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Candidates' forum draws more than expected

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Treasurer Lee Cornelison summed up the race for his office at Thursday night's Republican candidates' forum when he said, "It's obviously the best job in Gray County because everybody wants it."

The three candidates for county treasurer drew the most questions at the forum, which attracted a full house. Organizers had set up 60 folding chairs, but soon added more as about 90 arrived.

The forum began at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. Top O' Texas Republican Women hosted the event.

Cornelison's office is one of only two contested races in the March 7 primary election. The other is that of county commissioner for Precinct 2.

There is only one Democratic candidate for any of the offices up for election. Lee Waters is running unopposed for re-election on the Democratic ticket as 223rd District judge.

Unopposed candidates were each allowed three minutes to address the audience. Those in contested races were given five minutes each, followed by additional minutes for each question asked.

Questions were submitted in writing by audience mem-



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

An estimated 90 Gray County residents and candidates attended Thursday night's Republican candidates' forum at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Each candidate in the March primary election was allowed an opportunity to address the audience and answer any questions which had been submitted.

bers before the meeting began, and all questions were asked by the moderator, Associate Judge Phil Vanderpool.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby, who is completing his first four-year term as county commissioner, is opposed by Durward Dunlap.

Dunlap spoke first, following alphabetical order which was used to determine candidates' speaking order in the opposed races.

"Believe me, I know what it is to pay a lot of taxes," Dunlap said. "I worked long and hard for my money and I don't want to see it wasted."

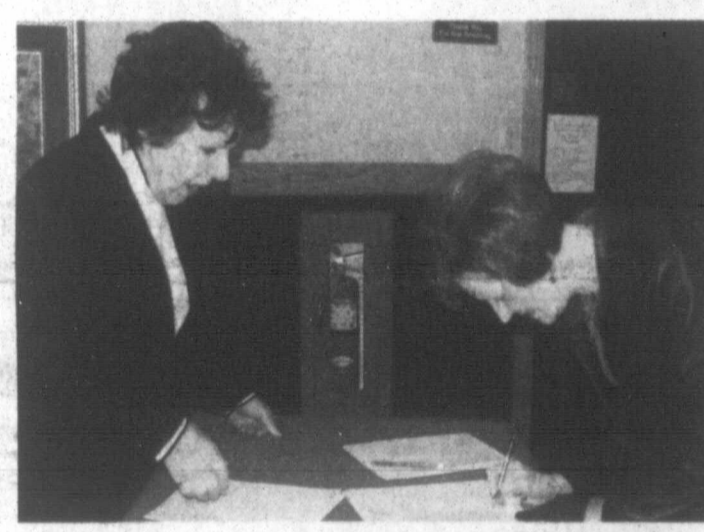
Dunlap owned Dunlap Industrial and had 75 employees at the time he sold the company several years ago.

Vanderpool asked four questions, beginning with what Dunlap's view was of the necessity to bid on county expenditures.

"My ideal is that everything should go through county businesses first. They should have first option," Dunlap said.

"Please discuss your understanding of a RINO (Republican In Name Only)," was the second

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Judy Coble, left, welcomes Brenda Condo to Thursday night's candidates' forum as Condo signs her name to an attendance sheet.

Board selects architecture firm for school facilities

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

The Pampa Independent School District board voted Thursday night to enter into negotiations with an architecture firm that will work with the facilities committee.

The board also named a committee that would look at responses to emergencies, such as the Travis incident in which a second grade boy brought an unloaded gun to school, and approved an amendment to the budget.

The architecture firm, PSC of Lubbock, was one of three firms that were discussed.

The facility committee will dis-

cuss with the firm what renovations and new building projects need to be done, and negotiate a cost for the project.

The committee named to look at emergency responses includes Ashley Pitner, Travis counselor as chairman; Sabrina East, PISD Parent Liaison Officer; Sarah Hollis and Jennifer Kidd, parents of Travis students; Doug Rapstine, Travis principal; and Travis teachers, Kay Pittman, Teresa Cironne and Jill Miller.

The committee's charge is to create a plan for Travis. However, other campuses in the district will be able to use that plan to tailor responses

that will meet their needs on their campuses.

Board member Derrell DeLoach praised Superintendent Barry Haenisch and Rapstine for helping form a partnership between parents and schools.

"This is a good idea," DeLoach said. "This will get it done."

The board also approved a proposal to amend the budget with an increase of \$325,650.

The breakdown is \$200,000 for replacement of computers that are five years old; \$50,000 for campus projects which include furniture, software and training; \$50,000 to purchase two used activity buses;

\$7,500 to purchase a new badge-making system for all staff that has the capability of adding student badges; \$8,150 for electrical work on the new scoreboard; and \$10,000 for custodial supplies and equipment.

Carol Fields, executive director of finance and business for PISD made the requests.

Board member Lee Porter suggested replacing one-fifth of all computers each year to keep current.

Haenisch said the only way to get that done is to put it in the budget.

"If the enrollment stays the same,

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Sales tax results show holiday spending was up

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa had a VERY good Christmas.

"This February check is for the December sales tax," said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

The City of Pampa received a check from the state comptroller's office this week for \$409,797.22.

That translates into more than \$27 million in sales in December for

Pampa retail stores.

The sales tax receipts were almost double any month in the months since the beginning of the city's fiscal year and almost \$100,000 more than the same month last year.

The February sales tax receipt for 2004-2005 was \$313,819.38.

For the first month of the fiscal year, October, the city received \$215, 978.46. In November, it

received \$291,377.86. The city received \$205,618.22 in December, and \$225,275.22 in January.

Each check reflects retail sales from two months before.

The \$409,797.22 the city received this month puts collected revenues more than 30 percent over what the city had projected.

The city had budgeted \$1,163,021.53 in revenues through February. It has received

\$1,348,046.98.

A smiling Horst pointed out that's \$185,025.45, or 15.91 percent, over what had been projected and budgeted for.

For the same period, the first five months of the fiscal year, the city is \$187,952, or 16.20 percent, ahead of last year.

Horst said December sales tax

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

CLENDENNEN, Opal L. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Hedley.
DICK, Audie S. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Opal L. Clendennen, 85

HEDLEY — Opal L. Clendennen, 85, died Feb. 16, 2006, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church of Hedley with Bruce Howard, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Clendennen was born Nov. 18, 1920, in VanZandt County. She had been a Hedley resident most of her life and married Tom Clendennen there on Jan. 26, 1952. He died in January 1991.

Mrs. Clendennen was a member of Hedley First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Seitz of Mobeetie; two sons, Tommy Clendennen of Amarillo and Tony Clendennen of Pampa; a sister, Alpha Nelson of Lewisville; a brother, Jake DeHart of Kaufman; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Hedley or the Hedley Senior Citizens Center.

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

Audie S. Dick, 80

Audie S. Dick, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 15, 2006, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Dick was born May 24, 1925, in Chelsea, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. He was employed by Cabot Corporation for over 30 years as a machinist.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and the V.F.W.

Survivors include one daughter, Audiene Bilgri and husband Myron of White Deer;

two granddaughters, Kory Shackelford and Stacey Lovejoy and husband David, all of White Deer; two great-grandsons, Brady Dunn and Jace Shackelford, both of White Deer; three great-granddaughters, Lainie Dunn, Emilee Lovejoy and Hannah Lovejoy, all of White Deer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Edward, Earl, Eugene, John, Lester, Virgil and Lee; and four sisters, Beatrice, Gladys, Ola and Beulah.

The family requests memorials be to Moosehaven in care of Moose Lodge Hall, 401 E. Brown, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 28. Wind chill values between 2 and 12. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Tonight: A slight chance of flurries before midnight, then a slight chance of snow showers. Areas of fog after midnight.

Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 10. Wind chill values between -4 and 6. East-southeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 25.

Wind chill values between

-6 and 4. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low near 15.

Wind chill values between zero and 10. South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A slight chance of snow and sleet. Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 31.

South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Southeast wind between

5 and 10 mph.

Presidents' Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 38. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 40. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 25.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 50.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-seven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2500 block of Evergreen and the 100 block of West 30th. The incident in the 2500 block of Evergreen involved a broken tail light and dented rear bumper, resulting in \$1,000 in damage.

An animal complaint was received from the 400 block of Graham.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of North Sumner and the 2300 block of Aspen.

