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Raging winds cause grass fires to return

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Blowing dust and billowing smoke once again filled the skies around Pampa as high winds and dry conditions Thursday resulted in wildfires, wind damage and areas of zero visibility.

The fires began shortly after noon on the west and south of Pampa. One fire burned west of Price Road off 23rd Avenue as another larger fire erupted about nine miles south of Pampa off the Bowers City highway.

Black smoke billowed from another fire west of Pampa by 2:45 p.m., when flames took hold at the city's water treatment plant off Kentucky Avenue west of Price Road.

Other fires were reported at County Roads D and 4, and further west at County Road 4 and 23rd Avenue, as well as near County Road 5 and near County Road 11 at Farm to Market Road 2375, according to emergency radio broadcasts throughout the afternoon.

The fire that began at Bowers City as a result of a downed power line along Highway 70 also threatened Lefors for a time. About 550 residents of Bowers City and Lefors were evacuated, and shelters were established at Pampa's Knights of Columbus Hall and Red Cross office for the evacuees, according to a Red Cross volunteer.

Seven of the eight members of the Davis family of Lefors came to Pampa to await the outcome of the wildfire threatening their town.

"We sat on the highway for awhile and watched the smoke. There were people everywhere," said Lawanda Davis.

"We passed eight or nine water tankers on the way here," she said.

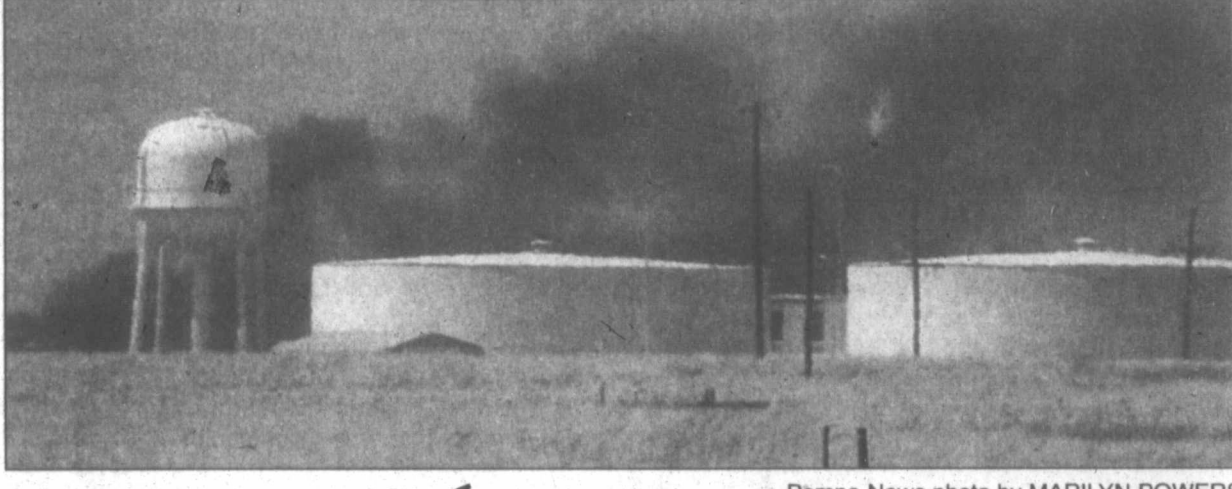
The eighth member of her family, a son who is a junior firefighter, stayed behind in Lefors to help with the evacuation, which was ordered at about 2:30 p.m., Davis said.

The Lefors evacuation order was lifted at 7 p.m. Thursday. Ten minutes later, Highway 273 from Lefors to McLean was reopened after having been closed due to the fires.

Other highways closed Thursday due to wildfires and/or blowing dust included portions of Farm to Market Road and 2375, and Highways 70 and 749. Highway 152 between Skellytown and Borger was closed by blowing dust Thursday afternoon as was Price Road north of 23rd Avenue.

The Texas Forest Service, which flew over the area affected by the Bowers City fire, estimated that 5,000 acres burned in that fire, according to an emergency radio broadcast.

Help arrived from various sources to help battle the blazes. In addition to Hoover



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Black smoke billowed Thursday afternoon from the west side of the City of Pampa's water treatment plant on Kentucky Avenue west of Price Road. Wildfires in the area included the one at the plant, which was burning by about 2:30 p.m. The damage as seen this morning appears to have been confined to the west of the building and tanks.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Armed with a front end loader on his tractor, a rancher joins with two road graders Thursday to try to stop a wildfire along Turkey Creek before it can reach his home.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Thursday's strong winds toppled a tree onto a car in the 100 block of South Wells. Peak wind gusts of 57 mph were recorded at the weather station near Recreation Park.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
C.E. Williams, left, shows Texas senators Kel Seliger and Kip Averitt how special flares are fitted to a plane operated by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District in an effort to increase rain.

Senator learns about ground water

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Texas Sen. Kip Averitt learned a lot about ground water in the Texas Panhandle this week and a little bit about the Panhandle winds.

Averitt, R-Waco, and his entourage braved a strong crosswind at the Panhandle Airport Thursday morning in their tour across the state. The winds were strong enough that their plane went on to Amarillo to wait for them.

Averitt is the new chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. They were in Carson County Thursday to look at how the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District deals with ground water.

Water in Averitt's district is primarily surface water.

"He has no ground water districts in his Senatorial District," C.E. Williams, execu-

tive director of the Panhandle Ground Water District, said. "He's primarily surface water oriented, so this was an excellent opportunity for us to explain to him what's important to us."

Texas Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo; Billy Van Crawford, a member of the PGWCD board of directors, and Williams hosted Averitt, Heather Harwood of Averitt's staff and Billy Howe and Steve Pringle of the Texas Farm Bureau on a familiarization tour of part of the PGWCD's territory Thursday.

"Sen. Averitt has had very little exposure to ground water and the Panhandle," Williams said. "It was an opportunity to get him up here where he could better understand the functions and duties of ground water districts and how we approach our management up here."

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Obituaries

Robert Edwin 'Lucky' Anderson, 54

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Robert Edwin "Lucky" Anderson, 54, of Las Vegas, died April 3, 2006. Services were scheduled at 12 p.m. today (Friday, April 7) in Palm Mortuary-Downtown in Las Vegas. Arrangements are by Palm Mortuary of Las Vegas.

Mr. Anderson was born June 17, 1951, at Fairbanks, Alaska. He was an engineer for a hotel/casino and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during Vietnam.

Survivors include a son, Brian Anderson of Pampa, Texas; two daughters, Angela Anderson of Pampa, Texas and



Anderson

Katherine Anderson of Las Vegas; a step-daughter, Melodie Lane of Pampa, Texas; his father, Phillip Anderson of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Bill Anderson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Tom Anderson of San Francisco, Calif.; two sisters, Phyllis Peacock and Leslie Becia, both of Anchorage, Alaska; his significant other, Donna Rose Anderson of Pampa, Texas; Friends, Bobby and Diane Yount; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation was from 1-7 p.m. Thursday at Palm Mortuary.

Maxine Garner Gaines, 85

PANHANDLE — Maxine Garner Gaines, 85, of Panhandle, died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the First Baptist Church-of White Deer with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gaines was born on Feb. 20, 1921, in Beaver, Okla. She married Orblee Gaines on July 11, 1939, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1984.

She came to Pampa in 1960 from Wheeler County and moved to Panhandle in 2001.

She was a checker at Ideal Food Store in Pampa for 20 years. She was a member of the Barrett Baptist Church in Pampa, now known as Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Redus and husband Dave of Georgetown; a son, Don Gaines and wife Kim of White Deer; two sisters, Juanita Smith of Albuquerque, N.M., and Grace Futch of Plano; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097.

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

Donna Hagemann, 51

DONNA HAGEMANN, 51, of Pampa, Texas, died April 5, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hagemann was born June 2, 1954, in Pampa where she had been a lifelong resident. She married James Hagemann on Sept. 2, 1995, in Pampa. She worked for Visiting Angels as a home health provider for the past two years.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a member of the Light House Ladies Sunday School Class. She was also a counselor for Divorce Care for Kids at the church. She was very devoted to her family, friends and church.

Survivors include her husband, James Hagemann, of the home; two sons, Logan

Hagemann of the home and Chad Clancy and wife Melanie of Pampa; two daughters, Amy Wildcat and husband Johnny of Pampa and Christy Clancy of Plainview; her parents, Donnie and Shirley Ray of Pampa; five granddaughters, Stephanie Saxour, Lindsey Saxour and Samantha Clancy, all of Pampa, Angelina Hughes of Plainview, and Rainie Wildcat of Tulsa, Okla.; six grandsons, Nicholas Clancy, Ryan Clancy, Drakian Estep and Jonathon Wildcat, all of Pampa, Anthony Clancy of Plainview and Colten Wildcat of Tulsa, Okla.; three sisters, Melinda Wilkinson and husband Clark of Clovis, N.M., Cindy Fought and husband Phillip and Melissa Waldrip, all of Pampa; her grandmother, Geroldine Shultz of Pampa; 10 nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Mary Hagemann of Pampa; and a brother-in-law, Carl Hagemann of Childress.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Sixteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Christine and Pennsylvania streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of North Gray.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Juniper, the 2600 block of Rosewood and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Five burglar alarms were reported.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Welfare checks were made in the 1800 block of Lea and the intersection of Starkweather and Tyng streets.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of North Price Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Faulkner and Oklahoma streets and the 1100 block of Seneca.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Price Road and the 1100 block of South Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Lefors, the 1000 block of Clark and the 1200 block of Duncan, where a front plate glass window valued at \$700 was broken.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of East

Kingsmill.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, April 2

5:15 p.m. — A 1992 Ford Econoline E150, driven by Robert Joe Lambright, 48, 1113 S. Sumner, and a 1991 Cadillac Deville, driven by Willie Mills, 67, 1400 W Somerville #3, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Wilks streets. Mills was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. No citations were issued.

Thursday, April 6

4:55 p.m. — A 1998 Toyota Corolla, driven by Elizabeth Nicholas Fernuik, 77, 1200 N. Wells #96, and a 1998 Mazda 626, driven by Crickat Marie Kimbley, 33, 109 S. Faulkner, collided in a private parking lot in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, April 6

Jose Refugio Resendiz, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 2100 block of Russell by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury.

Damon Lynn Cox, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check and a motion to enforce child support.

Fire

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

Thursday, April 6

9:56 a.m. — Five units and eight personnel responded to the 12000 block of East Frederic on an odor investigation.

11:59 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the intersection of Pennsylvania and Christine on a vehicle accident.

12:15 p.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to an area near Gray County roads D and 4 on a grass fire.

1:03 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of North Russell on a fence fire.

1:17 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to an area 8 to 10 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70 on a grass fire.

8:05 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 200 block of East Brown on an odor investigation.

8:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Farley on a gas leak.

Friday, April 7

5:54 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1900 block of Banks on a carbon monoxide investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Wednesday, April 5

7:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Price Road and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Dwight and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to an undisclosed location on Highway 152. No transport.

4:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Christine and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, April 6

10:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one patient to PRMC.

1:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 23rd and Price Road and transported one patient to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat 3.86

Milo 3.46

Corn 4.35

Soybeans 4.46

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

OXY 59.60 -1.41

BP PLC ADR 71.60 +1.05

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XOM 61.96 -0.13

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COP 66.34 -0.91

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With blowing smoke and dust swirling over the horizon, a tanker truck filled with water makes its way toward a large grass fire burning just east of Highway 70 about 10 miles south of Pampa around 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The blaze forced residents of Lefors to evacuate before it was brought under control late in the afternoon.

Fires

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Volunteer Fire Department and Pampa Fire Department, volunteer firefighters and equipment from Skellytown, Celanese, McLean and Lefors worked to stop the fires.

Two heavy airtankers dropped retardant on the Bowers City fire, according to the Texas Forest Service. A task force made up of members from Dalhart, Hartley, Stratford, Clarendon, White Deer, Pantex, Dumas and Hereford also arrived to help fight the fire, according to PFD Chief Kim Powell.

County road crews manned maintainers and road graders. Conoco-Phillips distributed fresh water from its large tank off Farm to Market Road 2375 to fire department tanker trucks. Top O' Texas Oilfield Services provided a full water tanker.

Fuel was provided by Utility Oil. D.E. Chase Inc. and Texas Department of Transportation also assisted in blocking off roads and other work. Xcel Energy had crews on scene to help with power line problems.

Gray County Sheriff's Office, Pampa Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety blocked unsafe roads, helped with evacuations and monitored conditions. Guardian Ambulance Service stood by in case they were needed.

"Practice makes perfect, and we've had more than enough practice at this point," Powell said.

"What's amazing to me is the unification. For the top 26 counties to be this unified is phenomenal."

Pampa Police Department provided critical communications and other help during the fire-fighting west of Price Road Thursday, Powell said.

"Pampa PD was a crucial part of on-scene command. Chief Pitner and his officers were instrumental in helping keep traffic away and coordinating on-ground operations," she said.

One PFD firefighter was injured, while fighting the fire west of Price Road off 23rd Avenue, Powell said. No further information on the incident was available as of press time today.

Gray County Commissioners were scheduled to meet in emergency session at 4 p.m. today to consider an emergency declaration of disaster concerning Thursday's fires. The new declaration is necessary so that those affected by the latest fires may be eligible for state and federal aid, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

Other wildfires erupted around Amarillo and along the Dumas Highway between Amarillo and Dumas. That highway from Cherry Avenue north was closed for a time due to the fires.

Residents of Appaloosa Hills and a mobile home park along the Dumas Highway were evacuated to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Amarillo. River Road High School students were evacuated to Palo Duro High School.

A fire was also reported in Donley County, approximately 6 1/2 miles north of

Clarendon on Highway 70, where two homes were lost and five others were threatened according to the Texas Forest Service Web site.

A total of 12 fires burned 50,000 to 70,000 acres in Gray, Randall, Oldham, Wheeler, Potter, Donley and Briscoe counties, according to the DPS.

The Potter County fire entered the Devil's Canyon area of Lake Meredith at about 7 p.m. Thursday and burned through the night, according to a press release from the national recreation area's park headquarters in Fritch. Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department was among those providing assistance in fighting the fire.

The high winds, with maximum gusts of 57 mph in the Pampa area, also caused other damage Thursday.

A tree was uprooted and blown over onto a car in the 100 block of South Wells.

McDonald's Restaurant's large sign at Somerville and Hobart streets was damaged. Portions of the sign broke off and blew eastward, with at least one piece striking a vehicle traveling south on Hobart Street Thursday afternoon.

Winds of 30 to 35 mph with gusts of up to 50 mph were forecast for today by the National Weather Service.

Highway 273 from Nine Mile Corner south to McLean was closed before noon today due to low visibility, according to emergency radio broadcasts. Highway 152 between Skellytown and Borger was also closed at about 11:25 a.m. today due to blowing dirt, according to the DPS.

Water

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The morning started at the Panhandle Airport and an explanation of the water district's precipitation enhancement program.

"We looked at one of our satellite monitoring wells," Williams said. "We looked at some center pivot irrigation systems."

Williams explained the characteristics of the Ogallala Aquifer, the primary aquifer in the region, and how the ground water district's management schemes are approaching it. He also explained the district's data collection program.

"We covered all the functions and duties of ground water districts," Williams said.

Averitt was trying to familiarize himself with the

district regions of the state. Averitt left after lunch to visit other ground water districts. He was scheduled to visit the High Plains Underground Water District in Lubbock and the Evergreen District in Pleasanton.

Averitt will be one of the people ground water districts will work with in the next session.

"It went pretty well, I thought," Williams said.

U.S. to cancel indirect aid to Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will cancel or suspend more than \$240 million in projects aimed at assisting Palestinians out of concern that the money could go to help the new leadership of the militant Islamist movement Hamas, a senior State Department official said today.

At the same time, the United States will redirect some of that money to humanitarian projects for the impoverished Palestinian people. Humanitarian assistance will rise by 57 percent to \$287 million over several years, the official said.

Another \$13 million will go for new vetting procedures, including a special inspector general, to ensure that even humanitarian aid funneled through the United Nations Relief Agency and approved charities does not end up in Hamas hands, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because no public announcement has yet been made by the State Department. That was expected later today.

The United States and the European Union consider Hamas a terrorist organization and each country bans official dealings with it. Hamas won parliamentary elections in the Palestinian territories in January and it formed a government that took power this month. The United States began a review of its aid package to the Palestinians shortly after the election, and has already eliminated direct aid to the Palestinian Authority.

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Menace in Mexico and the U.S. immigration debate ...

In its debate over how to change the U.S. immigration system, Washington neglected the impact in Mexico — which faces a crossroads election this summer.

And Mexico's choice could not be more important to the United States.

On July 2, the Mexican people will decide whether to elect ultra-leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (known as AMLO) as their next president.

Rumors have abounded for months that Lopez Obrador's campaign is getting major funding from Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. And last month Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), a moderate Republican, told several Mexican legislators that he had intelligence reports revealing support

from Hugo Chavez to AMLO's Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD).

Chavez is a firm ally of Cuba's Fidel Castro. Lopez Obrador could be the final piece in their grand plan to bring the United States to its knees before the newly resurgent Latin left.

Between them, Venezuela and Mexico export about 4 million barrels of oil each day to the United States, more than one-third of our oil imports. With both countries in the hands of leftist leaders, the opportunity to hold the U.S. hostage will be extraordinary.

Think we have security problems now, with Vicente Fox leading Mexico? Just wait until we have a 2,000-mile border with a chum of

Chavez and Castro.

Lopez Obrador is not inevitable. Recent polls show the candidate of Fox's National Action Party (PAN), Felipe Calderon, closing in. But much will hinge on the resolution of the immigration debate now roiling Congress.

Lopez Obrador has attacked U.S. attempts to restrict Mexican immigration and will benefit tremendously if Congress alienates the Mexican electorate. A recent survey by John Zogby found that two-thirds of Mexicans feel Americans are racist and biased against them. A harsh

shift in U.S. immigration policies could fuel a leftist victory in Mexico.

Mexicans are deeply offended by the idea of a wall designed to keep them out. Building a wall on the border without also starting a guest-worker program will play badly in Mexico. A wall with a guest-worker program might go down better, particularly if

the legislation didn't include punitive provisions making illegal immigration a felony.

I have worked as a consultant for Fox and PAN, so I appreciate the delicacy of the political situation in Mexico. In Fox's election in

2000 ended the 71-year authoritarian rule of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) heavily dominated by old corrupt leaders linked to the drug traffic. Now PAN has nominated Calderon, once Fox's energy minister, to run for president.

The PRI's candidate this year, Roberto Madrazo, is widely expected to finish third — the party is still identified in the popular mind with the corruption of the past.

Most observers feel the race will be between Lopez Obrador and Calderon. While the PAN candidate would be no puppet of the United States, he is fully committed to free market economics and wants a close relationship with our country. Lopez Obrador would be

part of the Latin America's new, anti-U.S. left.

That Latin Left includes Venezuela's President Evo Morales, who won as an overtly pro-cocoa-cultivation candidate. And in Peru, Ollanta Humala, a Chavez ally, is likely to finish first in this month's election and probably will win the runoff.

But Mexico, with its vast oil resources and its long border and free-trade agreement with the United States, would be the crown jewel for America's enemies. We have only to hope that Congress won't pass legislation that alienates the Mexican electorate and delivers the country into AMLO's hands.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 7, the 97th day of 2006. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

On this date:

In 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania. (Less than a week later, Italy annexed Albania.)

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

In 1948, the World Health Organization

'Only where there is language is there world.'

— Adrienne Rich
American poet

was founded.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1966, the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

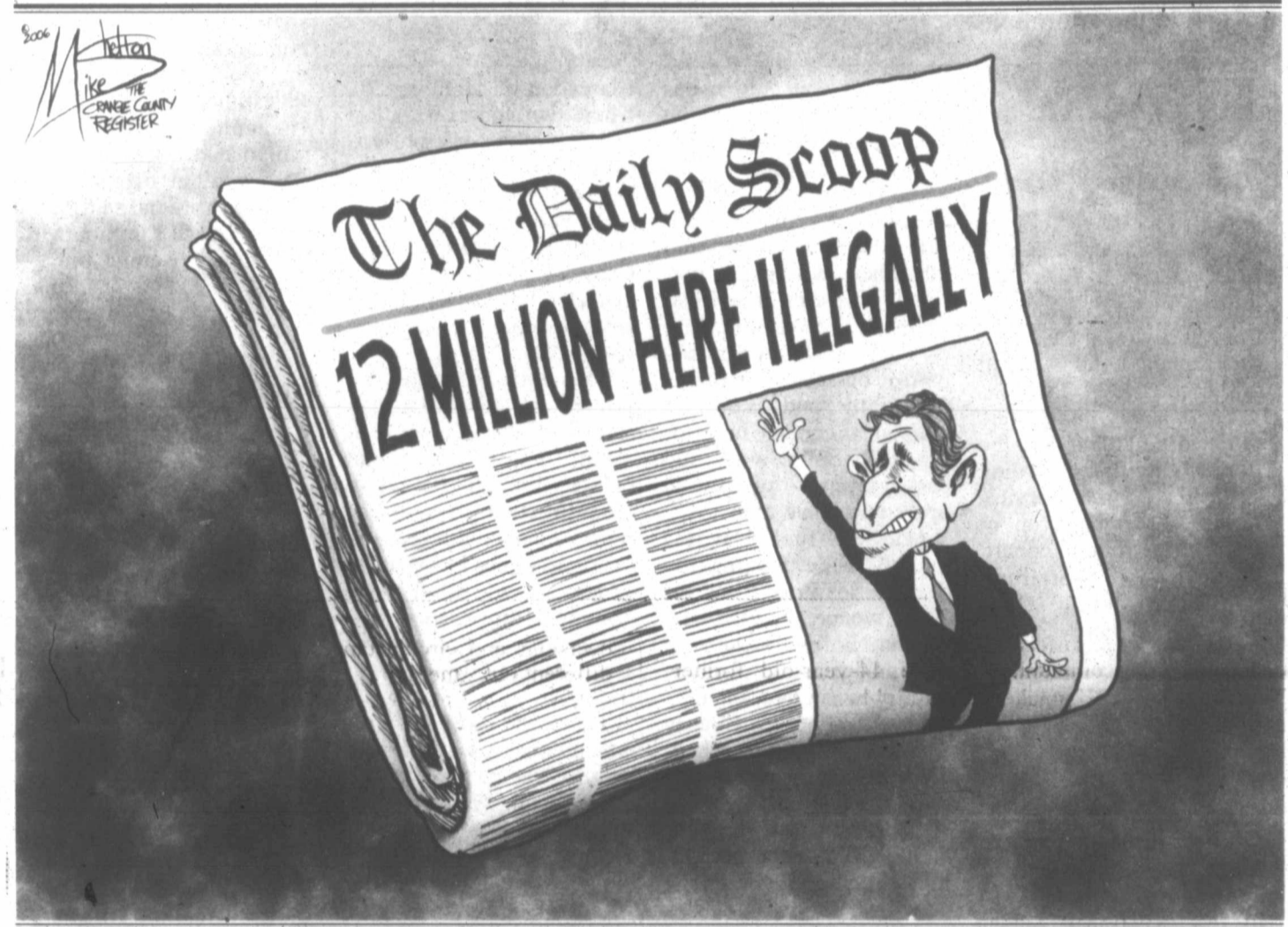
In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. In the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.

