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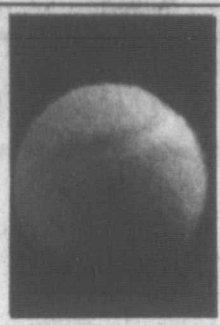
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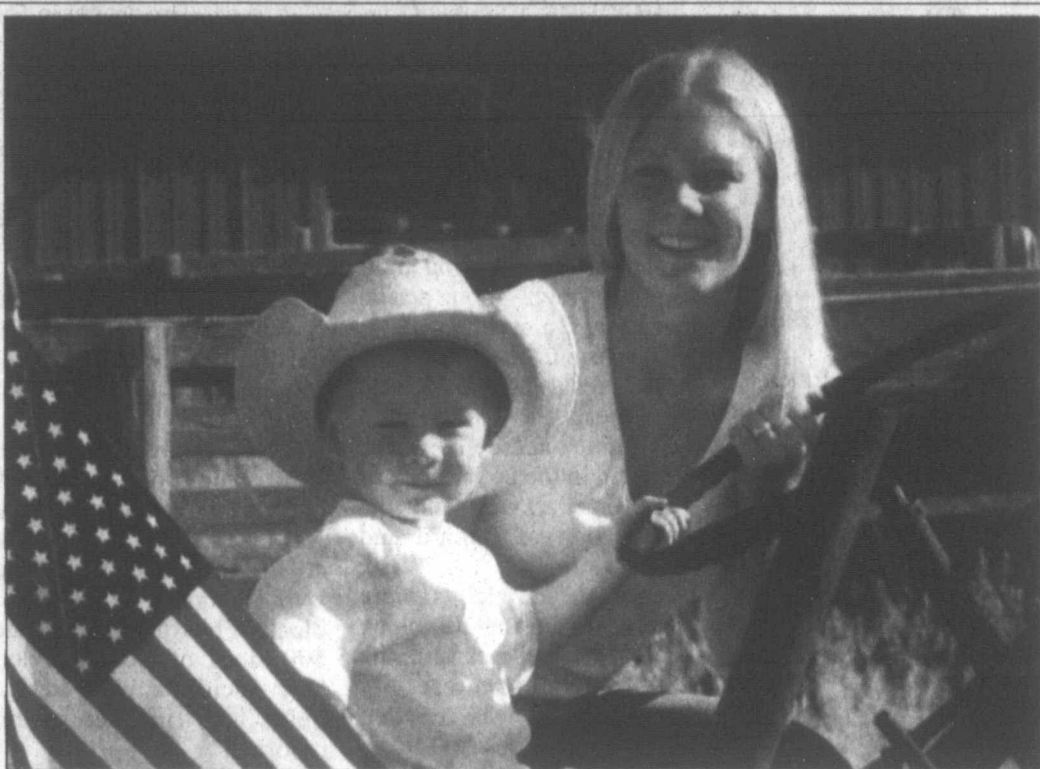
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Andrea Long and her son Braley, 4, benefited from Long's mother's Red Cross CPR training when Braley was a week old. The infant, the grandson of local Red Cross Executive Director Jana Gregory, stopped breathing at Gregory's house. She began performing CPR immediately on the boy until emergency medical staff took over.

CPR class could be lifesaver

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A free cardio-pulmonary resuscitation class is scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday (March 11) at the office of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell.

The class is part of the Pampa office's observance of Red Cross Month, said Jana Gregory, executive director. This year marks the American Red Cross' 125th anniversary.

Gregory knows firsthand how CPR training can mean the difference between life and death for someone.

When her 4-year-old grandson, Braley Frank Long, stopped breathing at the age of one week, Gregory and her family were having dinner at the time at Gregory's home. She was holding the baby when he stopped breathing.

Gregory performed CPR on the infant as

911 was called. She continued until the newborn reached the hospital.

"Everything turned out OK, but if I had not had the knowledge to react in a positive way, it might not have turned out that way," Gregory said.

The Red Cross also offers classes in first aid, using an automated external defibrillator, and in preparing for and responding to a disaster.

"I am a strong believer in learning the skills that Red Cross teaches so that a life can be saved. I also believe that having the skills is so important even if you are never required to use them," Gregory said.

"Together we can save a life in your family or the community," she said.

Persons wishing to sign up for the March 11 CPR class, or to obtain more information on Red Cross services and classes, may call 669-7121.

Drug survey results: students use fewer drugs, more tobacco

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Results of a 2005 survey which were provided at a substance abuse awareness meeting Thursday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium show that Pampa Independent School District students use more tobacco and slightly less illegal drugs than their counterparts statewide.

The 2005 Texas A&M Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use was discussed by Pampa High School Counselor Lesley Gershmel at "Drug Trends In Pampa," the third in a six-part series on substance abuse.

"Overall, the general use

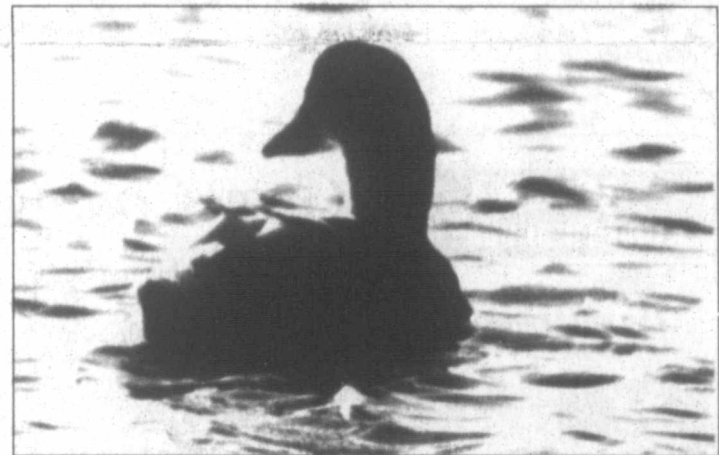
of tobacco products among Pampa ISD students was somewhat higher than that reported by their counterparts statewide," the survey said.

Survey results are as follows, with statewide percentages shown in parentheses.

- 67 percent reported that cigarettes are somewhat or very easy to get (60 percent)
• 13 percent said most or all close friends smoke (12 percent)
• 52 percent indicated that smokeless tobacco products are somewhat or very easy to get (40 percent)
• 46 percent of Pampa stu-

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Just Ducky



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A lone duck swims across Recreation Park Lake Monday in the bright sunshine and unseasonably warm temperatures. Despite weekend rains, the water level in the lake is still down, but more rain is forecast for later in the week.

Executive director on agenda for PEDC to consider

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will discuss hiring an executive director Thursday morning.

Developing a job descrip-

tion and procedures for selecting an executive director will be one of the items on the economic development corporation's meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Pampa City Commission

Chamber in City Hall.

They will also consider an ethics policy, selecting legal counsel, insurance, renting office space and contracting with the city for interim administrative support.

The board of directors will also see a PowerPoint presentation by Pat Vanderpool, the new executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The Pampa City

Commission approved the economic development corporation's \$26,878.75 three month budget and advanced them a line of credit of \$30,000 at the last commission meeting.

Photo contest deadline nears

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Local shutterbugs have until 5 p.m. March 16 to enter snapshots in this year's Pampa News photo contest.

