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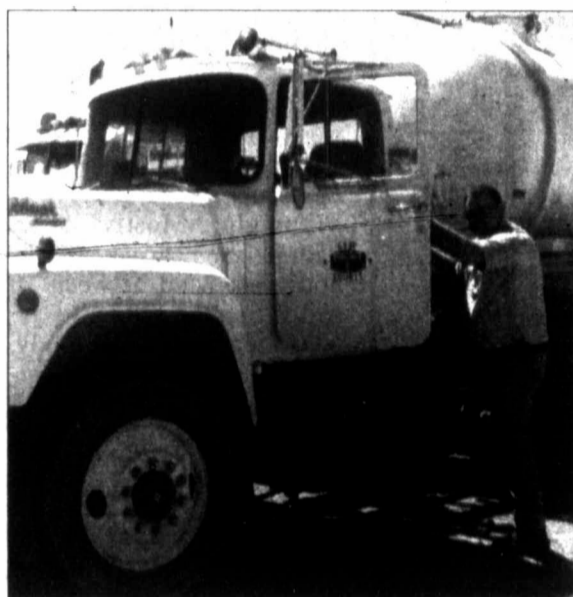
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Commissioners fete county road crews for fire aid



By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Driving heavy equipment through blinding smoke and choking dust in a race to keep wildfires from destroying property is not part of the normal, everyday duties of Gray County precinct employees...

County commissioners James Hefley, Gary Willoughby, Joe Wheeley and Gerald Wright showed their appreciation of their crew members by honoring them with a steak dinner at noon Thursday in the Precinct 2 barn on Highway 60 East.

The commissioners themselves got involved in the firefighting, according to County Judge Richard Peet.

"I've never seen four commissioners directly involved and working alongside their crews like these four did," Peet said.

"The thing that impressed me most was the sound. It was an eerie whistle," Hefley said of the wildfires.

"My crew saved two homes, and got trapped at one of them," Hefley said.

That Sunday, Roy Alderson learned what it was like to be trapped in the mid-

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Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS In photo at left, Gray County employees Jimmy Gatlin, left, and Robbie Cochran stand in front of a maintainer like those they drove to help fight the recent wildfires in the county. Above, county employee James Powell did double duty during the fires, driving a tanker truck for the county when he was not driving one for Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, where he has been a volunteer firefighter for more than four years.

No relief in sight as drought conditions continue

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Drought conditions continue across the Texas Panhandle, with no relief forecast for the next three months, according to Jose Garcia, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service office in Amarillo.

"The long-range outlook indicates we're going to stay below normal for the next three months," Garcia said Wednesday concerning the Panhandle's precipitation prospects.

A national map of the seasonal drought outlook through June shows that the Texas Panhandle is part of an area where drought is predicted to persist or intensify. The area also includes the remainder of the state with the exception of east Texas, as well as the western half of Oklahoma, most of New Mexico and Kansas, the southern half of Nebraska and the southeastern corner of Colorado.

"Until we get some significant and persistent rainfall, we're still in the throes of a drought. We're in the vicinity of five to six inches below normal," Garcia said.

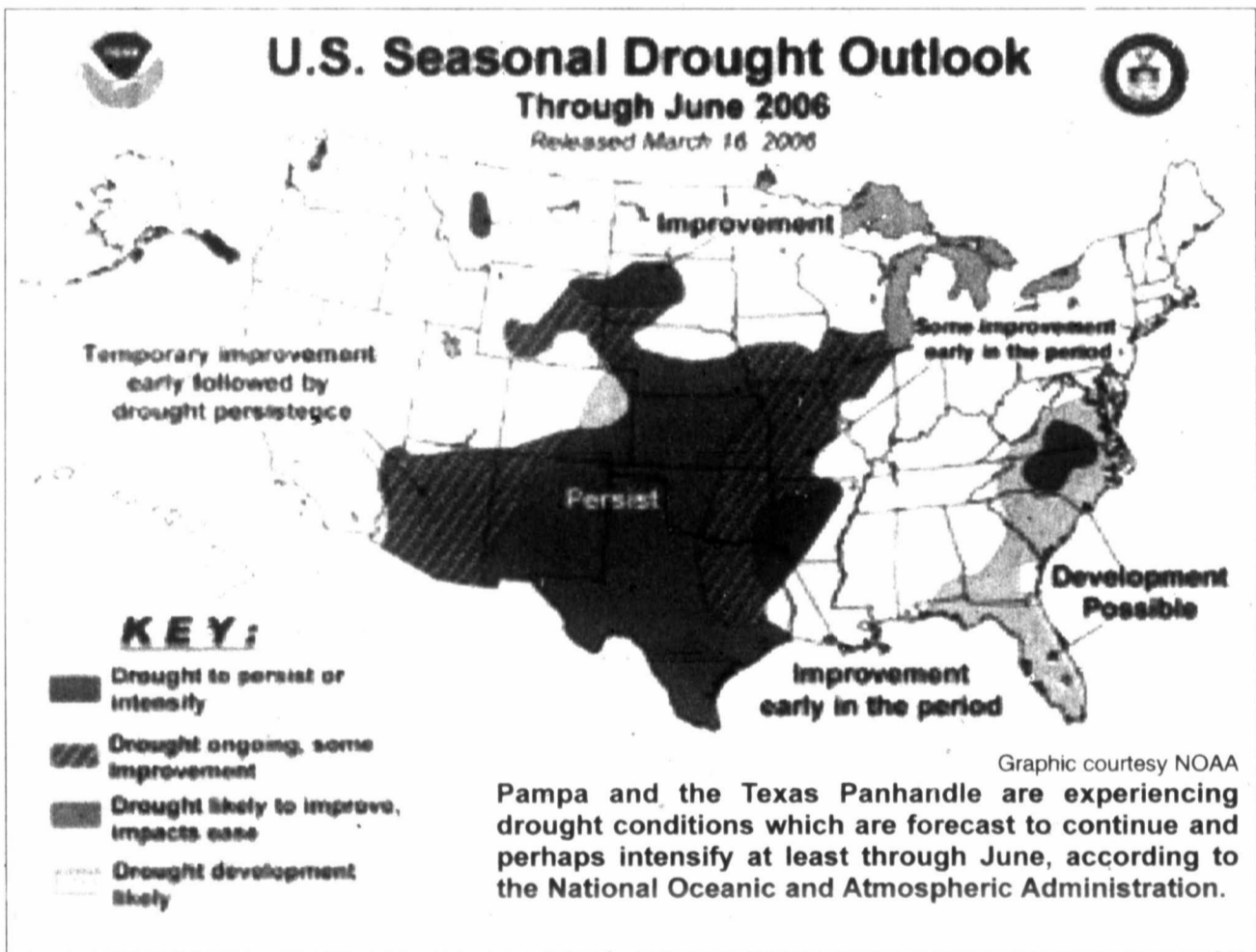
Recent rainfall in some parts of the Panhandle may give false hopes, he said.

"Since the beginning of the year, a lot of areas have received some moisture. Amarillo received an inch a couple of weeks ago. But in actuality, we're still five to six inches behind," Garcia said.

August 2005 was the last month of significant precipitation in the area. Data recorded by the automated weather station near Recreation Park shows that Pampa received 5.37 inches of rain that month, followed by months of little or no precipitation. Precipitation in inches for

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Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time Begins April 21



Graphic courtesy NOAA

Pampa and the Texas Panhandle are experiencing drought conditions which are forecast to continue and perhaps intensify at least through June, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Early voting begins on Monday

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Early voting for the April 11 primary runoff elections begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the non-jury courtroom on the ground floor of Gray County Courthouse.

The early voting site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through April 7.

All but mail-in ballots will be cast on the electronic voting machines for the runoff election,

said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

"For this election, I am just going to use the voting machines because I expect a low turnout," she said.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties are holding a runoff election. The Democratic Party ballot has a runoff race between Barbara Ann Radnofsky and Gene Kelly for U.S. senator, and a choice between Benjamin Z.

Grant and Maria Luisa Alvarado for lieutenant governor.

The Republican runoff ballot offers a choice between Terry Keel and Charles Holcomb for Court of Criminal Appeals judge, place 8, and the only local runoff race.

Republicans Scott Hahn and incumbent F. Lee Cornelison are vying for the office of Gray County treasurer.

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McDermott says dispute not 'personal'

By **MATTHEW DALY**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Jim McDermott says his eight-year dispute with House Majority Leader John Boehner over an intercepted telephone call is not personal, but involves a crucial right of voters to know what their leaders are doing.

"Unfortunately, it's portrayed in the paper as Boehner v. McDermott. It really is the government versus the people," McDermott, D-Wash., said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

McDermott commented three days after a federal appeals court ruling against him in the long-running dispute.

In a 2-1 opinion Tuesday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld a lower-court ruling that McDermott had unlawfully obtained a copy of an illegally intercepted phone conversation between Boehner, then-Speaker Newt Gingrich and other House GOP leaders in December 1996.

McDermott has acknowledged leaking a tape of the call to The New York Times and other news organizations.

Obituaries

Bettye Ward, 82

CANADIAN, Texas — Memorial services for Bettye Ward, 82, of Canadian, Texas, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at the Church of Christ in Canadian, TX with Shawn Davis officiating and Dr. Dean English assisting. Inurnment will be at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian, Texas.

Mrs. Ward died Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Canadian, Texas.

She was born on July 4, 1923, in Asher, Okla., to the late Mr. Ernest McAfee and Mrs. Violet Harris McAfee. She attended grammar school in Bowlegs, Okla., and was a 1941 graduate of Pampa High School.

She married Bob R. Ward on October 15, 1947, in Amarillo, Texas. Bettye and Bob moved to Canadian, Texas, in 1947 from Pampa, Texas. She crocheted hundreds of afghans and Christmas socks, delivered Meals on Wheels and volunteered at the Edward Abraham Memorial Home.

Bettye was a avid bridge player, loved her grandchildren, enjoyed decorating her home

and crocheted caps for the Evelyn Rivers project. She was also a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Max and Jon McAfee; and one granddaughter, Jacqueline Ward.

She is survived by her husband, Bob R. Ward of Canadian, Texas; one son, Kelley Ward and wife Ruth of Canadian, Texas; one daughter, Kay Ward of Brighton, Colo.; a special daughter, Kay Abraham Brown of Canadian, Texas; five grandchildren, Krystal Dickinson and husband Ty of Canadian, Texas; Kris Sanchez and husband Javier of Canadian, Texas; Lisa White of Amarillo, Texas; Shelby Ward and Rachel Ward, both of Brighton, Colo.; two great-grandchildren, Aiden Dickinson and Mya Sanchez, both of Canadian, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014.

You may send condolences online at www.hughsfuneralhome.com.



Ward

Radford Milton 'R.M.' Colson, 82

AMARILLO, Texas — Radford Milton "R.M." Colson, 82, of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, died March 29, 2006. Services will

be at 2 p.m. Monday Church of Christ at the Colonies in Amarillo.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Friday, March 31

John Hardy King, 54, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shawn Wayne Godbey, 30, of Pueblo, Colo., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for forgery of a financial instrument, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license and failure to identify.

Robert Eddie Brewer, Jr., 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license.

Casey Joe Upton, 25, of Lefors was arrested by DPS for driving while license suspended.

