



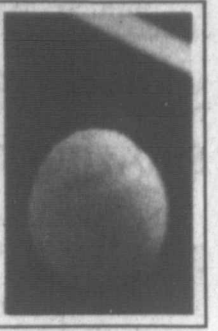
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First of three Roach hearings to be held May 5

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Three court dates have been set in connection with state charges against former 31st District Attorney Rick Roach, according to a letter dated March 6 from Jan Lewis, court administrator for the 84th Judicial District.

The letter states that a hearing on a motion to disqualify will be at 10 a.m. May 5 in the county courtroom at Gray County Courthouse in Pampa.

A pre-trial hearing is set for 10 a.m. May 15 at the same location.

Potential trial dates are currently either June 17-23 or June 26-30 at the same location, according to the letter.

William D. Smith, 84th District judge, was appointed to preside over the state's cases against Roach on May 10, 2005 after 31st District Judge Steven Emmert recused himself on April 20, 2005 in any cases filed against Roach.

The 84th Judicial District is composed of Hansford, Hutchinson and Ochiltree counties.

Canyon attorney Bill Kelly, who is representing Roach in the state

cases, filed motions July 8, 2005, to have Perryton attorney David T. Scott and 31st District Judge Steven Emmert removed from the state's case against Roach.

The motion states that Emmert personally took an active role in the investigation and prosecution of state charges against Roach before his recusal. Emmert appointed Scott as special prosecutor in the Roach cases on March 23, before he recused himself.

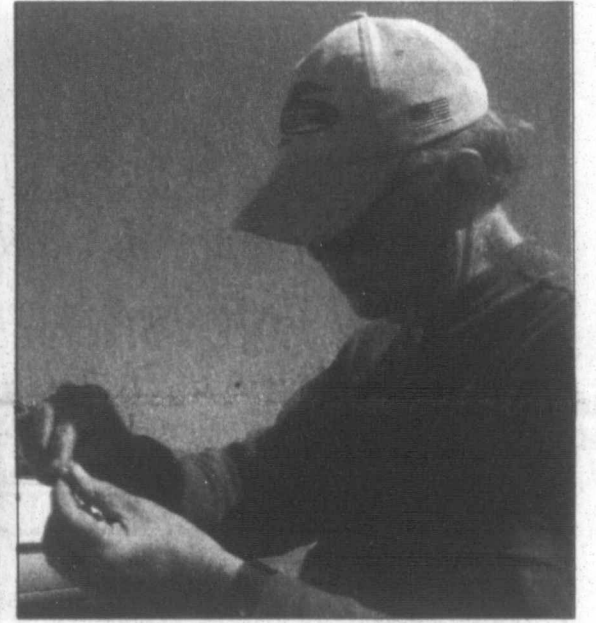
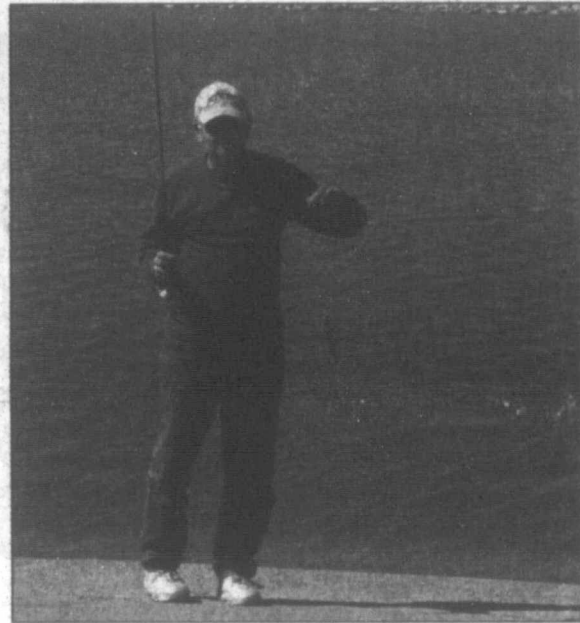
"Nothing occurred between March 23 and April 20 which would cause Judge Emmert to recuse him-

self. All of his actions which would make his recusal imperative occurred before March 23, the date of Scott's appointment," Kelly said in the motion.

"At the time of Scott's appointment, Judge Emmert had actively participated in the investigation against Mr. Roach and was disqualified from taking any action in these cases," Kelly said in the motion. The disqualification makes Emmert's appointment of Scott null and void, according to the motion.

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A good day for fishing



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Friday was a good fishing day at Recreation Park Lake, as Chuck Goldsberry and Linda Hernandez, both of Pampa, found out. Goldsberry, in photos at left and right, and Hernandez caught three rainbow trout between them within a 15-minute period Friday afternoon. Lake levels have risen from several weeks ago, when the smaller portion of the lake across the spillway at the western end was completely dry. Goldsberry, who was baiting his hook with buttermilk biscuit dough, said he is planning to move to Tennessee soon but has enjoyed his stay in Pampa. "It's a great community," he said.

Curbside grass pickup to be provided

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa's curbside grass pickup service will begin the week of April 3 and continue through Sept. 28, according to Doug Brown, sanitation superintendent.

The first curbside pickup of bagged grass clippings will be April 3 in Ward 1, April 4 in Ward 2, April 5 in Ward 3 and April 6 in Ward 4.

"The route will be run the same way as last year, so pickup days shall remain the same," Brown said in a

news release.

Days of pickup will be Ward 1, Mondays; Ward 2, Tuesdays; Ward 3, Wednesdays; and Ward 4, Thursdays.

Ward 1 is the northwest portion of the city. Ward 2 is the northeast section. Ward 3 is the southeastern part of Pampa, and Ward 4 is in the southwest area.

The service is free of charge for bagged clippings that are not mixed with other debris or trash, Brown said. The service is only for residents.

"All contractors are responsible for

hauling grass clippings to the landfill," Brown said. Clippings should not include other items.

Bags to be left curbside must weigh 50 pounds or less. Persons having grass clippings to dispose of before the service begins or after it is ended are asked to bring the clippings free of charge to the landfill, rather than place them in Dumpsters.

For more information, go to the landfill office off Loop 171 or call 669-5840.

Lefors ISD meets Tuesday

Lefors School board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library, 209 E. Fifth St.

The board will consider current billings, cash position of the district, and the superintendent's report.

Other action items include the appointment of an election judge, consideration of a teacher leave, and approval of renewing teacher contracts.

Haying, grazing fees waived by USDA, FSA

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry said he is pleased that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) have waived the haying and grazing fee on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in 25 counties in the 13th Congressional District.

Producers whose pastures and/or hay production were severely damaged by the wildfires recently will not be subject to a reduction in their CRP rental fee if they decide to hay or graze their CRP acreage. The

waiver also applies to those within the 25 counties with CRP who wish to donate the haying or grazing to an affected producer.

The counties included in this relief are: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler.

"Hopefully the fee waiver will immediately provide greater use of

CRP acreage within these counties to help with the urgent livestock feed needs across the area," Thornberry said.

Subject to local authority and oversight, the USDA waiver will also apply to controlled burns or similar measures on CRP acreage within the 25 counties. Approval for burning, haying, grazing or any modifications to existing CRP cover will be authorized by the county FSA office on a case-by-case basis after consulting with local officials. Producers should check with their

local FSA office for further details.

Even though an earlier request in January by Thornberry and the Texas Farm Service Agency to permit emergency haying and grazing of CRP across the entire state was granted, the magnitude of the Texas Panhandle wildfires prompted Thornberry to push for the fee waiver and other measures.

"I still believe it makes sense to apply the fee waiver wherever there have been extensive wildfires across

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Spring wildflowers make paltry showing through state this year

ENNIS, Texas (AP) — The spring forecast across the Texas landscape is bleak for bluebonnets, poor for primroses and iffy for Indian paintbrushes — and the winter drought is to blame.

The flowers typically provide a seasonal treat for tourists and locals driving along thousands of miles of roads and are celebrated at festivals all over the state.

But this year wildflowers didn't get the necessary rainfall in November and December, so fewer are expected to grow, and those that do could be shorter despite recent storms in parts of the state, horticulturists said.

"It's too late," said Jerry Parsons of San Antonio, a horticulturist with the Texas Cooperative Extension with Texas A&M University. "All you're going to see is patches of flowers, not big fields or massive displays."

They may be wild, but they do get a little help. The Texas Department of Transportation sows 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds — 30 varieties of flowers — along the state's 79,000 miles of highways each fall. The project started in 1932 but was expanded in the 1960s when the federal highway beautification program was passed and now costs about \$1 million a year.

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to all the firefighters from Pampa and Pantex who assisted in putting out the fires at our house in Walnut Creek. There was much damage, but it could have been a whole lot worse, if it hadn't been for the dedicated firemen who were persistent in extinguishing the fire. You did an exceptional job. Thanks for putting your life on the line everytime you go out.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Friday, March 24

Ronnie Eugene Hill, 40, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on two *capias* pro fines for no driver's license and one *capias* pro fine for failure to display insurance.

Thomas Randall Townsend, 51, of Borger was arrested by Borger Police Department for violation of probation-burglary of a habitation.

Patrick Jackson Nichols, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on two *capias* pro fines for failure to appear and no driver's license.

Saturday, March 25

Marcus Welden, 35, of Amarillo was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a charge of theft by

check and on two *capias* pro fines.

Kelly Dee Beesley, 25, of Borger was arrested by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Evaristo Jimenez, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a motion to revoke and for no driver's license, running a stop sign, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Ambulance

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

Friday, March 24

8:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit

responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Magnolia and transported a patient to PRMC.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, March 25

4:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

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

Friday, March 24

No calls.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 45. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 63. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a

high near 67. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

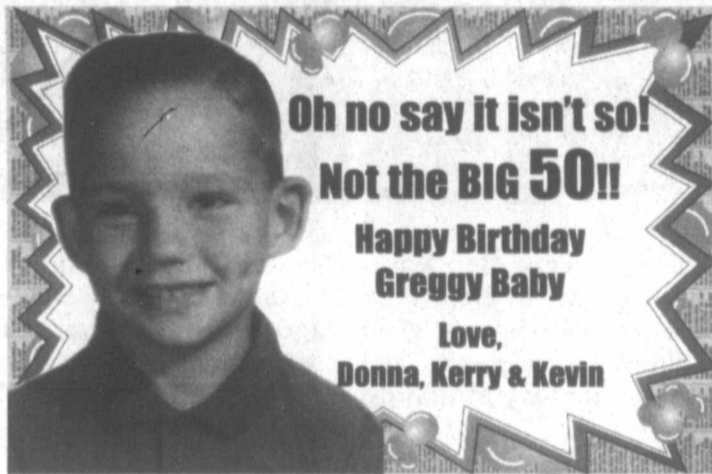
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and windy, with a low near 48.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 67.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

We would like to thank all the firefighters, Carter Sand & Gravel for the dozer and operator, also anyone who helped in any way Sunday and Tuesday with the fires in Roberts County, North of Miami.

Steve & Karen Hale



Perry's challengers blast tollway plan

SEATON, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's challengers in the November election took turns Friday attacking his vision for the Trans Texas Corridor, a \$184 billion plan to build megahighways around the state.

Appealing to a crowd of mostly rural residents concerned about losing land to the project, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Chris Bell was joined by independent candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman as he asked the crowd to "fire Rick Perry."

More than 700 residents attended the meeting in Seaton, a town just east of Temple where the first leg of the corridor will likely be built within a few miles.

"Gov. Rick Perry and his land-grabbing highway

henchmen want to cram toll roads down Texans' throats," Strayhorn said in Saturday's edition of the Austin American-Statesman.

"In a Strayhorn administration, (the corridor) is going to be blasted off the bureaucratic books."

The proposed first phase of the project, a 300-mile stretch of tollway from San Antonio to the Oklahoma border, would run parallel to Interstate 35.

Texas farmers are worried they'll lose large chunks of land and be inconvenienced if a large highway splits their property. If the corridor is 1,200 feet wide in some areas as planned, a farmer could lose as much as 146 acres per mile, according to the Texas Farm Bureau.

"We need roads, we all know that," said Bell, a former congressman. "What we don't need is to have our land taken away to benefit private business."

The panel was organized by the Blackland Coalition, which formed last year to rally opponents of the plan. To the right of Strayhorn on the stage was a placard and seat for Perry, the Republican incumbent, who was invited but didn't attend.

A board member of the coalition, Inez Cobb, said the area around Seaton went Republican in the mid-1990s but "they better watch their step or it might not be for long."

Perry's spokesman, Robert Black, didn't think opposition to the corridor plan would hurt the governor in November.

"The governor believes that the vast majority of Texans, including rural Texans, understand that with a population expected to double in the next 40 years, the current Texas infrastructure can't handle that increase," Black said. "Something has to happen."

Friedman, the author and entertainer, saved his strongest remarks for the decision to let the Spanish consortium Cintra-Zachary build and run the project.

"It's like having Dubai run the ports of America," he said. "It means we'll be paying tolls to a cowardly Spanish company for 70 years."

