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Downhill all the way

Stephenea Marshall smiles as she rights herself after taking a roll while sliding down a hill in Central Park on a piece of cardboard. "Sledding" on cardboard down the slopes from Duncan Street to the bottom of the park is a popular pastime with local youth.

APS

Agency observing month-long campaign

By MARILYN POWERS
 The Pampa News

The Adult Protective Services division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has launched its third annual "It's Everyone's Business" campaign this month in conjunction with Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

"It's a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference," said Greg Cunningham of the Amarillo DFPS office concerning "It's Everyone's Business."

Area APS offices are focusing on spreading the word about their services to the elderly and disabled populations in the small cities and

rural communities of the Panhandle and High Plains regions.

"Too often, the elder population thinks there are no resources available to them and don't realize that APS is here to help," Cunningham said.

"Every year, we see the average age of our rural communities creep up just a little bit," said Val Joiner, APS regional director. "This trend is expected to continue, so it will become more and more crucial that our elders become aware of the help that is out there for them."

In Gray County, there are 1,697 residents ages 18 through 64 with at least one disability. There are 3,853 age 65 or older. Statewide, there are over 2.3 million residents 65 or older, almost half of whom

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PPD nets meth in stop

By MARILYN POWERS
 The Pampa News

A traffic stop at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of West Brown resulted in one arrest and an ongoing investigation for Pampa police officers when drugs and a set of scales were found in

the vehicle. After the stop was initiated, a passenger in the vehicle exited the car and fled on foot as the suspect vehicle came to a stop. The driver

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Hall of Fame: Outstanding ex-Harvesters sought

By MARILYN POWERS
 The Pampa News

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Pampa High School Harvester Hall

of Fame. Deadline for nominations for the 2008-2009 academic year is June 13.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Pampa Independent School District admin-

istrative offices at 321 W. Albert, or downloaded from the PISD Web site at www.pampaisd.net <http://www.pampaisd.net>

Completed nomina-

tions may be delivered to or addressed to Pampa Independent School District, Attention Karen Linder, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX 79065.

Nominees must have

graduated from PHS at least 10 years ago, be successful for a number of years in their chosen field and be an excellent citizen in the community in which they live. They must be

present at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, scheduled for Oct. 3.

All initiates will be selected by a committee

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Border re-opening to U.S. cattle shipments

LAREDO — Officials with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association are optimistic at the re-opening of the border crossing at Mexico to exports of live cattle this week.

According to an association press release, the border was closed to the export of live cattle in December 2003 when a Canadian-born cow in the state of Washington was confirmed to have Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. The association, the USDA and the Texas Department of Agriculture worked together to effect the re-opening of the crossing, the release said. The designation of Canada as a "minimal risk" country by the World Trade Organization in November 2007 aided the effort.

"Mexican officials kept telling us that as long as we prevented Canadian live cattle from coming into the United States, they would not allow U.S. cattle to come into Mexico," said Jon Means, TSCRA president.

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 TSCRA president

The U.S. trade normalization with Canada gave the industry the green light to push forward with Mexico for trade normalization.

During March of this year, Canada worked out a live cattle trade agreement with Mexico without the involvement of the United States, a violation of WTO trade protocol. In reaction to this, TDA Commissioner Todd Staples locked the gates of the TDA pens along the Texas-Mexico border to Canadian cattle.

"It wasn't until TDA Commissioner Todd Staples locked the gates did Mexico take us seriously," said Dave Scott, TSCRA first vice president.

Live cattle trade with Mexico is worth, the association release said, more than \$86 million in annual U.S. sales with a total economic impact in excess of \$400 million.

"The Mexican live cattle market is an important market for Texas seed-stock producers," said Eldon White, TSCRA executive vice president. "This is especially the case as cattle raisers feel the pinch from high costs of feed, fertilizer and fuel."

Officials seek 2 dogs this week

By MARILYN POWERS
 The Pampa News

Pampa animal control officers are now looking for two dogs which bit humans within two days.

A woman was severely bitten between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Monday in the alley between the 1700 blocks of Hamilton and Williston streets. The dog which bit her is described as a medium-sized black Labrador with no collar.

A child was bitten Sunday in the 1000 block of South Nelson by a white Chihuahua with light tan

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Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Alice woman faces charges in alleged adoption scheme

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An Alice woman on supervised release for her conviction in an adoption scheme is now facing the same charges in a new case.

The U.S. District Attorney's Office says 26-year-old Belinda Ramirez has a detention hearing scheduled Friday in Corpus Christi.

Ramirez was arrested Wednesday and charged with wire and mail fraud for allegedly tricking a California couple into sending her \$800 to help pay for her food and care while she claimed they could adopt her soon-to-be-born child.

Federal prosecutors say a sheriff's department in California informed the FBI in Corpus Christi that they suspected Ramirez, who was using the alias Jennifer Silver, was running a scam involving a Fresno, Calif., couple.

Ramirez was given a two-year federal prison sentence in January 2007 for wire and mail fraud in a similar adoption scam.

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Obituaries

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Stanley R. Harris, 79

Stanley R. Harris, 79, of Pampa, died May 21, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Harris was born Feb. 18, 1929 in Cushing, Oklahoma. He married Roberta Moore on July 8,

1953, at Duncan, Okla.; she died in 1992.

Mr. Harris was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict as an engineer instructor. He had been a Pampa resident since 1972 and retired from Slumberger in 1986 after 35

years of service.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robby Harris in 2006; a brother, Gene Harris in 2004; and his parents, Ben and Ethel Harris.

Survivors include three daughters, Terrell Peevy of Van Buren, Ark., Karen

Peterson of Hurst and Karla Ledbetter of Amarillo; one sister, Jo Ann Williams of Cushing, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

Peggy Sandefur, 61

Peggy Sandefur, 61, of Pampa, Texas, died May 22, 2008, at Pampa.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sandefur was born on Oct. 3, 1946, in Lefors,

and moved to Pampa in 1951 where she had been a life-long resident. She attended Pampa schools.

Peggy married John Sandefur on Nov. 3, 1967 in Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Sandefur, of the

home; one son, John Sandefur and wife Missy of White Deer; one daughter, Debra Sandefur of Pampa;

two sisters, Charlotte Gerfert of Amarillo and Sandy Carter of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; one brother, Jimmie Allen of Pampa; and four grandchildren, Allie Sandefur, Audree Sandefur

and Asher Sandefur, all of White Deer, and Connor Bressler of Pampa.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Allie Allen.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, May 20
 Nineteen traffic stops were made. Manufacture/delivery of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in connection with a stop in the 700 block of West Brown.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 800 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Terrace and the 1900 block of North Christy.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers received calls and made stops concerning animals in the 2700 block of Navajo, the 700 block of East Browning, the intersection of Allen and Bradley streets, the 600 block of North Faulkner, the intersection of Bond and Dwight streets, the 1100 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of North Russell and the 1400 block of West Harvester.