Violation of a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission law was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 500 block of North Dwight.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of Darby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of West Foster and at PJHS, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at PJHS. No injuries were reported.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Short. A storm window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$75 damage.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1000 block of Charles.

Theft was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Gas drive-offs were reported on two occasions from Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. In one incident, fuel valued at \$29.93 was taken.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

Thursday, Feb. 16

3:29 p.m. — A four-door 1992 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Karen Hope Tambunga, 48, 2626 Seminole Dr., and a 2001 Buick Century, driven by Bobby Gene Hubanks,

76, 1109 W. Seneca Lane, collided in the 100 block of West 30th Avenue. Tambunga was cited for no proof of financial responsibility and for sticker on wrong vehicle.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Feb. 16

Shanna Eve Tambunga, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Divina Hernandez Pena, 37, of Plainview was arrested and transported by GCSO from Plainview to Pampa on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify.

Fred Henry Pitt, 47, of McLean was arrested and transported by GCSO from Plainview to Pampa for defective equipment, defective brakes, expired registration, two counts of expired motor vehicle inspection, two counts of failure to appear; bond surrenders for theft by check, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a controlled substance; and a Potter County sentence of four years to Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 16

7:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo.

9:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported a patient to PRMC.

Witness: Skilling directed him to mislead Enron board

HOUSTON (AP) — As Kenneth Rice prepared to tell the Enron Corp. board of directors in May 2001 about the company's broadband unit he headed, the outlook was bleak both for Enron Broadband Services and the

telecom industry in general. "Dangerously weak," he wrote in an early draft of a slide presentation to the board. "Bad news... Nobody is buying nothing."

The board, however, never saw or heard the gloomy prospects.

Rice, testifying Thursday at the federal fraud and conspiracy trial of former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling and company founder Kenneth Lay, said Skilling pressed him to paint a rosy, misleading picture for the board that was more in line with false statements Rice said he'd already made to financial analysts earlier that year.

"Mr. Skilling asked me to change direction, to make a different presentation," said Rice, who is among 16 ex-Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the government's investigation of the energy company's swift tumble into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001.

"He didn't like the way it flowed. He wanted to go back to the standard presentation we were using at the

analyst conference."

But Rice, the former CEO of the Enron broadband unit, said in his third day of testimony he had no documents and "only my recollection" to back up a 15- to 20-minute conversation he had along with Skilling in the CEO's office.

"From my conversation with Mr. Skilling, I gave up on the draft I was working on," Rice said.

In January 2001, Rice told Wall Street analysts who influenced the company's stock price that the business was poised for strong long-term financial performance. In reality, EBS was spending \$100 million per quarter and generating little revenue and business, Rice said.

In May, he touted the successes and bright prospects for his unit, that its broadband network was substantially complete and had an "excellent deal flow" in trading activities.

"What I presented to board was inconsistent with what was going on at EBS," said Rice.

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question. "Basically, we really don't have any Democrats. I invited them to vote in our primary, because they have a say also and pay taxes just like us," Dunlap said. Dunlap was then asked how he would improve county road conditions in Precinct 2, and he said, "You have to have a good foundation or the road won't hold up. I don't care what you put on top."

"What changes if any would you make in managing the precinct?" was the next question.

"I think I could work with my employees a little better than what we have had recently," Dunlap said, citing the importance of chain of command.

Willoughby said he had pared his precinct down to six employees from the eight in place when he was elected. He cited the addition of fire hydrants in the Cole Addition and more than 30 miles of caliche roads built in his precinct as some of his accomplishments.

He was asked the same four questions as Dunlap. He defined a RINO as someone who might not want it known that they voted

Republican. The need to seek bids is fair to all, Willoughby said. "If I'm going to buy a new piece of equipment, I want the best price for Gray County," he said.

Willoughby was asked about employee turnover in his precinct. He said one employee who had retired had later been hired back part-time, as had some other former precinct employees.

The treasurer's race prompted a question for County Judge Richard Peet, who is unopposed in his reelection bid.

He was asked if he thought a conflict would exist between the offices of county judge and county treasurer if his son, Tory Peet, one of the three candidates, was elected.

"No, I don't think so, because these are two independently elected positions," Richard Peet said. "I think the county commissioners have control over all offices as to budget. Other than that, daily operation is not under our control. So I see no conflict of interest."

Cornelison was asked six questions, beginning with what the primary duties and responsibilities of the county treasurer are.

"I am on the legislative committee of the Texas Association of Counties, and we are working with the

Legislature to better define what they are," Cornelison said.

The next question asked what Cornelison had done personally and professionally in the past four years to prepare himself for the position of treasurer.

"I've continued to stay abreast of legislative action. I've learned how to think about money and became a certified public investment officer," he said.

"What personal characteristics qualifies you for the office?" Vanderpool asked.

"I'm tenderhearted. I have a lot of love and I think honesty," Cornelison said.

"What changes have you made in the office and were the results achieved that were intended?" Vanderpool asked.

"Not every result has been achieved. I hope we can work through our chain of checks and balances to continue to improve Gray County," Cornelison said.

He was then asked to describe his understanding of the treasurer's work in relation to the work of the auditor's office.

"The auditor's office has final view of any work I do," Cornelison said.

The last question asked his understanding of the treasur-

er's working relationship with county commissioners' court.

"The treasurer responds to county commissioners' court. I don't make any policy. I respond. I'm also involved in checks and balances with them," Cornelison said.

Scott Hahn, another candidate for county treasurer, spoke of the 16 years he had previously served in the office.

"They were by far my favorite years, the best thing I have ever done," he said.

His achievements during his terms as treasurer include implementing the first computer system in the office, and financing the building of the new county jail almost totally with investment money.

Hahn was asked most of the same questions as Cornelison. He said the duty of the treasurer was the ability to get along well with those people the treasurer works with. He cited trustworthiness as the character trait that qualifies him for the office.

Hahn was asked about the relationship of the treasurer to the auditor's office and county commissioners, and what his relationship was to those two during his previous 16 years as county treasurer.

It is important for the county treasurer and auditor to get along together in a professional manner, Hahn said. Each has different responsibilities but use the same data, he said.

Budgeting is the main connection with the commissioners, he said, and the treasurer should do what he's told to do by them.

Hahn said his relationship with county auditors during his previous terms as treasurer were wonderful. He said he also had a good relationship with commissioners.

"Personally and professionally, I feel I got along well with them," he said.

Taxes

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receipts, which the city gets during the following February, are traditionally the highest of the year.

"This year did not disappoint us," Horst said.

If the city can maintain the current rate of sales tax returns, Horst said, Pampa will finish its fiscal year in September with an excess of \$437,498.34 of what had been budgeted. will finish its fiscal year in September with an excess of \$437,498.34 of what had been budgeted.

Board

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it can stay there," he said. DeLoach said he thought this might be an opportune time to get that done.

A chart showed that there are discrepancies in computer access at the different campuses. At the elementary schools, Austin has a ratio of nine students to one computer; Travis has five students to one computer; Lamar has seven students to one computer; and Wilson has four students to one computer.

Sam Haynes, transportation director for PISD, reported on the condition of two activities buses. One is nearly 40 years old and the other is deteriorating.

"TNM&O has seven 1993 charter-type buses with diesels for sale at \$25,000 each," he said.

Fields said paper towel dispensers in restrooms are 10 years old and broken, either from vandalism or just worn out. She said they could use 50 or 60 at \$50 each.

In other action, the board discussed the school calendar, which was open for public discussion. No one appeared to discuss the calendar and it will be on next month's agenda.

The board also authorized Fields to proceed with an emergency response plan that has been authorized under Senate Bill 11

and became effective Sept. 1, 2005.

Board members also adopted an election order and approved May 13 as election day for school board members. It will be held in conjunction with the city elections, and electronic voting machines will be used.

Early voting will begin May 1. Candidates have until March 13 to file for a place on the ballot.

The board also approved the sale of delinquent tax property at 744 E. Scott for \$100 to Hollie Carter of Pampa;

- several high school fund-raisers;
- the purchase of graphing calculators;
- set May 16 as the date to canvass the vote;
- TASB insurance proposal;
- second reading of TASB policy;
- board training hours, and;
- an enrollment and class size ratio report.

