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Jack Reeve named Pampa Citizen of the Year



John R. "Jack" Reeve Jr. accepts his award for being named Pampa's 2005 Citizen of the Year as his wife, Katherine, holds a bouquet of roses presented to her. Reeve received the honor at Thursday night's Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

John R. "Jack" Reeve Jr. was named 2005 Citizen of the Year at Thursday's Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Harold Price, 2005 chairman of the Chamber board of directors, presented the award to Reeve.

Reeve was born in Casper, Wyo., in 1923 and graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 as a Navy bomber pilot.

He graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1948, and earned a master of science degree from California Institute of Technology in 1949.

A Pampa resident for 49 years, Reeve was employed at Cabot and IRJ for 42 years. He was senior vice president of engineering at the time of his retirement from IRJ. He received the Cabot Inventors Award, the American Business Women's Association Boss of the Year and Desk and Derrick Boss of the Year.

Reeve has been a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for 49 years. He served on the church Vestry for 21 years and has been a lay Eucharistic visitor to shut-ins. He was senior war-

den four times, and junior warden three times.

He has served as stewardship chairman and has been on the diocesan standing committee. He has also been board member and chairman of St. Matthew's Day School, and worked on the day school's renovation project.

"There is no task too great in his church for him to undertake," Price said.

He is also a board member of Jordan Chapel Builders, who work to raise funds to build a chapel on the grounds of the Rufe Jordan Unit of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Reeve is a board member of Pampa Fine Arts Association and is currently leading a project to renovate the old Rock Island Railroad Depot for new PFAA gallery space.

He served on Pampa Regional Medical Center's Board of Trustees for nine years and on the Pampa United Way Board of Directors for six years, where he was campaign chairman in 1996. He has also served on the boards of Gray County Appraisal District and Pampa Area Foundation.

Reeve is past president of

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Makeover started on Pampa's school soccer fields

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Sports issues dominated the Pampa Independent School District's board meeting Thursday night.

Backers of the soccer program at Pampa High School got some good news when Superintendent Barry Haenisch said work has begun on improving the surface of the soccer fields and a hybrid Bermuda grass will be planted. Ground crews will take over maintenance of the fields.

Haenisch also said the district is looking for a soccer coach with experience playing and coaching and several good candidates have been identified.

"I'm confident we can see some increase in participation," he said. Board members Joe Martinez and

Derrell DeLoach both said they appreciated the parents who came forth and brought the soccer problems to the board's attention. DeLoach said the parents, the staff and the administration working together will be committed to success.

In the public comments period, parents of former and present tennis players came forth and voiced their displeasure with the punishment handed out to eight girls on the junior varsity tennis team.

Those commenting on the severe punishment were Jeff Boyd, Denise Intemann, Lori Boyd, Amy Unruh and Marcia Julian.

The girls were at a tennis match in Amarillo, apparently unsupervised, when they wrote their names or other graffiti on some aluminum

bleachers. The girls were suspended for the rest of this season and the fall season of next school year. They will have to spend the class time when they would have been getting training by walking around.

Parents all said the girls were wrong to do what they did, but said the punishment was too harsh. The bleachers cleaned up with no damage.

It was mentioned that there was some inappropriate behavior by the girls, which some parents said was not true and that rumor could have contributed to the harsh punishment. They attributed the rumor of inappropriate behavior to a rival coach.

Jenny Bronner praised the board for taking decisive action regarding the resurfacing of the soccer field and she urged the district to establish

a junior varsity soccer program so younger students can be more experienced and in better condition when they get to high school.

Chris Carson objected because his daughter will not be allowed to take the advanced classes she has been training for.

Warren Hasse questioned why a dress code is not in effect for board members. Hasse said Randy Matson plans a visit to town and he said he would be embarrassed to take Matson to the high school track because it is ruined.

The board also approved the purchase of a Toro Groundmaster 3500-D with a sidewinder cutting system to be used by the sports department to keep athletic fields in shape.

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Benefit barbecue slated Saturday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A benefit barbecue to raise funds for emergency departments who responded to recent area wildfires begins at 5 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Live local entertainment by the Pampa High School Show Choir, North Fork Gospel Band and Through the Veil will be provided from 6 to 9 p.m., along with a wildfire slide show. A dance will be from

9 p.m. to midnight, with Fence Walker providing the music.

Donations will be accepted during the event. Organizers hope to raise \$50,000 through donations including those collected at the barbecue.

Donations may also be mailed to NBC Bank, c/o Top of Texas Wildfire Benefit, 1224 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

For more information, call Neil Fulton at 665-5121 or Jacque Burklow at 665-6677.

Lefors ISD meets Monday

The Lefors Independent School District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school library at 209 E. 5th.

The board will consider financial matters and teacher leave. Appointment of a May 13 election judge is expected.

Also to be approved are renewal of teacher contracts, a lease with Gray County on voting machines, Interquest Detection Canines for the 2006-2007 school year, a wellness policy, and a waiver for the 2006-2007 school year.

The board will also repeal all previously adopted policies and adopt updated policies as prepared by TASB policy service.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MALLARD, Robey H. Jr. — 1 p.m., Macedonia Baptist Church, Pampa.

Robey H. Mallard, Jr., 48

Robey H. Mallard, Jr., 48, of Pampa, died April 18, 2006, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday in Macedonia Baptist Church with the Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor, officiating.

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

Born June 19, 1957, at Wellington, Mr. Mallard had been a Pampa resident most of his life where he was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Young; and a brother, Raymond



Mallard

Mallard. Survivors include his wife, Jackie Mallard of Fort Worth; four daughters, Stephanie Mallard, Kendra Mallard, Shantel Mallard and Courtney Mallard, all of Fort Worth; a son, Michael Mallard of Fort Worth; his parents, Robey and Lucille Mallard of Pampa; a sister, Marlene Nibbet of Pampa; and a brother, Marvin M. Mallard of Greenville.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 81. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 84. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 61. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. North-northwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 41.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70.

Travolta, JLo to star in 'Dallas' movie

LONDON (AP) — Gurinder Chadha will direct John Travolta and Jennifer Lopez in a big-screen ver-

sion of the prime-time soap opera "Dallas."

The British filmmaker, who directed 2002's "Bend it Like Beckham," said Friday she had signed a deal with 20th Century Fox. Travolta will star as the conniving Texas oil baron J.R. Ewing and Lopez will play his wife, Sue Ellen.

Filming is set to begin in October, with the movie slated for a late 2007 release.

"Dallas" aired from 1978 to 1991. In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to find out who shot J.R., played by Larry Hagman, who had been blasted within an inch of his life in the previous season's cliffhanger finale. (The shooter turned out to be Ewing's sister-in-law Kristin.)

Chadha, who gave Jane Austen a Bollywood twist in "Bride & Prejudice," is also involved in adapting another TV hit, the '60s sitcom "I Dream of Jeannie." She said that film "is still in the pipeline, but there is still some way to go on the script."

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Emergency Services

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

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

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester and the intersection of 25th and Duncan streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Hughes and the 1900 block of Wells.

An animal complaint was received from the 300 block of North Perry.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 400 block of Powell, the 100 block of South Cuyler and the 900 block of Campbell.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of South Hobart, the 1300 block of Coffee and the intersection of Harvester and Deane streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of East Frederic, the 1900 block of Mary Ellen, and Pampa Junior High School, 2801 Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. Damage estimated at \$300 was done to a storm window.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of West Brown. A window was shot with a pellet or BB gun. Estimated cost of damage is \$500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Lefors.

Criminal trespass was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Christine streets.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

Sexual assault was reported in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and the 2300 block of Mary Ellen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved checks valued at \$78.73.

A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$29.61 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. Taken was \$109 in cash.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of South Cuyler. A Hayward Maxpak Spa support pack valued at \$600 was taken.

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Thursday, April 20 5 p.m. — A 1996 Pontiac Sunbird, driven by Felisha Jean Boden, 18, 828 E. Scott Avenue, and a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice, driven by Claudine Carlos Fletcher, 81, 204 N. Sumner, collided in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Boden was cited for failure to yield right of way - private drive.

