, attended the National Bureau of Economic

Research conference titled "Diversifying the Science and Engineering Workforce" where Dr. Summers gave his lecture.

She had to leave the lecture, explaining to a Boston Globe (Jan. 17, 2005) reporter, "I would've either blacked out or thrown up." In today's campus anti-intellectualism, it's acceptable to suggest that genetics explains some outcomes, but it's unacceptable to use it as an explanation for other out-

comes. Let's try a few, and guess whether Professor Hopkins would barf.

Suppose a speaker said that sickle cell anemia is genetically determined and occurs almost exclusively among

blacks. Would Professor Hopkins stomp out of the room, charging racism? What if it were said that a person's chances of being a carrier of the gene for Tay-Sachs disease, a disease

without a cure, is significantly higher if he is an Eastern European (Ashkenazi) Jew? Would Professor Hopkins barf and charge the speaker with anti-Semitism?

Jon Entine, in his book "Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports And Why We're Afraid to Talk About It" (1999), says, "All of the 32 finalists in the last four Olympic men's 100-meter races are of West African descent." The probability of such an outcome by chance is all but zero. The genetic

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas prison system facing trouble

Trouble and the Texas prison system have been joined at the hip for more than a generation.

Texas lawmakers should not be surprised that they are again being called upon to solve another overcrowding crisis at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

This time members of the 79th Texas Legislature should put more effort into keeping citizens out of state prisons instead of building more accommodations for a constantly expanding prison population.

The federal courts took control of Texas prisons in 1979 following a yearlong trial based on a 1972 prison-

er complaint of routine atrocities.

Overcrowding, understaffing, substandard medical care and uncontrolled physical abuse were ruled to be unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

In an attempt to correct these problems, Texas taxpayers authorized a decade-long, \$2.3 billion expansion of the Texas prison system. Voters were told that the unprecedented building program would relieve the backlog of state prisoners overflowing in county jails and end the

catch-and-release parole system that put criminals back on the streets nearly as fast as they were convicted.

Although the world's most ambitious prison-building binge gave Texas one of the largest prison systems on the planet, it has not solved the overcrowding problem.

Texas Thoughts

Waco Tribune-Herald

Without more successful programs that guide youngsters and adults into law-abiding, productive livelihoods, Texas taxpayers will continue to build more prisons until they are flat broke.

By now it should be obvious that it is not possible for the state to build its way out of its prison problems.

With a prison population of about 151,000, the state again is struggling to find enough beds in the no-vacancy prison system.

Texas lawmakers now are talking about introducing bills this session to increase the state's probation program and improve drug treatment as alternatives to prison sentences.

While these alternatives are worth pursuing, lawmakers also should invest more efforts farther upstream to prevent people from entering

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I've often wondered whether Billy B. and Nancy ever knew what their son and his friends were up to on the ranch, for something potentially catastrophic was always an end result, especially after any basement meeting on Duncan Street. And we all had girlfriends with heaps of common sense and, who when told afterwards, would always let the cat out of the

bag. Perhaps Billy and Nancy were aware, and letting boys be boys. They knew the general public was safe as long as we were out on the ranch. What possible harm could be done as long as the boys remained out in the country?

That worked for me. The Rock Island rail trip was on.

The '56 fit perfectly on the rails. To this day, if Jim Davis says something will fit, he will have my never-ending attention. He is still amazing.

I've often wondered whether Billy B. and Nancy ever knew what their son and his friends were up to on the ranch.

"I'll just keep it at 25 to 30 miles an hour, especially over the trestles. That'll keep us on the tracks."

The first trestle extended over the North Fork of the Red River, in front of a Phillips gasoline plant, and was perhaps 8 to 10 feet over the riverbed and at least a hundred yards long.

We began our train-trip back to Pampa. The ride was

smooth and easy going as we crossed well-traveled roads leading into, and out of, Lefors. In fact, no auto had to wait for us as we came down the tracks. We made our way around Lefors to the next trestle, the one that created my laughter and near head-on collision.

This particular trestle was a good 30 feet above a dry wash — not more than 50 feet in length. But nothing could be better, for it was exactly parallel to Highway 273 and quite noticeable to any car/truck traffic on the highway.

Jim stopped the '56 in the middle of the trestle and we piled out to "look around." One car stopped and a driver in disbelief got out of his car to shake his head at us. "Never seen a hawk fly below me like that," John shouted. That was a unique sight to see. For that matter, haven't seen it since.

We proceeded on down the tracks to the next trestle which is still in it's rightful place on the Combs-Worley Ranch — a little smaller than the previous trestle, but just as fun.

We continued up off the caprock onto flat farmland, still running parallel to Highway 273. There was no waver in the '56 as Jim maintained his calculated speed. Everything was going smoothly. Our first "test" came as we approached the railroad crossing on 273 that pointed north into Pampa's city limits. The track crossed the highway between what is now Loop 171 and Highway 70.

"Better stop for traffic," Doug said matter-of-factly.

Jim did stop as any number of vehicles slowed to see the unusual "train" waiting on the tracks. After the last car checked us out, we figured word would reach the police over our escapade, so we sped up a little in hopes of not meeting Officer Preston Bailey.

Into town we choo-chooed receiving numerous waves from homeowners and

passers-by until we ended up behind the Rock Island terminal.

"Forty-three minutes!" Jim proclaimed as we acknowledged our victory. "All we have to do now is slowly make our way across Brown

Into town we choo-chooed receiving numerous waves from homeowners and passers-by ...

(Street) to that service station and air up the four tires and get back home before Bailey is on to us."

In the scheme of things back in the '60s — if one wanted to tease a lawman, it was best to tease Rufe Jordan.

Rufe understood boys needed to let off a little steam and he let us play within that boundary he had for letting boys be boys. Preston Bailey possessed no sense of humor or elasticity — so if we were to get caught, we preferred Rufe over Bailey.

We were able to air up

without any problems and casually make our way back to Jim's house unscathed with four sets of parents unaware of our accomplishment.

To this day, Daniel, Jeremy, and now, my granddaughter Heather, love to hear the Rock Island story.

Daniel probably knows the route blindfolded and wishes he could have attempted the same adventure. I wish he could have, as well, but growing up in a city (San Antonio) of over a million people forbade a Rock Island adventure of his own.

No, all young readers of this yarn — don't ever attempt what four teens from a bygone era were able to accomplish with a '56 Chevy on a little-used railroad track, for it can't be done today.

Jim Davis has no peers, it's much too dangerous, and, most important, probably quite felonious.

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.



Heart health screenings

Alissa Jefferies and Merlin Rose, pharmacist, check the equipment to be used in Keyes Pharmacy's upcoming Heart Health Screenings on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Screenings are by appointment at the pharmacy, 928 N. Hobart. To make an appointment, call 669-1202. A professional screening technician will administer a comprehensive lipid profile (fasting) for \$20 or cholesterol screen (non-fasting) for \$15, along with blood pressure and glucose test and compute the patient's body mass index.

