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City commissioners discuss water options, alley cleanup

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commissioners have apparently approved a plan by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to increase water rights. Now they have to determine whether or not they will participate in CRMWA's plan.
After presenting the complex plan to the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon, Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA's general manager, asked for some indication as to what level Pampa will participate by the water authority's meeting Feb. 1 in Plainview.

"It's not a drop dead date," Satterwhite said, "but we need to have a feel for it."
After a record-breaking three-year drop in water levels at Lake Meredith, several member cities want to increase groundwater by buying more water rights.
Pampa uses less than half of the water allocated to it annually by CRMWA.
Under Satterwhite's plan, Pampa could choose to participate at varying levels with the water authority's 2006 bond issue to purchase more water

rights.
Pampa City Manager John Horst told commissioners that the bill to Pampa on that bond issue would be \$1.8 million over a 20 year period and that full participation could cost Pampa residents as much as \$2 per month on their water bill to service the debt.
Satterwhite said there is an option in the CRMWA plan that, if Pampa decided not to participate, would allow the city to buy back in at some

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Fire investigation



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Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell, left, and Billy Lang with the State Fire Marshal's Office examine an abandoned home in the 400 block of Carr as part of an on-going arson investigation. There have been some 20 uninhabited buildings in Pampa and Gray County that have been burned in the past year.

DPS lab links King weapon to murders

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

District Attorney Lynn Switzer was waiting today for a crucial report before taking a multiple murder case to the grand jury.
The Texas Department of Public Safety reported this week that a preliminary ballistic match had been made between bullets used to kill a rural Gray County family and a pistol reportedly taken from a Missouri man who was arrested for murdering a Missouri man and his daughter-in-law.
DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said Tuesday that Texas Rangers confirmed a ballistics match on a weapon reportedly taken from Levi King, 23, Pineville, Mo., when Levi was arrested on warrants charging him with the murders of Orle and Dawn McCool on Sept. 29.
Brian Conrad, 31; his wife Michell Conrad, 35, who was six months pregnant; and her son Zach Doan, 14, were shot to death before dawn in their home 13 miles south of Pampa on Sept. 30.
Robin Doan, 10, Michell Conrad's daughter, survived the attack on the family.
King was arrested Sept. 30, on warrants charging him with the double homicide in Missouri as he tried to re-enter the United States at El Paso. Law enforcement officials said he had apparently crossed the border into Juarez, then decided to return to the U.S.
Border Patrol agents found two assault rifles and a handgun in a 2005 maroon Dodge Dakota pickup, which had been stolen from the McCool residence, officials said.
King is accused of stealing the weapons from his father's home, which is near the McCool residence, officials said.
Missouri authorities believe the McCools were killed the afternoon of Sept. 29.
Law enforcement officers think King traveled southwest out of Missouri to Oklahoma City where he drove west on Interstate 40. Officers think King drove north on Texas Highway 70, stopping randomly at the Conrad home around about 4 or 5 a.m., Sept. 30.
Missouri officials said they found an identity card in King's pickup which led them to contact

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DA awaiting results of inquest into Pampa man's death

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Gray County District Attorney today is awaiting a Potter County Justice of the Peace ruling in an inquest concerning the death of a Pampa man last summer.
Manuel Maldonado Hinojosa, 73, was found about 6:30 a.m., Friday, July

1, lying in the driveway of his home at 525 Zimmer's.
Hinojosa was rushed to Pampa Medical Center for what was first thought to be a seizure of some sort.
Emergency room medical personnel found Hinojosa suffered a fractured skull, internal bleeding around the brain, a black eye and

chipped tooth. A member of the emergency room staff called Pampa police officers about 9:40 a.m. that Friday because of the nature of the wounds.
Pampa police officers said there appeared to be injuries to the right side of Hinojosa's head. Officers said the injuries were consis-

tent with blows to the head or a hard fall.
Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer said the cause of death appeared to be blunt force trauma.
About 6:30 a.m., July 1, the unconscious Hinojosa was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he died on July 3.

Hinojosa's 74th birthday would have been July 5.
Potter County Justice of the Peace Haven Dysart convened an inquest in Pampa Monday to determine what caused the fatal injuries.
After two days of testimony, Switzer said today that her office is awaiting the findings of the inquest.

Troopers seize drugs, cash during routine traffic stop

GROOM — Two men and a woman from Mississippi were arrested last week on Interstate 40 after troopers found drugs and cash hidden in their vehicle.
At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, troopers stopped a 2003 Nissan Altima which was traveling east-bound on I-40 near Groom for a traffic violation. After the troop-

ers became suspicious, consent to search the vehicle was given.
Later, 2.5 pounds of methamphetamine was found in various locations inside the vehicle along with \$10,000.00 in cash which was hidden inside the dashboard.
Arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug charges were Katie

Marie Smith, 23, of Saucier, Miss., John Earl Trahan Jr., 29, of Gulfport, Miss., and Richard Daniel McClellan, 25, also of Gulfport.
Investigators believe this load originated in Las Vegas, Nev., and was headed for Gulfport.
The meth has an estimated value of \$111,890.00.

Existing home sales decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of existing homes set a record for a fifth straight year in 2005 even though the year ended on a weaker note with three straight monthly declines, sending a strong signal that the nation's housing boom is beginning to cool.
The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of previously owned homes and condominiums dropped by 5.7 percent in December compared to the sales pace in November.

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A DECADE OF CHANGE

Alito support strong as Senate begins final debate in confirmation process

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist pronounced Supreme Court candidate Samuel Alito "exceptionally qualified" Wednesday at the outset of debate that seemed little more than rhetorical prelude to confirmation.

Alito — who was chosen by President Bush to be the nation's 110th justice and the replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor — already has enough support from a majority of senators to be put on the bench as early as this week.