The winner of the contest will have their photo published on the cover of the photo section of the newspaper's annual Pride special edition. The winner will also receive \$50 in Pampa Bucks.

Other submitted photos judged to be the best entries will be included inside the photo section. The Pride special edition is scheduled to be distributed with the March 31 issue of The Pampa News.

Eligible entries are those by amateur photographers of Pampa people in Pampa. The

photos may show people working, playing, relaxing or celebrating a special occasion. Photos of animals or scenery with no people in them will not be considered.

Entries may be prints or digital images burned on a compact disc as jpegs. They may be mailed or brought to the newspaper office. Photos submitted on a CD should be of the contest entry only.

Each person in each photo should be identified by name, along with a brief description of what they are doing in the photo and the date and place the photograph was taken. If a person other than the person entering the

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Storm spotter class scheduled Thursday

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will host a storm spotter program from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hoover VFD Station 2, at Price Road and Highway 152.

"This is for all persons interested in storm watching and identifying the weather," said HVFD Chief

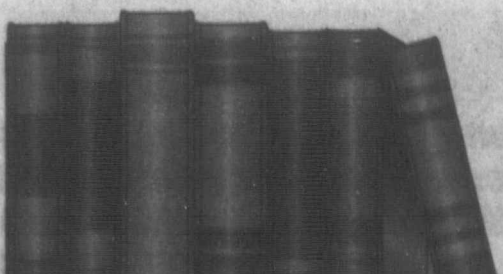
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A warning coordinator and meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Amarillo will be guest speaker.

The program is open to the public, including rural residents of Gray and Roberts counties.

For more information, call 669-8297.

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## Obituaries

### Cloyd Hon, 72

Cloyd Hon, 72, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hon was born Sept. 21, 1933, in Mount Vernon, Texas. He graduated from Aspermont High School in Aspermont, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He married Reba F. Bible on July 13, 1957, in Lamesa. He retired from National Oilwell in 1995 after 35 years of service.

He was a deacon at Hobart Baptist Church and at Cornerstone Baptist Church. He taught Sunday School at Hobart Baptist Church for 15 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Franklin Hon, and his mother, Mattie Patterson.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. George Smith, Dr. Giang Nguyen, John Hartin and all the ICU nurses and surgical staff. Also, special thanks to Jim

and Nancy Fox, their former pastor and wife, the Vista Care Hospice, and the Cornerstone Baptist Church family.



Hon

Survivors include his wife, Reba F. Hon of the home; two daughters, Cynthia Diane Weeaks and husband Chris of San Angelo and Theresa Lynn Bruce and husband Tommy of Midland; one son, Shaun Kevin Hon and wife Jenni of Pampa; one sister, Martha Lou Roberts of Abilene; his stepmother, Merleta Hon of Aspermont; five grandchildren, Misty Fritz and husband Michael of Las Cruces, N.M., Amber Smith and husband

Chad and Tiffany Bruce, all of San Angelo, and Kera Bruce and Try Hon, both of Pampa; and one great-grandson, Tyeson Smith of San Angelo.

The family requests memorials be to Cornerstone Baptist Church Building Fund, 1304 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 8476 Rabbit Lane east of Pampa from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, for visitation.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

### Eva Lena Webb, 85

AMARILLO — Eva Lena Webb, 85, of Amarillo, died Sunday, March 5, 2006.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in the Chapel of Memories at Memorial Park Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Gill of Merkel, Texas, and Dan Bouchelle of Central Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Funeral Home Cemetery.

Mrs. Webb was born June 7, 1920, in Major County, Okla. to the late Mr. & Mrs. Lester Stricker. She grew up in Major County. She married Verner C. Webb in Sayre, Okla. on Aug. 19, 1942. They lived on the Webb ranch in Gray County for 55 years. Mrs. Webb was a homemaker, 4-H leader and worked on the ranch with her hus-

band. She also held a position at One-Hour Martinizing performing clothing alterations. In 1995 they moved to Amarillo. She attended Central Church of Christ.

Mrs. Webb was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Verner; one daughter, Elaine Wynn of Amarillo; one brother, Everett Stricker of Great Bend, Kan.; four sisters, Dortha Sparks of Raymore, Mo., and Esther Staley, Mary Ellen Campbell and Joyce Rexroat, all of Ringwood, Okla., and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-9990.

## Services tomorrow

**HON, Cloyd S.** — 10 a.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**HUGHES, Champ Owner** — 2 p.m., Progressive Baptist Church, Pampa.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2500 block of Peryton Parkway and the intersection of Ballard and Francis streets.

Animal complaints were received from the 200 block of North Faulkner and the 2300 block of Primrose.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Public intoxication was reported in the police department lobby.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 1100 block of West Wilks. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2800 block of Charles and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart. One person was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and the 700 block of North Russell.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of

Charles.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Duncan. Jewelry, money and crystal decorations were taken, resulting in a loss valued at \$820.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Alcock. A bicycle of unknown value was taken.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2200 block of North Wells and the 500 block of North Cuyler. Both incidents were verbal only; no injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Brunow.

Theft under \$50 was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Steaks valued at \$46 were taken. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone valued at \$150 was lost or stolen at an unknown location.

### Sheriff

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

**Monday, March 6**  
Alan William Broadbent, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a civil charge of failure to appear — motion to enforce child support.

Edgar Manuel Pepi, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tory Jay Pettit, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for theft over \$500 and under \$1,500, and theft under \$50 with a previous conviction.

Thalamus Pshard Malone, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Gordon by PPD for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

**Tuesday, March 7**  
Mark Loyd Bresee, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Dwight by PPD for no driver's license and no insurance.

James Jerrod Harper, 20, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1100 block of Wilks for possession of less than one gram of a controlled sub-

stance.

### Fire

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

**Monday, March 7**  
9:22 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a medical assist.

10:11 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 900 block of South Osborne on a tree fire.

7:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of Tignor on an odor investigation.

10:17 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Ballard and Francis on a vehicle accident.

### Ambulance

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

**Monday, March 6**  
8:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Sumner and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to PRMC.

9:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Birch in Skellytown and transported one to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

2:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one to the 1200 block of Bond.

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### Champ Owner Hughes, 78

Champ Owner Hughes, 78, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Progressive Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hughes was born July 6, 1927, in Fairfax, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He married Rosa Lee Shackelfoot on May 21, 1946, in Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on June 14, 2000.

He retired from Cabot Corp. as a maintenance supervisor after many years of service.

He was a member of Progressive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda K. Ford of Pampa and Fannie R. Smith of Glenn Heights; three sons, Terry Hughes and Don Hughes, both of Pampa, and Champ Hughes Jr. of Borger; one sister, Earnestine Duncan of Amarillo; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Janetta Bowers.