Academia

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physiological and biomechanical characteristics that cause blacks to excel in some sports — basketball, football and track — spell disaster for those who have aspirations to be Olympic-class swimmers.

Entine says, "No African American has ever qualified for the U.S. Olympic swim or dive team. Indeed, despite a number of special programs and considerable funding that have attracted thousands of aspiring black Olympians, there were only seven blacks who could even qualify to compete against the 455 swimmers at the 1996 Olympic trials."

Do you suppose Professor Hopkins would charge Entine with racism? The only behavioral genetic explanation that campus anti-intellectuals unquestioningly accept is that homosexuality has genetic origins.

What about women in the professions?

In my colleague Thomas Sowell's 1984 book "Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality," there's a chapter titled "The

Special Case of Women." He says, "The economic ramifications of marriage and parenthood are profound, and often directly opposite in their effects on men and women."

Marriage increases male labor-force participation and reduces that of women. Marriage increases career interruption for women but not men. That's important for career advance and selection.

Suppression of ideas that are seen as being out of the mainstream has become all too common at universities.

If you're a good computer technician, engineer or specialist in the higher reaches of science and technology, and you leave your job for a few years, much of your skills and knowledge will be obsolete when you return. The same obsolescence is virtually absent in occupations such as editor, librarian

and schoolteacher. This factor, instead of sex discrimination, might explain some of the career choices made by women.

But what about the flap over Dr. Summers' suggestion that genetics or innate differences might play a role in the paucity of women in science and engineering?

It's not that important whether Dr. Summers is right or wrong. What's important is the attempt by some of the academic elite to stifle inquiry. Universities are supposed to be places where ideas are pursued and tested, and stand or fall on their merit.

Suppression of ideas that are seen as being out of the mainstream has become all too common at universities. The creed of the leftist religion is that any difference between people is a result of evil social forces.

That's a vision that can lead to the return to the Dark Ages.

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paying job would benefit Texas much more than expanding the state's prison system.

Lawmakers also should consider more alternative sentencing programs for non-violent offenders who pose minimal threats to society.

In the long run, the best investment is to keep young Texans in school and match their educational achievements to living-wage jobs.

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the criminal justice system. With buildings and operations, it costs taxpayers more to send someone to prison than to college. Money spent on keeping youngsters in school all the way to a good-

'Hot spot' found on Saturn

HONOLULU (AP) — Astronomers using a giant telescope atop a volcano have discovered a hot spot at the tip of Saturn's south pole.

The infrared images captured by the Keck I telescope at the W.M. Keck Observatory atop Mauna Kea on the Big Island suggest a warm polar vortex — a large-scale weather pattern likened to a jet stream on Earth that occurs in the upper atmosphere. It's the first such hot vortex ever discovered in the solar system.

The team of scientists say the images are the sharpest thermal views of Saturn ever taken from the ground. Their work will be published in Friday's editions of the journal Science.

This warm polar cap is believed to contain the highest temperatures on Saturn;

the scientists did not give a temperature estimate.

On Earth, the Arctic Polar Vortex is typically located over eastern North America in Canada and plunges cold arctic air to the northern Plains in the United States.

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Religion

New Mexico, Texas Baptists bid fond farewell to Cone

By TERESA YOUNG
Special to The Pampa News

ALBUQUERQUE — Baptists from across New Mexico and parts of Texas gathered Wednesday night to bid a fond farewell to Dr. Claude Cone, retiring executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Cone, wife Jeannie and daughter Cathy were guests of honor at a banquet on the campus of the University of New Mexico, held in conjunction with the New Mexico

Evangelism Conference. About 500 guests — comprised of pastors and laypersons from throughout the state and some Texans from Cone's former pastorates there — convened

for the banquet, which celebrated Cone's service and love for the Gospel message.

A program of special presentations, hymn singing and a slide show was punctuated by several segments of open microphone sharing times by audience members. Comments were heartfelt and appreciative, reflecting a great respect for the man who was heralded as a great preacher and a great leader.

"There's been no greater Christian statesman in New Mexico than Claude Cone," said David King, son of former New Mexico governor Bruce King.

"Above all, you're a great Christian gentleman," said Mac McCarthick of Lovington,



Clark Henderson, music minister at Sandia Baptist Church in Albuquerque, accompanies the audience in singing classic hymns at the retirement banquet for Dr. Claude Cone, outgoing director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, his wife Jeannie, and daughter Cathy.

N.M. "Thank you for being a good example."

Betty Stovall, a member at First Baptist Church in Pampa while Cone served as pastor there, spoke of his heart for missions and leading the congregations in several overseas ventures.

"The most impressive thing to me about Claude is his humbleness," Stovall said. "He's been in some big churches and around some big people. But he's never forgotten the small churches and would go

there for revivals."

Dr. Bill Hardage, representing a contingency of officials from Cone's alma mater, Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, shared his appreciation on behalf of the school, for which Cone serves on the Board of Trustees.

"We want to thank Claude for all he's done for Wayland and for Christian education, especially with our campuses in New Mexico," said Hardage, executive vice pres-

ident for WBU. "We just appreciate you and Jeannie for all you've done for our university."

Sara Preston, with the New Mexico Baptist Foundation, spoke of Cone's inspiration and encouragement to Baptists across the region.

"It isn't just in your preaching or teaching. It's in the life you've lived before us," she said.

A native of Melrose, Cone graduated from Wayland Baptist in 1959 and earned graduate degrees

from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He began pastoring in the 1950s, serving Texas churches in Slide, Crandell, Howe and Dennison, Calvary

Baptist in Lubbock and First Baptist in Pampa from 1972-1985.

On March 1, 1985, he became executive director for the BCNM. He was honored by Wayland in 1990 with the Distinguished Alumni Award and received a similar award from Southwestern Seminary in 2004.

The New Mexico Baptist Foundation has established the Dr. Claude and Jeannie Cone Century Fund in the couple's honor, to date collecting \$57,000 to be used to support New Mexico students attending Wayland, Southwestern Seminary or Golden Gate Seminary and for greatest needs as determined by the Baptist Foundation's board.

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— Sara Preston
N.M. Baptist Foundation

Minister's Musing

Faithful and enlightened

We need not bring up a religious subject to hear statements made like, "honor and integrity are on the decline." Such is a fact wherever a person lives. Such decline tells us something that our world is trying to close its eyes to. A person who is trying to get the world to open its eyes to the truth and bring back a society that can be trusted with only a handshake instead of a notarized document, that person is considered to be uninformed.

