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Today's weather



Martha Lee Cox, 76, homemaker.

#### Odds & Ends

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — The folks who play bingo at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizen Center are no longer outlaws.

Five months ago, the Department of Justice contacted officials at the senior center after getting a complaint that bingo games were being played for



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Bob Curry holds the 2005 Good Scout Award presented by Duane Harp at yesterday's Pampa Good Scout Lunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Curry has a history of 80 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

# Pampan receives

# **City considers** debt refinance

A NEWS

#### By DAVID BOWSER **Staff Writer**

The municipal golf course has a new member on its advisory board, the City of Pampa is keeping its old financial advisor, and the city has 275 used dumpsters it wants to sell.

At their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission named Brenda Kelly to the Hidden Hills Golf Course advisory committee. She'll replace Rodnie Winborne, whose term has expired. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers explained to commissioners that the board had a term limit and that Winborne had served two terms.

The commission also declared 275 used dumpsters as surplus property.

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, said the city tries to repair the better dumpsters, but plans to sell these for from \$4 to \$7 to companies who manufacture or refurbish dumpsters. He says the city sells them en mass to companies that need parts for other dumpsters, but rarely sells individual

used dumpsters. Sometimes the used quarter," Horst said. dumpsters are simply sold to people

The contract included a fee schedule ranging from a minimum of \$4,950 to \$38,500 for a \$10 million bond issue.

In response to a query from Commissioner Robert Dixon, Horst said that the city owed them nothing unless or until a bond issue was completed.

"We don't pay them unless we use them," Dixon said.

In other business, Horst compared expenditures to budgeted items. With the fiscal year 25 percent complete, Horst noted that the library fund, water and wastewater fund and golf course had higher expenditures than revenues.

The general fund showed revenues of \$3.6 mil-

lion and expenditures of \$2.6 mil-*C*ity officials are lion.

preparing for a The M.K. Brown Auditorium fund proposed bond showed revenues of issue that would \$92,000 and expenditures of \$44,000. refinance previous Horst said the revbond issues and add enues were up another \$1.5 million because of the quarterly hotelin bond money. motel taxes coming

"It was a good

The library fund, with revenues of who deal in scrap metal \$104,000 and expenditures of

#### cash Nickels, to be exact.

The senior center has a gambling license for the higher-stakes bingo program. But the Golden Age Club, which has about 200 members, is separate from the senior center and has never had a gaming license for its nickel-bingo operation.

The Klamath County **Board** of Commissioners last week amended the county's social gaming ordinance to include bingo, to the relief of the seniors who learned they've been playing an illegal game for the last two decades.

"Have fun with your bingo without the bureaucracy," Commissioner Bill Brown told an audience of about 20 seniors who came to support changing the rule.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Some University of Michigan students are cleaning up - in more ways than one.

They're getting cash payments for keeping their dormitory rooms presenta-ble and available for tours by prospective students and their parents.

Eighteen students in nine residence halls are participating in the Michigan Campus Day tour program, according to Randi Johnson, the university's housing outreach coordinator.

The rules for Campus Day participants technically don't require a clean room. Participants do, however, have to be dressed and out of bed if they are home, and must let tour groups see their room from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Displays of anything illegal, offensive or banned ike hot plates - are forbidden.



#### **By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer**

Bob Curry of Pampa received the Good Scout Award for 2005 at the Pampa Good Scout Lunch yesterday in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

"The span of my Scouting is 80 years, so I'm over 80," Curry said after receiving the award.

"I don't think there's a finer organization in our country for young people than the Boy Scouts of America," he said.

Curry holds Life Scout and Silver Beaver ranks and is a former

the 1960 Jamboree and former president of the now-defunct Adobe Walls Council.

He was a member of the committee which bought and built Camp M.K. Brown. He is a former district chairman and advisory board member. He is the father of two

Eagle Scouts and the Hudson

grandfather of one Eagle Scout, said Duane Harp, chairman of the local Friends of Scouting and host of the luncheon.

"I joined the Scouts in 1925 in the South Plains area. I didn't have the opportunity to go ahead and get my Eagle Scout rank" due to too few leaders available in that area, Curry told the audience of about 50.

Harp asked that all former Boy Scouts in the audience stand up. Included were several civic and business leaders.

"That's what Scouting is about providing leaders for America," Harp said.

Logan Hudson, game warden for the Northeast Texas Panhandle, including Gray and Roberts Counties, was featured speaker at the luncheon.

"There's probably not any other organization that so aligns itself with the profession of game warden as the Boy Scouts. Scouting is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary," Hudson said.

Hudson, who enforces hunting, fishing and water safety laws, told Cubmaster. He was Scoutmaster for stories of his first experiences as a

game warden in Sabine County.



Harp announced that the Friends of Scouting will send a child to this year's Scout Camp in Hudson's name.

Barry Oxley, head of the Golden Spread Council, gave a report on Scouting activities in 2004. Last year, 87 reached the rank of Eagle Scout. In 2003, 91

earned Eagle Scout rank. For many years before 2003, the average annual number was around 60, Oxley said.

There were more than 4,000 rank advancements, 6,000 merit badges and 8,000 Cub Scout Achievements in 2004 in the local area, Oxley said. Scouting has grown by over 20 percent over the last four years locally, he said.

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"We generate more used dumpsters than we try to repair," Morris said. "We're going to keep the best ones."

City Manager John Horst said that the price of dumpsters has risen dramatically in the last few years.

"It hasn't been long ago," Horst said, "we paid \$200 for each dumpster."

That price has gone up to about \$420 now, city officials said.

Commissioners also renewed a five-year contract with Southwest Securities, which has served as financial advisor to the City of Pampa for more than 20 years.

This was done in preparation for a proposed bond issue that would refinance previous bond issues and add another \$1.5 million in bond money.

\$152,000, did not reflect a transfer from the general fund that will be made.

The water and wastewater fund showed \$1.4 million in revenue and \$1.5 million in expenses.

Horst said that water and wastewater revenues had exceeded expenses only one month in this first fiscal year quarter.

"Overall, we re still over budget due to that one good month," Horst said. "They're doing real good keeping their expenditures down."

Expenses, however, are going to go up, he said, because of water well repair at the prison.

"We're looking at about \$20,000 on it," Horst said.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

City Commissioner Faustina Curry ponders information before her during Tuesday's meeting.

# The trout are coming! The trout are coming!

One thousand rainbow trout averaging 12" in length are scheduled to arrive in Pampa on Thursday, Feb. 24, city officials announced today.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division will transport the fish from the Dundee Fish Hatchery near Wichita Falls to the Recreation Park Lake on East Highway 60 some time on Thursday, said Shane Stokes,

Community Services Coordinator, in a press release.

The City of Pampa has participated in this Rainbow Trout stocking program since 1993, Stokes said. This year the City purchased 1,000 trout and the State matched that with 1,000 trout supplied at their expense. This is the second of two shipments. The first shipment was delivered in early December of last

year, he said.

Recreation Park Lake is a public waterway, officials said, so State fishing regulations are in effect. These are enforced by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department game wardens and not by the City, according to the press release.

Generally, a fishing license is not required for persons under 17 years of age or persons born before Sept.

1, 1930. Otherwise, a State fishing license and a Freshwater Trout Stamp Endorsement are required, according to the release.

According to the 2004-2005 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual Hunting & Fishing Regulations, the daily catch limit on trout is five (5) per day, with no set minimum length requirement, the release states.

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### **Obituaries**

### Services tomorrow.

COX, Martha Lee — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

#### Martha Lee Cox, 76

Martha Lee Cox, 76, of Pampa, Texas, was a current member of the Central Baptist died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at the White Rock



Cox Cemetery in Elm

Mott with the Rev. Scott Darby, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cason, Texas, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cox was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Elm Mott. She married Doud Cox on April 4, 1952, in Bellmead, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She had been a resident of Beaumont from 1959 until 1999 when she moved to Pampa.

She was a longtime member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Beaumont and

Survivors include one son, Ray Cox of Daingerfield; one daughter, Elaine Johnson and husband Don of Pampa; one brother, R. Kenneth Ramsey and wife Bernice of Elm

Church of Pampa.

Mott; six grandchildren, Charles Kraus and wife Janine of Justin, Alan Cox and wife Shonda of Fort Worth, Susan Johnson of Amarillo, Clayton Johnson of Stillwater, Okla., Emily Johnson of Borger and Jacob Johnson of Pampa; one great-grandchild, Madison Cox of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lois Farrar; and her parents, Raymond L. and Oma Ramsey.

Mrs. Cox will lie-in-state at the funeral home until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

The family suggests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101, or to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

### Gray County Weather

Today: Showers likely. Areas of fog before noon. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 41. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tonight: A chance of rain showers before midnight, then a chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 21 and 26. Northeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

New snow accumulation of less than 1 inch possible.

Thursday: A chance of snow before 8 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers between 8 and 9

a.m., then a chance of rain showers after 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Wind chill values between

21 and 31. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before midnight, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between midnight and 2 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 29. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 9 and

10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers after 10 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 46. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 1 and 4 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 4 a.m.

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

### **Emergency** Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest. Tuesday, Feb. 22

Eleven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was made in the 500 block of Magnolia. Two vehicle accidents were reported, both at the intersection of Francis and Lefors streets. A hit and run accident was called in from the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Gordon and Tignor streets.

A suspicious person call was received concerning the intersection of Louisiana and Duncan streets.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Alcock.

Warrant service was conducted at two locations.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Vehicle windows were broken, for estimated damage of \$300.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner. Windows were shot out of a vehicle, for estimated damage of \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia. Damage to a fence was estimated at \$20.

A criminal mischief call was received from the intersection of Rham and Faulkner streets.

Theft was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Burglary was called in from the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of Deane Drive, where a bicycle was found

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway and the 600 block of Zimmers.

A criminal trespass call was received from the 1300 block of Terrace.

An animal complaint was received from the 600 block of North Sumner.

One residential alarm was reported.

Domestic assault with minor injuries was reported in the 1600 block of Evergreen.

Retaliation was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the 900 block of Rham. Minor injuries were reported.

Evading arrest was reported in the 900 block of Rham.

sign, and no proof of financial responsibility.

6:59 p.m. - A 1993 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Kolby Dale Johnson, 18, 1123 Mary Ellen, collided with a legally parked 2003 Ford F350, owned by Oneok, 8442 County Road 3, in the 1000 block of East Francis. No injuries were reported. Johnson was cited for failure to maintain single lane, and driving without lights.

#### Sheriff

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

#### Tuesday, Feb. 22

Gabriel Aguilar Montenero, 32, was arrested by Texas Amarillo, Department of Public Safety on a warrant for parole violation.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 23

Jarrod Wayne Slatten, 33, Lefors, was arrested for public intoxication.

#### Fire

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

4:20 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 400 block of Davis.

6:26 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Francis and Lefors streets. The call was canceled by Pampa police before firefighters arrived.

#### Ambulance

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

#### Monday, Feb. 21

9:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 22

9:15 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit respond-Luis Ubaldo Baca Jr., 19, 923 Rham, was ed to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. 4:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit respond-

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Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51.

arrested in the 900 block of Rham for bond surrender on criminal trespass, bond surrender on assault causing bodily injury, motion to revoke probation on criminal mischief, and two counts of evading arrest.

#### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the

Tuesday, Feb. 22

by Matthew Lance Seely, 26, 532 Lefors; a

2003 Pontiac Vibe, driven by Beatrice

Maddox, 35, 1316 E. Francis; and a 1989

Chevrolet Astro, driven by Jodalene Grace

Scott, 42, 1208 E. Foster, collided in the

intersection of Francis and Lefors streets.

No injuries were reported. Seely was cited

following accidents today.

8:44 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Browning.

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11:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit respond-6:25 p.m. – A 1996 Ford Ranger, driven ed to the 800 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 23

12:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to for failure to yield right of way at a stop NWTH.

Teen pleads guilty in stabbing of peer

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) - A 17-year-old has pleaded guilty to stabbing to death a fellow student as they waited for their parents to pick them up from an after-hours school event last March.

Jason C. Gonzalez pleaded guilty Tuesday to stabbing 15-year-old Lianna Nicole Olmeda 15 times outside Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North High School after a drama competition on March 29, 2004.

Gonzalez was to stand trial for Olmeda's death, but because of his guilty plea, a jury will determine Gonzalez's punishment. The jury will hear testimony from police officers, teachers, witnesses and family members.

Gonzalez is being tried as a minor because he was 16 at the time of the murder.

Prosecuting Assistant District Attorney Juan Villescas asked jurors to give Gonzalez the maximum of 40 years in prison. "Nothing can replace a life," he told the jury.

Defense attorney Eddy Trevino told jurors Gonzalez suffered mental problems since age 12, including attention deficit hyperactive disorder and depression. After the slaying, Gonzalez was diagnosed with Aspergers syndrome, a highfunctioning form of autism.