Two attempts to serve papers were made. Warrant service was attempted on two occasions and resulted in at least two arrests. Found property was reported in the 600 block of Reid.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of

North Sumner.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of Graham.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of East Frederic.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 1700 block of East Browning and the 900 block of Osborn. Assault causing bodily injury/family violence resulting in minor injuries was reported in connection with the incident in the 1700 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of West 23rd.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Information and criminal mischief were reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. Two storm windows were broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$400.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

One business check was made.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$40 was taken.

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

Wednesday, May 21
 Agency assistance was

rendered in the 300 block of South Naida.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Crawford and Banks streets, the intersection of Frederic and Snyder streets, and the intersection of 19th and Faulkner streets. Arrests were made in connection with the incidents at the intersection of Crawford and Banks streets, and the intersection of 19th and Faulkner streets.

One open door was checked.

Fire

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

Wednesday, May 21
 9:25 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of South Gray on a call for lifting assistance.

1:32 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of East Browning to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

1:45 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North wells on a medical call.

2:07 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1400 block of Charles on a medical call.

4:05 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Kingsmill on a medical call.

4:46 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1300 block of Garland to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, May 21
 9:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Alcock and Hobart streets and transported two patients to PRMC.

2:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Panhandle and transported a patient(s) to Amarillo.

8:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Hobart. No transport.

9:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perry LeFors Airport and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport.

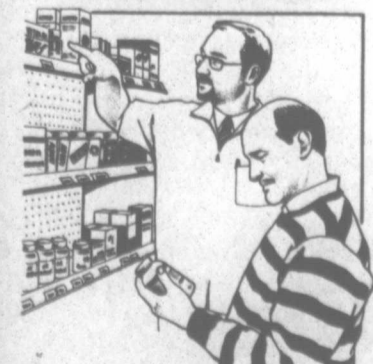
Thursday, May 22
 2:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Garland and Duncan streets and transported two patients to PRMC.

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Fame
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 tee comprised of the PHS principal, student council sponsor, student body president, two PHS alumni and a senior and junior student.
 Inductees for the 2007-2008 year were James Crownover and Clarence Shillings. Other inductees in recent years include James Orr, James Shelhamer, John Warner, Don Lane and Eloise Lane.
 For more information on the Hall of Fame, call Linder at 669-4700.

Abuse

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have a disability. Nearly one out of five Texans has a disability.

The mission of APS is to protect the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by investigating reports of such instances and by providing or arranging for services necessary to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

In the last decade, the number of in-home cases investigated by APS has more than doubled. APS mostly deals with the elderly and disabled who are not in residential facilities.

"The only time we handle any residents in nursing homes is if they're financially exploited, or incidents that occur when the person may go home for a time," said Betsy Ward, community initiative specialist for APS' Lubbock office, which oversees APS work in 41 counties in the Texas Panhandle and High Plains.

Nursing homes are investigated by the Department of Aging and Disability, Ward said. Financial exploitation of nursing home residents which is handled by APS is perpetrated by a person or persons outside the facility.

In 2007, APS investigations confirmed 45,934 cases statewide of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home. Nearly 53,000 APS clients received services.

Calls to APS in Gray County in 2007 totaled 129. APS completed 120 investigations in the county last year, and confirmed 102 cases of maltreatment. Clients in Gray County which received APS services in 2007 totaled 196. There are two APS caseworkers who serve Gray County residents.

Investigation of a report is initiated within 24 hours, and begins with contact

with a person who has current and reliable information about the situation. Persons under the age of 18 may have their situation investigated and receive services if they have disabilities and have been declared to be legal adults through court order or marriage.

A comprehensive assessment of the alleged victim's situation is completed by the caseworker. When reports of maltreatment are confirmed and protective services are appropriate, APS caseworkers provide or arrange for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

Types of services provided include, but are not limited to, financial assistance for rent and utility restoration, social services, health services, referrals to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for guardianship services and referrals to other state or community services.

APS clients' rights include the right to refuse protective services unless he or she is suffering from abuse, neglect or exploitation which presents a threat to life or physical safety and lacks the capacity to consent to receive protective services; participate in decisions concerning his or her welfare if able to do so; refuse medical treatment if it conflicts with his or her established religious beliefs and practices; and have a court-appointed attorney ad litem to represent his or her interests at any proceeding.

"Everyone knows that our smaller cities and rural communities do a great job of looking out for their neighbors," Cunningham said. "But every now and again, it's good to have some help. Our APS staffers do an amazing job of helping out the elderly and disabled, but they need the public's help to find those in need."

Anyone who believes an elderly or disabled person is being abused, neglected or exploited is asked to call 1-800-252-5400.

Bust

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was ordered out of the vehicle and detained after he was observed to be making "suspicious movements," according to police reports.

Another passenger was found in the back seat of the auto and was also taken out of the vehicle and detained by officers.

Officers found a purple bag containing three small baggies of a white powdery

substance in the vehicle. Also found were 13 blue and green capsules, 11 empty clear baggies and a set of scales.

The white substance was tested, and the test results were positive for methamphetamine, according to police reports.

The driver, Charles Warren Melzer, 19, of Erick, Okla. was placed under arrest and charged with manufacture/delivery of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Police are still investigating the identity of the passenger who fled on foot, and upon identification, charges are expected to be filed on that suspect, according to a police department news release.

Panel backs off inquiry into 'ghost' employees

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas House panel is backing off an inquiry into the Legislature's long-standing practice of hiring full-time employees at part-time hours, citing a potential conflict with a criminal investigation by Travis County prosecutors.

"This committee will not interfere in any way with any such investigation," Rep. Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, said Thursday.

"It is crucial the public have confidence that House employees are working the hours that justify their pay and benefits," said Phillips, chairman of the House General Investigations Committee.

A telephone message left with the Travis County prosecutor's office was not immediately returned.

The Austin American-Statesman has reported that at least 12 House employees are paid less than \$300 a month and work other jobs, but enjoy the insurance and other benefits of full-time employment.

While House rules allow each lawmaker to hire and supervise employees, the rules also define full-time status as 40 hours per week.

As lawmakers were asked to remove the so-called ghost employees from their payrolls, investigators began an inquiry into what rules or laws may have been broken after the newspaper report put the practice in the public spotlight.

Dogs

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When an animal which is capable of transmitting rabies bites a human, the victim must begin a series of injections if the animal is not located and determined to be rabies-free.

"If someone's thinking we're going to put the dog down, that's not the case," Burns said after Sunday's incident. "We just need to check the health of the dog."

Anyone with information concerning either or both dogs is asked to call the animal control office at 669-5775 and leave a message. Sightings of either or both dogs may also be reported by calling the police department at 669-5700.