Did you happen to read Mr. Garry Willis question in the New York times when he asked, "Can a people that believes more fervently in the Virgin Birth than in evolution still be called an Enlightened nation?" Yes, we are an enlightened people. We know that the Virgin-born man saves liars and thieves and makes them truthful, upright people.

Has the theology of evolution ever produced a John Wesley? A Martin Luther? A Billy Sunday? Has evolution ever produced even one person to walk this earth and get liars changed to truthful men? Have the evolutioners healed any broken marriages? Has evolution ever sobered a drunkard father and changed him to an upright bread earner? With the increase of belief in evolution, our world is getting darker and darker and more wicked and hateful.

With evolution solidly taught in our schools, the teaching of the Virgin Birth is outlawed. I read, with interest, the good work that is being done in the school through the program, "Worth the Wait." I became very sad knowing that evolution is welcomed and wanted while the man that was Virgin-born, Jesus Christ, who wants to save immoral girls and boys and have pure fellowship with them, cannot be mentioned to the students. Neither can we tell them about the anger of that Virgin-born man when his laws have been broken. Yes, to have sexual intercourse before marriage is a sin and every guilty person will suffer God's displeasure for those sins.

Did the theory of evolution have any hand in producing Dr. Billy Graham, who has rocked the world for better cleaner lives? Has the theory of evolution had any hand in producing any of the great preachers of our day?

The answer is a resounding, "No." It has been belief (faith) in the Virgin-born man that has spirited every one of those preach-

ers to warn people of the wrath to come. It is that man, Jesus Christ, that ha told us about heaven and eternal life to come and none of his promises have ever failed. We are the enlightened people. We are going somewhere when Christ comes for us. And Jesus has already told us to be ready. (Matthew 24:44) (Luke 12:40)

Our nation and our world would be much brighter if "He the light of the world" was welcomed into our schools and places of business as he used to be.

We, the believers in the Virgin birth are wise enough to know the benefits of getting thieves, liars, rapists, and murderers converted to honest and truthful people. However, there is a smaller percentage of that kind of miracles taking place as the theory of evolution increases. It has forced us to build jails and bigger jails, and they are running over. More and more drunks are killing our loved ones on the highways and very little can be done about it. All the while, the man born by Virgin-birth delivers from drunkenness and saves from sin.

Try him and give him a chance. Evolutionist, try Jesus; he loves you, too. But do not expect water baptism or church membership to

bring you that kind of miracle. Get on your knees, maybe somewhere alone, with an honest heart, and repent to Jesus until he gives you a new heart. Then you are ready to begin thinking about which church can best feed you, babe in Christ, for the fastest growth toward becoming a soldier for the Lord. (1 Corinthians 3:1-3) (Ephesians 6:10-17)

The Holy Spirit is at work leading people to Jesus whom we cannot see now, but believing in Jesus by the working of the Holy Spirit brings joy unspeakable and full of glory. (1 Peter 1:8)

God is Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4: 24) We who love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, worship Him in spirit and truth. If you leave the Holy Spirit out of everything, you have no future and no savior Jesus Christ.

If you wish to prove the resurrection of Jesus, just plant some dead, dry seed in the warm soil. When those seeds produce green, life-filled blades, give thanks to God for bringing Jesus up from the dead. Because Jesus lives, we shall live also, praise God.

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Series explores Bible teachings about rapture

LUBBOCK — A teaching series on the Mysteries of Revelation & Escatology in the Gospels is under way at Salvation Ministries Church, 4620 71st St.

This ongoing series is taught by Terry Gage, M.D., clinical associate professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences School of Medicine.

Detroit archdiocese bans reception for nun who ministers to gays

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — The Archdiocese of Detroit says it canceled a church's plan to honor a nun on parish premises, saying her gay outreach is incompatible with Roman Catholic teaching.

Sister Jeannine Gramick, 62, was to have been honored last Sunday at St. Mary Parish in Royal Oak following a screening of a documentary film, entitled "In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith."

The reception instead was

held after the screening at the Royal Oak Main Art Theatre as part of Reel Pride Film Festival, supported by the gay rights group the Triangle Foundation.

In 1999, Vatican officials barred Gramick from pastoral outreach to gays and lesbians after she had been working in the field for about 20 years. The main complaint from Rome was that she had failed in her ministry to make clear that the church condemns gay sex.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For further information on church location, see the website:

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Bible Baptist Church to host revival

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Dr. Gilman will be speaking nightly at 7 p.m., at all services on Sunday and on

Tuesday morning at the church located at the corner of Starkweather and Kingsmill streets.

A nursery and transportation are available. For more information, call 669-7830.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about hospital gowns, I thought I'd share my story. I am a rabbi. When I first trained as a chaplain, I was taught to make my hospital rounds in full dress wearing a suit and tie, with my jacket buttoned. However, one day a patient expressed that although she needed to talk to me, she felt terribly uncomfortable lying there "in a hospital gown with her tuchas sticking out" while I sat there in a three-piece suit.

I stood up, told her I'd be back in a moment, went to the nurse's station and got a hospital gown. I took off my suit, donned the gown over my briefs and T-shirt, and headed straight back to the patient's room. The minute she saw me in that gown, she brightened and relaxed enough to open up about all the concerns on her mind.

The visit took a little longer than usual, and when I finished our session with a prayer for healing, I rose from the chair. As I did, the sound as my thighs ripped themselves from the Naugahyde brought a huge smile to both our faces. I was laughing so hard I forgot to hold the back of the gown as I headed back down the hall so I was exposed.

Fortunately, the nurses had a sense of humor. One said, "Not a bad tush for a rabbi!"

I learned an important lesson on creativity that day. But I also learned that two hospital gowns are better than one -- if you remember to put one on backward. -- **RABBI CRAIG H. EZRING, BOCA RATON, FLA.**

DEAR RABBI EZRING: Your suit may have been off for her, but my hat is off to you for going the extra mile to make a difference in a sick woman's life. Your method may have been unorthodox, but your message of healing far surpassed any fashion statement. Thanks for an "upper" of a letter.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 21 years, "Robert," made me a wonderful dinner, made love with me, and then instead of sweet dreams he served me with divorce papers. He treats me like a princess, but the divorce is still going through. Robert says we have nothing in common and no longer think alike.

I am confused. He calls me two or three times a day, and cries and becomes angry when I say I am moving away from the house. He tells our adult children he "loves me dearly" but will never be truly happy with me. In a few more months we will no longer be husband and wife; however, he won't let go emotionally. I am still hopelessly in love with him, and his constant attention does not make our situation easier. Can you please tell me what's the right thing for me to do? -- **HURT IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR HURT: The right thing to do is find a therapist who can help you make sense of what has happened, help you to heal the wounds of this divorce, and go on with your life. The day your divorce becomes final will be an important line of demarcation. From then on, you'll be responsible for your own interests. Please don't be distracted by what your husband says. Instead, watch what he does. The sooner you start thinking with your head rather than your heart, the better off you'll be.