But the final vote, nevertheless, was shaping up to fall mostly along partisan lines. Fifty-one Republicans and one Democrat — Ben Nelson of Nebraska — support Alito. Frist, the Tennessee Republican, opened what is expected to be a weeklong debate on Alito by saying the judge's Democratic opponents are "smearing a decent and honorable man in imposing an unfair political standard on all judicial nominees."

"I support Judge Alito because he has a record that demonstrates a respect for judicial restraint and aversion to political agendas on the bench and a commitment to the rule of law and the Constitution," said Frist. "There is no question that Judge Alito is well-qualified."

Republicans want to get Alito on the Supreme Court before Bush's State of the Union speech Jan. 31, but they have not yet reached an agreement with Democrats on when a final vote will occur.

As of late Tuesday, the federal appeals court judge had enough vote commitments for confirmation — a simple majority in the 100-member Senate, according to interviews conducted by The Associated Press or senatorial statements.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., announced his vote for Alito on Wednesday. Sen. Craig Thomas of Wyoming, made his decision after meeting with Alito in his Senate office on Tuesday. "His judicial experience is second to none and I'm confident he will do an excellent job handling his constitutional responsibility," Thomas said.

Four Republicans, 23 Democrats and independent Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont were still publicly undecided Wednesday or refused to say how they would vote on Alito's

nomination. The nominee was meeting with two of the undecided Democrats, Sens. Patty Murray and Jay Rockefeller, in hopes of gaining their votes.

With Alito's ultimate confirmation assured, both Republicans and Democrats were preparing to use him as a campaign issue. Republicans said the Democratic filibuster of lower-court judges helped them defeat the re-election bid of former Democratic Senate leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota two years ago.

Democrats, as they did during contentious Judiciary Committee hearings, could use the next few days on Alito's confirmation to continue the debate over the extent of presidential powers. Issues such as the Bush administration's treatment of terror suspects and its domestic spying program are likely to come before the Supreme Court.

As an appeals court judge, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Alito "refuses to enforce core constitutional standards protecting individuals against low-level government officials in routine situations. There's no reason to believe he'll say no to a president who violates individual rights under the cloak of national security."

Democrats also worry that Alito, along with new Chief Justice John Roberts, would make the court more conservative and could even help overturn major decisions such as Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that declared abortion a fundamental constitutional right.

"Roberts, who promised us humility, who promised us that he would be looking to chart a middle course, we see time and again that he's falling in league with Justice Scalia and Justice Thomas," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, referring to Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the court's most conservative members. "My fear is that we are adding a fourth vote to that coalition with Sam Alito's nomination. And that's why I'm going to vote no."

Twenty Democrats already have publicly opposed Alito's nomination. All of the eight Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee voted against him Tuesday, leading to a 10-8 party-line vote for the 55-year-old judge from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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time in the future if it decided it needs more water. The buy back option, however, would require a lump sum payment for back payments.

Commissioners authorized Horst to work with CRMWA on the plan.

The city commission also heard a report about Pampa's alley and the city's clean up program.

The city's alley clean up project last raised questions about whether residents could keep firewood stacked in the alleys behind their homes. A clean up crew had hauled off what was apparently an old tree that had been cut down by the homeowner, who intended to use it for firewood.

Horst told commissioners that normally city crews didn't bother stacked cords of firewood in the alley, although city clean alley ordinances forbid such things. Other trash was hauled away as required by ordinance.

City Attorney Don Lane, after explaining the city ordinance to the commissioners, noted that he'd had firewood stolen from the alley behind his house. Something that Horst and Commission Faustina Curry admitted to, also.

Commissioner Ray Boring said that insurance companies discouraged stacking firewood next to a house because of termites.

Lane said the intent of the ordinance was to keep alleys open for city trucks and emergency vehicles.

The commission had talked about

amending the clean alley ordinance beginning at its next meeting, but following a discussion Tuesday decided to allow the ordinance to stand as is.

In other business, the commission also set May 13 for city elections for commissioners in Wards 2 and 4. Commissioners Faustina Curry and Ray Boring are the incumbents, respectively.

The commission also passed on second reading an ordinance amending the city's taxi insurance requirements.

The commission is also expected to set May 13 as the date for a city commission election for Wards 2 and 3.

In other business, the commission will hear and vote on the second reading of an ordinance amending minimum taxi insurance requirements.

Conrad

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Gray County authorities.

Officers said they think King drove south from the Conrad home back to I-40, taking U.S. 60 southwest out of Amarillo to Clovis, N.M., and south from Clovis to Carlsbad where he stopped

at a drive-in restaurant and got a hamburger before traveling on to El Paso.

State and local law enforcement officers traveled to Missouri to interview King, Rangers got the pistol that was tested after they talked with King.

Switzer said the written ballistics report will become part of the Texas Ranger's report to her office. Once she

receives that, she said she would present it to a Gray County grand jury. If they indict King on the Gray County murders, Missouri authorities will put a hold on King.

Gray County, however, will have to wait in line for King.

Missouri is asking for the death sentence for the 23-year-old Southwest Missouri

native in the McCool murders.

Missouri prosecutors said they expect the case to go to trial by late Summer. A preliminary hearing in the Missouri case was set for March 10.

King's Missouri defense attorney, Charles Moreland, said his client will plead not guilty.

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Viewpoints

Book analyzes the shift from good to great

Recently, I have been intrigued with the ideas in a book written by Jim Collins called "Good to Great." The book is a five-year study of American businesses.

The purpose of the study was to examine businesses that were recognized by their competitors as the "industry leaders" and see if Collins and his research team could identify any commonalities in the path each company took to becoming great.

Every studied business had, at one time, been unremarkable, but through time, each had become a leader and had sustained its leadership position for at least 15

years. What the team learned about great business organizations has much to say to any organization — business, educational, civic, etc. — that is striving to be better.

Surprisingly, the first conclusion Collins reached from the study was that good is the enemy of great. He says that in our nation, there are few really great schools because there are so many good schools. Further, he stated that few people attain real greatness in their lives because so many settle for a good life.