After an executive session to discuss contracts for administrators and the employment of a professional employee, the board approved extending all administration contracts for one year and approved the hiring of Alfonso Walker, who has been an extended substitute in the science department at Pampa High School.

Haensch said Walker has completed his certification and is eligible for hiring.

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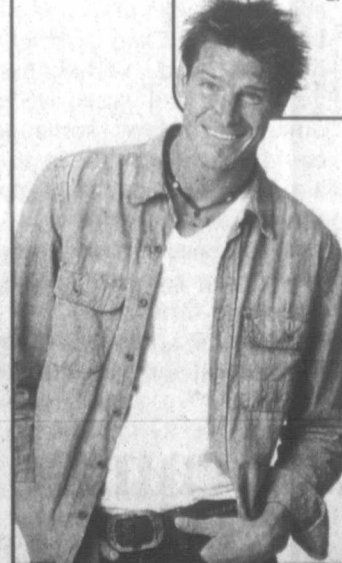
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Viewpoints

What can sometimes be learned from entertainment

The National Basketball Association's season started this year with a marketing campaign that featured Miami Heat star guard Dwayne Wade.

The ad featured highlights of Dwayne falling repeatedly to the floor and ended with the narrator proclaiming: "Fall down seven? Get up eight."

The ad reminded me of my favorite cartoon character, Wiley Coyote.

The lanky coyote often got blown up by dynamite,

shot out of cannon, fell thousands of feet to the ground, or was run over by a fast moving truck. While most people prefer the target of his fancy, the fleet footed Road Runner, I prefer the often-tripped up coyote because of the three life lessons he has taught me.

First, I learned that failure is an event and not a person. For years, Wiley relentlessly targeted the Road Runner with repeated and unsuccessful attacks. His antics kept the ACME Co. in busi-

ness. Yet one thing that could never be said of Wiley is that he never repeated the same attempt twice. If something didn't work, he went back to the drawing board and tried something different. The unique little quirk about Wiley is that whenever he fell down, he never lost his desire and he remained

determined. Secondly, I learned that the most natural thing to do when falling down is to get back up. Despite obvious pain and injury, the coyote always managed to lift his mangled and crumpled body up from the ground. For many, the easiest thing to do after falling down is to stay



David Cain
Columnist

down. By getting up repeatedly, Wiley taught a generation the lesson of persistence.

Lastly, I learned from Wiley that a successful person is not someone who fell the fewest number of times but rather it is a person who learned from every fall. That's why he never repeated the same approach twice; he learned what didn't work. If given enough episodes, I believe he would have eventually caught the fast bird.

Most people know of

Thomas Edison's successes, but few are aware that he had significantly more failures than successes. He learned from his failures. Failures may change our path toward achieving a goal but they should never change the goal itself.

As a child, the crazy cartoon was sheer entertainment. As an adult, the entertainment has turned into lessons that will last a lifetime. Fall down seven, get up eight.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2006. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

On this date:

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its world premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled

'We are what we pretend to be so we must be careful what we pretend to be.'

— Kurt Vonnegut
American author

that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

In 1986, Johnson and Johnson, maker of Tylenol, announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced capsule.

In 1992, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison (he was beaten to death in prison in November 1994).

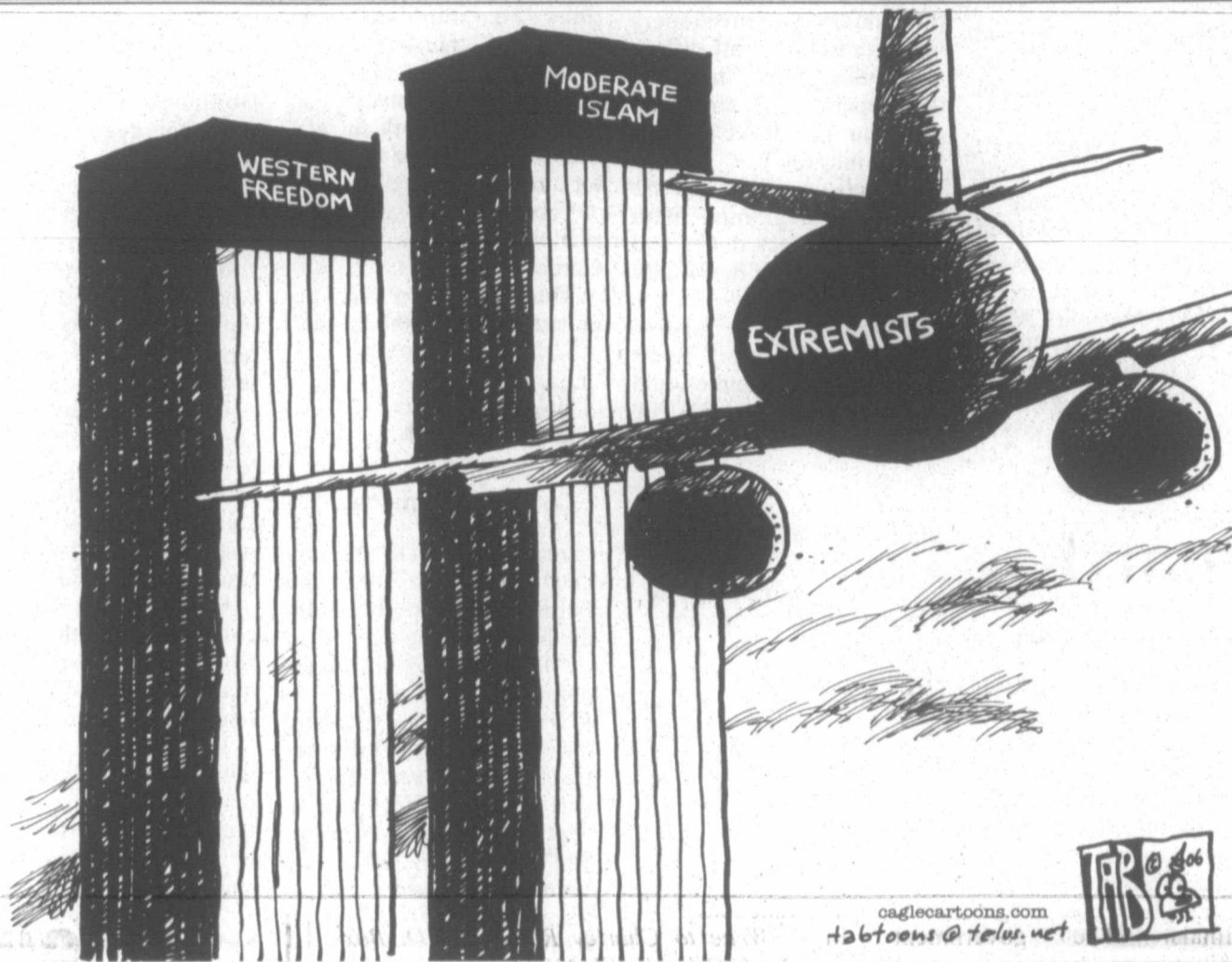
In 1995, Colin Ferguson was convicted of six counts of murder in the December 1993 Long Island Rail Road shootings (he was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison).

Ten years ago: World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match in Philadelphia (Kasparov had lost the first game, won the second, fifth and sixth games and earned draws in the third and fourth). Tidal waves killed more than 100 people in Indonesia.

Five years ago: Former Nation of Islam official Khalid Abdul Muhammad, known for his harsh rhetoric about Jews and whites, died at a hospital in Marietta, Ga., at age 53.

One year ago: President Bush named John Negroponte, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, as the government's first national intelligence director. Iraq's electoral commission certified the results of the Jan. 30 elections and allocated 140 of 275 National Assembly seats to the United Iraqi Alliance, giving the Shiite-dominated party a majority in the new parliament. Actor Dan O'Herlihy died in Malibu, Calif., at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Orrin Tucker is 95. Author Margaret Truman Daniel is 82. Actor Hal Holbrook is 81. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 76. Singer Bobby Lewis is 73. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 71.



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Angry moniker suits a shrilling Hillary

The most effective attacks in politics are those that stop your opponent from campaigning in his or her usual style.