The family requests memorials be to Progressive Baptist Church, 836 S. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

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Milo ..... 3.17  
Corn ..... 4.07  
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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BP PLC ADR ..... 65.60 -0.62  
Cabot Corp ..... 37.11 -0.28

Celanese ..... 20.83 -0.15  
Cabot Oil Gas ..... 46.23 -0.43  
Coca Cola ..... 41.96 +0.01  
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XCEL ..... 18.13 -0.04  
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XOM ..... 59.64 -0.34  
Nat'l Oilwell ..... 59.42 -0.41  
Limited ..... 23.08 +0.15  
Williams ..... 19.66 -0.62  
MCD ..... 34.50 -0.17  
Atmos ..... 26.15 -0.05

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SLB ..... 115.48 -1.86  
Tenneco ..... 21.43 -0.19  
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Wal-Mart ..... 45.17 +0.05  
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NS Grp ..... 41.34 -0.47  
New York Gold ..... 555.60  
Silver ..... 10.05  
West Texas Crude ..... 62.41

## Gray County Weather

Today: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high near 76. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 66. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low near 37. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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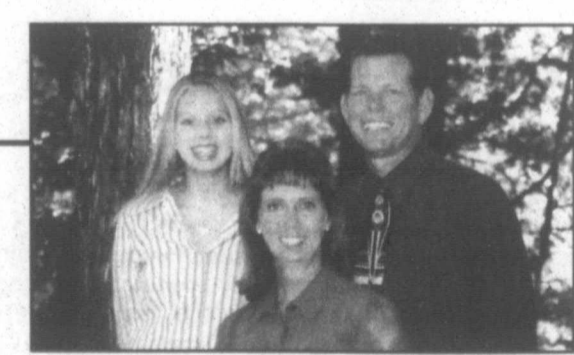
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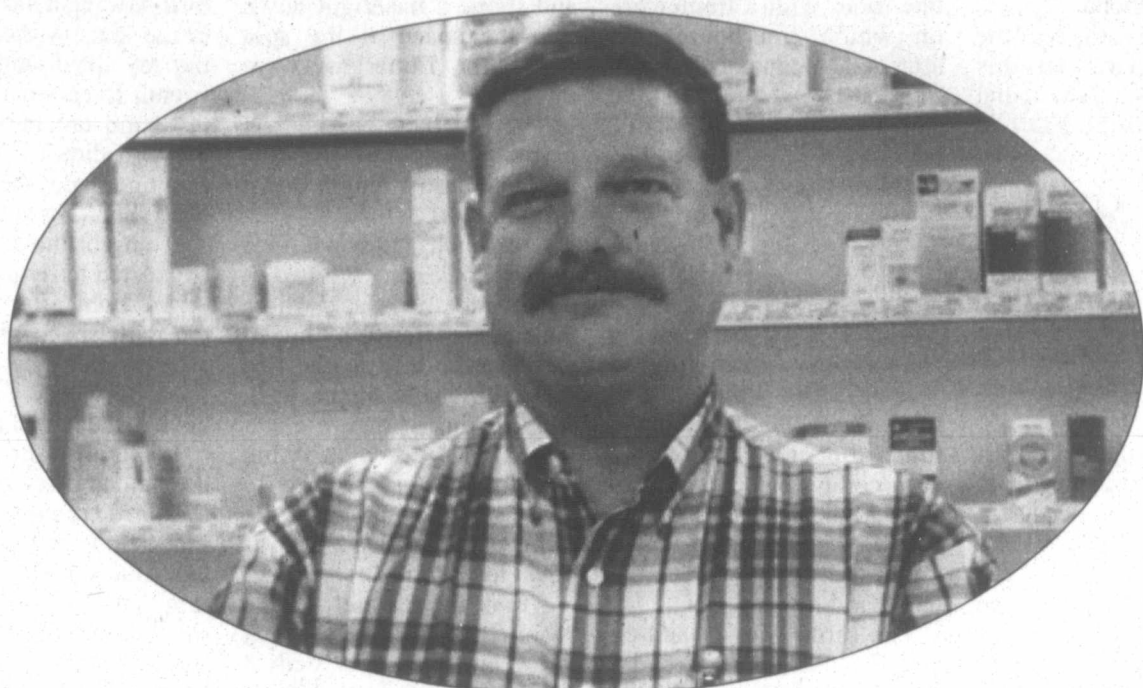
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# BUSINESS REVIEW



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

## B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

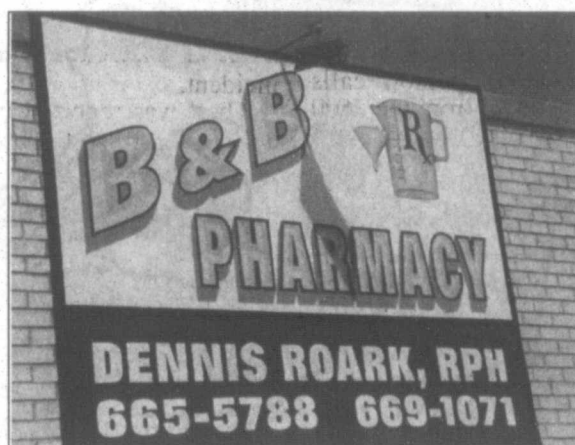
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.



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# Viewpoints

## The creatures that we touch, touch us

Last week I talked about some of the animals I have met in the course of my work, and events associated with those introductions.

I'd like to share a couple more critter tails...er, tales. Some years back, when I was taking a break from newspaper work, I had a job in which I would have to go to the homes of people who often didn't exactly welcome me with open arms.

Some of these people would try all sorts of things to avoid me.

One lady deserves a special prize for inspiration and, perhaps, desperation.

I had been trying unsuccessfully to catch her at home. I didn't give up even after several tries, and finally was able to talk to her by phone at her place of work. She reluctantly set up a day and time when I could come to her home.

Now, remember, I had been to her home several times already. On none of those occasions did I see or hear a dog anywhere on the property.

On the day and time of the appointment, however, I pulled up to her front gate

only to see a full-grown Rottweiler sitting in her front yard, chained to a metal stake anchored in the ground.

I sized up the situation, and decided to see if this toothy, muscular animal was friend or foe.

I got out of the car and took a step or two toward the front gate.

The Rottweiler stood up, never taking its eyes off me.

I gauged the length of the chain attached to the Rottweiler's collar. It looked to be just about long enough to allow the dog to reach the gate.

I stepped slowly toward the gate, employing all the nonverbal cues I could remember to show the dog I was not a threat.

The Rottweiler met me at the gate, one of us on either side.

I spoke softly to the dog and watched its response. I could see the stub of its tail wagging.

I carefully opened the gate and stepped inside the yard, still talking. The dog was delighted. Its entire hindquarters was now wagging a welcome.

I risked finger amputation by reaching out to pet the dog. The dog was overjoyed. I had made a friend.

I looked up to see the woman observing all this from a window. Her facial expression told me she had expected a different outcome.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer

finding their way back out.

We had covered the inside walls of corrugated tin in one room with a framework on which fiberboard was attached to make smooth, more attractive surfaces and also help insulate the room.

One day, a young bird flew in and eventually disappeared between the corrugated tin and fiberboard. We had not yet finished off the room with a drop ceiling or other way to seal off the space, so there was an opening around the top of the walls between the wood and tin surfaces.

The room was an add-on to a Quonset hut, and had a sloping roof that created a taller wall on one side. The fiberboard we had erected was the same height on all four sides, however, so one side still had quite a space between the top of the fiberboard and the roof. This was the side where the bird was trapped.