Next, the author's research led him to state that great companies were led to

greatness by leaders who "channeled their egos away from themselves into the larger goal of building a great company." Their ambition was for the institution they led rather than for themselves. Leaders of great organizations, often, reflected praise to others, but accepted blame for the organization's failures.

After the leader of the up-and-coming company was in place, the research team found the next critical step

toward greatness was for the leader to assemble the right people to work in the organization. While it is hard to believe, the researchers concluded that getting the "right" people in the organization was more important than determining the path the organization would follow to greatness.

The research revealed that people were not the organization's most important assets, but the "right" people

were vital. After the winning team was assembled, great teams began their journey by facing the brutal facts of their reality. They ruthlessly assessed the organization's strengths and weaknesses, after which the team determined in which area the organization could be the "best in the world." Once the organization understood its core business, the road toward greatness accelerated.

Great organizations operated in a climate of self-discipline. Administratively, time was not wasted punishing those who could/would not conform to the standards

the business had established. Employees were self-directed toward what was right for the organization because they were the "right" people to push the company to greatness.

Finally, when all of the critical parts were in place, the momentum and enthusiasm that had been building within the organization caused it to continue moving forward until it became great.

After people read the book "Good to Great," they will never look at the operation of any organization of which they are a part in the same way — ever again!

Barry Haenisch
PISD Superintendent



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2006. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 25, 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

On this date:

In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Captain Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.

'Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but wants only to be provoked.'

— Katherine Anne Porter
American author (1894-1980)

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1990, actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

Ten years ago: With Republicans bruised by two government shutdowns, the House overwhelmingly approved legislation to keep federal agencies running through March 15, 1996.

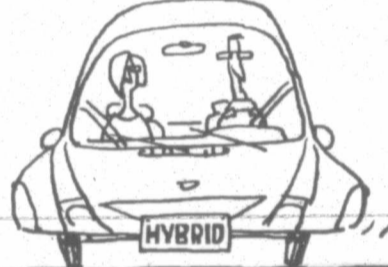
Five years ago: A jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., found 13-year-old Lionel Tate guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a 6-year-old family friend (Tate had said he accidentally killed the girl while imitating moves by pro wrestlers).

One year ago: A videotape showed Roy Hallums, an American kidnapped in Baghdad the previous November, pleading for his life. (Hallums was rescued by coalition troops on Sept. 7, 2005.) A stampede during a Hindu festival in western India killed at least 258 people. Architect Philip Johnson died in New Canaan, Conn., at age 98.

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Glass half-full was MLK's legacy ...

If the Democrats want to know why they keep losing, all they have to do is run a replay of Martin Luther King Day.

If they do, and if they are not brain dead, they'll immediately notice the difference between Republican President George W. Bush's MLK Day speech at Georgetown University and the rantings of the opposition party.

In one speech, the president took pains to say how proud he was to be in the presence of the president of the NAACP even though that organization has never supported him, has frequently said disparaging things about him, and even ran an ad during the 2000 election campaign which suggested he was somehow complicit in the dragging death of James Byrd in Jasper, Texas.

In spite of all that, on MLK Day the president honored the president of the NAACP, who was present. The president, as always, was gracious and optimistic. "We recommit ourselves to working for the dream

that Martin Luther King gave his life for — an America where the dignity of every person is respected; where people are judged not by the color of their skin — by the content of their character; and where the hope of a better tomorrow is in every neighborhood in this country," Bush said.

Compare that to how Al Gore honored Dr. King by attacking the president, or how Al Sharpton slandered the president. Both of them spiced their hysteric rhetoric with all the usual coded race words.

Amazingly, Gore accused the president of a criminal act when he authorized the National Security Agency to monitor communications between known terrorists overseas and their American allies here at home, a move that clearly fell within his powers as commander in chief and which undoubtedly

contributed to the fact that we have not had another 9/11.

In his speech, Al Gore said, "What we do know about this pervasive wiretapping virtually compels the conclusion that the President of the United States has been breaking the law repeatedly and insistently."

What hypocrisy. Despite the fact that the president acted to protect Americans from more 9/11's, and was well within his rights to do so, when as vice-president, Gore once planned to allow the feds to shatter the Constitution by secretly bugging the phones of all Americans and then lied about it.

As Charles Smith revealed in NewsMax.com on August 29, 2002: "In 1993, Vice President Al Gore spearheaded a project called 'Clipper' which was designed to monitor

America. Gore's leadership in this scheme to allow the Feds to have easy access to bug American telephones is all too well documented for him to deny."

The project, Smith wrote included plans to "mandate" the Clipper chip into all U.S. homes and businesses. "If Al Gore had become President, it is certain that the mandatory government phone and computer bug legislation would have become reality ..." he concluded.

Then there was Hillary Clinton's famous plantation speech, and the New Orleans mayor's tirade in blasting the president. It doesn't take much savvy to understand why the Republicans win and the Democrats lose. Could it be that the Republicans are smiling and looking at the glass and seeing it half-full and are working hard to fill it to the brim, while the Democrats not only see it as half-empty but would never be happy until it was completely dry so they can blame the president.

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Our readers write

Proposed renovations not necessary. According to the Pampa News, the City Planning and Zoning Commission met Jan. 10, 2006, following the regular City Commission meeting. Richard Morris, Public Works Director, stated that the traffic along the strip of Tyng street from Cuyler to Starkweather, was "constant but not extreme." That statement is questionable, because there is practically no traffic on this section of Tyng street.

On four occasions in the past month, motivated by the desire to see for myself, I drove down Tyng Street. There were no other cars traveling the

street. The street has three businesses: Chuck's Self Storage, the Harvest House food warehouse, and Parsley's Sheet Metal and Roofing. No doubt there is some traffic when the employees at Parsley's Sheet Metal are coming and going from work, and from those going to Harvest House the few hours it is open.