Christopher Dylan Whitten, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a motion to revoke-possession of marijuana.

Saturday, April 1

Bradley Devon Scott, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for evading arrest and public intoxication.

Onnie Ray Hewlett, 34, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury.

Ambulance

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

Friday, March 31

7:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Parkview Hospital in

Wheeler and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

7:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Varnon and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Alcock and Dwight. No transport.

9:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, April 1

12:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

6:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 73. Windy, with a west-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 41. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 64. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: A slight chance of . Mostly cloudy, with a high around 74. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of . Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southeast wind around 15 mph.

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Workers

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dle of a fire. Alderson, a Precinct 1 employee, was operating a motor grader to cut fire guards, in which the grader's blade is scraped along the ground to create a band of exposed earth that has been stripped of fire-feeding vegetation and debris.

He was working to save the home of Jeff Haley, who lives between Lefors and McLean.

"The fire department was following me. We thought we had enough time to get back out.

"I made it through the gate and cut around Jeff's house. But then I had to wait until the smoke and dust settled a little to get back out. I couldn't see anything," Alderson said.

He also worked to keep the fire away from Steve Hall's home in eastern Gray County.

"I worked 18 hours just running the grader. Then Monday evening, I went out on another fire. I started burying cattle on Tuesday, and that is still taking place.

"We dug two big pits halfway between McLean and Lefors, north of McClellan Creek and put 247 head of cattle in them," Alderson said.

Jimmy Gatlin, crew foreman for Precinct 1, operated a grader and bulldozer.

"One of the main things that affected us the worst was losing radio contact due to power outages. We were depending on cell phones to communicate," Gatlin said.

"We were three to four days without radio contact," he said.

From 2 p.m. March 11 to 9 p.m. March 13, Gatlin cut fire guards to stop or divert the fires.

"I left Lefors and went halfway to McLean, then to Alanreed, then back to McLean, and then up Highway 152 back to Lefors cutting fire guards," he said.

The heat, wind and dryness became enough to start fires across roads even without a spark to ignite them, Gatlin said.

"I saw fire start just from excessive heat, high wind and dryness. Not even a spark was needed. I was cutting a 28-foot fire guard along one highway, and I saw fire stop at one side and start spontaneously on the other side," he said.

Robbie Cochran of Precinct 2 fired up a motor grader Sunday and worked about 24 hours straight to cut fire guards.

"I started at Lefors, and then came back to Walnut Creek when fire was threatening there," Cochran said. "I kept cutting fire guards and throwing dirt on the fire."

After a break Monday, Cochran went back out to fight the fires on Tuesday.

"I think everybody did a good job and pulled together," he said.

James Powell of Precinct 2 did double duty as a county employee and as a volunteer with HVFD.

"That has got to be the largest wildfire I've ever seen, and we've been on some big fires," Powell said. "We just couldn't stop it, but we were trying to make it turn and not take property."

Powell, who has been a county employee for eight months and a HVFD volunteer for more than four years, drove a tanker truck for HVFD at the start of the fires March 12 and continued until he returned to work for the county and began driving a Precinct 2 tanker truck.

"When I got out of church Sunday, I went to the fire station and didn't return till Monday night. I worked about 36 hours," Powell said.

That Tuesday, Powell was out again, looking for hot spots, when he was released to go to McLean after firefighters in that area had called asking for mutual aid. He returned home late that night, and on Wednesday, he spent the day making needed repairs to the equipment.

The horrors of the fires were not

over, however. Powell also helped pick up and dispose of cattle killed in the fires.

"A lot of them were tangled in fences. Some mama cows with babies wouldn't leave their babies," he said.

Burt Rutherford of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's Amarillo office said Monday that the estimated number of cattle lost in the Texas Panhandle due to the wildfires is currently 4,296.

"That number will likely continue to grow," he said. "That's the latest hard estimate that we have."

More than 1,000 dead cattle have been buried in Gray County so far, Peet said.

The fires may not be over if spring storms arrive, Powell said.

"I'm hoping we don't get any bad thunderstorms come through. One year, we chased lightning fires all over the county," Powell said.

Commissioners praised their employees for the work done to fight the fires.

"I'm so proud of our employees," said Wheeley.

"They always come across when we need them. They always do," Hefley said.

"We can call them day or night. They stayed on those maintainers 36 hours straight. They saw the job through, day and night, through thick and thin," Willoughby said.

Wright was unable to attend Thursday's luncheon.

Peet said that 851 man hours, 1,099 equipment hours, 1,475 gallons of fuel and 53 pieces of equipment were used to fight the fires with county assets. The total monetary worth of the effort is estimated at \$69,187.96, divided into \$15,221.10 for employee hours, \$38,282.33 for equipment hours, \$10,414.43 in equipment repair and \$5,270.10 for fuel.

The \$69,187.96 is composed of values outside normal working hours and operating costs of the county, Peet said.

Drought

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September totaled 0.21; October, 0.78; November, 0.24; December, 0.14; January, 0.14; and February, 0.

March has been the wettest month since August, with 1.63" recorded as of Wednesday at the automated station.

The low amounts in September and October are a departure from the norm which has had an impact, Garcia said, setting the stage for the drought conditions.

"Normally, we have a secondary peak of severe weather in September and October. This past year, we didn't get that. So we didn't get much precipitation at all," he said.

April is the start of the spring storm season, but even if this spring is similar to historical patterns, it still won't be enough.

"I've gone back and looked as far back as 1892. Normally, in April, May and June, we get precipitation. The problem is, we're probably not going to really get enough to help us out," Garcia said.

"We may get storms here

and there that drop one to two inches, but it won't be enough to help, and it won't cover all the areas where it's needed," he said.

Gray County remains under a burn ban until it is rescinded by county commissioners. The ban was instituted at commissioners' Jan. 3 meeting and prohibits outdoor burning anywhere in the county, with no exceptions.

Prolonged low humidity, periods of high wind and lack of precipitation led to the increased fire danger across the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, according to the NWS and Texas Forest Service, prompting burn bans to be instituted in counties across the Texas Panhandle.

Counties across Texas with burn bans in place numbered 160 as of Wednesday, according to the Texas Forest Service. Forty-six of those counties have declared local disasters.

A week of wildfires across parts of the Panhandle, including Gray County, began March 12 when high sustained winds with even higher gusts and continued dry conditions contributed to 96 fires which burned more than 853,000 acres in the

Panhandle, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Eleven residences in Gray County were affected, damaged or destroyed by the fires, and thousands of head of cattle were killed across the region.

The continued drought conditions have prompted meteorologists at AccuWeather.com to warn that the United States appears to be entering another "Dust Bowl" drought like the one which occurred in the 1930s.

"It's amazing how dry the Southern Plains are," said Ken Reeves, AccuWeather.com Director of Forecast Operations.

"The shift in the climatology of the Southern Plains has resulted in record-breaking lack of precipitation," said Reeves. "The lack of rainfall means that more solar radiation is heating the ground and less is directed toward evaporating moisture.

"Higher ground temperatures lead to higher atmospheric temperatures, which increases wind intensity. The dryness, in concert with higher winds, is what is feeding the wildfires and visibility-obscuring dust clouds we're currently experiencing," he said.

Voting

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The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 11 at each of the seven precinct polling places: Precinct 1, Lefors community building; Precinct 2, Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa; Precinct 3, Grandview-Hopkins School; Precinct 4, Lovett Memorial Library in McLean; Precinct 5, Travis Elementary School; Precinct 6, Austin Elementary School; and Precinct 7, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Perry picks Amarillo Mayor McCartt for information panel


AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt to the Texas Department of Information Resources for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2011. The department is charged with improving technology decisions and ensuring appropriate use of information resources.

McCartt is a member of the League of Women Voters, an alumnus of Leadership Texas, and an alumnus and current board member of Leadership Amarillo.

She is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People and serves on the boards of the Harrington Regional Medical Center, the United Way and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. She also previously served on the boards of the Amarillo Education Foundation, the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and is a past president of the YMCA of Amarillo. She has recently been appointed to chair a Texas Municipal League committee on eminent domain.


McCartt received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.





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April 3 • Parent Support Meeting • Bible Church 7:00-8:00PM
April 3 • All Night Party Meeting • Library 7:00PM
April 6 • Band UIL Contest at Randall
April 6 • Boy's Basketball Banquet • First Baptist 7:00PM
April 7 • Cheerleading Tryout Assembly • 11:15-11:45AM
April 8 • Cheerleading Tryouts
April 8 • Drama Play • Auditorium 7:00PM

Austin Elementary
April 4 • TAKS Math 5th Grade
April 6 • Kindergarten Music Program "Jungle Party Tonight" • 9:30AM

Lamar Elementary
April 4 • TAKS Math 5th Grade
April 4 & 6 • Kids Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
April 4 & 6 • Family Literacy • 6:00-7:30PM

Travis Elementary
April 3 & 5 • GED Class 7:00PM • class has opening for new students
April 3 • Team Travis Booster Club Meeting • 5:30PM
April 4 • TAKS Math 5th Grade

Wilson Elementary
April 3 • Booster Club Meeting
April 3 & 5 • Kids Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
April 3 & 5 • Family Literacy Night • 6:00-7:30PM
April 4 • TAKS Math 5th Grade
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April 7 - End of 5th Six Weeks for Pampa ISD
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Viewpoints

Tagging animals project another idea that got out of hand

Here is an idea that probably had good intentions when it was formulated, but, like the bureaucracy, it has gotten out of hand.

Bioterrorism and the threat of mad cow disease have prompted federal and state regulations to require animal owners, from cats to cattle, to tag their animals, even though there are only a few instances of mad cow disease in U.S. history and no documented instances of animals being used for bioterrorism.

Marc A. Levin, director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute, says the National Animal Identification System began on a voluntary basis in 2004, but it becomes

mandatory this year for 25 percent of premises where animals are kept.

Eventually, he said, all premises will be required to register their animals with the government or face criminal penalties, including a daily fine. Every animal on the premises must be given a radio-frequency identification tag.

"States can choose to administer the program themselves," Levin said. "For example, the Texas Legislature has charged the Texas Animal Health Commission with doing so. After an avalanche of protests from small farmers at their last meeting, the commission will convene again on May 4 to consider whether to begin enforcing mandatory registration."

Levin gives this scenario. If a litter of kittens is born and the owner wants to sell them or give them away, the owner must register his premises and tag the kittens with a 15-digit electronic identification device.

This might not be such a big problem for large agribusinesses, but small farmers are getting ready for a burden. High school 4-H and FFA programs will have to obey this law, although the commission is considering an amendment to allow them to register each project rather than every animal. Small ranchers think the

costs of registering their premises and animals will doom them.

Harold Renfro, a Nacogdoches County rancher, told the Lufkin Daily News, "I think that this is an undermining of the small farmers and ranchers. I believe that this is just another way to get people to quit farming and raising their own livestock. They have already put the small packing houses out of business because of all the red tape."

Levin said the red tape associated with the identification system does not end after a premises owner regis-

ters his premises and tags and registers his animals.

"Rather," he said, "the burden continues as the owner must report, within 24 hours, any missing animal, any missing tag, the sale of an animal, the slaughter of an animal, the purchase of an animal, the movement of an animal off the farm or homestead, or the movement of an animal onto the farm or homestead."

The Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association said in its comments to the commission, "Not since Prohibition has any government agency attempted to enshrine in law a system which so thoroughly stigmatizes and burdens common, everyday behavior and is so certain to meet with

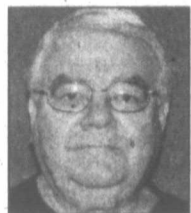
huge resistance from the citizens it unjustly targets."

Another danger associated with this program, Levine said, is that a greater percentage of cattle or wild game may be raised in Mexico or Central America where the level of regulation and sanitation is lower than the United States, even without the identification system. This net result would be to lessen the safety of the beef and other animal products consumed by Americans.

Levine also wonders why an honest error in complying with this program should be a criminal offense. The Class C misdemeanor charge carries a \$500-a-day fine plus court costs.

"Why make criminals out of a family whose cat has

Dennis Spies
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2006. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on April 2, 2005, Pope John Paul II, who helped topple communism in Europe and left a deeply conservative stamp on the church that he led for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at the age of 84.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1805, storyteller

Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

'The future starts today, not tomorrow.'

— Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)

Our readers write

Kids in Pampa do need fun, safe place

After reading a letter to the editor about nothing for kids to do in Pampa, I assure you this is being corrected.

You are right about having nothing for the kids to do. They have a tendency to turn to things like drinking and drugs.

My wife and I and a couple of others decided to do something about it.

We are remodeling a building now, and we are bringing fun for the whole family to Pampa. There will be fun for all ages. It will be a place where no profanity, no alcohol, no tobacco will be allowed, a place where a parent or grandparent can bring a child and not have to worry about bad influences.

If you have been reading the City Briefs, you are getting tidbits about Mixed Ups.

We are hoping to be opening about May 1, but rest assured, our goal is to help keep kids off the streets and have fun at the same time.

Stanley Gray
Pampa

Pampa people exhibit 'can do' attitude

How thankful I am that the fires are out. I am so sorry for the loss of life and property damage. As a lover of animals, my heart just broke at all the loss of livestock as well.

You have all exhibited a willingness to shoulder responsibility. See **LETTERS**, Page



Recovering from wildfires will take time

No one can fully prepare for the most destructive forces of nature. When they occur, we must respond as best we can. We lend a hand to our neighbors and try to help the people most affected get back on their feet. This is a lesson we were reminded of with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. And unfortunately, we again experienced devastation with the wildfires in North Texas and more recently in the Texas Panhandle.

The damage caused by these fires was considerable. Over 800,000 acres burned, as the largest single wildfire in Texas history blazed through county after county in the Panhandle. Between 4,000 and 5,000 head of livestock were lost. Homes,

barns and other buildings were destroyed. Thousands of miles of fence line and power lines were left in ruins. And 11 lives were claimed by this mammoth blaze.

While authorities continue their task of assessing the damage, our recovery efforts are underway. I recently spoke with 17 county judges from impacted areas, and I was extremely impressed with the coordination of local authorities. It was the single-largest mobilization of firemen in state history. More than 700 professional and volunteer firemen lent their

services. These heroic firefighters answered the call when they were needed, and showed no fear in the face of grave danger.

Financial relief is also on the way. I worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to secure

funds to help farmers and ranchers recover. These efforts paid off for Texas, as the USDA, recently approved \$8.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program funding.

Agriculture producers in 16 counties are eligible for the ECP funding. Panhandle residents are working hard to

overcome their losses, and this critical assistance will help core Texas industries recover. Texans can rebuild the 5,000 miles of fencing and conservation structures that were damaged or destroyed. These funds are an investment in the future of Panhandle agriculture, and they will accelerate our recovery from this devastating blow.

The USDA has also established temporary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) guidelines that will provide crucial support to livestock producers in the Panhandle. The guidelines were established to help cattle producers in 27 North Texas counties and six Oklahoma counties.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Cut schoolteachers some slack this spring

It is springtime, when teachers everywhere feel most "put upon/sat upon/spat upon," and/or feel least like reading aloud the ho-hum stories that begin with, "Once upon..."

They, like the students, are in a "count down" mode, pointing toward that last day of school when they can burst out the door, into summer months of something different...

School personnel will breathe a bit easier come May 4, the designated national day of prayer. There won't be any groups in the country praying harder than teachers.

Their petitions, lifted to

the heavens, will go something like this: "Oh, God, if you'll just help us get through the last day of school, we'll come back in the fall, and do it all again..."

No one will be praying harder, I suspect, than a kindergarten teacher in Mexico City.

Albina Cruces Vazquez, 102, has been answering the school bell annually for 87 years. But so far, she hasn't been able to locate the discharge desk.

A teacher since age 15, she'd prefer to forge right on, but immobility is setting in, so she figures it's time to go to the house...

Shouldn't it be simple enough for the country's oldest teacher to retire? Surely her longevity record will hold until

Gabriel blows his trombone! Albina was already a 28-year teaching veteran in 1947 when she founded the school where she now serves. Formerly, it was an old seed warehouse...



Don Newbury
Columnist

She's confined to a wheelchair, but her head still works well. She continues to direct the activities of the Eduardo Novoa School in absentia - by telephone. The teacher remains strongly committed to her students, even though her pay has stopped and her pension hasn't kicked in.

Thankfully, her niece, Lupita, an 89-year-old retired teacher, cares for her. Lupita's eyesight finally gave way, thus explaining her "early retirement" a few years back...

"Efforts to retire have been torment," said Albinita. See **SPRING**, Page 5

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the name lovingly given to her in the community where she never married, but long has been wed to her work.

She says she hasn't been able to officially retire because of the paperwork required. She "had no idea that she had to take the papers to different offices far away — places she never dreamed she'd have to go ..."

"They told me three months ago they'd pay me by March," she said, noting that other teachers received both salaries and Christmas bonuses, but "not me." So, she's surviving on help from her niece's pension.

Her story has been widely told in Mexico City media. My guess is that any day now, it will be heard over the squeakiest wheels in the city, and greased accordingly. Surely the bureaucracy there can be untangled long enough to process papers for a true hero unable to go to distant

offices far away — where she "never dreamed she'd have to go ..."

Meanwhile, we retirees north of the border feel spared, comparatively free of bureaucratic foul-ups.

We were far away from such entanglements on a recent Carnival cruise in the Pacific a few days ago, finding much to smile about ...

And we downright hee-hawed watching grandparents trying to keep up with wound-tight pre-schoolers. Key word: "pre-schoolers."

Huffing and puffing in futile efforts to keep pace, one great-granddad was falling further behind. The 80-year-old figures he reached one generation too far back when he included a 4-year-old. "I just can't find his 'off' switch," he joked. ...

Stories told by the excursion director also lightened the day. In the "department of lame excuses," he lists one unbelievable excuse for tardiness.

He hears it on every cruise from folks running late, blaming the "light

air at this altitude." He says one day it will dawn on them that on cruise ships, the altitude is unchanging, always at sea level ...

Well-worn lines abounded in the dining rooms and casino, respectively:

(1). "I'll diet when I get home," husbands told wives, and
(2). "I'll get you next time," both genders screamed in choruses aimed at the wheels, slots and card tables ...

Finally, consider the vacationer checking out all the details of the submarine excursion. Hearing that the descent would be more than 100 feet, he asked if it would be okay to make pictures. He got the expected answer: "Of course."

"Then I guess I'll need to buy an underwater camera," he responded. And the excursion director didn't say a thing ...

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

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waiting for FEMA or some other branch of the federal government to come rescue you.

Also, I have not heard anything about your demanding debit cards.

The rest of the country could learn a lesson from you. I am also happy to see that you have not blamed the president for the damages received but have handled this emergency with the same "can do" spirit I have always admired about the Pampa people.

I have lived away from Pampa for a long time, but you will always be "my people," and I will always care about you.

Helen Blocker Payne (class of 1950)
Katy, Texas

Fires

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These guidelines will support producers by allowing them to remove dry grass in CRP acreage and move more cattle to the area. I understand these guidelines may need to be extended as recovery efforts continue, and I will work with the USDA

on behalf of farmers and ranchers to see that we get this extension.

In addition, we expect to receive federal disaster relief. All Texas counties can already receive public assistance under the disaster declaration made by President Bush on January 11 for our December and January fires. That declaration will cover 75 percent of costs for many of our firefighting and other emergency protective measures.

Under that disaster declaration, the

federal government is providing additional assistance to individuals in the counties most affected in December and January.

They may apply for aid, including grants to pay for temporary housing and home repairs, as well as low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses. For the most recent fires, the federal government is in the process of assessing damage and adding new counties to the list eligible for individual assistance.

Tagging

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kittens or a small farmer struggling to navigate this regulatory labyrinth?" Levine asks.

Good question.

This is just another case of the bloated bureaucracy doing what it does best — wasting time and making lives miserable.

Events calendar

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center's** Financial Aid Department will offer assistance to potential students wishing to apply for aid for the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters. Participants must bring a copy of their or their parents' 2005 income tax return with W-2s. The financial aid office will visit with students in room 104 at CCPC on the following dates: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 31; 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., April 5; 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 11; and 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., April 12.

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle is hosting an exhibit by Scot-Free Model Railroad Association through the months of April and May. According to the museum, the display boasts and "assortment of trains, landscapes and ideas." To find out more, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

• **A cancer support meeting** is scheduled April 4 in Room 202 of Pampa Regional Medical Center. For meeting time or more information, call 669-9667.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases includ-

ing polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., April 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Leadership Perryton** will present Steve Gilliland of Pittsburg, Pa., from 6-8 p.m. April 6 in the high school auditorium in Perryton. Registration will be from 5:30-6 p.m. the evening of the presentation. The seminar is \$20 per person. Special rates area available for businesses. Gilliland appeared in Perryton last year. He has a background in major league baseball, broadcasting and corporate management, training such clients as the U.S. Marine Corps, CBS and General Motors. For more information, call Perryton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575, Cynthia Shattles at (806) 435-2754 or Jim Powell at (806) 435-4014.

• **Saint Francis Knights of Columbus**, 10 miles east of Amarillo, will host two all-you-can-

eat fish fry's from 6-8 p.m. April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1121.

• **The Friends of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024**, a performing arts organization, will present organist Gerre Hancock in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at 1601 S. Georgia in Amarillo. Hancock will perform Choral in A minor, Prelude and Fugue in E minor and other selections. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door. To purchase a ticket in advance, call (806) 376-6316, ext. 105 or (806) 353-6216.

• **The Third Bi-Annual Old Town Museum Quilt Show** will be staged April 7-8 at the Opera House located in the Old Town Museum complex in Elk City, Okla. To obtain an entry form for the quilt show, call (580) 225-2508 or (580) 225-1122.

• **The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will begin at 8 a.m. April 8 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo with Pat Henry, past president of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, headlining. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. For more information, call Ivan Cates at (806) 353-5617 or Marianne Logan at (806) 374-4354.