"The evidence will show that Jason, because of mental illness, had a problem fitting in with his peers. Thats what Aspergers does," he said. "Jason Gonzalez had also been bullied since elementary, up until the day this occurred - shoved, pushed, teased, spit on, called Frankenstein. He dealt with this on a daily basis.'

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# WTAMU offers agriculture water management course

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management one-day course 202. will be offered by the

Starting at 8 a.m., the water resources. Division of Agriculture and course is intended for farm-

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said. "Rainfall is the only and

CANYON - Maximizing the Continuing Education ers, county agents, resource to use our water efficiently," farmers. If you are an irrigat- Network, irrigation and the use of precipitation and Center on Friday, Feb. 25, at conservationists, crop con- said Dr. B.A. Stewart, direc- ed farmer, rainfall is still cropping systems, fertility, limited irrigation water is a the West Texas A&M sultants and other profes- tor of the Dryland your most important source manure and compost and

> Stewart, WT distintion and limited irrigation irrigation portion of our agri- guished professor of agricul- units will be offered for soil culture is going to continue ture, and Dr. Clay Robinson, and water and two for soil WT associate professor of fertility. "We've got to better man- plant sciences, will discuss age what we've got left and relationships between soil and participants can register utilize our rainfall," Stewart and water, crop water use by calling the Continuing the source of water for dryland Evapotranspiration (PET) 2037.

> > with their expenses," Horst

Those expenses, he said,

will jump back up because

of maintenance being done

The golf course showed

revenues of \$54,000 and

cooperated," Horst said.

"We went down on the rev-

enues and higher on expens-

Part of the expenses, how-

ever, were due the purchase

of fertilizer and herbicides

Horst also suggested to

McCarty Hull, an Amarillo

company that had leased the

executive of the Santa Fe

North district, were among other area Scouting officers

to attend the luncheon.

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the commission

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Gayla Rigdon, Sheila Lindsay, Dawn Clendening, Diana Bruner and Berinda Turcotte are the "Ladies at the Alamo," Act I's second show of the season opening Feb. 25-26 and March 4-5 at the ACT I theater on the west side of Pampa Mall beginning at 7:30 p.m.



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Not reflected in the waterwastewater budget is the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority aqueduct pipe that needs to be replaced by next year.

"That will be about \$30,000," Horst said.

There may be additional costs associated with CRMWA, but Horst said the city pays a set monthly amount, then at the end of the year there is an adjustment.

Last year, he said, the city got a refund of \$22,000. The landfill fund showed

old U.S. Bus Building, 822 \$370,000 in revenues and E. Foster, be allowed to ter-\$228,000 in expenses. minate their lease at the end

"They're doing real good

## Scout

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"Over 20,000 pounds of food was collected in our annual 'Scouting for Food' drive last year," Oxley said.

Scouts began a Good Turn for America project in 2004 with the goal of collecting 2.5 million aluminum cans, Oxley said. Proceeds from sale of the cans will go to build a Habitat for Humanity home.

"We have a semi-size

Last month, Horst told the commission that Kevin McCarty had contacted the city and said the expected growth in business that had led him to lease the building for warehouse space had not materialized and had requested an early termina-"The weather just hasn't tion.

"The building will be empty by the end of this month," Horst said.

The next Pampa City Commission meeting is scheduled for March 8, in the commission chamber in City Hall.



Saturday 9am-5pm



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## 'Ladies at the Alamo' centers on strong-willed Texas women

"Ladies at the Alamo" by the assistant director. Paul Zindel opens Friday, Feb. 25, at the ACT I Theater behind Pampa Mall.

An outstanding cast of five women are in rehearsal now for this play about very strong-willed Texas women. The "Alamo" is a multi-million dollar regional theater complex in Texas City, Texas. "...the bitchiest, most hilarious female free-for-all since The Women" and "alley cat savagery" read the reviews.

Bruner, Sheila Lindsay, Gayla Rigdon and Berinda Turcotte headline the cast along with newcomer, Dawn Clendening. Ken Wilson is sive board meeting nears,

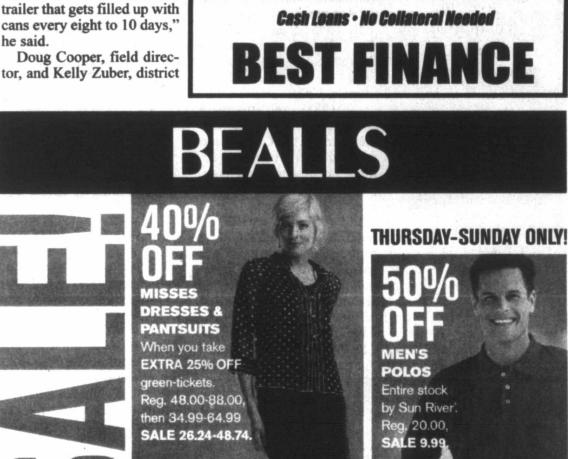
The setting is the lavish reception room of the Alamo regional theater complex. It's grown from a small operation in a converted church to one of the glories of Texas culture. As the action begins we learn the leadership of Dede Cooper (Clendening), founder and artistic director, is being challenged. The Chairman of the Board (Turcotte), a lady of great wealth and lust for power, is scheming to Veteran actresses Diana replace Dede with a fading Hollywood star (Lindsay). Bruner plays the Chairman's

personal assistant. As the hour of the deci-

Dede and her supporter (Rigdon) maneuver to outflank the opposition, and before the crisis point is reached the verbal battles and shocking revelations build to a fever pitch. In the end no one is left unscathed; and while the insurrection is put down, the scars of battle will, it is clear be long in healing.

"There's some very rough language in the show and some pushing and shoving," says Kayla Pursley, director. "The 'ladies' at this Alamo are no 'ladies'.

The play opens Feb. 25-26 and March 4-5. Curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.



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## ALL FASHION JEWELRY



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# Viewpoints

# Flood damage worse than threat of disease

rehearsal for our upcoming play, "Antigone."

We were working on our lighting when a extension cord was needed. Our director asked the person who plays the title character to go to the auditorium's storage area, which was under the stage and is called the pit, to see if she could find one for us to use.

"Oh my gosh, the pit is underwater," she exclaimed as she ran back upstairs moments after being given the task.

All of us present at the

It all started as a normal rehearsal immediately ran see it, that there was actual- have it, earlier that week our out and taking a total of five what exactly was happen-

ing. It seems that one of the pipes leading from an upstairs bathroom had burst. Because of this ruptured water pathway, the fluid from the toilet a floor above was gushing into the pit. There was not that much water that came in, but the flood definitely did its dam-

age. Because the water was leaking from a restroom area, it was reported to me, although I thankfully did not

downstairs to check out ly fecal matter floating in the storage area. After frantically search-

> ing for and finding one Ben of the mem-Briscoe bers of the school's **News Intern** maintenance department,

I thought that would be the end of the situation. I thought we could return to rehearsal and continue with the play practice; however, I was wrong.

As the bad timing would

school had received notice that one of its students suffered from Hepatitis A.



had to go home. Rehearsal was canceled because there was suddenly a fear of a massive outbreak of Hepatitis A among theater students.

After being truly creeped

- yes, five showers - I thought for a moment about the night's events. I realize now that there was perhaps a bit of mass hysteria in the air. If not to this extreme, it was safe to that that we

overreacted. While it is better to be safe than sorry, as the trite cliché goes, I have never see so many people rush for the hand sanitizer at one time in my life. It was chaos, and I still feel eerily clean from taking so many showers.

I am glad we all took the proper precautions; however, there was no need for the fear of an outbreak.

What turned out to be far worse than the Hepatitis A threat was the fact that the majority of our department's scenery pieces, costumes and even some tools where destroyed in the flood.

We are left with our basic set, because it was on stage being used at the time, but we have not much else.

In a sense, our department is starting a new slate.

It is this that we should have been in hysterics about, not the slim chance of a Hepatitis A outbreak.

## **Today in History**

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2005. There are 311 days left in the year.

#### **Today's Highlight in History:**

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 23, 1905, the first Rotary Club service organization was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris.

#### On this date:

In 1822, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio. In 1847, U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican General Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Ouincy Adams, died of a stroke at age 80.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, an assassination plot having been foiled in Baltimore.

> In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo captured Mount Jima Suribachi, where they raised the American flag. In 1965, Stan Laurel the "skinny" half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team — died in Santa Monica, Calif. In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.) In 1997, scientists in



thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

*Never doubt that* 

a small group of

Margaret Mead American anthropologist

Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down

after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.) Ten years ago: The Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 4,000 mark for the first time. Administration officials said President Clinton would review dozens of affirmative action programs. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived in Haiti to help prepare for peaceful elections.

Five years ago: Carlos Santana won eight Grammy awards, including album of the year for "Supernatural," tying the record set by Michael Jackson in 1983 for most trophies in one night.

One year ago: The Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program after sinking \$6.9 billion into it over 21 years. Education Secretary Rod Paige likened the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, to a "terrorist organization" during a private White House meeting with governors.



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# Eastern Europe's orange dawn

To paraphrase Marx and Engels, a specter is haunting the tyrannical former communist regimes of Eastern Europe – the specter of the Orange Revolution.

Once safe ruling their impoverished enclaves of repression and corruption, the ex-communists, who go by such euphemisms as "moderate centrists," are now facing massive popular revolt and a spreading demand for freedom and real democracy.

Beginning in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, the orange tide spread to Ukraine, where it engulfed the former nomenklatura and apparatchiks of the Soviet era and forced them from power. Now the revolution spreads, on its own as they all do, to tiny, oppressed Moldova.

Born in infamy by a provision in the Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939, Moldova was split off from Romania and

given to the Soviet Dick Union. Morris it languished Columnist as a "people's repubuntil

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1991. But this battered and oppressed land of 4 million mistook the democratic promises of former communists who turned out to be controlled by the Russian mafia. Their leader became the richest person in the nation through unfath-

omable corruption.

The stench became so pervasive that, in 2001, a desperate electorate turned the mobsters out and put the unreconstructed communists back in charge. The repres-

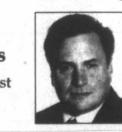
> that sion followed was predictable. Free media was snuffed out, opposition politi-

cians were "investigated" and, in local elections, opposition parties had no access to the media and were denied permits for their meetings and rallies.

Party, under the charismatic and tireless Iurie Rosca, to aspire to create a genuinely free Moldova. Symbolically backed by the Ukrainian democrat Viktor Yushchenko, Rosca is battling to make the voice of democracy heard despite the state-controlled media that won't cover his party except to defame it.

Unfortunately, he gets no support or even sympathy from the diplomatic dunderheads in our own State Department who profess, and unfortunately practice, a neutrality that removes the United States from the side of those fighting for freedom. They pretend any elec-

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But the birth of freedom in Ukraine has inspired the tiny Christian Democratic

# **Proposed bill limits states' powers**

The nation's first president. George Washington, led the Federalist Party, which favored a central government strong enough to wring national unity from the postrevolution chaos and stabilize the new nation's finances.

Today, the term federalism implies limited federal government, with most matters outside defense, foreign policy and interstate commerce reserved to the states. On this Presidents Day, President Bush is savoring the passage of a bill that takes most multimillion-dollar class-action suits away from state courts and gives

them to the federal judiciary. Bush said the bill was needed to protect businesses from frivolous suits and keep lawyers from cashing in while their clients get next

to nothing. The bill also takes longheld powers from states gives and

them to federal judges with little federal consumer

protection law to rule by. The suits that aren't thrown out will still be decided by state law, but by overworked judges unfamiliar with it.

Bush's federal power grab

doesn't stop there. He wants to federalize asbestos litigation and medical malpractice suits. Two years ago, the Texas Legislature sharply limited malpractice damages

for pain, suffering Texas Thoughts and loss of life's ordinary pleas-**Houston Chronicle** ures, and

> voters ratified it by approving a constitutional

amendment. This year the Legislature will consider a bill to reform asbestos litigation. If Bush prevails, federal law will not only pre-empt the reforms Texans adopt, but also force changes on states whose residents might not want them.

Under the federalist concept, long championed by many conservatives and libertarians, the states are meant to be 50 laboratories for good government, some being better than others, preventing all from being uniformly bad.

President Bush's push to make the entire nation protective of deep-pocketed big business goes against the principles of limited federal government that Ronald Reagan embraced.

Times, parties and presidents change.

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# Amateur photographers, here's your chance to win!

Enter The Pampa News' "Pampa Portraits" contest for a chance to win \$50 in Pampa Bucks and have your photo published as a special section cover on March 31.

One section of the annual "Pride" Progress special edition will be dedicated to photographs of Pampa people in

Pampa. The best photos submitted for the \* Pampa Portraits" contest will be included in one section of this special edition and the winning photograph will be published in color on the cover.