When Democrats called Richard Nixon "negative" in the runup to the 1960 presidential election, it made it much more difficult for him to wage the type of slash-and-burn campaign that had animated his past races. When Republicans called Bill Clinton a "flip-flopper" during his first term, it made it harder for him to reach out to all constituencies and reach across ideological barriers as he instinctually always wanted to do.

Now, Ken Mehlman, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, has pinned the "angry" moniker on Hillary Clinton — a label that will increasingly stop her from venting her partisanship as she must to get nominated.

The genius of the Mehlman charge (doubtless drawn from focus group or survey research) is that it rings so true among those who follow Sen. Clinton

closely that it seems self-evident.

When Hillary denounces the deficit or wiretapping or drug prices or the administration's inaction on global climate change, she sounds, looks, and acts angry. And the reason is that she is angry.

Hillary takes her political positions very seriously and personally. She has a hard time seeing virtue in those who disagree with her. What others would dismiss as honest disagreements about how to accomplish good ends, she often looks at as a clash between good and evil, selflessness and selfishness, generosity and greed. (She once asked how someone could "be a Republican and a Christian at the same time.")

In her speeches and interviews, she has two speeds: bland and shrill.

When she has no sharp ideological or substantive

point to make, she relaxes and acts casual — tossing her head, giggling, feigning intimacy with the interviewer.

But when she has something to say, the passion burns inside her and metastasizes into anger and thence to shrillness. Like *Bella Abzug* before her, Hillary can't speak about issues without

coming across as harsh and angry. Mehlman captured that affect perfectly in his characterization of Hillary as "angry."

Bill Clinton, on the other hand, is gifted with a wide range of political expression. He can convey passion and commitment without raising his voice or gesticulating wildly with his arms. The raised eyebrow, the lilt in his voice, the sarcastic reference all do the trick. He does not need to come across as angry to make a point.

He is by far the more articulate of the couple and

has merged his genial persona with political rhetoric in a way Hillary has never learned how to do.

For Hillary, there is only the sound-bite, hyperbolic, aggressive, podium thumping, rhythmic partisan rhetoric — the kind typical of Ted Kennedy. That or bland nothingness.

Hillary's problem is that she has to run for president and make political points. But if she does so at the expense of her own popularity, she's in a no-win situation.

The fact is that Hillary has always gained in popularity by keeping quiet. Her "up" periods, when she gained in popular approval, were all accompanied by the sounds of silence. Her global tours after the health-care plan failed; her listening tour of New York state; her opening years in the Senate — all were characterized by a silence broken only by bland, vanilla interviews in which she worked hard at saying nothing.

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Dick Morris
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No president can be above the rule of law

It was appropriate that the issue of government domestic spying was raised at the recent funeral of Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family were victims of a vicious domestic spying program instigated by the federal government.

The parallels with today's domestic spy program are almost exact. It was done in the name of national security. It was authorized by the president, John F. Kennedy, and the attorney general, Robert Kennedy, and carried out by the FBI. There was a war on — in that case, the Vietnam War as well as the

Cold War. It was kept secret from the public.

The FBI not only tapped King's telephones but also planted bugs in places where he was staying. One tape, which allegedly implicated King in an extramarital affair, was sent to Mrs. King.

Now think about this. Here is the federal government secretly spying on an American citizen and trying to break up his family and disrupt the Civil Rights

Movement. And this was not done by some right-wing fanatic, but by two bona fide liberals, the Kennedy brothers.

The current president says he has authorized domestic spying without warrants only on those connected to terrorists, but he refuses to provide even Congress with enough information for his claim to be verified. As you can see from the King affair, even people with good intentions

can abuse government power in the heated atmosphere of war. We don't know who is being spied upon. We would not even know spying was going on but for a whistle-blower who tipped off The New York Times, which sat on the story for a year before finding the courage to publish it.

That every tyrant who ever lived rationalized his abuse of power by claiming to be protecting the people or the empire or the country is kindergarten basic civics. We should know better at this point in our history. We

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NYC police kill woman who allegedly stabbed neighbor

NEW YORK (AP) — Officers shot and killed a 65-year-old woman after they said she stabbed her neighbor at least eight times in an apparent dispute over the woman's cat, and then refused their orders to drop her knife.

The cat, Dickie, suffered a serious stab wound to its right eye in the attack Thursday at a two-story apartment house on Staten Island.

Police spokesman Paul Browne defended the shooting, saying it appeared to be within departmental guidelines. It happened at about 8:15 a.m. after officers responded to a report of an assault in progress.

When the officers arrived, a handyman said he saw Stephanie Lindboe grabbing neighbor Linda Padula by her hair and repeatedly stabbing her in the head, neck and shoulder with a kitchen knife.

The officers found Padula, 59, bleeding profusely and pleading for help just inside the door of her apartment. As one of the officers went to her aid, Lindboe flung open the

door of the apartment across the hall and brandished the knife over her head with both hands, police said.

The officer tried to retreat and civilian witnesses heard him shout, "Police! Drop the knife! Drop the knife!"

Lindboe continued to move toward the officer, knife still raised, prompting him to fire two shots, police said. One shot hit her in the chest.

The woman was pronounced dead at Staten Island University Hospital; Padula was in serious condition with eight stab wounds.

Neighbors told police the argument may have been sparked because Dickie often defecated in the hallway.

It was unclear how Dickie was wounded. The cat was being treated at an animal hospital.

Family members told investigators that Lindboe had been under psychiatric care, but they gave no specifics about her illness.

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are a nation of laws, not an empire and not a monarchy. Our Constitution deliberately created a weak chief executive.

The president, for example, is not our commander in chief. He's the commander in chief of the armed forces. As far as we civilians are concerned, he is just the administrator of laws passed by Congress. He cannot make laws. He cannot assume powers not given to him by the Constitution or by Congress. He must obey all the laws just the same as you and me.

A problem for many Americans is that they have never lived in the free republic created by our forefathers. We became a war state during World War II, and the Cold War was used as an excuse to maintain a war state and to expand it. We are spending more on defense than most of the rest of the world combined at a time when the only threats we face are isolated attacks by a loosely organized band of criminals. The government in Washington has become as secretive as the old Soviet Union.

Too many Americans are willing to let demagoguery scare them into writing a blank check to any politician who claims he will protect them from the boogeyman. I, for one, will never surrender this free republic, no matter how many enemies, real or imagined, are at the gates. What would be the point? Our ancestors fought for freedom and independence, not for a dictatorship. You can't be free if you give the president unlimited powers to violate both the laws and the Constitution.

The tension between a government of law and a government of men runs throughout American history. What worries me is that while there seems to be constituencies for every special interest in the world, there is little or no constituency for liberty and the rule of law.

I would like to see all Americans send the president a simple message: "With all due respect, sir, obey the damned laws or resign. Both the law and the Constitution require warrants for domestic spying. Get them. Both the law and the Constitution require that Congress exercise oversight. Cooperate with Congress. You are a public servant, not a God-anointed ruler of a kingdom."

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Morris

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But when Hillary has to speak out, she usually drops in the polls. During the early days of her husband's first run for the White House; when she tried to sell health-care reform in 1993-'94, and over these past few months,

as she tries to lead her party, her outspokenness has worn poorly with the public.

Six months ago, the Fox News poll had Hillary's favorability up to 54 percent. Now it's down to 49 percent (with 45 percent rating her unfavorably).

The circumstances of Hillary's presidential candidacy seem to make her nomination inevitable. But her

lack of political or platform skills may prove to be a serious and perhaps lethal handicap.

She's absolutely got to develop a third style — something between a smile and a bark.

Can her handlers teach an old dog new tricks?

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Events calendar

- The next Pampa Area Christian Singles dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes with Earl Witt. Couples are welcome. Admission will be \$6 per person. For more information, call 665-7059.

- Hutchinson County Crisis Center's board of directors will host an "early spring garage sale" from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the little house on 210 Madison Avenue in Borger. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the center's outreach office and shelter. To donate items for the sale, contact organizer Karen Brown at (806) 857-0300.

- Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Saturday; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

- Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout October. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28.

- Top O' Texas Rodeo Office, 200 N. Baillard, will be accepting entry forms, fees and pictures no later than March 1 for the 2006 Miss Rodeo pageants to be held in June. Entry forms, rules and general information are available at the

rodeo office. For more information, call 665-6093 or 669-0434.