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Viewpoints

Merry Maids: A contest worth winning ...

You know, I might not have mentioned this before, but I am not a person who has ever been keen on contests, which, let's face it, usually involve self-sacrifice matched with less than inspiring odds.

In fact, I esteem contests like I esteem liver, and I absolutely abhor liver. But ... I am lazy, and my interest is piqued by a contest Merry Maids is sponsoring.

Merry Maids, by the way, is a cleaning service. It is currently sponsoring a Maid for a Year Contest between now and July 31 for occupants of the United States. Contestants must go online at www.weiman.com/contest to enter and for details.

Can you imagine winning a maid — a.k.a. a person to

clean up all your messes — for an entire year! The only thing that would be better is a contest for a free slave, I mean, er, a contest offering a cook/shopper/gofer for a year.

The contest, according to an electronic news release on the subject, began May 1 and will include not one but FIVE winners. Each winner, if I understand the e-release correctly, will receive a year's worth of maid service every other week. Five winners. Five chances to win. All right!

According to the e-release: "A typical Merry Maids visit includes a wide range of services:

"In All Rooms: Dust picture frames, knickknacks, ceiling fans, lamps, furniture,

woodwork, shelves and baseboards. Remove cobwebs. Vacuum carpets. Wash all floors and dry wood floors. Vacuum furniture, including under any cushions. Empty and clean ashtrays and wastebaskets.

"In the Kitchen: Clean counters, cabinet exteriors, table and chairs. Clean, scrub and sanitize sinks. Clean and sanitize countertops and backsplashes. Clean the range top and refrigerator top and exterior. Clean microwave oven inside and out. Wash floor.

"In the Bathrooms: Clean, scrub and sanitize showers,

bathbats and sinks. Clean and sanitize vanities, backsplashes and toilets. Clean mirrors. Polish chrome. Wash floors and tile walls. Deodorize."

Oh, rats, the e-release states that the guidelines require a 250-word or less essay on "what the feeling of clean means to the entrant and why he or she needs and deserves maid service."

Well, a 250-word essay sounds like an awful lot of trouble and effort to me. Besides it doesn't take 250-words to say that clean is

nicer than dirty. It takes five, count them: "Clean is nicer

than dirty." And I somehow doubt my laziness qualifies as a good reason for me to win this, or any, contest.

Of course, I could try to work bribery into my essay. If any of the "merry maids" happen to be judging the contest, I might get lucky.

I could mention that, as a single person — nay, as a single FEMALE person — chances are I'm easier to pick up after than, say, a family or a single man. (The guidelines I read didn't say I couldn't use bribery or gender discrimination in my essay.) I could assure the judges that, being a compulsive neatnik and all, I'd be a dream candidate for maid service.

Oh, and I have a small house — only one bathroom! I could mention that.

Since I practically never cook, all that would be required is an itty, bitsy, bit — an infinitesimal amount, really — of mopping, sweeping, vacuuming, dusting and scrubbing. Really, that's not so bad, is it?

I COULD win, don't you think? I have a chance, right? Oh, and I won't mention the two dogs. I hardly think it noteworthy that the Labrador sheds twice her body-weight in hair during a single week or that the other dog transfers her food from the food bowl onto the carpet before she deems it fit to eat. What's some measly dog food carpet crumbs and a few dozen clumps of black dog hair, anyway?

I'll just pretend they're both outside dogs. It'll be our secret.



Skyla Bryant
City Editor

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 22, the 143rd day of 2008. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1968, the nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

On this date:

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1868, a major train robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

In 1907, actor-director Laurence Olivier was born in Dorking, Surrey, England.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10 flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1972, President Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

In 1972, the island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

In 1979, Canadians voted in parliamentary elections that put the Progressive Conservatives in power, ending the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Ten years ago: Federal Judge Norma Holloway Johnson ruled that Secret Service agents could be compelled to testify before the grand jury in the Monica Lewinsky investigation. Voters in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland turned out in force to cast ballots giving resounding approval to a Northern Ireland peace accord.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council gave the U.S. and Britain a mandate to rule Iraq, ending 13 years of economic sanctions. Annika Sorenstam became the first woman since Babe Didrikson Zaharias in 1945 to tee off against the men on the pro tour, playing in the first round of the Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. (Sorenstam missed the cut the next day by four shots.)

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Grandpa shacks up: What is nation coming to?

"You're doing what, Grandpa?"

"I'm moving in with my better half, my hot mama, my main squeeze."

"You're shacking up with your girlfriend?"

"What's the big deal, Tommy? Nearly 10 million Americans cohabitate now. According to the 2000 Census, the number of older couples cohabitating is four times greater than it was in 1980! That number will surely soar in the 2010 Census now that Baby Boomers are getting on in years."

"But Grandpa, the social mores of the older generations were more clear and demanding. You had high ideals. You believed in marriage — that a man and woman should commit to each other publicly and become one."

"Look, Tommy, I'm retired now. Your grandma is in Heaven. It's party time."

"Party time?"

"Tommy, most folks in my generation did what we had to do. We stayed married to one woman our whole lives. We sacrificed everything for our children and

our communities. That was a lot of work. Who wants to go through that again?"

"But Grandpa, your social mores are what we need more of. Your hard work, sacrifice and sense of duty produced stable communities and well-adjusted children. The mores you embraced are being lost. Today more than a third of American children are born to unwed mothers."

"Look, Tommy, my baby doll is a younger woman who looks at marriage differently than my generation did. Even if she would marry me, who's to say she won't ditch me for somebody with a bigger Winnebago?"

"Huh?"

"And if she does run off, I don't want her dipping into the nest egg it took your grandma and me a lifetime to build. By staying single, I keep things simple."

"But Grandpa, various studies show that cohabitation is more stressful than

marriage. Couples who cohabitate and later marry are 50 percent more likely to divorce than couples who don't cohabitate before marriage."

"Whatever, Tommy."

"Grandpa, after 30 years of experimentation, the evidence keeps pointing back to a simple fact: Where men, women and family are concerned, the more rigid values of your generation ultimately work better than today's loosey-goosey values."

"If you say so."

"What's got into you, Grandpa? Your generation was always so hopeful. Your expectations were so high. Now you sound so cynical."

"Look, Tommy, I spent a lifetime worrying about other people's needs. I spent a lifetime giving. Now I'm finally free to live in the moment — to do what makes Grandpa feel good. You dig?"

"Do I dig?"

"I got the hots for my

baby — had the hots from the moment I met her at the tattoo parlor. What are the odds that both of us would be getting an image of Bono seared onto our buttocks at the exact same moment?"

"A tattoo on your what?"

"I dig her, Tommy. We have such fun. Just the other day we were at her pad consuming illegal narcotics when I said, 'Moon Unit, lets go for a roll in the hay under the stars.'"