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

Thursday, April 20 5 p.m. — Colby Wayne Scott, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West Albert by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Andrew Joseph Keller, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violating a protective order.

Jose Guadalupe Larrazalo, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD for simple assault.

Jesus Maria Velasquez, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for injury to a child.

Bernice Mireles Solis, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Russell for simple assault.

Amelia Erin Dominey, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for evading arrest.

Melissa Ann Dabbs, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by PPD for two counts of theft by

check, one out of Potter County and one out of Hutchinson County.

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

Thursday, April 20 8:23 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

10:19 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Finley on a lifting assist.

1:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Finley on a lifting assist.

4:24 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Sumner on a kitchen fire that caused about \$1,200 in damages.

Friday, April 21 6:20 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Barnard on a medical assist.

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

Thursday, April 20 7:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Barnes. No transport.

8:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Finley and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local residence.

5:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Foster and Starkweather. No transport.

6:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Pitts. No transport.

Friday, April 21 7:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Perry and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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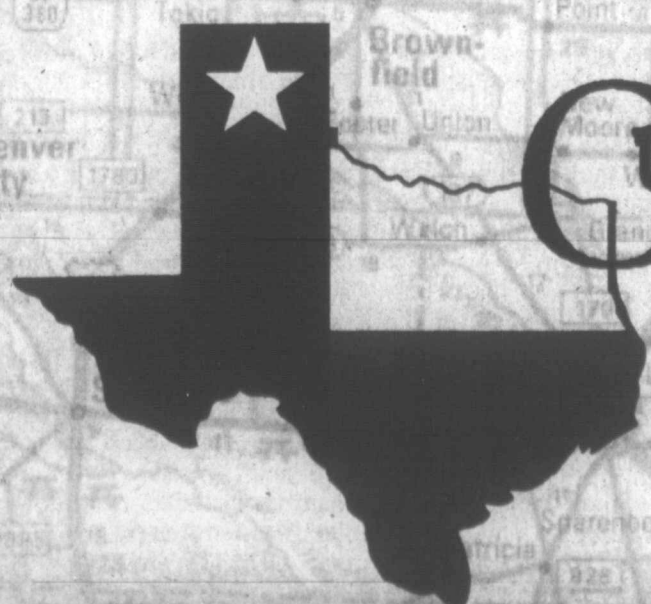
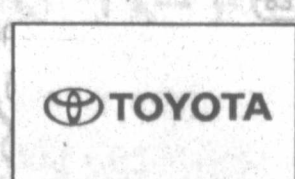
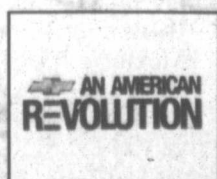
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Viewpoints

Shuttle anniversary continues era of exploration

This month, the U.S. space program reached a landmark in its history, and it looks forward to a promising new era. On April 12th, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the first space shuttle launch. The last quarter century of human space flight was dominated by this amazing spacecraft. The passing of the baton from the shuttle to a new generation of vehicles is on the horizon. With these vehicles, we will reach new destinations and view new vistas.

Late last year, Congress enacted my NASA authorization bill, the first in five years. The bill does more than simply authorize funds for the space program. It begins the transition to the

new era of exploration.

That era will continue this July with the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery on the second Return to Flight test mission. During their mission to the International Space Station, Discovery's crew will test new equipment and procedures that increase the safety of space shuttles.

The successor to the shuttle program will embark on bold, new missions, including a return to the moon after a hiatus of more than 30 years. This time, it will be more than a brief visit; the moon will become a stepping stone for exploring the further reaches of space.

Our ultimate goal of this new era will be to set foot on

the Red Planet. Incredible pictures from the Spirit and Opportunity rovers on Mars have given us a deeper sense of what it will be like to stand on the surface of Mars, climb its rolling hills and explore its craters and valleys.

This new journey must begin from where we now are. It must build on the solid base of knowledge and experience that we have spent many years and invested extensive resources to develop. That base will not be completed until we return the space shuttle to full flight status; and we must finish

the Space Station to provide an essential laboratory for important research.

Current plans call for the end of space shuttle flights in 2010, but we need to be sure we do not have a gap during which our nation is unable to perform manned missions. We do not yet know when the new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) will become fully operational. Therefore, my bill requires NASA to notify the Congress if a gap appears likely and detail the steps they believe we should take to bridge that gap.

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



We must be able to sustain operations aboard the space station. It will be necessary to ensure that we have the capability to deliver cargo, re-supply the station, and return payloads to Earth. It is not enough for us to simply attach the remaining modules to the space station and leave it behind. That would not meet our commitments to our international partners, our taxpayers, or to the scientists who have spent two decades planning and preparing to use the space station.

My bill maximizes our investment in the International Space Station by designating it a National Laboratory. It is an important national asset with enor-

mous potential for scientific research and exploration, for example, increasing our understanding of cosmic rays and working to develop new sources of energy. This designation will open up new avenues for outside funding and support, and it will extend the benefits provided by the many unique possibilities for research on the space station.

Our efforts in space are essential to keeping our nation competitive. We have an exciting and bright future in space exploration. We are on a course that will bring important new knowledge and inspire the next generation of American scientists to do what, only yesterday, seemed like science fiction.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 21, the 111th day of 2006. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "64-dollar question," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia,

transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

In 1976, full-scale testing of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C.

In 1986, a vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel that was linked to Al Capone was opened during a live TV special hosted by Geraldo Rivera; aside from a few bottles and a sign, the vault was empty.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin traded warm compliments and played down nagging differences, insisting their election-year summit in Moscow was not being influenced by presidential politics. Oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder died at age 76.

Five years ago: Western Hemisphere leaders meeting in Quebec ratified a plan barring undemocratic nations from a massive free trade zone they hoped would expand prosperity across their 34 nations. For a second day, protesters clashed with nightstick-wielding police who fired water cannons and rubber bullets. The Los Angeles Xtreme beat the San Francisco Demons 38-6 in the first — and last — XFL championship game.

'Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved.'

— Mark Twain (1835-1910)

26 Spring Fashions



Chavez not United States 'team player'

"Stability" is one of the cow-manure words most favored by the imperialists who share Washington with all the lobbyists and special-interest groups. When they have no evidence of any wrongdoing whatsoever, they can always accuse a foreign government they don't like of "creating instability in the region."

They are now making this charge against Venezuela. Venezuela, however, is not creating instability anywhere. Latin America and the Caribbean are at peace — unlike the Middle East, where we have created instability up the Yazoo.

Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's president — whom the Bush administration despises because he won't be its puppet — is hugely popular in Venezuela and in Latin America. And

he's popular with me. I keep doing research on the guy, and I've yet to hear or read of him saying anything that any decent American could disagree with.

I watched a special about the recall election that he won overwhelmingly, and in his speech to the crowd afterward he said he wanted to "extend the hand of friendship to our brothers and sisters in the opposition so we can work together to make a better Venezuela." No vituperation, no questioning anyone's patriotism. In his hour-long speech at the big economic conference where President Bush and his scheme for a new trade

agreement bombed, Chavez didn't even mention the U.S.

It goes without saying that the CIA probably had a hand in the recall election, which was an utter failure. So far, all the criticism I've read of Chavez comes either from the Bush administration or from the Venezuelans who were in the catbird seat before Chavez was elected. Bush doesn't like him because he won't sell out his country to the multinationals, and members of the former regime don't like him because he upset their gravy train.

Hugo Chavez is a socialist. So are most of our European allies. Venezuela isn't the only country to

abandon the U.S. version of capitalism (let our multinational corporations exploit your people and your resources while we put you deep in debt with loans you can never repay so we can make sure you do our bidding). In fact, most of the Latin American countries are abandoning this form of no-win capitalism.

To understand Chavez, you have to understand the traditional structure of most Latin American countries. A very few rich families, sometimes less than 20, own virtually all of the land and the resources in many of these countries. The majority of the population is poor and powerless. Instead of sending his poor to the U.S. — as Bush's millionaire buddy, Mexico's Vicente Fox, does

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A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **April 10**
Austin American-Statesman on the Gospel of Judas:

Was Judas Iscariot the traitor who betrayed Jesus to the authorities for 30 pieces of silver, or Christ's chief apostle who was doing his leader's bidding to fulfill biblical prophecy?