- Once again Shamrock will be hosting its Saint Patrick's Celebration and Miss Irish Rose Pageant March 17-20. The Miss Irish Rose scholarship pageant is open to all ladies from any region who are between the ages of 14 and 19 and are in high school. The 2006 Miss Irish Rose, her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will all receive a scholarship to the college of their choice. For more information, send a SASE to Miss Irish Rose, Attn Dana Hosack, P.O. Box 43, Shamrock, TX 779079; or call the chamber of commerce at (806) 256-2501. The deadline for entries is March 1.

- The Texas Association of Armed Guardsmen will hold its annual meeting March 2-4 in Fredericksburg. The association has no dues and is trying to reach all guardsmen who do not know about the organization. All World War II merchant marines are invited to the meeting as well. For more information, call (325) 942-6756 or (512) 671-3464.

- Saint Francis Knights of Columbus, 10 miles east of Amarillo, will host two all-you-can-eat fish fry's from 6-8 p.m. March 3 and April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1121.

- College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8 the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 (without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's Web site at www.actstudent.org.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

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Gladys Coolbaugh and her teenage son, Eugene, walked into our revival service on the first evening. They were the only people who I ever knew who came to a revival meeting because of a church sign, and an ugly sign at that.

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months later both of them surrendered their lives to Jesus and were baptized.

During the next two months of study, Gladys expressed over and over again her concerns about becoming

a Christian. Often she would say, "I cuss like a sailor, sometimes I drink like a fish, I smoke like a chimney and I have a temper that won't quit. How can I ever live like God wants

me to?"

Over and over again, we kept pointing her back to the scriptures concerning the power of God and made sure that she noticed that it didn't say anything about



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

the power of Gladys. Verses like Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

After her conversion, everyone wondered how long it would take for a real

change to be visible. We didn't have to wait long. At our weekly study, Gladys told me, "Mike, the Lord has delivered me from my drinking and my smoking and my cussing and my temper fits."

I was sure that she meant well, but I tried to get her to see that the struggle could be slow. Every time I talked this way, she would tell me, "Mike, you aren't listening. God has delivered me from all four problems."

She was right, and I was

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Church briefs

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church, 211 E. Francis, will air a special educational movie, "The Duke of Earl," on gang initiation and membership and the gang lifestyle.

This true story will be shown to the public at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Potter's House. No admission will be charged to view the film.

Potter's House meets at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays. The church hosts a Home Bible Study on Fridays and prayer before each service.

To find out more about Potter's House, call (806) 231-2824 or 665-0368.

CANYON — St. Ann's Catholic Church will have its 15th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5 at the church's Parish Family Center, 605 38th St., in Canyon.

The church will have a drawing, country store, arts and crafts and more.

The menu will consist of sausage, sauerkraut, bread, parsley potatoes, cobbler and all the trimmings.

Take-out will be available. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 12 years of age. Children 5 and under eat free.

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

This hymn is also called the "Navy Hymn" because of its association with the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Written in 1869 by William Whiting of London, it was Franklin D. Roosevelt's favorite hymn and was sung at this funeral. In November of 1963, it was played as President John F. Kennedy's casket was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my mid-30s, recently divorced for the second time. I was married for 13 years. Abby, my ex won't leave me alone. He calls me constantly, and if I won't talk to him, he starts threatening me. Hanging up on him doesn't work; it makes him that much angrier. He threatens to damage my vehicle, and says he has people watching my daughter when she goes out on the one night that she is allowed. He will call and tell me where she went, who she was with and what time she came home. He has me watched, too. I don't go out except to work and to the grocery store. Calling the police is not an option because that will just make it even worse on me. Please help me. — **BEING WATCHED, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

DEAR WATCHED: There is a name for the harassment you and your daughter are receiving. It's called **STALKING**. Although you may not be aware of it, there is a law against stalking in Alabama. After I read your letter, I contacted your chief of police and read it to her. She advises that you should document every incident -- which can include recording those threatening phone calls -- and file a police report. I wish you had been more specific about the reason for your reluctance to inform the police. If you are frightened because your ex-husband is somehow connected to law enforcement, this crime should be reported to Internal Affairs so they can investigate the charges. The longer you remain silent, the longer his intimidation will continue.

DEAR ABBY: I married late, to a wonderful man I'll call "Juan." Our courtship was very brief. We are fine. My problem is his family.

Everyone was very cordial at first, but during a brief rough patch early on in our marriage, his family made it clear where the line was drawn -- me on one side, all of them on the other. (I have no immediate family of my own, just a couple of close girlfriends I consider to be "family.") Juan was caught in the middle. Since then, we have come to an understanding regarding holidays, birthdays, etc. If I work the holiday, Juan spends it with his family. If not, he's home with me for the majority of it, but makes a short visit to them. (We live in the same town.) We split Juan's birthday. If someone from his family phones the house, I'm pleasant, but other than that we don't speak. My question concerns my elderly mother-in-law. There's a language barrier, and she usually believes what anyone tells her, which early on was unflattering where I was concerned. Due to her advanced age, there will be a funeral I have to contend with at some point. I feel I should be there for Juan when the time comes, but I have absolutely no desire to be around any of the rest of his family. What should I do? — **JUAN'S WIFE**

DEAR WIFE: When the time comes, take your cue from your husband. If he would like you to be there, then attend the funeral with him and be pleasant to his family. If he prefers to go alone, you'll be off the hook. P.S. Between you and me, you should be prepared to go. When a man loses his mother, he usually wants the person closest to him to be near him -- and that should be you.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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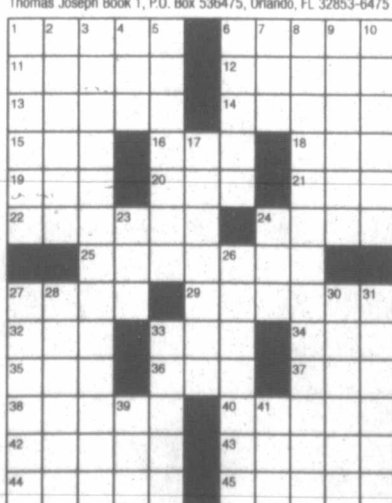
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Yesterday's answer