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HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT above 4800') Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Bitzie Harvey 'A45', 989' from North & 1661' from East line, Sec. 1,L,H&GN, PD 4800'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHAN-

DLE Red Cave) Stallion Energy, L.L.C., #M-5R Herring, 990' from South & West line, Sec. 6,X-02,H&OB, PD 1900'. Recompletion
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Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Myriad Resources Corp., #15 Read, 1650' from North & 330' from West Lease
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Lions Club Sweethearts

Pampa Lions Club December Sweethearts of the Month are Callie Cobb and Audrey Dunn.
 Callie Cobb is the daughter of Craig and Kelly Cobb. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include Pampa High School student council (four years), junior varsity cheerleader (one year), varsity cheerleader (two years), varsity basketball (four years), softball (four years), student body reporter, Lady Harvester basketball team captain, Hustling Lady Harvester Award (two years), 1st Team All-District Basketball Team (2005-06), 2nd Team All-District Softball Team 2004/honorable mention in 2005, All-Star Cheerleading Award, PHS 2005 Homecoming Queen nominee, America's Homecoming Queen pageant contender, Best Athlete/Senior Class, Celebration of Lights volunteer, Salvation Army volunteer and Christmas Shopping Tour volunteer. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa. She



Cobb

was selected to be an instructor at Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp during the summer where she will travel Texas, Oklahoma and other various states. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in education and further her cheerleading experience at West Texas A&M University.

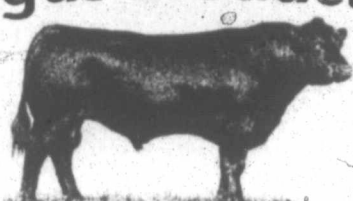
Audrey Dunn is the daughter of Dwayne and Diane Dunn and is the granddaughter of Fay Harvey and Troy and Madeline Dunn. She ranks in the top 25 percent of her class. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include PHS Concert Choir (three years), junior varsity cheerleader (one year), varsity cheerleader (two years), freshman basketball and volleyball, junior varsity basketball, varsity basketball, student council representative (four years), UCA All-Star Cheerleader, basketball queen nominee, student body historian, Rotary Club Leadership Conference nominee, National Youth Leadership on Nursing nominee, dance student and competitor (10 years), dance camp, Dance Masters of America finalist, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, life guard, CPR certification, Special Olympics volunteer, Christmas Shopping Tour volunteer, Salvation Army volunteer and United Way volunteer. She has participated in various high school choir musicals, choreographing



Dunn

several dance routines. She also choreographed for the cheerleading squad and this year's Woa-Man Competition. Dunn is a member of First Baptist Church. She has been accepted into Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where she will try out in April for "The Spurs" dance team. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in nursing.

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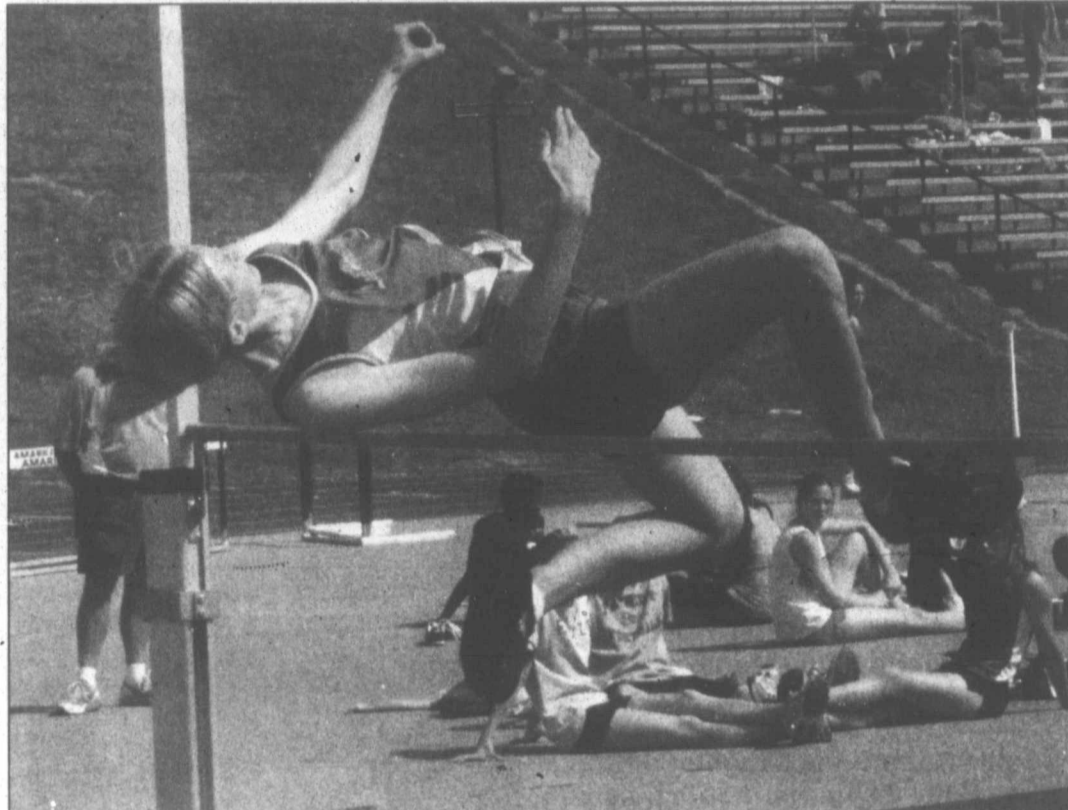
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◀ Jasmine Moore prepares to take the hand off from Keisha Crowell (left) in the girl's 800 relay.

▲ Kaysha Lee (above) clears the bar in the girl's high jump. Lee, a Pampa senior and three-year Regional qualifier, finished third in Friday's event with a jump of 5'2". Lee leads the district with a jump of 5'4" recorded at a meet earlier in the season.

▶ Baton in hand, Jarrett Towles (right) sprints away from teammate Ryne Malone in the JV boy's 800 relay. The pair, along with Michael Fernuik and William Rivera, ran a season best 1:40.00 but did not qualify for the finals.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

WTAMU/SUBWAY INVITATIONAL

Twelve teams to hit links for chance at golf title

The West Texas A&M University men's and women's golf teams will be hosting the WTAMU/ Subway Invitational Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo. The 12-team women's field will be competing at Tascosa Country Club, while the 12-team men's field will be playing across the street at La Paloma Golf Club.

The women will play 18 holes each day, while the men will play 36 holes on Monday, followed by 18 holes on Tuesday.

The women's field includes Lone Star Conference schools Cameron University, University of Central Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University-Commerce, as well as Montana State University-Billings, the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, College of the Southwest, University of Texas-Dallas, Western New Mexico University.

Tarleton State is tied for No. 10 in the latest National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Rankings, while Western New Mexico is tied for No. 13 and Central Oklahoma is tied for No. 19.

The NCAA-II Women's Golf Regional Rankings, were released Friday, with Western New Mexico holding down the No. 2 spot, while Tarleton State was eighth and Central Oklahoma 10th.

Grand Canyon University won last

year's Women's Subway Invitational, that was shortened to one day due to rainy weather. Individually, WTAMU's Meredith Easley, the current head coach of the Lady Buffs, and Grand Canyon's Jody Chandonnet tied for individual medalist honors. Easley received the first-place trophy after a scorecard playoff.

The men's field includes Lone Star Conference schools Abilene Christian University, Cameron University, East Central University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma, and Texas A&M-Commerce, along with College of the Southwest, St. Mary's University, Wayland Baptist University and Western New Mexico's varsity and junior varsity squads.

Central Oklahoma is ranked No. 11 in the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA)/Bridgestone Coaches Poll, while St. Mary's is No. 24 and Western New Mexico is among others receiving votes.

WTAMU took the top team honors last year in the rain-shortened tourney, while Abilene Christian's Matt Samples is the defending individual medalist.

This will be the Lady Buffs' and Buffs' final preparations for the LSC Championships April 17-18 at Trophy Club, Texas, as the Buffs and Lady Buffs try to qualify for the NCAA-II Regionals May 1-3 at The Territory Golf Club at Duncan, Okla., hosted by Cameron.

Mickelson stretches lead in BellSouth Classic

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) - Jose Maria Olazabal knows something about big second-round leads.

Olazabal's nine-stroke lead midway through the 1990 World Series of Golf is the biggest 36-hole advantage on the PGA Tour since 1970.

Now Olazabal is chasing a similarly imposing lead - Phil Mickelson's six-shot advantage in the BellSouth Classic.

Mickelson shot a 65 Friday for a 16-under 128, giving him the big lead as he tries to win a second-straight BellSouth Classic championship and gain momentum for the Masters next week.

Mickelson's lead is the sixth-biggest through 36 holes in a PGA event since 1970.

"It's going to be very difficult for anybody to catch him unless we play some really awesome golf on the

weekend," Olazabal said.

Mickelson is trying to become the first three-time winner in the event. His 128 is the lowest 36-hole total in his career and the lowest two-day total in the history of the tournament.

Mickelson matched the course record with a first-round 63 Thursday at the TPC at Sugarloaf. Now he could be chasing bigger records.

The PGA record for most strokes under par through four rounds on a par-72 course is 29 under by Joe Durant in the 2001 Bob Hope Classic.

Mickelson is on pace to finish at 32-under 256. The PGA record low total for 72 holes is 254 by Tommy Armour III in the 2003 Texas Open.

Mickelson said his emphasis is to carry some steam into the Masters next week. He said he isn't thinking about setting a PGA

scoring record.

"I think that the way that the course is continually getting more difficult, I think that's unrealistic," Mickelson said, adding "What you're talking about is not in my mind, no."

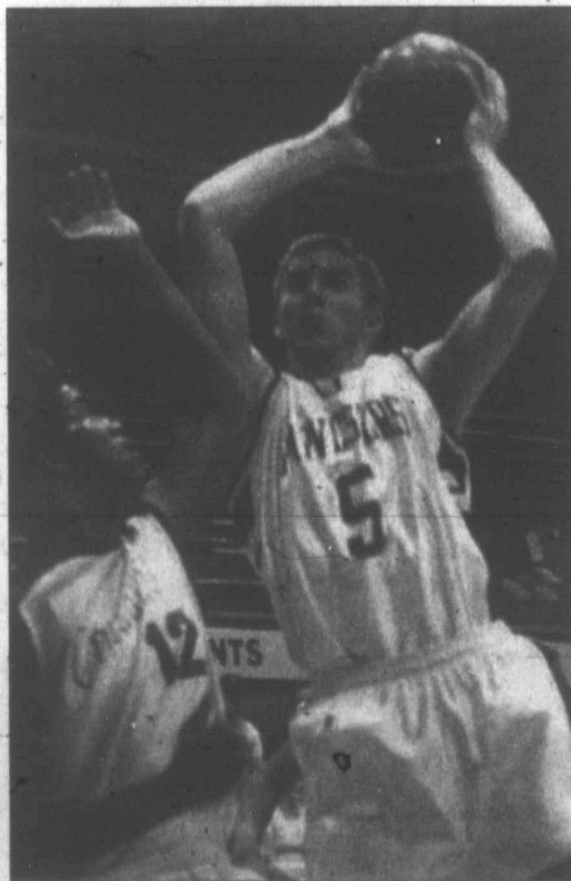
There was a long procession of low scores again Friday, when 79 players at par or better survived the cut.

Those chasing Mickelson, including Olazabal, spoke as if the tournament's defending champion was distancing himself from the field in Tiger-like fashion.

"I think at the moment Phil is the only one really doing the fireworks," Olazabal said. "I think he's the one that really maybe has that record in his sight."