A newly released translation of a 1,700-year-old manuscript known as the Gospel of Judas alleges that Judas was the apostle closest to Jesus and the only one introduced to the holiest mysteries of the kingdom of God. While this version adds to the many variations of early Christianity and the story of

Judas, it isn't likely to change the tenets of contemporary mainstream Christianity.

And there was just a bit too much Hollywood around the unveiling of the document. In announcing it on the eve of Holy Week, there was more marketing than scholarship. National Geographic Magazine said the explosive document would "shake Christianity to its foundations." Then there was a press conference, and news that the gospel would be the subject of a program on the National Geographic Channel.

No one is doubting that the crumbling papyrus written in an ancient Coptic dialect is real. It is a translation from an older Gnostic scripture denounced as heresy in 180 AD, not an

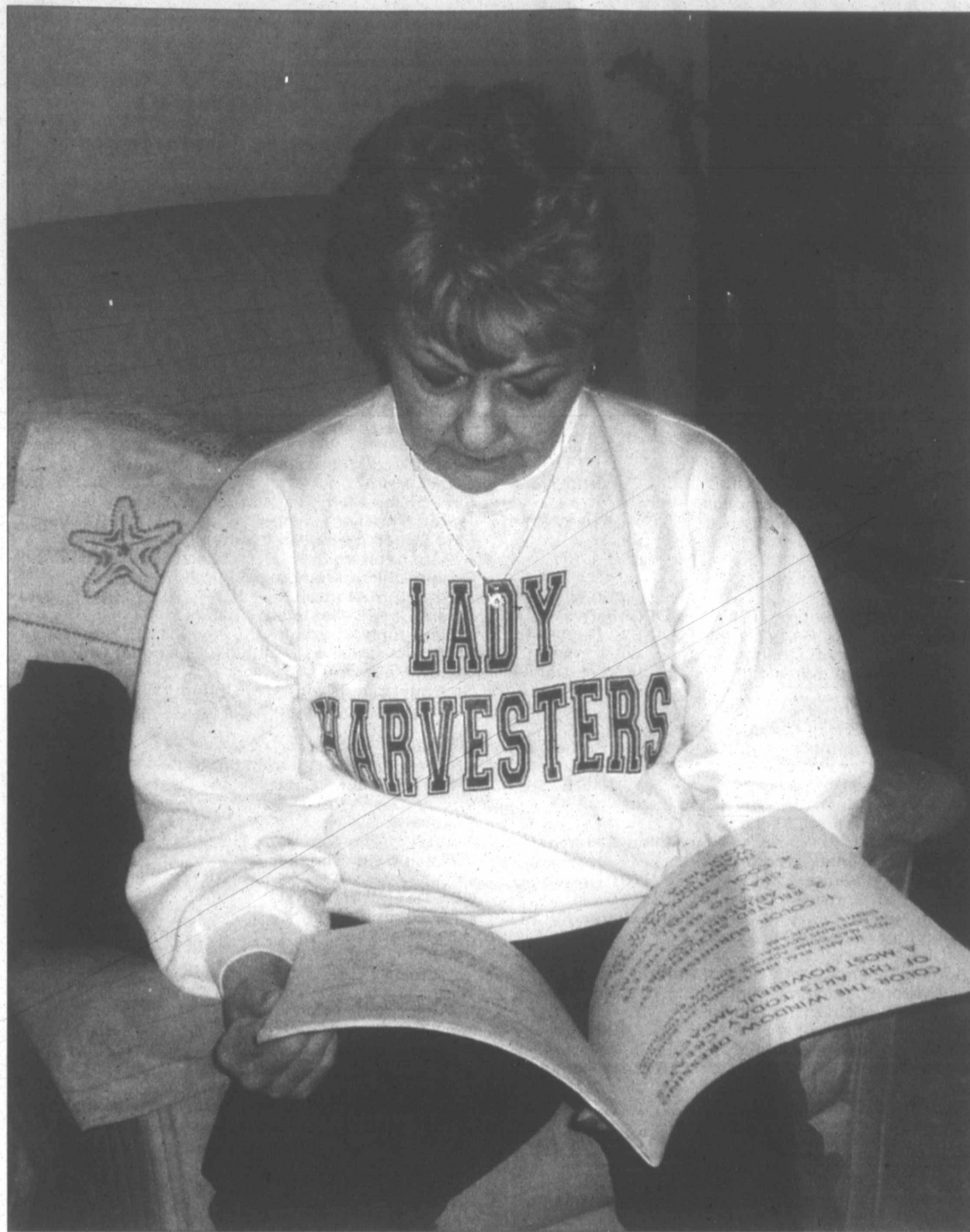
account to be added to the Holy Bible.

The manuscript has an interesting history, somewhat like Dashiell Hammett's Maltese Falcon. It was apparently discovered in caves along the Nile, smuggled out of Egypt, sold and traded several times, shopped around to potential buyers in European hotel rooms and kept in a New York safe deposit box.

Over the past five years, the 26 pages of crumbling fragments were assembled, translated and verified by carbon dating to have been written between 220 and 340 AD. Its value will be mainly to scholars as it joins apocrypha like the Gospel of Mary Magdalene (see "The DaVinci Code") and the

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Art Show and Tea



Carol Dunham, above, is a member of Pampa Art Club. She and other members are gearing up for the club's annual Art Show and Tea May 1 in the auditorium of Lovett Memorial Library. Hours for the event will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Judas

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scores of other accounts of the life of Jesus rejected by established Christianity.

In this document, Jesus told Judas, "Step away from the others and I shall tell you the mysteries of the kingdom. It is possible for you to reach it, but you will grieve a great deal." Later Jesus says, "You will be cursed by the other generations and you will come to rule over them."

This version of Judas' betrayal has been proffered before, and is only one of many. Some have Judas betraying Jesus to foment revolution, or feuding with Jesus over the direction of the movement. One has Judas dying on the cross, not Jesus.

Judas has long been of interest. He's a major player in movies about the age, in theater productions such as "Jesus Christ, Superstar" and in literature. Dante found him in the ninth circle of hell, a frozen lake farthest from God's mercy. He was being ground to pieces in Satan's mouth, "a terror that cannot be told," Dante wrote.

As interesting as the Gospel of Judas is historically, Christians aren't likely to adopt the new view of Judas and change their What Would Jesus Do mantra for one that says Jesus Made Me Do It. But it does add to the rich history of Christianity and the mystery of faith.

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Chavez is trying to use the nation's oil riches to bring them housing, medical care and education. The only wars he is waging are those on poverty and illiteracy.

The reason the Bush family doesn't like Chavez is because it doesn't give a damn about the poor in the U.S., much less the poor in Venezuela. It likes to keep the cozy relationship between our rich families and their rich families intact.

The U.S. is showing itself to be an enemy of Chavez. Besides all the unfounded public remarks, we have denied him spare parts for airplanes we sold him, we just prevented a

Brazilian company from selling him aircraft trainers, and there is no doubt in my mind that the CIA is funding the opposition. The CIA has a talent for wasting money on losers.

Chavez, however, won't be pushed around. He has a wonderful sense of humor. You won't keep your contracts, he says, so we'll buy from the Russians or the Chinese.

Maybe we'll even sell these F-16s to the Chinese or the Russians, he said with a big laugh.

If you weed through the propaganda, you'll find that Chavez is one of the good guys in this world, and for that reason I worry that some of our bad guys may kill him. In the meantime, viva Chavez.

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Remembering some small tykes with a large dose of pure faith

Remembering can be an awesome thing, an uplifting experience and an exciting journey to a magnificent time in our past when God graciously touched us and blessed us. Well, recently I heard a song that I hadn't heard since 1990. The moment I heard it I drifted back to a time when my kids were still little kids.

You see, my wife and I were ministering with a small church in Ontario, Ore. The particular night of which I am thinking was one where we had all of the kids of the church over at our house. Now, even with "all" of the kids there were only about 10 ranging from first grade to high school. We were listening to some great Christian music and having a ball.