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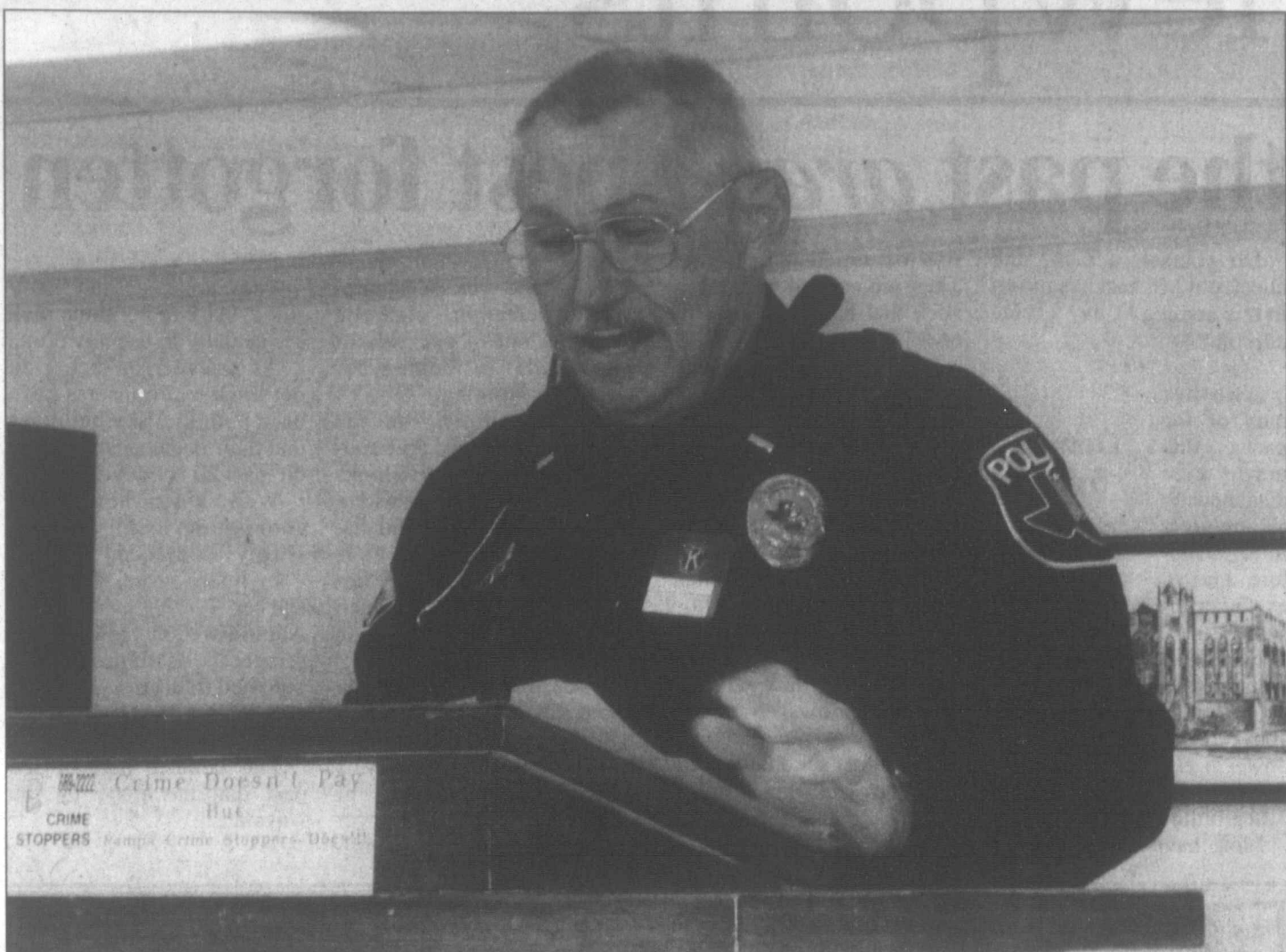
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Cowboys Benefit Ball to assist injured firefighters

CLARENDON — A "Cowboys Benefit Ball" is planned for 8-11:30 p.m. April 8 at the Barfield Building on the campus of Clarendon College for James McMorries, Jeff Cook and Joey Garcia, three volunteer firefighters from Howardwick injured when their truck overturned in Gray County near Lake McClelland Road during the recent wildfires.

As of press time, McMorries was still hospitalized in serious condition.

The ball will include a silent auction and music by Jay Riley, Gene Jones, Bob Boatright, a "Texas Playboy" from Fort Worth, Eric Blake of Austin and others.

Known as "The Grumpy Old Men," Riley and Jones are a country, classic pop and jazz duo. The two were invited

last year to play at the Nashville Media Association Banquet in Tennessee.

Boatright, a retired college math professor, fiddles. He has played the musical score to several movies including "Places in the Heart."

Admission to the ball will be \$10 per couple or \$5 per person and donations will be accepted.

Borger's Tri-City Concert Association to present Newstead Trio

BORGER — Tri-City Concert Association will present The Newstead Trio in concert on at 7:30 p.m. April 1 at the Borger High School Auditorium.

An ensemble of three young musicians, the trio will be playing music from Mendelssohn to Latin tangos.

Pampa Community Concert members can attend this concert on their

season memberships.

Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, contact Judy Flanders, (806)274-4981.

Roach

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"It is further Defendant's position that David Scott cannot act as special prosecutor or district attorney pro tem because of his involvement in conduct alleged to be improper or illegal," the motion states.

At Roach's federal sentencing hearing June 1 and at other times in the federal cases against him earlier last year, it was mentioned that Roach would agree to return a portion of the money involved in money forfeiture cases if the defense attorneys would not contest the case.

The motion states that Scott was one of the defense attorneys who received a portion of the seized money referred to in the federal cases against Roach.

The pre-trial hearing and trial dates are in connection with indictments on state charges against Roach.

Roach was indicted May 17, 2005 by a Gray County grand jury on two state charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. One indictment concerns methamphetamine, and the other specifies cocaine.

Both indictments state that a handgun was present at the time of the incident, that the amount of the substance was four or more but less than 200 grams, that the incidents occurred Jan. 11, 2005, and that they occurred within 1,000 feet of a drug-free zone.

Community Christian School, 220 N. Ballard, is within 1,000 feet of Gray County Courthouse, where Roach was arrested Jan. 11, 2005 by agents of the FBI's Amarillo office on a federal charge of possession of

methamphetamine. Further federal charges involving methamphetamine, cocaine and firearms were added to the federal indictment on Jan. 12, 2005.

Roach was also indicted June 21, 2005 by a Gray County grand jury on charges of aggravated perjury in connection with an affidavit of financial status and request for court-appointed counsel. The affidavit had been filed June 10, 2005, by Kelly.

Roach pled guilty to the federal firearms charge in a plea bargain agreement on Feb. 8, 2005, the same day that he resigned as 31st District Attorney. In a June 1, 2005, hearing in federal court in Amarillo, he was sentenced to five years in federal prison followed by three years' supervised release.

Roach is currently incarcerated at Federal Medical Center of Fort Worth.

Fees

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the state and will continue to urge USDA to do so," Thornberry said. Thornberry has also drafted legislation which would provide compensation for livestock lost in the wildfires as well as cost-share assistance for fence repair. If passed, the legislation would cover losses in 2005 or 2006.

"Wildfires are just as destructive as hurricanes and these folks should have the same options available to them as those affected by Katrina and Rita," Thornberry said.

School district promoting early reading through Tots-n-Training

Each week during the school year, Pampa Independent School District hands out a free book, newsletter, prizes and other educational materials at Frank's Foods, United Supermarket and Lamar Elementary School.

All children not enrolled in kindergarten between the ages of 3 and 5 are eligible to participate in Tots-n-Training. The program, overseen by Jo Sikes of PISD, promotes reading in early childhood.

The free materials are available at Lamar Tuesdays between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and 2 and 3:30 p.m., at Franks Foods Wednesdays between 3 and 4 p.m. and at United Supermarkets Thursdays between 3 and 5 p.m.

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Pampa High School
March 27 • Parent Support Meeting • Bible Church 7:00-8:00PM
March 30 • Joe Dicosimo Band Concert • 7:00PM
March 30 • Girls Basketball Banquet • 7:00PM
March 31 • Baseball Cajun Supper • Knights of Columbus 5:30-8:00PM

Pampa Junior High School
March 30 • Choir UIL Contest
March 30 • Pre-UIL Concert at MK Brown for 7th & 8th Grades

Lamar Elementary
March 27-31 • Book Fair
March 28 • Spring Open House • 6:00-7:00PM
March 28 • Book Fair Family Night • 5:30-7:30PM
March 28 & 30 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
March 28 & 30 • Family Literacy • 6:00-7:30PM

Wilson Elementary
March 27 & 29 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
March 27 & 29 • Family Literacy Night • 6:00-7:30PM
March 29 • ESL • 1:00-3:00PM
March 30 • Booster Club Fiesta Dinner • 6:00-8:00PM

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

Viewpoints

Some parts of the past aren't best forgotten

Sports Editor Michael J. Stevens and I were visiting last week about tradition and history being lost to present generations.

The impetus for the subject was the Pampa Oilers, a minor league baseball team that entertained Pampa fans in the 30s, 40s, and 50s, and won several West Texas-New Mexico League championships.

I had given Michael J. the assignment to do a story on the Oilers for our annual Pride section, which will be distributed on Friday.

He said he was not thrilled with the assignment but, being a good soldier, he set forth.

What he found changed

his mind.

He came back with a renewed enthusiasm for the story and delved into it with abandon.

He found some folks who had played with the team and talked to them. He found relics and artifacts at the White Deer Land Museum.

He was taken in with the historical significance of this era in Pampa's history, and he expects to do more with the subject in the future.

And it is sort of sad that some of the younger folks growing up in Pampa now, and even some newcomers to the town, have no clue about Pampa's historical past, both in sports and otherwise.

Do yourself a favor and check out Michael J.'s report in this coming Friday's Pride edition.

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Another part of the past that may soon disappear is an architectural structure known as the transom.

For those of you who wonder what a transom is, it is a small hinged window above a door or other windows in a building that has many rooms, such as an office building or a school. Most have a small metal

ring on top that is latched. They are opened with a long stick that has a hook on the end.

They have chains or small ropes so that they open just part way.

I can remember the nuns in my elementary school opening and closing them for ventilation and trying to adjust the air flow with the outside windows.

There was no air conditioning for schools in my hometown in the 40s and 50s.

Transoms were big movie

props in the film noir era of the 40s and 50s. A square-jawed detective, cigarette drooping out of one side of his mouth, is looking for clues in a building.

He stealthily moves through a hallway and suddenly hears voices. He looks up and sees an open transom. Of course he stops and listens.

The speakers do not know the transom is open and their conversation can be heard.

What got me to thinking about the transoms is that while attending a school board meeting Thursday, I noticed there are plenty of transoms in the Carver Center Administration build-

ing. They are large and handsome, but I do not think they are actually in use anymore.

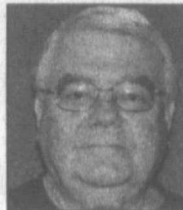
As a matter of fact, I do not think that transoms have been built into any buildings that have been constructed in the past 20 or 30 years.

With modern heating and cooling devices, they are simply not needed.

In future years, when the Carver Center Administration building has served its usefulness, those outdated transoms will probably lie in a trash heap somewhere.

Just another part of the past that has gone by the wayside.

Dennis Spies
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 26, the 85th day of 2006. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

On this date:

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss.

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall concrete statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer III.

In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.



Our readers write

God bless Texas and all who were effected by massive wildfires ...

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to those who were affected by the wildfires.

We live and ranch in the south edge of Ochiltree County and were spared from any damage.

Thanks to all those who helped — the firemen, the people with dozers, tractors, planes, road graders and communication services; the radio station that kept us informed; the neighbors and friends who called or came to see if we were aware, needed help or were okay.

God bless Texas.

Wayne and Debbie Blue Perryton

'Communication problem' causes grief for one family south of city

A recent event has caused me some degree of sadness and quite a bit of concern. My grandparents and my family both live south of the city limits of Pampa. The road we live on is now called County Road 9 1/2, after an address change a few years ago that was deemed necessary to make it easier for emergency workers (fire, police, etc.) to locate the trou-

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Cruise line gives help, hope to orphans

Gather 'round. I want to tell you a story. I can't guarantee the ending, but promise you an eye witness account of the beginning.

In this case, the imagined ending comes first. It is the year 2086, and the setting is a care center for the elderly in Mexico. Eight huddled residents, their modest dinners of soft food consumed and card games played, note the setting of the sun. They smile at the prospect of their favorite time of day when they tell stories about favorite moments of their youth ...

It is Jose's turn. He rubs his palms in gleeful mode, eager to recount his favorite day. It was in the springtime of his sixth year. He remembers it well — the day he and 26 others in his Liberio Orphanage "family" — received royal treatment.

No, it wasn't at the orphanage. They were treated well enough there, but frugality was always the watchword. They had meager food, places to sleep and clean clothes to wear. Each day, they heard the nuns'

predictable prayers to God that He would provide for the children.

Jose believes this finest of all days was God's favor to a family of orphans. Little did he know that another "family" — this one more than 100 times larger — was ready to help. It was on a cruise ship docked a few blocks away in the port city's Pacific waters ...

Don Newbury
Columnist



"When we crossed the gangplank, we felt like Alice in Wonderland," Jose laughed. "We knew we were in a new place — not in Manzanillo, Mexico — anymore. We feared, Dorothy-like, that we were dreaming. It was a crossing to paradise."

Jose recalled sparkling moments of the six-hour visit to the ship. He spoke of learning dance steps in the disco, twirling hoola-hoops, playing computer games and face-painting. "Crew members brushed our faces with

vivid designs, then invited us to paint their faces," Jose beamed. "So we did ..."

He gestured wildly about the glass-enclosed elevators spanning the 10-floor atrium. "None of us had ever been beyond the second floor, and only then by stairs."

They ate until they could eat no more. Jose claimed that one little girl, Rosita, crammed her knapsack with burgers, hot-dogs and cake to eat later. And Ship Captain Pier Paolo Scala helped her with the cramming ...

Most of the old folks shook their heads in disbelief of Jose's story. One resident, however, claimed it all to be true.

She, too, had lived in the orphanage. She said the day he described was her 10th birthday. "It was the orphanage's 10th birthday, too," Rosita said. "And in my dresser drawer, I still have

the knapsack ..."

My wife and I were on Carnival's Spirit, along with some 3,000 guests and crew. The grand food, wonderful entertainment and new ports of call were all appealing, but as we neared Manzanillo, interests changed. Collective conversations and excitement shifted to the orphans we were about to see on ship.

Oh, we enjoyed seeing the cliff divers in Acapulco, watching the happy faces of Bingo winners and making pleasant mental pictures of so many families enjoying the cruise. (One Utah family of 12 included four generations, including the patriarch who spoke often of his girlfriend of more than 26 years who remained back home. Asked why she hadn't joined the family on the cruise, he lamented, "She won't fly or float!" ...

We joined the rest in applauding birthdays and anniversaries. One couple glowed in the warmth of a 53-year marriage.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 19**

The Dallas Morning News on the war in Iraq:

History's verdict is not written at three-year intervals; the ultimate success or failure of the Iraq war is a matter for another day. On this day, three years after American troops began their work of bravery and sacrifice, we can only say that the sacrifice has been far greater than most Americans anticipated and the results purchased with that sacrifice far less.

So, even as we celebrate our soldiers' bravery and mourn the losses they and their families have borne, we

deplore the faulty intelligence, poor planning, muddled tactics and too-brash ideology that brought us to this pass. History's verdict is open; today's verdict is written in the public's growing disenchantment.

That said, we cannot go back; we must go forward. The question is: How?

The reflexive answer to simply leave promises to turn a dicey situation into an outright debacle. The recent bombing of the Samarra mosque and the subsequent wave of reprisal killings between Shiites and Sunnis demonstrate how fragile the Iraqi national identity remains and how easily America's enemies can inflame ancient religious and ethnic tensions to tear the nation apart.

Without U.S. troops to serve as a buffer and stabilizing force, Iraq could become the next Lebanon, Bosnia or even Rwanda. Ethnic cleansing is a real threat. So is a regionwide conflict in which the Sunni- or Shia-dominated governments of neighboring states play out their ambitions on Iraqi soil and at the cost of Iraqi lives. Either scenario poses grave risks both to Americans' pocketbooks and their safety.

One painful truth is that, for urgent strategic reasons, we want a unified Iraq more than many Iraqis do, including some of the people elected to form a national government. Another is that the only thing potentially worse than their perceiving us as the enemy is their

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Letters

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ble. This does not seem to have helped some of the current emergency workers.

This past week, my grandmother took ill and actually stopped breathing for a short time. My grandfather called the ambulance and told them his address, specifying that he lived south of town. Twenty minutes later, he telephoned my father, who then drove from town and loaded up my grandmother in the car.

This drive probably took him five to 10 minutes, even though he was farther from the house than the ambulance station. After he had loaded my grandmother in the car, the ambulance finally arrived. My grandfather told them to get out of his way so that he could take my grandmother to the hospital rather than try to move her around again. Later on at the hospital, the ambulance worker said that there had been a "communication problem."