CONFIDENTIAL TO BORED IN BIRMINGHAM: Get off the couch and look around you. Visit the library. Take a class at a local college. Attend a concert or a play. It will take you outside of yourself and stimulate your imagination. A person with imagination is never alone.

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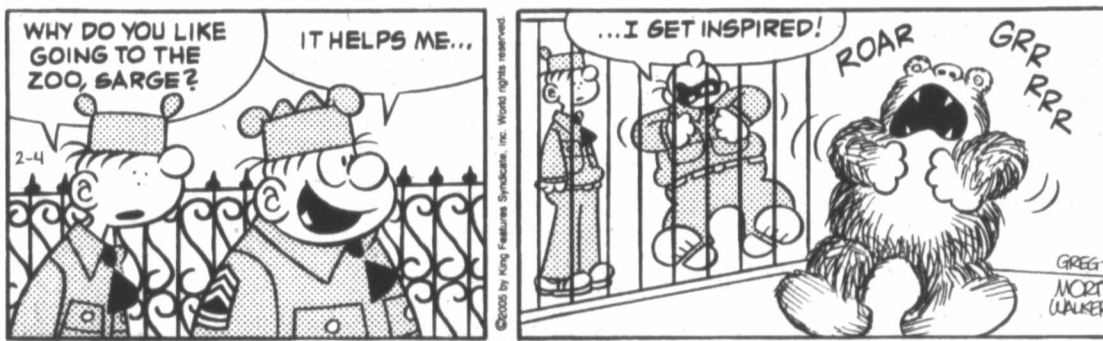
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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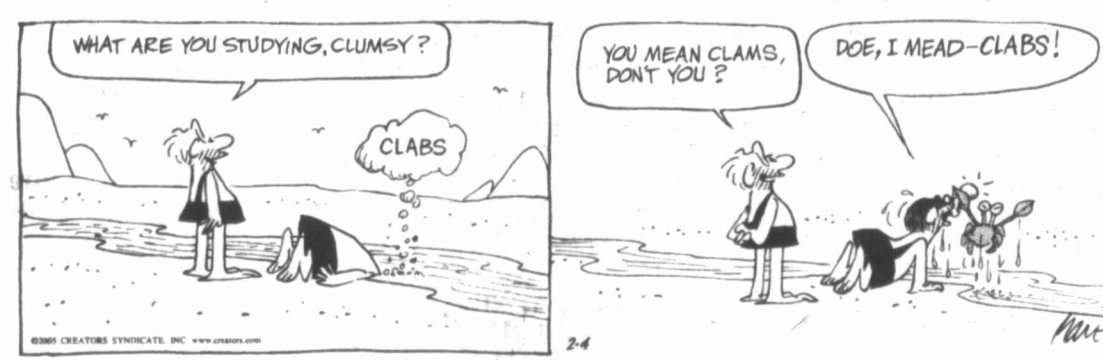


"Did you ever suspect 'Woof' is what he has named us?"

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Sports Day

Reed says Pampa will need to play above averages; Lady Harvesters one step closer to district playoffs



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa Boys

The Pampa Harvesters (15-10, 3-3) are on a mission. The playoffs are just days away now and the Harvesters need to treat each game until then as if it were the one that gets them to the dance. Truth be told, each one is. And it starts tonight when the Harvesters travel to Caprock (17-11, 3-3).

The last time these two hooked up was Jan. 18, here in Pampa. The Longhorns managed to get off to a fast start and sustained it most of the game, leading by as much as 16 points. Pampa would manage a courageous rally, only to come up on the short end of a 56-53 final.

In that game, Caprock's Michael Becerra was busy at both ends of the court, ending the night with 14 points. When asked what concerns him most about tonight's game, Pampa head coach Jeff Reed said, "Their height and size, including Michael Becerra." Reed added, "Caprock is tough on defense. They like to force you into the half-court game."

The Pampa bench was pivotal in the Harvester come back last month, including a 10-point performance from Julian "Jules" Salazar, as well as baskets from Tyler Hall and Brandon Johnston. Jarett Kotara was stellar, ending the night with 21 points.

"We cannot allow Caprock to jump on us like that tonight," said Reed. Point well taken as, despite what they did the last time they played the Longhorns, Pampa is not built for comebacks. The Harvesters would prefer to keep you close and finish you in the fourth. Or, simply get off to a fast start and force the opponent to play catch up.

Reed says he wants his team taking each of the remaining four game, including tonight, one at a time. He would like to enter the road game at Hereford playing for

a seeding position, not for the chance to make the playoffs.

Lady Harvesters

Head coach Troy Fry has his Lady Harvester basketball team in position to make the playoffs for the first time in more than a decade. Pampa, sporting a record of 13-15, 5-3, will travel to Caprock (2-26, 0-8) to face the Lady Longhorns tonight. Pampa destroyed Caprock last month, 67-23. And with just one game remaining after tonight, the Lady Harvesters look to end the season 15-15 overall. But more importantly, with a District 3-4A record of 7-3.

Pampa's last game of the season comes next Tuesday at home against Dumas (11-11, 3-5).

Though Britteni Rice and Lindsey Ammons should have a good night from the field, this could be an opportunity for Fry to get Lauren Winkelman and Autumn Darden some court time. Both are coming off injuries. Look for McKensie East to pad her rebounding numbers tonight as well.