One of the kids suggested that we have a youth rally. Our whole church membership didn't total 60 — and that counted all of the kids. I told them that all of the financing would have to be raised because there just wasn't anything extra in the church budget.

I was really trying to talk them out of it because I knew how much extra work it was going to require from Shari and me. PTL! They would not be deterred.

They went on say that they wanted to have a concert with the Christian singer we had been listening to — Kenny Marks. I told them that I thought that was completely out of range, but that I'd check on the cost. The next day I called Kenny's phone number listed on the back of the CD we had.

Kenny answered the phone himself. The bottom line was that it would cost \$1,500 for Kenny's fee and \$1,300 for necessary sound equipment, and that was just for the concert. So I broke the bad news to the kids the following week and they responded with, "Let's set the date for the rally."

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



Every kid pledged to work hard at every fund-raising project for the next year. I'll be honest with you, I never thought they'd get it done.

The hard working highlight centered around a truckload of tiny boards from a cabinet factory. A semi with a flatbed trailer full of tiny scrap boards dumped the whole trailer load in the middle of the highway. Highway workers (getting paid \$8.50 per hour) threw them up into a couple of dump trucks and they were dumped on to the floor of a huge onion shed.

The pile was about 120-feet long, 40-feet wide and at the peak about 15 feet high. They wanted them stacked neatly in onion crates so that a forklift could move them. It was freezing, and the shed was not enclosed — just a roof and partial walls.

Ten kids began working about nine

that morning, and we finished about seven that night. The only bathroom in the area was an outdoor john with a door that wouldn't close and faced the highway. The youngest of the kids was a second grader, and he worked all day and evening. Fifty-seven large onion crates later the job was done.

The company paid our kids \$5 per hour and it was the final project that put us over the top. It had taken most of the year, but there was enough money to have the rally. I was never more proud of anyone.

At the concert, Kenny called all of the 10 kids up on stage and bragged on them and their hard work. I was the blubbing idiot at the back of the auditorium with the flooded eyes. You see, three of those kids were our kids — Christina, Jeff and Chad.

The youth rally was a smashing success, and everyone who came had a ball. But the most amazing thing was how the kids rarely ever whined or griped when it was time to work to raise the money, and it took eight work projects. They proved me completely wrong.

So you see, my journey down memory lane was of a time when I had little faith, but the church kids had big faith and backed it up with a year of hard work. Hey, church kids of Pampa, what could the Lord do if a group of you would completely turn your lives over to Him? I'll bet He could blow your ever-loving mind if you'd give Him a chance. Why not give Him a try?
God bless.

Lighthouse Covenant to host revival services

Dr. Leroy Baker will hold revival services at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, April 23-26. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Baker has served as a pastor, an evangelist and a radio speaker. Not only has he taken his ministry throughout North America, but to Africa, Europe and South America as well.

He has authored several books and penned the song "God's Got An Army."

Dr. Baker is active as a guest speaker for Bible conferences, camp meetings and crusades.

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Dr. Leroy Baker

Church briefs

First Presbyterian Church of Pampa will present the second session of the series "Confronting the Seriousness of Your Future" on Sunday. This week's topic will be "The Christian Approach to Dying" presented by the Rev. John Southern, BSA Hospice chaplain. A potluck lunch will be served at 12 p.m. and the class will then be conducted.

Southern will also fill the pulpit during the 10:45 service on Sunday morning. Members and visitors are invited to attend the service, lunch and the following class.

Judgment will come upon nation of evil-doers

If we began to compare our days to some days in the Bible, where would we find the nearest comparison? Likely Sodom and Gomorrah would come into the picture, and we would remember why they got the name, Sodom. Then we would remember Nineveh who only had 40 days to repent and be spared.

We would remember the wickedness of Jerusalem that caused Jesus to weep when He foresaw the doom of that great city. After remembering the wickedness and judgments of those years, there is another that Jesus calls our attention to.

He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the flood came and took them all away." (See Matthew 24:38-39)

Jesus, at this time, did not go into detailed description

of the wickedness before the flood. In reading Genesis, we learn something of the depth and the height of wickedness that moved God to destroy man and the earth as He did.

Look at a scripture in Genesis: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart." (Genesis 6:5-6)

We should look close at what is said about the heart of man. People lay awake at night thinking how they can get something for nothing, and get away with it. Why? Because it's in their heart to do so. John Wesley climbed upon his dad's tombstone

and preached to sinners when he was locked out of his church because it was in his heart to get sinners saved.

It was in the heart of Billy Graham to preach the gospel to the world. The same is true with many other great preachers. Early in my life, young boys wanted to grow up and be a preacher like Dad. However, I saw that trend changing until now it is not in the heart of very many boys to grow up and be a preacher of the gospel.

Many things have contributed to the changes that have brought us back to "close kin" to the days of the flood.

"They took them wives of all which they chose." (Genesis 6:2) Just as if there was no God, and there was

no one to care. In our nation, and in our world, there is a strong demand for freedom to marry whoever a person wishes.

To add to that hurt, many, many church people are saying we should not be picking on the homosexuals, that we should let them marry same sex partners if they wish — as if God has not laws for us to abide by.

Our nation will still be suffering the judgments of God because so many Christians do not get angry about so much corruption in churches. I believe that Christians should be so much like Christ that they would love what God loves, hate what God hates, and be angry at what God is angry at.

God is angry at this nation for making laws contrary to His. And so am I. It's God's enemies who want the Ten Commandments off the school walls, off the court-

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



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DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and have been going out with an older man (17 years older) I'll call "Sherman" for about a year. He and I are having a baby together in three months. I don't know if I want to be with Sherman anymore. He keeps telling me that if I want to be with someone more my age -- which I do -- I should break off before things get worse. He says he'd rather be heartbroken now than have me tell him later that I have found someone else. My friends tell me that if I don't want to be with Sherman, I should just tell him and go on my way. What do you think I should do? Should I try to work things out with him, or tell him that it's over and move on with my life? -- **CONFUSED IN MAINE**

DEAR CONFUSED: Your friends' advice would be good -- if you weren't expecting a baby with Sherman. However, because there is a child involved who will need support, and preferably the love and care of both parents, you must consider what is best for your baby. Because nowhere in your letter did you indicate that Sherman has said he wants to marry you or provide for his child's support, your next move should be to talk to an attorney about a legal arrangement for the benefit of the baby.

DEAR ABBY: My mother loves to knit, and she's superb at it. When our children were born, Mama was delighted to have new family members to knit for -- and she has done so throughout their lives. Last summer, Mama announced that she will no longer knit for our oldest, "Heather," who is 12, because Heather loses everything. Mama said she will no longer pour so much effort into a sweater, hat or scarf only to see it disappear because it was left on a playground. Last Christmas, all the children received scarves, but only those of the

younger two were hand-knit. Heather's came from a store. It was nice -- but it was store-bought. Now Heather is very hurt, and I don't know what to do. We love our daughter, but she hasn't learned to care for her things, and Mama is adamant about her knitting. What should we do? -- **LOST IN OREGON**

DEAR LOST: Explain to your daughter that, as hurt as she may feel about the scarf, it's a drop in the bucket compared to how her grandmother felt having spent hours creating a one-of-a-kind item only to have it left somewhere. Heather is not the offended party -- Grandma is. A step in the right direction would be a handwritten letter from Heather to her grandmother apologizing for her carelessness.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ron," and I are at odds over parenting our 7-year-old son, "Brett." My husband is very domestic. He cooks like a world-class chef and does more housework than any man I know of. I have read Dr. James Dobson's books on family. He clearly states that a father should be the manly role model for the son, to prevent the son from being homosexual. I'm concerned that Brett will learn feminine ways from my husband and turn out to be gay. How can I convince Ron that he needs to teach Brett the more manly things in life? -- **WORRIED MOM IN FLORIDA**

DEAR WORRIED MOM: From my perspective, you don't need to change a thing. With all due respect to Dr. Dobson, your husband is already a manly role model to your son. He is teaching the boy important survival skills that will be invaluable when he is older. With luck, your son will turn out to be every bit the man -- and father -- that your husband is.