It is true that Tyng street has some potholes, but these could be repaired at minimal cost under \$1,500 or less and meet the street's requirements. The proposals stated by the Public Works Director, costing \$15,000, \$25,000 or \$200,000 would be a waste of street

funds, especially since Pampa's most heavily traveled streets have hundreds, maybe thousands of potholes that need immediate repair.

The extensive and expensive renovation of Tyng street, as discussed, would be an extravagant waste of street repair dollars that could be put to better use. The city commissioners and taxpayers should take a drive down Tyng street and see the "constant but not extreme" traffic for themselves. The question is: Why and by whom is the Tyng street renovation being pushed?

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 81-year-old mother died suddenly, and as her oldest daughter, I was asked to give her eulogy. I was told by our church that I needed to submit my remarks to the priest beforehand, to make sure they were "appropriate." At the funeral Mass, when the priest, who knew my mother only by sight, began his homily, he used the exact words and phrases from my own eulogy. I was, naturally, taken aback at his using my own heartfelt words, which I had labored over and rehearsed for two days. When it was time to speak, I was able to recover enough to reference "Father's" remarks earlier — but it was extremely upsetting to suddenly hear my words coming out of his mouth. I could understand if he had wanted to coordinate his remarks with mine, but he outright stole them. I feel that by requiring me to submit my eulogy in advance, the priest was provided with the "CliffsNotes" he needed to do his homily. I was also upset that he did not counsel my family, attend her wake or the interment. When I returned to the funeral home to pick up the photographs of my mother, I discussed my feelings of profound disappointment with the funeral director. He told me it wasn't the first time he'd heard this complaint about this priest, and I should write the priest a letter. On one hand, I feel my mother would be upset if I create a conflict with the parish. On the other, I wonder how many other grieving mourners will sit in a front pew during a funeral Mass, astounded when this priest pre-empts their eulogy. Should I write a letter to the priest or let it go? — **UPSET IN UPSTATE NEW YORK**

DEAR UPSET: Your feelings are justified. The priest who plagiarized your eulogy was a thief.

He stole your intellectual property to make himself look good at your expense, and he should be ashamed of his laziness. Clearly, however, he is not — because according to the funeral director he has done it before, and he'll continue to do it unless held accountable. By all means write a letter to the priest telling him how, rather than comforting you, his homily upset you. Then copy the bishop with the letter.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college student who lives in a dorm. My problem is I live next door to a moocher. One time, "Ms. Moocher" came into my room and asked if she could unplug my TV and take it into her room to watch "The O.C." on it. Another time, she came waltzing in my room carrying my hairbrush, which she had taken without my permission. Recently I returned from a weekend away to find that half my popcorn was gone. It turned out that Ms. Moocher had taken and eaten it. She has my cell phone number and can easily call and ask me when she wants to borrow my things. I have no problem with sharing with her, but her taking my things without asking is just plain rude. I know I need to talk to her, but I don't know what to say because I have to co-exist with her for the rest of the year. Please help! — **FED UP IN ATHENS, GA.**

DEAR FED UP: Unless you can find the backbone to face your neighbor and tell her firmly, "I do not want you taking my things without asking first," it's time to buy a lock for your dorm room door and use it when you're not there. Either way, Ms. Moocher will get the message.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

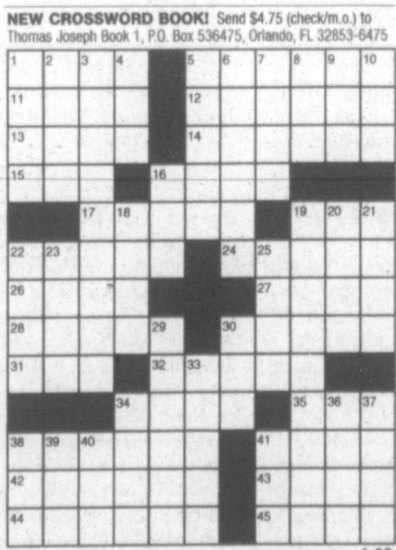
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 14 Top-notch | 5 Periphery |
| 15 Look upon | 6 Persian |
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| 22 Stand-in | 10 Marlin's separator |
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| 26 Enthusiastic review | 18 Biz bigwig |
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| 28 Toss out | |
| 30 Winter gliders | |
| 31 Course number | |
| 32 Saucer pilot | |
| 34 Big name | |
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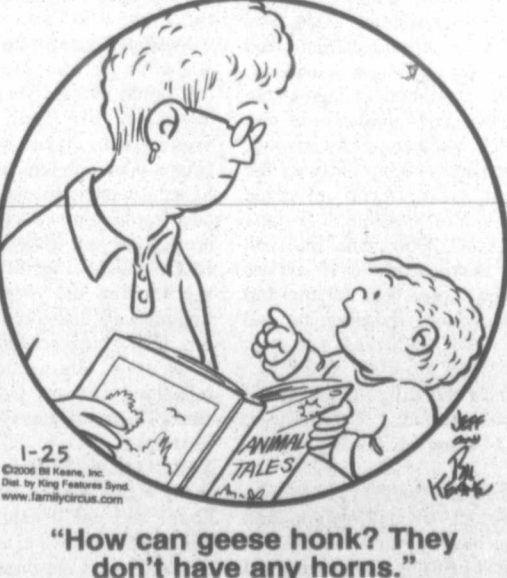


Marmaduke



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



Blondie



Sports Day

Pampa vs. PD: Girls fall 75-44, Dons win 75-61, stand alone in first place

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Palo Duro 75, Pampa 61
“I have been waiting for this game all day. I wish we could play now.” This thought shared by head coach Dustin Miller as he paced around McNeely Field House prior to the start of the Lady Harvester’s game against Palo Duro Tuesday night.

Less than two hours later, the waiting was over.