Olazabal shot an 8-under 64 Friday for an impressive two-day total of 135. He is third, seven strokes behind Mickelson.

District honors



Pampa Harvester Matt Smith (#5) has been awarded Super Team Newcomer of the Year by the Globe-News. The 6'5" freshman was one of Coach Dustin Miller's starting five throughout the season and played a key role in Pampa's 25-7 record, including Bidistrict and Area championships.

Rangers 4, Marlins 1

FRISCO, Texas (AP) - Mark Teixeira homered for the third straight game, and Brad Wilkerson and David Dellucci also connected to lead the Texas Rangers past the Florida Marlins 4-1 Friday night.

Teixeira, who had 43 homers last season, hit a two-run shot in the third to give Texas a 3-0 lead. He had not homered in his first 31 at-bats this spring before going on his current streak.

Texas starter Kameron Loe allowed one run and struck out two in four innings. He gave up three hits and walked two.

Florida starter Brian Moehler yielded four runs and seven hits in five innings. He had one strikeout and didn't walk a batter.

Wilkerson led off the game with his fourth homer of the spring, off Moehler. Dellucci added a solo drive - his fifth - in

the fourth.

Florida's Mike Jacobs led off the fourth with his third homer.

Loe's solid effort was a boost for Texas' rotation.

Adam Eaton has a strained tendon in the middle finger on his pitching hand, the same injury that put him on the disabled list twice last season with San Diego. Though Eaton was not placed on the DL Friday, Texas manager Buck Showalter adjusted his rotation to make Vicente Padilla the No. 2 starter.

The Rangers traded Juan Dominguez, a candidate to fill the void left by Eaton, to the Oakland Athletics on Friday.

With the Rangers leading 1-0, Loe escaped a bases-loaded jam when Miguel Cabrera popped up to end the third.

Smooth transaction



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Completing the first leg of the boy's 800 relay Friday afternoon, Pampa's Michael Fernuik hands off to teammate William Rivera. The pair, along with fellow Harvesters Ryne Malone and Jarret Towles, ran a season best 1:40.00 but missed qualifying for the finals of the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 29. (Report also available on Web as <http://www.txfishing.com>.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are improving on minnows and cut baits.

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

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 69 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 crankbaits. Walleye are good on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on prepared baits.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 27.3 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended 11-13 feet. White bass are good on slabs tipped with minnows near humps. Smallmouth bass are fair on crankbaits. Walleye to 6 pounds are fair on small crankbaits near northern points and riprap. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 44 degrees; 47.85 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are fair on minnows.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 1.72 low. Black bass to 9

pounds are good on live bait, and deep diving crankbaits in stained waters in Gobbler Creek and river. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 2.3 low. Black bass are fair and improving on shad-imitation baits near Pawnee Point. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs near dericks about 15 feet and near Henrietta, Deer Creek and Post Oak bridges. 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; 57 degrees; 2.25 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Redfish are fair on live baits.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 61 degrees; 6.75 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair and improving on live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 10.82 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and dark 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; 56 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; 56 degrees; 18.8 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on minnows. No boat ramps open: 4x4 vehicles can unload on dirt road near the dam.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 54 degrees; 4 low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and Senkos in back of creeks in Rock and Caddo Creek areas. White bass are good in and around river.

Striped bass are fair at night near lighted piers. Blue and channel catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines in the upper part of reservoir. Rainbow Trout are good below the dam near Highway 16 Bridge with a release of 2,250 trout on

March 10.
STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 55 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 cut shad and minnows.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 31.5 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 22.71 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 staiged but clearing; 52 degrees; 5 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, punchbait or trotlines baited with shad.

Royals nip Astros, 6-5

HOUSTON (AP) - Despite a shaky spring, Brandon Backe is confident he can fill his significant role in the Houston Astros' rotation.

With Roger Clemens out of the mix - at least for now - Backe is the No. 3 starter behind Roy Oswalt and Andy Pettitte.

And the right-hander knows he'll have to pitch better than he did Friday night, when he allowed four runs in the first four innings of the Astros' 6-5 loss to Kansas City at Minute Maid Park.

"I gave up some hits, I left the ball right in the middle of the plate," Backe said. "I felt pretty good, I got some groundballs when I needed to, but I definitely wouldn't say it was a great outing."

Backe went 1-3 with an 8.87 ERA in six outings during spring training. He gave up 29 hits and 11 home runs in Florida - eight in his last two starts.

"Spring training is finally over," Backe said.

He vowed he'll pitch better when the regular season begins. He'll make his next start on Wednesday - his 28th birthday - against Florida.

"It's going to be a little different when the games start rolling around, the electricity of the fans, just getting the season under way," Backe said.

Houston manager Phil Garner is glad Backe is

throwing strikes - he just needs to make them more difficult to hit.

"We need to see a little bit better command of his pitches," Garner said. "He's been up in the zone. He needs to get all his pitches low."

Backe has proven he can handle the scrutiny and the spotlight.

In 2004, he threw eight shutout innings and allowed one hit in Houston's 3-0 win over St. Louis in Game 5 of the NL championship series. Last year, he did not allow a run in seven innings of Game 4 in the World Series, which the Astros eventually lost to the Chicago White Sox.

His postseason successes are just coincidences, Backe said. In his mind, no game is bigger than another.

"Every game I pitch is important," he said. "I feel like I need to win. It's my job."

Backe, who went 10-8 with a 4.76 ERA in 2005, might become an afterthought if the 43-year-old Clemens returns for a 23rd season. The Astros did not offer arbitration to Clemens, leaving him free to negotiate with other teams. He could re-sign with the Astros on or after May 1.

But if Clemens retires or plays elsewhere, the Astros know Backe will be critical to their success.



Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

SOFTBALL

MONDAY • APRIL 3

Lady Harvesters JV vs Caprock • 4:30pm at Caprock

TUESDAY • APRIL 4

Lady Harvesters vs Caprock • 4:30pm at Caprock

SATURDAY • APRIL 8

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

BASEBALL

MONDAY • APRIL 3

Freshmen vs Palo Duro • 5:00pm at Pampa

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

TUESDAY • APRIL 4

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

FRIDAY • APRIL 7

Freshmen vs Dumas • 4:30pm at Dumas

Harvesters JV vs Dumas • 5:00pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • APRIL 8

Harvesters vs Dumas • 1:00pm at Pampa

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▲ Pampa Learning Center's Destinee Patton was recently awarded a \$250 college scholarship from local CPA Kenneth Cargill. Cargill was a guest speaker at PLC's annual Career Day recently.

BioEconomy focus of daylong seminar

CANYON — The advances and opportunities occurring in agricultural and industrial biotechnology, and the revitalization of the High Plains of Texas, are the focus of a special seminar being co-sponsored by West Texas A&M University.

"The New BioEconomy: What We Have To Be Excited About" is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West. Pre-meeting coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m.

Admission, which includes lunch, is \$12. Seating is limited to the first 200 who R.S.V.P. to Steve Gens, who heads up the Biotechnology Initiative at West Texas A&M University. Gens can be reached at 806-651-2099 or sgens@mail.wtamu.edu.

Those in attendance will be given the opportunity to serve on committees that will be formed at seminar's end. The committees will review and recommend biotechnology projects meant to benefit the region and become part of a comprehensive rural development program. All committees will meet again in three months to make their reports.

The Amarillo Economic Development Council also is co-sponsor of the event.

Additional experts will represent other government agencies and private industry.

"This seminar will clearly demonstrate how biotechnology can serve as an engine for economic development, even in our rural communities," Gens said.

Intents

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line, Sec. 154,B-2,H&GN, spud 3-16-66, plugged 3-9-06, TD 3180' (oil) — Form 1 in Katex Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Bear Creek Operating, Watkins, Sec. 10,M-21,TCRR (oil) — Form 1 in Katex Oil Co., for the following wells:

#7, 990' from North & East Lease line, spud 2-6-51, plugged 3-10-06, TD 2876' —

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HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Energy 2000, Inc., J.A. Whittenburg 'B', Sec. 89,Z,GC&SF (oil) — Form 1 in Gulf Oil Corp., for the following wells:

#10, 660' from South & West Lease line, spud 10-30-40, plugged 2-27-06, TD 3110' —

#14, 330' from South & 990' from East Lease line, spud 10-11-47, plugged 2-15-06, TD 3010' —

#17, 1154' from South & 1863' from East Lease line, spud 11-23-48, plugged 2-20-06, TD 3030' —

#22, 660' from South & 1800' from West Lease line, spud 9-6-69, plugged 2-22-06, TD 3055' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Energy 2000, Inc., J.A. Whittenburg 'B', Sec. 21,47,H&TC (oil) form 1 in Gulf Oil Corp., for the following wells:

#15, 330' from North & 1320' from East Lease line, spud 4-2-84, plugged 3-1-06, TD 3070' —

#16, 330' from North & West Lease line, spud 7-11-48, plugged 3-3-06, TD 3020' —

#19, 1550' from North & 330' from West Lease line, spud 4-30-55, plugged 3-13-06, TD 2869' —

#20, 1775' from North & 1525' from West Lease line, spud 5-8-55, plugged 3-9-06, TD 2833' —

Birth, death certificates now available through the Internet

AUSTIN — Birth and death certificates can be ordered online, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recently announced.

Previously, the certificates could be requested only by mail, fax or by visiting the DSHS vital records unit in Austin or one of the 490 local registrars' offices throughout the state.

Certificates may be ordered online at www.texasonline.com.

DSHS Chief Operating Officer Randy Fritz said, "Customers needing copies of birth or death certificates should find the speed and convenience of the new

online ordering system a real timesaver."

He clarified that while certificates can be ordered online, they cannot be downloaded or printed.

Online ordering of a birth certificate for a birth that occurred in the last 75 years is limited to the individual for whom a birth certificate is requested and to the mother or father of that individual.

Online ordering of death certificates for deaths that occurred within the last 25 years is limited to the surviving spouse, a parent of the deceased and to certain funeral directors.

Verification of any birth, death, marriage or divorce —

regardless of date — also is available online.