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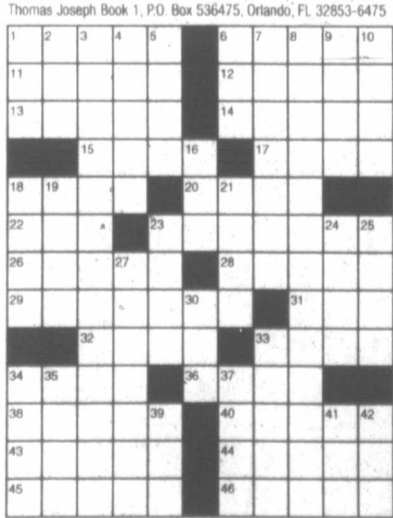
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Pampa High School tennis coach Emily Laurence lobs shots over the net while working with some of her students at the PHS tennis courts Thursday afternoon. Laurence will leave Sunday morning for Regionals in San Angelo along with Harvester qualifiers Myca Vinson (girls singles), Michael Foreman and Ashlee Lucus (mixed doubles).

Glo-Valve 2-0 after sneaking past DFB; Rotary Club, Celanese hook up today

Glo-Valve Service continues to live on the edge taking sole possession of first place with a 2-1 win over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Thursday. The Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League team defeated Celanese Corporation Tuesday 3-2 and is atop the league with a 2-0 record.

Reid Miller won his second game of the year allowing no runs and no hits in four innings pitched. He struck out five and walked two. Cody Davis started for Glo-Valve and allowed one run, two hits and one walk while striking out four in two innings.

Dane Pereira pitched the first, second and sixth innings for DFB allowing one run on three hits. He struck out eight without walking a batter. Rudy Rodriguez walked both batters he faced with one scoring. Cody McIntyre pitched the third, fourth and fifth innings allowing no runs and one hit. He walked one and struck out three.

Miller slapped the second pitch of the game into right field for a double and scored after two passed balls to give Glo-Valve a short lived 1-0 lead. McIntyre hammered the first pitch to DFB over the left field fence to tie the score.

Tyler Smith drew a walk to open the third inning for Glo-Valve. Miller followed with

a walk. A fielder's choice which was too late at second to get Miller was hit by Latigo Collins to load the bases. Zach Graves was credited with the game-winning RBI by walking on a full count to force in Smith.

DFB wasted a double by Shane White in the second inning and walks to Rodriguez in the third and sixth innings. Ransom Triplett reached base on an error in the fourth.

Glo-Valve had other chances to score. Davis singled in the second inning. The winners left the bases loaded in the third. Taylor Smith reached base on an error followed by an infield single by Miller to no avail in the fourth. Schrade Thompson died on first after a single in the sixth inning.

Both teams committed only one error in the well-played game. Zach Murray had three assists and a fly ball catch to lead DFB fielders. Outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Valve were turned in by Landon Powell and Thompson, who caught fly balls in the outfield, and by Collins, who threw a runner out trying to steal second base.

Today's game at 5:45 p.m. features Rotary Club and Celanese Corporation. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United-Way agency.

PAMPA IN ACTION

Harvesters, Lady Harvesters back to work this afternoon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa High School baseball and softball teams are back in action following the Easter break. They last played April 13 when Pampa defeated Randall at home. The girls hosted Palo Duro that afternoon for district win No. 7.

"It feels like an eternity since our last game. I know our kids are extremely excited about today's game," said Harvester baseball coach Clay Wilson.

Pampa is 14-7 overall, 5-1 in District 3-4A. Wilson and his team will travel to Hereford for a 4:30 meeting with the Whitefaces. Tyson Hickman (4-3) will take the mound to start the game for Pampa. A win today would clinch a playoff spot

for the Harvesters."

Lady Harvesters coach Bobbi Gill said, "We are really excited about today and ready to be back on the field."

Pampa, 18-5 (7-1), will visit Dumas where they hope to avenge the only blemish on the Lady Harvesters' district mark. Pampa lost to the Demonettes April 1. Nicole Clark (9-1) will start for Coach Gill today. Game time is 4:30.

Both teams play at home Saturday. The boys will host Palo Duro, while the girls welcome Caprock for "Senior Day" — the final regular season game of the year. Both games are scheduled to start at 1.

Should the Lady Harvesters win at Dumas today, Saturday's game could be for the District 3-4A title. Both teams have locked in playoff spots.

Thoroughbred owners die in crash

PALMYRA, Pa. (AP) — Two owners of one of the state's largest thoroughbred farms died when their helicopter crashed at the farm.

Dennis G. Madonna, 48, and J. Bradley Jones, 67, co-owners of Regal Heir Farms, were killed instantly, state police said today. The 232-acre farm in rural central Pennsylvania is home to Real Quiet, winner of the 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

Witnesses described seeing the helicopter flying out of control just before it crashed near a horse trailer and farm buildings.

"He flew over my front yard and it looked like he was going to land in my side yard," said Martha Zellers, who was on her front porch less than a half-mile away. "He was, like, hovered there at the trees. I thought he was going to land in the grass and all of a

sudden he just went and did a nose dive."

Angela Hook said she saw the helicopter flipped around. "Once it hit, we (saw) nothing but black smoke," she said.

Hook said she ran to the wreckage and saw one victim on the ground and the other part way out of the cockpit with his leg on fire. She said both men were dead.

Madonna, of Grantville, and Jones, of Pottstown, had purchased the horse farm last year, according to the farm's Web site.

The farm was formerly known as Reigle Heir Farms, named after its previous owners, Tom and Ann Reigle. The crash was about two miles from Penn National Race Course.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Rangers 4, Mariners 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Mariners closer Eddie Guardado's postgame message was as simple as his in-game problems.

"I blew it, guys," Guardado told his teammates in their eerily quiet clubhouse immediately after he walked the bases loaded in the ninth inning — and then walked Phil Nevin to force in pinch-runner Gerald Laird with the go-ahead run that gave the Texas Rangers a 4-3 win over Seattle on Thursday night.

"But we had a tough bat-

tle," starting pitcher Joel Pineiro said Guardado told his teammates. "And we'll get them tomorrow."

Guardado (0-2) was appearing for the first time since allowing Mark Loretta's two-run, game-winning home run Sunday at Boston. And he imploded again.

He angrily pounded his thigh with his glove after his third walk, to Michael Young. Guardado briefly rallied, striking out Mark Teixeira for the second out.

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Other games

District 3-4A
Today
Boys
Pampa @ Hereford
Dumas @ Caprock
Randall @ Palo Duro
Girls
Pampa @ Dumas
Randall @ Hereford
Palo Duro @ Caprock

Saturday
Boys
Palo Duro @ Pampa
Caprock @ Randall
Hereford @ Dumas
Girls
Caprock @ Pampa
Dumas @ Randall
Hereford @ Palo Duro

Panel clears way for Williams retrial

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Former NBA star Jayson Williams can be retried on a reckless manslaughter charge stemming from the shooting death of a hired driver at the player's estate, an appeals court ruled today.

The former New Jersey Nets star had sought to avoid a second trial, contending that it would be double jeopardy.

Williams, 38, has remained free on bail since his April 30, 2004 conviction on four charges stemming from a failed attempt to cover up the 2002 fatal shooting at the mansion he owned.

The jury acquitted Williams of the most serious offense, aggravated manslaughter, but deadlocked on the charge of reckless manslaughter.

Williams spokeswoman Judy Smith said Friday that defense lawyers plan to appeal the ruling.

Lawyers for both sides have been gagged by the trial judge. Prosecutor Steven C. Lember, who tried the case, did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Prosecutors said Williams, who retired from the Nets in 2000, was handling the gun recklessly when it went off and killed Costas "Gus" Christofi, 55. The defense maintained the shooting was an accident, and that Williams panicked afterward.

In a 19-page opinion, the three-judge appeals panel said it was "simply not possible in this case to determine which portions of the evidence the jury relied on

to support its verdict of acquittal" on the top charge, aggravated manslaughter.

The sentencing on the four cover-up charges has been on hold until the retrial issue and other matters are resolved. Williams also plans to appeal those con-

victions.

Collectively, the four charges carry up to 13 years in prison, but the actual term could range from probation to about five years. If convicted, reckless manslaughter carries up to 10 years in prison.