We waited a day or so, but the bird could still be heard

between the two walls, trying unsuccessfully to get out.

I finally got up on a ladder and shone a flashlight down into the space at the spot where the flutterings were loudest.

The bird was perched on part of the framework, further than arm's length down from the top.

I attached a dip net to a broom stick and worked it down into the space where the bird was trapped. I hoped to snare the bird in the net, pull the net out of the wall, and free the bird.

All I succeeded in doing was to prompt the bird to move higher up on the framework. At least it was now closer to me.

I took the dip net off the broom stick, reached back down into the space with it toward the bird, and tried again to snag it in the net.

I was moving slowly and carefully so as not to injure the bird or make it move lower and further away.

Imagine my surprise and delight when the little bird hopped onto my index finger, which was stretched out atop the length of the net handle.

Still holding the flashlight in my other hand, I managed to slowly bring my net- and bird-holding hand up and out of the space without dislodging my newfound feathered friend. Even when I brought my hand out into the open, the bird didn't fly away but remained perched on my hand, blinking at me.

It might have been too exhausted to fly or too blinded by light after its stay in the dark space or too weak after so many hours without food or water. Or it might have just decided to trust me.

I slowly and carefully descended the ladder, and the bird remained on my index finger all the way. My husband waited at the bottom and carefully scooped the bird into his cupped hands.

He took the bird outside and gently released it on the ground. The first thing it did was make straight for a rain puddle left from a recent shower.

After a long, long drink, the bird flew to the nearest tree and began to sing.

That was the best thank-you note I have ever gotten.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 7, the 66th day of 2006. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date:

In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican

border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

Ten years ago: Three U.S. servicemen were convicted in the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl and sentenced by a Japanese court to six and a half to seven years in prison.

*'Caveat actor. (Let the doer beware.)'*

— Latin proverb



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## Democracy equals tyranny by majority

High up on my list of annoyances are references to the United States as a democracy and the suggestion that Iraq should become a democracy. The word "democracy" appears in neither of our founding documents — the Declaration of Independence nor the U.S. Constitution.

Our nation's founders had disdain for democracy and majority rule. James Madison, in Federalist Paper No. 10, said in a pure democracy, "there is nothing to check the inducement to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual." During the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Edmund Randolph said that "in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy."

John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Chief Justice John Marshall added, "Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos."

The founders knew that a

democracy would lead to the same kind of tyranny suffered under King George III. Their vision for us was a republic.

But let's cut to Iraq and President Bush's call for it to become a democracy. I can't think of a worse place to have a democracy — majority rule. Iraq needs a republic like that envisioned by our founders — decentralized and limited government power.

In a republican form of government, there is rule of law. All citizens, including government officials, are accountable to the same laws. Government intervenes in civil society to protect its citizens against force and fraud but does not intervene in the cases of peaceable, voluntary exchange.

Democracy, what the Bush administration calls for, is different. In a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives. The law is whatever the government determines it to be. Laws aren't necessarily based upon reason but

power. In other words, democracy is just another form of tyranny — tyranny of the majority.

In Iraq, Arabs are about 75 percent of the population, Kurds about 20 percent and Turkomen and Assyrian the balance. Religiously, Shia are about 60 percent of the population, Sunni 35 percent with Christian and other religions making up the balance.

If a majority-rule democracy emerges, given the longstanding hate and distrust among ethnic/religious groups, it's a recipe for conflict. The reason is quite simple. Majority rule is a zero-sum game with winners and losers, with winners having the power to impose their wills on the minority. Conflict emerges when the minority resists.

The ideal political model for Iraq is Switzerland's cantonal system. Historically, Switzerland, unlike most European countries, was made up of several different major ethnic groups — Germans, French, Italians and Rhaeto-Romansch. Over

the centuries, conflicts have arisen between these groups, who differ in language, religion (Catholic and Protestant) and culture. The resolution to the conflict was to allow the warring groups to govern themselves.

Switzerland has 26 cantons. The cantons are divided into about 3,000 communes. Switzerland's federal government controls only those interests common to all cantons — national defense, foreign policy, railways and the like. All other matters are controlled by the individual cantons and communes.

The Swiss cantonal system enables people of different ethnicity, language, culture and religion to live at peace with one another. As such, Switzerland's political system is well suited to an ethnically and religiously divided country such as Iraq.

By the way, for President Bush and others who insist on calling our country a democracy, should we change our pledge of allegiance to say "to the democracy, for which it stands," and should we rename "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to "The Battle Hymn of the Democracy?"

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing regarding your answer to "Julie in Spring, Texas," who asked you when parents should stop using baby talk with their children. I disagree with you. She said her son had just turned 3! He is still a baby. Many children are still in diapers at that age. Let the mother enjoy her young son while she still has the time. — LINDA T., CLEARWATER, FLA.

**DEAR LINDA T.:** Intelligent minds may disagree. But according to the mail I received regarding that letter, you are in the minority. I stand by my reply. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** My advice as a pediatrician is to stop baby talk the day the baby is born -- that is to say, never start! Babies learn at a surprisingly early age to assimilate what they hear into their later speech patterns; they learn to "talk" what they hear, and "baby talk" is not the language we want them to use. Yes, talk softly, talk sweetly, sing to your baby -- but use the words of proper language. — LEE BERNSTEIN, M.D., LAS VEGAS, NEV.

**DEAR ABBY:** As a retired public school speech therapist, allow me to respond to "Julie's" question. Language development is one of the most important aspects of a child's life. A child begins to acquire language almost as soon as he starts hearing it. Vocabulary is not the only component of speech. Inflection, tone, grammar, etc. contribute to a person's ability to communicate effectively. Talking "baby talk" to an infant can delay the process of language development. Vocabulary should be age-appropriate but still within acceptable speech patterns. — LILLIAN A., N. MIAMI BEACH

**DEAR ABBY:** When our daughter was born, my husband and I agreed there would be no baby talk. When my maternity leave was over and we put her in day care, I asked the providers not to use baby talk

with her. I wanted her to grasp how words sounded and use them correctly. She turned 3 last month, and can use the words "decide" and "separate" correctly. She knew her ABCs by 18 months and can count to 10 in English and Spanish, and on to 20 only in English. She is very articulate, and most people think she is at least 5. Please urge that mother to use "big boy/girl" words with her child. It will help her child to articulate what he/she wants to say, and everyone will understand what the child is trying to communicate. — JEANNE J., CRESTVIEW, FLA.