"Narcotics! Moon Unit! Premarital relations!"

"And then I said, 'Moon Unit, why don't you and I jump in the Winnebago and head across the country? We can hang out in Berkeley. See if Timothy Leary really is dead.'"

"But I thought Timothy Leary IS dead."

"Tommy, Tommy, you need to loosen up. The times, they are a-changing."

"You're quoting Bob Dylan now? You used to quote Dwight Eisenhower!"

"Tommy, why can't you just let my generation live and let live?"

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Tom Purcell
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 12
El Paso Times on 'alcopops':

Just because a teenager is holding something other than a beer can, the liquid inside might not be OK to drink. Be on alert for liquids that are a mixture of high-caffeine and alcohol. There is now an emerging problem with these beverages being advertised to youngsters. They mimic soda pop, but have the effects of a "wide-awake drunk." They are referred to as "alcopops."

And they seem to be sneaking in amid the fairly new teen habit of

indulging in high-energy drinks, as adults have indulged in coffee for centuries.

Caffeine isn't alcohol, thus there's no law banning caffeine to underage persons. But health experts point out that an 8.4-ounce can of certain high-energy products can have as much caffeine as seven Pepsis.

If they're mixed with alcohol, that's what Nicole Holt of Texans Standing Tall termed, "wide-awake drunk." She said, "some of these products are sweet and appeal to young people."

Holt travels the state conducting forums relating to the problems high-energy drinks are causing youths, especially the more-potent high-energy

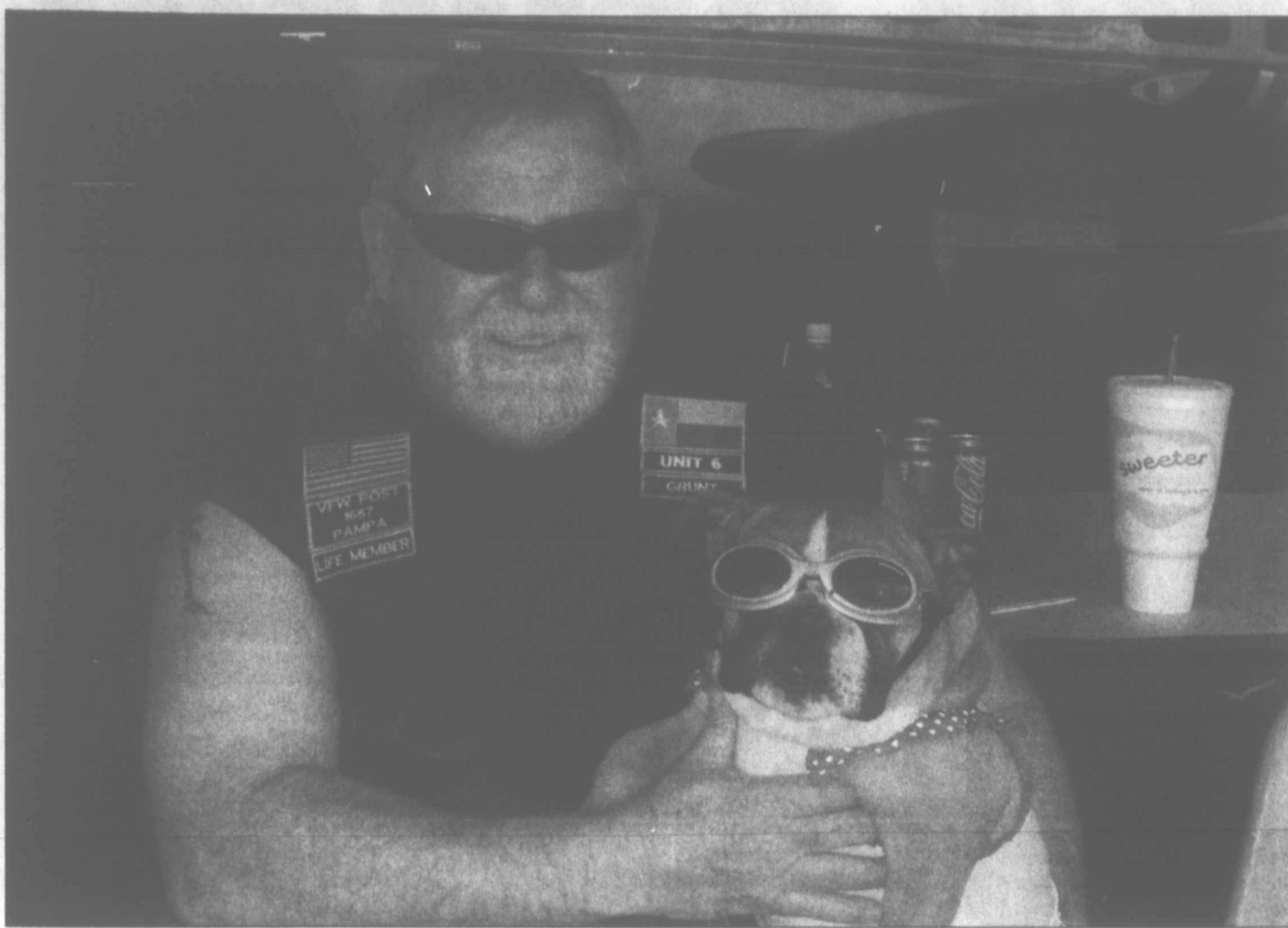
drinks.

"The information we provide at these events about these products is jaw-dropping," she said.

One such brand was a high-energy drink named Cocaine that stirred up controversy last year.

Most people know a can of beer when they see one. But to help steer youngsters away from the threat of drug and alcohol addiction, it's also important to know just what's in the can that looks like some new brand of just-plain soda pop.

Be alert to this emerging problem of the "wide-awake drunk." URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>



Courtesy Photo
 Danny Martin, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 in Pampa, awaited the arrival of a group of Blackhawk helicopters that flew in Vietnam at Tradewinds Airport recently. He was accompanied by his "grandpuppy" Baby. The helicopters made a stop in Amarillo on their way to Washington, D.C., for Memorial Day.