Game time: Girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

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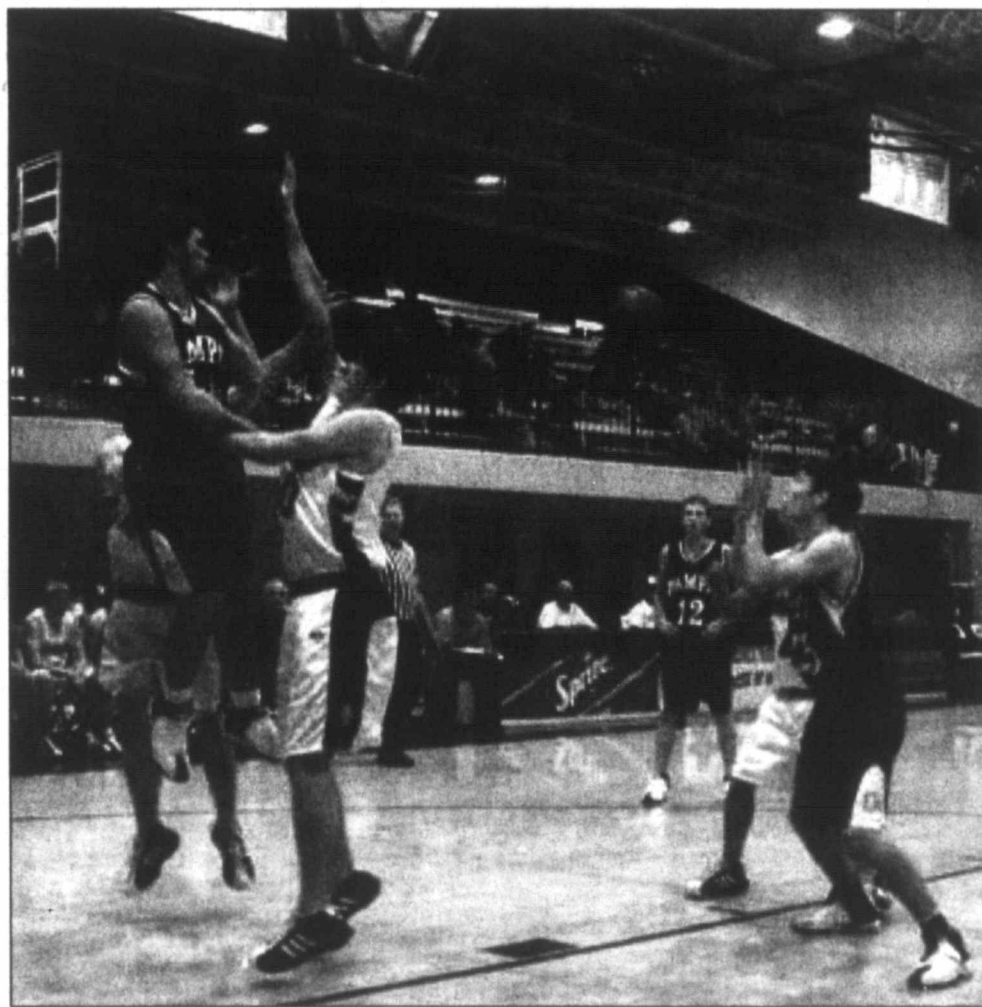
Keys/boys: Sharod Young will need to find a quick groove for the boys tonight. Pampa wins when he hits double digits. Braydon Barker could be a key contributor as well. Kotara and Brittin East need to limit the Longhorn's second chance opportunities. Look for Reed to use the bench to keep his team fresh.

Keys/girls: There is a difference between confidence and cocky. Should they manage to establish and build a sizable lead, the Lady Harvesters ought to take the opportunity to test schemes and gear up for the post-season.

Great quote: "We will need to play above our averages if we are going to win tonight." Coach Jeff Reed.



With a Randall defender keeping a close eye on her, #14 Jackie Gerber (top) scans the court for an open Pampa teammate Tuesday night against the Lady Raiders. Varsity boys head coach Jeff Reed (left) shares some pre-games thoughts with his coaching staff prior to the start of the Harvester's game at Randall Tuesday. Brittin East (right) skies over a Raider defender and dishes a pass off to Pampa teammate Clayton Hall #15 in the lane during Tuesday night. Both Pampa teams are on the road tonight at Caprock. The Lady Harvesters will take the court at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game at 7:30 p.m.



Lady Harvester freshmen put up great fight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester freshmen basketball team traveled to Tascosa yesterday to compete in the District Tournament. Pampa began the tournament by drawing Amarillo High first in the single elimination format.

The Lady Harvesters played the Lady Sandies tough throughout the game down just 9-5 after the first period, and 19-14 at the break.

Amarillo High increased its lead in the third, 23-19, holding Pampa to just two points in the period. But the Lady Harvesters would storm back in the fourth, outscoring Amarillo High 17-14 in the process. Despite the effort, Pampa fell short of the Lady

Sandies, 37-33.

Sara Foster led the Pampa charge, ending the night with nine points. Kiersten Taylor chipped in seven. Stephanie Polasek and Trisha Moore each finished with five points.

Pampa outperformed the Lady Sandies at the free throw line, shooting 58%, while Amarillo managed just 39%.

Said Coach Troy Owens after the game, "We played very hard. We never gave up." Pampa finished the season at 7-13.

"These girls have come so far since the season first started. We wanted to end it on a positive note, and that's just what we did," said Owens.

Nine players admit to using steroids, report says

DALLAS (AP) — In what may be one of the largest cases of confirmed steroid use at a U.S. high school, nine students at Colleyville Heritage High School admit using banned steroids, according to a published report.

The Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District said eight seniors and one junior have confessed to using the muscle-building drugs "for a short period of time in the spring of 2004," The Dallas Morning News reported in Friday's editions.

The newspaper reported the disclosure came from district spokeswoman Robin McClure in responses to written questions submitted by the newspaper.

The students also gave officials information about an adult who provided the drugs, McClure said Thursday.

The district continues to investigate and is still considering whether to discipline the students, McClure said in her written response to the newspaper's questions.

McClure did not return a telephone message from The Associated Press, and a telephone call to Heritage by the AP was not answered early Friday.

However, one Heritage athlete told The News that he bought steroids from a senior starter on the school's football team. The student said that a dozen or more football players had used steroids, including at least three juniors.

In the spring, the athlete said he injected for six weeks a steroid called nandrolone decanoate — known as Deca.

The athlete and his mother agreed to tell their story if their names were not disclosed. The woman discovered the steroids in her son's bedroom closet and said she reported to school district officials that players were using the performance-enhancing substance.

"Nobody's afraid of getting tested because they know the school can't afford it right now," the athlete told the newspaper.

The school district said it began investigating after an "anonymous parent" called the school and reported the alleged steroid use.

"Campus officials made repeated inquiries through multiple individual and group meetings with athletes during the fall 2004 semester," the school district said. "In every instance, the student response was to deny steroid use."

The students eventually admitted using steroids last spring, the school official said.

The school district has taken no action against the students because their admitted steroid use occurred "within the 2003-2004 school year," McClure said in her statement to The News.

"District officials are currently conducting a review to determine whether disciplinary action is appropriate," McClure said.

The high school does not test students for steroid use. However, possession or sale of steroids without a prescription is a federal offense, punishable by up to one year in prison and a minimum \$1,000 fine.

In November, Heritage head football coach Chris Cunningham denied to The News that any of his players were using steroids.

"In the nine years that I've been here, I do not know of a single case," he said. "And I'm talking about our entire athletic program."