**DEAR ABBY:** Research has shown that children who are spoken to as "adults," using complete sentences, not only learn faster, but have a better comprehension of the English language than children whose parents use baby talk. Studies have also shown that children who are read to, even before birth, also develop more rapidly. — JUSTIN F., AMERICAN MILITARY (DEPLOYED)

**DEAR ABBY:** Because my dad and step-mother used baby talk with my 8-year-old brother for so long, he is now in speech therapy to learn proper English. He still uses phrases like "Me love you" because they thought it was "cute" and never corrected him. Using baby talk is a disservice to a child. Speaking to children correctly helps them become credible later in life. — JULIA IN OGDEN, UTAH

**DEAR ABBY:** A friend of mine once retorted to a woman in a restaurant who asked her if she always spoke to her child like he was a rocket scientist, "Of course! How else can I expect him to grow up to be one?" — PLAIN-SPEAKING FATHER OF FOUR IN MINNESOTA

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

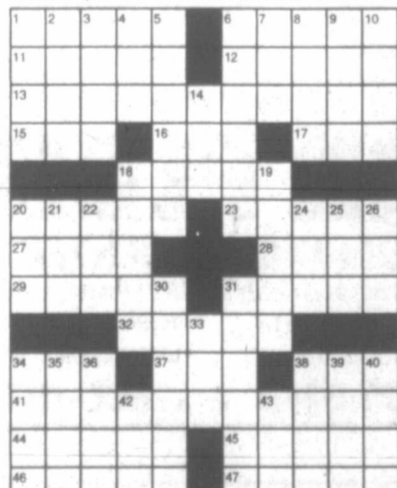
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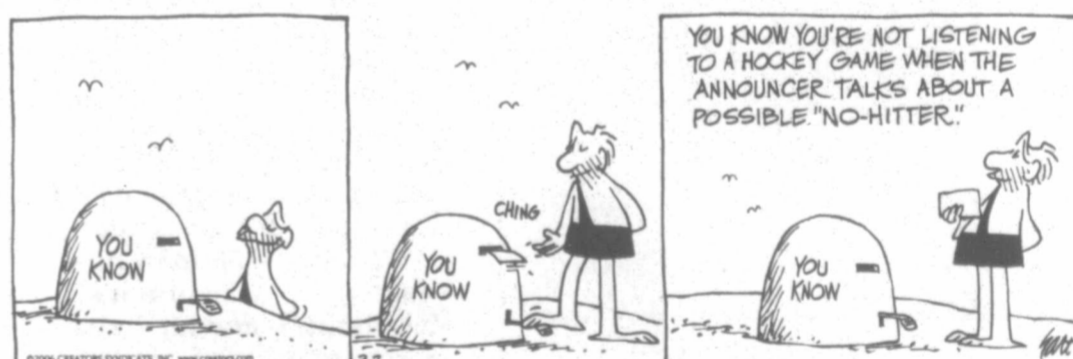
## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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# Sports Day

## Pampa tennis: PD tournament strengthens team, Altus next

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Palo Duro Tournament Friday and Saturday which included teams from Altus, Caprock, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hereford, Dumas, Palo Duro, Hobbs, Lubbock High, Odessa, San Angelo Lakeview, Randall, Plainview, Lubbock Monterey and Pampa.

Individual trophies were given along with a team trophy, a girl's team trophy and a boy's team trophy.

The Pampa girls team barely missed out on the tournament title by finishing second behind Lubbock High. The boys team finished in eighth place.

Coach Emily Laurence said afterward, "It was a great tournament for our girls. We really should have finished in first place but a little bit of misfortune kept us out of the team title." She continued, "I was especially proud of Myca Vinson who won the singles title. She breezed through the first few rounds and then won a hard fought final."

Laurence added praise for the boys' team and its top 10 finish. "I was very proud of my boys for finishing eighth despite not having a full team. We got zero points out of two of the divisions and still managed to finish eighth!"

Coach Laurence says her team is still developing, and the PD Tournament only makes them stronger. "We made huge strides this weekend," said Laurence. "We are going to be making some changes in our lineup that will hopefully make us more competitive at district."

Pampa next competes in a one-day tournament in Altus Thursday. Laurence looks forward to a strong performance from her team and hints the Harvesters main challenge may come in the form of Edmond North High School.

### Results from Palo Duro

#### Girls Singles

##### Myca Vinson- 1st place

Def. Nelson (Hobbs) 6-0, 6-2  
Def. Weaver (Monterey) 6-0, 6-0  
Def. Jordan (Lubbock High) 6-1, 6-3  
Def. Allen (Carlsbad) 6-1, 7-5  
Def. Ceja (Lubbock High) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4  
**Ashlee Lucas- 5th place**  
Def. Goodwin (Odessa) 6-2, 6-2  
Def. Rodriguez (Hereford) 6-0, 6-0

Lost to Ceja (Lu. High) 6-3, 3-6, (6-10)  
Def. Yarbrough (Caprock) 6-2, 6-2  
Def. Jordan (Lub. High) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

#### Boys Singles

##### Michael Foreman-11th place

Def. Whittington (Clovis) 6-0, 6-2  
Lost to Pennell (Hobbs) 5-7, 3-6  
Def. Garcia (Lub. High) 1-6, 6-2, 6-1  
Lost to Bullard (Hereford) 2-6, 4-6  
Def. Suverenath (L-view) 6-2, 2-6, 7-5

##### Michael Foreman- 24th place

Lost to Bryson (Odessa) 0-6, 2-6  
Def. Booth (Dumas) 6-1, 6-1  
Lost to Rodriguez (Carlsbad) 1-6, 3-6  
Lost to Collins (Lub. High) 4-6, 2-6  
Lost to Puente (Lub. High) 0-6, 7-5, (0-10)

#### Girls Doubles

##### Tanna Stowers/Haley Acker-17th place

Lost to Daly/McKenna (Carls.) 4-6, 3-6  
Def. Huckaby/Walker (Altus) 6-0, 6-0  
Def. Shea/Owings (Randall) 6-4, 6-3  
Def. Fuentes/Payne (Hereford) 6-3, 6-0  
Def. Farmer/Patterson (Pampa) 6-2, 6-1

##### Kourtney Farmer/Maegan Patterson- 18th place

Lost to Madrid/Madrid (Carlsbad) 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), (7-10)  
Def. Rogers/de la Cruz (Here.) 7-5, 6-3  
Def. Soas/Murdock (Hobbs) 6-0, 6-3  
Def. Clark/Detiveaux (Odessa) 6-3, 6-3  
Lost to Stowers/Acker (Pampa) 2-6, 1-6