Events calendar

- **Cooper Breaks State Park** near Quanah will offer "StarWalk" astronomy program 8:45 p.m. May 24. For more information call (940) 839-4331.
- **The next Living Room Concert** staged by High Plains Public Radio will begin at 7:30 p.m. May 24 at the station's studio in downtown Amarillo. "Sweet Wednesday" will perform. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but a \$10 artist donation is suggested.
- **Cooper Breaks State Park** near Quanah will present a campsite talk on Native American arrowheads and artifacts at 7 p.m. May 31 at the park. Program presenter Ervie McGregor of Crowell will display his collection of arrowheads, knives and other tools which date from Paleo-Indian

- times to historic times. For more information call (940) 839-4331.
- **The Justin McBride PBR Challenge** will kick-off May 30 at Beutler Bros. Rodeo Arena in Elk City, Okla. Events will continue May 31 at the arena. For more information, contact the Elk City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (580) 225-0207.
- **The Eighth Annual Flatlanders Car Show** will last from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 7 on the east side of Sunset Lake at Guymon, Okla. A cookout is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 6 at Pickle Creek Building. A Turbo 350 transmission, Flow Master Mufflers, pressure washer, GPS tracking system and more will be given-away at the show. The entry fee to register for the show is \$25. To learn more, call (806) 339-8165,

- (580) 338-3837 or (580) 338-2743.
- **Make plans now to attend the Frontiers in Writing** writer's conference, June 13-14, 2008 at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo. New York Times Bestselling author Bob Mayer will be the featured guest speaker and a workshop provider. Mayer has worked with thousands of writers and taught at numerous workshops and conferences. Other presenters will include Doris Wenzel of Mayhaven Publishing, Robert Ray, multi-published author of "The Weekend Novelist," and several editors and regional authors. Private paid critiques with freelance editor Kim Campbell will also be available. For more information, visit Panhandle Professional Writers at www.panhandleprowriters.org.

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Christian music star loses daughter in tragic accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The 5-year-old daughter of Grammy-winning Christian music star Steven Curtis Chapman was struck and killed Wednesday by a sport utility vehicle driven by her brother, authorities said.

The girl, Maria Sue, was hit in the driveway of the family's home Wednesday afternoon by a Toyota Land Cruiser driven by her teenage brother, said Laura McPherson, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

The brother, whose name and exact age weren't available, apparently did not see the girl, McPherson said. No charges are expected.

"It looks like a tragic accident," she said.

Several family members witnessed the accident, which happened in Williamson County just

south of Nashville. The girl died later at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, hospital spokeswoman Laurie Holloway said.

In a statement, Velvet Kelm, a publicist for Chapman, said Maria was the Chapmans' youngest daughter.

Chapman, who is originally from Paducah, Ky., and his wife have promoted international adoption and have three daughters from China, including Maria. They also have three biological children.

The singer's Web site says the couple was persuaded by their oldest daughter to adopt a girl from China. The experience led the family to adopt two more children and create Shaohannah's Hope, a foundation and ministry to financially assist thousands of

couples in adoption.

The Chapmans did missionary work at Chinese orphanages in 2006 and 2007, according to the Web site.

"After our first trip to China, my wife and I knew our lives were changing — our eyes and hearts were opening to how big God really is, and we have wanted to experience more of that," Chapman says on the Web site.

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"But Grandpa, older generations are supposed to attain wisdom and knowledge and share them with the generations that follow. We need to look up to you. We need you to help set us straight, not embrace the things we're doing wrong."

"Sorry, Tommy, but I have to run. Moon Unit and I are throwing a party, and it's my turn to fire up the bong."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have recently gotten to know a lovely lady I'll call "Judith," whose son is being married in August. During a recent trip to Florida, Judith mentioned that she was looking for a dress to wear to the wedding and asked where she might find something nice. The next day, the woman she had spoken to arrived with a beautiful gown she had worn only once. The dress is lovely and of excellent quality. It fits and looks perfect on Judith. After showing the dress to her future daughter-in-law, Judith received an e-mail from the young woman stating that the dress will "clash" with her ivory wedding dress and might look "dirty" next to it. (The dress is a light metallic gold.) She also told Judith that the purse was too gaudy. Is it the bride's place to tell the mother of the groom what to wear? -- **FRIEND OF JUDITH'S**

DEAR FRIEND: Tell her? No. But to discuss her concerns with her future mother-in-law would have been acceptable. The bride-to-be's method of conveying her concerns to Judith was unfortunate. They both would have been better served had she picked up the phone and called.

DEAR ABBY: How do you politely and firmly discourage overzealous religious solicitors who go door-to-door? My mother's co-worker and her husband have been coming to our house for some time, but now that Mom has retired, they have increased the frequency of their "visits." Every time they show up at our door, Mom and I tell them, "No, we're not interested," but they don't seem to understand the meaning of those words. They still keep coming, and when we're not home, they leave literature on our doorstep. It's becoming irritating, and we're losing our patience. This couple has been "visiting" us for at least five years. Any ideas? -- **HOUNDED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

DEAR HOUNDED: What took you so long to write? The next time they show up, greet them with a smile and tell them, "Thank you, but I have already been saved." Then firmly close the door. If you find "literature" on your doorstep, toss it. This question has arisen before. Years ago, a helpful reader wrote that a "courteous young man" had ignored the "No Solicitors" sign that was posted. When he offered her some religious literature, she responded, "You may give it to me only if you take some of MY literature for YOU to read," and handed him the Catholic Digest. The young man not only left in a hurry, but didn't accept the literature or leave any of his.

DEAR ABBY: My wife had a wheelbarrow with a steel wheel that had a tendency to sink into the ground when she was pushing a heavy load, making it difficult for her. I recently won a large sum of money in a lottery, and to show my love and appreciation, I bought her a wheelbarrow with an inflatable rubber tire so it would be easier for her to push a heavy load. My wife has not talked to me since. What did I do wrong? -- **BIG WINNER IN THE USA**

DEAR BIG WINNER: Congratulations on your good fortune. What you "did" isn't the problem. What you DIDN'T do is what has upset your wife. You didn't ask her what she would LIKE to have. Do it now, and I predict she'll not only start talking, but you'll have trouble getting her to stop.

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- 10 Ticked off
- 11 Towhead
- 12 A party to
- 13 Michael
- 14 Subtle distinction
- 16 Noisy do
- 20 Close
- 23 AFL affiliate
- 24 Commandment
- 25 Make verb
- 27 — favor
- 28 Prissy ones
- 29 Basement device
- 32 Plump
- 36 Happens
- 39 Huron neighbor
- 40 Hotel area
- 41 Like Lincoln
- 42 Happy colleague
- 43 Sign of freshness

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- 1 "In your dreams!"



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- 2 Singer
- 3 "East of Eden" brother
- 4 Magazine order
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- 6 In shape
- 7 Goal
- 8 Stir
- 9 Fellows
- 11 Duck hunter's cover
- 15 Pocket stuff
- 17 Like some tea
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- 19 Olympus group
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The Harvester baseball players were honored Monday at Briarwood Church. Front row, left to right: Ryan Funderburg, Jeremy Busse, Madison Wilson, Brett Powell, Casey Trimble and John Luke Covalt. Back row, left to right: Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes, Coach Allen, Reid Bradley, Garrett Ericson, Jeremy Maxwell, Mitchell Killgo, Dakota Gowin, Ty Powell, Johnny Anguiano, Anthony Allen, Braden Hunt, Heath Skinner, Chase Ferguson, Blake Sieck, Wes Hannah and Coach Clay Wilson.