My family and I were very exasperated, considering that this had happened previously. My grandmother fell and broke her hip a few months ago, and the ambulance took 45 minutes to arrive. They had to be redirected to the house by one of my relatives who was listening to the police scanner. Taking 30 minutes to arrive at a place where someone has stopped breathing is inexcusable. Had there not been a nurse at my grandparents' house at the time of this incident, and had my father not reacted so quickly, my grandmother might not be with us today.

Action needs to be taken to improve the response time of the ambulance workers, especially since the road my family lives on was renamed for their convenience. My concern lies in ensuring the safety of the rest of the rural residents of the Pampa area.

**Sarah Teague
Pampa**

Its is up to Pampans to care about future for local kids ...

Do people care about our town? To some degree, I think. I read somewhere that when Pampa was first becoming a town that we had a witch doctor taking care of our sick and had all kinds of evil things that were built on Pampa.

If you don't believe me than please look it up yourself. How can we break the so-called curse that we have on our town? Well, number one we can pray, then we can look into building new things for Pampa. Our kids need it. Please, believe me. Look into your hearts.

On the other hand, the so-called forefathers of Pampa probably will not let our town grow. I guess they don't care about our kids. All they think about is themselves. I blame the whole town. I wish I had millions, so that I could build things for Pampa.

I hope I'm not wasting my time writing this. Those of you who are trying to make our town a better place, thank you. God bless our town and the people in it.

**Devlin Howe
Pampa**

'Tillie' rescued from life of crime

MILLFIELD, Ohio (AP) — A makeshift mannequin that failed to fool police monitoring the high-occupancy vehicle lane on Highway 36 fetched \$15,000 in an auction on eBay, with proceeds going to charity, the buyer announced.

Denver-based Video Professor bought the Styrofoam head, coat hanger, and clothing stuffed with newspapers from HOV scofflaw Greg Pringle, 53, of Broomfield, said Brian Olson, a company

spokesman.

As part of his sentence handed down earlier this month, Pringle agreed to donate any profits from a Web site — launched to free "Tillie" after she was impounded by police — and the auction to the Alive At 25 driver safety awareness program.

"We've rescued Tillie from a life of crime and we hope to rehabilitate her so she can be a contributing dummy to our society," Olson said.

Cruise

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"Yes, 53 years," the husband said. "But it feels more like 53 minutes ... under water!"

When the kids arrived, puzzle pieces came quickly together. We had heard how the crew and previous guests rallied to support them. Since the cruise ship began stopping there last fall, the captain has led crew members on trips to the grocery store to stock the orphanage shelves. Such trips every eight days are as predictable as the Manzanillo docking.

We watched the senior officers

blowing up balloons and frolicking with the kids in the swimming pool. Later, we saw them get misty-eyed at suggestions that guests toss spare pesos into the donation box at trip's end ...

We weren't surprised, really, to learn that donations are doing more than buying food. At this writing, the fund is "in the black" by \$5,000. It is earmarked to help with the kids' dental needs.

When folks see needs — up close and personal — and sense the passion of a crew committed to the international common denominator of love and friendship, we celebrate. We rejoice in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man ...

The kids won our hearts; they always do. And one day, perhaps many decades later, they will bask in memory's afterglow when stories of a special day abound in a care center.

At trip's end, I had no pesos to offer, so I reached for a five-spot. I heard my wife's familiar "tsk-tsk-tsk" as she pushed several Abe Lincolns into the donation slot. And we watched Captain Scala blink back tears as he waved from the gangplank. Carnival's "Spirit" is well named, and its description, "the fun ship," well earned ...

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.

War

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perceiving one another fundamentally as enemies.

As the situation on the ground grows more volatile, the possibility of an outright military victory grows more remote. For the foreseeable future, American troops' most urgent challenge is to guarantee enough security to prevent full-scale civil war. And, notwithstanding last week's offensive against suspected al-Qaeda thugs near Samarra, the likelihood of sectarian fallout will complicate the task of rooting out terrorists.

As Peter Galbraith, a former U.S. ambassador to Croatia, told the San Francisco Chronicle before this week's raids: "While we think it's the Iraqi army coming to fight the insurgents, the Sunnis see not their fellow nationals, they see the enemy, they see the Shiites, from a hostile religious group."

The narrowing of military options makes it imperative that the Bush administration move decisively on other fronts.

Specifically: Use the promise of money as a lever. The administration seems largely to have abandoned reconstruction efforts. While reports about the mismanagement of some reconstruction projects underline the need for effective oversight, we shouldn't overlook the potential of dollars to budge Iraqi politicians out of their sectarian bunkers and toward a unified government. Success is not guaranteed, but nothing else is working.

Seek an international solution for real. Among the world's major powers, no one benefits if Iraq devolves into chaos, potentially taking other nations in the region down with it. At this point,

the administration has nothing to lose and everything to gain by convening a global conference on the future of Iraq. But it can't be mere window-dressing. Other nations will engage seriously in the stabilization effort including bearing more of the financial costs only if they gain a significant say in strategy and policy.

Finally, without assuming the prerogative of historians, it must be said that the administration's reaffirmation this week of its doctrine of pre-emptive war rings ironic in the extreme. It is

not necessary to judge the doctrine's intrinsic merit to say that its currency in the real world is close to zero.

Ideas are judged by the fruits they bear, and unless and until time rewrites the present perception of this war's fruits, most Americans will be rightly leery of launching another pre-emptive war. Pandora, presumably, did not make a career of opening boxes.

Thus, for President Bush, the doctrine that bears his name may be the most costly casualty of his exercise of that doctrine.

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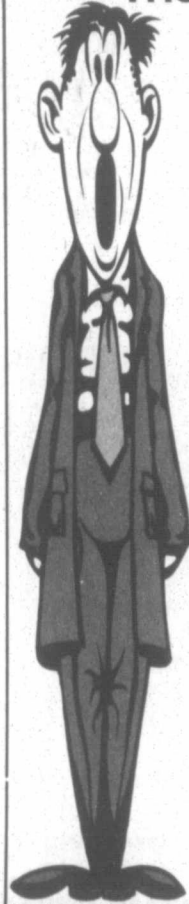
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1, H&GN.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Brigham Oil & Gas, #3 Derek '12', 467' from South & West line, Sec. 12, A-1, H&GN, PD 8500'.
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Farm Credit co-ops declare patronage monies

AUSTIN — Rural financing cooperatives across the Tenth Farm Credit District will return a record \$56.4 million, or approximately 25.7 percent of their 2005

earnings, in patronage distributions to their borrower-stockholders. This announcement highlighted the 2005 year-end financial results reported by the rural

lending network. In 2004 and 2003, the local lending co-ops, or associations, distributed \$39.8 million and \$26.8 million, respectively, based on annual earnings.

The Tenth District is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas and 21 rural financing associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, the associations finance approximately 48,500 farmers, ranchers, country homeowners, agribusiness firms and other rural landowners.

When the bank does well, it returns earnings to its stockholders, the 21 lending associations and four Other Financing Institutions. When the associations have a successful year, they distribute patronage to their borrower-stockholders.

"In a cooperative, success is measured by the value we return to our owners. That's why we are pleased that so many of our Farm Credit associations chose to share a significant portion of their 2005 income with their stockholders," said Larry Doyle, FCBT CEO.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas also paid a record patronage of \$20.6 million to its customer-stockholders, based on average direct-note volume during 2005.

"Patronage has the effect of reducing a customer's cost of doing business," Doyle added. "It's the No. 1 advantage that sets co-ops apart from other forms of business."

In addition to record patronage, the Tenth Farm Credit District reported record loan volume and asset growth during the year. The district's loan volume totaled \$10.2 billion at Dec. 31, 2005. This was a 21 percent increase from the \$8.4 billion loan volume reported

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#1472', 467' from South & East line of Sec.

#1572', 1910' from North & 2300' from East line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #309 Wiggins '9', 1707' from South & 933' from West line, Sec. 9, 1, I&GN, PD 12600'.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT above 4800') Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #2 Bitzie Harvey 'A' 45, 547' from South & 1963' from West line, Sec. 1, L, H&GN, PD 4800'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Stallion Energy, L.L.C., Herring, PD 3200', for the following Horizontal Re Completions:

#204A, 4075' from South & 4190' from East line Wm. Cole Survey (BHL: 6761' from South & 3704' from East Survey line.

#205, 6400' from North & 4190' from East line David Luce Survey (BHL: #1, 2400' from North & 4190' from East Survey line, #2, 6400' from North 330' from East Survey line, #3, 3764' from South & 4190' from East Survey line)

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Wheeler Energy Co., #2094 Flowers Unit, 1010' from North & 3520' from East line, Sec. 94, C, G&M, PD 9600'.

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #205 Flowers 'B', 3980' from South & 1300' from West line, Sec. 5, —, BS&F, PD 10417'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.E. RED DEER Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #3033 Byrum, 1500' from South & 990' from West line, Sec. 33, B-1, H&GN, PD 12000'.

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WHEELER (WILCAT & BILLY ROSE Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1414 Gray, 1100' from South & 1800' from West line, Sec. 14, A-8, H&GN, PD 6000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., PD 16000', for the following wells:

#12 Bryant '21', 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 21, A-3, H&GN.

#2 Fowler '22', 1900' from North & 720' from East line, Sec. 22, A-3, H&GN.

#8, Stiles '67', 467' from North & 2173' from West line, Sec. 67, A-7, H&GN.

#5023 Stiles Ranch '23', 1980' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 23, A-3, H&GN.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Mid-Con., PD 15850', for the following wells:

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#12 Britt Ranch 'D' 5, 467' from South & 742' from East line, Sec. 5, 2, B&B.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Morrow) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #3-34 Britt, 1500' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 34, A-3, H&GN, PD 19000'.

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3 Effie Hayes '18', 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 18, RE, R&E, PD 15000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #407 Courson Ranch S PA-11, Sec. 7, A, H&GN, spud 12-5-05, drlg. compl 12-14-05, tested 2-20-06, pumped 1 bbl. of — grav. oil + 28 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 9700:1, TD 6000', PBTD 4250' —

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Young '32', Sec. 32, A-3, H&GN, spud 12-11-05, drlg. compl 12-30-05, tested 1-22-06, flowed 146 bbls. of 53.8 grav. oil + 67 bbls. water thru 18/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 6019, TD 12430', PBTD 12326' —

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #4 Young '32', spud 1-7-06, drlg. compl 1-23-06, tested 2-17-06, flowed 95.8 bbls. of 53 grav oil + 287 bbls. water thru

30/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 8747, TD 12495', PBTD 12448' —

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #6815P Meek '68', Sec. 68, M-1, H&GN, spud 5-15-05, drlg. compl 5-31-05, tested 11-4-05, TD 11890', PBTD 11836' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #1824 Puryear, Sec. 24, M-1, H&GN, spud 11-17-05, drlg. compl 12-7-05, tested 2-12-06, TD 13200', PBTD 13056' —

HEMPHILL (GIT MO Morrow) Pablo Energy, L.L.C., #5013 Campbell Ranch '13', Sec. 13, 1, I&GN, spud 10-23-05, drlg. compl 11-14-05, tested 12-21-05, TD 11500', PBTD 11460' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Inc., #903 Petree, Sec. 3, 1, I&GN, spud 11-15-05, drlg. compl 12-6-05, tested 2-7-06, potential 2300 MCF, TD 12740', PBTD 12647' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #961 Myrtle Flowers, Sec. 61, B-1, H&GN, spud 10-16-05, drlg. compl 11-3-05, tested 2-8-06, potential 808 MCF, TD 10878', PBTD 10787' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #1161 Myrtle Flowers, Sec. 61, B-1, H&GN, spud 12-3-05, drlg. compl 12-20-05, tested 2-8-06, potential 2747 MCF, TD 10900', PBTD 10807' —

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #202 Reed, Sec. 2, 2, C&M, spud 7-10-05, drlg. compl 7-28-05, tested 8-29-05, potential 1348 MCF, TD 13030', PBTD 12979' —

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4T Reed, Thomas James Survey, spud 7-12-05, drlg. compl 8-2-05, tested 2-9-06, potential 629 MCF, TD 12860', PBTD 12783' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #14 Zybach '65', Sec. 65, M-1, H&GN, spud 11-5-05, tested 1-20-06, TD 13969', PBTD 13605' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #5017 Stiles '17', Sec. 17, A-3, H&GN, spud 9-2-05, drlg. compl 12-10-05, tested 2-23-06, potential 1794 MCF, TD 16500', PBTD 16449' —

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka) BP America Production Co., #1 Lara '54', Sec. 54, A-7, H&GN, spud 7-3-05, drlg. compl 2-5-06, tested 2-5-06, TD 16554' —

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka) BP America Production Co., #1 Tyler '55', Sec. 55, A-7, H&GN, spud 9-22-05, drlg. compl 2-2-06, tested 2-6-06, TD 16215', PBTD 15205' —

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Des Moines) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1046 RE Abernathy Unit, Sec. 46, A-7, H&GN, spud 8-29-05, drlg. compl 10-5-05, tested 1-19-06, potential 52 MCF, TD 15630', PBTD 15478' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #34 Stiles '4', Sec. 4, A-3, H&GN, spud 7-5-05, drlg. compl 12-28-05, tested 2-20-06, potential 3689 MCF, TD 14400', PBTD 14359' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #5 Britt Ranch 'E' 8, Sec. 8, 2, B&B, spud 9-22-05, drlg. compl 11-11-05, tested 1-12-06, potential 8806 MCF, TD 14772', PBTD 14772' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #8 Britt Ranch '46', Sec. 46, A-3, H&GN, spud 10-28-05, drlg. compl 12-6-05, tested 1-30-06, potential 12855 MCF, TD 15662', PBTD 15662' —