Forms for ordering by mail can be downloaded from the DSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us

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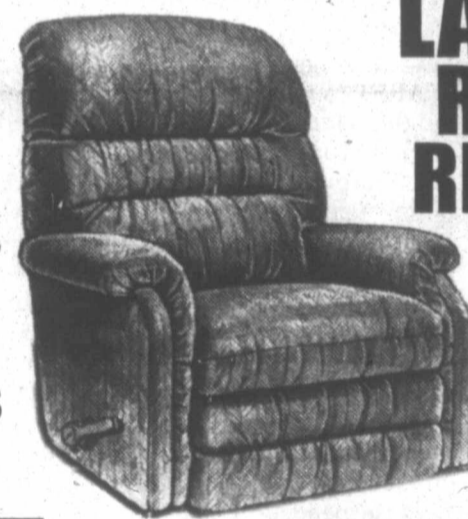
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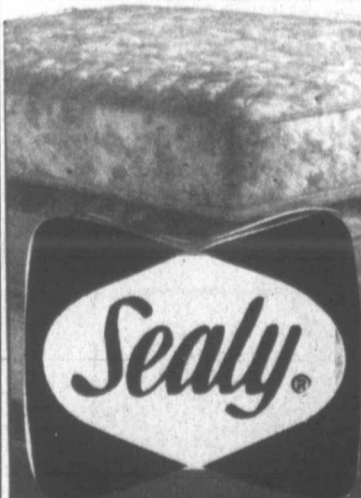
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Makes 4 servings

Cream Cheese Wontons With Sweet Chile, Scallion and Orange Dipping Sauce

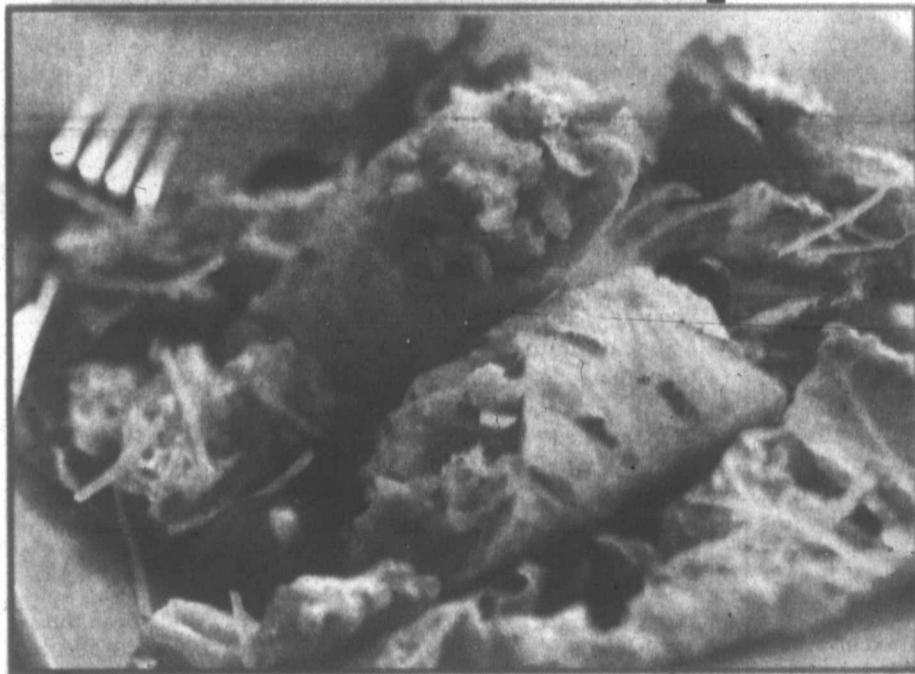
2 packages Asian Sensations Cream Cheese Wontons

Dipping sauce

1 1/4 cups Asian sweet chile sauce
1/4 cup minced scallions
1/4 cup julienned orange zest
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup mirin (rice wine) or pineapple juice

Prepare cream cheese wontons according to package instructions. Combine all sauce ingredients and mix thoroughly. To assemble each serving, place 4 warm cream cheese wontons on plate and serve with 6 tablespoons sauce on side. Serve immediately.

Makes 5 servings



Summer Caesar Salad With Egg Rolls

1 package Asian Sensations Egg Rolls
Choose from White Meat Chicken, Pork or Shrimp Egg Roll flavors.
1 pound romaine lettuce, rinsed, dried and torn
16 grape tomatoes, rinsed
4 tablespoons sliced black olives
3/4 cup Caesar dressing
4 teaspoons shredded Parmesan cheese
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat grill to medium heat. Place egg rolls directly on grill surface. Close grill cover and cook 12 to 14 minutes, turning often. Remove from grill and allow to cool slightly before cutting each egg roll in half diagonally. To assemble each serving, place 1/4 of romaine lettuce, 4 grape tomatoes, 1 tablespoon black olives and 3 tablespoons dressing in medium mixing bowl and gently toss together. Transfer lettuce mixture to dinner plate. Top with grilled egg roll. Garnish with 1 teaspoon grated Parmesan cheese and touch of freshly ground black pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

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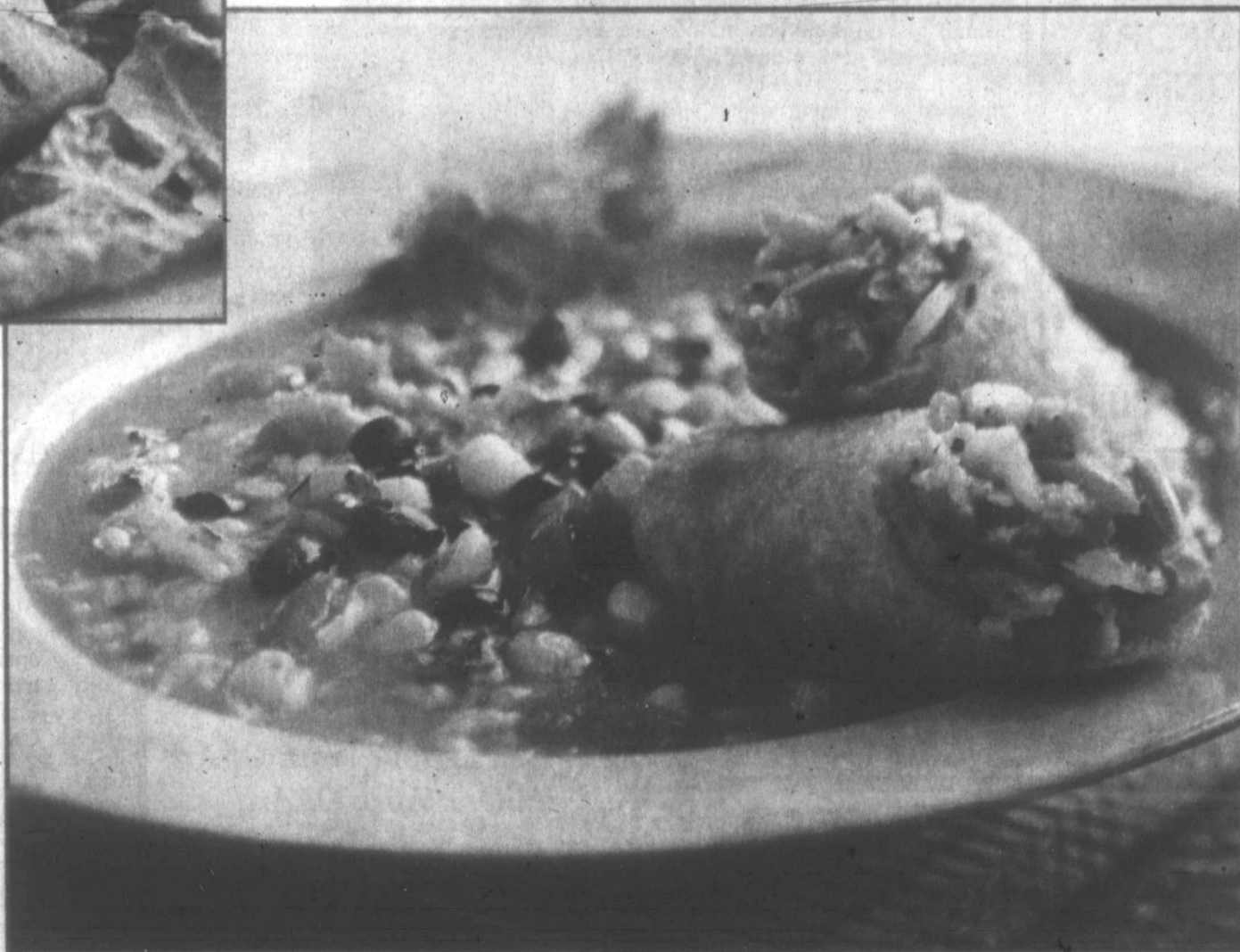
2 packages Asian Sensations Cream Cheese Wontons

Dipping sauce

2 1/2 cups light vanilla yogurt
5 fresh peaches, rinsed and sliced
5 tablespoons toasted pecan halves
2 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint
Powdered sugar

Prepare cream cheese wontons according to package instructions. For each serving, place 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt in center of shallow bowl. Arrange 4 warm cream cheese wontons around yogurt. Top with 1 sliced peach and 1 tablespoon toasted pecans. Garnish with 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped mint and dusting of powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Makes 5 servings



Egg Rolls With Aztec Tortilla Soup

1 package Asian Sensations Egg Rolls or Spring Rolls
5 cups prepared tortilla soup
4 tablespoons canned black beans, warm
4 tablespoons roasted corn kernels, warm
4 teaspoons minced fresh cilantro

Prepare egg rolls or spring rolls according to package instructions. Heat soup in medium saucepan until boiling. Garnish with 1 tablespoon black beans, 1 tablespoon corn kernels and 1 teaspoon minced cilantro. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings



FLEMING ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Barbara Fleming celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held at CrossPointe Baptist Church, hosted by their daughters and granddaughters of the Fort Worth area on Saturday, March 25th.

Friends and family enjoyed a trip down memory lane with videos, letters and songs. Many thanks to all who attended.

Jim Fleming and the former Barbara Cook were married March 26, 1956, in Pampa.

They are lifelong residents of Pampa and belong to CrossPointe Baptist Church.

Children of the couple are Cathy and Kenny Myers of Benton, Ark., Carla and Rick Woodard of Crowley, Texas, and Cheryl and Richard Murrah of Joshua, Texas.

The couple have eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleming

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.

They 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.



Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott

Menus

Week of April 3-7

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Fish strips or steak fingers, blackeyed peas, potatoes, fruit, rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or pizza, corn, green beans, pineapple.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, English peas, pears, rolls.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Bagel French toast. Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or chicken patty on a bun, carrots, spinach, fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Hamburgers or hot dogs, fries, hamburger salad, peaches, gelatin.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Cheese omelet, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, pineapple-orange salad, chips.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Meat/bean chalupas, lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce, Spanish rice, flour tortillas.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, strawberry shortcake.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajita wraps, refried beans, Mexicali corn, fruit cups, picante sauce.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, baby carrots, brownies.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Chicken fajitas, Spanish</p>	<p>rice, salad, dessert.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Hot dogs/chili, baked beans, fries, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Pizza, corn, salad, dessert.</p> <p>THURSDAY Sloppy joes, fries, pork beans, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos, mashed potatoes, cheese hominy, spinach, pinto beans, butter pecan cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Baked chicken breasts or Swiss steak, potatoes/vegetables, broccoli casserole, beets, northern beans, tomato spice cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, breaded tomatoes, Italian green beans, beans, lemon pound cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or liver/onions, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, fried squash, pinto beans, cinnamon swirl cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or tamales, potato wedges, cheese grits, beans, walnut brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Sloppy joes, tater tots, pork beans, pineapple.</p> <p>TUESDAY Biscuits, eggs, ham, gravy, hashbrowns, fruit.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.</p> <p>THURSDAY Hamburger patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, pumpkin bars.</p> <p>FRIDAY Turkey, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, peaches.</p>
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NEWSMAKERS

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist

University senior Amanda Dyson will be participating in a joint exhibition with Lissabeth Rusten Anglin of Borger March 31 through April 21 at Wayland's Abraham Art Gallery.

Dyson, a senior art and English double major from Pampa, has titled her exhibit "Interrogation: Questioning the Everyday."

"I want to make people think about things in a different way, to look past the surface and go a little bit deeper," said Dyson, who describes her artistic style as focused. "My favorite part of being an artist is getting the opportunity to challenge typical perspectives. My goal in developing an art piece is to layer ideas so as to render a closer look at the everyday while exploring the relationship between the individual and creation."