Players honored at baseball banquet

The Harvester baseball players were honored at a banquet Monday night at Briarwood Church. Special thanks went to Athletic Trainer Coach K. Tucker, Student Trainer Ty Youree, Blake Sieck for satisfaction and Home Game Announcer Garrett Eggleston. Also present were Superintendent Barry Haenisch, Principal Danny Seabourn, Athletic Director Coach Stuart Smith and the "Radio Voice of the Harvesters" Donnie Hooper.

Awards are as follows: The Fighting Heart award went to junior Jeremy Maxwell. The Silver Slugger award went to

junior Ryan Funderburg who also earned Most Valuable Player.

Other noted players were: Senior Dakota Gowin was Honorable Mention Designated Hitter. Sophomore Mitchell Killgo was Honorable Mention Outfielder. Sophomore Braden Hunt was Honorable Mention First Base. Junior Jeremy Maxwell was Honorable Mention Infielder. First Team All District Catcher went to junior Funderburg. Second Team All District Pitcher went to junior Brett Powell.



Courtesy Photos

Above, Coach Clay Wilson presents junior Jeremy Maxwell with "The Fight Heart" award. Maxwell played shortstop for the varsity baseball team. Right, junior Ryan Funderburg accepts two awards at the Pampa High School Baseball Banquet Monday night. Ryan was awarded both the Silver Slugger award for the team's best hitter along with Most Valuable player award. Funderburg had a total of 37 hits, 32 RBI and eight home-runs, along with a .440 batting average for the season. He will play for the Burk Burnett Blacksox this summer.

Harvester Batting Averages

Junior - John Luke Covalt	.214
Junior - Blake Sieck -0- (Due to surgery)	
Junior - Madison Wilson	.265
Senior - Dakota Gowin	.286
Junior - Jeremy Busse	.220
Sophomore - Mitchell Killgo	.301
Junior - Casey Trimble	.111
Sophomore - Braden Hunt	.357
Junior - Heath Skinner	.259
Junior - Jeremy Maxwell	.243
Junior - Ryan Funderburg	.440
Senior - Colden Fortenberry	.190
Junior - Brett Powell	.269

FBI questions Texas gym owner about Clemens

A Texas gym owner said he was asked by FBI agents in late March if he ever gave performance-enhancing drugs to Roger Clemens.

Kelly Blair, the owner of 1-on-1 Elite Personal Fitness in Pasadena, located just outside of Houston, told The New York Times on Tuesday that he met with two FBI agents at his home as part of a perjury investigation of Clemens.

Blair said the agents also questioned him about his connections to several other baseball players, the Times reported in Thursday's paper.

Published reports have linked Blair to providing

Andy Pettitte's father, Tom, with human growth hormone. Tom Pettitte has said he has taken HGH to treat health problems.

Blair told investigators he did not provide Clemens or Tom Pettitte with performance-enhancing drugs.

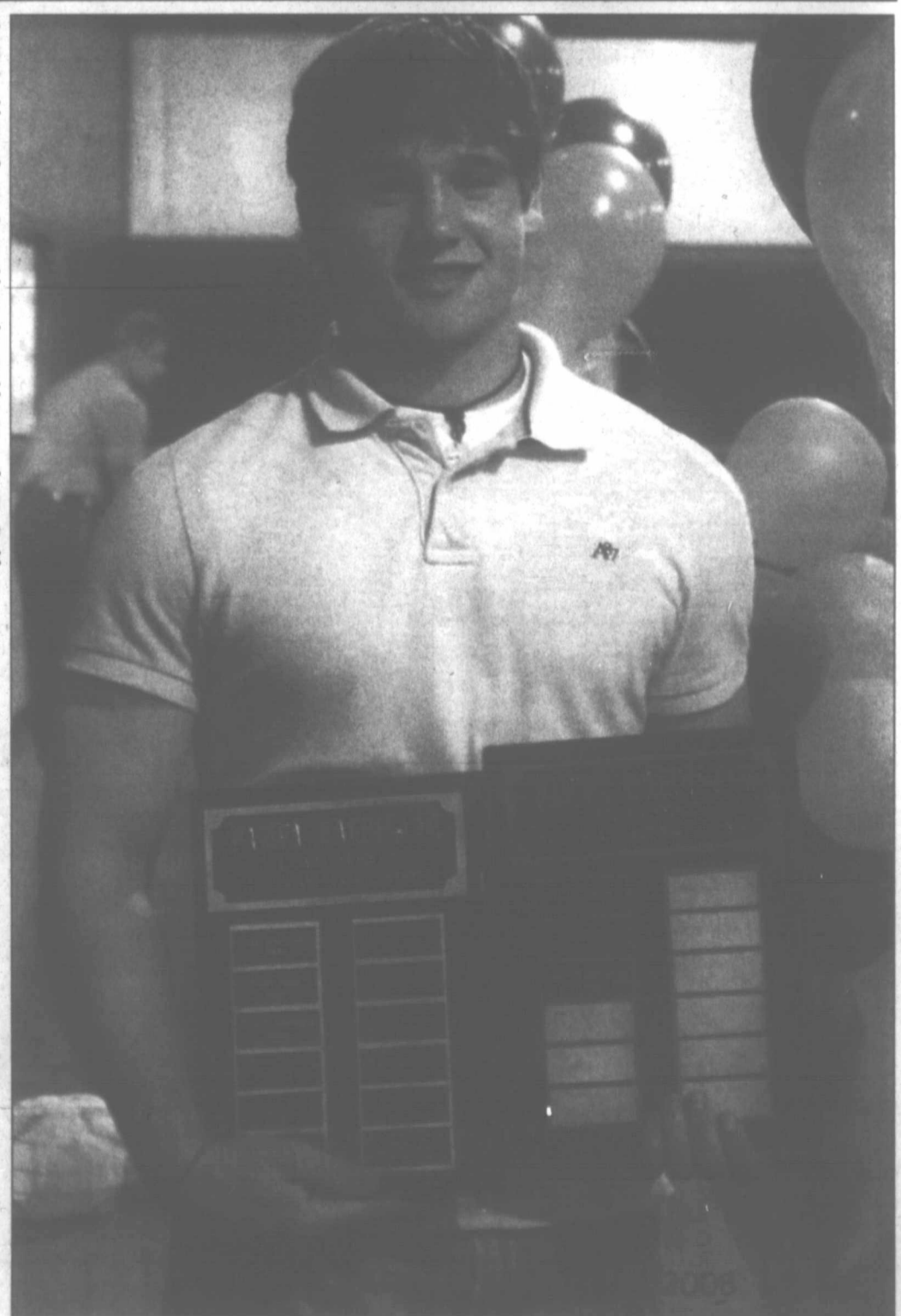
"The whole thing is they're trying to find someone who supplied Roger Clemens," Blair told the Times in a telephone interview. "This has nothing to do with Andy Pettitte. They were questioning me about Roger. I've never met the dude. It was a waste of their time, basically."