Ten years ago: Celebrating Easter Mass under a glorious spring sky, Pope John Paul II appealed for support for the "artisans" of peace in Bosnia, Northern Ireland and the Holy Land.

Five years ago: NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft took off on a six-month, 286 million-mile journey to the Red Planet. In Cincinnati, Timothy Thomas, an unarmed black man wanted on 14 misdemeanor warrants, was fatally shot by a white police officer, sparking three days of riots. Actress Beatrice Straight died in Los Angeles at age 86.

One year ago: The blockbuster painkiller Bextra was taken off the market, and the FDA said all similar prescription drugs should strongly warn about possible risk of heart attacks and strokes.



History based on perceptions of the time

"Rooster, it is sufficient that you know that I will do what I have to do," said "Lucky" Ned Pepper in that wonderful movie "True Grit." He was referring to his earlier threat to kill a girl he had captured, if John Wayne's character didn't ride over the next ridge so he could get away.

We might paraphrase that line to help us better appreciate our own history. There seems to be two schools of thought on teaching American history. One school wants to tell our children that all of their ancestors were angels; the other wants to tell them that all of their ancestors were devils.

It should be sufficient that our children know that their ancestors did what they believed they had to do. That is all any fair-minded person can ask of another. We humans are not omniscient,

omnipotent or clairvoyant.

Today, just as our ancestors were in their day, we are confronted with situations, and we all decide that we must do what we think we have to do. Someone in the future with the knowledge that comes only with hindsight might judge us harshly. So be it. There is no escaping the fact that we can act only on the basis of our perceptions of reality at this time.

Some people, for example, dismiss George Washington as a slave owner. He did own slaves, but he was also one of the most remarkable men ever to walk on this planet. Had one of all the bullets fired at him found his heart, we would

not be living in the United States as it is today. He was, as one historian called him, an indispensable man, something few humans in history can ever claim to be.

History, because it's life, is never simplistic. One

English wit observed that not even God can change history, although historians do it all the time. That's a fair warning that no matter what history book you read, you can count on it being subjective. That's because it is impossible for human beings to be otherwise. Historians are also subject to fads and fashions.

A historian is like a reporter. If he's writing about a time in which all of

the participants have died, he has to rely on records — letters, diaries, public documents and books published during and about the period he's interested in. There will be such a sea of material that he will have no choice but to edit — to choose what to include, what to exclude. And those will be subjective judgments.

With those caveats, we should all follow Robert E. Lee's advice to his children and read history and biographies so that we will know the world, as best we can, as it is. History is nothing more than a record of what people have done and said. It is not a force or anything living. Such statements as "history is on our side" are foolish.

But history can help put our own lives in context. Life is a never-ending story. We drop out of the womb in

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 27**
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on power plant pollution:

America needs to move forward, not backward, in slashing pollution from older power plants, refineries and factories. A March 17 ruling by a federal appeals court was a significant step in that direction.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia blocked a determined effort by the Bush administration and the Environmental Protection Agency to ease Clean Air Act emissions rules for old coal-fired power

plants and other industrial operations.

The legal fight revolved around whether these facilities should be allowed to upgrade their operations without having to install the most advanced pollution controls. The Bush administration favored a substantial relaxation of controls under the so-called New Source Review process, while states and environmental groups opposed a scaled-back standard.

The circuit court panel unanimously concluded that the Clean Air Act's wording required the higher standard. The panel included Janice Rogers Brown, a conservative Bush appointee who joined the court last year.

The legal battle might go to the Supreme Court. But for now, the upper hand goes to purer air and a healthier

environment for Americans.

Many of the nation's older power plants already have chugged along far longer than expected. It's time for many of these plants to be retrofitted with the best pollution control technology available or to be phased out to pave the way for cleaner power generation.

Congress adopted the Clean Air Act in 1970. Thirty-six long years later, the Dallas-Fort Worth area and other metropolitan regions still are in violation of federal air quality standards.

Meanwhile, Texas' population is mushrooming. Correspondingly, energy demand is increasing. State environmental regulators are considering per-

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Chili Cook-off winners



Winning entries in the "Hot Time in the Old Town Chili Cookoff," held recently in Lefors, were Betty Kemp, from left, of Lefors with her "Junkyard Chili"; Shane Johnson, also of Lefors, with his "Texas Wildfire Chili"; and Shasha Fish of Alanreed with her "Gouge Eye Chili." Kemp also won the "People's Choice" award.



Panhellenic tea

Tara Jordan and Anna Johnson, active Pi Beta Phi members at Texas Tech University, were awarded the 2005 Pampa City Panhellenic scholarships. The Senior Tea, for seniors interested in sorority recruitment, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at 131 Walnut Road. For more information, call Mindee Ferland at 688-0070.

People in the news

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — James Brown and Etta James will join Woody Allen and 600 other jazz musicians and singers playing at this year's Rochester International Jazz Festival. "We're cookin' up a musical storm in Rochester" that will include a healthy dash of traditional and modern jazz from hurricane-ravaged New Orleans, festival producer John Nugent said Thursday.

The fifth annual, nine-day festival opens June 9 with Allen and his New Orleans Jazz Band playing a benefit concert at the Eastman Theater for New Orleans' dislocated jazz community. The 70-year-old filmmaker and clarinet player rarely performs in large venues or outside New York City. The festival will feature about 170 performances ranging from formal concerts to free street gigs. Brown, the 72-year-old "Godfather of Soul," will be the top draw at the Eastman Theater on June 10. Etta James, best known for her 1960 version of "At Last," will take the stage June 16 with The Roots Band.

Jazz stalwarts and rising

stars in the lineup include singers Sonya Kitchell and Karrin Allyson, saxophonist Phil Woods, violinist Billy Bang, groove-rock band Little Feat, Scandinavian trombonists Sliding Hammers and Rochester's own Gap Mangione Quintet.

On the Net:
<http://www.rochester-jazz.com>

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leif Garrett has been sent to jail for 45 days after failing several drug tests while staying in a strict drug rehabilitation program, authorities said.

The 44-year-old former teen idol began the sentence March 30 after a Superior Court commissioner determined he had violated terms of his rehab program, Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said Thursday.

Garrett agreed to enter the program for violating probation in a cocaine case stemming from a 2004 arrest.

After his last progress hearing March 9, Garrett told reporters he had made improvement in fighting his addiction.

Reese

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the middle of the action, play our part and exit. Someone — one of the Romans, I believe — said that if you don't know history, you remain forever a child. It's good to know what happened before we got here.

Three good histories to start with are "Modern Times," by Paul Johnson; "Tragedy and Hope," by Carroll Quigley; and "The Oxford History of the American People," by Samuel Eliot Morison. Read those three or, heck, any one of them, and you'll know more history than the average college graduate these days.

After you have gotten the overall picture, then you can zero in on whatever interests you — the American Revolution, the War Between the States, the 20th-century wars. There are some wonderful books on all of these subjects.

An interesting point to keep in mind when reading history is that events didn't have to happen the way they did. They happened a certain way because of specific decisions and circumstances. A different set of decisions and circumstances would have produced a different outcome.

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health problems for Metroplex residents. If the United States is ever going to achieve the air quality that its people want, leadership must not roll back the clock and accept lower environmental standards that will merely prolong pollution problems. It is time to embrace stronger anti-pollution measures that, in the long run, will provide the cleaner air that everyone's lungs deserve.

mits for seven new coal-burning plants, but emissions from these plants could worsen summertime smog that contributes to asthma attacks and other

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HEBREWS 13:8**

Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Jesus equals Savior, all others are false prophets

I am intolerant, and I vow to die in that condition. I understand that these words are very, very politically incorrect. I am aware that in today's world the quality of "tolerance" is worshipped by the majority like Baal was in early Bible times.

I also see that an article like this one that proclaims intolerance seems like a strange message to come from the pen of a preacher who preaches unity as much as I do, but understand that when I preach unity I only refer to the unity of all faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

There is not a single speck of ground to support unity between a faithful Christian and a devout Muslim.

There is a new ecumenical message being preached from the pulpits of many churches all over the world today which could best be called "Chrislam." It is a message that attempts to blend the religions of Christianity and Islam into a new religion of peaceful tolerance.

The best illustration of

this perversion that I have come across can be seen in the words and life of Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral. In a service honoring Islam cleric Alfred Mohammed, Schuller said, "If I were to come back in 100 years and find my descendants to be Muslims, it wouldn't bother me."

Later in November of that same year while speaking at a Muslim mosque with the infamous Louis Farrakhan, Schuller commented, "I have come to the conclusion that asking people to change their faith is utterly ridiculous."

Does that sound like something that you would hear Jesus say? No, but this does, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Even our own outspoken Christian president, George W. Bush, who I usually support, has thought it

appropriate to hold special dinners at the White House to honor the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and invite Islamic representatives from over 50 different Muslim nations.



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

I might be a little mixed up, but I don't think it was a delicious banquet that Elijah put

on for the prophets of Baal after God ended the "Baal versus Jehovah" debate.

In Kings 18:25-40, can you picture Paul hosting a banquet honoring the most holy time for the servants of the goddess Diana in Ephesus? Duh, not hardly.

How tolerant does Acts 4:12 sound?

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

The name Mohammed never has, does not today, and never will offer one drop of hope concerning salvation in this life or eter-

nity, and that isn't meant that's just a fact.

Jesus was one of the most intolerant people who ever lived. Can you imagine what the news media of today would do with Jesus? They wouldn't even be able to wait for the barbecue grill to get hot. He would be accused of everything from arrogance to mental instability.