Plugged Wells

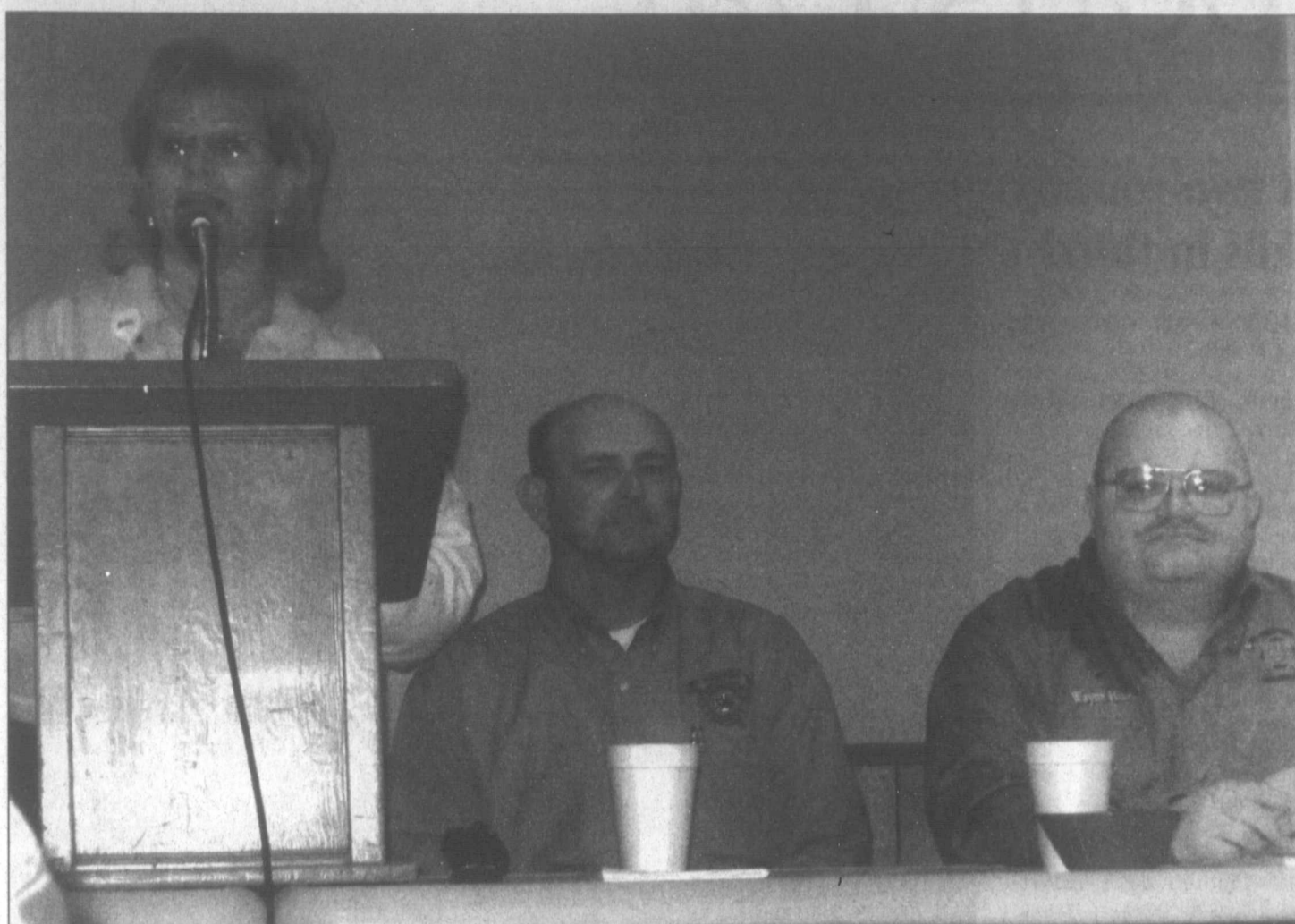
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, O.P., #2 Harrington, Sec. 20, M-16, AB&M, spud unknown, plugged 9-2-05, TD 3280' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #3 Knudsen, Sec. 136, 5-T, T&NO, spud unknown, plugged 8-11-05, TD 3267' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Enid Operating, Inc., #1 Merchant 'C', Sec. 39, 47, H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 2-6-06, TD 2650' (gas) — Form 1 in Skelly Oil

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Questa Operating, L.L.C., #5 G.A. Whittenburg, Sec. 28, 47, H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 2-7-06, TD 2950' (gas) —

Rotary Club



Jacque Burklow, Pampa Rotary Club president, welcomed members during a recent Rotary meeting. Seen sitting beside her were guest speakers Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Millican and Hoover VFD Training Officer Wayne Hinder. Millican explained the history behind the Hoover VFD and presented a slide show of the two largest wildfires in Texas history that recently burned through both northern and southern portions of Gray County.

Deadline for enrolling in Medicare Part D looms

AMARILLO — Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet signed up for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program known as Medicare Part D have until May 15 to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, according to Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle.

Currently-eligible beneficiaries who do not sign up by the deadline must wait until the next open enrollment period beginning Nov. 15 to enroll in a plan and will likely face higher premiums for not signing up when first eligible.

Medicare beneficiaries with private

prescription coverage through a current or former employer or other source may defer signing up for Medicare Part D and avoid a higher premium if their private prescription coverage is as good as, or better than, Medicare's standard prescription benefit.

Anyone currently enrolled in, or eligible for, Medicare parts A or B or both is eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D. People with limited income and resources may be eligible for extra help from the government in paying their prescription costs under Medicare Part D.

Persons who become eligible for Medicare after the enrollment deadline may enroll in Medicare Part D three months before their 65th birthday, the month they turn 65, or three months after turning 65.

There are many Medicare prescription drug plans to choose from. Beneficiaries should compare plans to find one that covers their medications at the best cost.

Persons wishing to compare the Medicare prescription plans may call 1-800-633-4227 or contact Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-6008.

District

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at Dec. 31, 2004, and a 40.5 percent increase from Dec. 31, 2003. Total assets grew by 26 percent to \$13.2 billion at year-end 2005, compared with \$10.5 billion a year earlier.

The quality of the district's portfolio remained high, increasing to 98.4 percent acceptable volume at Dec. 31, 2005, from 98.2 percent a year earlier.

"By any measure, 2005 was another outstanding year for the Tenth District, but our 21 percent growth in loan volume is particularly noteworthy," said Doyle. "While numerous factors, including a strong economy,

contributed to our growth, most of the credit goes to the staff and boards of our local lending associations. We challenged them to reclaim their marketplace, and they responded with competitive loan pricing, new loan product and more aggressive marketing."

Net interest income of \$340.5 million for the year ended Dec. 31, 2005, reflected a 12 percent increase from the \$304.1 million reported the previous year, due largely to loan volume growth. Total noninterest income increased by 16 percent to \$18.0 million in 2005 from \$15.5 million in 2004.

District net income totaled \$219.9 million in 2005, compared to \$342.5 million in 2004. Included in the 2004 results was a one-time

reversal of the allowance for loan losses of \$157.7 million. The one-time reversal resulted from the refinement of the Farm Credit System's methodologies for determining the allowance for loan losses.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas, a wholesale lender to the 21 associations and four OFIs, also reported good results for 2005. The bank's loan portfolio totaled \$8.5 billion at Dec. 31, 2005, up 23 percent from a year earlier.

Total assets grew to \$11.3 billion at year-end 2005, a 28 percent increase from the prior year end. FCBT net income of \$57.6 million in 2005 was up 23 percent from \$47.0 million in net income in 2004.

TDA sets rates for weevil program

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture recently established the 2006 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northern Rolling Plains zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2006 in the NRP is \$10 per dry row acre and \$15 per irrigated row acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

The zone's steering committee once again recommended that growers with

failed acres be eligible to receive a credit of 50 percent of their assessment on those acres destroyed before the final certification date.

Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by Sept. 1. Payment is due Oct. 7. Growers who pay by Sept. 22 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

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Sports Day

Vinson advances through first two rounds of Lubbock tourney Friday, falls in third

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Members of the Pampa Harvester tennis team faced tough competition in the opening rounds of the annual Lubbock Invitational Friday. The tournament concluded Saturday.

Pampa's Myca Vinson dispatched Cindy Cobian of El Paso Franklin in her opening match, 6-0, 6-2. Vinson advanced to the second round where she met Lubbock High's Sarah Jordan. Despite the Jordan's stout play, Vinson was able to take a 7-6, 6-4 win and move into the third round. There she faced Linsey Holcomb of Wichita Falls Rider. Vinson fell in the first match, 6-3. She stayed strong in the second before succumbing to Holcomb, 7-6.

Pampa results from Friday

Singles/Girls

Round 1

Liza Haegerman (Rider) def. Deschana Afram (Pampa) 6-0, 6-0

Myca Vinson (Pampa) def. Cindy Cobian (EP Franklin) 6-0, 6-2

Round 2

Myca Vinson (Pampa) def. Sarah Jordan (Lubbock High) 7-6, 6-4

Round 3

Linsey Holcomb (Rider) def. Myca Vinson (Pampa) 6-3, 7-6

Doubles

Round 1

Garbacz (Rider) def. Farmer-Pereira (Pampa) 6-0, 6-0

Hetherington-Hernandez (Rider) def. Acker-Stowers (Pampa) 6-2, 6-0

Singles/Boys

Round 1

Tanner Weil (Coronado) def. Jack Ware, 6-2, 6-1;

Doubles

Round 1

Hayhurst-Porter (Tascosa) def. Frels-Morris (Pampa) 6-2, 6-2

Mixed doubles

Round 1

Lucus-Foreman (Pampa) def. Weaver-Eaton (Monterey) 7-5, 6-4

Lebas-Hollabaugh (Tascosa) def. Patterson-Thortonberry (Pampa) 6-2, 6-1

Round 2

Holder-Byrne def. Lucus-Foreman, 7-5, 6-1

Wayland bound



Lefors Lady Pirate Rachael Stubbs (left) recently signed a letter of intent to attend Wayland Baptist University where she will compete in track. Also pictured is WBU assistant Track & Field coach Brian Whitlock.

MARCH MADNESS

Maybe this really is 'Nova's year

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — By almost every measure, the Villanova Wildcats should be trudging back to Philadelphia, wondering how it all went wrong.

They scrapped their vaunted four-guard attack in the opening minutes of the game after seeing it was no match for the taller, heftier Boston College. Allan Ray had one of his more miserable nights, and the rest of Villanova's offense wasn't much better. It took almost 38 minutes for the Wildcats to get their first lead, and even then it was fleeting.

Yet there they were at the end of the night Friday, yelling and screaming and hugging each other like it was 1985. Even Rollie Massimino was dancing - or something close to it - when the Villanova band played the fight song during a late timeout.

It almost makes you think this really might be the Wildcats' year. How else to explain the final score of Villanova 60, Boston College 59 that sends the Wildcats into the regional finals for the first time since 1988? And in overtime, no less, with a gutsy

call by the referees on the decisive basket.

Boston College's Sean Williams was called for goaltending on a Will Sheridan layup with three seconds left in overtime, putting Villanova ahead by one. Replays showed it was the right call.

"We find a way to win," Massimino said. "We really have gutsy kids."

Led by Ray and fellow senior Randy Foye, Villanova has put together one of its best seasons ever, winning a school-record 28 games and earning its first No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. But it also spent much of the year in the shadows of fellow Big East beast Connecticut, a popular pick to win the national title even before Duke's stunning loss to LSU.

A Big East team may very well end up in the title game, but after Friday night, don't be surprised if it's Villanova.

The Wildcats don't seem like one of those grind-it-out teams that's having a blockbuster night if it hits 60.

They average almost 74 points a game, and all four of their guards score

in double figures.

But they can get gritty when they have to.

"I know no one believes us, but these are the types of games that we like," Foye said. "Just grind it out, play defense and rebound."

They had little choice. The Wildcats missed 13 of their first 16 shots, and didn't hit anything outside 5 feet until four minutes left in the first half. They trailed by as much as 16 points in the first half and nine in the second.

After scoring 44 points in Villanova's first - and second-round wins, Ray managed a grand total of nine. Credit the defense of former Big East rival BC for much of his struggles, but he couldn't get it going outside, either.

"I was a little nervous," Massimino said. "But that's all right. We've been down before."

Besides, Villanova had Foye and defense. That's all they needed to keep what's looking more and more like an extra special season rolling.

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CHL standings

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Bossier-Shreveport	41	15	8	90	223	170
Youngstown	23	35	5	51	204	233
Memphis	22	36	5	49	203	249
Fort Worth	17	38	8	42	154	240

Northwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Colorado	44	13	6	94	240	179
x-Wichita	36	18	8	80	234	195
x-Oklahoma City	35	24	3	73	226	206
Tulsa	28	27	7	63	204	221

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Laredo	41	15	6	88	228	153
Rio Grande Valley	32	25	6	70	200	183
Austin	33	27	3	69	191	213
Corpus Christi	22	35	5	49	146	203

Southwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Odessa	35	21	6	76	211	189
Amarillo	33	26	3	69	202	200
Lubbock	27	29	6	60	175	197

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Friday's Games

Youngstown 6, Fort Worth 0

Odessa 5, Corpus Christi 3

Memphis 7, Austin 1

Amarillo 4, Rio Grande Valley 1

Lubbock 6, Oklahoma City 3

Bossier-Shreveport 3, Tulsa 2, SO

Wichita 4, Colorado 1

Saturday's Games

Austin at Bossier-Shreveport

Wichita at Colorado

Odessa at Lubbock

Tulsa at Memphis

Fort Worth at Youngstown

Laredo at Corpus Christi

Amarillo at Oklahoma City

Sunday's Games

Austin Tulsa

Corpus Christi at Laredo

Oklahoma City at Wichita

Lubbock at Amarillo

Rio Grande Valley at Odessa

End of Regular Season

Millwood has stability, should have support, as Texas Rangers ace

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Kevin Millwood had many moments of frustration last year, even while leading the American League in ERA and proving he was healthy.

Millwood was the first pitcher to win the ERA title in his debut AL season since Rick Sutcliffe in 1982, also for Cleveland.

He also became the first AL leader with a losing record since Hall of Famer Stan Coveleski in 1923.

The Indians averaged only 3.6 runs for Millwood, third-lowest for AL starters, and scored only two runs when he lost four straight starts in July.

Still, Millwood (9-11, 2.86 ERA in 30 starts) got exactly what he wanted out of his only season in Cleveland after being limited to 25 starts for Philadelphia in 2004 because of swelling in his right elbow.

"I was tired of being on one-year contracts. It was nice to have a good year in a free agent year and be able to get a longer deal," Millwood said.

"It's made me more confident and mentally got me back to where I was a couple of years ago."

Millwood rejected a salary arbitration offer from

Cleveland, was pursued by Boston and signed a five-year \$60 million deal to be the No. 1 starter for the overhauled rotation of the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers are his third team in four seasons since leaving Atlanta, but the self-proclaimed country boy is finally back in the South.

More than the personal stability he wanted with a long-term deal, Millwood is with a team known for scoring plenty of runs.

The Rangers averaged 5.3 runs last season while setting a team record with a majors-best 260 home runs.

"No, run support is not going to be a problem," Millwood said.

"You put him on our team and hopefully that ERA title turns into a Cy Young also," All-Star first baseman Mark Teixeira said.

Millwood was 14-12 with a no-hitter and three shutouts his first season with Philadelphia.

The right-hander then declared free agency before signing another one-year deal with the Phillies, and because of the elbow ended up on the disabled list for a month near the end of the 2004 season.

NFL: Johnson signs with Panthers; Allen to 49ers

(AP) — Keyshawn Johnson chose to sign with the Carolina Panthers for one reason, and it has nothing to do with receptions.

"I didn't come here to catch 100 balls," Johnson said. "I came here because I feel Carolina is the team with the best chance to get to the Super Bowl."

The free-agent receiver signed a four-year, \$19 million contract Friday with the Panthers, becoming the complement to Pro Bowl selection Steve Smith. The deal includes a \$5 million signing bonus.

Johnson called Smith "the most dominant force in the NFL at wide receiver" and said he was looking forward to lining up next to him.

Johnson wasn't the only former Cowboys player to find a new team Friday. Larry Allen, the Cowboys' 10-time Pro Bowl guard and perhaps the most dominant offensive lineman of his generation, agreed to a two-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers.