Before a rowdy “Pack The Pit” crowd of more than 1,000, Coach Miller and his Pampa Harvesters served notice the basketball attitude is back in Pampa.

Pampa jumped on the No. 6 ranked Dons early, leading at one point, 8-1. Both teams also got into some foul trouble early. Miller was forced to sit two of his top scorers, Jarett Kotara and Sharod Young, much of the period and the early moments of the second. Still, the Harvesters stayed spirited and unfazed with Eric Kingcade and Ryan Torres filling the voids.

Pampa led at the end of one, 16-13.

The second quarter was not as good for Pampa, which was outscored 26-17 in the period. “We got in foul trouble,” said Miller. “Jarett and Sharod sat for much of the first and a couple of minutes into the second. When I could finally get them in, Tyler (Hall) got his third.”

Miller was then forced to sit Hall, who was impressive in keeping PD’s Wes Shaw away from the basket. Prior to taking the bench, Hall held Shaw scoreless. With Hall on the bench, Shaw reeled off 14 of his 20 points in the second quarter alone.

Pampa would scrap all game long, keeping the Dons within reach. But each time the Harvesters got close, PD pulled away.

Once they were up by nine in the fourth quarter, Palo Duro switched to a spread offense, forcing Pampa to come to them. A frustrating sight for Miller, who felt this was his team’s game to win.

“I think we had a chance to win the game,” Miller said. “In the third quarter we had a chance to tie the game again two or

three times and could not convert.”

Miller continued, “Once we got down nine they spread us out and it is almost impossible to stop (Justin) Mason in that situation. We definitely had a chance.”

Key to giving Pampa that chance was the play of Torres off the bench, and starter Matt Smith, who took the ball to the bucket a number of times, often scoring over Mason. Said Miller, “They both played great. Matt continues to amaze me. Ryan came in when we got in foul trouble and played really good.”

Pampa’s performance Tuesday night was proof positive the Harvesters are capable of playing with anybody. More importantly, Pampa is capable of beating anybody.

After the game, Coach Miller told his team, “Do not be happy to compete with PD. We want to beat PD.”

Miller said he didn’t think there was one person in the Pampa locker room happy with just competing. His guys play to win, no matter who the opponent may be.

The district race is not over. Pampa (18-5, 3-1) travels to Hereford Friday.

Palo Duro JV 64, Pampa JV 62

Lady Dons 75, Lady Harvesters 44

It was a tough outing for Coach Troy Fry and his Lady Harvesters Tuesday night.

Pampa trailed just 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. However, the Lady Harvesters could not buy a basket in the second and third. Shots simply would not fall. The Lady Harvesters were outscored in the two periods, 43-16.

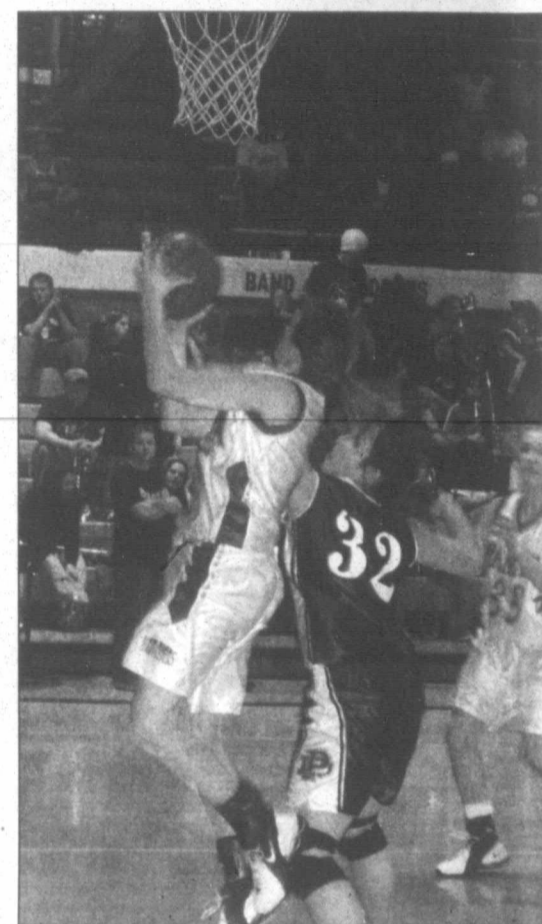
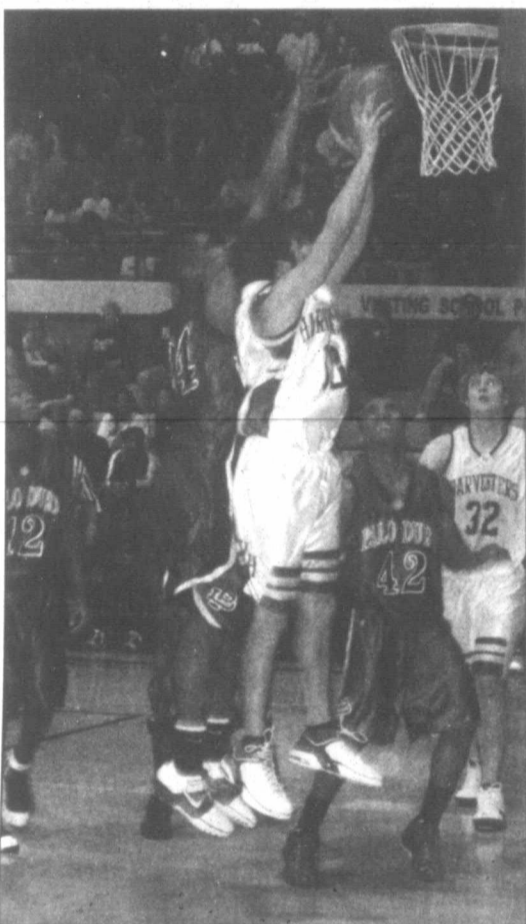
It was a rough-and-tumble fourth quarter during which Pampa’s Krissie Alexander crashed hard to the floor, hitting her head. She was called for a Technical shortly afterward. Britteni Rice and Jackie Gerber took a few elbows as well.