Tom White, director of Voice of Christian Martyrs, put it best, "We are in danger of loving Muslims into hell. If you love the Muslims, tell them about the Jesus they so fervently persecute. If you love the Muslims, support those who are willing to lay down their life to be a witness among them (John 15:13). The main issue at stake is the deity of Christ, not mutual understanding, dialogue or feeling good about each other."

Christians who preach Chrislam or any similarly watered-down half-truth need to find some new name to call themselves because they certainly aren't Christians.

God bless.

Christians need strong desire to win others to Christ

Over in Israel many years ago, there was a woman who drew the attention of most every one for miles around. She was somewhat religious. She knew something about prophecy and had begun to believe in some of it, but she did not let prophecy or the Ten Commandments affect the way she ordered her life.

She was not given to hospitality nor visiting the sick. It seems that she was not a family woman at all though she was experienced in marrying and divorcing until she gave up on marrying and started "shacking up" like others were doing.

Then one day the whole thing came down on the woman. She met Jesus, and He required her to bring her husband. She tried to sneak out by saying, "I have no husband." Not only did Jesus know she had a husband, he also knew how many husbands she had divorced.

This shook the Samaritan woman to the realization that she had sins that would be revealed in the presence of Jesus. Of the few things that she learned about Jesus at Jacob's well, one was "He told me all that ever I did, is not this the Christ?" (John 4:7-30)

Above and beyond the condemnation that Jesus brought upon the woman, she found in Him the redeemer who had been prophesied to come.

To desire that others come to this savior is a powerful and holy spirit that comes to every newborn child of God. The first thing I wanted to do after I knelt before Christ in penitence and giving my heart and service to him was to step back to my unsaved dad and tell him with great excitement that Jesus had saved me. There was a deep desire given me to help my kinfolk find Christ.

In the Bible, we read that Andrew and another disciple spent just one night with Jesus, and Andrew was ready to tell others. Andrew first found Simon his brother and

said he'd found the Messiah. Jesus found Philip, and with excitement Philip found Nathaniel and told him the good news.

Among the Israelites, questions and statements must have often been heard like, "I wish I could just know when the Redeemer will come and get us out of this bondage." That is the reason the angels message meant so much to the shepherds on Christmas night. They had such a strong desire to be freed from Roman bondage.

It was an equal desire that the prodigal son had when he came to himself in the swine's pen. He correctly made the decision to return to his father, but he still needed someone on the other end of the line to welcome him into the father's family circle.

Christians, we need that same strong desire that we see in the boy's father rushing out to meet the boy that needed a home.

Every person that a Christian leads to Christ is a soul redeemed from the lake of fire. Christians, do you know the joy of leading one soul to the Savior? Don't leave

it all for the preacher to do. Every child of God should, in the spirit, give spiritual birth to another soul or many souls.

The greater the population in the world, the more people are leaping into eternity. Where will you and I and they spend eternity? I don't feel like I can be fully prepared to meet Jesus if I have not had a strong desire to take others to heaven with me. To take others to heaven, I must first keep my life clean and unre-



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Church briefs

Open Door Church of God in Christ, 402 Oklahoma, will hold revival services with Mel Carr at 7:30 p.m. Monday through April 14. The services are open to the public.

Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa has released its Holy Week schedule of services. Divine services are set for 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. Communion will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Service of reproaches will be at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday. Easter vigil will be at 8:15 p.m. Holy Saturday. Daily prayer will be at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. For more information, call 669-2774.

Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa will host a community-wide Easter egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. April 15 at the church's Family Life Center, 622 E. Francis. The event will include free candy for the kids.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa has planned several services for Holy Week. At 9:30 a.m. and again at 12 p.m. Sunday, the church will gather at the gym for blessing of palms and procession to the church in observance of Palm Sunday.

Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the church. Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 7:30 p.m. April 14, Good Friday. Easter vigil will be conducted at 9 p.m. April 15. Easter services will be at 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Spanish) April 16.

An Easter egg hunt will be held at 9:30 a.m. following the early morning Mass.

GROOM — Beginning at 12 p.m. April 14, the Rev. Frank Pavone of Amarillo Catholic Diocese will lead "Stations of the Cross" at the Cross in Groom. The Stations will be followed by scripture and song with meditation on the seven last words of Jesus Christ. Jim Lummus of Pampa will lead rosary and Kay Britten will lead the Divine Mercy Prayers at 3 p.m.

A sunrise Easter service will be conducted at 7 a.m. April 16 with Pastor Larry Perkins of Trinity Church in McLean. For more information, call (806) 248-9006, and bring a lawn chair.

MIAMI — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Miami. Sponsors training and a praise and worship service will follow a potluck meal. Friends and families are welcome.

"Rock Of Ages"

Augustus Montague Toplady of Farnham, England began preaching at age 12 and writing hymns at age 14. At age 22, he was ordained as an Anglican priest. A staunch Calvinist, he despised John Wesley's Methodist theology, and he even claimed that Wesley was guilty of satanic shamelessness. In 1776, he wrote an article about God's forgiveness, intending it as a slap against Wesley. He ended the article with the following poem: Rock of Ages, cleft for me; Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Texas Instruments reported in talks with overseas companies

TOKYO (AP) — Matsushita and NEC said Friday they are in talks with Texas Instruments Inc., a major maker of computer chips for handsets, about collaborating on next-generation cell phones.

A major Japanese business daily, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, reported Friday that the companies plan to set up a joint venture in Japan as early as this summer to develop chips for third-generation cell phones.

A spokesman for Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Akira Kadota, and NEC spokeswoman Akiko Shikimori confirmed that talks were ongoing, but declined to confirm details of the joint venture. Nothing has been decided, they told The Associated Press.

Third-generation cell phones, which relay data at about 40 times the speed of standard handsets, are rapidly growing in popularity in

Japan, and users watch video clips and download music files with them.

NEC Corp. and Matsushita, which makes Panasonic brand products, already have a partnership to jointly develop software for 3G cell phones. Dallas-based Texas Instruments supplies Matsushita and NEC with chips for third-generation cell phones.

The Texas Instruments chips are used for functions other than data transmission such as browsing the Internet or working as digital cameras, said Yasuyuki Kamiseki, spokesman for Texas Instruments in Tokyo. He said he was still checking with headquarters on the Nihon Keizai report.

The report said the chips from the venture, likely capitalized at about 10 billion yen (\$85 million), will be used in Matsushita and NEC phones as well as those from other makers.

Super cookie sellers



Makenzy Arganbright, from left, Kassie Jerome, Katanna Shay and Rylee Shackelford are "super sellers" from Girl Scout Troop 221. These girls participated in the scouts annual cookie sale.

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Economy: Jobless rate drops in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers, in a springtime hiring burst, boosted payrolls by a sizable 211,000 in March and pushed the nation's unemployment rate down to 4.7 percent.

The latest snapshot, released by the Labor Department on Friday, suggested that an accelerating economic expansion is putting companies in the hiring mood, brightening prospects for job seekers.

Hiring gains were fairly widespread. Construction, financial activities, education and health care and government were among the sectors posting payroll gains. That help to blunt job losses in manufacturing and in the transportation industries.

The unemployment rate, which dropped from February's 4.8 percent, ended up matching January's jobless

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rate, which was the lowest in 4 1/2 years.

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Good news on the economy, however, hasn't been helping President Bush in the eyes of the public. Bush's job-approval rating of 36 percent is at its lowest level in an AP-Ipsos' poll.

On the jobs front, payroll gains in January and February turned out to be slightly less than previously reported but still suggest decent job growth. Employers added 154,000 jobs in January, versus the 170,000 estimated a month ago. In February, payrolls grew by 225,000, rather than the 243,000 previously reported.

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., Tuesday; and 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday.

• **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. For more information, call Ivan Cates at (806) 353-5617 or Marianne Logan at (806) 374-4354.

• **The Don Harrington Discovery Center** in Amarillo will stage its "Eggstravaganza 2006," the largest Easter egg hunt in the Panhandle, from 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturday at the center. Two and 3-year-olds will hunt at 9:30 a.m.; 6 and 7-year-olds at 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year-olds at 10:30 a.m.; 8 year-olds and older at 11 a.m.; and children with special needs at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the center at (806) 355-9547.

• **Amarillo SPCA** will be taking pet Easter photos from 12-5 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at PetSmart in Amarillo. Participants will receive two photos for \$7.95. The event will also include a craft and bake sale and an Easter egg grab. Proceeds will benefit the SPCA.

• **The Amarillo Music Teachers Association** will present the inaugural

"Music on High Plains" Workshop Day and Concert Saturday in the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Special instructors will be conducting seminars and master classes in piano and voice. The evening concert will feature John Bayless, Borger native and internationally renowned pianist. For more information or to register, call (806) 670-7635, log onto www.amarillomusicteachers.org or e-mail AmarilloMTA@aol.com.

• **Amarillo Panhellenic** will host a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 4100 S. Coulter Dr., in Amarillo. Entry will be at the green-canopied entrance. All high school senior girls are welcome. Rush packets and deadlines will be given out. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher at (806) 358-4880 or Sandy Riney at (806) 359-6706.

• **The Panhandle Restaurant Association** will host a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo. All restaurant owners and operators in the Panhandle are invited to attend and learn about the association and its Education Foundation. Bob Westbrook, foundation chair and owner of CiCi's Pizza in Tyler, will be guest speaker. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to Monika Barbee at (806) 683-1544.

• **A cancer support meeting** is scheduled Thursday in Room 202 of Pampa Regional Medical Center. For meeting time or more information, call 669-9667. The group will meet regularly at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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AGRICULTURE

Sorghum respiration rate may indicate cold tolerance

By KAY LEDBETTER
Extension News

CANYON — The respiration rate of sorghum may tell researchers what varieties will be more cold tolerant than others, according to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and West Texas A&M University researchers.

Because sorghum is a tropical plant originally from Africa, temperatures in the Great Plains are sub-optimal for it during germination, emergence and early seedling growth, said Dr. Bill Payne, Experiment Station crop stress physiology researcher.

Increased seedling cold tolerance has a number of benefits for farmers, including earlier planting, faster and more uniform emergence and a crop that develops and matures faster, Payne said.

Respiration is a metabolic process essential to plant growth, he said. The specialized organelle in plant cells responsible for respiration is the mitochondria.

Dr. Maria Balota, an Experiment Station research associate at Bushland who works with Payne, is extracting mitochondria from sorghum plants to pinpoint the basic physiologic processes that could lead to improved performance of sorghum plants under cool conditions.

For the past few years, Balota and Payne have grown 50 varieties of sorghum from different regions of the world to test



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo-by Kay Ledbetter) Maria Balota, on right, discusses with Srinivas Veeragoni, a West Texas A&M University graduate student, how they will load the centrifuge with the mitochondria extracts and what buffers will be used.

for germination and emergence in a cold environment.

"The next step is to identify cold tolerance mechanisms in sorghum," Balota said. "The breeders can use this information to extend sorghum production into the northern regions of the United States and into other regions of the world."