Also, former New England Patriots tackle Tom Ashworth has agreed to a \$13 million, five-year contract with the Seattle Seahawks, the Patriots resigned fan favorite Troy Brown and the Eagles resigned veteran right tackle Jon Runyan.

With Johnson on the field, defenses can't zero in

on Smith because they'll know the Panthers have at least a second option. Carolina lacked that for most of the year because its running game took months to develop, and No. 2 receiver Keary Colbert had a big drop-off from his outstanding rookie season.

Though the 34-year-old Allen has played 12 tough NFL seasons, the struggling 49ers believe they could use a big dose of Allen's famed nastiness. Allen, the massive last link to the Cowboys' most recent Super Bowl-winning team, was released Tuesday when he refused to take a pay cut.

Despite their 4-12 record last season and a young roster, the 49ers were attractive to Allen for more reasons than money.

Allen played two college seasons at Sonoma State, just north of San Francisco, before spending his entire career in Dallas where he played for 49ers offensive coordinator Norv Turner and offensive line coach George Warhop. Allen even bought a house in Danville, an upscale Bay Area suburb, two years ago.

"If it wasn't Dallas, I wanted to go back home," Allen said. "They offered the best deal, and they're in California, so it worked."

Brown, 34, has spent his entire career with the Patriots, who drafted him in 1993.

FROM A COACH'S WIFE TO A COACH'S MOTHER

Kathy Cavalier still grinning

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

When she learned her son would be taking over as head coach of the Pampa High School football program, Kathy Cavalier's spirit must have soared. "To be real honest, I am so overwhelmed with it all right now that I am having a hard time processing it," she said Friday afternoon.

Son Andy will take over a program many Pampans credit his late father for building. Still known today simply as 'Coach Cav', Dennis Cavalier passed away in 2003. He was succeeded by Heath Parker who left for Tascosa in 2005. Bryan Wood took over last season but announced prior to spring break he would be returning to Sunray, thus leaving the Pampa coaching job vacant.

Andy Cavalier played for his father before graduating in 1992. He then coached with his father for five seasons. He joined Parker at Tascosa last year.

Now Andy Cavalier's coaching career has come full circle, bringing him back home to a program he knows well. And his mother, Kathy, is still floating on cloud nine. "I'm just so filled with joy that I feel like it is physically spilling out of me. I can't stop grinning!"

Kathy Cavalier says when she first heard son Andy's name mentioned to fill coaching position, "I felt like Andy really needed to think out 'following in his father's shadow'". She continued, "But then the Lord told me that he would not be 'following in his father's shadow', he would be 'walking in his footsteps' and that Andy knew the path well because he has been a part of it from the very beginning. That was very comforting to a mother's heart!"

Still, one has to wonder what hearing

"Coach Cavalier" must sound like, not just to those who knew Coach Cav, but to Andy and his mother. Andy said Friday, "It sounds good. It sounds real good." Kathy said later, "The Coach Cavalier thing is an adjustment because Andy was 'Coach AC' when he was here before. I called over to his office this (Friday) morning and when he answered the phone with "This is Coach Cavalier" it caught me by surprise and then I thought, "Oh, my, it is, isn't it. It sounded GREAT! It sounded so natural."

Kathy Cavalier is always quick and gracious when remembering her late husband, Dennis. "I wish you could have known my husband. He was such a special person and I think you would have enjoyed working with him. He was so wise and I miss his wisdom so much," she shared Friday.

I asked what her husband might think if he were here today to see his son perched in the seat he once occupied. "I think he (Dennis) would be swollen like a bull frog with pride," boasted Kathy Cavalier. "I know he would have complete and total confidence in Andy. I wish he could be here to see it and I know that Andy wishes he could be here for his wisdom."

Kathy shared with me two things Coach Cav was always fond of saying. One was "How do you feel?" To which the answer was always, "Harvester good!"

The other was "It's a great day to be a Harvester." "I think he would be saying both today," said Kathy Cavalier.

Spoken like a proud wife. Shared like a proud mother.

Coach Cavalier reported to work first thing Friday morning. Already sporting a Pampa jacket and a smile that wouldn't stop, he looked very much as though he was feeling 'Harvester good'.

Judge denies Bonds, Bristol qualifying rained out

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A judge denied Barry Bonds' bid to block the authors and publishers from making money on a book claiming the San Francisco Giants slugger used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds' attorneys argued that the authors, publisher Gotham Books, the San Francisco Chronicle and Sports Illustrated, which published excerpts of the book, "Game of Shadows," should be held liable for publishing "illegally obtained grand jury transcripts."

Judge James Warren refused to issue a temporary restraining order against authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, and the publisher, citing free speech protections.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) - Mick Cronin returned to the University of Cincinnati to take charge of a basketball program that just finished a tumultuous season.

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) - Seton

Hall fired basketball coach Louis Orr, a little more than a week after the Pirates lost by 20 points in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

AUTO RACING

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) - Rain washed out qualifying for the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, so the field was set by owner's points.

The rules put Tony Stewart, defending series champion, on the pole with Greg Biffle right next to him on the front row. Carl Edwards will start third, followed by Mark Martin and Jimmie Johnson.

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) - Indy Racing League president Tony George and Kevin Kalkhoven, co-owner of the Champ Car World Series, confirmed that they are talking about unifying the rival American open-wheel series.

Replying to recent published reports about so-called merger talks, George acknowledged that he and Kalkhoven have been talking "fairly frequently."

Nova

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Playing all 45 minutes, Foye was brilliant. He didn't make his first field goal until there was 3:56 left in the first half, but he finished with 29 points, his second-most of the year and only three off his career high. It was his free throws that gave Villanova its first lead with 2:18 to play, and his short jumper that forced Boston College to make a 3 to send the game into overtime.

And it was Foye who came onto the floor for overtime with a confident smile on his face, holding his index finger up for all of the 'Nova fans to see.

Of course, it's easy to smile when you're on your game, quite another when shots aren't falling. But

you'd never have known the rest of the Wildcats were struggling. They simply turned up the pressure at the other end, harassing the Eagles and forcing them into 21 turnovers - miscues that might very well have been the difference in the game.

They never let Craig Smith or Jared Dudley find their rhythms, either. Each had 14 points, but neither was allowed to take over the game. Smith may as well have tied one arm behind his back for the last 10 minutes, playing with four fouls.

"The real good teams and the real great teams find a way to win when you're not making shots," Ray said. "As a team, that's something that we take pride in."

As the night wore on, the Wildcats only grew bolder. Coming back from what

seemed like certain defeat will do that for a team.

"It was all about will and you just don't want to go home," said Ed Pinckney, the star of the '85 team that won Villanova's only national title. "They didn't want to go home, and we didn't want to go home."

Not without a trophy, they don't.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 22. (Report also available on Web as <http://www.txfishing.com>.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 25 low. Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits near points, and watermelon Senkos and white spinnerbaits along moss beds. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits near points and riprap. Walleye are good on live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on minnows.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 69.35 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and jerkbaits. Walleye are good on live bait and chrome jerkbaits. Catfish are good on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 27.31' low. Black bass are fair on live bait, chartreuse/white crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended 12-17 feet. White bass are good on slabs tipped with minnows near points and humps. Smallmouth bass are fair on chartreuse/black back crankbaits. Walleye to 7 pounds are fair on live bait and crankbaits near northern points and riprap. Channel catfish are fair on live baits and cut baits.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 44 degrees; 47.8' low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and black back jerkbaits. Walleye are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 1.75 low. Black bass to 5-pounds are good on live bait and dark jigs fished tight to cover. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Note:

Two black bass over 13-pounds were caught and inducted into ShareLunker program.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 2.32 low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and soft plastics in back of coves and creeks. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs near derricks about 15 feet and near State Park area. White bass are fair on shad-imitation baits near Pawnee Point. Blue catfish are good on shad, punch bait and juglines suspended 2 feet off bottom in upper part of lake.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 60 degrees; 2.12 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Redfish are slow. Catfish are fair on live baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 10.82 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and black/blue soft plastics or jigs fished tight to cover. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striped are good on live bait and shad colored crankbaits. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and worms.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on cut shad and minnows. Catfish are fair on cut shad.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees;

18.43 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on dirt road near the dam.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 49.4' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 59 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait and black/chartreuse crankbaits.

Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are good on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 22.72' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and watermelon red soft plastics near timber near grass lines. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows.

Walleye are fair on minnows and jerkbaits. Channel catfish are fair on chicken liver and minnows.

WICHITA: Water stained but clearing; 62 degrees; 1.26 low. Crappie are good on 1/8 oz. chartreuse jigs or small minnows along dam riprap and near old pavilion pier poles over TPWD-placed brush. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on minnows and white twister-tails along dam and trolling. Channel catfish are fair on bait shrimp, punch-bait or trotlines baited with shad.



Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

SOFTBALL

MONDAY • MARCH 27

Lady Harvesters JV vs Palo Duro • 4:30pm at Palo Duro

TUESDAY • MARCH 28

Lady Harvesters vs Palo Duro • 4:30pm at Palo Duro

SATURDAY • APRIL 1

Lady Harvesters & JV vs Dumas • 1:00pm at Pampa

BASEBALL

MONDAY • MARCH 27

Freshmen vs Randall • 4:30pm at Randall
Harvesters JV vs Randall • 4:30pm at Randall

TUESDAY • MARCH 28

Harvesters vs Randall • 4:30pm at Randall

FRIDAY • MARCH 31

Freshmen vs Hereford • 4:30pm at Pampa
Harvesters JV vs Hereford • 4:30pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • APRIL 1

Harvesters vs Hereford • 1:00pm at Pampa

TRACK & FIELD

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Bob Marx, from left, of The Salvation Army, recently accepted a \$500 check from Charlie Martin, of Pampa Moose Family Center 1385.

Michael Martin Murphey to host Wildfire Benefit Concert

AMARILLO — The Globe News Center in Amarillo will host a wildfire benefit concert staged by Michael Martin Murphey at 2 p.m. April 15.

Joining Murphey will be the Amarillo Symphony and a number of fellow entertainers including Don

Edwards, Red Steagall, Baxter Black, John Bayles and R.J. Vandygriff.

The Texas Panhandle was recently devastated by the largest wild range fires in Texas history. Firefighters from more than 20 states responded to the High Plains. Many individuals,

businesses and corporations are stepping up to aid in the relief effort of those affected by the fires.

Tickets for the Wildfire Benefit Concert are reserved and on sale through Panhandle tickets. To purchase a ticket, log onto www.panhandletickets.com

or call (806) 378-3096.

Monetary contributions are being accepted at the following address: The Globe News Center/Wild Fire Benefit, 402 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79101. For more information, call Kris Miller at (806) 378-4297.

Lake Meredith NRA to offer summer youth work program

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Tri-City Youth of Borger will cooperatively conduct a summer youth work program under the authority of the Public Land Corps Program through the National Parks Service.

Tri-City Youth will hire approximately 16 youths between the ages of 16 and 21 and four adult supervisory crew leaders 25 years of age and older.

The eight-week program will last from June 5 to July 28. Enrollees must

be available to work the entire time. The program will pay \$7 per hour for a 40-hour work week.

Adult crew leaders will supervise the work crews and manage the program. Leaders will earn between \$11 and \$13 per hour and work May 30 through Aug. 4.

Work will include roadside maintenance, removal of brush and debris, and clean-up and rehabilitation of picnic shelters and other park facilities. Enrollees will be required to provide

their own leather work boots and an 8-inch high top, jeans and work shirt. Hard hats and other safety equipment will be provided.

The application deadline is March 31. Applications are available at the park headquarters in Fritch. Successful applicants will be notified by mail no later than April 30.

For more information, contact Rose Pollard, administrative officer, at (806) 857-0301.

Texas 4-H announces camps for youngsters of military parents

By PAUL SCHATTENBERG
Extension News

BROWNWOOD — Texas 4-H has been chosen by the National Military Family Association to host two Operation Purple summer camps.

The camps are part of a nationwide effort by 22 state teams that will host more than 2,500 children at 26 locations throughout the country. The camps are called "purple" because this color was chosen to represent all branches of the U.S. uniformed services.

Children of members of all services may attend these camps. This includes the children of those serving in the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Public Health Service and National Guard and Reserve.

Texas 4-H is coordinating the camps with the Army National Guard, Army Reserves and Southwest Region Installation Management Agency. The camps are being sponsored by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

The first camp, co-hosted by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program of Texas Cooperative Extension, the Army National Guard and Army Reserves, will be June 4-9 at the Texas 4-H Center, locat-

ed on the western side of Lake Brownwood.

Children ages 11-13 who will be in sixth, seventh or eighth grades in the fall and have a deployed parent or other immediate family member are eligible to attend.

The second camp, co-hosted by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Southwest Region Army Installation Management Agency, will be June 13-17 at the Texas 4-H Center. This camp will be open to children ages 14-18 with a deployed parent or immediate household member.

Operation Purple summer camp sessions include challenge courses, plus team-building and other activities, including climbing wall, fishing, boating, community service projects, arts and crafts, journaling, military customs and courtesies, and deployment issues discussions. Camp sessions are designed with the age, needs and interests of the attendees in mind.

Operation Purple camps also feature various educational and fun activities to help attendees develop coping skills, especially those related to military deployment.

More information on the National Military Family Association can be found at <http://www.nmfa.org>.

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Harry Fisher, General Manager of Fenton Motors of Pampa would like to express his extreme gratitude to the firefighters and volunteers from the city of Pampa and surrounding areas. Thank you for working so hard to help protect our homes, lives and futures. It is touching to see so many people taking time to help others during such a devastating situation. It is very much appreciated that some of the independent businesses allowed their employees time off from work to volunteer to fight the fires and help. We really want to thank our volunteer firefighters who work at Fenton side by side each day with us. I think it says a great deal about our community and the strength of our residents not only in Pampa but those who came from all around. We will remember them all and want to say THANK YOU. It was great to see everyone pulling together with the city departments, even though the fires were a tragedy we ended up with a great reward which is to see our friends and family working together to create and rebuild a better place to live. I would also like to thank the churches that opened their doors to the evacuees. You have been a blessing in many different ways to those who needed it most. It is unfortunate that events like this happen but it proves to us that we can put away our differences and strive to become an even better community. To all those who work everyday to keep us safe and happy, THANK YOU! You mean so much to us and inspire our hearts to work together in times of need and hope.