Eligible entries will be

photographs of Pampa people in Pampa taken by amateur photographers. Photo subjects can be at work, at play, relaxing at home or celebrating special occasions. Photos of scenery or animals only will not be considered.

Newspaper staff members will determine the winner by judging on content, quality and originality. The decision of the judges will be final.

Photographs can be prints or digitals copied to a CD and submitted by mail or by bringing them to the newspaper office. Digital photos can be emailed in the jpeg (.jpg) format. Photos submitted on a CD must be of the contest entry only.

A brief explanation of what is happening in the photograph, names of the persons, date and place must be included with each entry. If a person other than the entrant is in the photograph, a

signed release to have his/her likeness published is also required.

The Pampa News will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos. Entrants are asked not to submit photos that are irreplaceable. Each entry

must be accompanied by the entrant's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Entries that do not have all the required information will not be considered.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. The winner will be notified by Friday, March 25.

To submit an entry, mail to "Pampa Portraits" Contest, The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198; or bring to 403 W. Atchison. To submit by e-mail, send the entry to editor@thepampanews.com.

## Allawi announces new coalition to challenge al-Jaafari for PM

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) ---Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Wednesday he was forming a broad coalition to fight for the post of prime minister after Iraq's dominant Shiite political party nominated a conservative candidate.

decision made al-Jaafari the overwhelming favorite for the post.

When asked if he feared that al-Jaafari's alliance could impose Islamic rule, Allawi responded that he form of Islamic government. "We' are liberal powers and we believe in a liberal Iraq and not an Iraq governed by political Islamists. But as a person, he is an honorable man, fighter and a

which believes in Iraq and its principles," Allawi said at a news conference, flanked by two interim ministers who are members of his secular party, The Iraqi List.

Kurdish parties have also opposed the creation of any weighed in with their own demands for top jobs, including the post of presi-

Al-Jaafari is one of two

### **FBC Women's Fellowship brunch set** for Saturday; special guest to speak

First Baptist Church of Pampa will host All women are encouraged to participate. the 2005 first quarterly Women's Fellowship of the new year.

A brunch is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest speaker LaTrelle Fox of Vernon, a pastor's wife and lay speaker, will discuss each person's unique gifts incorporating the theme "You'nique in Ministry" and snowflakes.

Women's Fellowship promotes Christian fellowship within the community while also meeting needs.

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against the Russian mafia

party - the so-called

Alliance - and Rosca's

Christian Democrats (with

the small but growing Social

Democratic Party, a pro-

democracy leftist party, as a

potential surprise). With the

election scheduled for

March 6, the possibility that

Democratic

In Moldova, the commu-

The Fellowships are open to the public.

Participants can call the church office at 669-1155 for reservations and child care, if needed. Women are asked to bring small toiletries, stationery, pens, wash cloths, and small per-

sonal useful items for seniors. These items will be assembled in small bags and presented to the Meredith House

for residents' bingo prizes. First Baptist Church's Women's Missions and the Fellowship Ministry have been a part of the church's mission efforts almost since the church began in 1907, according to a press release from the church.

for the wrong side.

The Moldovan communists, now cut off from Russia by a democratic Ukraine, say they have broken with Putin, but their Titoesque independent communism may be falling in the face of the orange tide.

Meanwhile, Putin backs the party controlled by the Russian mafia, which ruled the country in the '90s. His troops occupy Transniestria, the easternmost part of Moldova;

which they "encouraged" to break away from Moldova, and have set up a mafiadominated regime. Moldova

bleeds under represits sion. One-

third of the population has left. Human trafficking in body parts and in prostitutes of both sexes is ubiquitous, and university professors earn \$30 per month.

the orange momentum will But this tiny nation has sweep all before it has the assumed a geo-strategic power structure terrified. importance that only our Only our own State State Department seems to Department seems to be, at ignore. If the Orange best, ignoring the develop-Revolution can capture a ments and, at worst, rooting third former communist

state, the wave will be strengthened, perhaps enough to topple repressive regimes in Belarus and even to kindle the fires of freedom in Russia.

The regime will undoubtedly try to steal the election, but Western exit polls more accurate there than here - may make their chicanery obvious. In the meantime, Rosca will flood the streets with thousands of young people waving orange

banners imported from Ukraine and demanding freedom. Then it will be up to United the States and Europe to help the people achieve the democracy they covet.

> Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice faces her first test. Will she go with the cautious, Moscow sympathizers of her bureaucracy or with the forces of freedom fanned so eloquently by her president? The world waits. \*\*\*

Dick Morris is a political analyst and an adviser to the democratic forces of Moldova.

'his tiny nation has assumed a geo-strategic importance that only our State Department seems to ignore.



The haggling over the new government came against the backdrop of more violence. A car bomb killed two people and wounded 14 in the northern city of Mosul, and a U.S. soldier was killed in a separate bomb attack north of Baghdad, officials said.

Allawi, a secular Shiite, skirted criticism of Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who was nominated Tuesday by the United Iraqi Alliance as its candidate for prime minister. The Iraqi democratic coalition

good brother," Allawi said. Allawi would not provide details of his proposed coalition.

"There are other lists and other brothers in smaller lists which won the elections, and we are working with some of those lists to form a national

interim vice presidents and leader of a religious party that fought Saddam Hussein. In order to take the premiership, al-Jaafari must build a coalition to gain agreement from Kurds and

dent.

others on the presidency and candidates for Cabinet posts before seeking the support of a majority of the National Assembly elected Jan. 30.

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Community Happenings

For senior students enrolled at state certified schools in Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties, additional scholarship opportunities are available. Applications will be made available through area counselors' offices. The deadline to return applications for judging is April 22. One \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded. These scholarship applications should be mailed to Glenda Adcock, 920 Turkey Track Rd., Miami, TX 79059. For more information, contact Adcock at (806) 868-6828.

 Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

· Christian Fine Arts Society is conducting a free religious poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038 or go to www.freecontest.com. The deadline to enter is Feb. 26. Be sure your name and address • Ten free Colorado blue spruce

trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in March and May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at

www.arborday.org on the Internet. • The Second Annual Playwrights Showcase of the Western Region is Aug. 12-14, 2005, at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colo. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005. Registration forms and more information are available www.rrcc.edu/playwrightshowcase on the Internet.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast selfexamination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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# Sports Day

#### HARVESTER ROAD TRIP

# Doughty, Pampa opens season at third annual BBI tomorrow

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competition."

Coach, Pampa Harvester

- Dennis Doughty

Baseball

#### By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The 2005 Pampa Harvester baseball season gets under way tomorrow when Coach Doughty and his team travels to Borger to Harvester's defense. take part in the third annual

Borger Bulldog Invitational.

The Harvesters will take the field at Frank Phillips College for a 10 a.m. meeting with Perryton tomorrow morning. Pampa is also scheduled to face Lubbock Estacado at 3:45 p.m. tomorrow as well. That game will also be played at Frank Phillips College.

Pampa has competed in all three BBI tournaments, which this year includes Borger, Perryton, Lubbock Estacado, Caprock and West Texas High School.

Doughty says he will use his top two pitchers from last season, son Tyler and Dusty Lenderman, though he is not ready to say yet who will start which game.

Doughty and his staff have had the opportunity to see and evaluate the team during scrimmages over the past couple weeks. When asked what has impressed them to this point, Doughty replied, "The

hitting of Tyson Hickman and Jake Craig." He added, "They have really hit the ball well in our scrimmages. Our pitching has improved every game as well." Coach Doughty also had high praise for the

Among the areas he would like to improve on, Doughty says, "I am looking forward We have a very to Lenderman, Doughty and Shea Brown hitting the ball like they are capable of schedule ahead of doing." He noted, "It will us. But I believe it happen. It's just a matter of time." will help ready us Sophomore James Coffee

will be missing from the Pampa lineup over the next few weeks. The Harvester catcher has a broken bone in his left hand. Brown and Doughty will split time spelling Coffee until he is able to return.

When asked for his thoughts on the season ahead, Coach Doughty said, "We have a very tough pre-season schedule ahead of us. But I believe it will help ready us for our district competition."

Tough pre-season indeed. According to the travel itinerary, Pampa will not see Harvester Field until March 26, just three days before they open district play.



The Harvester boys' soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 4-1 loss to Caprock yester- half, a Red Card was issued to the day afternoon at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

The Longhorns (6-6-2, 3-1-1) struck first in the 2nd minute as Tomas Just minutes before the end of the first

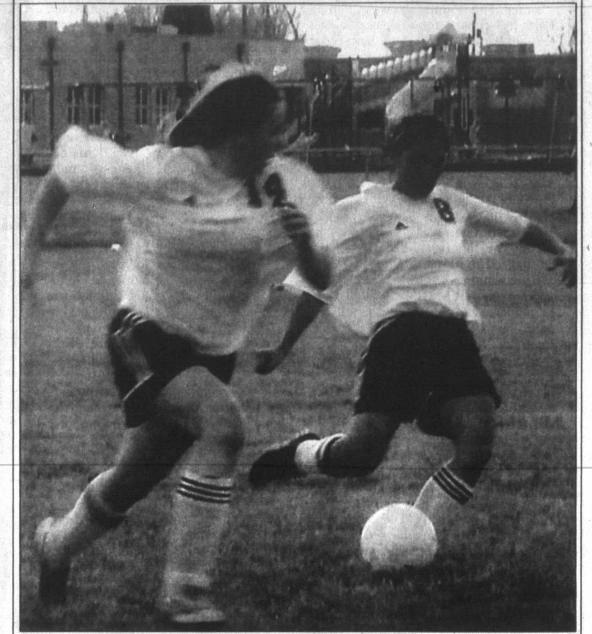
Harvesters (4-12-1, 1-4), leaving the team one player short for the rest of the

Pampa regrouped at halftime, and out-shot the Longhorns 6-4, facing a

tough northern wind that

kicked up shortly after the

The Harvesters were



Senior Lady Harvester Diana Resendiz #8 and sophomore teammate Jenee Norris #14 are on the offensive attack during yesterday's 1-1 tie against Caprock.

# Lady Harvesters impressive in 1-1 tie against Lady Horns

yesterday as the Lady Harvesters pulled together to tie the visiting Lady Horns of Caprock, 1-1 in an important District 3-4A meeting.

Pampa entered yesterday's game with confidence after holding Canyon to just

Teamwork was the name of the game half yesterday than they have in any half this season. Heather Balay, Jenee Norris, Diana Resendiz, Vanessa Resendiz, and Erica Wildcat each took several close shots in the first half.

Both teams were scoreless at the break. In the second half, the Lady Harvester

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Junior forward Nick Robbins put in his utes, taking advantage of the Harvesters' 9th goal of the season

at the 33-minute mark, cutting the Longhorn lead in half, 2-1.



give up another Vargas The Harvesters huddle prior unable to capitalize on goal in the 20th minute to the start of Saturday's their attempts, however, before adding one of their game against Canyon. and Caprock added two

goals in the final two mindesperation attempts for a victory.

> Pampa is on the road Saturday at Randall. Game time is 2 p.m.

one goal Saturday. A goal that came early in the game.

Caprock has not been defeated in district play so far this season.

Pampa dominated the field the all game long.

Midfielders Beth Adams and Emalie Luna did a great job working the ball on offense, with Bridget Craig, Kelsie Wyatt, Brittany Balay, and Ashlie Pitman coming off the bench to contribute to the team effort.

Pampa took more shots on goal the first

defense continued to stymie Lady Horn attacks thanks to the play of Adeena Dallas, Jordan Albracht, and Kíleigh Sweeney.

Caprock managed to break through the Pampa defense with 10 minutes left to play to take the 1-0 lead.

That goal was answered by Lady Harvester Erica Wildcat a short time later to give the game its final 1-1 finish.

Goal keeper Chera Chavedo had six big saves in the game.

Pampa is now 1-2-1 in district play.



LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight loves a good rebound — and not just the kind that comes off a backboard.

He got a much-needed one from his team Tuesday night when the Red Raiders beat Texas 69-65 in their first conference win over the Longhorns since Knight arrived in 2001. Tech lost 85-56 at then-No. 8 Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"We came from a very poor performance against an extremely great team on Saturday to play very well against a good team (tonight)," Knight said. "I have to like that about our team."

Knight raised a clenched fist in response to cheers from remaining fans as he left the court as the arena cleared out.

Jarrius Jackson scored 22 points in Tuesday's victory. He hit his fourth 3-pointer with 1:10 remaining in the game to give Tech a 65-59 lead but Daniel Gibson answered with one for Texas to give the Longhorns a chance with less than a minute remaining.

Down 65-62, Texas tried to press Tech guard Ronald Ross as he dribbled up the floor. But all alone under the basket stood Darryl Dora, who dunked the ball to put Tech up 67-62 with 48 seconds remaining.

"We were supposed to have somebody back," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Then again, those plays you can blame on me, I didn't get my message across so there's nobody to blame but me on that one.'