With a mother who is a hobby painter, Dyson said she has grown up around art, but wasn't sure that road was for her. Taking her first art class in high school, she felt no real connection and considered

music a possible career path.

During her freshman year at Wayland, a painting class with art professor Dr. Candace Keller changed her mind.

Following graduation in April, Dyson plans to pursue graduate degree in arts administration and has applied for admission to University College Dublin in Ireland. Her future plans include managing or owning an art gallery. She has served as a Fine Arts Ambassador at Wayland and has been involved in Student Government.

The daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Dyson of Pampa, Amanda works primarily in acrylic paint but enjoys drawing, printmaking, design, photography and mixed media projects as well. Her exhibit showcases work from her three years at Wayland.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School student Robyn Bell was named an All-American Scholar.



Dyson



Bell

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Monk & Neagle to perform in live concert at WTAMU

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will present Shane & Shane with opening act Monk & Neagle live in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 at the First United Bank Center.

The two Christian duos blend vocal harmonies with a touch of acoustic rock, jazz and funk to worship and praise through music.

Shane Barnard and Shane Everett met while students at

Texas A&M University and now have a list of successful CDs to their credit including 2003's Carry Away and this year's Upstairs. Both debuted in the Top 10 and their latest, Clean, includes a new take on the classic worship anthem "He Is Exalted."

Trent Monk and Michael Neagle both grew up in

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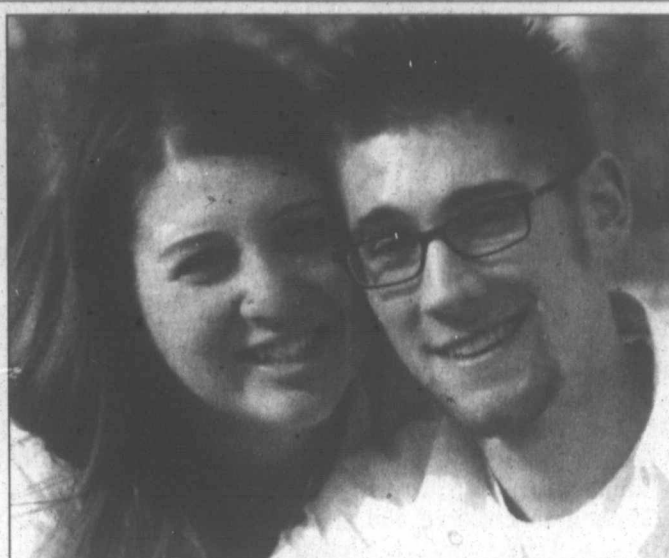
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Schnaubert/Brazile

Lisa Schnaubert of Odessa and Colby Brazile of Pampa plan to wed June 3 at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schnaubert of Odessa and is the granddaughter of Sonny and Bonnie Schnaubert of Buchanan Dam and the late Earl Montgomery and the late Melba Guthrie. She graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in 2001 and is scheduled to receive a bachelor of fine arts degree with an emphasis on painting from Texas Tech University this spring. She is minoring in architecture and interior design. The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Skinner of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brazile of Ehrenberg, Ariz., and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stowers of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brazile of Amarillo. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2001 and holds a bachelor of science degree in architecture, magna cum laude, from TTU. He is currently employed as an architectural designer at McKinney Architects, Inc., in Austin.



Powers/Styne

Janelle Dawn Powers of Wichita Falls and Christopher Aaron Styne of Dumas plan to wed June 24 at First Baptist Church in Dumas. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. Timothy and Janice Powers of Wichita Falls. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and earned a degree in elementary education from Wayland Baptist University in December 2005. She is currently employed with S.H. Rider High School in Wichita Falls. The future groom is the son of Mike and Lynette Styne of Dumas. He graduated from Dumas High School in 2003 and is currently a junior at Wayland Baptist where he is studying music and business.

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Club news

The deadline for club news 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.

20th Century
Twentieth Century Study Club met March 28 at the home of Club Secretary Louise Bailey in Pampa with President Myrna Orr presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:
—Phyllis White led the club collect and the pledges.
—Bailey took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved.
—Orr delivered the treasurer's report.

—Chleo Worley presented the program on former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. April 11 at the home of Mary Wilson.

Altrusa
Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 28 at First United Methodist Church with President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Mary McDaniel and Marian Stroup served as greeters. Christi Mitchell, Sharon Williams, Deschua Afram and Marzia Scampuddu attended as guests.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Barb Hahn presented the accent on District Conference attended by the following local Altrusans: Joan Gray-Soria, Brenda Tucker, Judy Warner, Terri Williams, Terry Gamblin, Kelli Jo Hannah, Penni Pfitzner, Kadda Schale, Kerrick Horton, Hahn, DeLynn Gordzelik, Ruby Royse and Beth Miller.

—McDaniel conducted a new member orientation for Eileen Kludt and Linda Olson.

—The club voted to take part in the benefit event for the area firefighters. The

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Cradle call



Destiny Elizabeth Lambert

Destiny Elizabeth Lambert was born at 10:32 p.m. Feb. 28, to Donn and Christina Lambert of Pampa. The proud grandparents are Haward and Crystal Qualls and Tammra Ray Collum, all of Pampa, and Donn Micheal Lambert Sr., of Indianapolis, Ind.

Concert

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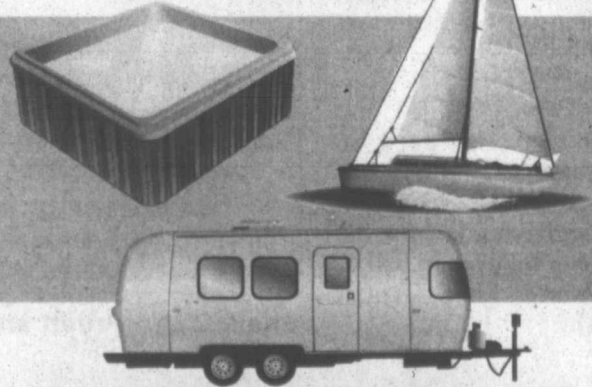
Amarillo. They met in college and shared an interest in music.

Monk had a successful solo career going, and Neagle was in full-time ministry when their paths crossed once again. They soon joined forces to become a double act and their self-titled album is found under the Flicker Record label. It features such tunes as "Paradise," "Stars Would Fall" and "Dancing with Angels." The two keep busy touring the country with their wives in their 1995 Holiday Rambler RV.

Tickets for the concert are available through Panhandletickets.com, all Panhandle Ticket outlets and the First United Bank Center in Canyon. Reserved tickets are priced at \$10 and \$20. WTAMU students receive a \$5 discount on any ticket, and faculty and staff members receive a \$3 discount.

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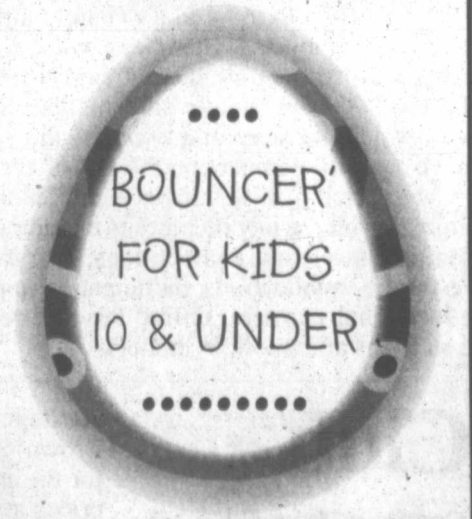


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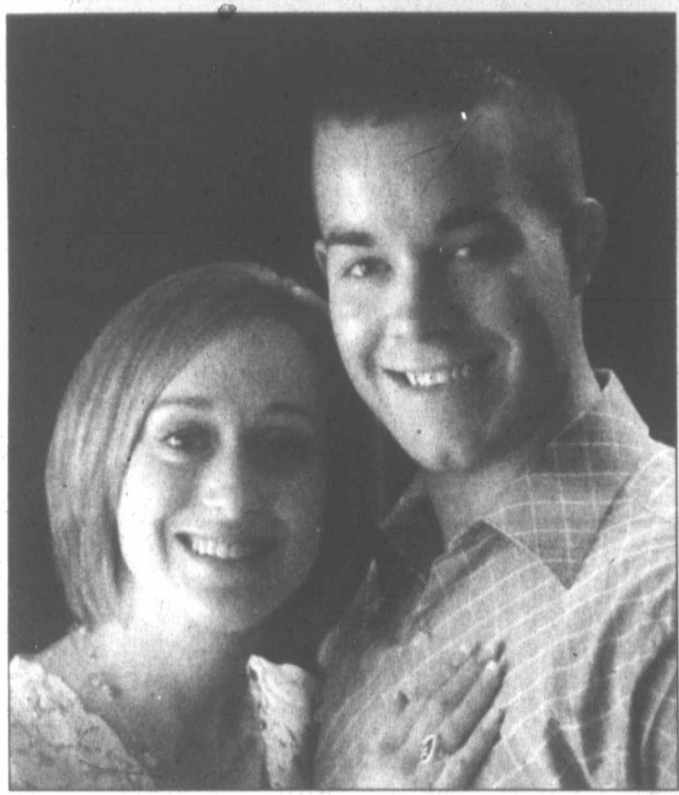
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Carter/Mathis

Stacie Brooke Carter and Joshua Deke Mathis, both of Lubbock, plan to wed July 15 at First Christian Church of Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lee and Sharon Carter of Pampa and is the granddaughter of James and Ruby McCarley of Canadian and LaVaughn Back and the late Wayne Back of Amarillo. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and will receive a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science from Texas Tech University in May. She is currently employed as a fitness specialist for Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. The future groom is the son of Marcy Mathis of Amarillo and Jim Mathis and is the grandson of Dolores Holmes of Amarillo and Bruce Holmes of Fritch. He graduated from Tascosa High School in Amarillo in 2002 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in design communication from TTU. He is employed as a graphic designer for TTU in Lubbock.

**BARRETT
ANNIVERSARY**

Floyd and Ruth Barrett of Pampa will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 2, 2006.

Barrett married the former Ruth Matheny in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church. They were married by Dr. E. Douglas Carver on April 2, 1946.

They are members of First Baptist Church. Their two daughters and spouses are Martha and Tom Wildman of Las Cruces, N.M., and Ellen and Charles Wildman of El Paso, Texas.

Their grandchildren and spouses are Thomas and Raquel Wildman, Teresa and Eric Sletten of Las Cruces.

Kimberlee Ann and Richard Henry, Chris and Nancy Wildman of El Paso.

Malissia and Jake Aranda, and Michael and Tina Wildman of Albuquerque, N.M.

Their great-grandchildren are Joseph, Christina, Tomas, and Naomi Wildman, Ethan Henry, Hannah Aranda, and Jessica Sletten.

A trip to Las Cruces, N.M., is planned for later in April.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barrett



Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Salmon

**SALMON
ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Salmon of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 17 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. Children and grandchildren of the couple hosted the celebration.

Harrold and Margery Dixon were married March 31, 1957, in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. They have been Pampa residents for 15 years. They have also lived in Austin, Albuquerque, N.M., Dallas and Rockport.