The Lady Harvesters fought back with 20 points in the final period.

Pampa falls to 12-14, 4-2.

The Lady Harvesters are in Hereford Friday.

Lady Dons JV 64, Lady Harvesters JV 30.



Pampa News photos by **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**

More than 1,000 fans (top) were on hand for “Pack The Pit” night Tuesday as Pampa hosted Palo Duro in a District 3-4A showdown. Ryan Torres (bottom left) muscles his way to the basket in front of PD’s Justin Mason. Britteni Rice (bottom right) races past Lady Don Samantha Hendrix on her way to two points early in the game between the Lady Harvesters and Palo Duro Tuesday night.

No. 18 Lady Buffs put streak on line

The 18th-ranked WT Lady Buff basketball team continues its short homestand at the First United Bank Center on tonight when they put their 11-game home winning streak on the line against the Midwestern State University Mustangs. The Lone Star Conference South Division contest will tip off at 6, preceding the men’s game between WTAMU and MSU.

The Lady Buffs are 14-2 overall, 3-0 in LSC South play. The 14-2 mark matches the 1999-2000 season, but WTAMU lost its next two games that year and finished with a 23-7 record. A 15-2 start would be the Lady Buff’s best start to a season since the 1996-97 campaign when they were 16-1 through 17 games in the midst of a 24-game winning streak en route to a 29-2 record and a trip to the Elite Eight.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Other scores of interest

District 3-4A
Boys
Palo Duro 75, Pampa 61
Caprock 66, Randall 51
Hereford 63, Dumas 56
Girls
Palo Duro 75, Pampa 44
Randall 57, Caprock 39
Dumas 47, Hereford 33

Others
Boys
Ama. High 65, Lub. 60
P-view 89, Andrews 50
Canyon 38, Dalhart 25
Perryton 67, R. Road 54

Panhandle 73, S-Fritch 49
White Deer 61, Sunray 25
Gruver 54, Booker 35
Claude 76, Shamrock 25
Follett 58, Higgins 26
Wheeler 75, Ft. Elliott 41
Miami 56, Lefors 36

Girls
Ama. High 87, Lub. 17
Perryton 40, R. Road 38
Canyon 80, Dalhart 25
Panhandle 68, S-Fritch 15
Sunray 53, White Deer 39
Ft. Elliott 75, Wheeler 44
Lefors 49, Miami 37

A X Y D L B A A X R
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquote: AN ELEPHANT IS A USEFUL ANIMAL WITH A VACUUM IN FRONT AND A RUG-BEATER AT THE BACK. — WITTY DEFINITION

PJHS can’t tame ‘Dogs

8th Grade Gold

The PJHS 8th grade Gold team came up short against the Plainview Bulldogs 36-48 Tuesday. The Gold had lost to the ‘Dogs 37-67 in Plainview in November and were looking for a chance turn things around as they had the previous two weeks. With Plainview ahead 15-6 after the first quarter, the Gold closed the gap to trail by just six at the half, 22-16. The Gold held the lead briefly with five minutes left in the game, but could not hold on. A.J. Rodriguez had another strong performance as he scored eight points and snagged seven rebounds. Jessie Jimenez and Miles Foreman both chipped in six points each. Rylan Clark and Anthony Allen both had five.

7th Grade Gold

The PJHS 7th grade Gold team fell to Plainview 57-38 Tuesday. Missed lay-ups and free throws proved to be the difference between the two teams. Both teams ran the floor well and played tough defense and the shots were there for the Gold, but they just couldn’t cash in. The Gold trailed the ‘Dogs 18-7 after the first quarter, 24-14 at the half. However, the Gold closed the gap to just two points at the close of the third, 28-26. Midway

through the fourth, everything seemed to fall for Plainview and not Pampa. Brandon Chairez lead all scorers with 13 points, Chase Ferguson had 12, Brendon Rice and Gregorio Cabrales both scored four.

7th Grade Green

The 7th grade Green team found themselves in a “Dog” fight all night long against Plainview Tuesday. The Green team trailed 15-14 after the first quarter, 27-20 at the half way mark. They were just not able to make up the difference despite Colten Sander’s 13 point output in the fourth. The Green Team trailed 41-29 after the third and eventually fell by the score of 58-46. Sanders’ total for the night was 23 points. Garrett Ericson scored seven. Reid Bradley and Joe Meshelay had six points each.

8th Grade Green

The 8th grade Green team lost a tough fight against the Bulldogs, falling 55-47. Pampa had Plainview’s number early on, but the turnover bug struck in the fourth and the momentum shifted to Plainview. Braden Hunt lead the Green team with 14 points, Alex Clendenning had 13 and Ryan Jiminez added eight.

PJHS will be in Dumas Monday night. Games start at 5 and 6:30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006:

You verbal talents are unprecedented. You have personality and savoir-faire, which others often admire. Often, you might need to revise your opinions and your immediate circle. You are changing, and those around you are changing too. Your goals also might transform as you get on top of a situation. As always, friendship remains a high priority for the Aquarian born today. If you are single and want a major relationship, it is yours to have. Late fall 2006 could find you nestled in or nearly ready to. If you are attached, once more, your relationship could develop into a dynamite tie and attraction. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use all the information and research you have to revise a stand or make a critical decision. Others respond to your leadership. With leadership comes responsibility. Remember that when there is a backfire. You like the praise as well. Tonight: In the limelight. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your perspective could be subject to transformation regarding a key association and/or money matter. Decisions made at this point have impact. Verbalize more of what you feel is important. Others will listen, especially with your natural drama. Tonight: Watch a movie or favorite TV show. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others continue to dominate. Let it be. Understand what someone’s expectations are, but also know that you