A mitochondria extraction lab has been set up by Balota and Payne in cooperation with Dr. Bob Stewart, distinguished professor of agriculture and director of West Texas A&M's Dryland Agriculture Institute, and his graduate student, Srinivas Veeragoni, in the plant soil and environmental science department.

"We suspect the membrane of the mitochondria are responsible for the differences among genotypes

for cold tolerance," Balota said.

Experiment Station equipment, including a centrifuge, spectrophotometer, respiration oxygen system and incubator, were put together with an oven and refrigerator from West Texas A&M to create a lab equipped for extracting mitochondria and taking respiration measurements.

"Where this really helps both of us is, we can't begin to have all the equipment and expertise that ARS (Agricultural Research Service) and TAES has," Stewart said. "When we partner, there is a whole world of opportunity. And with Srinivas, Maria is getting a young mind to stimulate the work."

Balota said not many labs are set up to concen-

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old male. Ever since I was in middle school, I have been dealing with the possibility that I might be a homosexual. Today I no longer think it's a "possibility." I know it's a fact. For years, not a day has gone by that I have not had homosexual thoughts and urges. I have dated a few females to try to "change," but those attempts have been unsuccessful. I am depressed, confused and angry with myself. I am becoming reclusive. I have withdrawn from most of my classes in college, and I don't want to socialize with people. Sometimes I think my life is over before it ever began. I come from a religious family in south Georgia who believe that homosexuality is a sin and God will punish gays. In my part of the country, homophobia is everywhere. If I ever told anyone what I am feeling, I could never show my face around here again. I keep asking myself whether or not my life would be better if I told people that I am a homosexual. I am beginning to believe that if I come out, my life would be better. I'd do it now, but I couldn't stand that my family would be disappointed with me -- and I don't want to lose what friends I have left. I also can't bear the thought that my religious community would condemn me. What would you do if you were in my situation? -- **CONFUSED IN GEORGIA**

DEAR CONFUSED: If I were you, I'd accept that my life wasn't working and I'd probably come out. However, I am NOT you. If you come out to your family and friends, it's important that you understand that you will change. It will be better, but it will also be different. How close can any of these people really be to you if they don't know who you are? Before making up your mind, I urge you to go online to www.lgbt-centers.org and locate some gay and lesbian centers where you can get counseling.

(Atlanta might be a good place to start.) You can't hide forever. With emotional support, taking such a big step will be easier. P.S. Eventually it might be better if you move to a more diverse community to complete your education and begin your new life.

DEAR ABBY: I have a delicate problem concerning my daughter-in-law, "Sheila," and my 1-year-old grandson, "Cary." I consider Sheila to be an unfit mother. Her house is filthy, including the kitchen. She allows Cary to eat cat food when he crawls around on the dirty floors. Sheila has been giving Cary various medications since he was only a week old. When he would cry, she would give him drops to relieve "the gas." Next, it was a gel for his teething ailments when he was only 3 months old -- she still gives it to him three times a day. She has also been giving him Tylenol every day "to help him sleep." Abby, our grandson is beginning to look a bit yellow, and we're afraid he may have some liver damage. We're afraid to speak out because we don't want to cause a rift in the family. I have considered writing a letter to his pediatrician, but I'm not sure it would be taken seriously. What can we do? -- **WORRIED SICK IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR WORRIED SICK: You are justifiably concerned about your grandson's safety and welfare, so pick up the phone and call Childhelp USA. All calls are confidential, and your anonymity will be preserved. The number to call is (800) 422-4453. It's a 24-hour toll-free helpline, and the people who man those phones can help you report what's happening to the proper authorities in your state. You may also log on to www.childhelpusa.org.

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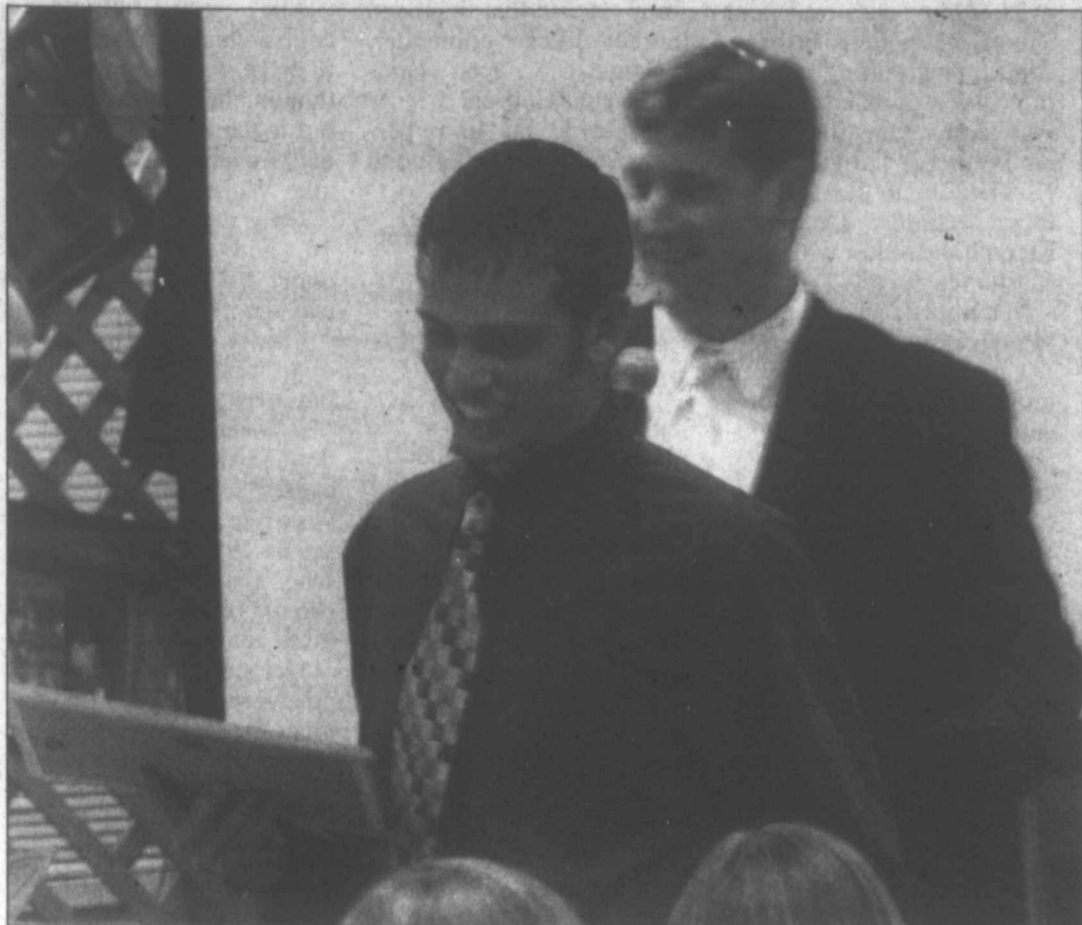
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Sports Day



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Barker adds name to award his father once won; Young, Kotara share MVP honors

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The annual awards banquet marked the end of an amazing season of boys' basketball for Pampa High School Thursday night. Players, coaches, friends and family joined together at First Baptist Church to relive a season that saw first year head coach Dustin Miller and his team amass a remarkable 25-7 record along with a Bidistrict and Area championship.

Among the award winners Thursday night were senior Braydon Barker who received the Free Throw Award, Assist Award and the treasured Hustlin' Harvester Award. The latter was made even more special in that Barker's father, Jimmy, won the award as a Pampa senior in 1982.

Senior Jarett Kotara was honored with the Rebound Award and was named Defensive Player of the Year. Sharod Young

was named Offensive Player of the Year. Both Kotara and Young shared MVP honors.

Junior Tyler Hall was recognized with the Visa Award (charges taken) and Most Improved Player.

This year's I Am 3rd Award went to senior Aaron Anguiano.

2005-2006 Pampa High School Basketball Award Winners

Free Throw Award - Braydon Barker
Rebound Award - Jarett Kotara
Assist Award - Braydon Barker
Visa Award (Charges Taken) - Tyler Hall
I am 3rd - Aaron Anguiano
Most Improved - Tyler Hall
Defensive Player - Jarett Kotara
Offensive - Sharod Young
MVP - Jarett Kotara & Sharod Young
Hustlin' Harvester - Braydon Barker

▲ With coach Dustin Miller in the background, Pampa High School senior Braydon Barker smiles as he accepts the 2005-2006 Hustlin' Harvester Award during the annual basketball banquet Thursday night. Barker's dad, Jimmy, won the award as a senior in 1982.

► Aaron Anguiano (L-R), I Am 3rd Award; Tyler Hall, Most Improved Player and Visa Award; Jarett Kotara, Defensive Player of the Year, Rebound and co-MVP Awards; Sharod Young, Offensive Player of the Year and co-MVP Awards; and Braydon Barker, Free Throw, Assist and Hustlin' Harvester Awards.



PAMPA IN ACTION

Harvesters invade Dumas

Tennis
Coach Emily Laurence and her Harvester Tennis Team are in Dumas today and Saturday to take part in the Dumas Open.

Track & Field
Coach Tad Smith has his Pampa Track & Field team in Dumas today where the Harvesters will compete in the North Plains Relays.

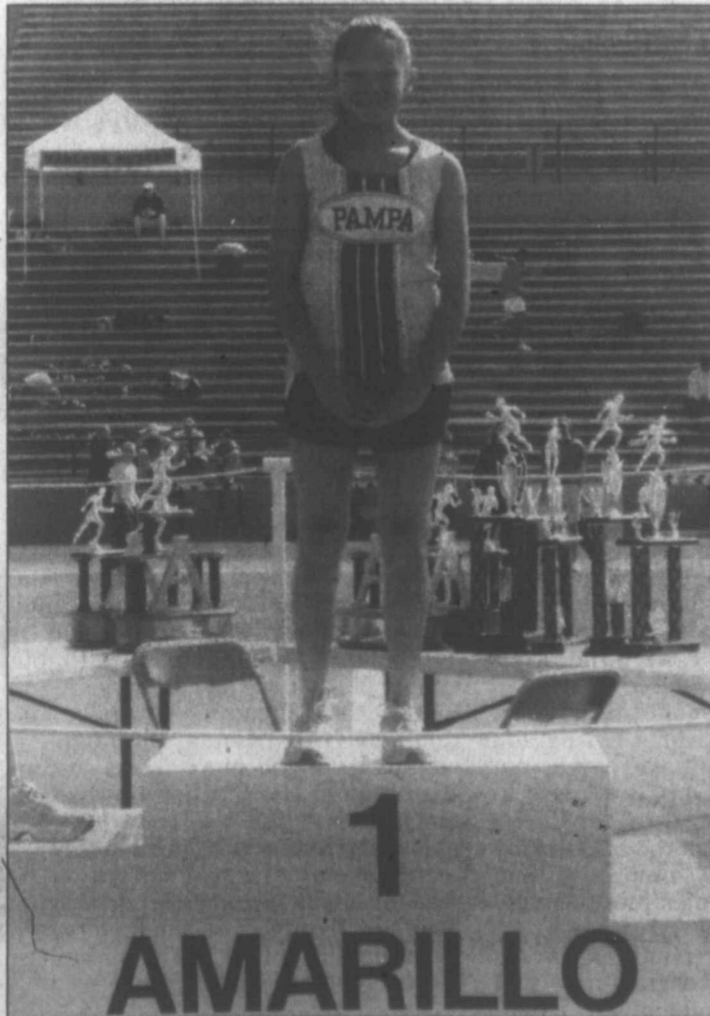
Baseball
The freshman are on the

road this afternoon to take on Dumas with the first pitch scheduled for 4:30. The junior varsity squad will stay home to host the Demons at 5.