Nebraska 74, No.4 OSU 67

now than later.

At least that's how Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton looked at it after his fourth-ranked Cowboys' 74-67 loss to Nebraska on Tuesday night.

"If you're going to have a bad game, you want to have it in the league," Sutton said. "You sure don't want to have it in the (NCAA) tournament."

Oklahoma State (20-4, 10-3) dropped into a tie for first place in the Big 12 with No. 8 Kansas. The teams meet Sunday at Kansas with more than just the conference title at stake.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Better The game could go a long way in enhancing the winner's seeding in the NCAA tournament. The Cowboys will be facing a Kansas team that has lost three straight.

> said the loss to Nebraska (12-12, 5-8) should serve as a lesson.

> "This is a horrible feeling," he said. "Imagine how it will feel if we don't take care of a team in the tournament that we should."

> In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, it was: No. 2 North Carolina 81, North Carolina State 71, and LSU 61, No. 16 Alabama 59.

Oklahoma State's Daniel Bobik

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) -Defiant and all over the map, Barry Bonds dodged the steroids topic as much as he could and instead took shots at Jose Canseco and the entire media contingent.

The San Francisco Giants superstar was as entertaining as ever when he showed up at spring training, calling reporters liars and pointing to other problems in the world he considers much more important than steroids.

In Bonds' first public comments since his grand jury testimony was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle and reported in December, he had nothing to say about it, citing legal constrictions.

Then he got personal with the people there hoping to hear his take on the controversy. Tuesday's session certainly will go down as one of baseball's most bizarre news conferences in recent memory.

"You guys are like re-running stories," Bonds said to more than 100 reporters in attendance. "This is old

stuff. It's like watching 'Sanford and Son.' It's almost comical, basically. ... Are you guys jealous, upset, disappointed, what?"

Asked directly whether he'd ever used illegal substances, he said:

"I'm not a child. You repeat those things to children and then eventually they tell you. I don't."

The slugger has 703 homers, trailing only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the career list.

Bonds, dressed casually in a black shirt and jeans, was asked whether he thinks using steroids is cheating.

"I don't know what cheating is," he said. "I don't believe steroids can help your eye-hand coordination, technically hit a baseball. I just don't believe it. That's my opinion."

Bonds said the key to his continued success and strength, even in the later years of his career, has been "hard work, that's about it."

According to the Chronicle, Bonds testified to the grand jury in December 2003 that he used a clear substance and

a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution

ring, but said he didn't know if they were steroids. Prosecutors believe the substances were two steroids at the center of the BALCO scandal.

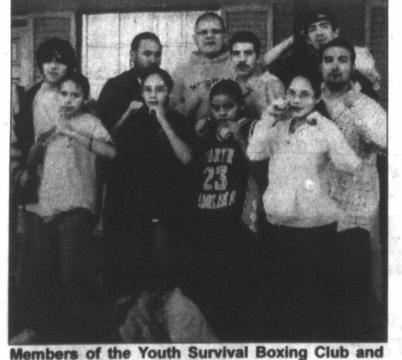
He isn't convinced any of this will affect his legacy.

"All of you guys have lied," he said. "Should you have an asterisk behind your name? ... Yeah, I lied to my parents when I was growing up. Lied to my friends. Have I lied about baseball? Yeah, I told a couple of stories that I hit a couple of balls places that I really didn't."

He acknowledged that the steroid allegations have been painful for his children and that he worries most about them.

"I'm an adult and I take responsibility for what I do, but I'm not going to allow you guys to ruin my joy," Bonds said. "I don't want people looking down on me. No one does.'

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DEAR ABBY: I'm so confused. I was seeing this guy, "Stan," for almost three years. Then he joined the Navy. Before he left, he told me not to wait for him, so we broke up.

Several months later, I began dating "Ollie." Things were getting serious, and I discovered I was pregnant. When I told Ollie about the baby, he dumped me.

Meanwhile, Stan came home on leave. He told me he loved me, and asked me to wait for him to finish his training, and then we would be together again. About a month later I suffered a miscarriage.

Not long after that, Ollie came to see me and I told him I had lost the baby. He told me he knew he had been wrong to leave me when he found out I was pregnant, and said he wanted us to get back together.

I am deeply in love with Stan, however, he's not here and Ollie is and frankly, I care for him, too. -- NEEDS AN ANSWER IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR NEEDS: Ollie has** demonstrated that when the chips are down and you needed him, he wasn't man enough to accept responsibility and support you. That is an example of his character. Do you want to face life's problems alone, or have a partner who will be there for you? Answer that question and you'll know which man to choose.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My in-laws are giving me a hard time, and I need a second opinion. For the past four years, I have lived with a bad gall bladder. I finally had it removed last January.

I am now on a fairly strict Although we have explained this to my in-laws many times, they don't seem to get the mes-

sage that I cannot eat "normal" food.

Would it be rude for me to bring my own food to family dinners, or should I just grin and bear it and sit there and not eat on these occasions? ---WANTS TO BE PROPER IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR WANTS TO BE **PROPER: Your health must** come first. Since you are on a restricted diet, and your inlaws seem unwilling or unable to accommodate you, by all means bring your own food.

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**DEAR ABBY: Does anyone** know, or even care, how it feels to be a widow? With the exception of her children or other widows. I doubt it matters to very many others.

I have tried to be outgoing, staying attractive and accepting invitations. I really looked forward to the recent wedding of one of my relatives. However, at the reception it did not take long for the loneliness to set in as I watched the couples dance with each other and with guests at other tables. Throughout the entire evening, I hoped someone would ask me to dance. It never happened.

There's a song, "Put on a Happy Face." I'm very good at it when people hurt me. I wore mine all evening.

I have a message for those people having a good time dancing at wedding receptions: Please dance with widowed relatives and friends. It will save them trips to the ladies room to cry. -- HAPPY FACE IN S. DAKOTA

**DEAR HAPPY FACE: My** heart ached a little when I diet of "do's and don'ts." read your poignant letter. Thank you for reminding people to pay attention to the wallflowers.

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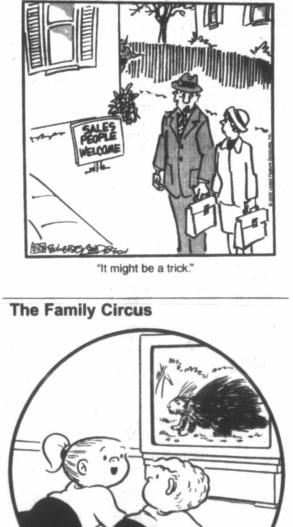


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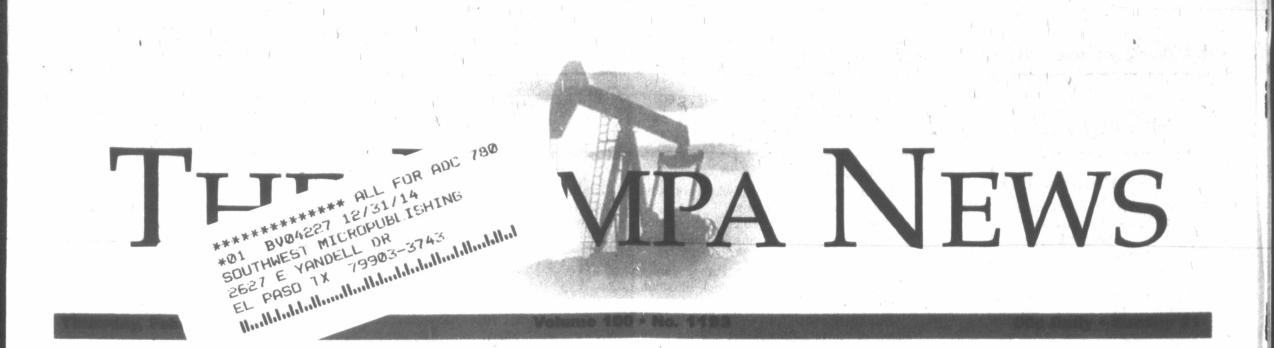
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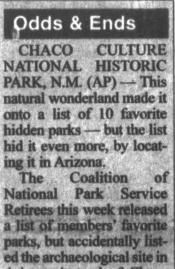
### Today's weather





### Deaths

Alan Lee Dooley, 50, U.S. Army veteran.



# **City eyes \$1.5 million bond issue**

#### **By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer**

The City of Pampa needs \$800,000.

Before long, it will need another \$500,000 for expected growth. The \$800,000 is for a new water

well at the prison complex east of town and for painting the tanks there and at the city's water and wastewater plant. The \$500,000 is for a proposed water lift station on the north side of Pampa in anticipation of community growth.

Richard Morris, the city's director of public Horst works, told the Pampa City Commission during their regu-

larly scheduled meeting Tuesday night that the two wells at the prison have not produced the water that was initially expected. When they were first drilled, officials expected the wells to produce about 750 gallons a minute. They produce about half that amount, Morris said.

Without the new well, the prison could be rationing water this summer, officials said.

There is also the prospect of new growth in the city's north side. One company is planning a motel near Pampa Regional Medical Center and several developers have indicated an interest in building new homes in the area.

A lift station will be needed to

serve the proposed residential and debt is in the form of previous revcommercial facilities, said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

"A million and a half dollars does-

n't go very far when you're dealing with public works," Horst said.

half dollars doesn't It has also been a while since Pampa has had any projected you're dealing with growth that would demand expanded infrastructure.

One of the proposals the city commission is considering to raise the money to \_\_\_\_\_ pay for these projects

is a new \$1.5 million bond issue. Pampa has about \$13.49 million

in long-term debt, Horst said. That

enue bonds and certificates of obligation.

If the existing debt is refinanced and \$1.5 million

added, it would bring the city's long-term debt to \$15.67 million, but it would also extend the payment period.

Refunding the present long-term debt would give the city a savings of over \$108,000 because of changes in interest rates, according to

Ken Smith, senior vice president of Southwest

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# **Perry names** Switzer as DA

'A million and a

go very far when

public works."

— John Horst

City Manager

#### **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Lvnn Switzer has been appointed 31st District Attorney by Governor Rick Perry to fill the position until the next general election, officials confirmed today.

The appointment is sub-

second four-year term as district attorney on Jan. 1, was arrested Jan. 11 in the district courtroom of Gray County Courthouse by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He was indicted on federinvolving al charges methamphetamine, cocaine ject to Senate confirmation, and firearms, and pled guilty according to a release from to the firearms charge on



ed the archaeological site in Arizona instead of Chaco Canyon.

The 400-member group discovered the mistake and fixed it, said coalition coordinator Bill Wade.

"That mistake slipped through several reviewers, but really, we know it's in New Mexico," Wade said. "Having been there myself, I know how beautiful it is." Chaco Canyon is home to massive ancestral Pueblo Indian ruins that date from A.D. 850 to A.D. 1250. Archaeologists consider it one of the most important sites in the Southwest.

"Sometimes people actually think we're in another country," said G.B. Cornucopia, a guide at Chaco for 19 years. "We also sometimes get confused with Canyon de Chelly, which really is in Arizona.'

MILFORD, Neb. (AP) - It took nearly four months, but to the relief of neighbors for miles around, a burning manure pile has been extinguished. David Dickinson, owner

and manager of Midwest Feeding Co., said Wednesday that several weeks of pulling the 2,000ton pile apart proved effec-tive by late last week. "We got far enough through it, that it quit,"

Dickinson said. Dickinson's feedlot,

about 20 miles west of Lincoln, takes in as many as 12,000 cows at a time from farmers and ranchers and fattens them for market.

Byproducts from the massive operation resulted in a dung pile measuring 100 feet long, 30 feet high and 50 feet wide. Heat from the decom-

posing manure deep inside the pile is believed to have eventually ignited the

### Library gets new microfilm reader

Joe Martinez and Louise Bailey, both members of the Friends of the Pampa Library board check out Lovett Memorial Library's new microfilm reader. The Lovett Memorial Library has received a new reader printer from the Friends of the Pampa Library, said Anne Stobbe, library director. The new reader printer prints using a separate laser printer. The information can be digitally transferred to a computer to be edited or saved. The Friends originally purchased a reader printer and started the library's newspaper collection on microfilm collection more than 10 years ago. Because of the continuing support of Friends and The Pampa News, the library collection of area newspapers includes Pampa newspapers from 1925; McLean News, 1909 to 2002; Miami Chief, 1903 to 1978; Wheeler Times, 1933 to 1975; and the Canadian newspapers, 1895 to 1996. The library has the Gray County census from 1900 to 1930, Pampa Sanbor Fire Insurance Maps for 1919 and 1939, and information about the Pampa Army Air Base. The collection can be viewed at the library at 111 N. Houston.

#### the Governor's office.

"I'm truly honored and humbled by the fact that the governor of the State of Texas has expressed enough confidence in me to do

Switzer the job, to appoint me to in a telephone interview this

morning.