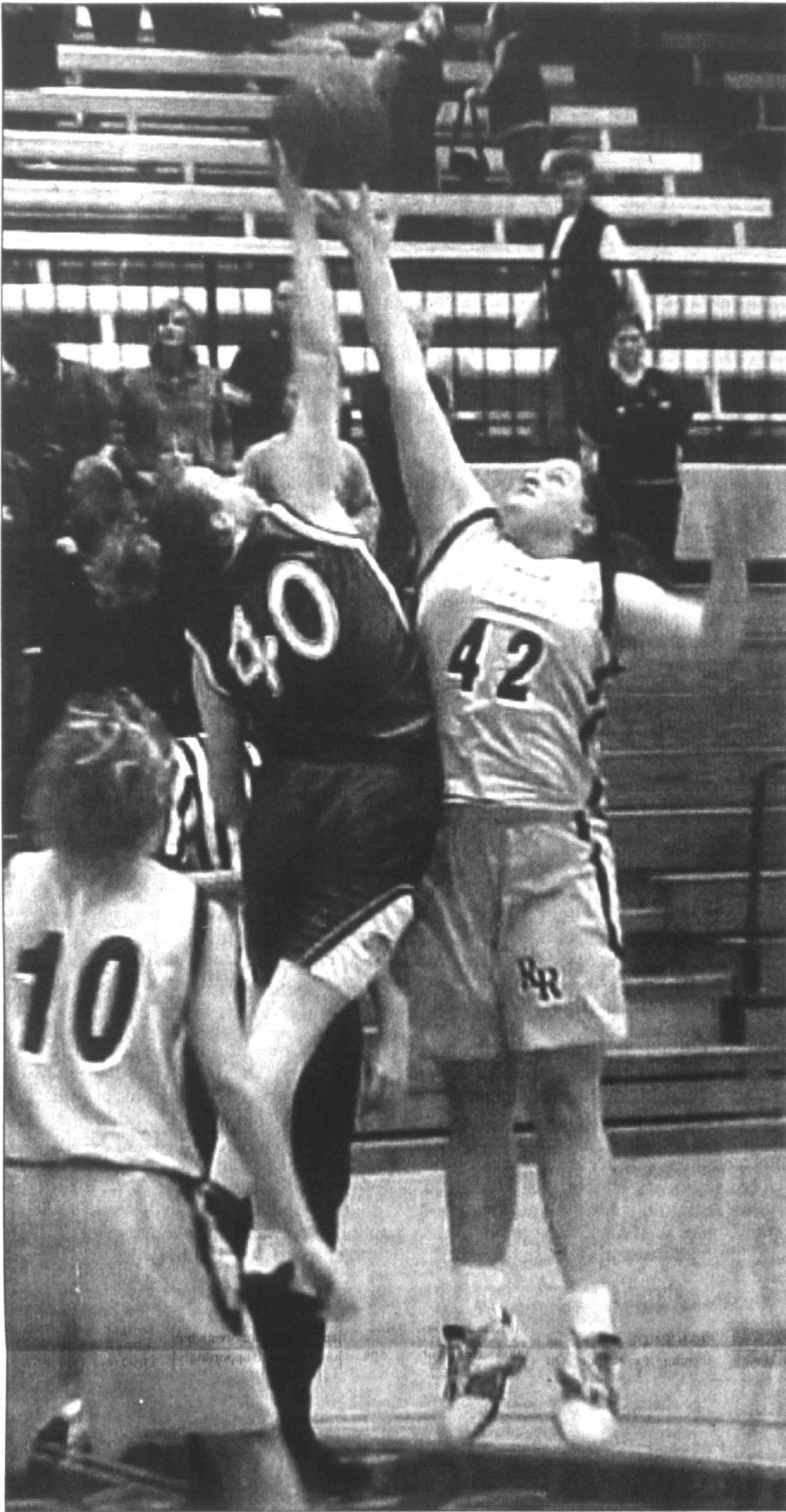
Cunningham, who said he did not know the identify of the woman who reported the steroid use, said, "This lady is a liar. She's got a son she caught taking steroids, and she just wants someone to blame."

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Game on



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lady Harvester McKensie East #40 and Lady Raider Whitney Conner #42 get Tuesday night's game under way at Randall High School. Pampa travels to Caprock tonight.

Pampa Junior High A team advances, B team loses by two

The 7th grade basketball teams began the district tournament in Dumas Thursday night. The A Team began tournament play with a solid 49-34 victory over Westover. Alex Clendenning led the Green Team scoring with 15 points. Clendenning also dished out four assists. Travis Hagerman controlled the middle with 13 points, and ripped down 11 rebounds, seven offensively. Ryan Jimenez tossed in 11 points from the perimeter and off of fast break opportunities. Jimenez also created scoring opportunities off of his six steals. The A Team has won nine games in a row (10-2) and look to stretch the win streak to 10 in the second round against Hereford. That game is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. Saturday in Dumas. The finals will be played at 3:15 Saturday afternoon.

The B Team met a very good Westover crew in the first round. Pampa played down

to the wire, only to come up on the short end of a 37-35 contest. A much improved defensive rotation and outstanding ball controlling by Uriel Diaz kept the Green Team close throughout the game. Anthony Allen and Zach Shaw scored nine points each with Diaz adding six of his own. Shaw and Eric Lewis controlled the defensive rebounding with 11 and eight respectively. Shaw and Lewis provided second scoring chances as well with four offensive rebounds each. The B Team will see action again Saturday morning at 11:30 against Dumas. Pampa defeated Dumas Monday night 30-29. The winner of that contest will face Borger at 2:00. Both teams complete their 2004-2005 schedules Monday February 7th at home against Westover. Game times are 5:00 for the A Team with the B Team Game following at 6:30.

Hidden Hills senior scramble results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from this week's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course:

1st Place (64)

Jerry Davis
Jim Cantrell
Howard Musgrave
Dwain Cash

2nd Place (64)

Bill King
Jerry South
Harvey Malone
Bob Brandon

3rd Place (65)

Carl Johnson
Jack Davis
Bill Abernathy

Closest to the Pin (#15), Jack Davis

NHL, union resume talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Talks aimed at saving the NHL season resumed Friday after a nine-hour session stretched late into the previous night.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and players' association executive director Bob Goodenow rejoined the discussions Thursday when and the sides negotiated until about 10:30 p.m. It wasn't clear if the talks were productive or what was even discussed.

On Wednesday, the players' association quickly rejected the league's proposal because it included a salary cap. The union has steadfastly refused such an option.

Wednesday's session was the fifth in a two-week span that Bettman and Goodenow didn't attend. But right after that meeting, the union invited the league back to the table and wanted the two leaders there.

Neither side offered much optimism that the philosophical differences regarding the salary cap could be bridged in time to allow hockey to be played this season, but the fact that talks were ongoing and that a drop-dead date had not been set provided at least a glimmer of hope.

Bettman and Goodenow were needed in the room before any deal could possibly be reached. No major league in North America has lost an entire season to a labor dispute.

A deal most likely will have to be reached in this latest round of talks or else time will probably run out.

NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin and John McCambridge also took part in the negotiations on the union side, while NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly and attorney Bob Battersman represented the league. Those four were the only participants in Wednesday's session.