#### Boys Doubles

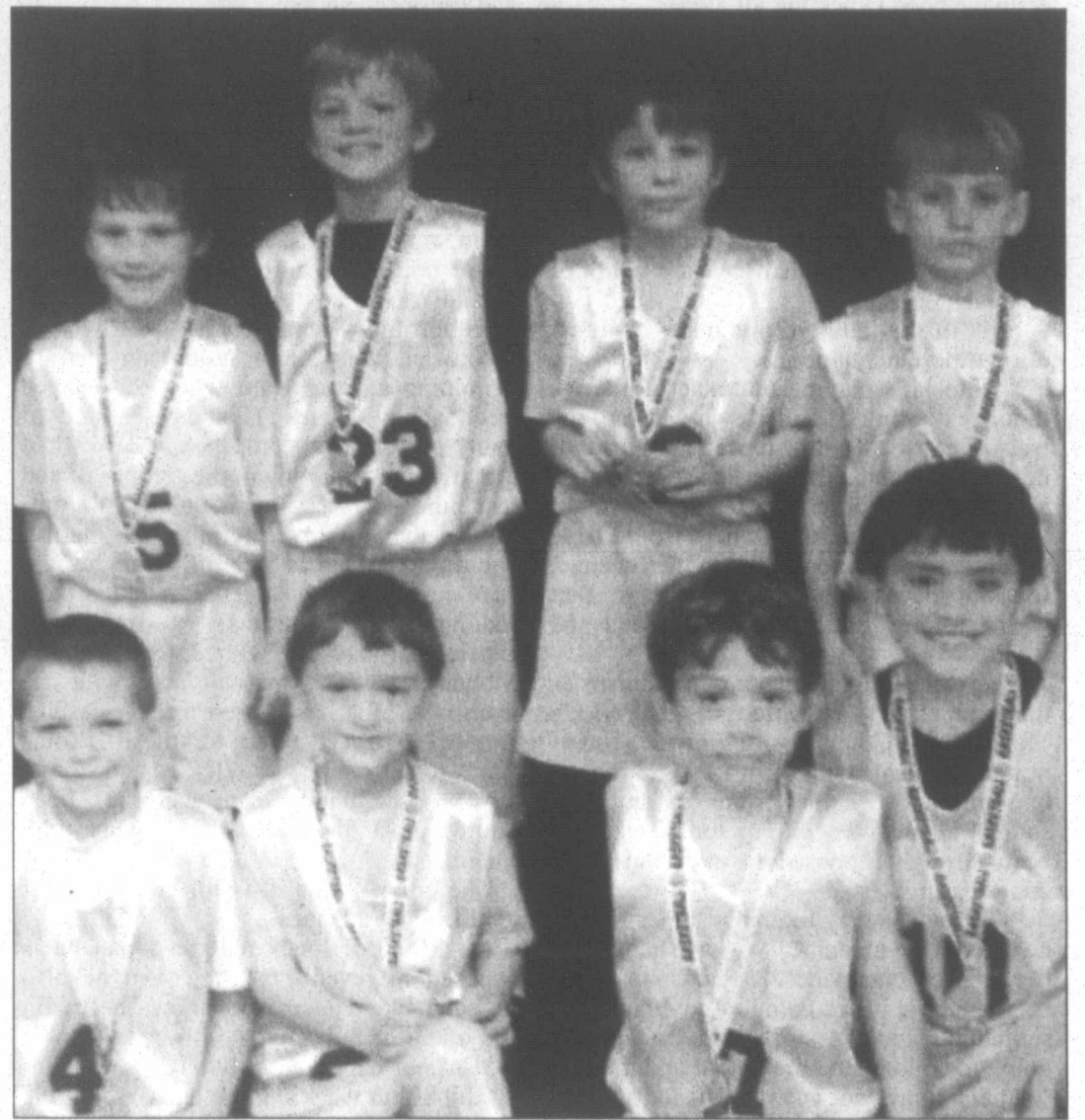
##### Tyler Morris/Kevin Frels- 23rd place

Lost to Heinrich/Cockrell (Carlsbad) 0-6, 6-7 (3-7)  
Def. Shields/Jesko (Hereford) 6-3, 4-6, (10-3)  
Lost to DeShazo/Vincent (Dumas) 5-7, 3-6  
Lost to Olsen/Anthony (Plainview) Def. Stovall/Villarreal (Altus) 6-3, 6-0

#### Mixed Doubles

**Deschna Afram/Jack Ware- 21st place**  
Lost to Cockrell/Bendixsen (Carlsbad) 1-6, 4-6  
Def. Madrell/Marquez (Hereford) 6-4, 5-7, (10-7)  
Lost to Walters/Mitchell (Odessa) 3-6, 1-6  
Def. Branch/Staunbaugh (Plainview) 6-3, 6-3  
Def. Henry/Baldwin (Hobbs) 6-1, 6-4

## Lil' champs



Courtesy photo

The Pampa Big Green K-2 boys basketball team took the Consolation Championship of last week's MAYO Tournament in Miami, going 3-1 in the process. The team will compete in the Fort Elliott Tournament this weekend. Pictured are (L-R), front row- Hadley Thompson, Brandon Sieck, Clay Baten and Adam Zuniga. Back row- Bryce Chidester, Josh DeLoach, Cory Chidester and Kyle Sander.

## Tennis to use instant replay

MIAMI (AP) — The ATP and WTA Tours have decided to use instant replay starting with the Nasdaq-100 Open in Key Biscayne, Fla., in two weeks, officials said. This year's U.S. Open will be the first Grand Slam event to review disputed calls electronically.

Players will be permitted two challenges per set, and a third if there's a tiebreaker. Calls upheld will count against a player's allotment.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

## Pampa goes 3-1 at Hereford JV Tournament

Pampa faced Caprock in the first game of the Hereford JV Tournament Thursday morning. Pampa trailed 6-1 after five innings, but scratched for three runs in the top of the 6th and added one more run in the seventh before falling 6-5 to the Longhorns. Jeremy Maxwell took the loss, giving up five runs in 2 1/3 innings of relief. Maxwell struck out three, walked one and gave up six hits. Starter Heath Skinner gave up only one run in two innings while striking out two.

Pampa went on to face Dumas later in the day. Behind a solid pitching performance by Dakota Gowin, the Harvesters would get their first win of the season, a 4-3 final over the Demons. Gowin pitched a complete game allowing three runs on six hits. Gowin struck out six and walked four Demons.

Pampa would travel back to Hereford for a meeting with the Plainview Bulldogs Friday morning. Blake Sieck got the nod on the mound and was stung for three runs in the top of the first on a three run shot by the Bulldog clean-up hitter. The Harvesters answered in the bottom of the first with a six run second inning to put Pampa on top 6-3. The Harvesters would add two more runs in the fourth and a four run fifth inning would be enough to even the season record at 2-2 with a 13-9 win. Sieck pitched four-plus innings giving up seven runs on seven hits while striking out five with only two free passes. Dakota Gowin ripped a grand slam in the game.

The win set up a meeting with Borger Saturday morning

to complete the finals of the losers bracket. The Harvester bats were up early and rocked Borger for five runs in the first innings including a two-run double by Josh Mulkey. Pampa added six runs in the fourth topped off by back to back home runs.

Leading 11-2 in the fifth, Sieck bunted his way on by pushing the ball past the Borger pitcher. Sieck then stole second base on the first pitch and third base on the second pitch before Brody Russell drove him in with a RBI single to right. The 10 runs after five innings rule was in effect and the Harvesters finished the Hereford Tournament with three consecutive wins bringing the season mark to 3-2.

Colden Fortenberry collected the win going four innings. The 'Dogs' were able to collect two runs on two hits. Fortenberry struck out six and walked three. Jeremy Busse pitched the last frame for the Harvesters, facing three batters before John Luke Covalt grabbed a line drive at second and a quick throw to first ended the inning with a 4-3 double play. Pampa is scheduled to face Perryton Saturday at Harvester Field. First pitch is at 1 p.m.

#### Hereford JV Tournament Game Results

Game 1 Pampa 5 Caprock 6  
Game 2 Pampa 4 Dumas 3  
Game 3 Pampa 13 Plainview 9  
Game 4 Pampa 12 Borger 2

## Armstrong's lawyer wants charges dropped

ROME (AP) — Lance Armstrong's lawyer asked a court Tuesday to drop charges in a defamation lawsuit against the seven-time Tour de France champion.

Italian cyclist Filippo Simeoni brought the suit against Armstrong following an April 2003 report in the French newspaper Le Monde.