She also expressed her appreciation for the support she has received from State Rep. Warren Chisum, State Sens. Kel Seliger and Robert Duncan, law enforcement officers, and friends and family.

Switzer became acting district attorney upon the ate degree from the College resignation of Rick Roach on Feb. 8. She has been fulfilling the duties of the district attorney's office since Roach's arrest.

Roach, who began his is in November 2006.

Feb. 8. He is currently awaiting sentencing in federal court in Amarillo.

A civil suit was filed against Roach on Jan. 12. The original petition for removal listed Rebecca Bailey, an employee of the 31st District

Attorney's office in this position," Switzer said Pampa, as the plaintiff and sought Roach's removal from office.

Switzer.47, is a Wichita Falls native and was hired by Roach in May 2002 as assistant district attorney for the 31st Judicial District, which includes Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

She holds an undergraduof the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. and her law degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The next general election

# **Bush and Putin** discuss nuclear terrorism woes

(AP) — President Bush and **Russian President Vladimir** Putin sought common at a medieval castle overground Thursday on keeping conventional and nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists, a positive note in talks likely to raise sensitive questions about Russia's support of Iran and democratic rollbacks.

Both leaders entered discussions cautiously, wanting to air their grievances without undercutting generally improved relations between the old Cold War nuclear

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia rivals who are cooperating in the war on terror.

The leaders opened talks looking the snow covered capital and the Danube River, aides inked an agreement designed to counter nuclear terrorism, in part by restricting the availability of shoulder-fired missiles capable of bringing down aircraft.

Bush prefaced his meeting with the Russian leader with a speech in a crowded

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### No complaints Pitner presents racial profiling report

Pampa Police Department made 3,480 traffic or pedestrian stops in 2004.

Of those, 2,447 of the drivers stopped were Caucasian, 150 were African, 179 were Hispanic, five were Asian and two were Native American. Forty-one fell into that ubiquitous category of "other."

In making his annual report on racial profiling to the Pampa City Commission this week, Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said there have not been any allegations of racial profiling or complaints about such a practice against the Pampa Police Department during 2004.

"That's good," Pitner said. The Texas Racial Profiling Law, passed in 2001, requires the annual report to be completed before March 1 for the prior year. In reviewing the Pampa Police Department's policy concerning racial pro-filing, Pitner said that local officers are prohibited from stopping people, detaining them, arresting them or citing them for offenses based solely on race, ethnicity or

national origin.

The policy, however, does not preclude stopping or detaining a person when ethnicity is part of the description of a suspect being sought.

The police chief said that each officer in the department is required to go through a racial profile-training course established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education.

Traffic and pedestrian stops, Pitner said, are videotaped.

"We collect the data," Pitner said. "We look at it, and we have a policy for maintaining our videotapes.'

Pitner said 2004 was the first full year for the department to have the videotapes. That has made data collection and reporting much easier, he said.

"We're exempt from a lot of the data because we have videos in a lot of the cars," Pitner said. "Prior to that there was a lot more collection of data and a lot more

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### **Emergency** Services

### **Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the the police department lobby. following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Eleven traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was called in at the intersection of Highway 273 and County Road 13. Traffic complaint was received from the 500 block of Reid and the intersection of Hobart and Ward streets.

An unattended death was called in concerning the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of Somerville. Tires on a vehicle were flattened. Estimated damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell. A vehicle was keyed, resulting in an estimated \$2,500 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. A vehicle door was dented, for an estimated \$50 damage.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

**Stocks** 

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vided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

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Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, injury/family violence.

and at Pampa High School. Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported

in the 2300 block of Primrose Lane, Keys were taken. Assault was reported at Pampa Junior

High School and the 1200 block of South Faulkner. Welfare checks were conducted in the 300

block of North Starkweather and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. Criminal trespass was reported in the

1300 block of North Hobart. A domestic disturbance was reported in

the 2100 block of North Nelson. Minor injuries were reported.

A civil matter was called in from the 1700 block of Hamilton.

One suicide attempt was called in.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of Lefors and the 500 block of Powell.

Xing Chai Chen, age unknown, homeless, was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart for criminal trespass.

Robert Del Preston, 34, 2114 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 2100 block of North Nelson for assault causing bodily

#### Thursday, Feb. 24

Travis Calvin Selby, 30, 1245 Wilcox, was arrested in the 300 block of West Crawford for speeding and failure to appear.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Scott Patrick Tarvin, 37, 2201 N. Zimmers, was arrested on a warrant for parole violation on a charge of burglary, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Feb. 23

5:01 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a suspicious odor investigation in the 200 block of Wells.

9:27 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

#### Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Feb. 23

11:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:20 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th.

7:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Scott and transported two patients to PRMC.

9:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Faulkner. No transport.

#### Thursday, Feb. 24

2:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Turtle Creek and transported a patient to PRMC.

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# Suspect in Honduras bus massacre apprehended in Texas despite alias

body gave him away.

Feb. 10 was Ever Anibal Rivera Paz, known as "El Culiche" — The Tapeworm. Rivera Paz had escaped Jan. 23 from a Honduran prison where he was being held on charges of masterminding an armed attack on a bus that killed 28 people, including six children.

The bus had been filled with Christmas shoppers and workers head-ing home when it was attacked Dec. 23 in San Pedro Sula, about 125 miles north of the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa. The attackers left behind a note saying they were part of a previously unknown revolutionary group mented immigrants. He gave a false name, but his tattoos suggested he was an MS-13 gang member.

U.S. Border Patrol agents stationed in Honduras had Further checking revealed the man arrested in Texas on alerted authorities in the United States that Rivera Paz might be trying to enter the country,

Border Patrol spokesman Salvador Zamora said. "At booking when his information was

entered into a computer his name did give off red flags as far as an extensive criminal history," said John Guinn, spokesman for the McAllen, Texas, sector of Customs and Border Protection. "He had tattoos on his body, pretty exten-sive tattoos similar to those found on

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opposed to the death penalty. Executions were stopped in Honduras in the 1950s.

Officials from the Homeland Security Department and the Honduran government said Wednesday that Rivera Paz was the leader of the Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13, gang in Honduras.

Rivera Paz, 26, and fellow gang leader Alvaro "El Snoopy" Acosta, 27, who escaped with Rivera Paz, are "dangerous Mara members, capable of committing any kind of cold-blooded crime," Honduran Security Minister Oscar Alvarez said in Tegucigalpa.

A \$10,000 reward had been offered for their capture. Rivera Paz, who uses the alias Franklin Jairo Rivera-Hernandez, was arrested by the Texas highway patrol about 100 miles north of the U.S.-Mexican border after authorities suspected the car he was in was smuggling undocu-

### **Obituaries**

### Alan Lee Dooley, 50

Alan Lee Dooley, of Palm Beach Gardens, George and Delores of Flint, Texas; brother Fla., went to rest in the loving arms of our and sister-in-law, Gary and Kathy of Ennis, Texas; and sister, Debbie Snapp of Axton, Father on Feb. 9, 2005. Va.

Born on April 22, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Okla., Alan served in the U.S. Army before returning to Texas and later moving to Florida where he resided until his accidental death.

Alan is survived by his father and mother,

### Services tomorrow

COX, Martha Lee — Graveside services, 11 a.m., White Rock Cemetery, Elm Mott.



RETREIVER GOLDEN (Sydney) Missing, bl. 2200 Evergreen, blue e-collar, rt. leg has sore. Call 662-4638.

Annual Sausage Dinner. Everyone welcome 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 6, 2005. \$8 for adults 12 & over, \$5 children, children under 6 free. Take-outs and bulk sales avail.

MARY COUNTS is the **RAGGEDY ANDY Check** winner of \$50 in Pampa Out Our \$2 Table 2218 Perry-Bucks for the Pampa News ton Parkway. All Welcome. Guess the Temperature Contest!! Congratulations!

#### **PROM DRESS**, beautiful

apple red, strapless, sz. 6, **TERRY GAMBLIN** is the bought at David's Bridal, winner of \$100 in Pampa Bucks for the Pampa News never worn. \$165. See classified ad under misc. for other Who's Who Game!! Congratdresses. 665-0328 aft. 5 p.m. ulations!

Alan will be remembered for his love of

life, his loving nature which was felt by all,

and his contagious optimism. The music of

his life will play on forever.

members of" MS-13. Rivera Paz remains in federal custody.

The violent Central American gang has members in the United States, and U.S. officials are concerned that they

might sneak al-Qaida terrorists into the country, although they have no evidence of that.

James Loy, deputy Homeland Security secretary, told Congress last week there was growing intelligence suggesting al-Qaida was considering entering the United States across the Mexican border, although he had nothing conclu-sive. In addition to al-Qaida, "we are seeing the emergence of other threatening groups and gangs like MS-13 that will also be destabilizing influences," he said.

The gang consists of migrants who were deported from the United States, many for committing crimes. The gang, and others in Central America, have become increasingly violent, carrying out beheadings and grenade attacks in Central America and hacking their enemies with machetes in cities along the U.S. East Coast.

### Anti-Semitic crimes spike in Houston area

HOUSTON (AP) -There has been a significant increase in anti-Semitic vandalism and other possible hate crimes in the Houston area in recent months, officials say. "This has put fear in

people's minds. This is very personal now," said Houston Police Department Investigator Catherine Richards.

Since September, 14 such crimes have been reported in the greater Houston area. Eight occurred in a threeweek period in December, said Martin Cominsky, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League. The last known incident was Dec. 30.

"We want to do what we can to find these individuals," he said.

Police say they have never seen this many anti-Semitic crimes reported in such a short period of time.



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**KNIGHTS OF** Columbus

# Amateur photographers, here's your chance to win!

Portraits" contest for a chance to win \$50 in Pampa Bucks and have your photo published as a special section cover on March 31.

One section of the annual "Pride" Progress special edition will be dedicated to photographs of Pampa people in

The Pampa. best photos submitted for the Pampa Portraits" contest will be included in one section of this special edition and the winning photograph will be published in color on the cover. Eligible

entries will be

photographs of Pampa people in Pampa must be accompanied by the entrant's taken by amateur photographers. Photo subjects can be at work, at play, relaxing at home or celebrating special occasions. Photos of scenery or animals only will not be considered.

Newspaper staff members will determine the winner by judging on content, quality and originality. The decision of the judges will be final.

Photographs can be prints or digitals copied to a CD and submitted by mail or by bringing them to the newspaper office. Digital photos can be emailed in

Enter The Pampa News' "Pampa the jpeg (.jpg) format. Photos submitted on a CD must be of the contest entry only.

A brief explanation of what is happening in the photograph, names of the persons, date and place must be included with each entry. If a person other than the entrant is in the photograph, a signed release to

his/her have likeness published is also required.

The Pampa News will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos. Entrants are asked not to submit photos that are irreplaceable. Each entry

name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Entries that do not have all the required information will not be considered.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. The winner will be notified by Friday, March 25.

To submit an entry, mail to "Pampa Portraits" Contest, The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198; or bring to 403 W. Atchison. To submit by e-mail, send the entry to editor@thepampanews.com.

breathing problems.

They would handle the issuance and sale of the

Their fee would depend bonds issued, he said.

## The Pampa News — Thursday, February 24, 2005 — 3 Pope hospitalized again after suffering relapse of flu, fever

VATICAN CITY (AP) -Pope John Paul II was symptoms appeared to be rushed to the hospital in an ambulance for the second time in a month Thursday after suffering fever and congestion from a recurrence of the flu, the Vatican said.

The 84-year-old pontiff had the same symptoms of the breathing crisis that sent him to Gemelli Polyclinic on Feb. 1, a Vatican official said on condition of anonymity. On Wednesday, the pope made his longest public appearance since being discharged from the clinic two weeks ago.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope was taken to the Rome hospital for "necessary specialized assistance and further tests." He was taken by ambulance at 10:45 a.m., officials said.

Vatican officials played down the seriousness of the hospitalization, saving a patient of the pope's age is always at risk from the flu. The pope also has Parkinson's disease and crip-

pling knee and hip ailments. Aides said the pope had a fever, congestion and had suffered a recurrence of

Medical experts who have not examined the pope but are familiar with elderly

consistent with pneumonia.

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"It appears the pope is suf-

Parkinson's patients say his ly a bacterial pneumonia, a serious problem for a man of his age with Parkinson's." said Dr. Barbara Paris, chairwoman of geriatrics.



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# Bonds

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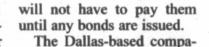
Securities, Inc., Pampa's financial advisor.

Horst presented figures on the proposed new bond issue to the commission this week. According to Smith's figures, the city's payments for the next three years would be less than the city would otherwise pay on existing money in a sinking fund," debt. There would be a

bond the city issued in 2001 comes due, but then the payments would drop again for another three years below what it would pay without the new issue.