God Bless You,

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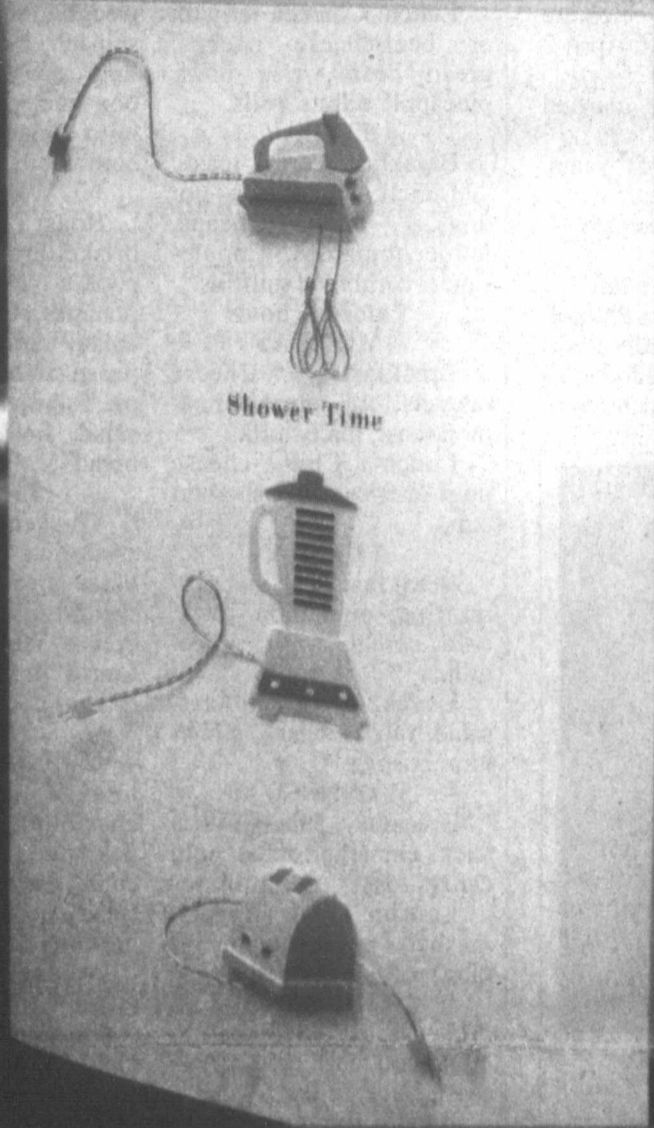
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Lifestyle

Not Your Mother's Shower

Trend Spotter Offers
Tips for a Hip Bridal Shower



Creative bridal shower gift ideas include a "bouquet" of cooking utensils and silk flowers banded with ribbon and accented with bows. Just add a card and it's ready to go!

Wedding shower and gift trends are reflected in American Greetings cards and gift wrap available at Target stores.

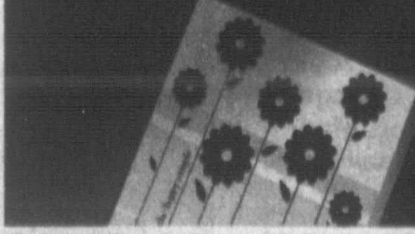
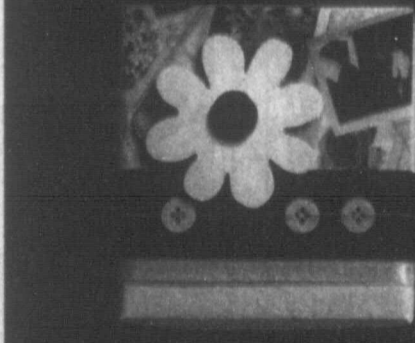
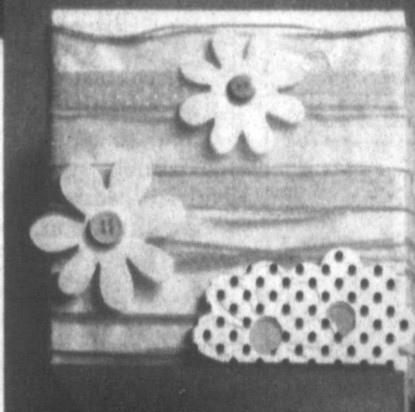
Wrap Like a Pro

When it comes to gifts, presentation is everything. Wrapping that incorporates details and added touches can magnify the perceived value of what's inside, so don't forget to wrap and tie with style.

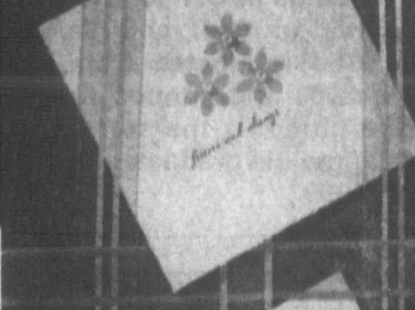
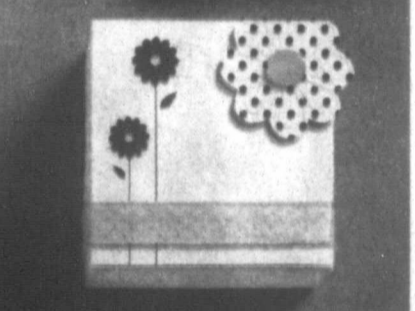
"For soft goods or items that do not easily fit in a box, use gift bags. They combine convenience and style in all shapes and sizes," says Patty Flauto, American Greetings gift wrap design guru. There are even gift bags designed for specific items. And they keep getting better and better looking, with fashionable details like ribbon handles, scalloped or cuffed "necklines," trendy colors and prints.

New gift wrap designs reflect today's elegant wedding fashions. Wrap featuring photos of trendy wedding flowers, like white roses and hydrangeas, and embellished with clear sparkling crystalline glitter are recommended for the well-dressed gift. Accessorize with ribbon, a bow and fun new package decorations, like a 10-karat "diamond ring" or a feather boa pompom.

Flauto suggests even ordinary household items can make a wrapped gift the star of the gift table. "The key is to pick a few accent colors to complement your wrapping paper. For example, to dress up a gift wrapped in paper with black and white photo images, add a few pink, black and white accent items from sewing supplies. Layer two kinds of ribbons, sheer and satin or thick and thin, or two shades of yarn. Use hot glue to add a flower cut from a greeting card or a key phrase, like 'I do,' and top it with a button or two or three. If you're wrapping a smaller gift box, you could pick up two of the same shower card, using the extra to decorate the entire top of the box."



Ordinary household items like ribbon, yarn, buttons and recycled greeting cards can make any gift extraordinary.



Brides treasure the thoughtful messages in beautiful keepsake cards, and they find creative ways to display them like this French memo board.

Make Lasting Impressions

Every bride treasures her shower and wedding cards. Many lovingly store them in a special box or binder. Some even find crafty and creative ways to display them.

Keepsake cards today shine with satin, lace, ribbons, rhinestones, sequins and even embroidery — three rhinestone "bubbles" hover over a line drawing of two champagne glasses, or the piece may

feature fabric miniature attachments (a little ivory pillow carrying two tiny rings or a wedding cake made with layers of ribbon).

Even more treasured are the sender's handwritten wishes, especially when they reflect personal relationships with the bride and groom. These words will be remembered always.



FAMILY FEATURES
EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

If you've been to a wedding shower recently, you've probably noticed the time-honored tradition is changing. The typical Sunday afternoon gathering of ladies playing word games and snacking on pastel Jordan almonds has been replaced by sophisticated themed evenings. And sometimes men are invited too!

"We monitor trends in both weddings and showers so we can incorporate the freshest and most modern themes in our cards," explains Gale Thomson, American Greetings trend spotter. "We've found wine, gourmet kitchen and couples themes are the new wave. Changes in dating and relationship etiquette and other social factors, like career women postponing marriage, have directed showers away from providing basic necessities and more toward reflecting the couple's interests."

Thomson offers these tips for planning some of today's top trendy bridal shower themes:

Wine tastings reflect a popular interest. The wine theme can influence the menu, party activities and gifts. Invite guests to bring two bottles of wine: one to serve at the party and a second to give the couple. Search online for menu items to complement each wine, and display wine-pairing notes at each food and wine station.

Couples showers are a great way to include both the bride's and the groom's friends, and they tend to be cocktail, dinner or summer barbecue parties. Couples showers are a good option for smaller guest lists or as one of multiple showers. A note on the invitation could suggest gifts for future entertaining. American Greetings has taken note of this hot trend by introducing special couples shower cards to its Target line, like one with tiny pink and blue "His" and "Hers" cloth towel icons attached to the front.

Kitchen showers have moved away from providing basic necessities and become more sophisticated, reflecting already-established brides and gourmet cooking trends. High-end stainless steel fondue pots, blenders and food processors are topping gift registries and wedding Website wish lists. Invite guests to bring their favorite recipe to share with the bride.

Personal gifts, indulgences the bride would never buy for herself or honeymoon trip items are also a fashionable shower theme option for second marriages or brides who are already established in their households. Spas are a great personal shower venue, and a gift certificate for spa services presented in a pretty card makes a wonderful gift.

Showers may be changing, but they are still an important part of the wedding tradition. If you're planning a shower and want it to be the latest and greatest, try one of these party concepts.

SARGENT ANNIVERSARY

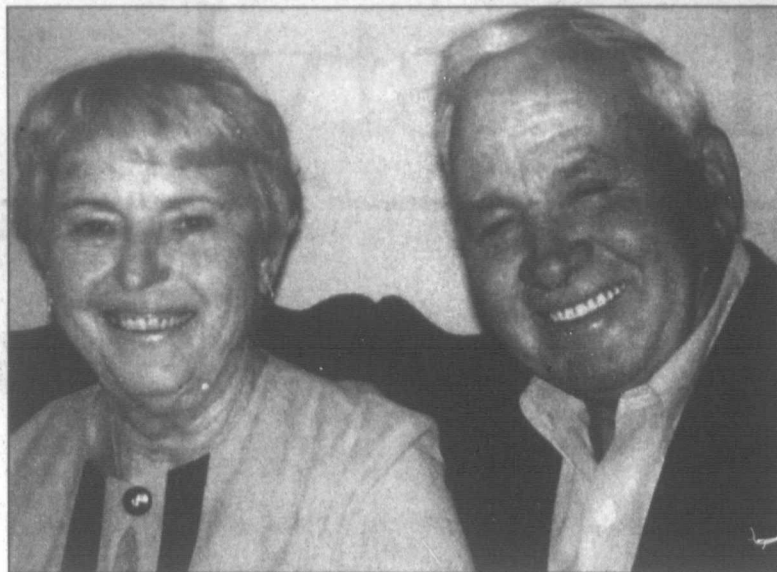
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sargent of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April with a Caribbean cruise.

Oscar Sargent and the former Betty Fleming were married March 26, 1956, at Pampa. They have lived in Pampa for 11 years and belong to CrossPointe Baptist Church.

Mr. Sargent was a member of Plumbers and Fitter Local for 40 years, retiring from CBI in 1995.

Mrs. Sargent, an LVN, retired in 1980.

Children of the couple are Sherrie Adams of Emory and Mike Sargent of Rossville, Ga. They have nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sargent

PHILPOTT ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott of Pampa will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m. April 2 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Kint and the former Helen Walker were married April 4, 1931, at Erick, Okla.

The Philpotts farmed in Gray County for 50 years, residing in Miami 49 years and Pampa 26 years.

They both retired from the farming business in 1980.

The belong to Miami United Methodist Church.

Children of the couple are Don and Barbara Philpott of Miami and Marvin and Shirley Philpott of Delaware, Ohio. They have six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.



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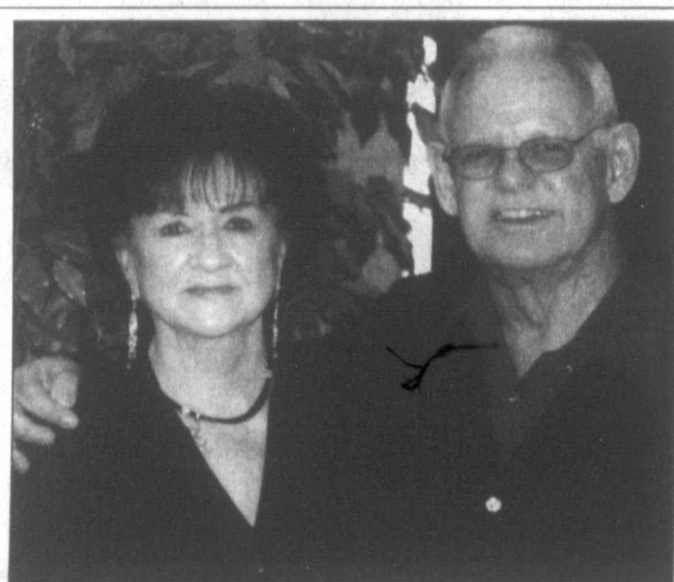
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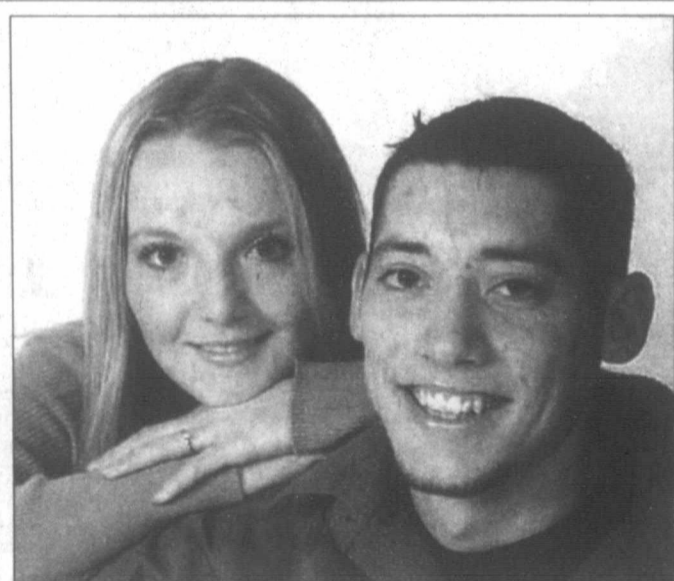
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Hardin/Hester

June Hardin and Troy Hester, both of Pampa, plan to wed April 15 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa.



Deaver/West

Sarina Gail Deaver and Steven Gerard West, both of Amarillo, plan to wed May 20 at Ranch House Weddings in Canyon. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Valerie Smith of Amarillo. She graduated from Canyon High School in 2003 and attends Amarillo College. The future groom is the son of Bill and Mary West of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1999.

Menus

Week of March 27-31

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or steak fingers, baked beans, mashed potatoes, peaches.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast.
Lunch: Chicken/noodles or pizza, corn, broccoli, fruit, rolls, pudding cups.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or chicken nuggets, fries, English peas, fruit.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.
Lunch: Chicken teriyaki or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, rice pilaf, pineapple tidbits, rolls.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Tacos or hot dogs, pinto beans, lettuce/tomatoes, apple-sauce, cornbread muffins.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Cheese omelets, old cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chili cheese dogs or fries, fruit, sherbert cup.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, refried beans, cinnamon crispies.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, okra, rolls, frozen fruit bar.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burgers, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, carrots, beans, crispy treats.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Soft tacos, refried beans, lettuce/tomatoes, cinnamon, apples.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson
MONDAY
Spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert.
WEDNESDAY
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Lamar
TUESDAY
Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert.
THURSDAY
Hot dogs/chili, fries, pork beans, dessert.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or mushroom chicken/pasta, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, beets, beans, chocolate marble cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
Baked cod/rice or Salisbury steak, potato wedges, squash casserole, spinach, beans, ugly duckling cake or chocolate ice-box pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, cream corn, beans, butter pecan streusel cake or apple pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
Chicken strips or pepper steak/rice, tator tots, fried okra, carrots, beans, French vanilla cake or cherry cream icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or lasagna, potato wedges, zucchini/tomatoes, beans, devilsfood cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Corndogs, macaroni cheese, peas/carrots, apple-sauce.
TUESDAY
Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.
WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, pudding.
THURSDAY
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake.
FRIDAY
Beef tips/rice, cream corn, baked apples, cookies.