The 4 1/2-month lockout reached its 142nd day on Friday and has wiped out 775 regular-season games and the All-Star game. The remainder of the 1,230-game schedule could be called off within days if significant progress isn't made quickly.

The NHL proposed a six-year deal Wednesday that contained a cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million, including benefits. The union needed only a few hours to turn it down.

McNabb hopes to follow William's footsteps

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Donovan McNabb remembers the day he realized how far he could go as a football player.

Doug Williams showed him by becoming the first black quarterback to win a Super Bowl in 1988, and the Philadelphia Eagles star can join his boyhood hero in the record books by beating the New England Patriots in Sunday's NFL title game.

"It's a special feeling not only for myself, but for all of the other African-American quarterbacks that are in the NFL, as well as playing on the collegiate level, to know that this could happen to you," McNabb said.

The five-time Pro Bowl selection was 11 when Williams led the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos 17 years ago. He watched the game on television and will never forget how it impacted him and other young black kids across America.

Now, he wants to make his mark.

"I visualized me being in his shoes, and it's a reality now," McNabb said. "I'm just looking forward to the challenge of getting on that football field. If I can do some of the things he did in that particular game, I'll be excited as well."

The climate for black quarterbacks has improved dramatically since Williams entered the league in 1978 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, leading them to their first playoff

appearance a year later.

There are established black quarterbacks throughout the league. Three of them — McNabb, Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons and Daunte Culpepper of the Minnesota — led their teams to the playoffs and were voted to the Pro Bowl this season.

And for the first time, two black QBs — McNabb and Vick — met in a conference championship game, ensuring one would reach the Super Bowl.

Williams couldn't help but notice that with three quarterbacks on each team, half are black in this Super Bowl. Rohan Davey is the backup for New England, and Jeff Blake is the No. 3 quarterback for Philadelphia.

"That's where the progress is being made," Williams said. "I think that's where we have to continue, where if a kid is not good enough to be your starter right now, he has an opportunity to improve and maybe one day be the starter."

"When we get to the point where with 96 quarterbacks in this league, and there are at least 25 (blacks), we will have come a long way then."

McNabb is just the third black quarterback to lead his team to the Super Bowl. Tennessee's Steve McNair is the other, reaching the title game five years ago before losing to the St. Louis Rams.

Posting-up



Ashley Shepard #54 posts-up for Lefors during this week's game against Wheeler. The Bandits took care of Wheeler, 27-9, improving to 9-5 on the season. Emily Jackson led all scorers with 11 points. Haley Smith added six points. Tabitha Carter tossed in four while Valerie Willis, Misty Parish and Ashlyn Johnson each finished with two points.

Boxing legend Max Schmeling dead at 99

BERLIN (AP) — German boxing legend Max Schmeling, one of the greatest heavyweight fighters of all time, has died at age 99.

The former world champion, one of Germany's biggest sports idols, died Wednesday, according to his foundation in Hamburg. No cause of death was given.

Schmeling's extraordinary career will be remembered for his fights with American great Joe Louis, which produced a lasting bond between the two boxers despite the politically charged atmosphere surrounding the bouts.

Born Sept. 28, 1905, of humble origins in a small town in the state of Brandenburg, Schmeling first got interested in boxing after seeing a film about the sport.

He became the first German — and European

— heavyweight world champion when he beat Jack Sharkey in New York on June 12, 1930, after the American was disqualified for a fourth-round low blow.

But it was his two fights against Louis that set off a propaganda war between the Nazi regime and the United States on the eve of World War II.

Schmeling lost his title to Sharkey two years later on a disputed decision, but came back to knock out the previously unbeaten Louis in the 12th round on June 19, 1936, which the Nazi regime trumpeted as a sign of "Aryan supremacy."

Schmeling came into the fight as a 10-1 underdog, and his victory is considered one of the biggest upsets in boxing history.

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist / Div. Office(s)
Amarillo District
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5715 Canyon Dr
Amarillo, Texas
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Larry Baker Plumbing
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Borger Hwy. 665-4392

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Know when to back off and not waste your energy. Take care of yourself first and don't allow others to diffuse your energy or attention this year. If you focus and center, you will make powerful decisions. Accept your intuitive sense. Not every decision you make can be intellectual. Emphasize the unknown factors in your life, trying to break past self-imposed mental restrictions. If you are single, screen potential sweeties very carefully. You could easily hook up with someone who is emotionally unavailable. Slowly take your time getting to know the present apple of your eye. In a year, if you are still together, you can make more significant commitments. If you are attached, your relationship will thrive with more private time. Frequently schedule weekends away and romantic dinners at a favorite hideaway. CAPRICORN reads you cold.
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) ***** You'll hit a home run if you grab an opportunity. Don't back off, but instead strategically place your energy. A parent or boss appreciates your efforts. Don't underestimate your abilities. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Out.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Read between the lines. What might be important is what isn't said. A friend pushes you hard to achieve your goals. Look beyond the pressure, plans and demands. You will know what is best in the long run. Tonight: Where the music is.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Work and mesh with a partner if you want to achieve a deeper bond. You could laugh easily when you view the whimsical nature of others. Don't expect stability. Accept change as the status quo. Tonight: Add romance to dinner.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Others seek you out en masse. Your ability to make a difference emerges and stands out. Use your skills. Let someone believe that he or she is making the decisions. You'll find that doors open up as a result. Lose your rose-colored shades. Tonight: Go along with plans.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Plunge into a project or favorite hobby. Inviting a partner to share or join in thaws any ice that might have been developing between the two of you. Relax as well as work together. Note how good you feel. Tonight: Easy does it.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your libido rides high and points you in a new direction. Your imagination bubbles forth as you release your childlike qualities. Do something you enjoyed as a kid, and invite a child or pal to join you. Tonight: Let the good times happen.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You don't always need to give in to your wanderlust. Slow down and look around your home and neighborhood. Recognize others who you care about. You are naturally into drama, but know that it isn't mandatory, especially today. Tonight: You don't have to go far.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Reach out to others in your immediate environment. Make a phone call to a friend you haven't talked to for a while. Spontaneous plans perk up

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Investigation

Tapes: Enron scamming years before energy crunch

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Disgraced energy giant Enron Corp. was running scams to drive up the cost of power years before the 2000-01 West Coast energy crisis, according to audio transcripts and documents unveiled by a public utility north of Seattle.

By November 1997, Enron apparently knew of loopholes in California's ill-advised deregulation plan, and by May 1998 — a month after the plan took effect — Enron was already falsifying transmission schedules to inflate prices, Snohomish County Public Utility District officials said Thursday as they unveiled new evidence at a news conference.