Horst is proposing that the savings for the six years when the payments would be lower be banked and used to defray the costs of the payments in the outer years through 2020.

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ny has been the city's financial advisor for more than 20 years, Horst said.

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\$55,735 saving on the 2006 payment, an \$86,315 savings in 2007 and \$4,440 in 2008. In the fourth year, 2009,

the payment would jump \$244,110 as a zero coupon

Southwest Securities, which this week was awarded a new five-year contract for the city's financial services, is studying the city's debt structure, but the city

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work to keep up with."

Pitner said the department normally keeps the videos of each stop for about 120 days. They are required by law to keep them only 90 days. Eventually, Pitner said the system will go digital, and they will be able to store them much longer in much less space.

Pitner said he would like to keep the videos up to two years because of statute of limitation issues. Beyond two years, the liability question dissolves in most cases.

"We maintain about 5,000 video tapes," Pitner said.

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### Bush

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town square hailing the spread of democracy to former Soviet satellite like Slovakia.

High on the meeting agenda are U.S. concerns over Putin's moves to solidify his power and clamp down on civil and press liberties. Also drawing U.S. alarm are Putin's attempts to influence elections in Ukraine, Russian arms sales to Syria and the Kremlin's close ties to Iran.

Bush seeks to balance those concerns with a desire for continued cooperation on security issues such as terrorism, weapons proliferation and energy.

Russian officials dislike what they see as U.S. meddling in their internal affairs and in former Soviet republics where Moscow's influence is waning as some new leaders look westward.

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an stops made by Pampa police officers in 2004, 79 percent of Caucasian drivers received citations. About 85 percent of African and 60 percent of Hispanic drivers received citations.

About 29 percent of Caucasian drivers received warnings, while 33 percent of African drivers and 32 percent of Hispanic drivers received warnings.

There were eight arrests of Caucasian drivers stemming from the stops, while 15 percent of African drivers and six percent of Hispanic drivers stopped were arrested.

Pitner said that the number of arrests in the report covers only traffic stops, not all arrests made by the department.

Putin argues that the Russian people are accustomed to strong rule by czars and a large government role in everyday life.

Putin has sent mixed signals.

The two leaders arrived to a red carpet ceremony in the courtyard of the red-roofed Bratislava Castle, exchanging handshakes and smiles. About a dozen troops, clad in fur-trimmed red and blue uniforms, stood at attention. Elsewhere in the capital, security was tight. Hundreds of heavily armed police officers and sharpshooters kept watch and helicopters flew overhead.

Under the new agreement, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Russian Defense Minister Sergey Ivanov, both nations would share information, take inventories of such weapons, destroy "excess and obsolete" ones, and coordinate efforts to keep them out of the hands of terrorists.

# Viewpoints

# Wise water, land conservation benefits us all

"The agricultural future of the Texas High Plains depends on development and adoption of alternative strategies that can protect natural resources and reduce demands for water and that provide economic can returns to sustain producers and rural communities."

This quote comes from a press release submitted recently to The News from Texas Tech University Department of Agricultural Education and

Communications.

The press release notes the importance of wiser, more advanced conservation practices here in the Texas Panhandle and the High Plains as pivotal in maintainprimary source for that valuable, life-sustaining commodity H<sub>2</sub>O.

According to the press release, "Texas High Plains agriculture, including crops and livestock, contributes over \$5.5 billion annually in revenues but is highly dependent on water pumped from the Ogallala Aquifer. More than 95 percent of water withdrawn from the vate Ogallala in the Southern High Plains is used for irrigation but today that water in 1997 to research monosource is declining at an alarming rate with some wells already dry. Withdrawal rates exceed 1 foot per year while the their primary product. potential for recharge is gen-

depth-to-water increases, government agencies, promore energy is required to ducers, and area industries pump water to the surface, worked together to design thus, increasing costs and and implement a long-term lowering profitability for systems oriented field study producers.'

The folks Skyla at Tech's ag **Bryant** department, along with **News Editor** several other priand

governmental entities, initiated a study culture crop systems versus multi crop systems to conserve water and other resources, using cotton as

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monoculture typical the region to an integrated cotton, for-

age, and livestock system for grazing by stocker steers," the press release states.

Merriam-Webster OnLine defines monoculture as, 1., "the cultivation or growth of a single crop or organism livestock system has used 23

ing the Ogallala Aquifer, our erally less than 1 inch. As ship with other universities, forest land" and, 2., as "a crop or a population of a single kind of organism grown on land in monoculture."

By this definition, I take it that a monoculture crop system is implied when a specific area of land is given over to the production and growth of a single crop to the exclusion of all else.

The results of the study were to me rather heartening, bolstering my belief that man's ingenuity is Godinfinitely given and resourceful.

Here's what the press reports the release researchers found:

"The integrated crop and especially on agricultural or percent less water for irriga-

tion, 40 percent less nitrogen fertilizer, fewer inputs of other chemicals, and has improved profitability by about 90 percent, compared with the cotton monoculture.

"Cotton grown in rotation with small grains reduced soil erosion potential to below critical levels while soil erosion potential for the cotton monoculture exceeded maximum levels recommended for a sustainable system. Inclusion of forages in the system improved soil microbial activity and increased carbon sequestration compared with the cotton monoculture.

"Integrating cotton and

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#### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2005. There are 310 days left in the year.

#### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

#### On this date:

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1955, 50 years ago, the Cole Porter musical "Silk





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'It's a complex fate, being an American."

> — Henry James American author

Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway. In 1980, the U.S. hockey

team defeated Finland, four goals to two, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a

#### report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87.

Ten years ago: Under pressure from farm-state Republicans, House leaders abandoned a campaign promise to disband the food stamp program.

Five years ago: The state of Texas executed Betty Lou Beets, 62, by injection for murdering her fifth husband after Gov. George W. Bush refused to intervene. The U.N. Security Council approved a U.S.-drafted plan to send an observer force into Congo to monitor a fragile cease-fire. Pope John Paul II arrived in Egypt on a pilgrimage to retrace some of the most epic passages from the Bible.

One year ago: Democrat John Kerry defeated John Edwards by large margins in Utah and Florida, and also won in Hawaii, where Edwards ran third behind Dennis Kucinich. President Bush urged approval of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages. A 6.5-magnitude earthquake devastated an isolated region of northern Morocco, killing more than 600 people. Character actor John Randolph died in Hollywood at age 88.



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# Social Security based on deceit

President Bush's call to allow Americans to take a portion of the money they pay as Social Security taxes to set up private retirement accounts has to be a good idea. Why? The more of you what a person earns that's in pay, his pocket and under his control, the better off he will be. At a later date, when the details of the president's plans are known, I'll address the various reform plans under debate. For now, let's look at some of the gross political deceit, lies and unkept promises that have become a part of Social Security.

ernment Social Security pamphlet said: "After the beginning

in 1940 -will Walter and Williams your employer Columnist will pay, 1.5

cents for

each dollar you earn, up to \$3,000 a year. ... Beginning in 1943, you will pay 2 cents, and so will your employer, for every dollar you earn for the next 3 years. ... And finally, beginning in 1949, twelve

Here's what a 1936 gov- years from now, you and your employer will each pay 3 cents on each dollar you first 3 years -- that is to say, earn, up to \$3,000 a year. ... That is the

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most will pay." Had Congress lived up to those promises, where

\$3,000 was the maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax, controlling for inflation, today's \$50,000-ayear wage earner would pay about \$700 in Social Security taxes, as opposed to

the more than \$3,000 that he pays today.

The next big lie is from the same Social Security pamphlet: "Beginning November 24, 1936, the United States government will set up a Social Security account for you. ... The checks will come to you as a right." First, there's no Social Security account containing your money, but more importantly, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on two occasions that Americans have no legal right to Social Security pay-

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Life without parole a viable option

**Odessa** American

Life without parole could another option for juries to balance the finality of capital punishment.

We see no reason why Texas lawmakers should oppose giving juries the option of sentencing criminals to life without the possibility of parole. A bill that would give juries that option, however, is not a sure bet in this legislative session.

Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, has pushed such a bill for the past three sessions, with no success. He has reintroduced the bill in this session.

Senate Bill 60 seems logical, and doesn't weaken existing laws or jury options. Rather, it would merely offer

consider when determining the proper punishment for someone convicted of a capital crime, such as premeditated murder or killing a peace officer or a child.

Currently, juries in capital cases have

two options: **Texas Thoughts** they can sentence a person to death or

life. The life sentence,

however, allows a convict to appeal for parole. Any juror who doesn't like the prospect of a criminal ending up out of prison at some future date is now compelled to recommend execution.

Some jurors, and state residents responding to various polls, have expressed support for putting someone away for life, but not killing him. SB 60 is the only way to provide that option.

Opponents of the bill sug-

would add more violent

inmates to the population.

History, however, doesn't

support that argument. Texas

is one of only three states

that don't offer life without

the possibility of parole, and

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than 100 people on death row across the country have later been released after their innocence was proven. Sometimes that process has taken more than a decade. The fact that so much time can pass before a persons errant conviction is discovered raises the likelihood that innocent people have

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the other states have not reported that their capital criminals are any more violent or harder to control than the rest of the prison popula-

such an option is what we call the "oops factor." More been wrongly executed.



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## Deceit

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#### ments.

In Helvering v. Davis (1937), the court held that Social Security was not an insurance program, saying, "The proceeds of both (employee and employer) taxes are to be paid into the Treasury like internal-revenue taxes generally, and are not earmarked in any way."

Flemming v. Nestor (1960),

In a later decision,

a concept of 'accrued proper- cial course of = ty rights' would deprive it of action whatthe flexibility and boldness in adjustment to ever-changing conditions which it P o n z i demands ... " That flexibility and boldness mean Congress can constitutionally cut benefits, raise retirement age, raise Social Security taxes and do anything it wishes, including eliminating payments.

company reneged on its promises, we could take it to

#### the court said, "To engraft court. If Congress reneges on 5 million previously exemptupon Social Security system its promises, there's no judi- ed employees into Social soever. If a private Vital to any retirement scheme, like company reneged Social on its promises, we Security, is the ability to could take it to recruit as court. many suckers as possible. In 1999, a little-If a private retirement noticed part of President Democrats Clinton's plan to "save"

Social Security was to force

Security. If they were forced into Social Security, it would have created billions in additional revenue. Guess what. Twelve senators, including v e Dianne

Feinstein (D-Calif.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.),

Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) - descended on the White House to demand that President Clinton not support forcing 5 million of their constituents into Social Security. They warned of the adverse impact on employees in terms of lower rates of return and lost flexibility.

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Isn't that great? These are the same politicians who are now resisting President Bush's call to allow Americans to take a part of their Social Security taxes to

put into private retirement accounts. If they'd go to bat for those 5 million workers to remain out of Social Security, to avoid the adverse impact of lower rates of return and lost flexibility, why would they fight to deny tens of millions of workers a right to use a portion of their taxes to do the same?

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is John M. Olin a Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Water

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livestock production reduced economic risk through diversification of income with multiple marketable products compared with the cotton monoculture."

At its conclusion, the press release from Tech. opined that more study into these practices is badly needed to test the outcome of integrated crop systems in other areas of production besides cotton. After all, the quicker we find out how well these practices apply across the agriculture board, the more we may be enriched by water that stays in the aquifer.

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A person sentenced to life can pursue appeals that can acquit him, while some prosecutors and advocates suggest that many convicts who know they're guilty will choose not to appeal their convictions if they aren't sentenced to death.

lead,

Security back home.

Currently the legal costs of such appeals makes the drain on taxpayers greater for every death row inmate than for someone who spends the rest of his life behind bars even though the time spent caring for the death row inmate is shorter.

One high profile case that illustrates the benefits of a life-without-parole option is that of Karla Fay Tucker, who

was executed in 1998 for the gruesome pickax murder of Jerry Dean and Deborah Thorton. Tucker, a drug addict and prostitute at the time of the crimes, was rehabilitated in prison and became a Christian advocate. Her case brought calls for clemency from around the world, including the pope and ministers in the religious right who ordinarily support capital pun-

ishment. But with no option for commutation, then-Gov. George Bush approved her execution.

Clearly, another sentencing option could give juries and officials more freedom to ensure that true justice is done. At the same time, juries who are convinced that a person should die for his crimes still have the same ability to recommend capital punishment.

Texas by far conducts more government-sanctioned executions than any global political entity this side of communist China. That's a dubious honor.

Providing life without parole could bring more humanity to Texas justice without lessening this states reputation for being tough on crime. SB 60 should be a nobrainer.

### Lawmakers use campaign-style events to push Social Security overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) meetings that interest groups Following President Bush's have tried to pack with people congressional who support Bush's plans. Republicans are taking their

"Most people get it that campaign to overhaul Social there is a serious problem with Social Security as we With Congress on a weekknow it," said Rep. Jeb long break, backers and Hensarling, R-Texas, who doubters alike are listening to conducted five town hall constituents at town hall meetings on the issue in one

day this week. But he said Congress is still a ways from settling on and approving a plan.