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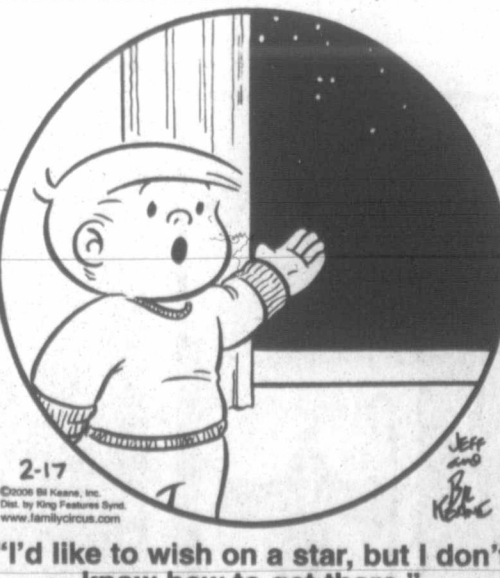
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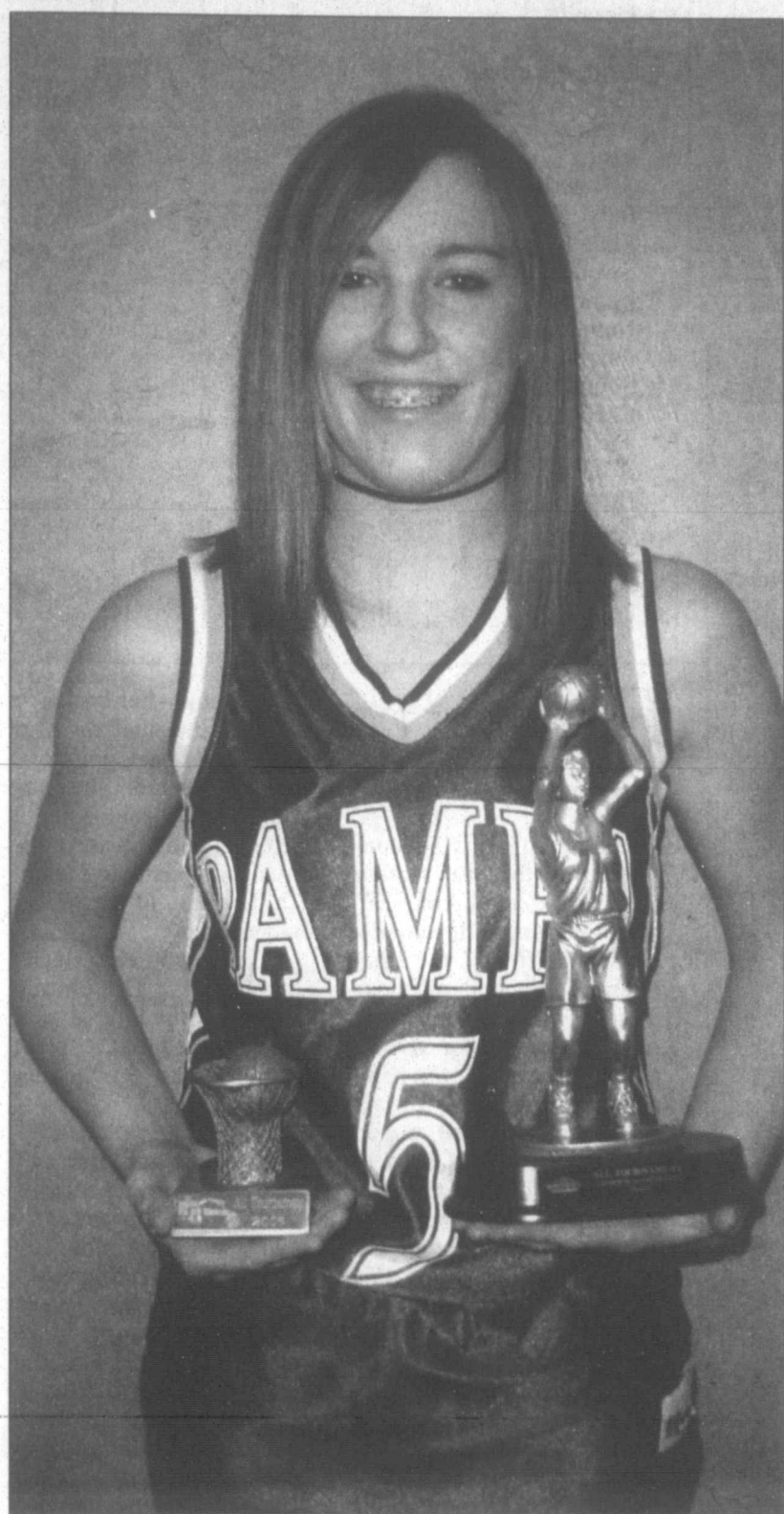


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Sports Day

Hardware honors



Courtesy photo

Lady Harvester Britteni Rice holds two of the trophies recently received for her performance this season, including her selection to the All Tournament team in the Caprock Tournament last December. A Lubbock AMBUCS representative presented Rice the trophy last week. Rice and coach Troy Fry were in Amarillo Thursday where she was awarded the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce's January Player of the Month award.

Pampa soccer teams end first half of district season today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa soccer teams wrapped up the first half of district play earlier today when they met Caprock in Amarillo. Games were scheduled to begin at noon.

On the boys' side, Pampa will go for its third district win in a row when they take the field against the Longhorns. Said head coach Byron May, "We need to finish off Caprock today in order to gain control of our own playoff destiny." The Harvesters entered the game 7-6 overall, 2-2 in District 3-4A.

Caprock was 1-10, 1-3 going into today's game, their lone win coming by way of a shutout against Canyon last week.

Noted Coach May, "The important thing is that we out-hustle everybody we play." He continued, "Our skill is good enough to win, but it's nothing without a complete team effort."

The last time Pampa matched up against Caprock, the two teams were playing with a playoff berth on the line. Caprock held Pampa to a 1-1 tie, and claimed third place.

For the Ladies, they are in the middle of a season that has seen them take on every challenge thrown at them, including less-than-perfect weather conditions. For the most part, wind has been an issue. Probably not a lot of wind today, but no doubt cold temperatures made things tough when they met the Lady 'Horns earlier today.

Results will be posted in Sunday's Sports Day.

SOFTBALL

Borger game today canceled

The Borer Softball Tournament scheduled to begin today has been canceled according to Pampa head coach Bobbi Gill. Officials may try to field games Saturday, weather permitting. Pampa is scheduled to play again Tuesday against Lubbock Coronado in Canyon.

WTAMU home opener postponed

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University baseball team's home opener, originally slated for today, has been postponed until Monday due to the cold weather expected to hit the area this weekend.

Temperatures are expected in the low 30's with winds predicted to be around 30 mph with the possibility of snow storms as well.

The Buffs will now open home action against Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Potter County Memorial Stadium in Amarillo Monday with a pair of seven inning contests at beginning at 1 p.m.

Potter County Memorial Stadium is

currently undergoing some construction renovations, and fans are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on, as not all of the seats are currently installed. A second-half of the four-game home series will be made up at a later date during the season.

After starting off 1-2 at College of the Southwest, WTAMU swept Sul Ross State University at Alpine to improve to 3-2 on the young season.

Senior Drew Conley has started off hot for the Buffs, hitting .500 with nine hits including a double and a home run. Conley is also leading the team with 13 total bases and is tied for team-high in runs scored along with junior

lead-off man Cody Dean.

WTAMU is looking to extend their winning streak to three games for the first time since the middle of March, 2004.

The Buffs will then hit the road to play a doubleheader at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview Tuesday. The Buffs continue on the road at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. Feb. 24 and 25. WTAMU will be back in Amarillo March 3-5 to welcome the University of Central Oklahoma for the weekend.

UCO is currently ranked #1 in the nation according to the NCAA Division II poll.

Jacobellis' flub makes Frieden a champion

BARDONECCHIA, Italy (AP) — Lindsey Jacobellis had the Olympic women's snowboardcross won, and then — incredibly, inexcusably — she made one last move on the next-to-last jump and fell.

She lost.

Coasting to what should have been an easy victory, the American grabbed her board on the way to the finish line. It caused her to fall and while she scrambled to her feet, Switzerland's Tanja Frieden sped past and became the first champion in the strange and wild sport of Olympic women's snowboardcross Friday.

Jacobellis won silver, but should have had the gold. She was well, well ahead of Frieden, and the other two women in the four-rider final had fallen long before.

Snowboarding is about style, though, so Jacobellis

decided to show off for the fans in front of the grandstand near the end of her ride. But after she landed from her grab, she caught an edge, then went tumbling outside the blue line. When she recovered, she trailed Frieden over the finish line, then put her hands on her knees and held her palms up.

Jacobellis insisted she wasn't showing off.

"When you grab in boardercross you're trying to get back on the ground as fast as possible," she said. "You try to be stable in the air."

U.S. coach Peter Foley fell onto the ground in disbelief.

He said Jacobellis has always had a tendency to grab her board for stability, but after looking at a frame-by-frame breakdown of the jump shot by Associated Press photos, he conceded

Jacobellis probably had gone over the top.

"She definitely styled that a little too hard," he said.

Foley wasn't alone.

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Breeder says missing show dog bolted at high speed

NEW YORK (AP) — The award-winning whippet who escaped from her travel cage at Kennedy Airport bolted across tarmac at 25 mph as workers chased her on foot and in three cars, her breeder said Friday.

One officer was within feet of her when she nosed into a marsh area and disappeared.

The 3-year-old whippet, known as Champion Bohem C'est La Vie or Vivi, took off as she was about to be loaded onto a plane for the flight home to California on Wednesday.

She had been in New York for the Westminster Kennel Club show, where she won an award of merit.

Vivi was still missing Friday, her breeder, Bo Bengtson, told The Associated Press.

Airport workers had pursued her in three cars, clocking the dog's speed at 25 mph, Bengtson said.

"They almost caught her," Bengtson said. "It started out perfectly."

A police officer from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey got within four feet of her but couldn't call her because he didn't know her name, owner Jil Walton said Thursday. Walton said she thought the travel cage had been properly secured.

Authorities called off the official search for Vivi on Thursday, although officers in the area are still keeping an eye out for the runaway.

Dog experts say whippets, athletic dogs similar to greyhounds, are known to run off and hide for as long as four days before re-emerging.