Neither Armstrong nor Simeoni was at the court in Latina, near Rome. A judge will decide April 13 if a trial will go forward.

In the report, Armstrong contended that Simeoni had agreed to testify against doctor Michele Ferrari in exchange for a lesser penalty if the Italian rider was accused of doping by the sport's governing body.

Ferrari received a suspended jail sentence for a year in October 2004 for

sports fraud and malpractice. Ferrari once advised Armstrong, but the star cyclist cut ties with him after the doctor was convicted.

Armstrong's lawyer, Enrico Nan, said charges should be dropped because a foreigner should not be held responsible in Italy for comments made to a French newspaper "even if the Internet can be read anywhere."

Armstrong already has been cleared in a Lucca court of another case brought against him by Simeoni. In that case, Simeoni had accused Armstrong of threatening him after the American chased down Simeoni during a breakaway early in the 2004 Tour de France and reportedly threatened the Italian for testifying about doping in Ferrari's trial.

## MLB teams to sell supplements

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Major league baseball teams will start selling approved supplements to players in an effort to prevent positive drug tests.

Management and the players' association are having NSF International, a company based in Ann Arbor, Mich., certify that products are clean. Once a supplement is certified, teams will buy the products and make them available for resale to players in the 30 major league clubhouses.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed the lease for a new Washington Nationals' ballpark, a day after Major League Baseball signed the deal.

The lease calls for a ballpark to be built along the Anacostia River, south of the Capitol, but limits city spending on the project to \$611 million.

The Nationals will continue to play at RFK Stadium until the new stadium opens. The lease calls for the ballpark to be ready for the 2008 season.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Kirk Rueter retired, ending a 13-year major league career during which he became the winningest left-handed pitcher in San Francisco Giants history.

## JV tennis edged out by Bulldogs

The Pampa JV tennis team competed against Borger in a dual match at home Feb 27, with Borger barely defeating the Harvesters, 11-10.

Coach Emily Laurence said, "We came out very slowly in doubles which put us behind 6-2 which is a hard deficit to overcome." She continued, "The kids played well in singles and did a good job to almost beat Borger in the end. It showed the team that we really need to work on our doubles play and become more aggressive."

The JV team next competes in Dumas' Small School/JV tournament Friday and Saturday.

#### Results:

##### Singles

1. Anna Julian lost to Dusti Wolfe 5-8  
2. Katie O'Neal def. Chelsea Cooke 8-5  
3. Krissa Whitley def. Kathryn Watts 9-7  
4. Claire Boyd lost to Jessica Stark 5-8  
5. Megan Barnett def. Kaci Newton 8-2

6. Jacee Villareal def. Maribel Munoz 8-2  
7. Rachel Lee def. Allison Grider 9-7  
8. Ashley Hernandez lost to Denisse Vega 8-6  
9. Brenna Albracht lost to Hannah Klaus 9-8 (11-9)  
10. Lauren Coutts def. Brianna Brame 8-4  
11. Shelby Needham def. Shelby McCarty 9-8 (7-5)  
12. Olivia Chairez lost to Thomas Hastings 8-1

##### Extra

Ashley Hernandez def. Clay Armstrong 8-3

##### Doubles

1. Julian/O'Neal lost to Hebert/Henderson 8-6  
2. Whitley/Barnett lost to Hodge/Oglesby 8-2  
3. Boyd/Villareal def. Hastings/Armstrong 8-3  
4. Lee/Coutts lost to Watts/Stark 8-4  
5. Albracht/Hernandez lost to Munoz/Wolfe 8-2  
6. Needham/Chairez lost to Cooke/Newton 8-4

##### Extra

Whitley/Barnett def. Klaus/Brame 8-5  
Julian/O'Neal lost to Hodge/Oglesby 9-8







# Survey

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dents reported general tobacco use at least once during lifetime (39 percent)

- 43 percent of Pampa students reported smoking cigarettes at least once during lifetime (38 percent)
- 20 percent of Pampa students reported smoking cigarettes the past month (16 percent)
- 8 percent reported smoking cigarettes on a daily basis (4 percent)
- 18 percent of 11th graders reported daily cigarette use (7 percent)
- 7 percent of 8th graders reported daily cigarette use (1 percent)

“Overall, Pampa ISD students were drinking alcohol at rates similar to those reported by their peers statewide,” the study stated.

PISD alcohol survey results were:

- 70 percent said alcohol was somewhat easy or very easy to obtain (68 percent)
- 33 percent said they get alcohol “from friends” (29 percent)
- 13 percent of Pampa students reported that their parents neither approve nor disapprove of drinking (10 percent)
- 66 percent of Pampa students reported consuming alcohol at least once during their lifetime (68 percent)
- 41 percent of 7th graders reported drinking alcohol at least once in their lifetime (51 percent)
- 34 percent reported using alcohol in the past month (33 percent)
- 13 percent of 7th graders reported using alcohol in the past month (17 percent)
- 45 percent of 11th graders reported using alcohol in the past month (42 percent)
- 38 percent reported “binge drinking” at least once during their lifetime (32 percent)
- 22 percent usually drink

five or more beers (15 percent)

- 9 percent reported attending at least one class during the past school year while “drunk” (10 percent)
- 16 percent of 9th through 12th graders said they had driven a car after having a “good bit to drink” at least once during the past year (14 percent)
- 24 percent of 11th graders reported driving under the influence (17 percent)

“Overall, the use of illicit drugs, and of marijuana in particular, among Pampa ISD secondary students was slightly lower than that reported by their counterparts statewide,” according to the survey.

Survey results for PISD students were:

- 39 percent of Pampa students said marijuana was somewhat or very easy to obtain (44 percent)
- 10 percent of Pampa students reported most or all of their close friends smoke marijuana (17 percent)
- 27 percent of Pampa students reported smoking marijuana at least once in their lifetime (30 percent)
- 41 percent of 11th graders reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime (42 percent)
- 3 percent of 7th graders reported having used marijuana in the past month (4 percent)
- 16 percent of 11th graders reported using marijuana within the past month (18 percent)
- 4 percent of Pampa students reported they had used powdered cocaine (6 percent)
- 4 percent of Pampa students reported they had used uppers (6 percent)
- 2 percent of Pampa students reported they had used crack (2 percent)
- 13 percent of 10th graders reported they had attended at least one class while “stoned” (14 percent)
- 17 percent of Pampa stu-

dents reported using inhalants at least once during their lifetime (17 percent)

- 26 percent of 9th graders reported using inhalants at least once in their lifetime (18 percent)

Other characteristics of Pampa ISD students noted in the survey included:

- Students living in “other” family situations were nearly two times more likely to have used an inhalant or smoked marijuana and over two times more likely to have used powdered cocaine, a hallucinogen, an upper, a downer and/or ecstasy than were those students living in homes with two parents.
- 78 percent of Pampa students said they would seek help from their friends for a drug problem (74 percent)
- 27 percent of Pampa students said they would seek help from a school counselor for a drug problem (32 percent)

The 2005 survey did not include specific information on methamphetamine use, but an upcoming 2006 survey will include meth information, Gershmel said.

“I believe prescription drug abuse is a huge problem right now. It’s not included on the 2005 survey,” she said.