The varsity team will host Dumas Saturday afternoon at 1.

Softball
Both the Lady Harvesters varsity and junior varsity teams will host Randall at 1 p.m. Saturday.

First place



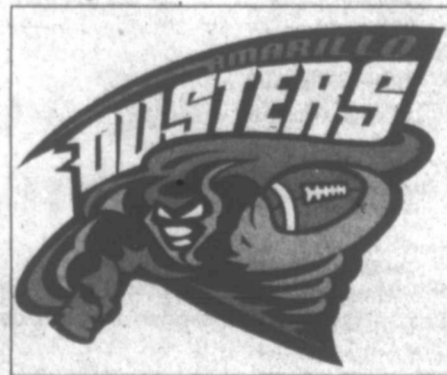
Dusters kick off 2006 af2 season

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THE STAKES
The Dusters are coming off an opening week bye. They open their second season in af2, and third season overall Saturday in Little Rock. The Twisters are coming off an impressive 68-58 road victory over the Quad City Steamwheelers in week one.

COACH PERDUE'S THOUGHTS ON ARKANSAS
"Arkansas played very well against Quad Cities on the road last week, and they are definitely better up front than the team we faced at the end of last season. Walt Church is an AFL quarterback, and they protected him very well. Walt has been in Coach Gregory's system before, so he already

has a comfort level. We are going to be forced to get pressure on him early, and not allow him to get comfortable in the pocket.



We have a lot of young players, especially at the skill positions, so it's imperative that we make some plays early to gain some confidence. It's their home opener, and we expect the crowd to be large and loud."

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW
Of the 28 players currently on the Dusters' 2006 roster, only six have

previous af2 game experience. The Dusters returned only five players from last season's team. The drastic changes were part of an overhaul of the entire organization.

KEY MATCHUP: QUARTERBACK PLAY

A likely key to Saturday night's match up will be the play of the quarterbacks. Veteran quarterback Walt Church will lead the Twisters against Dusters' Canadian quarterback Steve Panella. Church has played in both the af2 and in the AFL with the Dallas Desparados and New York Dragons. Panella will be making his third career af2 start. Church earned af2 Offensive Player of the Week honors in week one based on his performance against the Quad City Steamwheelers. He completed 20 of 27 passes for 277 yards with eight touchdowns and one interception in leading the Twisters to a 68-58 upset road win. After two seasons as the backup, Panella looks to make his mark as the starting quarterback in Amarillo.

A day to celebrate surprises

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The first round of the Masters should be about the guys who come out of nowhere, the rookies who play like veterans, the sentimental favorites.

So, before getting to Friday's second round, before turning things over to Vijay Singh, Phil Mickelson and defending champion Tiger Woods — not to mention a bulked-up Augusta National course — let's give props to Rocco Mediate, Arron Oberholser and Ben Crenshaw.

Quite an unlikely trio on Thursday's leaderboard.

Mediate has been in a deep slump the past two years, but he qualified for the Masters with a surprisingly high finish in the U.S. Open last summer.

Taking advantage of his chance, he was only one stroke behind Vijay Singh, who grabbed the top spot with a 5-under 67.

"I've been hurt," said Mediate, whose career took a downturn because of back problems. "When your body goes away, you can't do anything with the golf club. Even if you can do partial things, you've got to come play these guys. That's the killer."

Oberholser came into his first Masters never even hoping for a green jacket — and still doesn't — even after starting with a 69.

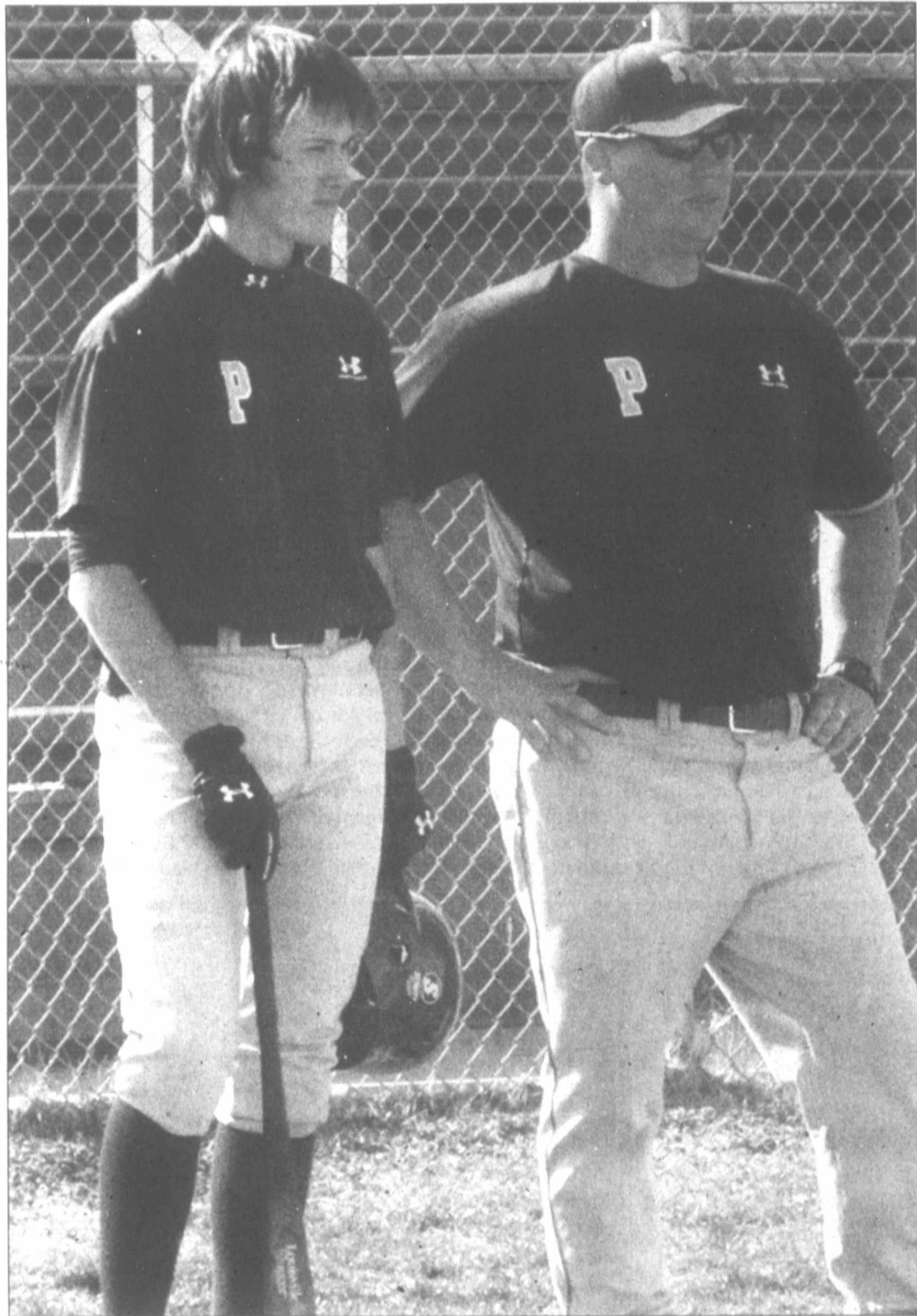
"No one expects me to win this championship," he acknowledged. "I don't expect myself to win this championship."

Then there's the biggest stunner. Crenshaw had not broken par at Augusta since a closing 68 at the 1995 Masters clinched his second green jacket.

Heck, the 54-year-old Texan hasn't even made the cut in nine years.

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Waiting game



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Weston Teichmann (left) and coach Clay Wilson visit during a pitching change in Tuesday's win over Palo Duro. Pampa will host a much improved Dumas team Saturday afternoon at 1.

Masters

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Then he goes out and shoots 71 with a brilliant short game, putting himself in position to make it to the weekend. On the 20th anniversary of Jack Nicklaus' sixth Masters victory, could Crenshaw become the oldest winner in Masters history?

"Doubtful," he replied. "I've had my time here."

Crenshaw has been around this place long enough to know that 18 glorious holes aren't nearly enough to win a championship here.

Remember Mike Donald? He was the first-round leader in 1990 with a 64. The next day, he shot 82 on the way to a 47th-place finish.

How about Dennis Paulson? He was on top in 2000 after an opening 68, but he didn't break par the rest of the week.

Or Justin Rose? Two years ago, he started things off with a 67, was still hanging around after the second round, then fell apart with an 81.

In all likelihood, this year's surprising threesome will give way to those more familiar names by the time the weekend rolls around.

Start with Singh, who won this tournament in 2000, has three major titles on his resume and carved up the supersized course with a bogey-free round. He's feeling extremely confident with a putter in his hands — always a good state of mind on these greens, which were already taking on a yellow sheen and figure to dry out even more Friday with temperatures climbing into the

mid-80s.

"I feel very comfortable putting here," Singh said.

Mickelson birdied two of the last four holes to join a group at 70 that included another likely contender, two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen.

"I played far from perfect, but I hit a lot of good shots," Lefty said.

'I played far from perfect, but I hit a lot of good shots.'

— Retief Goosen
PGA Golfer

Mickelson had a morning tee time for the second round and quickly got to 3 under with a birdie on the second hole. Nick O'Hern also was at 3 under, while Sergio Garcia, perhaps the best player never to win a major, reached 2 under with birdies on two of his first three holes. Singh and Woods were set to tee off in the afternoon.

Charles Coody, playing his final Masters at age 67, opened with an 89 and was 1 under through 12 holes on Friday.

Woods, an overwhelming favorite for his fifth green jacket, had an interesting first round that evened out in the end. He holed out an 8-iron from 163 yards for eagle at No. 14, but gave it right back at the next hole when he plopped one in the water on the way to a double-bogey 7.

He finished at 72, which is about right for Woods. He had never broken 70 in the first round of the Masters and started last year with a 74, which didn't stop him

from winning his fourth Augusta title.

"I'm better than I was last year, so I'm in good shape," Woods said.

The much-ballyhooed course changes didn't seem to have much effect, even though the 7,445-yard layout is the second-longest in major championship history after Whistling Straits.

Only three players broke 70, and 15 others were under par. But the scoring average for the first round — 74.94 — was a fraction of a stroke lower than the previous two years.

It wasn't so tough that it drained the drama. The 12 eagles in the first round were one short of the record set in 1991. And for those who feared the changes catered to the big hitters, think again.

Helped by sunshine rarely seen at this tournament the last five years, the fairways were firm and fast, inviting a wide range of players into the fold. Length off the tee was helpful only if one stayed out of the trees.