Walton and co-owner Paul Lepiane are offering an unspecified reward for Vivi's return. The show dog, Lepiane said, is valued between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Winter Olympic Medals Table

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At Turin, Italy

Through 2 of 3 medals Friday, Feb. 17

36 of 37 total medal events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Norway	1	6	6	13
Germany	5	4	2	11
Russia	5	2	4	11
United States	6	3	1	10
Canada	1	3	5	9
Austria	3	2	1	6
China	1	2	3	6
Switzerland	2	2	1	5
Italy	2	0	3	5
Finland	0	2	3	5
Sweden	2	1	1	4
France	2	0	2	4
Netherlands	1	2	1	4
Estonia	3	0	0	3
South Korea	1	1	1	3
Czech Republic	0	2	0	2
Australia	1	0	0	1
Britain	0	1	0	1
Bulgaria	0	1	0	1
Croatia	0	1	0	1
Slovakia	0	1	0	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

DAYTONA 500

Gordon, Sadler win qualifying races

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Elliott Sadler thinks it's time to take his team up to championship-level caliber. Jeff Gordon wants to get back there.

Each made strides toward those goals Thursday by winning qualifying races at Daytona International Speedway. The races are a tuneup for the season-opening Daytona 500, the biggest race of the season.

Gordon, the defending race winner and a three-time Daytona 500 champion, is clearly the driver to beat. He was second in time trials and dominated his heat race.

"I think with our track record here at Daytona, with the performance that we've got going for us already this week, I'd like to think that we're one of the favorites," he said. "But whether we're the guy to beat or not, we'll find out in the closing laps of the 500."

A win would be a boost for Gordon, who is coming off a disappointing season that saw him miss the Chase for the championship. But he knows he'll have a lot of competition, particularly from Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson.

"I don't know how you can just pick one guy, there's strong cars out here," Gordon said. "I felt like (Sadler) was really strong in that first race. I know that Tony and Junior and Jimmie and those guys weren't in our race are going to be strong."

Sadler hopes he's one of the contenders, and will lean on past lessons learned to transfer the momentum from this win into Sunday's event. He won a qualifying race in 2004, only to fade to a seventh-place finish in the 500.

And teammate Dale Jarrett was in the same spot last season after winning a qualifier, and he wound up a disappointing 15th.

But Sadler believes his team is more prepared at the start of the season than ever before.

"From a mental standpoint, not from a nut-and-bolts thing with the race car, but from a mental standpoint I think this team is more focused and more ready to go," Sadler said. "I feel like I'm the quarterback of this race team. It's time for me to act like it."

The qualifying races are used to set the field for the Daytona 500, and 23 drivers went into Thursday vying for the four open spots on the starting grid.

"I think with our track record here at Daytona, with the performance that we've got going for us already this week, I'd like to think that we're one of the favorites."

— Jeff Gordon
NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver

Kevin LePage and Bill Elliott each raced their way in during the first event, then Mike Wallace and Kirk Shelmerdine grabbed the other two spots. A quirk in the way the field is determined pushed Robby Gordon into the 500 before he even began his qualifying event, rectifying the disappointment of last season when he was shut out of the biggest race of the year.

"To make it into the 500 will definitely get the ball rolling," Robby Gordon said. "You know, it's hard to keep guys' morale up when you miss the biggest race of the year."

"And we've got some momentum now, and hopefully we'll be able to maintain that momentum."

Among the drivers who failed to make the race was Scott Riggs, who

moved into the strongest ride of his career this season when he was hired by Evernham Motorsports, and Scott Wimmer, who ran a full season last year.

"To be here and miss this race, it's bad and I hate it," Riggs said. "This is something we knew could happen coming in here with a new team. But this isn't the end of our season. It's just the beginning."

Also missing out was 1990 Daytona 500 winner Derrike Cope, and Paul Menard in a car fielded by Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Things were rather uneventful in the first race until Chad Chaffin blew a tire with two laps to go.

NASCAR threw out a caution flag, and as the field worked its way around the track the lead drivers noticed a chunk of debris from Chaffin's car in the middle of the asphalt. They all slowed to avoid running over it, and Sterling Marlin was unable to avoid hitting anyone.

He swerved into the back of Jarrett's car, severely damaging his own vehicle while sending the unsuspecting Jarrett spinning into the grass. Marlin will have to go to a backup car for the 500.

NASCAR didn't have to scold anyone for bump drafting, an aggressive racing technique that has been under fire since last Saturday's exhibition race. Tony Stewart warned the problem was so bad that someone could be killed during the 500, so NASCAR warned the drivers during their pre-race meeting that it would be policed and penalized Thursday.

The drivers listened and avoided bump drafting.

"It comes down to knowing what you are doing out there," Earnhardt said. "There are guys there, not naming any names, but there are guys you don't want to get bump-drafted by. And there are guys that you love to see in your rearview mirror."

Flub

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"Sometimes it's subconscious, but that was putting on a show," said American Seth Wescott, the men's champion from the day before. "It's one of those things. I did it in my early rides yesterday but you've got to choose your time and make sure you don't miss."

That debate will linger. Either way, it was hard to think the only American rider in the women's finals — one of the best in the world — could blow this one.

But she did. Her flub left the American contingent standing in the bleachers stunned and shocked — Frieden, as well. She knew she had no business winning the gold.

Thus ended another strange and memorable day on the snowboardcross course, where it's the side-by-side racing that usually causes the thrills and spills.

That was very much the case at the top of the course in the finals. Canadian Maelle Ricker, the fastest woman in qualifying, came off a jump, rotated awkwardly, caught her backside

edge on the landing and smacked her back and head onto the ground. She was taken off the course on a stretcher. She was conscious and was being taken to a hospital in Turin for observation.

A few moments later, teammate Dominique Maltais, the eventual bronze medalist, went careening into the netting after a jump.

That made it a two-woman show and it wasn't even a contest. Jacobellis could have practically crawled the rest of the way to the finish line. She probably wishes she had.

During the awards ceremony, she stood on the podium beneath Frieden and smiled, but there looked to be some tear stains there.

Jacobellis came into the Olympics as one of the best-known Americans, a poster child for her sport, to say nothing of the credit card company she endorsed. She'll also leave as a poster child for something much different — the whole idea of making sure the victory is sealed before you celebrate.

Arena Football League Standings

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000	166	135
New York	2	1	0	.667	163	185
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	132	114
Columbus	1	2	0	.333	118	135

Southern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Austin	3	0	0	1.000	154	113
Orlando	2	1	0	.667	126	122
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	146	155
Georgia	1	2	0	.333	167	153
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	118	143

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Colorado	3	0	0	1.000	191	170
Nashville	2	1	0	.667	165	111
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	159	171
Grand Rapids	1	2	0	.333	139	145

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	2	0	.333	152	177
Los Angeles	1	2	0	.333	114	144
San Jose	1	2	0	.333	141	149
Utah I	2	0	.333	182	175	
Arizona	0	3	0	.000	115	151

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Utah at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Plushenko takes gold, Weir falls short

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The Olympic gold medal and everything that went into winning it felt so good to Evgeni Plushenko that he wants to do it again.

That leaves the rest of the world's top figure skaters in big trouble. The gap between the Russian star and the other medalists is as wide as the distance between Turin and Vancouver, where the 2010 Winter Games will take place.

"I think about the next Olympics now," he said after extending the Russia/Soviet men's figure skating gold medal streak to five games. "I am only 23, and in four years I will be only 27. It's a good age for a skater."

"I love skating, I love winning, it's my life."

Life has been very good for the three-time world champion. So good that he didn't need one of those take-your-breath-away performances to add gold to the silver medal he won four years ago.

Plushenko beat world champion Stéphane Lambiel of Switzerland by an unfathomable 27.12 points. Canada's Jeff Buttle won the bronze, with Americans Evan Lysacek and Johnny Weir next. Matt Savoie, the other U.S. skater, was seventh.

None of them approached Plushenko's level. They now have four years to get there. They might need every minute of it.

"There are years between Plushenko and everybody else," said Weir, who will stick around to chase the Russian. "If you look at the top six after the short program, we've all come about after Plushenko. ... Plushenko has been competing in Grand Prix events since I started skating."