Gershmel spoke along with Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Genesis House Executive Director Sharon Braddock at the March 2 meeting, the third of six in a series of drug abuse awareness meetings.

The next meetings are “Community Role,” March 23; “Path of Destruction,” April 27; and “Life After Drugs -- It Is Possible,” May 4.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension 124.

# Illegals estimated at 12 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants in the United States has grown to as high as 12 million, according to a new estimate released Tuesday as the Senate considers legislation aimed at tightening America’s borders.

The Pew Hispanic Center report estimated that undocumented workers fill one out of every four agricultural jobs, 17 percent of all office and house cleaning positions, 14 percent of construction jobs, and 12 percent of those who work in food preparation.

The report found that the pace of illegal immigration is increasing, despite government efforts to crack down.

“It’s been very hard to find any effect from border security,” said Jeffrey Passel, a senior research associate at the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center and the author of the report.

Except one: Mexicans who make it to the United States illegally are staying longer,

perhaps because it is getting harder and more expensive to move back and forth across the border, Passel said.

“The security has done more to keep people from going back to Mexico than it has to keep them from coming in,” Passel said in an interview.

It is difficult to accurately measure the number of illegal immigrants in the United States, but most public agencies and private groups had settled on a figure of about 11 million.

The Pew Hispanic Center used Census Bureau data to estimate that the United States had 11.1 million illegal immigrants in March 2005. The center used monthly population estimates to project a current illegal population of 11.5 million to 12 million.

The report estimates that 850,000 illegal immigrants have arrived in United States each year since 2000.

# Contest

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photos in the contest is in any of the photos, a signed release from each of those persons granting permission to publish their likeness must also accompany the

photos. Photos that do not include the required information and releases will not be considered in the contest. Entrants are not limited as to the number of photos they may submit. Each entry must include the entrant’s name, address, telephone number and, if applicable, e-mail address

in order for their photos to be included in the contest. The winner will be notified by March 25. Entries may be mailed to “Pampa Portraits” Contest, The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198. Entries may also be brought to the newspaper’s offices at 403 W. Atchison Ave.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

## Kid Scoop.com

### This Week: NIE Week

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Readers of my newspaper, **The Flyspeck Flyer**, told me they really enjoyed this news article!

However, I never would have known about the news if the insects of Bugton hadn't sent a **press release** to the editor of my paper.

The editor liked this story and sent me out to get more information and write the article.



### What's a Press Release?

A press release lets news editors know key information about an important or interesting event happening in your school, neighborhood or community.

A press release lets the editor know the main facts:

✓Who ✓What ✓When ✓Where ✓Why ✓How

### Press Release Puzzler

Read Nellie's news article above and then circle the press release that belongs with it. Read carefully!

**Press Release "A"**

Who: Bugton Insects

What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition

When: March 5, 2006

Where: Swampy Shores Arena

Why: To determine which bug is the best jumper

How: By jumping on a dog

**Press Release "B"**

Who: Bugton Insects

What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition

When: March 1, 2006

Where: Swampy Shores Arena

Why: To determine which bug is the best jumper

How: By jumping on a yardstick

### Comic Confusion

Someone cut up this comic strip and mixed up the story. Can you put it back in the right order?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence steps, events or observations.

MARCH 6 - 10, 2006 IS NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION WEEK

## Another Nellie Fly exclusive! BIG NEWS!

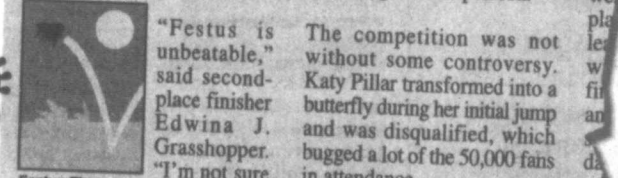
Ever wonder how reporters find out about news stories? Ace Flyspeck Flyer reporter **Nellie Fly** explains some of the ways.

### THE FLYSPECK FLYER

## FLEA LEAPS TO VICTORY

By Nellie Fly  
STAFF WRITER

BUGTON — The Annual Bugton Jumping Competition was held yesterday at Swampy Shores Arena. Once again, Festus Flea out-jumped all insect contestants and set a new long distance record.



“Festus is unbeatable,” said second-place finisher Edwina J. Grasshopper. “I’m not sure anyone in the world can jump as many of his own body lengths as Festus can.”

Flea jumped an amazing 13 inches, which is more than 200

times the length of his own body. He leaped entirely out of the stadium and onto the back of a passing greyhound. Officials said he did not return for the awards ceremony following the competition.

The competition was not without some controversy. Katy Pillar transformed into a butterfly during her initial jump and was disqualified, which bugged a lot of the 50,000 fans in attendance.

This is the 33rd year of the competition, which attracts insects from distant meadows. Contestants leap on a yardstick to measure their distance, and are scored based on their size.

### Press Release Paragraph

Many press releases are written in paragraph form. Read this one and complete the form below.

The Fleaburgh Players will present a performance of “Cats” on May 8 at the Sardine Can Theatre in Bugton. Tickets are 1¢ each for adult bugs, maggots under one hour old admitted free. This show is a fundraiser for Anthill General Hospital, and all proceeds will be used for the new drone bee center. Tickets can be purchased on the web near Tracowell Pond.

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

What: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

### Extra! Extra!

Find the Facts

Select and read one article on the front page of today’s newspaper. Circle and label each of the following: Who What When Where

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students identify main ideas and supporting details in text.

### Odds and Ends

Your job is to place the numbers 1-15 on the boxes. The odd thing is that you can’t put any number directly above, below, to the right, to the left or diagonally next to a consecutive number.

All of the even numbers are in place. Can you place the odd numbers where they belong?

	4		12
2			8
	6	14	10

Check your answer at: [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html)

### Double Double Word Search

WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE YARDSTICK EXCLUSIVE VICTORY RELEASE PRESS FRONT CUTLINES COMIC EDITOR NEWS PAPER

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week’s Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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H	S	M	N	S	A	I	E	E	P
V	O	E	W	E	U	E	W	R	A
C	H	W	L	H	N	L	S	E	P
W	P	E	Y	R	O	T	C	I	V
F	R	O	N	T	A	H	W	X	W
K	C	I	T	S	D	R	A	Y	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

#### Cutting Cutlines

The one- or two-sentence explanatory information under a picture is called a cutline. Cut out pictures from today’s newspaper. Trim off the cutlines, but keep and scramble them. Then have someone try to pair up the photos with their correct cutlines.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Students understand the organization of newspapers.

### Write On!

#### Why I Like to Read the Newspaper

We want to know! What parts do you like the best? How do you feel when you read the newspaper? When do you like to read the newspaper?

### Write a Press Release!

Think about something that has happened at your school or in your community or neighborhood this past week. Did you go on a field trip? Did anyone win an award or do something special? Write a press release about it!

Use the form below to organize your information.

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

What: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

How: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a press release using the facts you wrote on the above form.

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Send your press release to the editor of this newspaper. Be sure to include your name and contact information!

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **EDITOR**

The noun editor is a person whose job it is to read, select and correct materials for publication in a newspaper.

The editor looked through the press releases to find an idea for a newspaper article.

Try to use the word editor in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.