Mediate, Oberholser and Tim Clark (70) have medium length, while Crenshaw is short even by senior standards. They were mixed in with the power games of Singh, Goosen, Mickelson and Geoff Ogilvy (also at 70).

In addition to the course, Woods must deal with his emotions. His cancer-stricken father, Earl, was too ill to travel to Augusta, the first time he's not been with his son for the Masters.

Woods said he didn't speak with his father before the round.

"I had enough to worry about," he said, "trying to get out there and hit a shot."

Army women's basketball coach Dixon dead at 28

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Coach Maggie Dixon, who at age 28 led the Army women's basketball team last month to its first NCAA tournament berth, died after suffering heart arrhythmia.

Dixon died Thursday night at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y., U.S. Military Academy spokesman Lt. Col. Kent Cassella said. A memorial service was scheduled for Friday afternoon at West Point.

Dixon was hospitalized in critical condition after suffering an "arrhythmic episode to her heart" Wednesday at the school brother.

Pittsburgh men's basketball coach Jamie Dixon said Thursday.

"Maggie touched so many people beyond basketball," Jamie Dixon said in a subsequent statement released Friday by the University of Pittsburgh. "Our family has received an outpouring of sympathy from across the country and we are deeply appreciative. As her older brother I know she looked up to me. But I always looked up to her, too, and it's obvious that a lot of other people did as well."

Dixon had said his sister collapsed and was taken to the intensive care unit of Westchester Medical Center.

"She ... went to the house of a friend for afternoon tea where she said she wasn't feeling good and she collapsed," said Dixon, who read a prepared statement from the hospital on Thursday.

He said he had breakfast with his sister earlier Wednesday and that she had apparently been feeling well.

Jim O'Connell, a spokesman for the Westchester County medical examiner's office, said an autopsy was scheduled for Friday.

Army gave Dixon her first head coaching job last

October. Six months later, she led the team to its first bid in the women's field. The rookie coach's accomplishment gained extra attention because her brother led the Panthers, to the men's tournament at the same time.

The Dixons are believed to be the first brother and sister to coach in the NCAA tournament in the same year. Army lost 102-54 to No. 6 Tennessee in the first round.

"I just loved the energy that Coach brought to practice every day and the way she never gave up on us, always believed in us," guard Cara Enright said. "She would tell us to 'Use what you've learned here at the academy and apply it to basketball.'"

Members of her team were with Dixon's family members at her bedside Thursday.

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. William Lennox Jr. said the entire community was heartbroken by her death.

"From the time Maggie arrived here, her enthusiastic 'no limits' approach earned her the respect and love of everyone," he said.

'As her older brother I know she looked up to me. But I always looked up to her, too, and it's obvious that a lot of other people did as well.'

— Jamie Dixon
Head Coach, Pittsburgh Men's Basketball

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SPORTS AND POLITICS

35 years later, ping-pong diplomacy seems an early sign of 2008 games

By JOHN RODERICK
Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE — John Roderick reported for the AP from East Asia during the four tumultuous decades that followed World War II. In an occasional series, he remembers China's rocky past and examines the impact of those events as the country prepares to host the 2008 Olympics.

In April, 1971, at the height of the Cold War, a bitterly anti-American communist China invited a lowly American table tennis team to visit Beijing.

The world was stunned and mystified: Why had implacably hostile China lifted its ban, in effect since the founding of the people's Republic in 1949, on visits by Americans?

Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai supplied the answer a few days after the Americans and other foreign table tennis teams arrived in the Chinese capital. Welcoming them over hot cups of tea, Zhou declared the era of U.S.-China enmity over.

The American team's visit — and that of three American reporters allowed to accompany it — opened the first crack in Mao Zedong's wall of hostility, setting the stage for President Richard Nixon's historic visit 10 months later and eventually for the "open door" policies that would spur China's economic miracle.

Dubbed "pingpong diplomacy" by an astonished world, the trip 35 years ago this weekend is a useful reminder of the role sports has played in helping foreigners to put a human face on China.

As Beijing prepares to host the 2008 Olympics, it hopes the games will cre-

ate a positive image in the minds of a world sometimes wary of China's rising power.

In early 1971, Mao's China was largely closed to the world and had no diplomatic ties with the United States. It routinely rejected offers of American help after natural disasters. Nor did the U.S. always extend a hand. In 1956, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles threatened to jail any American reporter who accepted an offer to visit China.

The surprise invitation to the U.S. table tennis team came from the victorious Chinese players at the end of the world championships in Nagoya, Japan.

Reporters John Rich and Jack Reynolds of NBC and I received visas. The accepted wisdom at the time was that the visit was engineered by the urbane, international-minded Zhou, who wanted to establish diplomatic ties with Washington as a hedge against Soviet expansionist plans.

Fearing a public rebuff from the notoriously anti-communist Nixon, the theory went, Zhou decided to test American public opinion. What better way than to display good will toward the 17th-ranked American players? If American reaction proved negative, China would not lose face.

But "Mao: The Unknown Story," a recent biography by Jung Chang and Jon Halliday, says it was Mao, not Zhou, who decided on an impulse to invite the Americans.

True or not, the fact remains that by the time of pingpong diplomacy, Mao was more powerful than most Chinese emperors dating back 2,500 years.

His pictures and published works were the objects of veneration in what was then the midpoint of the blood-

drenched Cultural Revolution, the radical movement he, his wife and their cohorts launched in 1966.

But the China we Americans saw in Beijing was one of smiling crowds waving the "little red book" of Mao's quotations.

From their arrival April 8 through their 10 days in China, the American pingpong players proved superb diplomats just by being themselves. Wherever they went — the Great Wall, the former imperial Summer Palace — they touched off spontaneous cheers and applause. "Meiguo ren hen hao" — Americans are great — the crowds shouted.

The cheers mounted as they played exhibition matches before 18,000 spectators, revealing a reservoir of good will among Chinese which no amount of anti-American propaganda had been able to suppress.

The widespread jubilation which greeted the Americans helped persuade Nixon to make his historic journey to Beijing in early 1972, radically altering the Cold War equation.

It suited Nixon's plans for eventual military withdrawal from Vietnam and became among the most acclaimed decisions of his flawed presidency.

It enabled the United States to join countries such as Canada, Britain and France that already had diplomatic relations with China, although it would be eight more years before Washington and Beijing exchanged ambassadors.

By then Mao was dead and his pragmatic successors would embark on the reforms which are making possible the Beijing Olympics of 2008, a world event unthinkable in the tempestuous, closed China of 1971.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Others might not breeze through a problem as quickly as you, causing frustration. Adjust your plans to those in your life. Not everyone can keep up with the Ram's fast pace. Schedule a fun, relaxing barbecue or early get-together. Tonight: Unwind.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ The Bull needs to anchor in to get ahead. Taking an aggressive or assertive approach could easily backfire when you least expect it. Nurture, but also use charm. The combination is a sure winner. Tonight: Add in a flirtatious element.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ You come off much more fiery than you realize, causing yourself a problem. Listen to feedback, especially if you want to get along with others. Add more

fire and steam to your life: Listen to someone's frustration: Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Being the sensitive Crab, someone's strong reaction might hurt your feelings. However, you could have provoked a change in attitude without realizing it. Start up talks, and you will feel better. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You might not realize that you are pushing someone as hard as you are. You will find out when you see his or her reaction up close and personal. Though he or she might be going to an extreme, there certainly is a problem. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Sometimes you need to rethink a situation. What happens this morning should spell this out for you. You might find that intrigue surrounds a difficult situation. Step out of the shenanigans and look toward better results. Tonight: Happy as can be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Plans will change rapidly, and you could be sorry if you get stuck in the same type of thinking. Loosen up and work with obstacles instead of trying to fight them. You will be happier as a result. Plan on taking some personal time. Tonight: Mystery adds to your image.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ A problem could get the best of you if you allow it to. Take your time handling others and problems. You might regret a speedy or inappropriate reaction. The later the day gets, the better your choices will be. Tonight: Nap and then out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Though you think you see the high road, you have difficulty understanding what works for you as well as others. A push-pull situation could be most unproductive and uncomfortable. Listen more fully. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You could feel that someone is running over your boundaries. He or she is! Learning to calmly establish your limits takes talent. Late today, you might be better able to understand a partner, as difficult as he or she might be. Tonight: Relax your overactive mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You would be well advised not to get into a problem and simply relax. You could wonder about what works for you in the middle of this uproar. You might want to let others figure everything out. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You could wonder what needs to happen in order to help others relax. You also might need to help yourself relax here, as pressure is enormous. You could easily be fired up and upset. Solutions will come forward if you relax. Tonight: Go along with others' plans.

BORN TODAY Former first lady Betty Bloomer Ford (1918), singer Julian Lennon (1963), actress Kirsten Storms (1984)

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RAGGEDY ANDY: Bargains Galore. New Dealers!! Anti., Crafts, Coca-Cola, Models, Carousel Horses, Furn. Jewelry. 2218 Perryton Pkwy.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

4-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

KE EAXHEO OXKFN PV KIX
ELX AMRR FXMIHN; KE
ELMFEO, ELX AME; KHJ KE
VPFEO, ELX QDJIZXHE

I F K Y M K H

Yesterday's Cryptquote: A FOOL MAY HAVE HIS COAT EMBROIDERED WITH GOLD, BUT IT IS A FOOL'S COAT STILL. — RIVAROL

69a Garage Sales

1 DAY ONLY, SAT. 7am-5pm. 1824 N. DWIGHT.

YARD SALE 1209 Garland Sat. Apr. 8th 9-5 pm.

1816 Lynn. 8 to 7 Fri. & Sat. Ping golf clubs, Bag Boy pull cart, Army duct canvas awning.

HOME & Estate Sale, 1100 S. Dwight. 50 yr. accumulation. Antiques, glass, perfume & doll collection, furniture, lots more. Fri. & Sat. 9-?

Dream Catcher Flea Market & Gift Shop 1/2 mile West of Price Rd. on Borger Hwy., Turn left on Western, 1st house on Right! Open again, weekends only 10-6 pm. Closed Easter Weekend.

LIQUIDATION SALE:

113-115 W. Foster, across from Coney Island, Sat. & Sun. 1-6pm. 94 Ford pu. 4x4, trailer, Miller Welder, air comp., Shop Vac., ranges, washers/dryers, stereos, furni., misc.

2630 Navajo, Sat. 8:30-? Clothes, baby clothes, toys, furni., lots misc. No checks. No Early Birds.

2212 Dogwood, One Day Sale! Sat. 8-12. Fax machine. Lots of misc.

ESTATE/MOVING Sale Fri. thru Sun. 8-? 1016 Mary Ellen Collectibles, ant., etc.

3 Family Gar. Sale. Name brand clothes, suits, furn., toys, baby things. 2329 Aspen. 8am-12 noon

YARD Sale: Sat. 8-3. 2237 N. Wells. Tons of clothes & shoes-all sizes, toys, frames, lots more!

ESTATE Sale, Sat. 8 am-? 711 Sloan. Like new couch, lrg. set Tiara glassware, misc.