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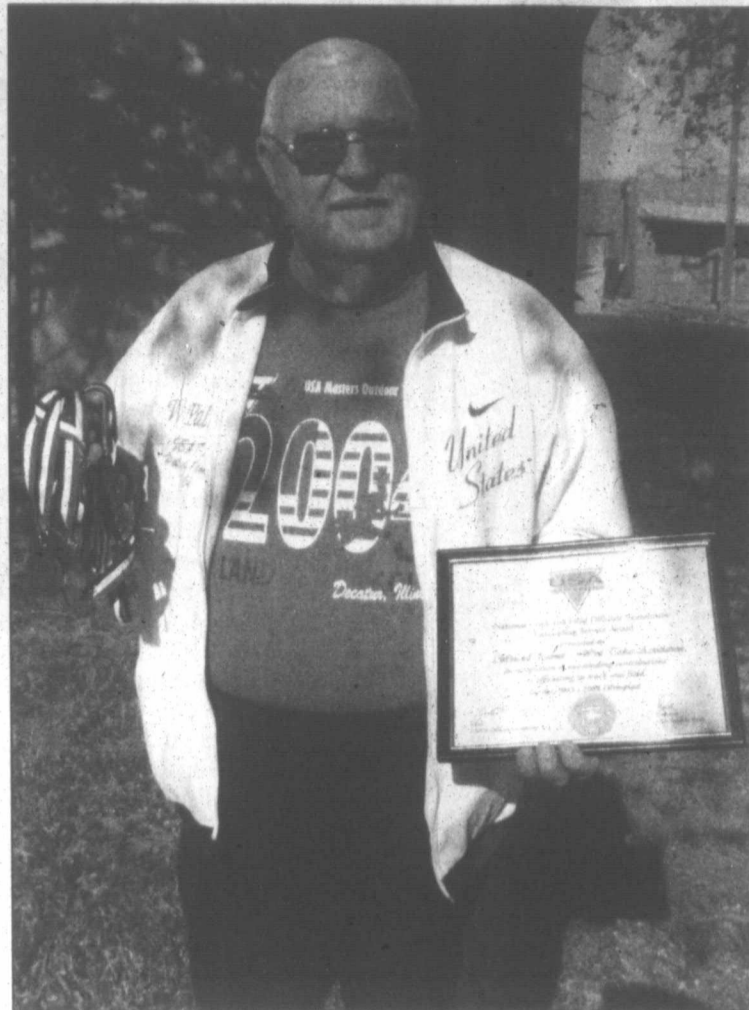
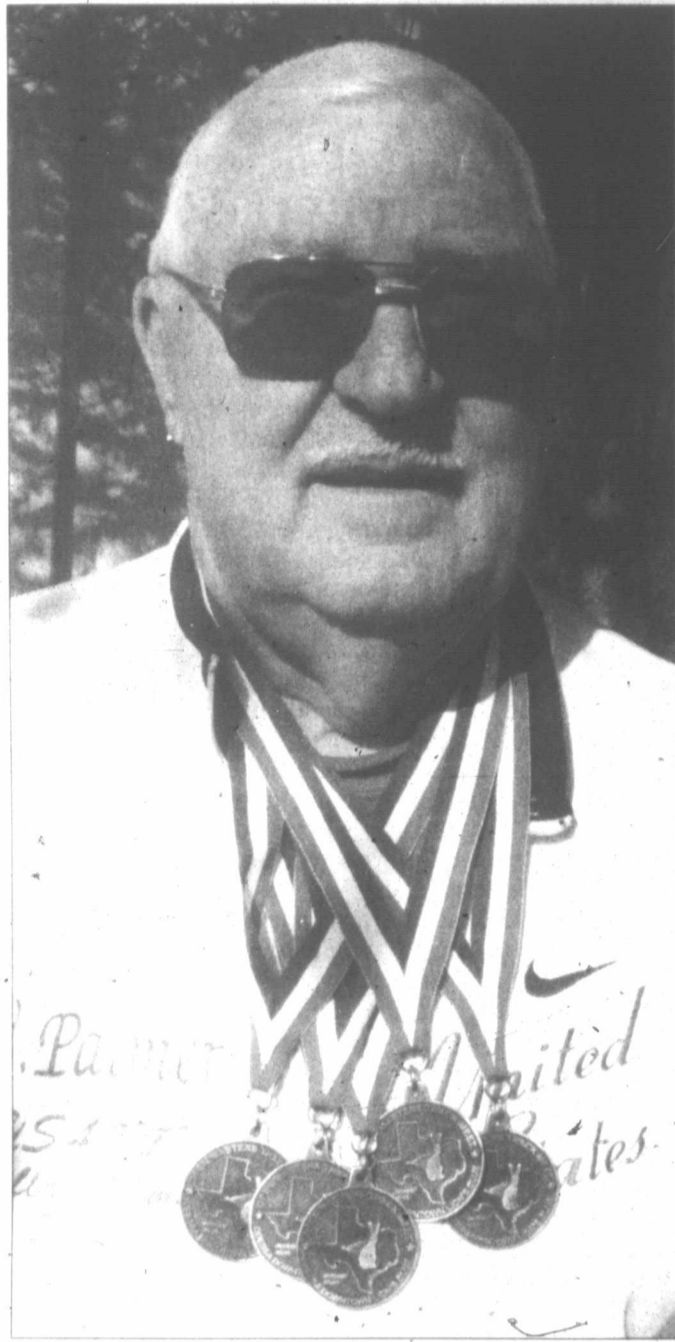
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Medal mania



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Wendell Palmer of Pampa flashes the precious medals he harvested at the recent Jackrabbit Relays in Odessa. The USTAF Hall-of-Famer took gold in Weight Pentathlon, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer Throw, Weight Throw and Javelin. Palmer was also honored with a framed "Outstanding Service Award" for his officiating during the 2005-2008 Track & Field Olympiad.

Rangers

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But then the closer walked Nevin on five pitches — the fifth was far outside — to send the Mariners to their fourth loss in five games. Texas had its first winning AL road trip of at least nine games (5-4) since 2001.

"Eddie is a guy who usually comes right after you throwing strikes," Nevin said. "So I was swinging coming out of the gate. He just missed."

Francisco Cordero finished the ninth for his third save. He was pitching for the fourth straight game and one night after allowing four ninth-inning runs in a 9-6 Rangers loss.

"You don't do what he has done over a long period of time and not have some mental toughness," Texas manager Buck Showalter said of Cordero.

Guardado is getting a test of that.

"I don't even know when the last time I walked four guys, period," Guardado said.

The last time was June 12, 1995, as a starter for Minnesota at Anaheim.

"I wanted them just to hit the ball," he said. "They couldn't even do that because I was throwing so many ... balls."

Manager Mike Hargrove,

unsolicited, announced the 35-year-old will remain his closer. Guardado saved 36 games in 41 chances last season, fourth most in team history.

"Eddie Guardado is a very good pitcher," Hargrove said. "He is our closer — and will remain our closer. Things will turn around for him. I have absolute confidence in him."

Guardado said what made his failure even more galling was that his team had rallied to tie the game with two outs in the eighth. Raul Ibanez tied the game 3-3 with a double off Brian Shouse. Rick Bauer (1-0) then came on to retire Richie Sexson and earn his first victory since Sept. 29, 2004, when he was a Baltimore starter.

Sunday against the Red Sox, the Mariners came from behind to take the lead in the top of the ninth before Guardado lost it in the bottom half.

Texas starter Vicente Padilla allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. He walked three and struck out seven five days after he had become the first major league pitcher in five years to give up home runs on three consecutive pitches, at Oakland.

Trailing 3-0, Ibanez hit a solo homer in the seventh. The Mariners then got two runs in the eighth on Jose Lopez's fielder's choice and Ibanez's double.

Skier comes back to true love — football

DENVER (AP) — The skis are in the closet. The book is closed on the hundreds of successes and many fewer disappointments he accumulated during all those trips down the slopes.

Jeremy Bloom is a football player now. Could be a pretty good one, too.

Very soon, the now-retired freestyle skier will find out exactly what the NFL thinks of him and how far his rusty, but still significant skills can take him in his other sport — the one he loves the most.