"They were bothering a guy that had nothing to do with it," he said.

Blair's meeting with federal authorities was first reported Tuesday by ESPN.com.

In February, the FBI opened a perjury investigation of Clemens after the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform sent a letter to the Justice Department.

The letter asked the Justice Department to look into the differing accounts of Clemens and Brian McNamee, a former trainer to Clemens and Pettitte. McNamee has said that he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH on numerous occasions from 1998 to 2001.



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Colby Copeland signed a letter of intent to play soccer at McMurry University in Abilene as a goal keeper recently, with his parents and coach in attendance. Back row: Ed Copeland and Coach John True. Front row: Amanda Copeland and Colby Copeland.

Copeland signs with McMurry University

Colby Copeland has agreed to play soccer for McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

He will be playing goal keeper for McMurry University Soccer. Copeland has been a varsity soccer player for the Pampa High School Soccer program all four years that he was in high school at Pampa High School. During the most recent soccer season, Copeland was not able to participate in the district play due to a stress fracture in his leg. He did play in all of the pre-district games but was only able to play in 1/2 of the first district game against Borger before he was forced out of the game due to his injury.

Although Copeland did not play in the district games he was still invited to participate in the Senior Showcase game a few weeks ago Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon Texas. This game highlighted high school soccer standouts from the Texas Panhandle area.

Copeland was also awarded The Team Leader award by Pampa High School Varsity Soccer Coach, John True.

"Although Colby was not able to play in the regular season games, he continued to come to every practice and every game and proved himself to be a true team leader," True said.

Copeland has played soccer since he was four years old. He played through the Pampa Soccer Association and played for the Tornadoes Indoor Soccer Club Sponsored by Topographic Land Surveyors. Copeland has played several positions on the field, but has truly excelled as a goal keeper.

"I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to play soccer at McMurry University for Coach Grove," Copeland said. "Although I did not get to play very much this year, I feel lucky to get the chance to play at the next level. It is an honor."

Hidden Hills results

Bowling and Golf league
Hidden Hills
Harvester Lanes

Team #1 (31)
P. Montoya
C. Byrum
G. Hurst
S. Stribling

Team #2 (36)
J. Woodruff
G. Enzey
M. Lane
A. Anderson

Team #3(42)
M. Cross
D. Farries
G. Farries
L. Darden

Team #4 (30)
A. Tiedt
W. Nowitzki
J. Fressen
C. Allen

Team #5 (38)
R. Hunzike
K. Hunzike

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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.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: OF ALL THE TASKS OF GOVERNMENT, THE MOST BASIC IS TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS AGAINST VIOLENCE. — JOHN DULLES



Courtesy Photo

Angelica Pena (left) received the MVP award at the soccer banquet recently while Neomi Salazar (right) received the Just Kick it award.

Oklahoma stuns Texas

A&M in Big 12 tournament

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Andrew Doyle pitched a complete-game five-hitter and struck out a career-high 12 batters as Oklahoma upset top-seeded Texas A&M 4-1 on Wednesday in pool play in the Big 12 Conference baseball tournament.

Oklahoma (33-23-1) was the eighth and final team to qualify for the tournament and had lost three regular-season games to Texas A&M (42-15). But the Aggies' late-season struggles continued as they lost their seventh straight game.

Doyle, a sophomore who leads the Sooners in strikeouts with 70 this season, threw the first complete game of his career. Doyle (8-4) and didn't allow a runner past second base after Texas A&M scored its lone run in the third inning on a home run by Kevin Gonzalez.

Oklahoma broke a 1-1 tie with a 3-run sixth-inning outburst keyed by Aaron Baker, who drove in a run with a double to left-center field and eventually scored.

Scott Migl (3-3) allowed six hits and four runs — all unearned — in six innings for the Aggies. Texas A&M is hoping a strong tournament showing will be enough to land a national No.

1 seed in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

Missouri 3, Texas 2, 10 innings

Jacob Priddy homered and Trevor Coleman drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning single to lift Missouri to a 3-2 win over Texas.

Friday's two-out, two-run sixth inning homer tied the game after the Longhorns (34-20) scored single runs on RBI groundouts by Russell Moldenhauer in the second and Brandon Belt in the fifth.

Neither team scored again until the 10th, when Ryan Lollis led off with a single and after an out Friday singled to send Lollis to third.

Coleman followed with the game-winning hit for the Tigers (38-17).

Reliever Kyle Gibson (9-1) allowed two hits and struck out four through 2 2/3 innings for the win.

Texas reliever Cole Green (3-5) took the loss, allowing one run on five hits and striking out four through 3 1/3 innings.

Baylor 10, Nebraska 4

Shaver Hansen had four RBIs and Baylor pitchers allowed just four hits as the Bears beat Nebraska 10-4.

Bryant bides time before taking charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even Spurs coach Gregg Popovich knew the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was just biding his time.

"Kobe, he was doing a trust-his-teammates thing in the first half," Popovich said. "He was checking it all out and seeing where his territory was going to be. In the second half, he went to work."

With just two points on 1-of-3 shooting at halftime, Bryant scored 27 in the second Wednesday night to rally Los Angeles to an 89-85 victory over San Antonio in the opening game of the Western Conference finals.

"I just tried to see the flow of the game, tried to manage the game," Bryant said of the first two quarters. "I can get it off any time, and in the second half, I did that."

"I know I can make that push and I knew once I did, I could get the game back under control,

get it under 10 where we knew we could be in striking distance," he added.

The Lakers had trailed 65-45 early in the third quarter.

Bryant went 10-of-18 in the second half, including a 10-foot jumper for an 87-85 lead with 24 seconds left. He finished with nine assists and five rebounds.

Pau Gasol had 19 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who will try to make it two in a row over the defending NBA champions when the series resumes Friday night at Staples Center.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 30 points, 18 rebounds and four blocked shots. Tony Parker had 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

The Spurs went stone cold in the fourth quarter, going 3-of-21, including 1-of-9 from 3-point range as they were outscored 24-13. Manu

Ginobili missed all three of his shots in the fourth, finished the game 3-of-13 and had 10 points.

"They started hitting some shots, all the obvious stuff, and we continued to attack but we couldn't get anything to fall at that point," Duncan said. "Obviously, they're a very good team in the fourth quarter, especially with Kobe."

Asked if it was an especially tough loss because of wasting the big lead, Duncan said, "You have to win four games, so losses are losses. Obviously, we were up 20 and we hoped to put that one away and put them on their heels, but we didn't. We have to recover. We have to come out next game and get that one."