4 Family Yard Sale. Clothes, misc. Much more! 429 Graham. Sat. 9-2pm.

HUGE Moving Sale, incl. piano, crib, changing table, lots more! Sat. 7:30 am-7:437 Jupiter.

2 Family Moving Sale. Most appliances, clothing, furni., lots misc. Sat. only 8 am. 712 E. Francis

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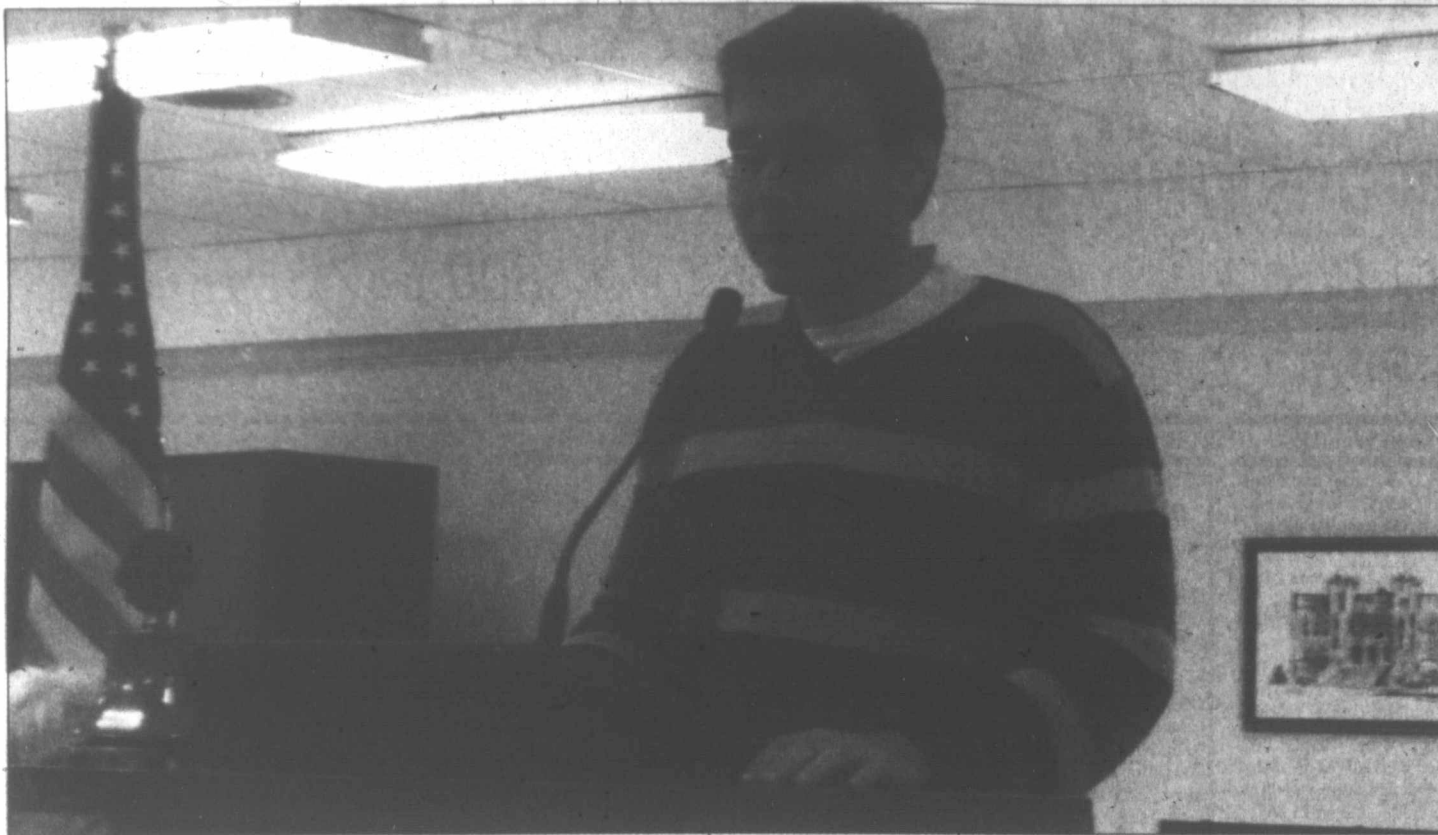
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Lions speaker



J.B. Horton recently spoke at a local Lions Club meeting concerning a bowling to aid cancer patients special event. Lila Vars, district governor for Lions Club, also spoke at the meeting.

Cold

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trate on basic plant physiology research. If the researchers can successfully extract mitochondria, "we can do other work with organelles. It is an essential link between genetics and whole plant or crop physiology."

In the lab, Veeragoni grows seedlings for two days and measures the fresh weight, as well as the rate of respiration, and then dries plants before weighing them. He also allows plants to grow for an additional week for mitochondria extraction and respiration rate measurements.

"Eventually we want to compare respiration of seedlings with that of mitochondria and with the rate of growth," Balota said.

Mitochondria extraction is still in the experimental

phase, she said.

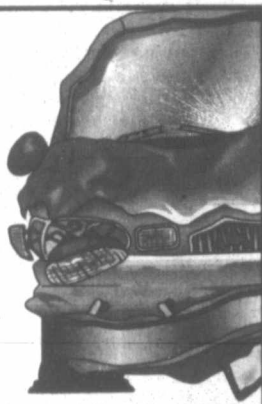
Balota and Veeragoni are working with a variety of solutions and buffers that will allow the mitochondria to be centrifuged and separated, but remain alive and intact for respiration monitoring. Once the mitochondria are extracted, Veeragoni will measure the respiration rate.

A long-term goal of Payne and Balota is to determine if fatty acid saturation within the mitochondrial membranes makes the difference between cold-tolerant and intolerant sorghum varieties.

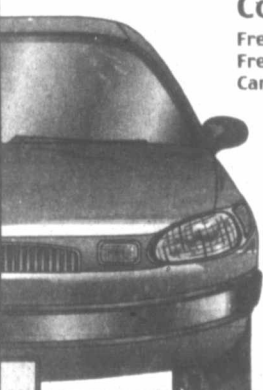
"At that point, we can go to the enzymes and genes that are responsible and hopefully identify molecular markers that can indicate genes for cold tolerance," Balota said. "Then we should be able to rapidly screen many varieties to help breeders' efforts to develop cold-tolerant sorghum."

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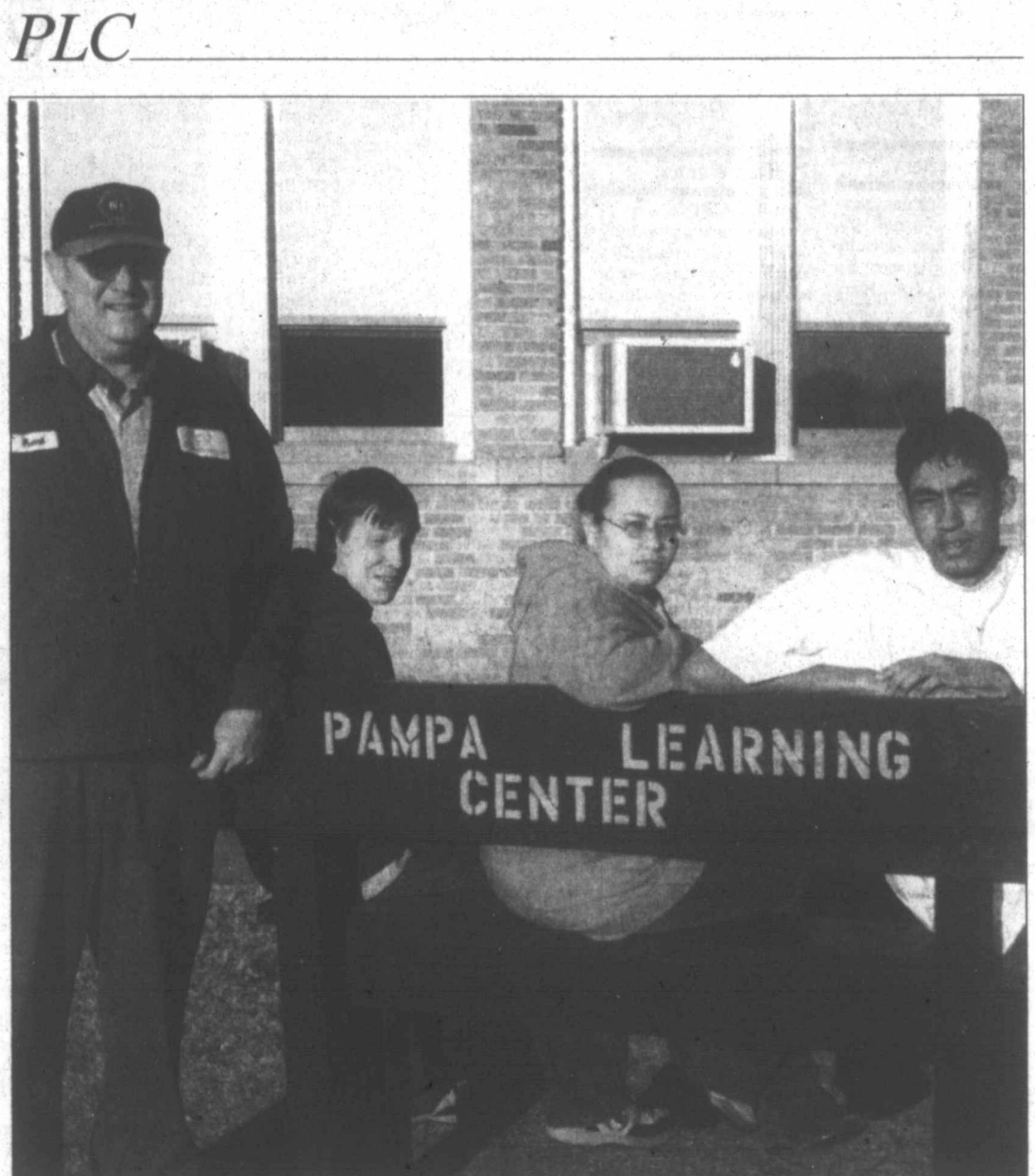
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)— One woman's treasure became another man's trash.

A piece of artwork installed near Main Street was accidentally discarded this week by a "clean team" worker for a city development group helping to sponsor an art exhibition.

The artist, Leslie Rech, called the mistake "the worst thing that's happened in my career."

The artwork, part of an installation art show called "Accessibility Columbia: Making History on Main Street," consisted of about 300 eggshells and a handmade dress. Rech installed it Sunday.

Heavy winds on Monday must have blown down the dress, said Matt Kennell, executive director for City Center Partnership.



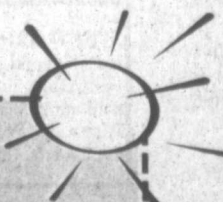
Pampa ISD Director of Maintenance and Grounds Kent Jones and Pampa Learning Center students Stephen Hughes, Erica Arreola, and Rodger Cabrales are pictured with the sign Jones built during the Christmas break. Not only is it a sign, but a bench for students at PLC as well.

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