The public utility district in Everett, about 30 miles north of Seattle, has been using its meager resources to transcribe thousands of hours of phone conversations involving Enron traders — a job it says should have been done by federal regulators long ago.

It hopes to prove that an exorbitant contract it entered with Enron in January 2001, at the height of the crisis, should be considered fraudulent because of Enron's manipulation, and that the utility shouldn't have to pay the \$122 million that Enron claims it owes.

The material the utility released is the first evidence that Enron appears to have been honing its fraudulent schemes well before rolling blackouts darkened California and drove up prices, helping Enron make at least \$1.6 billion.

The utility found a November 1997 e-mail on Portland, Ore.-based Enron trader Tim Belden's computer referring to loopholes in California's soon-to-be implemented power deregulation plan. Belden pleaded guilty to charges of involvement in fraudulent trading schemes, and acknowledged that wrongdoing dated to 1998, but this is the first evidence of what the company was doing.

In May 1998, an internal Enron memo

between energy traders makes reference to a "PHONY import." The note also says California's independent system operator "will call and tell us we're out of balance, so tell them we intend to correct the imbalance in the 'hour-ahead' market. In fact, we really intend to do NOTHING..."

By keeping power transmission imbalanced, Enron increased the price of electricity and thus its own profit.

Also in 1998, Belden wrote to a supervisor as part of a performance review: "California gaming — we always say that we need to increase this activity, yet we never do."

In another scheme, believed to have been nicknamed "Project Stanley" in honor of the Stanley Cup hockey trophy, Enron traders in Alberta conspired with other companies to artificially inflate energy prices in Canada in 1999.

References to "Project Stanley" were discovered on former Enron Chief

Executive Jeffrey Skilling's calendar on at least two dates, and recorded phone conversations between project leader John Lavorato and Belden show they knew the scheme — similar to those later used in California — was illegal.

Lavorato: "I'm just, ah, (expletive), I'm just trying to be an honest camper so I only go to jail once."

Belden: "Well, there you go. At least in only one country (laughs)."

Lavorato: "Yeah, (expletive), this isn't a joke. ... Nobody else seems to be concerned anymore."

Canadian officials raided Enron's Alberta office, but the investigation petered out. Enron collapsed in late 2001 after a web of fraudulent accounting was uncovered. Skilling, ex-Chairman Kenneth Lay and former top accountant Rick Causey are scheduled to face trial in Houston in September.

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*— Tim Belden
Performance review*

'Other men have their Ferraris and their airplanes or helicopter or wherever they find their bliss.'

*— Michael Jackson
Celebrity figure*

"If it wasn't Michael Jackson, reporters throughout this business would say: 'Wait, this doesn't sound right. This is illogical,'" he said.

The interview, taped two weeks ago, was Jackson's first since his April indictment on charges that he plied a boy, now 15, with alcohol

and molested him at the ranch two years ago. Jackson also is accused of conspiracy to hold the boy's family captive.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charges. Jackson's lawyers and prosecutors are scheduled to begin questioning potential jurors Monday.

Jackson said he designed Neverland as "a home for myself and my children," and a place to do the things he never could as a child star in the Jackson Five.

"We couldn't go to movie theaters. We couldn't go to Disneyland. We couldn't do all those fun things. We were on tour. We were working hard."

"Other men have their Ferraris and their airplanes or helicopter or wherever they find their bliss," Jackson said. "My bliss is in giving and sharing and having simple, innocent fun."

Jackson said Neverland also is a place to visit for inner-city children "who haven't seen the mountains, who haven't been on a carousel, who haven't pet a horse or a llama."

In interview, Michael Jackson says status makes him target

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson believes he "won God's smile of approval" for bringing youngsters to his Neverland ranch, he said in his first television interview since being indicted on child molestation charges.

The superstar, who is under a gag order during his trial in Santa Barbara County, didn't directly proclaim his innocence in the interview scheduled to air Saturday.

He described many of the news reports about him as "fiction" and said his celebrity made him a target.

"The bigger the star, the bigger the target. ... But truth always prevails," Jackson told Fox News Channel's "At Large w/ Geraldo Rivera" program.

Fox News on Thursday released excerpts of the interview. On Friday, Rivera told NBC's "Today" that he believes Jackson will be acquitted, and criticized District Attorney Tom Sneddon for seemingly going to extremes to gather evidence against Jackson.

Rivera described Sneddon as "ruthless" and a "man on a mission" to convict Jackson.

"I am dedicated to giving him a fair trial. ... to make sure that the playing field is level and that people listen to the allegations specifically," Rivera said.

Museum seeks entries for 'Drawing'

AMARILLO — Amarillo Museum of Art is currently seeking submissions for an exhibition of artwork to be selected by curator/juror James Elaine. The "Amarillo Biennial 600: Drawing" is open to all artists within a 600-mile radius of Amarillo.

Elaine, Hammer Projects curator at UCLA Hammer Museum in Los Angeles, Calif., has curated over 30 solo projects of emerging international artists and group exhibitions.

Elaine was viewing program coordinator and selections show curator at The Drawing Center in New York, N.Y., where he co-curated over 40 exhibitions and reviewed hundreds of artists' work.

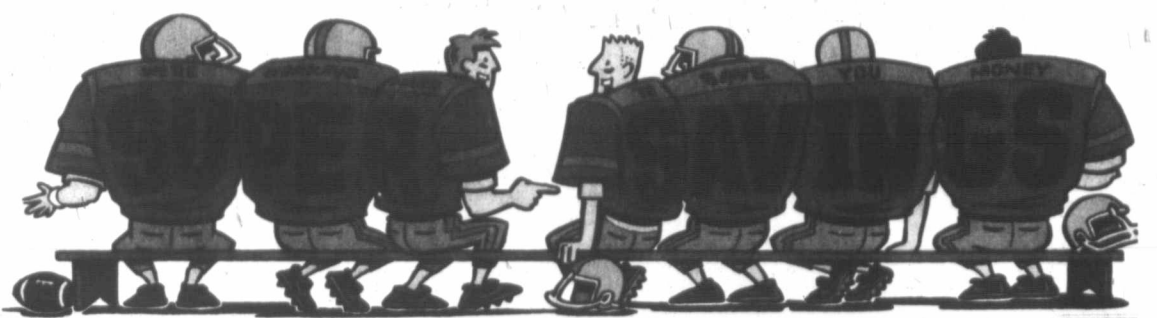
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(no glass) will be accepted for the curating/jurying process. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1.

The museum is planning to publish a catalog to document the exhibition and selected artworks from the drawing. The catalog will be distributed to relevant art institutions and galleries

nationwide. The museum will award two \$1,000 cash awards along with selected purchases for the museum collection.

The biennial is being funded in part by Hastings Corporation. For more information, call (806) 371-5050 or visit the museum's web site at www.amarilloart.org.



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