Weatherbee/Rabel

Linda Weatherbee and Frank Rabel, both of Pampa, plan to wed April 1 at the Body of Christ Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the mother of Kelly of Hawaii, Shell of Oklahoma, Kerry of Amarillo, Jason of Round Rock and Delanna of Colorado. She is a hairdresser and has owned Linda's Salon for 20 years. The future groom is the father of Julie of San Antonio, Russ of Pampa and Scott of San Angelo. He is a retired maintenance supervisor for Celanese Corporation and is presently employed with Panhandle Community Services.

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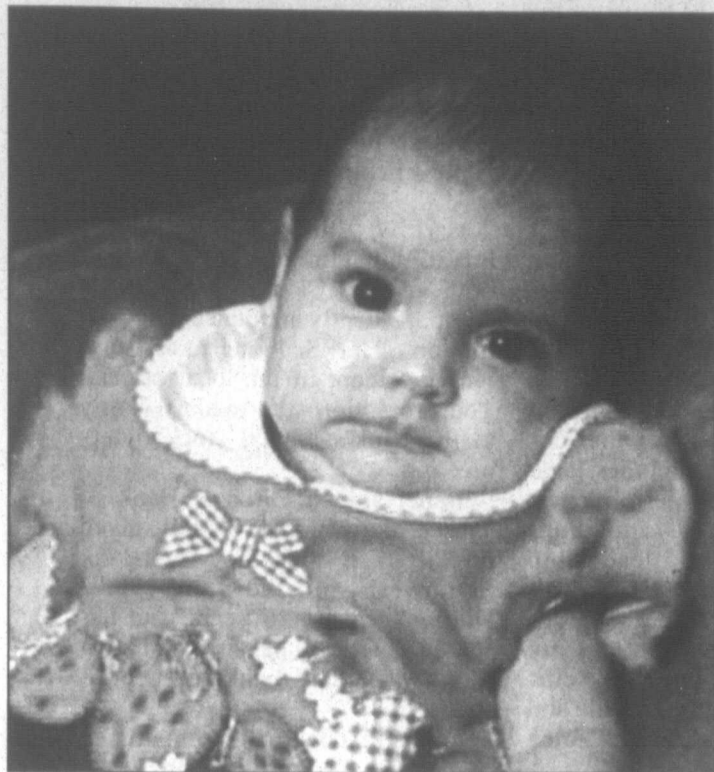
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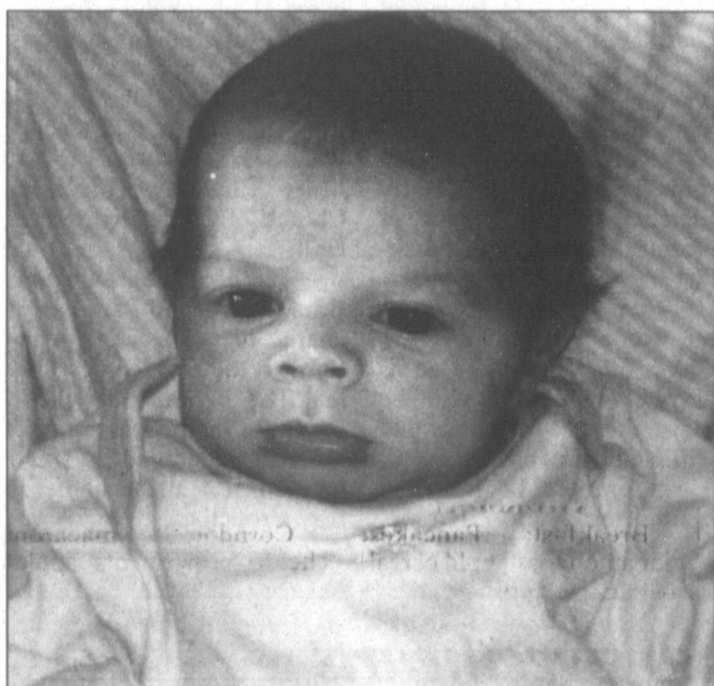
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Cradle call



Elizabeth Ann Jaramillo

Elizabeth Ann Jaramillo was born Jan. 8 at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Phil Jaramillo and Becky Gosselin of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 4-pounds, 14-ounces and was 19-inches long. Welcoming the new arrival into the world are grandparents, Joyce and Junior Tauber of Hill City, Kan., Larry Gosselin of El Prado, N.M., and Elias and Dela Jaramillo; and great-grandparents, Marie Benoit and the late Bernard Benoit, and Andrew Gosselin and the late Arlene Gosselin.



Evan Cade Kelley

Evan Cade Kelley was born at 8:02 a.m. Feb. 17, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Rodney and Tori Kelley of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 0.5-ounces and was 19½-inches long. Welcoming the new arrival into the world are brother, Colton Kelley; and grandparents, Don and Brenda Donelson of Pampa, Jerry and Faye Kelley of Fort Worth, and the late Jerry and Suzanne Nave.

Weight Watchers relocates

Weight Watchers in Pampa will be moving to a new location starting March 30. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Sportsman's Club, 1435 S. Barnes.

Bettie Hassell, who has lost weight with Weight Watchers, will serve as meeting leader at this location. Hassell wants to share the skills that she used to lose weight with other people who want to take that first important step and go to a Weight Watchers meeting.

At Weight Watchers meetings, people come together with a common goal — to learn how to successfully lose weight. Meetings are an important part of how Weight Watchers helps members reach their goals. According to Weight Watchers, people who attend meetings lose three times more weight than those who try to lose weight on their own. In

addition, meetings are a great place for people to share what works and laugh about what doesn't.

Hassell explains, "I always tell my members that everyone is different and weight loss success comes one day at a time, one meal at a time, and one bite at a time. My members are successful because we have each other's support and are doing this together."

The Weight Watchers weight-loss system is a scientifically designed approach to weight management. So now, Pampa residents who are looking to lose weight can find support and guidance nearby to start a healthy lifestyle.

"It is our intention," said Carolene Cogdill, territory manager, "to offer people of this community a place to go to that understands their weight-loss goals and provides them with a program that will help them lose weight and keep it off."

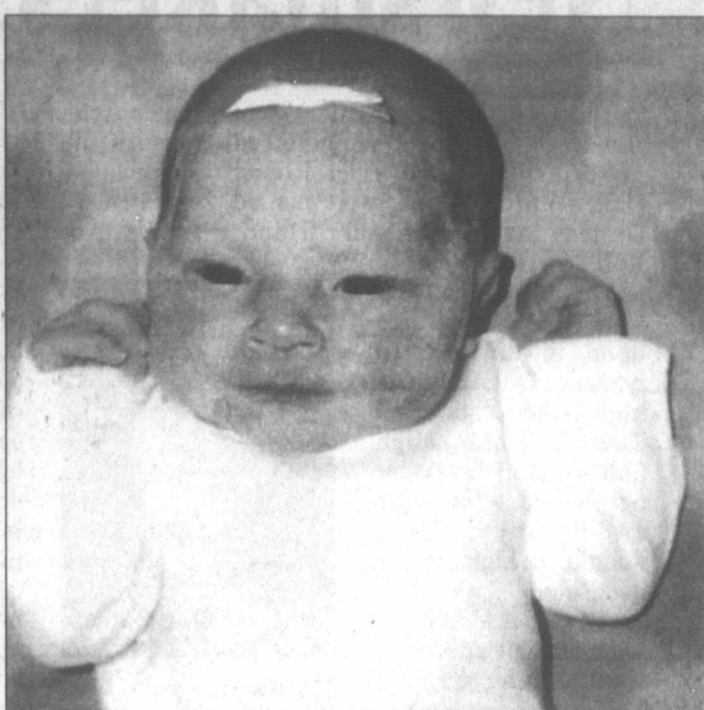
St. Vincent's Honor Roll

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School recently announced its honor roll for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2005-06 school year.

A Honor Roll.

Gabriel Terrazas, Lillibeth Renteria, Burkely Unruh, Ronnie Garland, Carson Logue, Ailene Cabrales,

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Alex Ciara Sumner

A gift from God arrived at Baptist-Saint Anthony's Hospital on Jan. 4, 2006, at 10:06 a.m. with the name of Alex Ciara Sumner. She weighed 7-pounds, 2-ounces and was 19-inches long at birth. This little gift from heaven was received by proud parents Shane and Katisha Sumner of Lefors, Texas. Also receiving her are her siblings Dylan, Kelsi, Braden and Christian. Proud grandparents are Russell and Diana Jackson of Lefors, Dwight and Anita Sumner of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Blanche and the late Henry Withers Jr. of Lefors, Walter and Betty Jackson of Lefors, Joseph and Theresa Manno of Amarillo and the late Ynez Lopez of Canadian, and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Sumner of Canadian. Aunts and uncles receiving this little angel are Joshua Jackson of Canadian, Jan and Liz Hartsell and Mike and Missie Bates, all of Spearman. We give thanks to God and receive our little Alex with great joy.



Jonathan Ryan Milligan

Jonathan Ryan Milligan was born Feb. 8, in Dallas, to Ryan and Jessica Milligan of Plainview. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 11-ounces and was 18-inches long. Welcoming him into the world are his grandparents, Aubrey and Vanessa Milligan and Larry and Lisa Blandford; great-grandparents, Sam and Nancy Brassfield, Irene and Harvey Oatman, Billy Ray and Mildred Milligan, and Mona Blandford; and great-grandparents, Leola Moxon and Billie Oatman.

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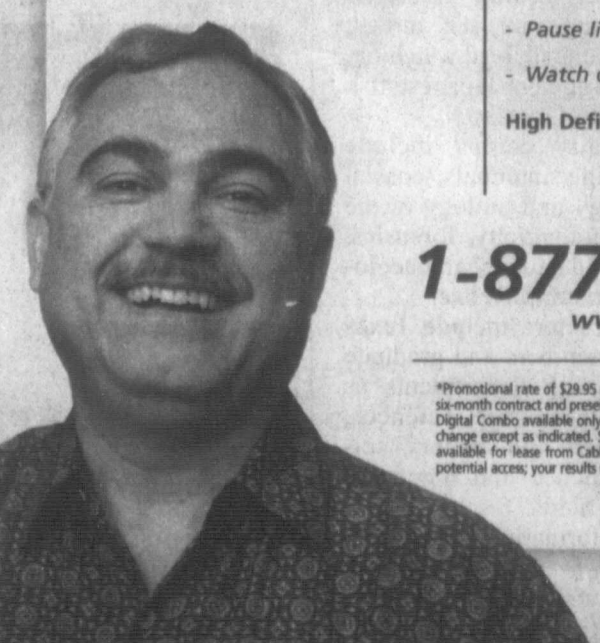
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WTA&M

FFA judging to attract 2,000 to university

CANYON — More than 2,000 secondary students and about 300 teachers from the Panhandle, the South Plains and beyond will converge on Canyon March 31 for West Texas A&M University's annual FFA Career Development Event. The multifaceted judging contest begins at 11 a.m. at several sites.

Students will compete individually and in teams in separate judging events involving horses, dairy cattle, meat, soil, agricultural mechanics, dairy products and more, with 15 contests in all.

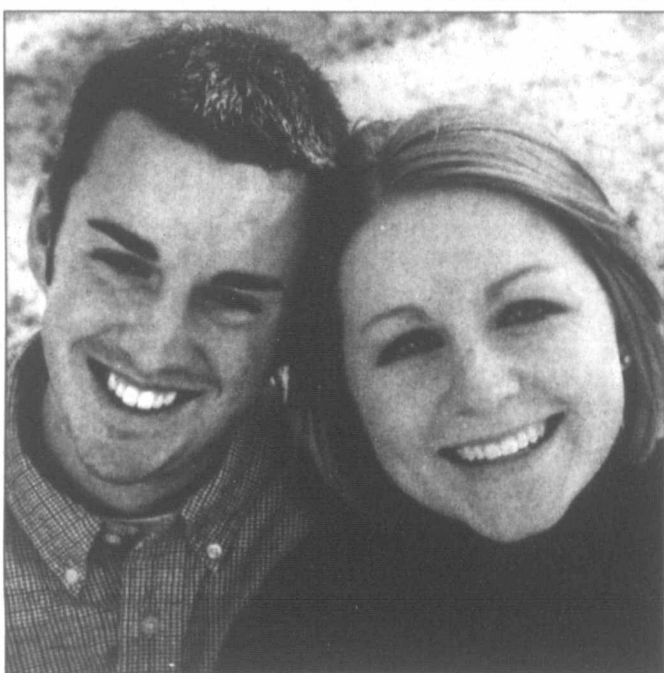
Judging will take place at the Agriculture and Science Building on campus, the WTAMU Horse Center, the University's Nance Ranch and the agriculture education laboratory.

West Texas A&M University has been host to the annual FFA contests for more than 50 years, but attendance has nearly doubled in the past few years.

"Our faculty and students are committed to putting on excellent contests, and I think that's the reason why attendance at this event continues to rise," Dr. Lance Kieth, WTAMU assistant professor of agriculture education and event coordinator, said. "This is a great opportunity for these kids to come in and work on the skills they'll need for state qualifying contests in the weeks ahead."

Prizes will be doled out during an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. at the First United Bank Center.

For more information about WTAMU's FFA Career Development Event, contact Kieth at 806-651-2556 or lkieth@mail.wtamu.edu.



Lewis/Rains

Collin Lyn Lewis of Lubbock and Matthew Elvin Rains of Enid, Okla., plan to wed June 10 in First Christian Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Scott and Cheryl Lewis of Amarillo. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Texas Tech University where she will graduate in May. The future groom is the son of Gene and Rhonda Rains of Pampa. He graduated from PHS in 2000 and received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from TTU in the spring of 2005. He is currently employed as an assistant manager for Wal-Mart in Enid.

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)
8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.
9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

Honor

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Jennifer Grajeda, Lexi Hernandez, Molly Andorfer, AB Honor Roll. Uriel Soto, Evan Allen, Leslie

Davila, Oliver Cabrales.

Perfect attendance: Elijah Palma, Gabriel Terrazas, Uriel Soto, Ailene Cabrales, Emmanuel Ruiz, Diego Montelongo, Jocelyn Ruiz, Molly Andorfer, Oliver Cabrales, Julia Soto.

Newsmakers

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Meredith Coutts and Tyler Robert Hall, both of Pampa, were named United States National "Honor Roll" Award Winners.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. These Pampa High School students were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a high school counselor.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United

States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Coutts is the daughter of Joe and Cheryl Coutts of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Martha and Billy Joe Green and Caroline Coutts, all

of Pampa.