"It's so funny because it's such an unknown where I'm going," Bloom said Thursday, after working out for the Pittsburgh Steelers, one of many teams he has visited since returning from the Olympics. "It's hard to say where I'll be, but one thing's for sure — it will be a competitive situation, which I love, and a team environment, which I sorely missed."

In the fall of 2004, the receiver-slash-kick returner was forced to abandon football at the University of Colorado, where he was a burgeoning star. The NCAA ruled that because he accepted endorsements to keep his equally successful career as a skier on track, he couldn't be eligible

for the football team. It was, he said, very painful to stand on the sidelines.

"I don't know the correct way to classify the feeling I had after I wasn't playing football anymore," Bloom said. "There are 5,000 fans watch-

'It's hard to say where I'll be, but one thing's for sure — it will be a competitive situation, which I love, and a team environment, which I sorely missed.'

— Jeremy Bloom
NFL Draft Prospect

ing on a good day in skiing. In football, it's 16 games a year and it's bigger than the Olympics as far as the fans. It was something I really missed doing."

Having made his choice, however, he now has a few things nobody else in next weekend's NFL draft can claim: Two World Cup championships and two trips to the Olympics. Not a bad resume for a kid trying to show he can

compete in the big-time.

He is 5-foot-9, 184 pounds — 12 pounds heavier than when he returned from the Turin Olympics in February and headed straight to the NFL scouting combine, where he ran a 4.4-second 40-yard dash.

He's really faster than that. "But that's not a bad time for five days after getting off a plane from Torino and being in ski boots for the past year," said Bloom's agent, Gary Wichard. "It's past the point of anyone needing to give him the benefit of the doubt. These people know. The bottom line is, they can watch him on tape and he runs away from people."

Five times in his two-year career at CU, Bloom scored touchdowns of 75 yards or longer. Wichard compares that to Sinorice Moss, the Miami receiver who many project as a first-round draft pick. Over four years, not two, Moss had one touchdown of more than 75 yards against Temple. Bloom's five came against Florida State, Oklahoma, Kansas State (twice) and Colorado State.

"People are aware he's got game-breaking ability," Wichard said of his client, who has been working out with former NFL star Rob Moore.

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Appleby shoots 66 to lead in Houston

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appleby is thrilled so many Aussies are having success on the PGA tour.

Four Aussies, including Appleby, have won this year, and Appleby leads a trio in early contention at the Shell Houston Open.

Appleby shot a 6-under 66 at the Tournament Course at Redstone Golf Club on Thursday to take the first-round lead. Fellow countrymen Aaron Baddeley and Stephen Leaney are two back after opening 68s.

An early morning thunderstorm delayed the start of the second round by 2 1/2 hours. The first groups teed off at 10:30 a.m. EDT Friday. Clear skies were expected for the rest of the tournament.

Baddeley earned his first tour win at Hilton Head last week. Aussies Rod Pampling and Geoff Ogilvy have also won this year and Adam Scott is ranked ninth in the world golf rankings.

"When we come over here, we're certainly very proud to represent our country," Appleby said.

All the country needs now, Appleby said, is a breakout star like Greg Norman used to be.

"We don't have that golden child," Appleby said. "It's tricky at the

moment because they're all waiting for someone to step out of the darkness."

For now, Appleby, who turns 35 next month, just wants to solidify a top-10 world ranking.

"I'm trying to play well all the time," Appleby said. "I think that's an addictive thing you want to get into and you keep going and keep playing until it gets out of tune."

Appleby teed off in the morning and took advantage of calm conditions on the new course, the event's third venue in four years. The Rees Jones-designed layout opened in August 2005 and most of the players are getting their first look at it this week.

Appleby said the course would yield low scores if the wind stayed down — and it did throughout his round.

"Conditions were quite easy," Appleby said. "There was definitely a 6-under score to be had out there by somebody and I was fortunate."

The breeze picked up later in the day, though, and the course toughened up.

"The wind can kind of mess with you a little bit," said John Daly, who shot a 69 in the afternoon. "It can change on your backswing."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 22, 2006:

Your imagination, as well as your friends, seem to help you blaze a new trail. Open new doors, not being afraid of a risk or change. You will learn to detach and understand others more completely. Travel and more education could be instrumental in the changes. You also could meet a foreigner or someone very different. If you are single, you certainly will have the opportunity to meet someone quite special and different. You might be involved for years. If you are attached, the two of you need to walk in each other's shoes. You might be the one who starts this new behavior. More loving heads your way. AQUARIUS adores you.

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) ***** Your imagination or that of a cohort could have you blazing an unusual path. Walk in each other's shoes. You might be surprised at how eye-opening this whole experience is. Happiness surrounds companionship. Hang out. Tonight: Leader of the gang. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You might be a lot vaguer than you realize. Or could it be that someone key to your life is somewhat imprecise? Ask questions in a friendly, unchallenging manner. You will get the lay of the land. Tonight: Out and about. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** The more you detach, let go and are open to new experiences, the better off you will be. Your perspective of a

partnership could change dynamically if you walk away from your "images." Tonight: Choose a mentally relaxing happening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Togetherness is the main theme right now. You might not be sure what to do or how to handle an issue. An investment developed today might be out of kilter. Try something totally different. Tonight: Say yes to a special friend. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You will tend to produce and perform to your highest capacity. You might see someone from a different perspective if you let him or her be more dominant than usual. You could be seeing this person with a pink haze around him or her. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Pace yourself and get the job done. Your imagination takes you in a new direction or opens you up to a new hobby. Revitalize your home life, making the most out of everything. Basics do count. Tonight: Choose easy. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You are full of imagination and liveliness. You might feel taken by someone you care about. Be more imaginative and creative. This person helps you see a conversation or situation in a new light. Tonight: Add that special touch of magic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might want to rethink a situation from a totally different point of view. Your family, home and domestic life could be up for some changes. Trust that they will be positive, even if you are wary right now. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Be willing to absorb new information and handle matters in different ways. You might not realize exactly how vague you are being. Surround yourself with music and activities in which your mind can roam. A drive in the country might be perfect. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might think or hope your sixth sense is right-on concerning a financial issue. Actually, a risk or investment looks good. STOP. Don't take any actions that could impact your security right now. Play the conservative Goat. Tonight: Use care, even when paying for dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your mind and imagination roam, creating delightfully fun scenarios. How you feel about someone could change radically. Make no commitments, as the process of transforming your bond is still active. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Step back. The theme right now needs to be relaxation. A picnic might work, as well as curling up with a good book. Choose what works best for you. Make it OK to cancel your plans. Tonight: Make it a quiet night.

BORN TODAY
Guitarist Peter Frampton (1950), TV producer Aaron Spelling (1923), actor George Cole (1925)

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Reeve

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Pampa Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He helped build Pampa's Super Playground and received a Heartbeat of Rotary Award.

He is a bell ringer for The Salvation Army during their Christmas campaigns, and is a greeter for the Celebration of Lights Christmas display at Recreation Park.

He has been a mentor at Wilson Elementary School for more than eight years.

Reeve is a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and the Top O' Texas Gold Coats. He worked with the now-defunct Pampa Economic Development Corporation to promote successful passage of the half-cent sales tax raise in 1997, and he currently works on a committee to promote the new economic development corporation.

Reeve and his wife Katherine have been married 60 years. They have three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John Garcia, senior officer of economic development for the University of New Mexico, was guest speaker at Thursday's banquet. He spoke on Pampa's strengths and how to use them for economic development.

Mark Lang, chairman elect of the chamber board for 2006, introduced the 2006 board of directors and gave a preview of current and upcoming activity for the current year.

Price reviewed 2005 and recognized retiring Chamber directors.

Man flushes money away in Germany

BERLIN (AP) — A retiree in northern Germany flushed some 30,000 marks worth \$18,900 down the toilet, believing the old bank notes were worthless, police said.

Officials were alerted by a blocked pipe in the city of Kiel. A cleaning company employee extracted soggy bundles of bank notes, but more money got away as the water started flowing again.

The 64-year-old "was of the opinion that mark notes no longer had any value," the statement said. He still had another 30,000 marks at the apartment, as well as \$17,300 in euro bills.