"Let's face it, this is politically heavy lifting," he said in an interview Wednesday.

Treasury Secretary John Snow acknowledged as much, agreeing that many in Congress are still leery of Bush's plan to create personal investment accounts as part of Social Security.

"We still have some work to do," Snow told reporters Wednesday.

But he predicted support will grow as the campaign intensifies.



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DEAR ABBY: My son, "Adam," is 9. He's very bright and earns straight A's in school. Adam gets in trouble now and then for goofing off, but nothing serious.

Adam has become friends with a boy in his class named "Sean," who has been in trouble quite often and has even been suspended from school. I happen to know that Sean's parents have drugs in their home and have been in trouble with the law.

Although allowing my son to go to Sean's house is out of the question, I have considered permitting Sean to come here and play where I can keep a close eye on him. I can't help but see that Sean is an innocent child who needs a positive influence. Would I be wrong to allow Adam to invite him over? Or should I discourage this friendship altogether? I'm unsure how to handle this. -- PROTECTIVE MOM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MOM: You are in a position to make an important difference in that child's life. You could be the influence that turns his life around. The more time Sean spends in your home, the more he will be able to experience what a healthy family is like. As long as your son's friend follows the rules at your house, I see no reason why he should not be invited over. So be an angel and throw the boy a lifeline.

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DEAR ABBY: I moved in with my gentleman friend "Victor" eight months ago. I have insisted on paying for my room and board even though I was between jobs and money is tight. Recently, over my objections,

Victor emptied a room of my personal effects to make room for his guests. He has put me in a

underwear, jewelry, bills and personal papers, etc. There is only one full bathroom in his house, so this room is also where I dress and take care of private matters.

The "guests" are usually Victor's grown sons and their girlfriends. I no longer have warm, fuzzy feelings for this man. Am I being unreasonable or unforgiving? Victor says I don't need to go, but I think it's time I move on. What do you think? --UNFAIR IN FLORIDA

DEAR UNFAIR: By moving your belongings over your objection, Victor has sent you an important message. He may think you don't need to go, but since you no longer have "warm, fuzzy feelings" for him, I agree that you must. It's not unreasonable or unforgiving, it is rational.

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DEAR ABBY: This is my seventh year of marriage to a wonderful, loving and caring man. We were both widowed when we met. He has four sons and one daughter. The daughter does not approve of me, which is fine since she lives out of town.

My problem is none of his children know how to introduce me. They always proudly introduce their father, and then they say, "... and this is 'Doris." It makes me feel like I am a live-in instead of his wife.

Could you please tell me what the correct introduction should be so he can pass it on to his children? They are all grown and married, so they don't want to say, "This is my stepmother," and that's OK, too, I guess. My children say, "This is my mother and her husband, 'John,' or my stepdad, 'John.'" Please help. --STEPMOM IN CHARLESTON, S.C. 2 and and a world require and

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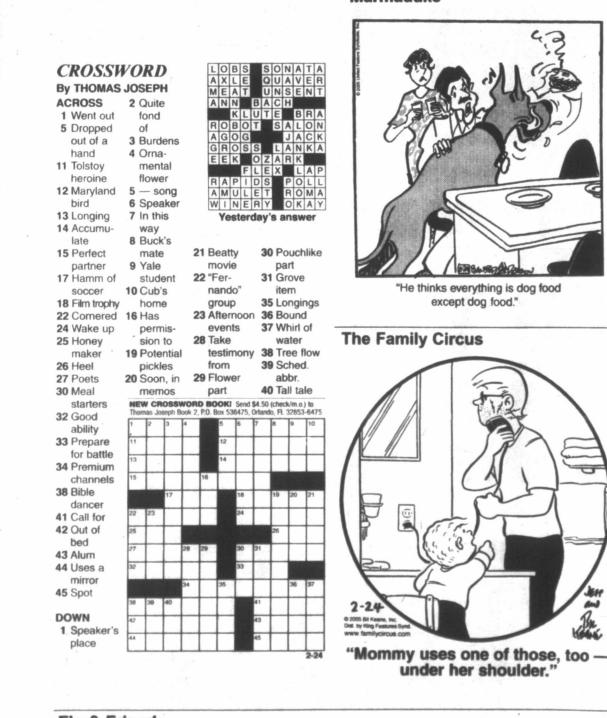
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smaller room, which he also wants to make available to his guest's guests. Mind you, by "personal effects" I mean my

DEAR STEPMOM: The correct introduction should be, "This is my father and his wife, Doris."

**Crossword Puzzle** 

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# Sports Day

### A senior moment





Pampa News photos by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa senior Jaclyn Spearman (left) was among the PHS students honored during the School Board of Trustees monthly meeting Feb. 17. Spearman, along with seniors Tyler Doughty (above left to right), Q.B. Cobb, Tyrel Bolin and Seth Foster were honored with Spotlight on Excellence certificates by the board for the district and sports publication recognition each received last year. Spearman for volleyball; Doughty, Cobb, Bolin and Foster for football. Pampa High School band and choir members were honored as well. Also pictured is Pampa High School Athletic Director Dick Dunham (above right).

# **Cowboys reunite Parcells with Bledsoe**

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells has returned to his first Drew in hopes of getting the Dallas Cowboys back into the playoffs.

Wednesday with the coach that made him the first overall pick 12 years ago, signing a three-year contract that will further push back the ascension of Drew

into, for our fans, almost by design having a season that's not competitive."

When Henson gave up professional baseball to Drew Bledsoe reunited return to football last year, Dallas signed him to an eight-year contract. Jones declared him the quarterback of the future and there growing in the job.

season. "We all have to recognize

just how important not only skill level is, but the asset that Drew Bledsoe brings to the table, his vast experience and durability," Jones said. "What we really want

while Dallas went 6-10 last ment, has already told him that he will be the starter. He had no interest in being a backup quarterback, one of the reasons he was released this week by the **Buffalo Bills.** 

Bledsoe and Parcells were together four seasons to do is win the next time and their last game was in were expectations of him we go on the field. At the the Super Bowl. But that same time, we'd like to be was seven years ago.



Henson as the Cowboys starting quarterback.

Jerry Jones said. "I'm not Testaverde started 15 games

The Cowboys aren't ready to go through the "I'm convinced that we growing pains yet. So were writing things off to Parcells turned to another of have not had a veteran quar- his former quarterbacks terback," Cowboys owner after 41-year-old Vinny

doing some things that help us win two years from now, three years from now, four years from now." Bledsoe said Parcells, who didn't participate in Wednesday's announce-

#### WILL THE JURY PLEASE RISE

# **Did Bonds really answer any** questions? You be the judge

began to take questions from the press. Naturally, most of the questions referenced were. accusations and his place in the BALCO steroid scandal.

Bonds spoke for 37 minutes. He was responses were more like

disconnected ramblings Michael J. that often made little, if any, sense. Bonds didn't Stevens really answer any of the questions put to him. If Sports anything, he raised even Editor more questions.

At least he did for me.

Bonds used odd metaphors in an attempt to describe what he believes to be a press corps made up of nothing but "liars". I especially liked the Sanford and Son comparison. "You guys are like rerun after rerun after rerun. This is old stuff," said Bonds. In an interesting shift of gears, he would later commend the same group of reporters, expressing his respect for what they do. He complimented the members of the press for doing their jobs while their bosses are off on some beach somewhere counting their change.

He then went into some diatribe about his father and how he watched as the press picked him apart as Bonds was coming up. This triggered some sort of an 'oh yeah, I forgot I hate you guys' mechanism in Bonds' brain. He promptly went back to hating the lying press.

As this conference droned on, Bonds noted how alcohol is the number one killer in America. "We legalized alcohol so you can buy it in the store," he said. He then blurted, "The number two killer is tobacco ley. and we legalized that. There are other issues." What do you suppose Bonds was trying to say here?

His quote offerings just kept coming.

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This past Tuesday, San Francisco Giants They were hard to keep up with. It was like slugger Barry Bonds strode into a confer- being at a comedy club, watching a really ence room at the team's training facility in funny comedian toss out a barrage of hilar-Scottsdale, Arizona, took a seat and then ious one-liners, only to wake up the next morning unable to remember what they

Barry asked the press at one point, "Are you guys jealous, upset, disappointed or what?" I could only imagine a room full of very emotional and at times, angry. His press people looking at one another while scratching their noggins

with their No. 2 pencils. It seems Bonds wasn't satisfied with the taste of his toes because the more he spoke, the further his foot went into his mouth. I almost expected his agent

to run in flailing his arms while proclaiming the conference to be over.

There were two more great quotes from Bonds before the show did finally wrap. They were, "You gotta have a lot of talent to get 53,000 fans to yell 'you suck'," he said while explaining how he loves playing at Dodger Stadium. Apparently the fans there don't like Mr. Bonds.

And then there was, "I do not know what cheating is," he said in response to a question seeking his thoughts on steroid use. "I do not think, I do not know that cheating is going to - that steroids are going to help you in baseball. I do not believe steroids can help you, eye-hand coordination, technically hit a baseball. I just do not believe it. And that is just my opinion."

Bonds will face many of the same questions again soon when his is called upon to give sworn testimony in court.

However, some one might want to tell Barry this court will not be made up of Mr. Owl, King Friday, Lady Elaine and a trol-

For now, he must contend with an even greater court - the court of public opinion. And you, the fan, must take the bench as judge.



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Pampa High's Whitney Penrod holds the certificate she received from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce earlier this month after she was honored as the area District 4A swimmer of the year. Penrod will be competing at the UIL State Diving Meet which gets under way tomorrow in Austin. Also pictured are Coach Greg Miller (left) and parents Vikki and Rev. Scott Penrod.

### **Raiders gather Moss**

- Randy Moss has become known as much for his distracting antics as he has for his electrifying touchdown catches during his sevenyear career.

Sounds like Al Davis' kind of player.

Dante DiTrapano, Moss' agent, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the Minnesota Vikings and Oakland Raiders had "come to an agreement on Randy playing for Oakland next year.' Davis, the longtime renegade owner of the Raiders, has always taken a certain pride in acquiring talented players with troubled backgrounds. And Moss is just the latest to join the Silver and Black.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) throw the ball deep a whole lot to him and have a chance at winning the Super Bowl."

Neither the Vikings nor the Raiders would confirm the deal, which reportedly involves the Raiders sending linebacker Napoleon Harris, the seventh pick in this year's draft and another late-round pick to Minnesota for Moss.

### **By MICHAEL J. STEVENS**

the third annual Borger Bulldog

Tournament which gets under way tomorrow.

The Lady Harvesters have a 10 a.m. meeting with Borger tomorrow, the only team to beat them (1-0) last week-

Gill says she is looking forward to facing the different teams this weekend, many of them from our area. And though she liked what she saw in her team last weekend, Coach Gill notes, "Our overall game needs fine-tuning. We just need to play to work the kinks out of our game." The Pampa bats were busy in Borger last weekend, outscoring opponents 27-3. "We played fairly solid last weekend, which is usually odd for this time of the year," said Gill. "Our hitting has looked better than in past years this early in the year."

## **Preseason THSBC poll**

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The 2005 Pre-season Top Ten rankings as compiled by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and Texas High School Baseball Magazine. The 2004 records and where each team ended the season are listed in parentheses. **Class 5A** 

1. Moody (42-1; state champs) 2. Flower Mound (37-8; state finalist) 3. Tomball (31-3; regional quarterfinalist) 4. The Woodlands (32-6; regional quarterfinalist) 5. Kingwood (32-11; state semifinalist) 6. Southlake Carroll (27-8; regional quarterfinalist) 7. SA Reagan (29-8; regional finalist) 8. Rockwall (32-9; regional finalist) 9. Fort Bend Clements (30-10; regional semifinalist) 10. Spring (36-9; state semifinalist) Class 4A

1. Boerne (32-5; state champions). 2. Waco Midway (25-8; district champs). 3. Channelview (25-11; regional quarterfinalists). 4. Lubbock Estacado (23-12; regional semifinalists). 5. Wichita Falls Rider (29-7; regional finalists). 6. Texas City (23-9; regional quarterfinalist). 7. Nederland (NA) 8. Calallen (36-4; regional finalists). 9. Highland Park (25-12; regional semifinalist). 10. Kilgore (25-10; regional finalists) **Class 3A** 

1. Perryton (31-9; state semifinalist) 2. Lorena (26-6; regional semifinalist) 3. Sinton (22-17; regional finalist) 4. Carthage (24-7; bi-district champs) 5. Yoakum (22-12; regional semifinalist) 6. Jasper (32-8; regional finalist) 7. Lubbock Cooper (28-5; regional quarterfinalist) 8. Falfurrias (22-10; regional semifinalist) 9. Bridge City (25-4; district champs) 10. Llano (29-10; state semifinalist) **Class 2A** 

1. Franklin (27-5; regional quarterfinals) 2. Gunter (31-6; region-

al finalists) 3. Jarrell (28-7; state semifinalists) 4. Nacogdoches Central Heights (37-2; state champions) 5. Celina (15-7) 6. Grand Saline (26-5; regional guarterfinals) 7. Maypearl (29-5; 6 starters) 8. Trinity (20-7) 9. East Bernard (26-6; regional finalists) 10. Corsicana Mildred (26-7; district champions) Class 1A

1. Colmesneil (18-7; regional finalist) 2. Thorndale (26-6; regional finalist) 3. Follett (22-3; state finalist) 4. Shiner (23-9; state champs) 5. Bremond (16-6; regional quarterfinalist) 6. Gilmer Union Hill (regional finalist) 7. Plains (14-5; district champs) 8. Axtel (12-8) 9. Ralls (15-7; bi-district champs) 10. Hamlin (15-9; regional finalists)

# **PHS baseball, Lady Harvesters** each taking part in tournaments

### Sports Editor

#### Boys

The Pampa Harvesters baseball team is in Borger today to kick off the 2005 baseball season by taking part in

end at the Borger Winter Classic.