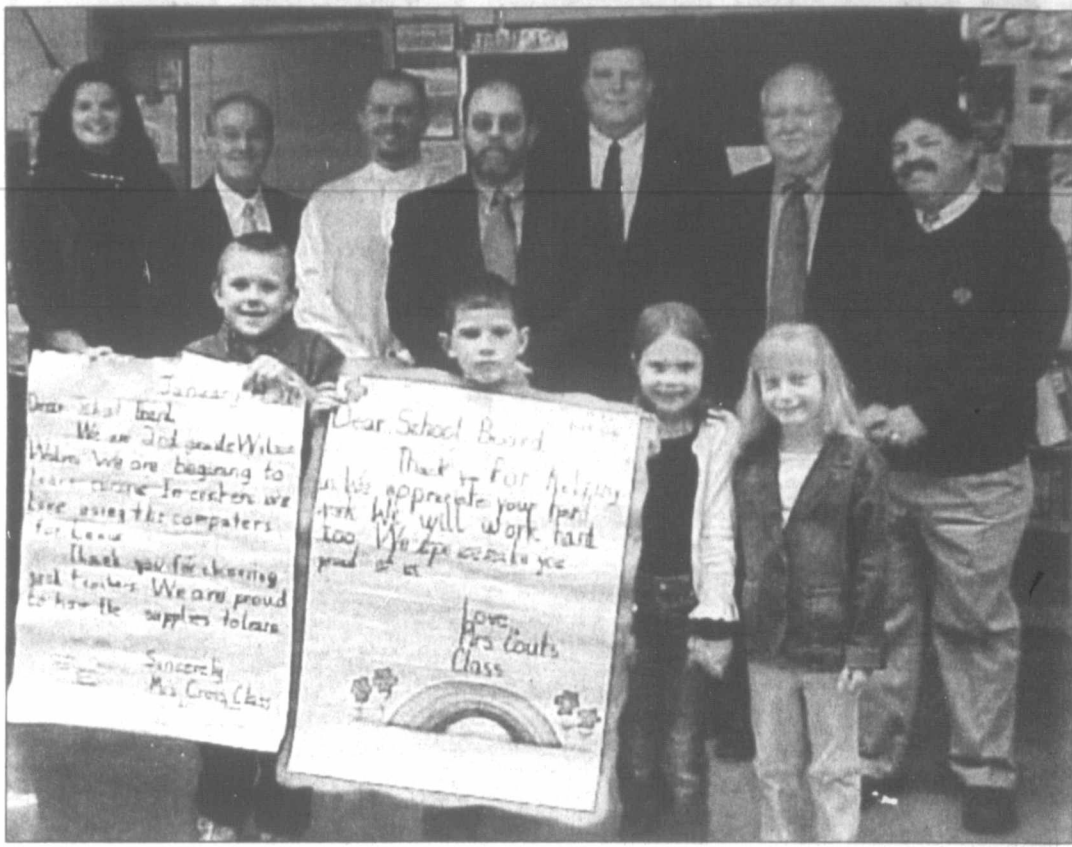
don’t have to meet them or follow through. Someone enlightens you with new facts. You might need to detach in order to absorb the information. Tonight: Quiet time with someone special. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your efforts will cause a reaction that could change your direction. Your day-to-day life could be much more exciting than it has been if you flex. Honor your opinions and who you are. Schedule interpersonal happenings for late in the day. Tonight: A midweek break. Use your imagination. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Tap into your creative spirit to find answers that could affect your daily life. Don’t push so hard. Stay centered. Your lively side would enjoy seeing a refreshing change. Use your practical streak for organizing your desk. Tonight: Rest up. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Plan all you want in the daylight hours, and you’ll gain. Know when to pull back and when to act. Right now, the daylight hours are think time. Your perspective could be a lot different if you step back. Tonight: Let your imagination rumble. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Adjust your plans. A conversation takes you in a new direction. You need to update your frame of reference as a result of a key situation. Come from a point of being centered when making a decision. Tonight: Head home. You need time. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A changing financial situation could have you verbalizing and brainstorming. Expenses could be out of whack. Listen to news, but don’t jump to conclusions. Talk to others, schedule

meetings and visit with friends. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Talk up a storm. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours. Your personality impresses someone who counts. You need to know when to back off. If you do, you could be the all-time winner. Invite a friend or loved one out to dinner. Tonight: Your treat. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to plan and understand. Your ability to be resourceful and sleuth out problems helps you come out smelling like roses. Schedule people-type activities for later in the afternoon. Tonight: Beam in what you want. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your lively manner and decisive thoughts make a difference to all the people around you. Understand what others think is the first step in helping them change their mind. A discussion will be successful if you follow this piece of advice. Think positively. Tonight: Relax. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are in the limelight. Verbalize your thoughts or an important hunch. You are on top of a question or an issue. You’ll gain if you follow through on a meeting in which you need to bring others together. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY
Singer Anita Baker (1958), singer, songwriter Lucinda Williams (1953), activist Angela Davis (1944) ***

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School board appreciation

Second graders at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently presented thank-you letters to the school board. These four students read their letters aloud. Wilson Elementary also presented the group with wooden name plates and homemade desserts for their spouses. Above: (back, from left) Tanya Larkin, principal, Barry Haenisch superintendent, Dr. Derrell DeLoach, Charles Smith, Lance DeFever, Lee Porter, Joe Martinez, (front, from left) Cameron Martin, Barak Reeves, Chelsea Dodd and Cameron Schaub.

People in the news ...

LONDON (AP) — The Arctic Monkeys sold almost 120,000 copies of their debut album in a single day, and it may become one of the year's top-sellers, retailers said.

The British band shot from obscurity to fame in a matter of months, thanks partly to savvy use of the Internet to market their music to fans.

A stream of adulatory media articles followed, and the group's debut singles, "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor" and "When the Sun Goes Down," both topped the British singles chart.