Cooper

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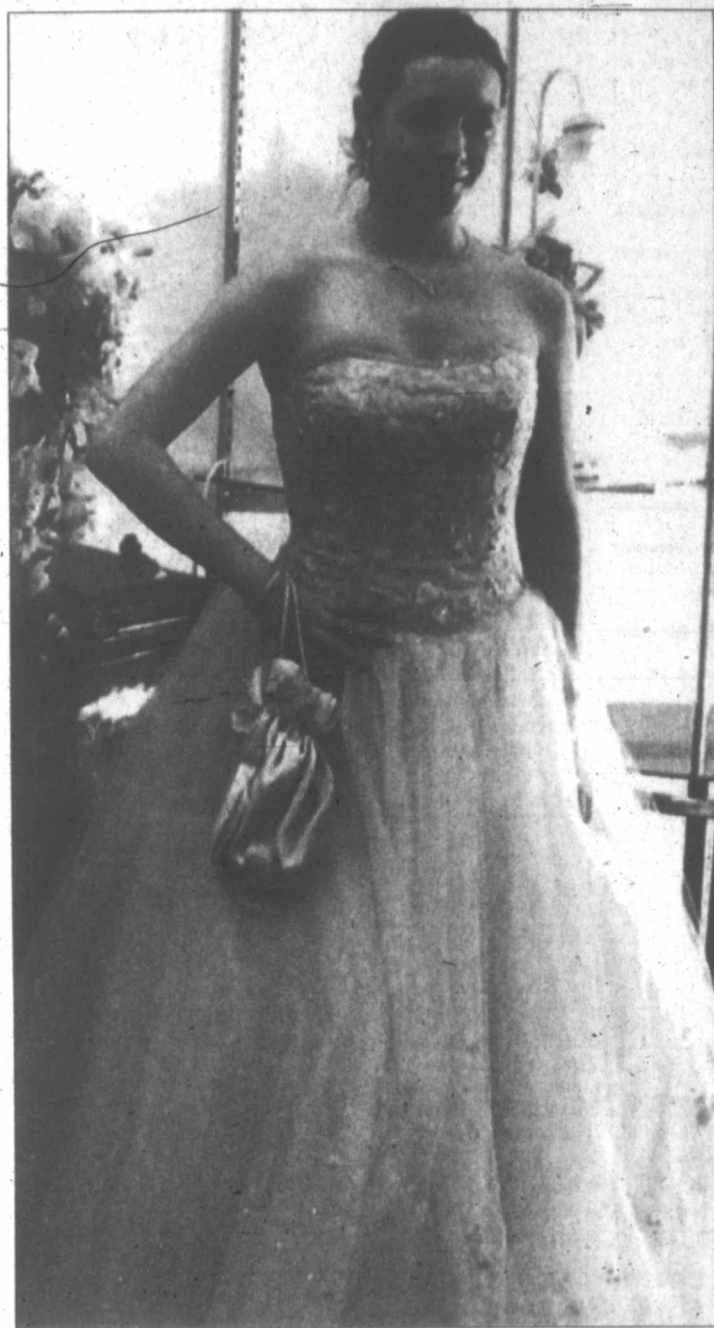
house lawns and put out of sight.

Two things the Democratic Party wants most are condemned in God's word: Freedom to have abortion on demand, and admiration and total liberty for homosexuals and lesbians. The devil and his evil crowd will see that every person, young and old, will be tempted through every evil desire that he can give a person. And to make the temptation stronger, he will send his ministers to tell you that that kind of wrong is okay because it is legal in the nation.

Many church people never protest anything that is legal in the nation. Daniel was sent to the den of lions because he prayed to the wrong God, according to the King's order. Today there is a strong effort being made to stop all praying in Jesus' name by military chaplains.

Wicked hearts in Noah's day caused God to send the flood. Wicked hearts today will cause the same God to send judgments on the world again. Will you write a letter, sign a petition, raise a voice or a hand? I am praying for wicked-hearted people to find Christ, and they are

Style show



Nicole Ruker, ASTRA Club member, models a prom dress from V.J.'s for the Altrusa Style Show-Brunch slated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Schools

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Board member Dana Terry had a question about the \$26,820.10 price tag, but Haenisch explained that last year the district was on a fiscal year of Sept. 1 through Aug. 31. This year, that was changed to July 1 to June 30. The overlap of several months caused a surplus of funds.

"This will save money in the long haul," DeLoach said.

The meeting held the third and final public hearing on the school calendar. There was no discussion on the matter and the calendar was subsequently approved.

Business manager Carol Fields said she had been approached by someone interested in buying one of

the abandoned school properties at the Sam Houston and Baker Elementary campuses. A motion to put the properties up for bids was approved.

A proposal to approve a lease to Clearwire Tower for a broadband wireless tower at Harvester Field was tabled for further discussion.

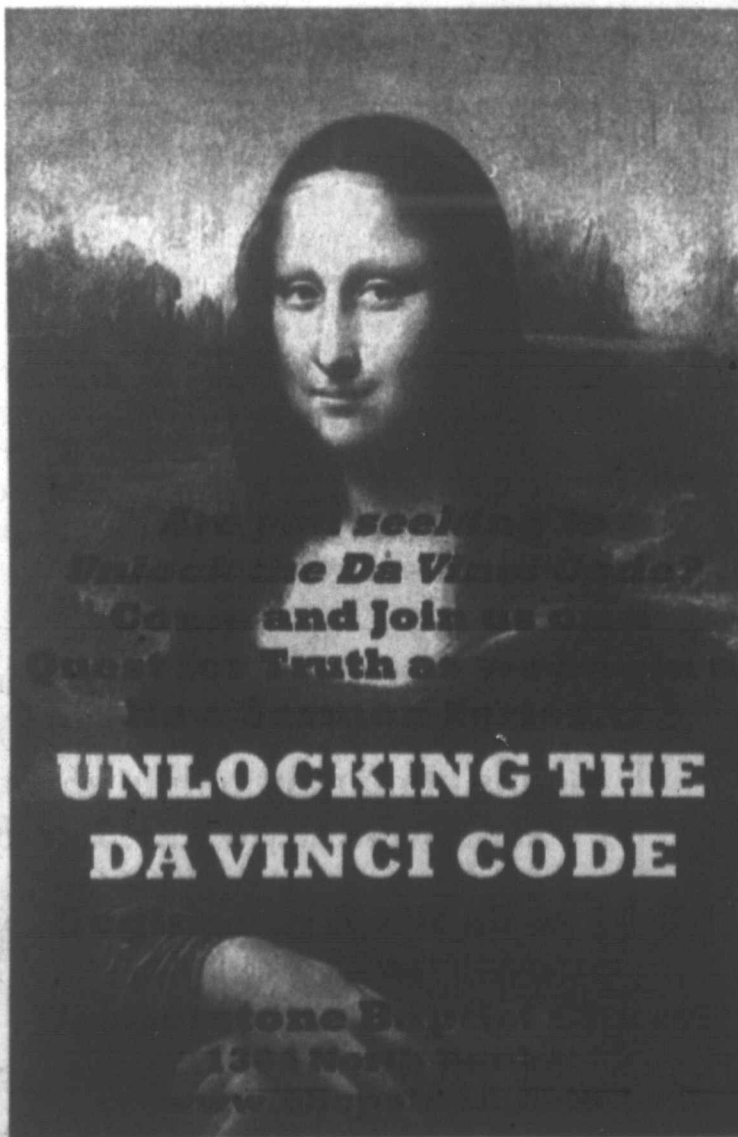
In other action, the board approved an engagement letter for an assessment of facilities for Parkhill, Smith and Cooper with the addition of the stadium and bleachers; approved expedited waivers for the 2006-2007 school year; approved the first day of instruction waiver for 2006-2007; and approved a budget amendment.

After executive session, the board agreed to employ Tanya Elms Gambrell and Gene Valentine in various positions.

more apt to do so when their sins are exposed.

When school teachers are required to teach safe sex and are forbidden to teach anything from the Bible, wicked hearts have made

those rules, and God is angry, and so am I, for God has given me a new heart. Jesus loves you as much as anyone, but He must have your consent to give you a new heart.



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