Hall is the son of Terry and Kitty Hall of Pampa.

Carl W. Ellis, chairman of the board, and Phil Gentry, president, both of FirstBank Southwest of Pampa, recently announced the promotion of Jeri S. Joiner to assistant vice president of the local branch. The promotion was made recently at the bank's annual stockholders meeting.

Joiner joined Citizens Bank & Trust Company in 1980 and stayed on after it became FirstBank Southwest in the mid-1990s. During the past 26 years, she has served as teller supervisor and most recently at retail banking supervisor.

She is married to Warren Joiner. The couple has two children.

Mrs. Joiner is a member of Wells Street Church of Christ and is a Girl Scout volunteer.



Coutts

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

Red Hat Dollies

Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa met recently at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with Betty Buckingham presiding. Twenty-two members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Buckingham introduced Joan Scott who entertained the group with her singing.

—Brenda Madison and Sidney Jackson organized several games of bingo.

—Buckingham discussed upcoming activities including a trip to "Stokes Country Barn."

—Shirley Nichelson was welcomed back from a leave of absence.

—A short exercise session was led by Buckingham and Helene Baumgardner.

—New officers will be elected at the April meeting set at 11 a.m. April 20 at the center.

—Margaret Washington reviewed business from the previous meeting and delivered the treasurer's report.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Tuesday at the home of Francis Hall with Vice President Rue Park presiding in the absence of President Carol Peet.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll was called and minutes read by Betty Fletcher in the absence of Norma Hinkle, club secretary.

—A nominating committee was appointed by Park. Chair of the committee is Kay Crouch. She will be assisted by Mimi Gross and Billie Collinsworth.

—Members of the "tea committee" are Hinkle, Fletcher, chair, Peet, Carol

Dunham and Jennifer Peet.

—Possible destinations for the club's May field trip were discussed. The committee in charge of this decision consists of Pat Kindle, chair, Dunham and Gross.

—A watercolor class was conducted Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Dumas.

—Ginger Test will teach a watercolor class April 6-7 at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

—Jennifer Peet, Dunham, Cara Morris and Park are in charge of addressing invitations to the club's guest day tea. The invitations will be ready for mailing at the next meeting scheduled at 10:30 a.m. April 4 at the home of Kay Crouch.

Organizers gearing up for sea camp

GALVESTON — Sea campers at Texas A&M University at Galveston cast off with Capt. Jim to explore the wonders of Galveston Bay. Aboard the research vessel "Earl L. Milan," campers will experience first-hand how scientists collect specimens using a trawl and a plankton net. Campers will eagerly await a catch of local fish and invertebrates with their sea legs on and the wind in their hair.

Since its inception in 1986, thousands of kids from all over the world have flocked to Sea Camp for the opportunity to learn about marine and estuarine environments.

This year, 28 different camps will be offered covering 11 topics. Sea Camp is geared to students 10- to 18-years of age and is conducted in residential week-long sessions starting June 4 and running through Aug. 5.

"Sea Camp is fun because it's learning through experience," said Judy Wern, director.

"Sea Camp teaches kids about the marine and estuarine environments and why these are important," Wern continued. "We stress a hands-on and feet-in learning experience, and we hope to instill in our campers a love for the ocean, for marine life and the environment."

In addition to activities on the research vessel, camp sessions involve observing rare sea turtles, seining in a salt marsh, bird watching, and learning the ancient Japanese fish printing art called Gyotaku.

Other specialty camps include examining marine mammals, coastal camping, ecology and biology of the area, coastal photography, forensics, oceanography and nautical archaeology, and eco-tourism in Belize.

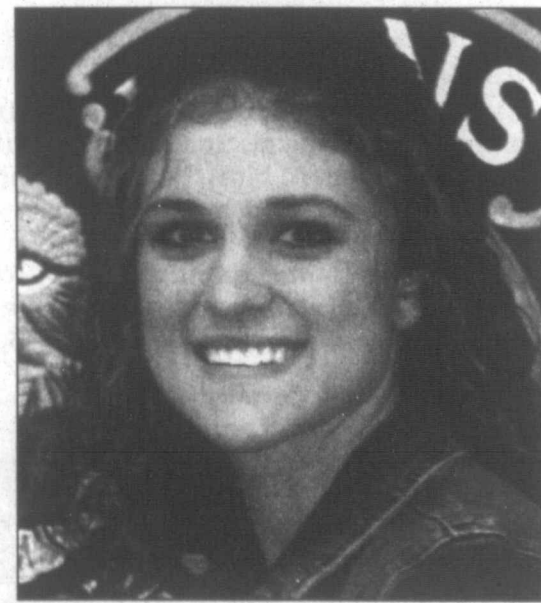
Sea Camp instructors include Texas A&M faculty members and graduate students from such departments as marine biology, marine sciences, zoology, wildlife and fishery sciences, range science and numerous other academic fields.

For more information, call (409) 740-4525 or log onto www.tamug.edu/seacamp on the Internet.

Lions Club sweethearts

► The Pampa Lions Club Sweethearts of the Month for November are Jackie Gerber and Alexa Silva.

Jackie Gerber is the daughter of Kenny and Doretta Gerber. Gerber is ranked 24th in her class at Pampa High School, where she was a homecoming queen candidate. She has a grade point average of 3.661. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Varsity volleyball (4 years), volleyball first and second team all-district, Lady Harvester Volleyball MVP, Academic All-State Team, varsity basketball (4 years), second team all-district basketball, varsity softball (2 years), second team all-district softball, varsity track (1 year); D-FY-IT officer; National Honor Society; Peer Tutor, student body secretary;



Gerber

choir historian; National Honor Roll; and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Gerber is an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where she is a Eucharistic minister and choir member. Outside

of school, she volunteers with Meals on Wheels and Salvation Army. Her future plans are to attend Vernon College where she will play volleyball and major in secondary education.

▼ Alexa Silva is the daughter of Larry and Becky Williams. During high school, Alexa has been involved in many extracurricular activities at Pampa High. Her hon-

ors, activities and accomplishments include: Volleyball, track, National Honor Society (two years), Latin Club (four years), UIL Academic team

member, ASTRA Club, United States Achievement Academy, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Hispanic Scholar, Peer Tutor (two years), and Pampa Junior Volleyball Leage coach (two years). Silva has been employed at United Supermarkets for the past three years, working as a sacker, checker, stocker, produce clerk, dairy and frozen stacker, and demo girl. She is currently learning how to do the service counter. She is also an active member of First Baptist Church. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in chemistry at the University of Alabama and become a high school chemistry teacher.



Silva

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother is married to a pervert I'll call "Harry." He has destroyed our family. Harry has made sexual comments to my sister and me about our bodies until we finally moved out of our mother's home when we reached 18. His behavior stopped for a long time, until my daughter, "Allie," began to develop. After she turned 11, the sexual comments started again. Harry also began calling her names, and saying that if she were his daughter he would slap her mouth. It has reached the point that we no longer visit Mother nor do we attend family functions. At the last one we attended, Harry kept staring at Allie and following her around. It made her sick to her stomach, so we went home. My grandmother died last December. She was very ill the last six months, but we would see her only when she was in the hospital because Mother and Harry live in the house next door to hers, and he kept showing up when I was there. Now my grandfather is all alone. I'd like for my children and me to be able to visit, but again -- Harry is always there. I have tried talking to my mother, but it's one excuse after another. I had hoped she would have a relationship with her grandchildren, but we can't invite her to our home for a picnic or a party because she won't come without him. Please help -- **HEARTSICK IN BUFFALO**

DEAR HEARTSICK: If your grandfather isn't already aware of the problem with Harry, he should be told. You do not have to visit him at his house; you can pick him up and take him out for a meal or take him to your home. If you haven't already resigned yourself to the fact that your mother isn't going to have a relationship with your children, please rethink the wisdom of her having one. You have described a woman who tolerated the sexual harassment of her two daughters and grandchild. She made her choice long ago, and you are

all better off keeping your distance from her and her husband.

DEAR ABBY: I'm ready to tear my hair out. My boyfriend of two years refuses to divorce his wife. He tells everyone he wants to marry me. He says he doesn't love her, he just "doesn't have time" to go and get the divorce. She was in a mental hospital for a while for killing her boyfriend. Now they talk a lot, and he says he feels sorry for her. I want him to get the divorce so he can marry me. Am I pushing too hard on this, because I told him if he isn't divorced by July 4, I am leaving. -- **CONFUSED IN INDIANA**

DEAR CONFUSED: I don't think you're pushing too hard, and I also don't think he is being completely honest with you. Your timing seems logical to me. What better time to declare your independence than Independence Day?

DEAR ABBY: Twice now, I have inquired about the beautiful accents of strangers. One was a cashier and the other was a bank employee. Both seemed embarrassed and unwilling to reveal their country of origin. Was this attempt to show personal interest actually a tactless invasion? Is there a rule of etiquette on this subject? I never meant to put anyone on the spot. -- **SEAN IN AFTON, VA.**

DEAR SEAN: Some people are sensitive about revealing their background because of the circumstances that brought them to this country -- war, poverty, torture, loss of family members. Although your question was well meant, it is better to let time pass, let them get to know you, and get to know them before venturing into such personal territory. If they want you to have the information, they will volunteer it. It should not be necessary to ask.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 33 African expansion
- 35 Gang territories
- 38 Soft drinks

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- 20 Foyer
- 21 Golf goal
- 24 Baby in blue
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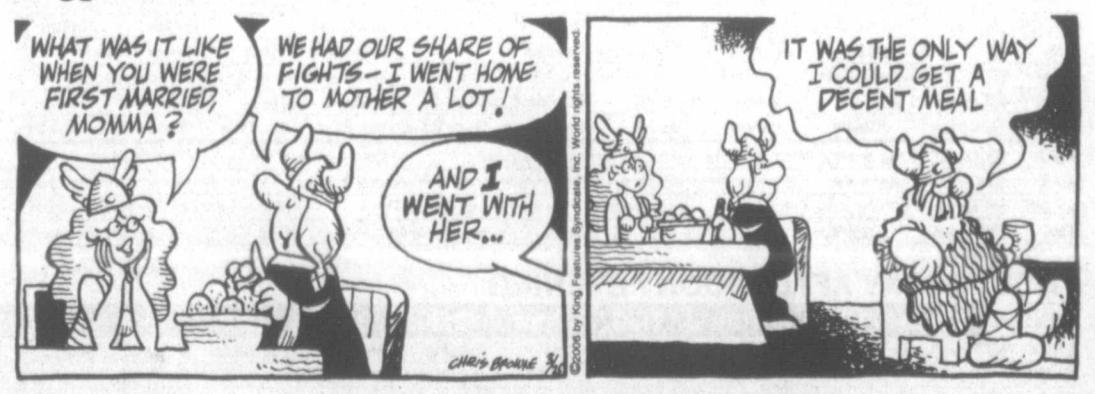
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING MARCH 26, 2006

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Jazz, instrumental, classical, choral sounds to highlight music showcase

CANYON — Students and faculty in the Department of Music and Dance at West Texas A&M University will showcase their talents in instrumental, classical, jazz and choral music at the 26th Annual Showcase of Music at 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

A traditional preconcert show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby.

The department presented its first Showcase of Music in 1980 to showcase student talent and to help raise funds for student scholarships. Funds are raised through advertising, ticket sales and donations. Last year the event brought in more than \$30,000 for student scholarships, and more than \$400,000 has been raised since the program's inception.

The Showcase features a two-hour program full of musical entertainment — from the contemporary to the classical. This year's Showcase will once again follow a traditional format for the first half of the program before switching to a fast-paced collage format in the second half. The collage format utilizes different areas of the auditorium to present one musical act right after another.



(courtesy photo)

Fourtissimo, winner of the Jent's House of Music Showcase Student Competition, is one of many groups that will perform at West Texas A&M University's Showcase of Music April 7 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Members are Michael Cason, Nathanael Holmes, John Mireles and Lance Walker.

"This is one of the most exciting concert programs the department puts on each year," Doug Storey, associate professor of music and member of the Showcase committee, said. "Our students and faculty prepare some of their finest work for this performance as a way to say thank you to those who support us

throughout the year. We have a great time, and the audience does too."

Groups scheduled to perform include the WTAMU Symphony Orchestra, the Brass Ensemble, the Concert Band, a Double Reed Ensemble, the University's Collegiate Choir, a String Ensemble, the Music Therapy Club,

the Percussion Ensemble, a Clarinet Ensemble, the Jazz Band, the WTAMU Chorale, a Flute Ensemble, a Saxophone Ensemble, the Chamber Singers and the Symphonic Band.

A special student group, Fourtissimo, won the annual Jent's House of Music Showcase Student Competition and earned a spot on the Showcase program. Group members are trombone players Michael Cason, senior music major from Canyon; Nathanael Holmes, senior music major from Pampa; John Mireles, junior music major from Brady; and Lance Walker, junior music major from Burleson. They will perform "No More Blues" by Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Tickets for the event, priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at the WTAMU music office in the Fine Arts Building or in Amarillo at Jent's House of Music or Tarpley's Music. Tickets for preferred seating are priced at \$75 each and include a gourmet dinner at O.H.M.S. Preferred seating tickets are limited, and all proceeds will benefit the student scholarship fund. For more information, contact the WTAMU music office at 806-651-2840.

International Expo in offing

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's 10th annual International Expo promises to be the biggest and best one yet.

The International Student Office uses the International Expo to showcase the authentic dress, food, music, art, culture and traditions that make each participating country unique, and this year, in celebration of its 10th year, the expo will be expanded to a two-day affair.

International students will set up displays, serve authentic cuisine and entertain and inform the public from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4-5 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons.

West Texas A&M has 258 international students from 30 countries enrolled this semester. Students from Azerbaijan,

Columbia, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam — just to name a few — already have expressed their desire to participate.

In another new twist this year, international students will put their native clothing on display in an international style show.

Adding to the festivities will be the inclusion of some fifth-graders from Glenwood Elementary School in Amarillo, who will perform ballet folkloricos (Mexican folk dances).

This year's International Expo is being co-sponsored by the University's CORE Center and its diversity programs, which promote cultural awareness on campus.

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Research explores mood altering medicine

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
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The largest study ever done on treating depression has found that patients who didn't get well with the first medicine they tried had a good chance of succeeding the second time around.

Up to one-third of those who added or changed medicines recovered from the crushing illness that is America's top mental health problem, researchers said.

This is good news by itself, but the bigger picture is even more encouraging, doctors say. When viewed with earlier results, the new findings mean that roughly half of people who suffer from depression can get over it — not just improve their symptoms — with adequate medication.

"The goal here was to find treatments that help people to get well, not just better," said Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health. "We have safe and effective treatments."

His agency paid for the \$35 million study, which involved thousands of people across the United States and has been widely praised as a real-world test of popular drugs that have received only limited testing until now.

The study found little difference among the five drugs tested — Celexa, Zoloft, Wellbutrin, Effexor and Buspar — and wasn't designed to compare them. All proved similarly effective and relatively safe. The clear message, doctors said, was that antidepressants should be given a 6-to-12-week chance to work and that if one doesn't help, another should be tried.

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