Popovich, asked if he was worried about any carryover to Game 2, smiled and said, "Well, sure. Coaches worry about everything."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 23, 2008:

This year, what will be paramount is making those you work with understand how important they are. Words won't convey the message if actions don't follow. In general, you will prefer to be on a one-on-one level with people, not with groups. This desire will be very different and perhaps a bit uncomfortable, as you generally are quite gregarious. If you are single, you'll make waves as you focus on one person after another. You could find someone you simply enjoy to no end, who you want to be with all the time. If you are attached, the more effort you put into your bond, the better the relationship will be. CAPRICORN helps you make money.

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)

★★★★ Greet excess. Try thinking about tomorrow. You might wonder the how and where of getting what you want professionally. Investigate an offer that seems too good to be true. Don't turn it down either. Tonight: The Force is with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could wonder about what is being offered. It has also been served up on a silver platter. If you have a touch of cynicism, don't be surprised. Good times are here. Loosen up when dealing with others. Options appear where there previously were none. Tonight: Loosen up and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You smile, and someone else grins. Understanding opens up between

you and a previously withdrawn person. Whether you are looking at a business partnership or a changing emotional tie, you feel good. Tonight: Dinner for two!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Opulent indulgence and new options will appear from out of left field. How you deal with someone you care about creates a greater sense of well-being. It is the same with others. Relax and enjoy a special friendship. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something very differently. You are full of smiles. Listen to feedback from different people. Internalize ideas and suggestions. Consider what is necessary, and come from a centered place. Tonight: Be very creative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Allow for greater give and take. Brainstorming unhinges a new look or different approach. You can do whatever you desire, if you simply relax. A romance could be heading your way or could be heating up. Tonight: Allow the child in you out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Check an investment, especially if it involves property or an item that concerns family or family values. Your optimism can really make situations happen. Be aware that optimism doesn't necessarily equate to success. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Speak your mind and relax. Your words fall on welcoming ears. You feel as if you cannot say anything wrong. Enjoy the openness and the flow right now. Exchange news. Christen the weekend with those you care about. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Whether you are aware or not, your subconscious is working overtime. You are feeling out a situation, trying to make the logical decision and also follow your intuition. Put these two elements together, and you'll be on a winning path. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your innate energy and magnetism draw many. Embedded in your actions and words is a newfound optimism. Just be yourself and trust that the results will be great. Decide if it is time to make special plans. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Knowing when to slow down could be more important than you realize. Today, perhaps no one will toss a boulder into your path to remind you to stop running. You need to honor your own needs rather than others' right now. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ With some extra time, you might start thinking. Stay clear and don't mess up what could be a direct path. Zero in on what you want. Work with others openly. Don't read more into their words. Just go with the flow. Tonight: Where the party is!

BORN TODAY

Actor Douglas Fairbanks (1883), singer Rosemary Clooney (1928), soldier Ambrose Burnside (1824)

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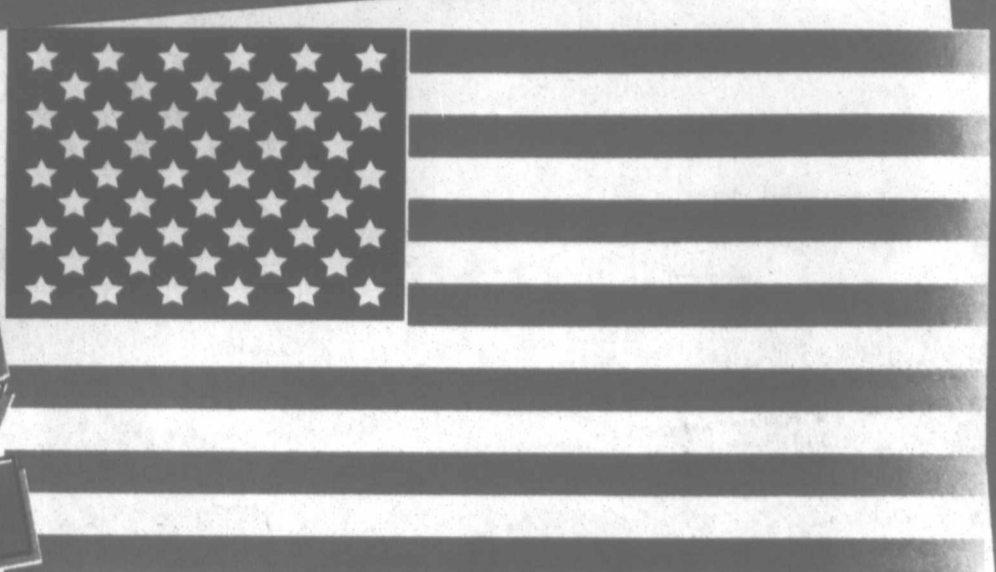
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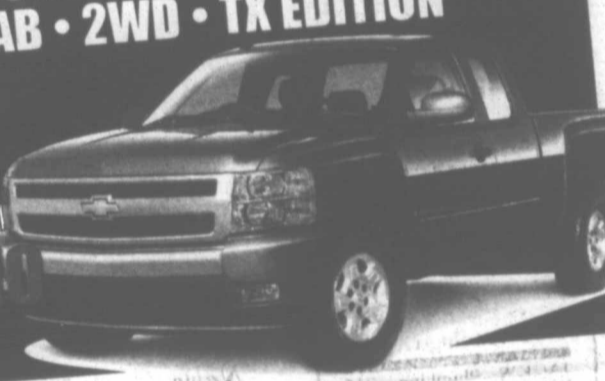
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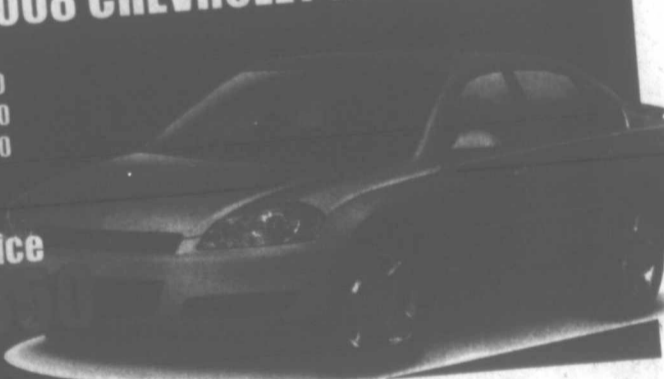
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Second row from left: Joseph Johnson, Brittaney Daves, Pablo Caballero, Amy Adams, Sonia Martinez, Roger Cabrales.
Third row from left: Andy Parker, Marli Street, Hannah Andis, Tyler Hucks.
Bottom row from left: Amanda Rene Merrell, Eric Brown, Jerrod Bivins, Monica Schepp, and clockwise from upper left, Gregory Wariner, Mitch Bronlow, Kasey Tindol and Tyla Giromini.

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