Other Lady Harvesters games tomorrow include a 12 p.m. meeting with Wichita Falls Hirschi, and a 4:30 p.m. outing against Petrolia. Saturday games will depend on Pampa's pool performance tomorrow.

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DiTrapano said Moss was "very pleased to be going to Oakland and looking forward to playing with a team that's promised to

Without commenting

specifically on the trade, Raiders senior administrator Artie Gigantino said, "the Raiders have always been very aggressive in the pursuit of free agents. Randy Moss is certainly one of the great receivers of all time. Many players have ended their careers as **Oakland Raiders.**"

The deal cannot become official until March 2, the start of the NFL's fiscal year.

Invitational. Games are scheduled to be played at Frank Phillips College.

The Harvesters were to meet Perryton at 10 a.m. this morning, and Lubbock Estacado at 3:45 p.m. this afternoon.

Coach Dennis Doughty is looking for some active batting as well as effective pitching from Tyler Doughty and Dusty Lenderman today.

Catcher James Coffee is out with a broken bone in his left hand. Girls

Coach Bobbi Gill and her Lady Harvester softball team will be heading for Wichita Falls to compete in this weekend's Sunrise Optimist

'Our overall game needs fine-tuning. We just need to play to work the kinks out of our game."

> - Bobbi Gill Coach, Pampa Lady Harvester Softball

Pampa went 4-1 in that tournament, good for third place in the Gold Division.

The Lady Harvesters (4-1) are healthy and injury-free heading into Wichita.

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### Villanova beats another ranked team

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Villanova should start scheduling more ranked teams.

The 23rd-ranked Wildcats added a fourth Top 25 victim to their list of victories Wednesday night with a 76-70 win over No. 3 Boston College.

"We're learning how to win," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "It gives them confidence and experience that's invaluable."

The latest win may be the one that all but seals the first NCAA tournament bid since 1999 for the Wildcats (18-6, 8-5 Big East).

"We were confident we could come in and play well, but we're still not thinking about the NCAAs," said Curtis Sumpter, who played with a sore knee and scored 20 points.

Randy Foye scored 23 points for the Wildcats, who survived a nine-minute stretch without a field goal by going 36-of-41 from the free-throw line. Boston College (22-2, 11-2) closed within one point before Foye banked a 6-footer for a 67-64 lead to end the long stretch without a basket.

"It's very difficult to win a game when the opposing team shoots 41 free throws," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "We just didn't make the plays that were going to tie it and make them feel uncomfortable. We never got over the hump."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was: No., 1 Illinois 84, Northwestern 48; No. 5 Kentucky 81, Auburn 73; No. 6 Wake Forest 88, Longwood 47; No. 7 Duke 60, Georgia Tech 56; No. 15 Syracuse 83, St. John's 69; West Virginia 70, No. 18 Pittsburgh 66; and No. 21 Charlotte 80, Memphis 77.

Craig Smith had 18 points for Boston College, while Jared Dudley added 15.

Villanova played without starting point guard Mike Nardi, who sprained his right ankle in practice Monday. They got another scare midway through the first half when

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Sumpter, who already plays with a brace on his left knee and tape on his right one, came up limping when he was fouled and momentarily left for the locker room.

"I wasn't able to run or jump or explode like I did in the first half," Sumpter said. "It's not serious, just a little twinge."

No. 1 Illinois 84, Northwestern 48 Dee Brown scored 18 of his 20 points on 3-pointers to lead the Illini (28-0, 14-0), who clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title for the second straight season. Brown had five 3s in the first half as Illinois took a 45-22 lead. It was Illinois' 24th straight Big Ten win, and 20th in a row at Assembly Hall.

No. 5 Kentucky 81, Auburn 73

Kelenna Azubuike had career highs of 30 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-3, 12-1 Southeastern Conference), who clinched at least a share of the East Division title for the sixth straight season.

No. 6 Wake Forest 88, Longwood 47

Taron Downey scored 13 points as the Demon Deacons (23-4) cruised to the nonconference home win.

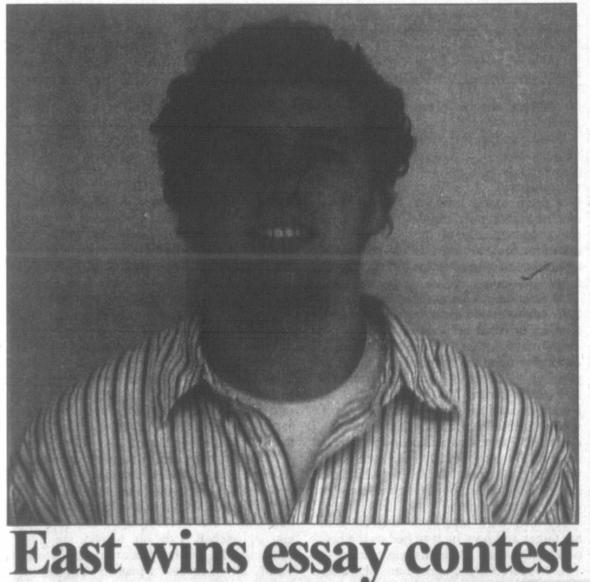
Michael Jefferson scored 14 points for the Lancers (1-29), who extended their school-record losing streak to 18 games in their first full season of Division I competition.

#### No. 7 Duke 60, Georgia Tech 56

J.J. Redick had 21 points for the Blue Devils (20-4, 10-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won 18 of the last 19 games in the series, including nine straight at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. They reached the 20-win mark for the 21st time under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

No. 15 Syracuse 83, St. John's 69

Hakim Warrick had a career-high 35 points and grabbed 10 rebounds - his 12th double-double of the season - and the Orange (23-5, 10-4 Big East) broke a twogame losing streak. The win was No. 699 for coach Jim Boeheim.



Brittin East has been named the winner of the annual Optimist Essay Contest, according to Pampa Optimist President Ronnie Haynes.

He was chosen by a committee appointed by Cassie Schultze, the Governor of the Optimist North Texas District. The judging occurred over the weekend in Weatherford, Texas, in connection with the Second Quarter District meeting. In writing about "The Power of One," East discussed Lance Armstrong and his team of bicyclists who

helped Armstrong win the Tour deFrance an unprecedented six consecutive times.

East will receive a \$500 college scholarship from the local club and the opportunity to compete in the North Texas District Contest for an additional \$650.

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The Pampa High School senior is the son of John and Sabrina East.

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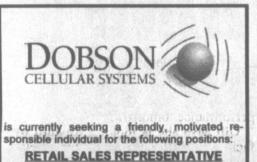
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\*\*\*\* You pull the wild card financially and might be regrouping the rest of the day. Though your gamble might pay off, don't make this a habit. Ultimately you will be happier. Reach out for others. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Use the morning to get your ducks in a row. Others' influence might prove to be very exciting. Someone might want to help you, but could ultimately rain on your parade. You could be tougher than you realize on a family member or roommate. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Take care of any details or problems in the a.m. By the afternoon, you are tossed into networking and responding to others. Public presentations and appearances will fare well if you cope with a momentary hassle. Tonight: Beam in the weekend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Your ability to see the big picture might prevent a huge problem, not only for you but for others. Read into the gossip. Listen but don't necessarily believe everything you hear until you've checked it out. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

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\*\*\*\* Review a partnership with cynicism and creativity. You pull the wild card with funds. But don't think you have a money tree growing in your back yard. Someone might try to tell you that. Tonight: If you can, leave

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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# Schaivo parents receive reprieve

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) - The parents of Terri Schiavo won another reprieve in their fight to keep the brain-damaged woman alive after a judge extended an emergency stay keeping her feeding tube in place.

The stay had been set to expire Wednesday afternoon, but Pinellas Circuit Judge George Greer extended it until 5 p.m. Friday.

A lawyer for the parents, Robert and Mary Schindler, had asked the judge to block the removal of Schiavo's feeding tube so the family can have more time to determine if she has greater mental capabilities than previously believed.

The Schindlers also want more time to try to remove Schiavo's husband as legal guardian.

'I can assure you, I will do whatever I can within the means. within the laws, of our state to protect this woman's life."

-Jeb Bush Governor of Florida

They have been in a long, bitter struggle with Michael Schiavo, who said his wife never wanted to be kept alive artificially. She left no written directive.

# **Jury selected for Michael Jackson trial**

By TIM MOLLOY **Associated Press Writer** 

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The jury in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial includes several fans of his music, four parents of young children, a woman whose grandson was convicted of a sexual offense, and a man who visited Jackson's Neverland ranch as a child. Drawn from the region

where Jackson lives, they include four men and eight women and range in age from 20 to 79.

The jury seated Wednesday was primarily seated white and Hispanic and did

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not appear to include any of the other Wednesday - and the half-dozen blacks who Jackson appeared upset when were in the pool of more than 240 prospects.

The court hasn't disclosed the races of jurors, and lawyers and jurors are under a gag order not to discuss the case. Race could be a factor because public opinion polls show blacks are less inclined to believe the charges against Jackson, who is black.

Two black women who had been questioned as potential jurors were rejected by prosecutors, who were allowed to dismiss them without stating a reason. The defense objected on both occasions - one Tuesday,

each woman was removed.

The second woman said her husband had suffered discrimination while working for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and jury pool.

"Just look around us. A jury of his peers would be people of his age and people of color, mixed diversity," she said. "How diverse is this jury looking to you right now?"

Jackson nodded along as the woman described her husband's experiences and turned to watch as she left the

courtroom.

One black man remained in the pool from which the alternate panel was being selected. Attorneys will resume choosing eight alternates on Thursday.

One of the jurors selected criticized the makeup of the is a 79-year-old retired widow with two adult children and a grandson on probation for a sex crime. She said he was forced to register as a "sexual deviant."

A 21-year-old selected once went to Jackson's Neverland ranch with a cerebral palsy group. The man said Jackson was not home at the time.

Another juror was asked if his family captive.

he recognized the names of celebrity witnesses who may testify in the case, including self-help guru Deepak Chopra. "I think he's a rapper," the juror said.

Jury selection had been expected to last several weeks, but took only five court days, which were interrupted by a one-week break due to the death of an attorney's sister and another oneweek break because Jackson was hospitalized with flu-like symptoms.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy. plying him with alcohol, and conspiring to hold him and

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Also Wednesday, the Florida Department of Children & Families moved to intervene in the case hours after Gov. Jeb Bush told reporters he was seeking a way to keep Terri Schiavo alive.

"I can assure you, I will do whatever I can within the means, within the laws, of our state to protect this woman's life," Bush said, adding that he has received thousands of e-mails and telephone calls from the Schindlers' supporters.

Details of DCF's involvement in the case were not immediately available and both the governor's office and the agency declined to comment. Greer denied a DCF attorney an opportunity to speak at the afternoon hearing.

A court filing by the agency remained sealed, but attorneys for Schiavo's husband and her parents said it was related to allegations Michael Schiavo abused his wife.

Those allegations, which have been raised before, are based partly on bone scans showing Terri Schiavo suffered fractures and statements she made to family and friends that she was unhappy in her marriage. Michael Schiavo has denied harming his wife.

George Felos, who represents Michael Schiavo, said DCF already has investigated the allegations and ruled them unfounded. He criticized the DCF move, saying it "reeks of the intervention of politics into the case."

Terri Schiavo collapsed 15 years ago Friday, when a chemical imbalance caused her heart to stop beating and cut off oxygen to her brain.

In October 2003, Schiavo went without food or water for six days before Bush pushed through a law letting him order reinsertion of the tube. The Florida Supreme Court later struck down his action as unconstitutional.