Plushenko has been a force in figure skating for eight years and had a sometimes-bitter rivalry with former training partner Alexei Yagudin, the 2002 Olympic winner. When Yagudin left the sport, Plushenko grabbed nearly every championship available.

But it was all in pursuit of this championship.

"It was my dream when I was 4," he said. "I saw a competition and said to my mum, 'I have to be there.' I said that I wanted to be an Olympic champion. Now I have all the titles and I am really very happy."

The first competitor in the final group, Plushenko skated cautiously. At times, he was so slow he looked as if he needed a push to get across the ice, and he lacked his usual flair.

So what.

Skating to "The Godfather," he opened with a quadruple toe loop-triple toe-double loop combination, followed with a triple axel-double toe, and it was over right there.

He was far too good for the rest of this field, finishing with a score of 167.67 points in the free skate and 258.33 overall.

The five remaining skaters knew the gold no longer was attainable — and none of them made a definitive grab for the silver and bronze.

Lambiel and Buttle were more survivors, especially after Weir imploded.

"I was off, it was an off night," said the 21-year-old Weir. "But I will be back in four years, hopefully for a medal."

Weir two-footed a triple axel, had a shaky landing on a triple lutz, did a sloppy triple flip and spun as if he didn't really want to turn. With only one combination jump, his medal chances flew away and he ended up sixth in the free skate.

He even stormed out of the rink when his mediocre marks were shown, the end of a miserable night that he says began with, of all things, transportation problems.

"I missed the bus. They changed the schedule," Weir said. "It was every 10 minutes. Today it was every half-hour. I was late getting here and never caught up. I never felt comfortable in this building. I didn't feel my inner peace. I didn't feel my aura."

His collapse allowed Lysacek to soar past Weir, from 10th to fourth.

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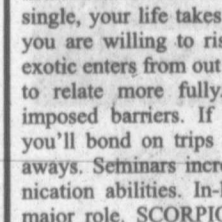
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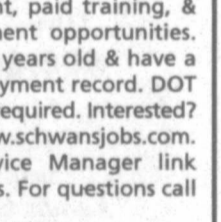
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New withholding rule applies to all non-resident alien workers

By Tim W. McAlavy
Texas A&M News

CANYON — All U.S. employers are now required to collect and file withholding for non-resident alien workers, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"That's the word from the Internal Revenue Service, effective Jan. 1, 2006," said Jay Yates, Extension risk management economist based at Lubbock, speaking to participants at the 2006 High Plains Vegetable Conference here.

"IRS Publication 51 details how this must be done and contains a chart to help you figure withholding for these employees," he said. "The chart can help you figure withholding on weekly, monthly and other pay periods."

Publication 51, Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide, is available online at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p51_05.pdf.

"I have been asked whether Quickbooks software is capable of handling this new requirement," Yates said. "At this point, I don't know."

Yates also noted that non-resident alien employees are also required to file a W4 form. The IRS now has English and Spanish-language versions of this form available online at: <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,,id=97817,00.html>. An IRS withholding calculator is available online at: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals>.

"There is also a new W9 form for contractors that also is available in Spanish," Yates said. "And there is a new I9 immigration form available from the Immigration and Naturalization Service."

"President Bush proposed a new temporary worker program in early January, so we could see a change in the current program sometime this year or next."

The Social Security Administration has piloted a voluntary employee identification program for U.S. employers, he said.

The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) program enables Federal, state, and local government agencies and licensing bureaus to obtain immigration status information they need in order to determine a non-citizen applicant's eligibility for many public benefits.

It also administers employment verification pilot programs that enable employers to verify the work authorization of their newly hired employees, according to the administration's program Web site.

The SAVE program is available online at: <http://ucis.gov.graphics/services/SAVE.htm>.

"President Bush has mentioned this program, so it could become mandatory rather than voluntary," Yates said. "The online program is much faster for employers to use than the old Audix telephone system."



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by Tim W. McAlavy)

Texas Cooperative Extension economist Jay Yates told High Plains Vegetable Conference participants about changes in labor laws for 2006. One such change is that employers will have to collect and file withholding for non-resident alien workers. The Internal Revenue Service has information online to help employers with this new tax process.

Increased emphasis on national border security may bring temporary worker programs into the limelight, Yates said.

"A temporary or guest worker program of some kind is essential for many businesses in this country, across all sectors — agricultural and non-agricultural," he said.

Yates coordinates Extension's FARM Assistance program in and around Lubbock. FARM Assistance is part of Texas Cooperative Extension's Risk Management Education Program. It helps individuals generate sound, statistically-based strategic financial analyses to make informed management decisions.

Data from these analyses provide a significant amount insight on the agricultural industry, as a whole, and enables FARM Assistance to conduct research to help industry groups, policymakers, and individuals identify trends and gauge impacts at the industry-level.

Information on FARM Assistance is available online at: <http://farmassistance.tamu.edu>.

Ed Curry, of Curry Seed and Chile Company, Pearce, Ariz., encouraged conference participants to "talk to your Congressmen ... let them know this (temporary worker program) is essential for agriculture and other businesses."

"It's a myth that we (agricultural employers) hire these workers because they are cheap labor," Curry said. "We need to pattern our guest or temporary worker program after those that already exist successfully in other nations."

Vice

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wrong. He did deliver her. I never heard her say another cuss word, never saw her smoke another cigarette, never saw her take another drink and never heard anything about her infamous temper. There is no limit to the power of God.

Dave Griner was a boiler inspector who loved steam locomotives. Dave was obsessed with building a "to scale" steam locomotive. He worked every spare moment on that one project. When the Lord brought about a Bible study opportunity with him and his wife Nancy, I didn't think it would ever go anywhere.

How can you get a man to surrender to Jesus when he loves his hobby more than anyone or anything in the world? Well, thank goodness the Lord doesn't get any guidance from me. Dave and Nancy surrendered to Jesus and were baptized and began to grow.

Dave began spending more and more time studying the Bible and less and less time on the locomotive. I can still remember the night that he was working on the locomotive and turned to me and said, "I'll never finish this engine, will I? And you knew that when Nancy and I first started studying the Bible with you, didn't you?"

I said, "I knew that if you really gave your life to Jesus, He would be more important to you than this engine."

That was a real turning moment for Dave. He said, "You're right, Jesus now means more to me than the engine."

My eyes were full of tears and so were Dave's.

Not long after this Shari and I were called to a church in Kansas. The Harding church announced that they were having a "going away" party for us. Dave and I had become best of friends. He asked me for something that he could give me as a going away gift.

I told him, "Your pipe. I don't want Nancy and Phillip to lose you to your smoking. I want your pipe."

Dave got stern-faced and said, "Can't do that and you know it."

We didn't talk about it again.

At the party the church had kind of a "white elephant" gift time before the real gift time. There were all kinds of useless, funny gifts. I opened one small box and in it was a used pipe. Everyone burst out laughing, thinking that it was gag gift.

There were only two people in the room not laughing — Dave and me. I still have that pipe on my desk, and I tell this story to everyone who asks about it.

Gladys and Dave were just ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ and were totally changed by God Almighty. The same can be true for you today. Just surrender like Gladys and then watch for what God will deliver you from. Commit your life to Jesus and then behold what part of your life will become less and less important to you. Now the next move is yours.

God bless.

People in the news

BERLIN (AP) — Sidney Lumet said he overcame snobbery about action heroes to cast Vin Diesel in "Find Me Guilty," which premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival.

Diesel, who starred in "xXx" and "The Pacifier," plays Giacomo "Fat Jack" DiNorscio, who defended himself in the 21-month trial in Newark, N.J. The trial ended in August 1988 with the acquittal on racketeering charges of DiNorscio and 19 other alleged mobsters.

"We're all, and I include myself in this, big snobs about action heroes, we relegate them," Lumet told reporters Thursday. "It's what we used to do with beautiful actresses ... if you're an action hero and a star it means you cannot act — and all of this despite the fact that we know different."

The movie draws on dialogue from the original trial, with DiNorscio punctuating the proceedings with one-liners that kept the courtroom laughing.

"It's not that the government's case was so weak," Lumet said. "I think what happened is the personality of DiNorscio was so irresistible that it took over everything, it wiped out facts."

"Find Me Guilty" is one of 19 films competing for the top Golden Bear prize at the annual Berlin festival.



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