Mr. Salmon retired in 1990. He was superintendent of Briscoe schools.

Mrs. Salmon is a homemaker.

They are members of Pampa's First Presbyterian Church.

Children of the couple are Laurie and Marvin Daugherty and Linda Salmon, all of Pampa. They have two grandchildren, Amanda Daugherty of Stephenville and Matt Daugherty of Pampa.

Newsmakers

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USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, founder of the academy.

These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by USAA.

Bell was nominated for the honor by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

Bell is the daughter of Chris and Lorrie Bell of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jack and Lois Fry of Rockdale and Eva Jean Bell of Henderson.

Kasey Tindol, a student at Pampa High School, was recently selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The announcement was made by society founder and chair, Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.



Tindol

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Angela has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," Nobel said. "Kasey is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students achieving superior academic excellence to join.

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization, that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," said NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Kasey build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in the society entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.

PILKINGTON, ALONZO WEDDING



Julie Ann Pilkington and Jimmy Alonzo

Julie Ann Pilkington and Jimmy Alonzo, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows March 4 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa. Rick Parnell, of the church, presided over the nuptials.

The maid of honor was Kayla Jeter of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Brittany Balay and Layce Smith, both of Pampa. Allyson Jeter, Samantha Rivera and Madison Alonzo, all of Pampa, were flower girls.

Standing up as best man was Trey Johnson of Pampa. The groomsmen were Tyler Wishon and Chris Rheams, both of Pampa. Ricky Rivera of Pampa was ring bearer.

Ushering guests to their seats were Daniel Smith and Trent Magers, both of Pampa. The candlelighters were Alicia Jeter and Rosa Rivera, both of Pampa.

A reception followed the service in fellowship hall of the church with Alicia Jeter and Carla Jeter acting as servers.

The bride is the daughter of James and Alicia Jeter of Pampa. She is a homemaker and a senior at Pampa High School.

The groom is the son of Joe Garcia and Rosa Rivera of Pampa. He, too, is a senior at PHS.

The newlyweds intend to make their home in Pampa.

PRUETT, COPE WEDDING

On March 2, Shelli D'Lyn Pruett and Rodney Allen Cope were married in a double-ring ceremony at The Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Denise and Blaine Smyth of Amarillo and Larry Pruett of Lamesa and is the granddaughter of Paul and Arlene Mathews of Skellytown and Louise Pruett and the late Hoyt Pruett of Mangum, Okla.

She earned her high school diploma from Woodward (Okla.) High School in 1995 and attended Seminole Junior College. She later graduated from the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Meridian Technology in

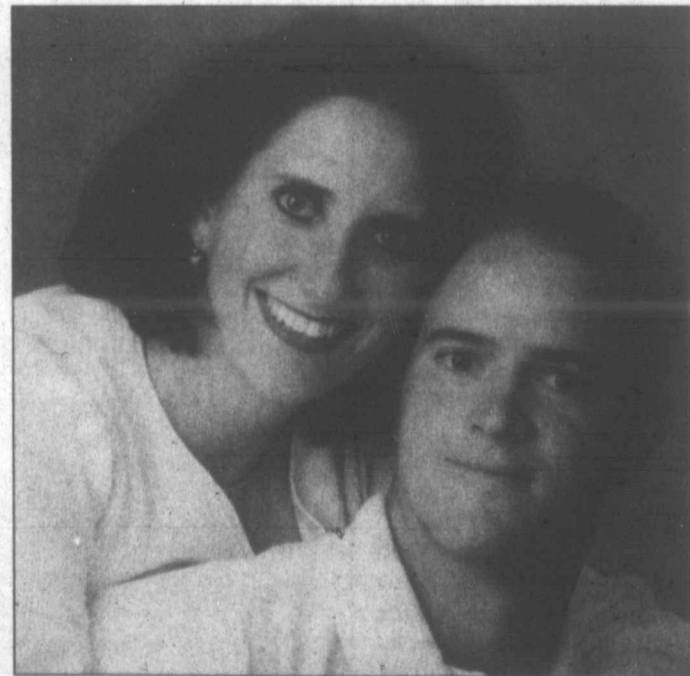
Stillwater, Okla.

The groom is the son of Ronald Cope of Seiling and Connie Travis of Thomas, Okla., and is the grandson of Olive Lee and the late Ray Cook and Joe and Sylvia Cope, all of Seiling, Okla.

He graduated from Seiling High School in 1994 and later from Dodge City Community College. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Both the bride and groom are employed in Stillwater.

A wedding reception was held Saturday for the couple in fellowship hall of Woodward First Baptist Church.



Shelli D'Lyn Pruett and Rodney Allen Cope

Club

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event, hosted by several civic organizations, is being planned to benefit the firefighters who fought the recent fires in the Pampa area.

Sandra McKinney gave an update report on the Altrusa Style Show slated at 10:30 a.m. April 22 at the

Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets for the annual fund-raiser are priced at \$12 apiece and may be obtained from any Altrusa member or at the door the morning of the event.

Gray-Soria reported on the Pampa Altrusa awards received at the District Conference including second place Yearbook, third place Letha H. Brown Literacy, third place Edith DeBusk President's Award. The club

was also recognized for having the highest number of first-time conference attendees and for having two ABC book boxes.

The Pampa club also received a Distinguished Club Award. In addition, the following 18 Pampa Altrusans received perfect attendance awards for the past year: Diann Birdsell, Virginia Dewey, Hahn, Jane Jacobs, Pat Johnson, Myrna Orr, Roysie, Tucker, Williams,

Darlene Birkes, Kerrick Horton, Johnson, McDaniel, Pfitzner, Schale, Warner, and Leona Willis.

Darlene Birkes introduced International Exchange students Deschua Afram of Germany and Marzia Scampuddu of Italy who spoke and gave slide presentations on their countries.

The next meeting will be 12 p.m. April 11 at First United Methodist Church.

Preceptor Theta Iota

Preceptor Theta Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 27 at the home of hostess Carol Carpenter of Pampa with President Janice Hubbard presiding.

The following business announcements were made:

Ann Franklin read minutes from the previous meeting.

Barb Benyshek delivered the treasurer's report.

Officers for 2006-07 club year were elected. Carolyn Smith is the new president; Pat Kindle, vice president; Franklin, recording secretary; Monica Leonard, corresponding secretary; and Benyshek, treasurer.

Kindle presented the program "What Does Love Mean?"

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. April 10 at Benyshek's home in Pampa.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING APRIL 2, 2006. TV schedule grid for Sunday, April 2, 2006, from 12pm to 10pm. Includes channels like KACV, KAMR, KAIT, etc., and programs like 'The Godfather', 'The Sopranos', 'The Office'.

MONDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING APRIL 3, 2006. TV schedule grid for Monday, April 3, 2006, from 12pm to 10pm. Includes channels like KACV, KAMR, KAIT, etc., and programs like 'The Sopranos', 'The Office', 'The Contender'.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING APRIL 4, 2006. TV schedule grid for Tuesday, April 4, 2006, from 12pm to 10pm. Includes channels like KACV, KAMR, KAIT, etc., and programs like 'The Sopranos', 'The Office', 'The Contender'.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING APRIL 5, 2006. TV schedule grid for Wednesday, April 5, 2006, from 12pm to 10pm. Includes channels like KACV, KAMR, KAIT, etc., and programs like 'The Sopranos', 'The Office', 'The Contender'.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have an enormous problem and need a woman's input, and that's you. I realized recently that I have abused my wife, "Doreen," for years. I never hit her and I never cheated, but I had many frustrations inside and I took them out on her verbally. I never realized what I was doing to her, emotionally. A few months ago, it happened again -- I yelled at her. After a weekend of crying, Doreen came to the conclusion that she didn't need the aggravation anymore. Our marriage is in deep trouble. Abby, Doreen is my life. I worship her, I really do. I love her and I'm IN love with her. I always have been and I always will be. I'm seeing a counselor. It is going well, and Doreen has agreed to go, too, both alone and with me. Although we have been intimate recently, she shows me very little affection or attention, and says very little to me. I understand she needs time and her own space, and I'm trying hard to give that to her, but she means so much to me that I want to be around her as much as possible. I feel like my heart has been ripped out of my chest. My doctor told me I am clinically depressed. I need her back in my life, but even more, I need to be back in HER life and heart. I am anxiously awaiting your reply. -- **HEARTBROKEN IN N.Y.**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: When people are diagnosed as clinically depressed, it means their brain chemistry is out of whack. Before you can heal your marriage, you will have to heal yourself because your depression -- and not your frustration -- may have been the cause of your ugly outbursts. I understand that you feel awful right now, but it may be necessary to reorganize your priorities. Pushing and crowding your wife out of your own insecurity is unwise.

Although you may not realize it, being beaten down can be as damaging to the target as being beaten up. In fact, the effects can be more long-lasting if the person is told repeatedly that he or she doesn't measure up. Your wife's feeling for you may not be dead as much as completely numbed. She's cooperating to the best of her ability by seeing your therapist -- and that's a hopeful sign. Your best bet is to do everything you can to make yourself better, listen to your therapist, and take your relationship with Doreen one day at a time.

DEAR ABBY: In a few months, some good friends of mine will be getting married. I am in the bridal party. The problem is, my ex-fiance is one of the groomsmen. My ex and I did not break up well, nor have we had any contact since I moved out. Because my ex is not the best man, I don't really need to deal with him during the coming months or during the wedding. However, I'm afraid it might be uncomfortable for me during such things as the reception dinner, the picture-taking, etc. I don't want to distress the bride and groom, not this close to the wedding. How should I handle it if he should make things uncomfortable, other than as politely as possible? -- **CONCERNED IN TROY, N.Y.**

DEAR CONCERNED: I'm sure the bride and groom are well aware of the circumstances of your breakup. Therefore, it would not be out of line to suggest to whoever is handling the seating at the reception that you would prefer not to sit near our former fiance. Be cordial in your interactions with him, but don't linger or allow him to start a serious conversation, and you should be able to make it through the occasion without a scene.

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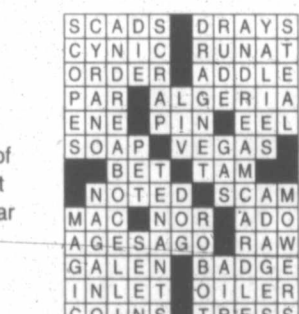
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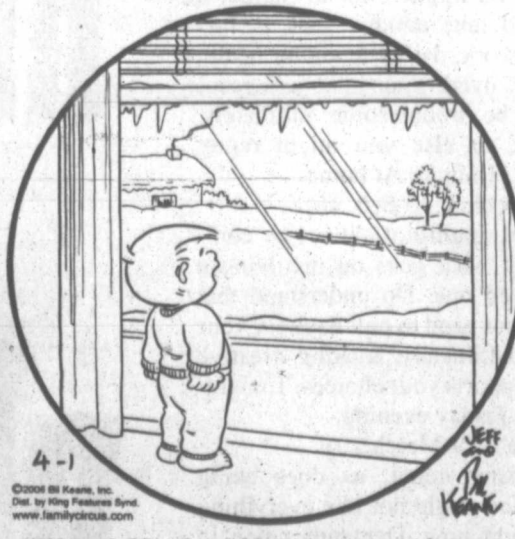
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