The band's album, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not," sold 118,501 copies within 24 hours of its release Monday, more than the rest of the top 20 album chart combined. If sales hold up, it will become Britain's fastest-selling debut, surpassing the 306,631 copies sold by Hear'Say's "Popstars" in 2001.

Phil Penman, head of music for retailer HMV, said Tuesday the Monkeys were "well on their way to having the first million-selling album of 2006."

Formed in 2003, the quartet from Sheffield in northern England signed last year to Domino, the independent record label that is home to Scots rockers Franz Ferdinand.

NEW YORK (AP) — Brooke Shields, who is pregnant with her second child, says of her baby due in May: "It's a girl!"

"I wasn't sure I was going to make this public," Shields told People magazine in a report Tuesday. "I'm thrilled for my daughter to have a little friend. Two Tauruses, it's a huge trick being played on me."

Shields' other daughter, Rowan, who is 2, was born in May.

The 40-year-old actress has been married to TV writer-producer Chris Henchy since 2001.

Shields chronicled her post-pregnancy experiences in a memoir, "Down Came the Rain: My Journey Through Postpartum Depression." Her outspo-

ken support of antidepressants prompted criticism from Tom Cruise, a Scientologist who opposes psychiatry and prescription medication to battle depression.

The actress, who began modeling as a toddler, has appeared in films including "Pretty Baby," "The Blue Lagoon" and "Endless Love." Her TV sitcom, "Suddenly Susan," ran from 1996 to 2000.

On the Net:
<http://people.aol.com/people>

'Colonel Sanders remains a Kentucky icon. His success story has been an inspiration to many. The industry he began has employed hundreds of thousands of workers over the years.'

— Ernie Fletcher
Kentucky governor

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — With a bust in the balance, Kentucky's governor is siding with Colonel Sanders over Pamela Anderson.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher wrote the "Stacked" actress to say a bust of the KFC founder will stay in the Kentucky Capitol, despite Anderson's claim that Sanders is a symbol of cruelty to chickens.

"Colonel Sanders remains a Kentucky icon," Fletcher wrote last week. "His success story has been an inspiration to many. The industry

he began has employed hundreds of thousands of workers over the years. His business and his legacy have been good for Kentucky."

Anderson has been involved in a public relations campaign with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to raise awareness of what she calls abuse of chickens in processing plants that supply poultry to the Louisville-based chicken chain.

She responded to the governor's decision in a letter Tuesday, saying Sanders' chief legacy is a company "that mutilates God's creatures."

In her letters to Fletcher, the 38-year-old actress has detailed alleged abuses of chickens by KFC suppliers. Among her claims, she said workers in a slaughterhouse in West Virginia have been filmed tearing the heads off live birds, spitting tobacco in their eyes and boiling the chickens alive in tanks of scalding water.

Reagan

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Dr. King, the man the Democrats honored by dishonoring his optimism, would never recognize today's so-called black leadership which grovels at the feet of the Democrat leadership in return for the crumbs the Democrats feed them, or the things that the self-appointed black leaders are espousing in his name, a name they have raped.

It's sad that a sizeable part of the black

community is being led by people who could never measure up to Dr. King's stature.

Hillary is right when she talks about a plantation. There is a plantation. It's a plantation where the Democrats have instilled anger and hatred in the minority communities. And this time, there's no Martin Luther King to lead them to the promised land. They are going to have to do it themselves.

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

Events calendar

• **Panhandle Community Services** has received funding for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. The program provides emergency utility assistance for qualifying low-income, elderly and disabled/handicapped families. To apply, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of income, current electric and gas bills and a 12 month billing history of electric and gas bills must be provided. Applicants may call their local Panhandle Community Services office at 665-0081 for more information.

• **AARP Tax-Aide**, a free, volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation and to become leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They assist customers one-on-one at tax sites or over the Internet and agree to a minimum commitment of four hours per week for a 10 week period.

For more information, call (806) 883-6871.

• **Pampa High Theater Arts Department** will host a Coffee Memorial Blood Center blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday. To participate, donors must be 17 years of age or older. Those who give blood will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, call Rhianna at 669-4800, ext. 333.

• **The Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Pampa Country Club. A social hour will be followed up by an Italian Buffet at 7 p.m. for \$15 per person. The speaker will be Mark McCasland of Baker Oil Tools, speaking on "Frac Point Completion System in Horizontal Wells." Memberships will be available at the door. Baker Oil Tools will donate door prizes.

• **The local WIC clinic** will be conducting vaccinations from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday at a charge of \$14.85 to \$20 for non-clients. For an appointment, call 665-1182.

Pet of the Week

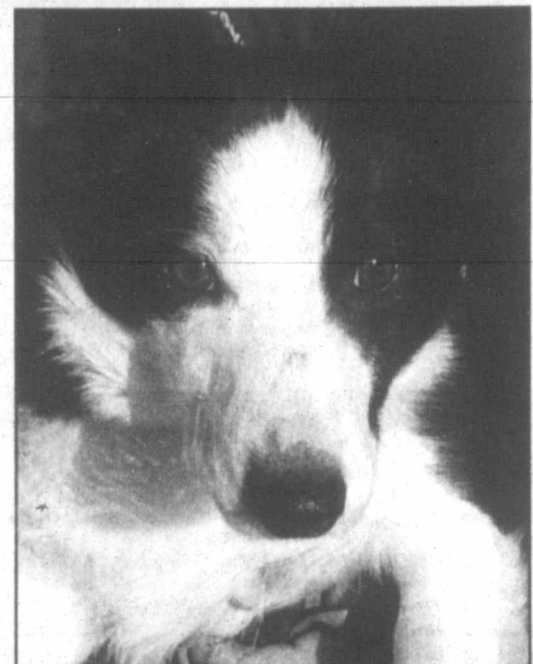
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